

BOCC: Day and Flower Continue to Rush Through the County Manager Job Details

by George Gramlich,
News and Commentary

The Custer County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) had two meetings on Wednesday, July 19, 2023. A workshop in the morning on reviewing the proposed Custer County Board of County Commissioners and County Manager Policy Manual and a second one at 2:39 p.m. to approve it. All three commissioners were at each meeting: Chair Kevin Day, and members Bill Canda and “Traitor” Tom Flower.

The morning meeting started at 9 a.m. It was a workshop for reviewing and amending the proposed CCBOCC/CM Policy Manual (the “Manual”). Finance and Human Resources (HR) Director, Braden

Wilson, created the manual. He used Fremont County’s Manual as a starting point and then spent a lot of time modifying it. (Remember, Wilson is also applying for the job.)

The Manual was then reviewed, page by page with the commissioners making a fair amount of changes. (IT did a good job of actually placing the pages on the Youtube screen as they were reviewing it.) It was apparent from some of the questions and changes that this could have used a lot more initial review and perhaps input from a third party familiar with this type of manual.

Also, it would have been nice for the proposed Manual to be posted on the county’s website so the public could view and review also.

(But that would have slowed up the rushed process.)

(Again, folks, this is a rush job and it should not be a rush job. This is the biggest structural change in county management in living memory and Day and Flower are ramming this through before the August 8th Recall Election happens. The County Manager’s (CM) Job Description and the Manual, which will define how this county government functions, both were done at warp speed and authored by one person, Wilson. A prudent and wise approach would have been to hire a consultant who specializes in this area and have him write the items and assist the commissioners in reviewing it. Having a person with no experience as a commissioner or a CM write it is troubling. An alternate

approach would create a small committee of local, knowledgeable citizens, with Wilson leading, write them. But with the artificial deadline imposed by Day and Flower, those options were not available.)

The afternoon meeting was interesting. After dispensing with some U.S. Forest Service grant money business the commissioner got into the approval of the Manual.

Canda started the talkfest with some comments on the morning’s workshop. He said there was an “expert” in the audience that morning, one Carol Vayhinger (who was actually a county commissioner in a different county) who could have helped

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Great is our Lord, and
abundant in power;
his understanding is
beyond measure.
Psalm 147:5



“We the People” Speak Letters to the Editor



Flower’s Revenge?

To Whom It May Concern:

February 27, 2023

I believe Commissioner Tom Flower is vindictively targeting me to lose my job, creating a hostile work environment.

I have been employed by Custer County for over four years. I have never received any complaints formally or informally from any Commissioner during that time. I have however, picked up extra work when asked. For example, cleaning the Public Health building weekly and extra deep cleaning during the Covid scare.

Tom Flower is not my Commissioner of contact, Kevin Day is.

Now since Tom was given all the names from the “Recall Tom Flower Petition” and that both my significant other, John, and I signed , along with John speaking up in support of Jackie in the BOCC/Jackie Hobby meeting, it now seems that Tom is set on revenge.

Although Tom is not my contact Commissioner, he was looking for a custodial check list from Jennifer. (Editor/GG: Jennifer Kreigh, the former BOCC admin assistant.) To what end? Fortunately, Jennifer asked me if there was a “check list” or I never would have known. Why didn’t Tom ask me himself? Because I believe he is sneaky and would rather go behind your back.

On February 20th, when I was cleaning the OEM building, Bill Christie said Tom was over checking on me there. Tom is not in charge of the OEM either.

I feel that Tom has not been held accountable for any of his previous actions. Tom must feel that he is free to get away with anything. Why not come after me and my job?

I personally believe that Tom Flower lacks ethics and morals and does not deserve to be a Commissioner for this county. I should not be victimized for my beliefs and lose my job over them.

In my opinion, Tom Flower is hateful towards women and is a bully and wants to control everything and everybody.

Something needs to be done to reign in Commissioner Flower before the County gets sued for his inappropriate behavior.

Respectfully,

Stephanie S. Ybarra
County employee for Custer County, custodial. I clean the Courthouse, Airport, SAR, Annex and Public Health.

(Editor/GG: With regards to Stephanie’s last sentence re “gets sued”: It appears too late. We are being sued because of Flower. Big time.)

Flower Recall: A Response to Deb Adams

Letter to the Editor June 23, 2023,
Response to Deb Adams

Given our constitutional rights, we can vote “yes” or “no”, on any recall, and hold our officials to task. Deb, your “Letter to the Editor” makes it clear that you will be voting “no”, which is your constitutional right. But others’ voting rights should not be voided.

With that said, it is curious that while you tell Custer County how they should vote, you left out many important facts:

- **Tom Flower has committed unethical acts** while holding office and has been fined for those actions. Breaking the rules, as an official, should not be accepted, regardless of political affiliation. We all deserve better, including you!
- **Tom Flower has a history of unethical behavior** in Custer County... Just search his name on Facebook (click on posts) to see how many lives have been affected by him.
- **Tom Flower has harassed county employees...** It is amazing how many victims you will find if you take time to listen.
- **Tom Flower, himself, supported a recall in 2017.** In fact, he was the candidate to replace the County Commissioner that was recalled. Why is this current recall now considered inappropriate?
- **Tom Flower could have resigned** his position, given that 25%+ of Custer County voters wanted him to do so. In addition, there are many that did not sign the petition, but talked with Tom Flower, face to face, and asked him to step down. This would have **saved a lot of time and money** (both for the county and the Custer County citizens that want ethical, respectable people representing them).
- **Had Tom Flower resigned, he could have run again**, for a political position in Custer County. He chose the fight.
- **Bill Canda was given a “green light” by the county attorney** before he signed the petition of recall... Deeming his signature, a non-issue and confirming his right to vote.
- **Ann Barthrop is a constitutionalist and will fight for our county** regardless of political affiliation. The “thrill” of a recall statement, that you made, is ridiculous. Ann followed through for the betterment of us all.
- The person that you refer to as the “hand-picked shill”, **Lucas Epp, is an active, hard-working,**

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From the Editorial Board

Recall Tidbits with Some Hot Sauce

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Recorder at the courthouse

Thank you Custer Citizens for your
Bravery* Courage* Strength* and Support*

“Truth will ultimately prevail
where there is pains to bring it to light”

~ George Washington

The Ballot Question is two parts: One part for the recall and
one part for the Successor Candidate (sample below)

Recall Question

Should Tommy (Tom) G. Flower, County
Commissioner District 3, be recalled from office?

☒ Yes

☐ No

District 3 Successor Candidate
(Vote for One)

☒ Lucas Epp

Write-in _____

Win at the Ballot,
Vote “Yes” to Recall Tom Flower

Ballot Drop Box locations at Custer County Court House
and Wetmore Community Building.

Polling Center is at the Court House and hours are:
Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug 5th 8 a.m. - 12 noon
& Election Day 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Paid for by the Committee to Recall Commissioner Tom Flower

Local Mountain News & Notices

Three New Deputies

Sheriff Rich Smith welcomed three new deputies to the office [last week] Lane Abercrombie, Kobe Lewsader and Brandon Thurston completed their nearly six month training academy in Pueblo. They had previously served in our jail before applying to go to the academy.

They will join our team bringing us up to fully staffed. The cadets worked very hard to complete the academy and did very well.

Please join us in welcoming them to our team.

They look forward to serving and meeting our community members in



Screen shot courtesy of CCSO

the coming three months as they go through our field training program.

(From the Custer County Sheriff's Office Facebook page, July 20, 2023.)

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Arrest for Solicitation of a Child, Out on Bond

According to a press release from the Custer County SO;

[Last] Thursday evening, July 20, Deputies with the Custer County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) executed a court ordered Arrest Warrant for James Barry Vrasic. James Vrasic is being charged with the following charges:

- 18-6-404 Procurement of a child for sexual exploitation
- 18-2-101 Criminal Attempt
- 18-7-402 (1)(a) Soliciting for child prostitution Vrasic is currently being held with no bond.

Custer County Sheriff Rich Smith said, "Protecting children in Custer County is the highest priority of this office. We will thoroughly investigate any attempt to harm children in Custer County. We are continuing to process digital evidence and anticipate making additional arrests in this case."

(Note: Vrasic was released on \$1,000 bond the next day.)

The Sheriff's Office is also working to share data with state and federal partners to identify other suspects and victims.

According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, human trafficking is a



\$150 billion dollar criminal industry.

To read the article in full, go to: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/2022-02/CCHT%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

The Monique Burr Foundation for Children reports that human trafficking in the United States is second only to illegal drug trafficking for criminal profits.

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Press Release
Roever Evangelistic Association

Seventeen years ago, John and Mary Gaither began their ministry at Eagles Summit Ranch as volunteers. They came, intending to stay for only three months but God had other plans for them!

They were an integral part of the building of the ranch here in Westcliffe on County Road 271. John spent days helping to dig footers, while Mary helped with notching the logs that would become Eagles Summit Ranch. After many months, the Colorado Ranch was complete, and they moved again, “temporarily” to Texas to help with construction of that ranch as well.

With the completion of both ranches, in-depth ministry to veterans, active military, first responders and spouses was ready to begin. Thank you to John and Mary and the many volunteers who have made this amazing ministry possible.

Now, after the death of their son-in-law, John and Mary have decided to retire and return to Alabama to help



John and Mary Gaither

photo courtesy of Eagles Summit Ranch

their daughter and grandson during their transition. Mary will continue to work for Roever Evangelistic Association as a Program Coordinator out of her home in Alabama; and John will be able to spend time in his workshop, working with his hands, as he loves to do.

Roever Evangelistic Association and Eagles Summit Ranch would like to extend a huge “THANK YOU” to John and Mary for 17 years of hard work and commitment to the ministry of Eagles Summit Ranch and to our heroes. Best wishes, John and Mary! Thank you for your service!



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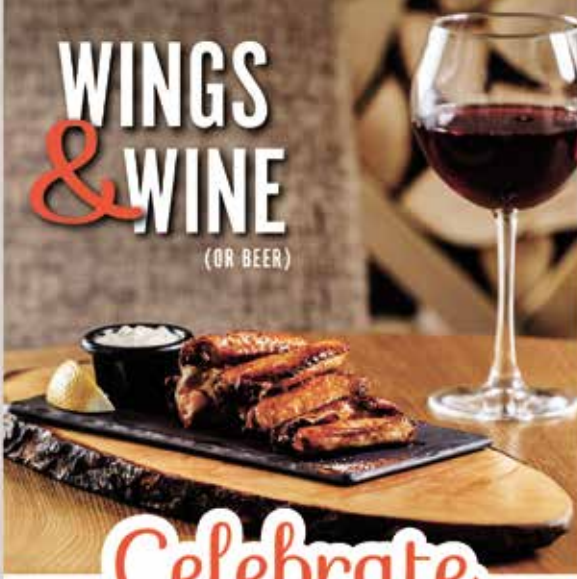
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Commodus Doth Cling, Methinks

Dear Editor,

The Flower Recall election reminds me of one of my favorite movies, “Gladiator”, in large part because of lessons it teaches about leadership. The Flower Recall/Election strongly parallels the characters in “Gladiator”... in my opinion.

Shortly after Maximus (played by Russell Crow) leads the Romans in a decisive victory over Germanic tribes, the ailing Emperor, Marcus Aurelius (Richard Harris) asks Maximus to succeed him as Emperor.

Maximus’ response is, “With all my heart, No.” Marcus Aurelius wisely

retorts, “Maximus, that is why it must be you.”

The rest of the story is about what the entitled heir to the throne, Commodus, does to cling onto his perceived birth right.

I admire the tenacity with which Commissioner Flower is clinging onto his powerful position. After all, he was elected, with 827 votes in the 2017 recall of his predecessor. He claims that the 869 (+/- a few disputed, retracted) petition signers are a vocal minority. Humm..., both counts are a minority, but recall petition signatures exceeded the plurality

that voted for commissioner Flower in the (2017) three-way secession race.

Lucas is our reluctant leader. He would much prefer focusing on his family, his day job, family businesses, and other fruits borne of faith. We are fortunate that he is willing and committed to serve the people of Custer County... at great sacrifice.

His reluctance to become an elected leader is exactly why he will be an excellent commissioner.

