

Fatal Fall on Crestone Needle

Press Release
Custer County SAR
WESTCLIFFE, Colo.

At 9:18 p.m., Thursday night, (8/22/24), Custer County Search and Rescue (SAR) was activated for an overdue hiker whose planned route was the Crestone Peak to Crestone Needle traverse.

Coordinates placed the hiker in Saguache County, and the mission response was delegated to Custer County SAR. The 66-year-old male party had summited Crestone Peak, traversed to Crestone Needle and was on his descent when he is presumed to have descended



Screenshots of video taken via Custer County SAR facebook page.

off-route. Family members reported his Garmin device indicated a position that had not changed in several hours.

A vehicle with Nebraska plates, belonging to the party was located by SAR personnel at the trailhead in Custer County on Thursday night. Custer County SAR fielded teams at 3:30 a.m. on Friday, and the operation concluded with all ground personnel out of the field by 10:30 p.m.

Weather conditions hampered both ground and air

search efforts throughout the day. Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control's (DFPC) Cañon Helitack was able to conduct an aerial search after 2:00 p.m. and made a visual confirmation on the hiker's location, at an elevation of 13,371 feet, adjacent to a 2021 rescue site.

A team of two technical climbers, that were part of eight field personnel, were able to access the location. DFPC's Cañon Helitack aircraft was then equipped with a longline, to carry

external loads, delivering equipment to rescuers at the site and recovering the victim.

With nightfall fast approaching and weather conditions again deteriorating, a Colorado Army National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk hoisted the two rescuers



from technical terrain after a ground operational period exceeding 16 hours. Other SAR personnel hiked out of the field.

During this response, rescuers experienced wet, loose rock, heavy fog, sporadic heavy rain showers, and steady winds between 20 and 30 mph, sometimes exceeding 40mph.

Custer County Search & Rescue recommends careful route finding and

navigation, which is best gained by carefully descending the same route one previously ascended. This party's Garmin device provided valuable clues that assisted in locating and recovering the individual. See the 2022 Rescue Patterns in the Crestones ArcGIS storymap.

A common denominator on Crestone Needle missions is climbers who get off-route descending the south face, from 13,400 ft and below – indicating the extreme importance of navigation and staying on route to avoid becoming cliffed-out and fatal falls.

Members of the all-volunteer Custer County Search and Rescue send our deep, heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

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Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. Galatians 1: 6 KJV

Massive County Government Cyber Hack?



by George Gramlich, News and Commentary

Sources have indicated that there might have been security breaches with some of our County computers. It was noted that the County's system was shut down during the weekend. Also, County employees noticed Custer County Sheriff Deputies apparently searching an orange Subaru in the County Courthouse parking lot Monday morning.

We will keep you posted on all updates to this developing story.

BOCC: TV Tower Good News, CTSI Annual Report, Audit Coming

by George Gramlich, News and Commentary

The August 21, 2024 regular Custer County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) was held at the Community Center in Wetmore. It started at 9 a.m. All three Commissioners were in attendance: Bill Canda, Lucas Epp and Kevin "Turncoat" Day.

In Commissioner Items Canda continued the TV tower trans-mission saga stating that on Monday KRDO (Channel 13) will be retransmitting. The other station, KKTU, is still being tested. (Kudos to Canda for staying on top of this. Remember it was Day's job to get the TV channels fixed and he got nothing done after almost two years of trying. Canda volunteered to do it and is getting it done.)

Epp reported that the backup generator at the Verdemont Tower is up and running. Epp also said he met with the county's auditors in Pueblo and that they had to do a review of \$900k in federal grants the county got in 2023 due to the amount.

He said that the auditor told him that the 2023 grant will be good with no "qualified opinions" in it. Epp said Finance had a problem as they did not file the Federal 941 forms due to personnel turnover. He finished with stating that the auditor will be at the BOCC to give his audit report on August 20th at 1 p.m.

New Business was next.

The first item was approving the "Child Welfare Core Services Contract". Core services provides services to families to strengthen the home, parenting classes, substance abuse classes, etc. The prior year it cost \$35k but now the tab will be \$60k for the year. The Commissioners approved it.

Next was a request to wave the Planning & Zoning fees for Wet Mountain Water purchase of a small strip of land they need to comply with some regulation. It was ok'd.

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RFK Drops 'Reality' Bombshell on Dems: Suspends Campaign

by Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

The 2024 presidential election race is about to take its next unexpected turn...

RFK Jr., President candidate:

"Democrats have become the party of war, censorship, corruption, big pharma, big tech, big ag, and big money wanting to abandon democracy by canceling the primary to conceal the cognitive decline of the sitting president."

I left the party to run as an independent...

The DNC and its media organs engineered a surge of popularity for VP Harris based upon nothing. No policies, no interviews, no debates. Only smoke and mirrors."

A Chicago circus that is based on NOTHING. Who needs a policy if you hate Donald Trump

"How did the Democratic Party choose a candidate that has never done an interview or debate during the entire election cycle?" Kennedy asked.