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Grand Champion Lamb	Kenna Ingram	134	\$17.50	Lamp Post Lodge	\$2,345.00
Grand Champion Goat	Rafael Gonzalez	83	\$36.00	Samuelson Ranch	\$2,988.00
Reserve Grand Champion Beef	Jaliane Gonzalez	1237	\$10.50	Rancher's Roost	\$12,988.50
Reserve Grand Champion Pig	Owyn Clark	254	\$23.00	Martin & Tope	\$5,842.00
Reserve Grand Champion Lamb	Rafael Gonzalez	128	\$22.00	Connie Thompson	\$2,816.00
Reserve Grand Champion Goat	Kenna Ingram	85	\$12.00	Custer Co Buyers Group	\$1,020.00
Class 1 Beef First	Doc McCoy	1042	\$4.00	Faricy Boys	\$4,168.00
Class 3 Beef First	Bode Bridges	1160	\$4.00	Patti Dunn	\$4,640.00
Class 5 Swine First	Samuel Stafford	280	\$20.00	Faricy Boys	\$5,600.00
Class 1 Lamb First	Lily Bomgardner	115	\$16.00	Trails End Ranch	\$1,840.00
Class 1 Goat First	Madilynn Berry	67	\$20.00	Lamp Post Lodge	\$1,340.00
Class 4 Goat First	Sierra Foster	94	\$18.00	Patti Dunn	\$1,692.00
Class 5 Goat First	Alexis Grundy	110	\$18.00	Custer Co Buyers Group	\$1,980.00
Class 2 Beef Second	Sage Shy	1112	\$4.50	Colorado Quarries	\$5,004.00
Class 3 Beef Second	Brylee Shy	1163	\$4.25	5EAngus	\$4,942.75
Class 4 Beef Second	Madilynn Berry	1242	\$4.00	Custer Co Buyers Group	\$4,968.00
Class 1 Swine Second	Guiseppe (Joey) Arnone	241	\$21.00	Seifert Ranch	\$5,061.00
Class 2 Swine Second	Jaliane Gonzalez	251	\$27.00	Samuelson Ranch	\$6,777.00
Class 3 Swine Second	Benjamin Stafford	255	\$23.00	Rancher's Roost	\$5,865.00
Class 5 Swine Second	Brylee Shy	280	\$21.00	Colorado Quarries	\$5,880.00
Class 1 Lamb Second	Jennica Mullett	113	\$18.00	Custer Co Buyers Group	\$2,034.00
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Class 4 Lamb Second	Kord Goff	136	\$19.00	Sangre de Cristo Electric	\$2,584.00
Class 5 Lamb Second	Reagan Hatfield	141	\$22.00	Samuelson Ranch	\$3,102.00
Class 1 Goat Second	Paisley Berry	66	\$19.00	Brady Pitt	\$1,254.00
Class 2 Goat Second	Masha Muzhzhavlev	72	\$20.00	Shy Family	\$1,440.00
Class 5 Goat Second	Benjamin Stafford	101	\$33.00	Connie Thompson	\$3,333.00
Class 1 Beef Third	Ty Stoltzfus	1102	\$5.00	Westcliffe Meats	\$5,510.00
Class 3 Beef Third	Garrett Oloman	1186	\$5.00	P Bar O	\$5,930.00
Class 4 Beef Third	Owyn Clark	1272	\$4.00	Lazy V Cattle Co	\$5,088.00
Class 1 Swine Third	Ty Stoltzfus	239	\$24.00	Kirkpatrick Bank	\$5,736.00
Class 2 Swine Third	Jennica Mullett	251	\$16.00	Trails End Ranch	\$4,016.00
Class 3 Swine Third	Jolene Mullett	252	\$18.00	Texas Creek Ranch	\$4,536.00
Class 4 Swine Third	Garrett Oloman	262	\$23.00	Hobby Trucking	\$6,026.00
Class 5 Swine Third	Kord Goff	283	\$20.00	Trails End Ranch	\$5,660.00
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American Legion and VFW Monthly Meetings

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Custer Senior Center Menu

Monday, July 31 #15 Beef Stew Sweet Corn Cauliflower Broccoli Salad Peaches, WW Crackers	Tuesday, August 1 #37 Combination Burrito Salsa, Lettuce, Tomato Cilantro Lime Rice Refried Beans, Citrus Cup	Thursday August 3 #18 Bratwurst on a Bun w/Onions & Cabbage Oven Browned Potatoes Peas & Carrots, Orange
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2023 Custer County Fair Results

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Veterinary Science:
Mitchell VanDeusen: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, Reserve Grand Champion
Aubrynn Cozzetto: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion Cat Display Board:**
Kaitlyn Grossardt: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Aubrynn Cozzetto: Blue, Reserve Champion
Keller Johnson: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, Grand Champion
Gracie Johnson: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, Reserve Grand Champion
Metalworking:
Hesston VanDeusen: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, Grand Champion
Discovering Computer Science:
TJ Terrill: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Model Rocketry:
Thomas Silber: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**
Robotics and Engineering:
TJ Terrill: Red
Keller Johnson: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Grand Champion Small Engines:
Keller Johnson: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**
Shooting Sports Display Board:
Wyatt Brain: Red
Andrew Brooks: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**
Mitchell VanDeusen: Blue, Reserve Champion Quincy Downing: Red
Matthew Grossardt: Blue
Alex Agnew: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Reserve Grand Champion**
Thomas Reis: Red
Matthew Grossardt: Blue
Shooting Sports Stand Alone:
Clancy McCaffery: Red
Amos McKendry: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Hesston VanDeusen: Blue, Reserve Champion
Scarlett Kardatzke: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Benji Smith: Red
Kord Goff: Red
Ethan Fore: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Ty Bomgardner: Red
Matthew Grossardt: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
AJ Stoltzfus: Blue, Reserve Champion
Ty Stoltzfus: Red
Rowan Saathoff: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**
Jackson Wingfield: Blue, Reserve Champion
Ethan Fore: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Reserve Grand Champion**
Lincoln Wingfield: Blue, Reserve Champion
Shooting Sports Decorative Item:
Andrew Brooks: Red London Dean: Blue
Remington Kardatzke: Blue
Isabella Saucedo: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Thomas Silber: Blue, Reserve Champion
Aubrynn Cozzetto: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**
Evyn Lanosga-White: Blue
Iris McKendry: Blue
Khaylonni Saucedo: Blue, Reserve Champion
James Silber: Blue
Sam Stafford: Blue
Matthew Grossardt: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Reserve Grand Champion**
Wyatt Grundy: Blue Fisher

Cunningham: Blue Marin Foster: Red
Marlee Foster: Blue, Reserve Champion
Sportfishing:
Wyatt Brain: Red Clancy McCaffery: Red
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Piper Cunningham: Red
Leathercraft:
Brylee Shy: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**
Scrapbooking:
Sage Shy: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**
Sierra Foster: Blue, Reserve Champion
Maecie Shank: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Reserve Grand Champion**
Reaghan Shank: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Woodworking:
Christopher Tenaglia: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, Grand Champion
Visual Arts:
Piper Cunningham: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, Grand Champion Clothing Construction:
Lula McCaffery: Red
Artistic Clothing:
Piper Cunningham: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion Foods and Nutrition:**
Serenitey, Crofford: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, Reserve Grand Champion
James Silber: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Serenitey Crofford: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Andrew Brooks: Red
Serenitey Crofford: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Serenitey Crofford: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
London Dean: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Serenitey Crofford: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier Serenitey Crofford: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
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Serenitey Crofford: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier Serenitey Crofford: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Food Preservation:
Serenitey Crofford: Red
Heritage Arts:
Sammi Wisecup: Red
Shooting Sports Competitions
Shotgun Junior:
Ethan Fore: First
Shotgun Senior:
Ty Stoltzfus: First, **Grand Champion Shotgun**
Fisher Cunningham: Second, **Reserve Grand Champion Shotgun**
AJ Stoltzfus: Third
Marlee Foster: Fourth
Ty Bomgardner: Fifth
Quincy Downing: Sixth
.22 Rifle Scope Junior:
Ethan Fore: First
.22 Rifle Hunt Junior:
London Dean: First, **Reserve Grand Champion .22 Rifle**
Thomas Reis: Second
Alex Agnew: Third
Rowan Saathoff: Fourth

Jackson Wingfield: Fifth
.22 Rifle Hunt Senior:
Lincoln Wingfield: **First, Grand Champion .22 Rifle**
Archery Recurve Junior:
Benji Smith: First, **Grand Champion**
Junior Recurve Archery Traditional Compound Junior:
Wyatt Brain: First
Archery Limited Compound Junior:
Sam Stafford: First, **Grand Champion Junior Compound**
Aubrynn Cozzetto: Second, **Reserve Grand Champion Junior Compound**
Iris McKendry: Third
Amos McKendry: Fourth
Hesston VanDeusen: Fifth
James Silber: Sixth
Isabella Saucedo: Seventh
Khaylonni Saucedo: Eighth
Archery Limited Compound Senior:
Wyatt Grundy: First, **Grand Champion Senior Compound**
Kord Goff: Second, **Reserve Grand Champion Senior Compound**
Archery Novice:
Clancy McCaffery: First
Mitchell VanDeusen: Second
Andrew Brooks: Third
Thomas Silber: Fourth
Evyn Lanosga-White: Fifth

LLAMA
Mini Costume:
Kailynne Evert: First
Junior Costume:
Gracie Johnson: First
Kaitlyn Grossardt: Second
Remington Kardatzke: Third
Intermediate Costume:
Aubrynn Cozzetto: First
Scarlett Kardatzke: Second
Second Senior Costume:
Alexis Grossardt
Junior Pack:
Kaitlyn Grossardt: First
Gracie Johnson: Second
Remington Kardatzke: Third
Intermediate Pack:
Aubrynn Cozzetto: First
Scarlett Kardatzke: Second
Senior Pack:
Alexis Grossardt: First
Mini Public Relations: Kailynne Evert: First
Junior Public Relations:
Remington Kardatzke: First
Gracie Johnson: Second
Kaitlyn Grossardt: Third
Intermediate Public Relations:
Aubrynn Cozzetto: First
Scarlett Kardatzke: Second
Senior Public Relations:
Alexis Grossardt: First
Mini Obstacle:
Kailynne Evert: First
Junior Obstacle:
Gracie Johnson: First
Remington Kardatzke: Second
Kaitlyn Grossardt: Third
Intermediate Obstacle:
Scarlett Kardatzke: First
Aubrynn Cozzetto: Second
Senior Obstacle:
Alexis Grossardt: First
Junior Showmanship:
Gracie Johnson: First
Kaitlyn Grossardt: Second
Remington Kardatzke: Third
Intermediate Showmanship:
Scarlett Kardatzke: First
Aubrynn Cozzetto: Second
Senior Showmanship:
Alexis Grossardt: First
Grand Champion Mini Llama:
Kailynne Evert
Grand Champion Junior Llama:
Gracie Johnson
Reserve Grand Champion Junior Llama: Kaitlyn Grossardt
Bronze Junior Llama:
Remington Kardatzke
Grand Champion Intermediate Llama: Scarlett Kardatzke
Reserve Grand Champion Intermediate Llama:
Aubrynn Cozzetto
Grand Champion Senior Llama:
Alexis Grossardt

DOG SHOW
Intermediate Novice Showmanship:
Jalaine Gonzalez: First, Blue Award
Novice B Obedience:
Jalaine Gonzalez: Blue Award
Grand Champion Dog: Jalaine Gonzalez

RABBIT SHOW
Breeding Buck:
Alexis Grossardt: First
Breeding Doe:
Keller Johnson: First
Gracie Johnson: Second
Grand Champion Breeding Rabbit: Alexis Grossardt
Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Rabbit:
Keller Johnson
Companion Rabbit:
Kaitlyn Grossardt: First
Alexis Grossardt: Second
Kaleb Shaffer: Third
Grand Champion Companion Rabbit: Kaitlyn Grossardt
Reserve Grand Champion Companion Rabbit: Alexis Grossardt
Junior Showmanship:
Gracie Johnson: First
Kaitlyn Grossardt: Second
Intermediate Showmanship:
Keller Johnson: First
Senior Showmanship:
Alexis Grossardt: First

CAT SHOW
Domestic Short Hair:
Kaitlyn Grossardt: First
Gracie Johnson: Second
Keller Johnson: Third
Domestic Long Hair:
Aubrynn Cozzetto: First
Junior Showmanship:
Kaitlyn Grossardt: First
Gracie Johnson: Second
Intermediate Showmanship:
Keller Johnson: First
Aubrynn Cozzetto: Second
Junior Crate Décor:
Gracie Johnson: First Kaitlyn Grossardt:
Second Intermediate Crate Décor:
Keller Johnson: First
Aubrynn Cozzetto: Second
Costume:
Gracie Johnson: First
Keller Johnson: Second
Kaitlyn Grossardt: Third
Aubrynn Cozzetto: Fourth
Kailynne Evert: Fifth
Grand Champion Cat: Kaitlyn Grossardt
Reserve Grand Champion Cat:
Keller Johnson
Small Animal Master Showmanship Grand Champion Junior: Gracie Johnson
Reserve Grand Champion Junior: Remington Kardatzke
Grand Champion Intermediate: Scarlett Kardatzke
Reserve Grand Champion Intermediate: Jalaine Gonzalez
Grand Champion Senior: Alexis Grossardt

HORSE SHOW
Junior Written Test: Gracie Johnson: First
Alexis Grundy: Second
Kaitlyn Grossardt: Third
Mitchell VanDeusen: Fourth
Hesston VanDeusen: Fifth
Evangeline Golovanoff: Sixth
Senior Written Test:
Kenna Ingram: First
Alexis Grossardt: Second
Junior Showmanship:
Hesston VanDeusen: First
Gracie Johnson: Second
Mitchell VanDeusen: Third
Evangeline Golovanoff: Fourth
Intermediate Showmanship:
Alexis Grundy: First
Senior Showmanship:
Kenna Ingram: First
Alexis Grossardt: Second
Junior English Hunt Seat:
Alexis Grundy: First
Senior English Hunt Seat:
Kenna Ingram: First
Alexis Grossardt: Second

Senior English Control:
Kenna Ingram: First
Alexis Grossardt: Second
Senior English Show Hack:
Kenna Ingram: First
Alexis Grossardt: Second
Champion English Junior:
Alexis Grundy
Champion English Senior:
Kenna Ingram
Reserve Champion English Senior: Alexis Grossardt
Novice Western Horsemanship:
Evangeline Golovanoff: First
Junior Western Horsemanship:
Alexis Grundy: First
Gracie Johnson: Second
Hesston VanDeusen: Third
Mitchell VanDeusen: Fourth
Senior Western Horsemanship:
Kenna Ingram: First
Alexis Grossardt: Second
Junior Western Pleasure:
Alexis Grundy: First
Mitchell VanDeusen: Second
Gracie Johnson: Third
Hesston VanDeusen: Fourth
Senior Western Pleasure:
Kenna Ingram: First
Alexis Grossardt: Second
Junior Western Reining:
Gracie Johnson: First
Hesston VanDeusen: Second
Senior Western Reining:
Kenna Ingram: First
Alexis Grossardt: Second
Junior Western Trail:
Hesston VanDeusen: First
Mitchell VanDeusen: Second
Gracie Johnson: Third
Senior Western Trail:
Kenna Ingram: First
Alexis Grossardt: Second
Champion Western Junior:
Alexis Grundy
Reserve Champion Western Junior: Gracie Johnson
Champion Western Senior:
Kenna Ingram
Reserve Champion Western Senior: Alexis Grossardt
Junior Barrels:
Gracie Johnson: First
Hesston VanDeusen: Second
Mitchell VanDeusen: Third
Senior Barrels:
Kenna Ingram: First
Alexis Grossardt: Second
Junior Pole Bending:
Gracie Johnson: First
Hesston VanDeusen: Second
Mitchell VanDeusen: Third
Senior Pole Bending:
Kenna Ingram: First
Alexis Grossardt: Second
Junior 75 Up and Back:
Gracie Johnson: First
Mitchell VanDeusen: Second
Hesston VanDeusen: Third
Senior 75 Up and Back:
Kenna Ingram: First
Alexis Grossardt: Second
Champion Gymkhana Junior:
Gracie Johnson
Reserve Champion Gymkhana Junior: Hesston VanDeusen
Champion Gymkhana Senior:
Kenna Ingram
Reserve Champion Gymkhana Senior: Alexis Grossardt
Grand Champion Junior Horse:
Gracie Johnson
Reserve Grand Champion Junior Horse: Alexis Grundy
Grand Champion Senior Horse:
Kenna Ingram
Reserve Grand Champion Senior Horse: Alexis Grossardt
Junior High Point Horse: Gracie Johnson
Intermediate High Point Horse:
Alexis Grundy
Senior High Point Horse: Kenna Ingram

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST
Junior Impromptu: Gracie Johnson: First Isabella Saucedo: Second
Intermediate Impromptu:
Alexis Gundy: First
Sierra Foster: Second
Keller Johnson: Third
Khaylonni Saucedo: Fourth
Evyn Lanosga-White: Fifth
Senior Impromptu:
Marlee Foster: First

Brylee Shy: Second
Ben Stafford: Third
Serenitey Crofford: Fourth
Keely Huffman: Fifth
Junior Interpretive:
Gracie Johnson: First
Isabella Saucedo: Second
Sage Shy: Third
Intermediate Interpretive:
Khaylonni Saucedo: First
Sierra Foster: Second
Evyn Lanosga-White: Third
Keller Johnson: Fourth
Senior Interpretive:
Brylee Shy: First
Marlee Foster: Second
Intermediate Prepared:
Iris McKendry: First
Senior Prepared:
Serenitey Crofford: First
Keely Huffman: Second
Marin Foster: Third
Junior Demonstration:
Gracie Johnson: First
Intermediate Demonstration:
Keller Johnson: First
Grand Champion Junior Public Speaking: Gracie Johnson
Reserve Grand Champion Public Speaking: Isabella Saucedo
Grand Champion Intermediate Public Speaking: Keller Johnson
Reserve Grand Champion Intermediate Public Speaking: Sierra Foster
Grand Champion Senior Public Speaking: Brylee Shy
Reserve Grand Champion Senior Public Speaking: Marlee Foster

LAMB
Junior Showmanship:
Jennica Mullett: First
Amos McKendry: Second
Joseph Mullett: Third
Evangeline Golovanoff: Fourth
Jackson Wingfield: Fifth
Intermediate Showmanship:
Rafael Gonzalez: First
Jaliane Gonzalez: Second
Iris McKendry: Third
Benji Smith: Fourth
Senior Showmanship:
Kenna Ingram: First
Reagan Hatfield: Second
Lily Bomgardner: Third
Jolene Mullett: Fourth
Stephanie Lewis: Fifth
Doc McCoy: Sixth
Kord Goff: Seventh
Lincoln Wingfield: Eighth
Feeder Class:
Jackson Wingfield: First
Weight Class ONE:
Lily Bomgardner: Tag # 158 First
Jennica Mullett: Tag # 147 Second
Joseph Mullett: Tag # 149 Third
Weight Class TWO:
Jaliane Gonzalez: Tag # 136 First

Jaliane Gonzalez: Tag # 133 Second
Doc McCoy: Tag # 139 Third
Lincoln Wingfield: Tag # 144 Fourth
Weight Class THREE:
Rafael Gonzalez: Tag # 127 First
Jolene Mullett: Tag # 148 Second
Amos McKendry: Tag # 150 Third
Weight Class FOUR:
Kenna Ingram: Tag # 113 First
Kord Goff: Tag # 112 Second
Stephanie Lewis: Tag # 159 Third
Benji Smith: Tag # 117 Fourth
Weight Class FIVE:
Kenna Ingram: Tag # 114 First
Reagan Hatfield: Tag # 138 Second
Evangeline Golovanoff: Tag # 161 Third
Iris McKendry: Tag # 151 Fourth
Grand Champion Market Lamb: Kenna Ingram Tag # 113
Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb: Rafael Gonzalez Tag # 127
Grand Champion Market Lamb Carcass Contest: Kenna Ingram Tag #113
Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb Carcass Contest: Kenna Ingram Tag # 114

GOAT
Junior Showmanship:
Paisley Berry: First
Masha Muzhzhavlen: Second
Lucas Schram: Third
Intermediate Showmanship:
Rafael Gonzalez: First
Creed Ingram: Second
Alexis Grundy: Third
Sierra Foster: Fourth
Madilynn Berry: Fifth
Senior Showmanship:
Kenna Ingram: First
Ben Stafford: Second
Weight Class ONE:
Madilynn Berry: Tag # 154 First
Paisley Berry: Tag # 157 Second
Weight Class TWO:
Madilynn Berry: Tag # 152 First
Masha Muzhzhavlen: Tag # 142 Second
Weight Class THREE:
Rafael Gonzalez: Tag # 137 First
Kenna Ingram: Tag # 115 Second
Creed Ingram: Tag # 116
Third Weight Class FOUR:
Sierra Foster: Tag # 120 First
Paisley Berry: Tag # 155 Second
Weight Class FIVE:
Alexis Grundy: Tag # 119 First
Ben Stafford: Tag # 146 Second
G Kenna Ingram: First
Alexis Grossardt: Second
Grand Champion Market Goat: Rafael Gonzalez Tag # 137
Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat: Kenna Ingram Tag # 115

Grand Champion Market Goat Carcass Contest: Kenna Ingram Tag # 115
Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat Carcass Contest: Alexis Grundy Tag # 119
Breeding Doe:
Alexis Grundy: First
Alexis Grundy: Second
Grand Champion Breeding Goat: Alexis Grundy
Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Goat: Alexis Grundy
Utility Goat:
Lucas Schram: First
Grand Champion Utility Goat: Lucas Schram

SWINE
Junior Showmanship:
Jennica Mullett: First
Haylie Shaffer: Second
Paisley Berry: Third
Rowan Saathoff: Fourth
Intermediate Showmanship:
Creed Ingram: First
Rafael Gonzalez: Second
Jaliane Gonzalez: Third
Sam Stafford: Fourth
Senior Showmanship:
Ben Stafford: First
Owyn Clark: Second
Brylee Shy: Third
Chris Mullett: Fourth
Garrett Olomon: Fifth
Joey Arnone: Sixth
Jolene Mullett: Seventh
Ty Stoltzfus: Eighth
Kord Goff: Ninth
Feeder Class:
Haylie Shaffer: Tag # 172 First
Weight Class ONE:
Paisley Berry: Tag # 189 First
Joey Arnone: Tag # 183 Second
Ty Stoltzfus: Tag # 176 Third
Chris Mullett: Tag # 182 Fourth
Weight Class TWO:
Creed Ingram: Tag # 163 First
Jaliane Gonzalez: Tag # 171 Second
Jennica Mullett: Tag # 184 Third
Kord Goff: Tag # 177 Fourth
Weight Class THREE:
Owyn Clark: Tag # 175 First
Ben Stafford: Tag # 180 Second
Jolene Mullett: Tag # 185 Third
Paisley Berry: Tag # 187 Fourth
Weight Class FOUR:
Rafael Gonzalez: Tag # 166 First
Creed Ingram: Tag # 162 Second
Garrett Olomon: Tag # 181 Third
Rowan Saathoff: Tag # 190 Fourth
Weight Class FIVE:
Sam Stafford: Tag # 179 First
Brylee Shy: Tag # 173 Second
Kord Goff: Tag # 1787 Third
Grand Champion Market Swine: Creed Ingram Tag # 163
Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine: Owyn Clark Tag # 175
Grand Champion Market Swine Carcass Contest: Rowan Saathoff

Tag # 190
Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine Carcass Contest: Paisley Berry Tag # 189

BEEF
Junior Showmanship:
Sage Shy: First
Intermediate Showmanship:
Rafael Gonzalez: First
Jaliane Gonzalez: Second
Madilynn Berry: Third
Bode Bridges: Fourth
Senior Showmanship:
Emma Rusk: First
Brylee Shy: Second
Garrett Olomon: Third
Ty Stoltzfus: Fourth
Owyn Clark,Chris Mullett, AJ Stoltzfus, Doc McCoy
Weight Class ONE:
Doc McCoy: Tag # 74 First
Weight Class TWO:
Rafale Gonzalez: Tag # 68 First
Sage Shy: Tag # 71 Second
Ty Stoltzfus: Tag # 77 Third
AJ Stoltzfus: Tag # 78 Fourth
Weight Class THREE:
Bode Bridges: Tag # 75 First
Brylee Shy: Tag # 70 Second
Garrett Olomon: Tag # 80 Third
Chris Mullett: Tag # 81 Fourth
Weight Class FOUR:
Jaliane Gonzalez: Tag # 69 First
Madilynn Berry: Tag # 76 Second
Owyn Clark: Tag # 79 Third
Weight Class FIVE:
Emma Rusk: Tag # 72 First
Grand Champion Market Beef: Emma Rusk Tag # 72
Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef: Jaliane Gonzalez Tag # 69
Grand Champion Market Beef Carcass Contest: Jaliane Gonzalez Tag # 69
Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef Carcass Contest: Emma Rusk Tag # 72
Master Showmanship Grand Champion Junior: Hesston VanDeusen
Reserve Grand Champion Junior: Sage Shy
Grand Champion Intermediate: Jaliane Gonzalez
Reserve Grand Champion Intermediate: Rafael Gonzalez
Grand Champion Senior: Emma Rusk
Reserve Grand Champion Senior: Kenna Ingram
Overall High Point State Fair Qualifier: Jaliane Gonzalez

OPEN CLASS
Baked Goods:
Katie Johnson: First, Champion,
Grand Champion
Food Preservation:
Teri Munson: First, Champion,