"We know the answer: They did it by weaponizing the government agencies. They did it by abandoning democracy. They did it by suing the opposition and by disenfranchising American voters."

What most alarms me isn't how the Democratic Party conducts its internal affairs or runs its candidates. What alarms me is the resort to censorship and media control and the weaponization of the federal agencies."

Kennedy refuses to be a spoiler...
"Many months ago, I promised the American people that I would withdraw from the race if I became a spoiler... In my heart, I no longer believe that I have a realistic path to electoral victory in the face of this relentless, systematic censorship and media control."

"I am simply suspending it and not ending it. My name will remain on the ballot in most states."

I encourage you to vote for me.

In an honest system, I believe that I would have won the election."

After all, the polls consistently showed me beating each of the other candidates."

In about 10 battleground states where my presence would be a spoiler, I'm going to remove my name."

[...]

I throw my support behind Donald Trump."

Kennedy said that in a series of meetings with Trump and his team, he realized he shared more in common with the former president than he thought. He compared their potential partnership to President Lincoln's famous "Team of Rivals," which saw him stock his Cabinet with former foes.

"In a series of long, intense discussions, I was surprised to discover that we are aligned on many key issues. In those meetings, he suggested that we join forces as a unity party. We talked about Abraham Lincoln's team of rivals. That arrangement would allow us to disagree publicly and privately and fiercely if need be on issues over which we differ while working together on the existential issues upon which we are in concordance."

"I was a ferocious critic of many of the policies during his first administration, and there are still issues and approaches upon which we continue to have very serious differences."

"But we are aligned with each other on other key issues like ending the forever wars, ending the childhood disease epidemics, securing the border, protecting freedom of speech, unraveling the corporate capture of our

regulatory agencies, getting the U.S. intelligence agencies out of the business of propagandizing and censoring and surveilling Americans and interfering with our elections."

"Suspending my candidacy is a heartrending decision for me. But I'm convinced that it's the best hope for ending the Ukraine War and ending the chronic disease epidemic that is eroding our nation's vitality from the inside and for finally protecting free speech."

"I feel a moral obligation to use this opportunity to save millions of American children above all things."

Most notably, RFK Jr. admitted in front of the nation that he attempted to contact VP Harris first and that she neither wanted to talk or meet with him is a strong message to Independent voters:

"Following my first discussion with President Trump, I tried unsuccessfully to open similar discussions with Vice President Harris. Vice President Harris declined to meet or even to speak with me."

**RFK DROPS
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Trump Rocks

Letter to the Editor;

I was just sent a copy of the paper and the pictures of our rocks. Yes, we are the patriots who left the painted rocks that circled the tree underneath Trump.

My parents, their parents, and pioneers of Westcliffe are my family. We came to Westcliffe to honor my Father's Military Marker my sister and her husband had erected in the Ula Cemetery. I find the town of Westcliffe to be my childhood home, as we spent many summers with our grandparents.

My name is Dava (Jones) Allee, my husband is Larry. We live in Grand Junction, Colorado.

My father was David Lawrence Jones, only son of Lawrence and Louiese (Bouchard) Jones. My grandparents had a ranch, he was County Commisioner and they owned the Jones Theater in Westcliffe.

My mother was Shirley Marie (Hobby) Wolf, daughter of John & Margaret (Spurgeon)



Hobby of Rosita. Both families are related directly to the Pioneers who came with Carl Wulstein and established the Valley. We were there paying respects and honoring those before us, miss and love dearly.

It is a historic time, our election. Our country needs Trump, and as we came to Westcliffe, we placed our rocks. Thank you for sharing them with others. Westcliffe has grown and changed in many ways, we always enjoy our trips to your community!

VOTE for TRUMP! God Bless America!

Larry and Dava Allee

Attention Custer County Republicans!

Letter to the Editor;

Custer County Republicans---I'm requesting your attention and input.

I strongly encourage you to attend the Central Committee meetings to comment on issues and share your concerns to build a strong and respected Republican Party.

To have a strong party, it begins at home (here in Custer County.)

Your precinct committee People (PCP) contacts are:

Precinct 1 Linda Pollack or Vacancy

Precinct 2: Joanie Wilcox or Harald Frank
Precinct 3: Nikita Phillips or Dawn Ramsell

Note: The PCPS are your representatives to the Central Committee

For meeting dates and mroe infromations , visit: <https://custergop.org>.

I started going a few monthes ago and now have a better understanding of the function and dysfunction of our local committee.

Respectfully,

John E Rusher, Custer County

8th Annual Valley Strong Dinner

One Valley – One Community – One Meal

Press Release

Please join us for the 8th Annual Valley Strong Dinner, happening on Main Street on Thursday, September 19th. With the Sangre De Cristo mountains as our backdrop, residents from all over the Wet Mountain Valley, gather to share food and friendship on Main Street.

How does it work?