Grand Champion
Teri Munson: Second, Reserve Champion,
Reserve Grand Champion
Decorated Baked Goods:
Gracie Johnson: First, Champion,
Grand Champion
Floriculture:
Gracie Johnson: First, Champion, Grand Champion
Kristy Freeburg: Second, Reserve Champion,
Reserve Grand Champion
Aubrynne Cozzetto: Third
Alexis Grossardt: Fourth
Kaitlyn Grossardt: Fifth
Kailynne Evert: Sixth
Katie Johnson: First, Champion Ella Wommack: First, Champion
Visual Arts:
Katie Johnson: First, Champion,
Grand Champion
Heritage Arts:
Angela Tenaglia: First, Champion,
Reserve Grand Champion
Terry Ward: First, Champion,
Grand Champion
Terry Ward: Second, Reserve Champion
Photography:
Katlyn Wommack: First,Champion,
Grand Champion
Katie Johnson: Second, Reserve Champion
Katie Johnson: Third
Keller Johnson: Fourth
Katie Johnson: Fifth
Gracie Johnson: Sixth
Katie Johnson: First, Champion,
Reserve Grand Champion
Katie Johnson: Second, Reserve Champion
Katie Johnson: Third
Katlyn Wommack: First, Champion
Keller Johnson: Second,
Reserve Champion
Katlyn Wommack: Third
Katie Johnson: First, Champion
Miscellaneous:
Jolene Mullett: First, Champion
Josiah S: Second, Reserve Champion
Jaliane Gonzalez: Third
Jaliane Gonzalez: Fourth
Gracie Johnson: Fifth
Reagan Hatfield: Sixth
Rafael Gonzalez: Seventh
Joseph Mullett: Eighth
Benji Smith: Ninth
Katie Johnson, First, Champion,
Grand Champion
Janet Freeburg: Second, Reserve Champion
Janet Freeburg: Third
Janet Freeburg: Fourth
Katie Johnson: First, Champion,
Grand Champion

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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“Place Names ”

ACROSS

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- 5 Small container
- 10 Made a request
- 14 Swiss river
- 15 Where buffalo roam
- 16 Modena money
- 17 Caribbean capital
- 20 Large container
- 21 Church section
- 22 Fine fur
- 23 Girl's name
- 24 One-time TV hit
- 27 Quake
- 30 Change item
- 31 Permit
- 34 Difficulty
- 35 High notes
- 36 Epoch
- 37 European lands
- 42 ___ rule
- 43 French illustrator
- 44 Louvre's Mona
- 45 ___ squirrel
- 46 Heating apparatus
- 47 Talk jokingly
- 49 Trimming
- 50 Egg cells

- 51 White poplar
- 54 Lighten
- 56 Piece of work
- 59 Carrying electric current easily
- 63 Swiss painter
- 64 Northern highway, formerly
- 65 ___ of all right!
- 66 Vehicle
- 67 Noblemen
- 68 English monk: var.

DOWN

- 1 Concord
- 2 Pacific isle
- 3 Algerian port
- 4 Gaelic sea god
- 5 Fitting
- 6 Haberdashery items
- 7 Mutual reliance
- 8 Period
- 9 Pasture
- 10 SA river
- 11 Lively tune
- 12 Great Lakes port
- 13 Game animal
- 18 Rinse
- 19 Not vain

A Charles Preston Puzzle

- 23 Uniform
- 25 Hawaiian port
- 26 Gen. Bradley
- 27 Cut
- 28 Steed
- 29 Ancient classic
- 31 Lawful
- 32 Wipe out
- 33 Long robe
- 38 Admiring one
- 39 New star
- 40 *Ein, zwei, ___*
- 41 Bone
- 47 Nautical men
- 48 With: Fr.
- 49 Extort from
- 51 Inquires
- 52 It runs, in Pamplona
- 53 Fencing weapon
- 55 Hebrew month
- 56 Agree
- 57 Roman writer
- 58 ___ rays
- 60 Cover
- 61 Bravo! in 52 Down
- 62 Hunter

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Local Mountain News & Notices



Sheriff's Report...

SO Report for 7/28/23
7/3/23-Traffic Summons: Tyrese Moore was charged with no insurance, no driver's license and improper start from a stopped position after a non injury traffic crash.
Joseph Yoder was summonsed for speeding 70mph in a posted 45mph zone on CR 328 MM3.
7/4/23- Crash: Deputies responded to a one vehicle roll over crash on H69 near MP 50. Cameron Russell is suspected of driving under the influence of marijuana.
Roxy Hanna Fioas was charged with speeding 72mph in a 40mph zone.
7/5/23 -Traffic Summons: Julie Gardner was charged for speeding 59mph in a 40mph zone.
Bovine Battle: Deputies took a report of a bull owned by Greg Curtis that jumped a fence, struck a human and attacked a vehicle on Broke Hand Drive.
7/6/23-Theft: A person reported that prescription drugs were removed from her vehicle during the 4th of July parade.
Fraud: Deputies took a report of a fraud involving a credit card belonging to a Westcliffe resident being used to purchase an apple computer.
Arrest: An Arrest Warrant was obtained for James Blair Raby for Harassment, Domestic Violence, and Violation of a Protection Order.
Arrest: Jeremy Pierce was Arrested for Violation of a

protection order x2 and Domestic violence.
Beeza Brawl: Deputies investigated a fight at Beeza's restaurant.
7/7/23-Endangerment: Deputies investigated a potential child endangerment involving a local 17 yr old who was using snapchat to communicate with an unknown adult.
Missing: Deputies took a report of a possible missing person. Using cell phone location data, Deputies requested assistance from the Aurora Police Department. The person was located.
Windshield: A Deputy reported his patrol vehicle had a broken windshield.
Crash: A Deputy investigated a non injury crash in Westcliffe.
7/8/23-Stolen: A vendor money box was stolen at the Blue Grass Festival.
Traffic Summons: Clayton Houchin was summonsed for driving under restraint, fictitious plates, and no proof of insurance.
Bad Girl: Tonya Ellis was summonsed for disorderly conduct at the Blue Grass Festival.
7/9/23-Traffic Summons: Corinne Odoherty was summonsed for speeding 85mph in a 55mph zone and unsafe passing.
Crash: Deputies responded to a motorcycle crash on H165 near MP 7. The rider was transported via helicopter to a trauma center - report by state patrol.
7/10/23-Crash: Deputies responded to a serious injury roll over crash. The driver was transported by Flight for Life - report by state patrol.

Traffic Summons: Emily Debias was issued a ticket for failing to stop at a stop sign.
Fraud: A Deputy took a report of a fraudulent bank transaction. The victim had funds deposited into her account by a unknown person, those funds and \$4,000 of her funds were later withdrawn.
Traffic Summons: Melissa Bridges was issued a speeding ticket for 70mph in a 45mph zone on CR328.
7/11/23-Traffic Summons: Lauren Flynn was issued a ticket for failing to stop at a stop sign on CR241.
7/12/23-Traffic Summons: Jim Yarbrough was issued a speeding ticket for 62 mph in a posted 45 zone on CR 129.
7/13/23-Bear Down: A Deputy responded to a badly injured bear on H69 near MP 68.
7/14/23-Trespass: Louis Kimball was trespassed from a bar in Westcliffe.
DUI: Dominick Shannon was Arrested for DUI (BrAC .171) and failing to drive in a single lane and unlawful use of a wireless device.
7/15/23-Fight: Deputies responded to a fight at 50 W. Main Street in Westcliffe. Neither person wanted to press charges.
Traffic Summons: Efrén Gonzalez Olvera was issued a summons for careless driving following a two vehicle crash on N. Oak Grove Circle.
DUI: Ryan Drury was Arrested by CCSO for DUI (BrAC .158) and charged with additional crimes by State Patrol following a 2 car crash with serious bodily injury.

At the Library...

Talk on "Public Lands Wildlife Conservation"

Press Release
Dave McNitt, wildlife biologist for the Bureau of Land Management, at the Royal Gorge Office, will present "Public Lands Wildlife Conservation" on **Tuesday, August 8th at 1 p.m.** in the West Custer County Library Community Room. Dave will discuss how biologists manage, research, and conserve wildlife populations on lands managed by the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management. The presentation will include information on guiding policy, tools and methods, and ecological principles. He'll walk through the broad framework of public lands wildlife conservation and information from the local Royal Gorge Field Office.
McNitt is the Wildlife Biologist who leads the Wildlife and Threatened and Endangered Species Programs for the BLM Royal Gorge Field Office (RGFO). The BLM RGFO is based out of Cañon City and manages 600,000 acres of land and 6.8 million subsurface acres across 37 counties in Colorado. He has worked as a wildlife biologist for federal, nonprofit, state and academic organizations in Central Colorado, Appalachia and Central America.
For more information see www.westcusterlibrary.org.

Ham Radio Club

The Ham Radio Club meets the second Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, **August 14th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** in the West Custer County Library Community Room. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Westcliffe Writers Group

The next meeting of the Westcliffe Writers' Group will take place on Saturday, **August 12th at 4 p.m.** in the Library's Community Room. Whether you are new to writing or experienced please consider attending the meetings. For more information visit www.westcusterlibrary.org events page.



Come and Worship



Christian Science
9:30 a.m. Worship
8 Bassick Place, Westcliffe

Church of Christ
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
818 Ohio Street, Silver Cliff
719/783-4601

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
240 Ridgeline Dr, Westcliffe
Pres: 719/545-1196

Cody Park Community Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Tues. 8:30 a.m., Prayer Mtg.
Wedn. 7 p.m. Bible Study
0157 County Rd. 27A
Cotopaxi 719/942-3526

Community United Methodist Church
8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Worship
202 S. 6th Street, Westcliffe
719/783-2511

Cotopaxi Community Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Wedn. Bible Study
PastorSteveHolcomb@gmail.com
20326 Hwy. 50, Cotopaxi

The Cowboy Church at Crossroads
9 a.m. Worship Service
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First Baptist Church of Westcliffe
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
417 S. 6th Street, Westcliffe
719/783-2498

High Country Mennonite Church
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
103 N. Adams St, Westcliffe
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Huerfano Community Bible Church
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
7 p.m.: Thursday Bible Study
603 Leon Street, Walsenburg (719) 251-9053

Hope Lutheran Church
2 p.m. Worship
3:15 p.m. Bible Study
3rd & Powell Streets, Westcliffe
Pastor Dan Kletke 719/783-2323
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Living Stone Calvary Chapel
Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Sunday Outdoors 9:30 -11 a.m.
830 Bridge St., Canon City, CO
Pastor Sean Meagher 719/276-0863

Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church
Diocese of Pueblo
11 a.m. Sunday Mass
10 a.m. Tuesday Mass (summer)
10 a.m. Wednesday Mass
109 S. 5th Street, Westcliffe
719/783-3507

Our Lady of Mt. Zion Catholic Church
11 a.m. Mass,
2nd & 3rd Sunday of month
210 S. 2nd St, Westcliffe
719/783-2491

Praise Community Church
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Praise & Worship 10:45 a.m.
215 N Pikes Peak Ave., Florence
719/784-1184

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
10:30 a.m. Worship & Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Fellowship
8:30 a.m. Prayer Service, Thursdays
3rd & Rosita Streets, Westcliffe
719/783-2477

St. Patrick's Anglican Church
11 a.m. Worship
403 S. 2nd S., Westcliffe
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Saturday Mass 4 p.m.
Highway 69, Gardner
Bldg. Mickey 719/746-2037

Sangre de Cristo Cowboy Church
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3 p.m. Sunday School Bible Study
4 p.m. Worship
Last Sunday of Month: Potluck
6 p.m. Tuesday Bible Study
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Sangre de Cristo Fellowship
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Sangre de Cristo Seminary Chapel
10 a.m. Worship
6160 County Rd. 130, Westcliffe
719/ 371-1822

Valley Bible Fellowship
10 a.m. Worship
116 Hermit Lane, Silver Cliff
719/581-7572

Wetmore Baptist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
Junction of Hwy 96 & 67, Wetmore
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Wetmore Community Church
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10 a.m. Worship
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Why the Recall?

Commissioner Flower's Violation History

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CUSTER COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 22-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CUSTER COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, ADDRESSING THE COMMISSIONERS' SWORN DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, OBLIGATIONS AND STANDARDS

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners [hereinafter BOCC] for Custer County, having determined that a written code of conduct is both necessary and desirable to expressly spell out the duties, responsibilities, obligations, and standards for each individual Commissioner; and

Whereas, the BOCC commits itself to ethical, businesslike, and lawful conduct, including proper use of authority, when acting as the BOCC; and

Whereas, the BOCC acknowledges it has fiduciary and ethical responsibilities to the public trust; and

Whereas, each Commissioner must have loyalty to the entire ownership, unconflicted by loyalties to staff, other organizations, including interest or advocacy groups, citizens of the Commissioner District, membership on other BOCC Boards, Committees, and Commissions, and any personal interest as a consumer; and

Whereas, each Commissioner must avoid breaching his/her fiduciary duty and the public trust; and

Whereas, no Commissioner shall engage in a substantial financial transaction for his/her private business purposes with a person the Commissioner inspects or supervises in the course of official BOCC duties; and

Whereas, no Commissioner shall perform an official act that directly and substantially benefits a business or other undertaking in which he/she either has a substantial financial interest or is engaged as counsel, consultant, representative, or agent; and

Whereas, a Commissioner who has a personal or private interest in any matter proposed or pending before the County shall disclose such interest to the BOCC, and to the public when and if appropriate, and shall not vote thereon and shall refrain from attempting to influence in any manner the decisions of the other members of the BOCC; and

Whereas, Commissioners shall not attempt to exercise individual authority over the Board; and

Whereas, a Commissioner's interaction with staff must recognize the lack of authority vested in individuals except when explicitly BOCC authorized. The staff is accountable only to the BOCC,

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or the BOCC designee as determined by majority affirmative vote, and not to individual Commissioners. Therefore, the relationship between the County staff and individual Commissioners of the BOCC, including the Chair, is collegial, not hierarchical, and

Whereas, a Commissioner's interaction with public, press or other entities must recognize the same limitations and the inability of any Commissioner to officially speak for the BOCC except to repeat explicitly stated BOCC decisions; and

Whereas, concerns related to employee performance that are brought to the attention of an individual Commissioner shall be conveyed to the BOCC as a whole; and

Whereas, Commissioners will adhere to the confidentiality of issues whether in writing or verbally, as prescribe by law; and

Whereas, any documents that are prohibited from disclosure under the Colorado Open Records Act, Criminal Justice Records Act or other statutory authority shall not be publicly disclosed; and

Whereas, any information shared with the BOCC in a properly called executive session, shall be presumed to be confidential, and shall not be publicly disclosed; and

Whereas any information for which disclosure is an issue that suggest a likely privacy interest of one or more individuals, or is otherwise contrary to public policy, shall not be disclosed; and

Whereas, any documents previously determined to be confidential and not subject to public disclosure pursuant to State law, may be reconsidered for disclosure upon the affirmative support of the BOCC. Questions regarding legal parameters for disclosure shall be relayed to the County Attorney prior to any disclosure; and

Whereas, because contemplation, deliberation, and decision-making require collaboration and participation, BOCC members are expected to attend BOCC meetings; and

Whereas, it is essential for the efficient conduct of official meetings of the BOCC, and for the purpose of earning and keeping the confidence of the public, that the Commissioners recognize the importance of treating one another with respect and courtesy, that they not argue with one another in raised voices nor interrupt one another, and that they otherwise maintain proper decorum at all times; and

Whereas, each Commissioner will prepare for BOCC and committee meetings, will participate productively in discussions, and is expected to achieve and maintain proficiency in Board governance; and

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Whereas, Commissioners will keep reasonably up to date on changes and trends by attending conferences and by reading professional newsletters, journals, and other sources of information; and

Whereas, in the event of a Commissioner's suspected violation of policy, the BOCC will seek to resolve the matter expeditiously. If a Commissioner suspects a violation of Board policy by another Commissioner, he or she shall bring the matter to the attention of the individual and the BOCC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Board of County Commissioners that this Resolution No. 22-17 should be and is hereby and approved this 6th day of April, 2022.

Kevin V. Day
Chairman

William R. Canda
Vice-Chairman

Tommy G. Flower
Commissioner

Attest:

Kelley S. Camper
County Clerk and Recorder



- VOTE
1. Recall Flower YES
2. Vote Lucas Epp YES



YES!
Recall
Tom Flower

Events

Sunday, July 30, 2 – 4:30 p.m.
KLZR Summer in the Park “Smyth & Taylor”
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August 3 - August 28
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Saturday, August 5, Dinner 5 p.m. Concert 6 p.m. Benefit w/Sons & Brothers Band for SDC Christian School. Dinner Reservations recommended. 60260 Hwy 69 N
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Saturday, August 12, gates open at 7:30 a.m, Free Pancake Breakfast 8-10
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Tune in

The First Tuesday of the Month
4-6 p.m. Christian Music on KLZR 91.7 FM

Recurring Events

Monday

10 a.m. Pickle Ball Silver Cliff Memorial Park
More info: lizbrannen@gmail.com
6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (CLSD) 12 Step study, at St. Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita in Westcliffe. Jim at 783-2053.

1st Monday of the Month

5 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (year-round) at the Library Community Room

2nd and 4th Monday

9:30 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) . at Valley Bible Fellowship, 116 Hermit Lane in Silver Cliff. Call 913-710-6109
6 – 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Community United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Children Welcome. colobamanana@yahoo.com

1st Tuesday of the Month

6:30 p.m. American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting at Cliff Lanes meeting room.

4-6 p.m. Christian Music on KLZR 91.7 FM

Wednesday

9 a.m. Westcliffe Band of Brothers Bible Study through Aug 30 at the Senior Center, Silver Cliff

9:30 – 11 a.m. Line dancers meet at the United Methodist Church, 204 S 6th St. Call Debbie Underwood at (432) 553-7483.

9:45-11:30 a.m The Posse Ladies Bible Study. Summer Schedule 6/21, 7/19, 8/16, 9/20. at 305 County Road 159 off of Hermit Road Holly 703-338-4100

10 a.m. Pickle Ball Silver Cliff Memorial Park
More info: lizbrannen@gmail.com

6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (CLSD) Big Book Study at St. Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita, in Westcliffe. Jim at 783-2053.

6 p.m. Prayer Group Meeting. First Baptist Church of Westcliffe. Call 719-783-2498.

First Thursday of the Month

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Comfort Quilters, First Baptist Church Community Room (log building next to the church) located at 417 S. 6th St. Contact Delores Jobe at 719-371-1451.

2nd Thursday of the Month

6 p.m. Custer County Republican Central Committee meeting. Court House Basement. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. See www.CusterGOP.com or Facebook page at <https://m.facebook.com/custergop>

3rd Thursday of the Month

2 p.m. Round Mt Water District Meeting. Loc. TBA
6 p.m. Liberty Rocks 5:30 order, 6 p.m. Presentation
Location for June: 4Kings Bar & Grill

Friday

10 a.m. Pickle Ball Silver Cliff Memorial Park
More info: lizbrannen@gmail.com
1 - 4 p.m.- Mah Jongg at the Senior Center

6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Open Discussion, St Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita. Call Martha 719-371- 1853.

Saturday

10 a.m. Wet Mountain Al-Anon Family Group meets at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Call Dee (719) 404-1851 or Jean (719) 371-1229.

3rd Saturday of Month

1 p.m. VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes Conference Room, Post Commander Burt Daniels 719-783-3050

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Local Mountain News & Notices

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Friday, July 28, 2023

Monarch Butterfly

Here we are in summer with the beautiful arrays of colorful flowers everywhere. To add to the beauty of the flowers, are hummingbirds and the monarch butterfly.

The monarch butterfly or simply monarch is a milkweed butterfly. Other common names include milkweed, common tiger, wanderer, and black-veined brown. It is one of the most familiar of North American butterflies and an iconic pollinator. Its wings are colored with orange, black and white in a very recognizable pattern. Their bright colors tell predators: “Don’t eat me. I’m poisonous.” The butterflies get their toxins from a plant called milkweed, which is their only food source in the caterpillar stage. If an animal eats a monarch, they usually don’t die, but it feels sick enough to avoid monarchs in the future.

Monarchs live in North, Central and South America as well as Australia, some Pacific Islands, India, and Western Europe. The most interesting thing about the monarch is their migration that North American monarchs undertake each year. Every fall, as cold weather approaches, millions of these delicate insects leave their home range in Canada and the United States and begin flying south. They continue until they reach southern California or Mexico. This trip can encompass at least nearly 2,500 miles.

These traveling butterflies return to the same forests every year. Some estimates say up to a billion butterflies arrive in the mountains of Mexico each year. The Monarchs in California and Mexico, mate toward the end of winter. After this the males die, the females head north depositing their eggs on milkweed plants and they then eventually die. From these eggs green and white striped caterpillars will emerge. They feed on the milkweed for 2 weeks. Then they are ready to turn into pupae. To become a pupa, also called a chrysalis, a monarch larva attaches itself with silk to a leaf or branch, sheds its skin, and forms a hard shell. After nine to 15 days, a fully formed butterfly emerges. This entire process takes about a month.

by Audrey Slater. Sources: [Stps://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monarch_butterfly](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monarch_butterfly), <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/invertebrates/facts/monarch-butterfly>.
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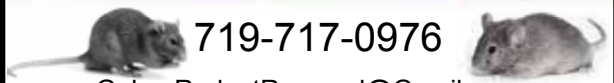
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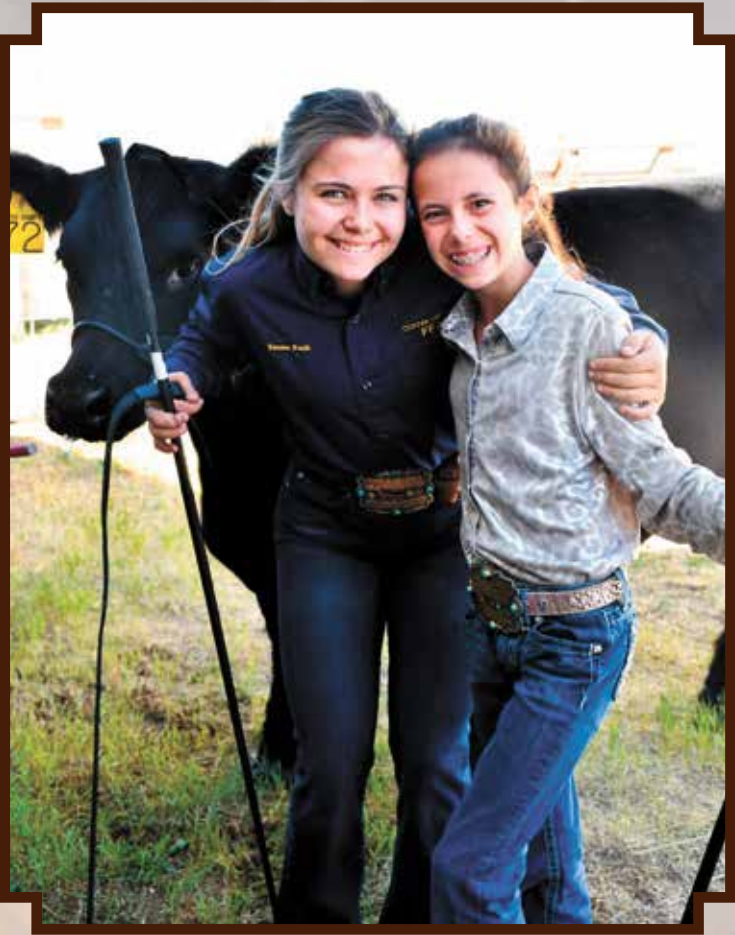
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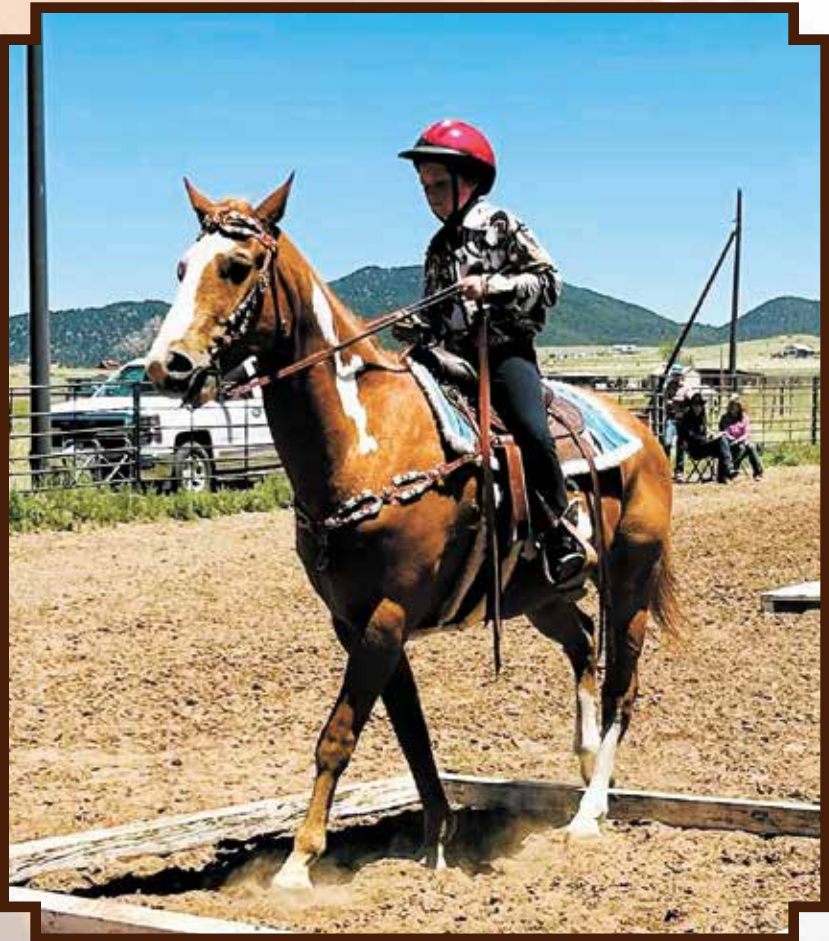
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CUSTER COUNTY FAIR WEEK... PART 1



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Candidate Epp on Management

A Trained and Experienced Manager

Epp Interviews Part 3
by Fred Hernandez

The mistaken conception is that most anyone can be a county official as long as they have the basic requirements: residency, age, rudimentary skills. Particularly in small communities where it is difficult to lure good, qualified people to the job, most of those who present themselves lack the skills necessary to perform their obligations.

One of the most important is basic management skills. Candidate Lucas Epp who seeks the position of County Commissioner for District 3, is well qualified as a manager not only because of training but solid experience. At the company where he has been affiliated, as a full time, salaried manager for the last seven years, Sundt, Lucas has managed portions of large projects that required extensive application of his managerial skills. He goes through each of the processes necessary to ensure a successful outcome of the work at hand. It starts with the Planning Stage in which the appropriate goals sought after are clearly identified and agreed upon along with the action needed to pursue those goals.

Next is Organizing. This is followed by establishing the resources and the team responsible to achieve the goals. In this stage of the

as it is at this stage where the vision of success has to be verbalized to the team(s), this is when the team(s) have to be



process the manager establishes worker relationships and forms the team or teams of workers with their different skills needed on the project. In his job as a Project Superintendent, Lucas has organized and led teams of as many as twenty to thirty-five individuals with various skills. While his main expertise is as a licensed Master Electrician, (he is licensed in eight states), he has been given wide management responsibilities on multi-million dollar construction projects.

The next step in the management process is Leading. This is the most important part of the process

energized, the employees inspired and motivated. Communication and negotiations are vital for the achievement and execution of the goals at hand.

Final step is Execution and Turnover. Given a proper plan, the correct materials and resources, the budget and a well-trained team, any project can be turned over successfully to the client.

Candidate Lucas Epp is eminently qualified to assume the responsibilities of a commissioner for District #3 based on his training as a professional, his work experience and his good character. We need government leaders with integrity who adhere to the Constitution of the United States and to the Constitution of the State of Colorado. He is one who believes firmly in the rule of law and the Bill of Rights.

BOCC

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with the review but since Day made the workshop a “no public comment until the end” she couldn’t speak. He also said the county’s insurance carrier, Colorado Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI) advised that the Manual “should have full public disclosure.” (It did not.)

Flower then piped up saying, “I agree with a lot of what you said” and went on to say that maybe the commissioners could invite local “experts” to the meeting and ask them to comment when needed. Canda agreed with the concept. Flower then waxed eloquent, on and on, about what a workshop should be.

After some more talk, Day asked for the vote to approve the Manual. Day and Flower voted “aye” and Canda “nay”. Canda noted that the document could have had more “meat” to it. He, of course, was not pleased on how it was rushed through the creation and review process.

RESPONSE

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honest member of our community and should have the support of all voters. However, Lucas could have been challenged by you or someone else that you support... But no one stepped up to do the job.

- You reference, a couple of times, that this is a small group of people pushing the recall... **25%+ of this small county’s voters is not a small group.** Plus, there is a database of many more supporting this action.
- **Most importantly, you failed to mention that the Eleventh Judicial District Court judge ruled in favor**

We were then treated to a perfect example of poor leadership as the commissioners spent an enormous amount of time trying to jam in all the things that had to get done to hire a CM before Day’s artificial deadline. Remember, Day and Flower only allowed FIVE days for people to submit their applications for the CM job. *(This is flat out malfeasance. This is intentionally trying to limit the number of applicants so Day and Flower’s favorite, Wilson, can get the job. It should be posted for at least 30 days. We want the best candidate for the job not two guys favorite. It is flat out wrong to limit it to five days. Dirty politics, folks.)*

The discussion centered around how to select the finalists for review, when to schedule it, and in general, how to proceed. This went on and on. The County Attorney, who was present, was frequently asked questions. Because Day had scheduled the actual candidate section for August 1, the commissioners had to really rush to attempt to interview the candidates. They finally decided to

schedule the interviews in between other meetings on July 26 and 27. *(This gives virtually no notice to the applicants who might have jobs or be distant. Again, it favors Wilson. This again is very dirty politics in making it difficult for the candidates other than Wilson to attend the interviews.)* This short time interval was protested by Canda, “So no time warning for the interviews.”

And that was that. Another UnHappy Day in Happy Valley.

(This whole rush CM job creation and candidate selection is so wrong for our county. And dirty. Day openly admitted he is rushing it because of the Recall. He is doing that in spite of massive objections from the public. Rushed job description, rushed policy manual, rushed job application period —only five days, rushed interviews, and rushed selection: Does that sound like good governing to you, fellow citizens? Especially since it will be the most powerful position in county government. This is flat-out bad governing. And not right.)

of the recall and the special election. It was the County Clerk that did not handle the recall petition correctly. Per the Judge’s order, the recall was sufficient as no signatures should have been withdrawn after 9-8-2022, the last date of the protest. Please refer to Eleventh Judicial District Court:

Custer County
Case # 2022CV6
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Westcliffe, CO 81252
Telephone: (719) 783-2274
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Gaye Lynn Murdoch
Rural Custer County

(Editor/GG: Ms. Murdoch is responding to a hate filled missive posted by Deb Adams recently on Facebook

where she attacks the recall campaign against Tom Flower including childish barbs against one of the Recall Committee members, Ann Barthrop, and of course launches lib invective against yours truly, Adam’s biggest fan. Remember, Adams is the failed extreme, and I mean extreme, left wing Board of County Commissioners candidate who ran against retired Air Force Colonel Bill Canda and lost bigly. Question: Why are the extreme left wing progressive elements in Custer County supporting Tom Flower, a registered “republican”? Is there something here that should be public? Or is it that Flower’s deplorable behavior is similar to their own?)

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Colorado State News

Tale of Two States' Policies: Arizona vs. Colorado

by Lauren Scott,
The Center Square

Arizona and Colorado had similar policy decisions in recent years but diverged on a number of them. A new report says the Copper State's pro-growth moves have resulted in outsized economic growth compared to its northern neighbor.

Partnered with the Arizona Chamber, the Common Sense Institute of Arizona used research from partners in Colorado to estimate the potential impacts on Arizona's economic prospects of enacting some of the policy ideas within the "job killer" bills, according to the CSI Arizona report.

CSI's report analyzed 67

bills and found that if enacted, they would create an additional \$25 billion in costs for businesses, resulting in a \$9.5 billion decrease in Arizona's economy.

"Bills like those studied here are being shopped at state legislatures across the country, and many of them have been introduced annually at the Arizona Legislature," according to the report. "Though they have not moved in the past, the lesson of Colorado's anti-business policy transformation over the past half decade shows that climates can change quickly."

Five years ago, Arizona and Colorado were on similar growth trajectories. In 1990, Arizona had

3.7 million residents and Colorado was 10% smaller. By 2015, Arizona's population had increased 86% and Colorado's by a comparable 65%.

One difference in the past few years between Arizona and Colorado is the policies.

"Arizona has aggressively invested in policy initiatives post-Great Recession intended to both diversify and make more competitive its business economy (and in particular its manufacturing economy)," according to the report. "The beginnings of this can be traced to the state's passage in 2011 of its 'Jobs Bill,' which established the Commerce Authority and lowered business property and income tax rates."

But Colorado went in a different direction.

"While the state conformed to the federal tax law changes in 2017, beginning in 2019, it has been enacting various statutory and regulatory schemes intended to promote social welfare ahead of economic growth," according to the report.

Colorado's manufacturing sector is now running at an average annual job growth rate of just 0.7%/year.

According to the report, if Arizona had grown more like Colorado since 2019, there would be 113,500 fewer workers, 3.5% of the state's workforce.

"Policy matters as seen in Arizona's success compared to Colorado's

shortcomings. In the Grand Canyon State, our leaders have trusted people over government," Rep. Matt Gress, a Phoenix Republican who previously served as former Gov. Doug Ducey's budget director, told The Center Square. "The report released today by the Common Sense Institute Arizona reveals that some Arizona politicians think they know better than Arizonans by proposing terrible ideas like tax hikes of all sorts, higher energy costs to cover environmental regulations, and greater compliance with an administrative state that knows no bounds."

In Colorado and since 2019, at least 13 bills similar to "job killer" bills identified this year by the Arizona Chamber have

been enacted. More are under active consideration and each year similar bills are re-introduced.

"Arizona has seen extraordinary economic growth over the last ten years," Executive Director of CSI Arizona Katie Ratlief said in a tweet. "Our economy has diversified and matured, and we've been one of the fastest growing states in the country."

CSI estimates that some of the bills introduced would have a total tax increase of more than \$15 billion.

(Editor/GG: Thank you local Dems for this.)

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Polis' Secret Police Coming for Your Gas-Powered Lawn Mower

by Jon Caldara,
Complete Colorado Page Two

Gov. Jared Polis has his own secret police.

They create their laws without the approval or even review of any of our directly elected representatives.

We must live by their edicts or be punished as they see fit.

The governor has sole tyrannical authority to appoint his secret police, just like Stalin.

OK, maybe that's a bit of an overstatement. Maybe.

Since we just celebrated the Fourth of July, it's worth remembering our forefathers dumped a bunch of tea into a harbor to protest "taxation without representation."

So, the idea that we directly elect our representatives to make policy decisions is an indispensable, foundational American value.

When one guy appoints his cronies—stooges we don't directly elect—and those thugs make decisions we must live by, well that's the opposite of representative government.

Even if we did elect that guy to sign or veto bills, it brings us a lot closer to why we threw a bunch of tea into a harbor when he does an end-run around our representatives.

Let's take our state legislature, as overwhelmingly progressive as they are. They considered a bill to prohibit the sale and even advertising of devices with "small, off-road engines" — such as lawn mowers and leaf blowers. And they refused to pass it.

Attention — I repeat: our duly elected representatives, who were sworn in without Capitol riots, insurrections or nothing, these ultra-progressive legislators declined to outlaw gasoline-powered lawn mowers and leaf blowers.

So controversial, so disliked was the idea of banning these items the Democrat who wrote the bill had to pull the anti-lawn mower/leaf blower language out of his Senate Bill 22-138 for it to survive.

So, as we just learned, the governor's unelected secret police might just outlaw the mowers despite our elected representatives' expressed votes. Who are these Stasi?

They are call the Air Quality Control Commission. They are as powerful as the unelected, all-governor-appointed Public Utilities Commission, the good mafioso folks who continue to raise our electric rates for their buddies at Xcel. And "mafioso" power isn't an overstatement. For both these two commissions (even that sounds mobbed-up) answer to only one Don. Don Polis.

All this begs a simple

question: A legislature that's willing to ban shopping bags should be more than willing to criminalize the preferred choice of violent drug lords when they're gardening — those gas-powered, assault leaf blowers.

So why have a faceless committee of thugs do the dirty work?

Simple: because the anti-fossil fuels mob under the Gold Dome doesn't want their fingerprints on the murder, we hire nameless thugs.

Even Polis can wash his hands of this and claim that "regulators" made this unpopular decision, with most not asking the follow-up question, "you mean your hand-picked regulators made the decision, Governor?"

It's one of the many, many ways our "libertarian" governor continues to say he tries to "keep government off the backs of Coloradans."

The recommendation that the commission will use to consider this ban comes from the Regional Air Quality Council. But by their own numbers, they admit this lawn equipment doesn't create any ozone problems.

According to RAQC, lawn and garden equipment adds 2.5 ppb (parts per billion) to our "summertime ozone concentrations." Yet natural and background

sources, like plants and wildfires (including a lot from out of state) create 48.6 ppb.

It's worth remembering Gov. Polis rescinded previous Gov. John Hickenlooper's application for a waiver to the EPA for noncompliance on ozone because, duh, it had nothing to do with anything Coloradans did.

So, because the governor yanked that waiver the EPA is requiring a reformulation of our gasoline costing us about \$0.50 more a gallon. And recall Polis wrote a

letter to the EPA "outraged" that they were doing so, but took no responsibility for being the cause of it (sensing "hey, it wasn't because of me" theme?).

And by the end of the year, in opposition to our elected officials vote, Polis's crew may well ban gardening equipment.

The legislature did give a 30% cash incentive (more of your tax money, less of your TABOR refund checks) for folks to buy electric lawn equipment. That might help homeowners but does nothing

for small businesses who need powerful, long-lasting equipment.

These companies are often owned and almost always employ minorities, particularly Hispanics. You know, the people Democrats say they work for.

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Calling evil good

The ranking Democrat on the House Oversight Committee told MSNBC’s “All In” that Donald Trump’s only purpose for being president was to use the position as a “moneymaking operation.” On July 11, Jamie Raskin (D-MD) explained that Republican attacks on Joe Biden were to distract from Trump converting the presidency into an instrument of profit maximization for himself and his family and he wants to keep this grift going.” Raskin claimed, “So there’s gotta be an effort to bring down Joe Biden by putting him in the same category which is ridiculous and it is not convincing to the American people.” In other words, Raskin and the Democrats are saying Trump did what Biden is being accused of doing.

Raskin said that Democrats are “still in the thick of this fight to defend American democracy and democratic institutions against the autocrats and the theocrats and the kleptocrats like Donald Trump.” In politics, whenever someone accuses an opponent of doing something without any evidence, it is generally a sure bet that the accuser is doing exactly what he is accusing. In this case, Biden is proven to have used his position as Vice President, and quite possibly President, to enrich himself and his family through influence peddling. It is proven in emails and voice recordings documenting Biden’s son, Hunter, shaking down communist Chinese businessmen for millions of dollars. There are also bribery allegations and many others.

Raskin’s remarks are untruthful and belie any factual evidence. But there is even a deeper meaning to Raskin’s rant. His words characterize a brand of “democracy” that doesn’t exist in the U.S. Constitution. This type of democracy involves an all powerful government that can impose its will on the American people through assumed and unelected administrative authority, redistribution of income to political causes and extremist organizations. This type of democracy stands for plying children with the most vile of sexual predation, killing the unborn, and promoting godlessness through public schools and institutions at taxpayer expense. This is the type of democracy that opens the borders and foments human trafficking. This is the type of democracy that spends billions to support proxy wars without Congressional consent or oversight.

Isaiah 5:20 says, “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” And as Job 17:12 says, “They change the night into day; ‘The light is near,’ they say, in the face of darkness.” They are the ones described by Proverbs 17:15, “who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, Both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD.” When all the Biden corruption was being reported before the 2020 election, it was being censored and called conspiracy theories by liars. Now the undeniable facts are revealing truth, yet the evildoers remain committed to calling evil good and trying to convince everyone that it is saving democracy.

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Country Star Challenges America’s Culture of Crime

by Mark Tapson,
FrontPageMag.com

For decades, gangsta rappers have raked in money, fame, and recording industry awards hand-over-fist by promoting a culture of violence, drugs, crime, misogyny, hedonism, and greed. There has been not a peep of an objection from the Progressive Left to the damage this has done and continues to do to generations of young people, especially in poor inner-city communities, where rappers, gang members, and drug dealers are idolized and emulated by far too many. But let one country music star complain that American cities have degenerated into a wasteland of lawlessness and chaos, and triggered leftists leap to smear him publicly as a violent racist.

Quadruple-platinum-selling country artist Jason Aldean has found himself the target of a wave of leftist condemnation over the new video of a song (which was actually released months ago) titled, “Try That in a Small Town.” The video intersperses actual footage of rioting, looting, and confrontations with police in cities, with shots of Aldean and his band performing before a courthouse in a public square in Columbia, Tennessee.

The lyrics and imagery capture the kind of random violence that has become endemic in Democrat-run urban hellholes all across America – carjackings, the knockout game, and armed robbery – as well as open contempt for law enforcement and the American flag in a country whose children have been taught by decades of leftist educators that their homeland is a uniquely oppressive and evil nation in world history. Aldean warns in the song that that attitude wouldn’t be tolerated in small-town America, and he issues a sort of “molon labe” warning to the anti-Second Amendment activists who aim (pun intended) to disarm law-abiding gun owners.

Here are the lyrics, credited to songwriters Kelley Lovelace, Neil Thrasher, Tully Kennedy and Kurt Michael Allison:

Sucker punch somebody on a sidewalk
Carjack an old lady at a red light
Pull a gun on the owner of a liquor store
Ya think it’s cool, well, act a fool if ya like
Cuss out a cop, spit in his face
Stomp on the flag and light it up

Yeah, ya think you’re tough
Well, try that in a small town
See how far ya make it down the road
Around here, we take care of our own
You cross that line, it won’t take long
For you to find out, I recommend you don’t
Try that in a small town
Got a gun that my granddad gave me
They say one day they’re gonna round up
Well, that sh** might fly in the city,
good luck
Try that in a small town
See how far ya make it down the road
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You cross that line, it won’t take long
For you to find out, I recommend you don’t
Try that in a small town
Full of good ol’ boys, raised up right
If you’re looking for a fight
Try that in a small town
Try that in a small town
Try that in a small town
See how far ya make it down the road
Around here, we take care of our own
You cross that line, it won’t take long
For you to find out, I recommend you don’t
Try that in a small town

The video concludes with a few nostalgic images that reflect the sanity, sense of community, and peaceful order that Aldean’s song associates with small-town America.

Pretty tame stuff, actually, but Progressives hate white America, small-town America, law enforcement, and gun culture, so it was inevitable that Aldean would face a barrage of celebrity and media condemnation.

Former singer-songwriter and prominent gun control advocate Sheryl Crowe, for example, tweeted her indignation, falsely accusing Aldean of promoting violence: “Jason Aldean, I’m from a small town. Even people in small towns are sick of violence. There’s nothing small-town or American about promoting violence. You should know that better than anyone having survived a mass shooting,” she wrote, referring to the 2017 massacre at a Las Vegas music festival where Aldean was performing. “This is not American or small town-like. It’s just lame.”

The showbiz industry rag *Variety* published a snarling hit piece whose headline – “Jason Aldean Already Had the Most Contemptible Country Song of the Decade. The Video Is Worse” – makes for a pretty

unambiguous spoiler of where the article’s remaining 2,000 words are going to go.

Rolling Stone magazine – the same far-Left outlet that published a sickening denunciation of the popular anti-child trafficking movie “*Sound of Freedom*” – predictably chimed in with an article (under the category, “*Dog Whistles*”) titled “*Here’s What’s Wrong With Jason Aldean’s Vision of America.*” It cites University of Oklahoma professor Karlos K. Hill, “a scholar of racial violence,” who labels the song a “narrative of white nationalism. But it’s packaged in this really nice, seemingly benign package of country music.” [Emphasis added]

It’s white nationalist now to want your town to be free of rampant crime and wanton destruction. Who knew?

The left-wing propagandists at *Washington Post* (*WaPo*) offered up a partial explanation for the controversy by noting that some of the footage used in the video came from Black Lives Matter demonstrations (apparently it’s racist to connect BLM with the “mostly peaceful” rioting that rocked America throughout 2020). It also pointed out that the courthouse featured in the video was the scene of a lynching (nearly 100 years ago), and that Columbia was the scene of a race riot (nearly 80 years ago).

And yet *WaPo* then goes on to acknowledge that the video production company TackleBox confirmed that Aldean had nothing to do with choosing the site, a “popular filming location outside of Nashville” that has also been featured in the Lifetime movie “*Steppin’ Into the Holiday*” and Disney’s “*Hannah Montana: The Movie*”.

Nevertheless, the cancel culture mob swelled so swiftly that the cowards at CMT, the Country Music Television network, panicked and pulled the video from rotation. Gun control activist Shannon Watts, who had tweeted that Aldean “has recorded a song... about how he and his friends will shoot you if you try to take their guns,” crowed about her own part in the CMT cancellation, writing on Tuesday, “Proud to have had a hand

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"Blessed be the LORD my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle—"A Psalm of David, Psalm 144:1

Handgun Defense Against Bears: 170 Documented Incidents, 98% Effective

by Dean Weingarten,
ammoland.com

(Editor/GG: Part 3)

July 20, 1993 – Paulabren, Norway, FOIA Polar Bear

Everything happened very fast, in about two seconds. Paul had a revolver, a Smith & Wesson, lying on his left side. The same moment he saw the bear he bent over and grabbed the gun. Before he had the gun ready to fire, the bear was at him and he pulled his legs back. The sleeping pad he was sitting on had claw marks on it.

Paul kicked out with his legs and fired the gun. He didn't see if he hit, but he was sure he must have, at that range, about 1 m. He fired one more shot immediately. The bear then turned around and ran away. John could not see if the bear was bleeding from a gunshot wound. Ian also came to the tent opening and fired one shot at the bear, but thinks he didn't hit the bear.

The bear ran back the same way it had come. First it stopped at about 400 m away. They saw it was bleeding from a wound in the chest. They didn't have any rifle with them (it was left in town for another expedition that was going to come up on the 26th of July.) They tried to get closer to the bear to finish it. When they closed the distance to about 80 m it ran away.

February 3, 2003 – Austfjordneset Norway, Revolver probably .44 Magnum, FOIA

Arthur wanted to prevent the bear from getting inside the building. When he came into the workshop he could hear the bear rummaging. He wasn't sure if it was already inside or not. He opened the door to the woodshed, with the revolver cocked and ready. When he came into the shed he found himself face to face with the bear. The bear had his head through the window. It seemed aggressive and tried to get in. Arthur felt the situation was very threatening. Acting on instinct, he shot the bear in the head through the window.

The bear pulled back without Arthur being able to tell if it was hit or not. He went outside and found the bear 10-15m away with a lot of blood on its head. He understood he needed to kill the bear and fired 4 more shots towards the forepart of the bear. His wife came out. He told her to get the shotgun. When he got it he checked that the ammunition was slugs and fire 2 shots towards the heart of the bear, that fell over and died.

March 5, 2005 – Barents Sea Norway .500 S&W

On March 5, 2005, two people were attacked by a polar bear in the remote area of Kapp Lee, Edgeøya, in the Svalbard archipelago.

The .500 Smith & Wesson revolver had been on the market

for just over two years when this occurred. The individual responsible for security had one of those big revolvers on his person.

This story was uncovered as part of a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request by AmmoLand. The names of the individuals involved were redacted. The original account is a translation with some grammatical and spelling errors.

What follows is the account, edited for readability. The names Paul and Sally have been substituted for the redacted names. This is what happened.

Paul, Sally and two more people were airlifted from Longyearbyen to Kapp Lee, Edgeøya, and landed at 2:21 PM. The helicopter flew the two other people a bit further away to install a digital camera to take pictures of Storfjorden....

In far less time than it takes to tell it, Paul yelled, "Dammit, I'm shooting," and fired one shot at the bear, now only 1.4 meters (five feet) away.

He tried to aim at the heart/lung areas, but was not sure where he hit, other than that it was to the right side of the neck, from the front, toward the back of the bear.

The bear turned immediately and ran away. The bear collapsed 48 meters from where Paul stood.

October 1, 2005 – Venus Creek Bear Wyoming combination

7mm Mag and 41 and .357 Mags FOIA page 517

In the Washakie Wilderness of Wyoming three hunters with two dogs stopped to eat lunch. One dog barked and they were charged by sow grizzly and two large cubs. Shot the grizzly with 7mm magnum at about 25 feet, and with .41 mag, maybe once with .357 mag. finished with .41 mag after it went down.

July 6, 2006 – Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge, United States, FOIA .44 Magnum, Black Bear

Dinner had been cooked by the river an hour or so before. After dinner PII and PII were talking a German couple who camped with them. In the course of the conversation PII heard beavers downriver slapping their tails in alarm. A mature black bear was moving directly towards them. PII and PII walked towards the bear. At 30 yards the bear open and closed its mouth. A bean bag round was fired. It bounced in front of the animal and bounced up to graze its tail. At that point the bear headed towards the upland. As the bear moved, trapper PII fired three rounds from his .44 over its head. PII then pursued the animal, which circled the camp and jumped into Beaver Creek and swam across the river and disappeared.

July 31, 2006 – Storøya, Norway, Combination FOIA Polar Bear (PBHIMS)

PII fired one shot in the air with the revolver, and the bear stopped one second and turned a bit away. From previous situations PII thought that the bear was about to leave, and shot one more shot in the group to make it go away. At the second shot the bear jumped around and started walking towards PII again. Tove was now back with PII who continued firing warning shots. He had the possibility to concentrate on every shot and fire in the gravel in front of the bear, hoping that it would stop and turn around. The bear increased the speed in a straight line towards PI and PII. He told PII to fire warning shots too. When he had fired 6 warning shots he took the rifle he had over the shoulder and the bear was now so close that he could see no other option than firing at it. He said "we have to take this one" and fired one shot that hit the front of the bear. After the first shot the bear had turned and was showing its side and PII fired one more shot to the heart/lung area. PII also fire one shot to-wards the bear. The bear went down but was still moving so Aksnes went closer and fired one more shot to the heart/lung area. After this he called up M/Spolarstar and asked them to call the Governor and give the GPS position.

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Self Defense Skills: The Mozambique/Failure Drill

By Dan Reedy,
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Mozambique, failure drill, or failure to stop, is likely the most prevalent piece of training in the world.

Even before I first picked up a handgun at roughly age 11, I was familiar with this, despite not knowing the name. Two to the chest, one to the head! We hear this in television, film, and video games. Although we may not know the history or the concepts behind that phrase, nearly everyone in America can claim to have heard that line. There are many explanations as to where this came from. Some claim it came to be after the North Hollywood Shootout where officers were faced with armor-clad bank robbers. Others say it came from the world of espionage, where spies needed to quickly put down threats.

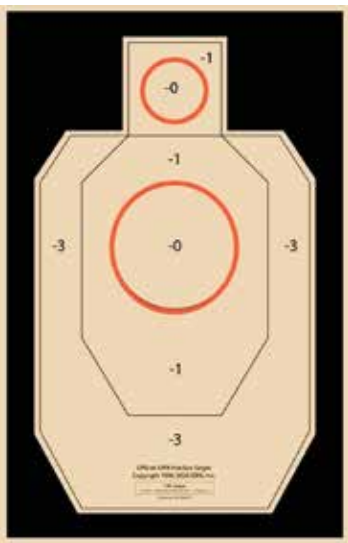
What most people agree on it isn't quite so new or mysterious. Once we dive into history a little bit, the drill begins to make

sense. In short, this drill comes to us from the height of the Mozambican War of Independence, hence the name. During one battle, mercenary Mike Rousseau, armed only with a Browning Hi Power, came face to face with an adversary wielding an AK rifle. Despite firing two rounds on 9mm into his opponent's chest, the threat stayed vertical, with a firm grip on his rifle. Not one to be defeated, Mike re-engages, firing a single round toward the head. Years later, Mr. Rousseau relays the story to Colonel Jeff Cooper, who then later includes it in the Gunsite curriculum. From there it spread like wildfire across law enforcement, the military, and civilian defenders alike.

Setting Up the Mozambique / Failure Drill

For this drill, shooters will need a silhouette target with an 8-inch chest scoring zone and a head scoring zone. An IPSC, IDPA, or IALEFI-Q target are all excellent examples of this. This time I

opted to use an IDPA torso for my target. Next, you'll need a timer, your pistol, a holster, and three rounds in your magazine.



IDPA Practice Targets are great for the Mozambique drill.

Start by placing your target at seven yards. Ensure you have two rounds in your magazine and one in the chamber, then holster your pistol. There is no set par time for the Mozambique/Failure

drill, so don't worry about setting one. Starting position is typically hands relaxed at sides or above the shoulders in a "surrender" position. In short, put your hands where you want them to be.

Scoring the Mozambique / Failure Drill

Scoring is a little abnormal with the Mozambique/Failure Drill. There is no par time, and there aren't procedural scoring rings. Either you get your hits or you don't. A round outside the chest or head rings counts as a miss, and a failure of the drill. Typically I see "passing" times hovering around 3 to 5 seconds, though that varies wildly depending on your source.

Focus on getting your hits, then slowly work on improving your times.

Firing the Drill

In the past, when shooting the Mozambique/Failure Drill, I never timed myself nor kept much track of hits and misses with a Shot Timing tool. More recently,

I ran through the drill a few times with a variety of guns to see how they compare.

As is the tradition, I started with my own Hi Power, picking the gun up from the table as I lack a holster for this gun. After this, I made a few runs using my Glock 19 with a Holosun 509T red dot, along with a Smith & Wesson 640 Pro snubie. Both the Glock and S&W were fired from appendix concealment. The latter two guns were chosen as they are my typical carry choices based upon the outfit and situation of the day. The Glock 19 is carried in a PHLster Pro Holster, and the 640 Pro in a JM Custom Kydex AIWB holster, supported by a Magpul Tejas belt.

	Glock 19+ 509T	Hi Power	S&W 640 Pro
Run 1	2.96	4.89	5.78
Run 2	2.70	5.08	5.32
Run 3	2.77	4.14	4.30
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Confidential Biden DOD Memo Reveals “Transgender” Service Members Can Skip Deployments and Receive Indefinite Physical Fitness/Standard Waivers

by Jordan Schachtel,
Dossier Today

The Dossier has acquired a new Department of Defense (DOD) memo that goes into great detail on the topic of “care of service members who identify as transgender.”

The document, which is not classified but has long remained unavailable to Americans, is being published here for the first time for public consumption.

The 34 page memo details

the enormous perks granted to service members who identify as transgender.

At the beginning of his tenure, President Biden ended President Trump’s ban on people who identify as transgender serving in the military. Since then, the Biden Administration has granted more and more benefits to this cohort, leading to dudes like this being celebrated by the Defense Department.

Anyway, here’s some of the

“highlights” found within the document:

1. Taxpayer funded “care” for transgender service members includes:
 - speech/voice therapy
 - cross-sex hormones,
 - laser hair removal,
 - voice feminization surgery,
 - facial contouring,
 - body contouring,
 - breast/chest surgery (“upper surgery”)
 - genital mutilation surgery (“lower surgery”).
 - Psychological counseling

2. Service members who identify as transgender may receive a waiver for grooming and uniform standards.
3. Service members who identify as transgender may receive an indefinite waiver for physical fitness standards. This waiver often becomes a de facto permanent situation, and the transgender identifying service member just has to renew the exemption request every six months.

4. Service members who identify as transgender will be considered “non-deployable” for up to 300 days while taking hormones for their “transition” period. Again, given that these hormones are often required for life, this may render the transgender identifying service member as permanently unable to deploy.

The United States military is facing its worst recruiting environment since 1973, when the conscription

era ended and the current all-volunteer force was formed. As the Defense Department memo makes clear, the U.S. military in 2023 represents more of a social welfare and social justice program than an entity purposed with defeating an aggressing army.

Please see: <https://www.dossier.today/p/confidential-biden-dod-memo-reveals>

Female Military Recruit Had To Shower with Tranny Men

by Laurel Duggan,

An 18-year-old female military recruit was forced to shower with and sleep between two males who claimed to be transitioning to women, Republican South Dakota Sen. Mike Rounds told Fox News.

The young woman was distressed by her experience but was afraid that speaking out could hurt her military career, Rounds told Fox News. The men in question reportedly had intact genitalia and were on cross-sex hormones.

“She could have basically resigned or stepped away. She could have started over again. But nonetheless,

it was an extremely uncomfortable position. And I think this is one of the reasons why we’re not meeting our recruitment goals now,” Rounds told the outlet.

The attorney general of the South Dakota National Guard brought the woman’s story to Rounds’ attention, according to Fox News.

“He had contacted our office very concerned about the information he had received from the recruit,” Rounds said. “The respect that this young recruit should have received and the privacy that she should have had, she was being deprived of.”

The Department of Defense requires transgender service members to use bathroom and shower facilities that align with their gender marker, an official marker of one’s gender which service members can change and does not necessarily reflect one’s biological sex.

“DoD policy is that all Service members must be treated with dignity and respect. We would encourage any troop who’s feeling uncomfortable or has concerns about privacy in shared spaces to work through their chain of command. Commanders may employ reasonable accommodations to respect the privacy interests of

Service members,” a Department of Defense official said in a written statement to the *Daily Caller News Foundation*.

(Editor/GG: We are literally done. A couple of more years and there won’t be an alpha male in the military. Canada and Mexico will invade us with their pathetic troops and will win the war in two days. Maybe for the better...)

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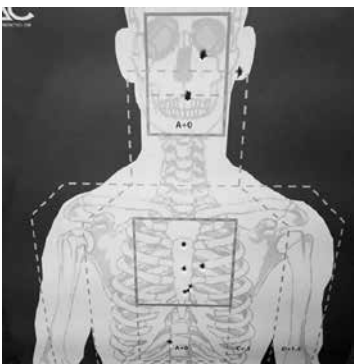
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Unsurprisingly, my best performances come from the Glock. I’m most familiar with these, and the design as a whole is geared towards better performance. My times aren’t terrible, but nothing impressive either. Ammo droughts be damned. I don’t regularly shoot the Mozambique, but over the past few months, my times have remained consistent with my Glock 19 from the appendix. While there’s always room for improvement, consistency is a good sign.



Mozambique / Failure Drill Results

Times are a bit slower with the 640 Pro, ensuring that I get a good double-action trigger press, along with proper sight alignment

with the shorter sight radius. We can see I steadily improved with each repetition, but I doubt I’ll ever see comparable performance to the G19. There’s more work to be done here, and I’m sure I can cut off a bit more time with proper practice.

Final Thoughts on the Mozambique / Failure Drill

The Mozambique/Failure Drill is a solid, low-round count drill, offering more than what most think. In only 9 rounds you can get three reps in, making for a decent average of performance. With this, we can test our draw to first shot, recoil control across all rounds,

emotional and throttle control as we shift from the generous chest to the more restrictive head, target transitions, and more.

All of this is before we take the real-world implications into consideration. The cliché “two to the chest, one to the head” is an effective means of stopping a lethal threat who isn’t responsive to repeated rounds in the chest. More than one serious gunfighter has used this method to good effect, saving not only their lives but of those around them as well. For those wanting examples, I recommend checking out Darryl Bolke’s “Training Habits of

Successful Gunfighters” lecture. The Mozambique worked wonders for his agency, even among officers who weren’t “gun guys”, leading to many successful officer-involved shootings across many years.

After shooting the Mozambique/Failure Drill again, it’s going to make a return to my regularly scheduled programming. If you haven’t tried it, I suggest you add it to your roster as well.

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COUNTRY STAR from page 17

in getting CMT to reject this racist and violent song.”

Prominent conservative politicians from Donald Trump and Ron DeSantis to Marsha Blackburn and Kristi Noem have stepped up in public support of Aldean. “When the media attacks you, you’re doing something right,” DeSantis tweeted. “@Jason_Aldean has nothing to apologize for.” In a video posted to Twitter on Wednesday, Noem stated, “I am shocked by what I’m seeing in this country with people attempting to cancel this song and cancel Jason and his beliefs.”

In his self-defense, Aldean subsequently posted the following on Instagram:

“In the past 24 hours I have been accused of releasing a pro-lynching song (a song that has been out since May) and was subject to the comparison that I (direct quote) was not too pleased with the nationwide BLM protests. These references are not only meritless, but dangerous. There is not a single lyric in the song that references race or points to it – and there isn’t a single video clip that isn’t real news footage – and while I can try and respect others to have their own interpretation of a song with music – this one goes too far.

As so many pointed out, I was present at Route 91 – where so many lost their lives – and our community recently suffered another heartbreaking tragedy. NO ONE, including me, wants to continue to see senseless headlines or families ripped apart.

‘Try That In A Small Town’, for

me, refers to the feeling of a community that I had growing up, where we took care of our neighbors, regardless of differences or background or belief. Because they were our neighbors, and that was above any differences.

My political views have never been something I’ve hidden from, and I know that a lot of us in this country don’t agree on how we get back to a sense of normalcy where we go at least a day without a headline that keeps us up at night. But the desire for it to – that’s what this song is about.”

A return to some semblance of normality in America sounds like a slice of heaven, but unfortunately, that ship has sailed. The Left considers the yearning for normalcy and social stability to be white nationalist nostalgia for a time before BLM

conquered corporate America, before Critical Race Theory metastasized throughout our schools, and before national anthem kneeling protests ruined our national pastimes. The Left doesn’t want a return to normalcy. It wants normalcy in every facet of American life to be disrupted, if not eradicated, to pave the way for revolution, for the “fundamental transformation” of a country they hate into a Progressive utopia.

This is why the Left defended the devastation wreaked by BLM and Antifa as “mostly peaceful,” but will denounce, demonize, and destroy Jason Aldean over what they perceive to be a mere “dog whistle” in a video.

This is why the Left has normalized political violence, criminal chaos, and open borders madness – because the

collapse of the entire system is the goal.

This is also why the Left turns a blind eye to the dozens of mostly black-on-black shootings every weekend in Chicago, but doesn’t want small-town gun owners to protect their loved ones, their property, and their way of life from the agents of chaos who have overrun America’s cities.

Today’s Left is a violent revolution in progress. Messages of defiance and resistance — like a hit country song — cannot be tolerated, and the messenger must be destroyed. But to paraphrase “Try That in a Small Town”: cross that line and see how it works out for you.

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