The Valley Strong fund group provides tables, chairs, and simple tablecloths, while table hosts offer food, beverages, table settings, and décor. Each table seats 8, and you can reserve as many tables as you

need. Many hosts coordinate a pot-luck gathering with their friends and family. You are welcome to arrive beginning at 4 pm to decorate and spend time hanging out with your neighbors. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm.

If you would like to host a table, please register online at valleystrong.us. Also, if you would like to attend, but don't yet have a place to sit, please fill out our online registration form at valleystrong.us.

There is no cost for the event, although donations are welcome. To donate, or for more information, visit our website at valleystrong.us.

Custer County Hires New Public Health Director

Press Release

After careful review and consideration of well qualified applicants the Board of County Commissioners is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Sara Bertelsen to the position of Director of Public Health. Sara brings with her over nine years of health care experience as a registered nurse and health care provider. Ms. Bertelsen is a graduate of Clarkson College in Omaha, Nebraska, with three consecutive years

on the Dean's List and two-time Daisey award nominee.

Ms. Bertelsen's vision is to cultivate a healthy, resilient, and encompassing community where all residents can achieve optimal health and well-being. The goal of the Public Health Department is to provide comprehensive public health services, promote health equality, and ensure the well-being of our community through prevention, education and collaboration.

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Music in the Valley Grant Application Available

Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation

Press Release

WESTCLIFFE, Colorado

The Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation (WMVCF) is pleased to announce the first of five \$5,000 grant cycles being offered in celebration of its 25th Anniversary - \$25K for 25 Years. The grants will be part of the new Youth in Philanthropy Initiative where local young adults ages 14-25 will learn about local philanthropy and grantmaking while serving on one of five grant application review committees. The five grants will roll out sequentially throughout the year and will focus on different community needs/interests.

This first grant, Music in the Valley, will provide funding to programs, projects, and events that foster and strengthen community building in the Wet Mountain Valley through developing and/or promoting activities and events that celebrate and advance creative expression with an emphasis on music specifically. A total of \$5,000 will be awarded to one or more projects, with a grant request minimum of \$1000 and a maximum of \$5000. This grant is available to any entity serving Custer County and the Wet Mountain Valley with an established and documented nonprofit status, including educational institutions, libraries, churches, and government entities in

good standing with the IRS. If you are a group, club, association, or organization that does NOT fit these criteria but is seeking funding for a charitable project, consider partnering with one of the above eligible organizations. Each eligible entity can submit one application. Incubator ideas and grassroots initiatives are encouraged to apply.

Music in the Valley grant guidelines and applications are available online at <http://wmvcf.org/youth-in-philanthropy/> or can be obtained by contacting Dr. Jennifer Howerton, WMVCF Managing Director, at director@wmvcf.org. The application deadline is September 30, 2024.

End of Summer Splash!

Saturday, September 7th
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Come on down and enjoy the fun before the seasons change!



Coffee & Donuts with New School Superintendent Thom Peck

The Community is invited to coffee and donuts with the new Custer County School District Superintendent Thom Peck at the West Custer County Library, on **Thursday, September 12th from 8 a.m. till 9 a.m.** Come meet Thom and enjoy free coffee and doughnuts. For more information on this free library event visit www.westcusterlibrary.org.

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Press Release
West Custer County Library

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This workshop is a stand-alone; it is not necessary to have attended the first workshop. She will explore the “dirty

dozen,” the top 12 common synthetic chemicals that can be “health disruptors.” Woolery will discuss what to look for when reading product labels, how to replace them with a healthy alternative and discover how to find relief from living in a synthetic world. The session will cover personal products, cleaning products, and food additives.

Back in the early 2000’s her eyes

were open to synthetic chemicals and how they were responsible for a good portion of her health issues. On her wellness journey she discovered information she wants to share with the audience. Woolery always strives to become a healthier version of herself.

For more information, please contact the Library at 719-783-9138, visit www.westcusterlibrary.org, or email info@westcusterlibrary.org.

BOH: New Public Health Director

by George Gramlich,
News and Commentary

The August 21, 2024 Custer County Board of Health regular meeting was held at the Commissioners hideout across from the courthouse. All three board members were present: Bill Canda, Lucas Epp and Kevin Day.

The only topic of the meeting was the possible selection of a new Custer County Public Health Director. There were only two candidates, both local.

Epp started the discussion off with noting that both candidates were

“excellent”. He said that Candidate B had “good energy, insight and could deal with practical matters if the grants go away.” Day said, “He concurred with him (Epp). Candidate B seemed to be very well prepared...”

Next it was Canda’s turn: “I concur with what you both said. Candidate B has a lot of energy and could be a better leader than Candidate A...I think they are both capable.”

Human Resources Bob Smith then spoke, “ Both were technically very good. I think Candidate B would have a strong ability in moving the

department forward.” Canda then noted that, “ Candidate B is a strong team leader” and “We are lucky both applied.”

The three board members then voted and unanimously chose Candidate B. They instructed Smith to call the candidate and offer that person the job.

The meeting was then ended.

(Editor/GG: Later, in a Press Release from Smith, he announced that Candidate B was Ms. Sara Bertelsen. See the Press Release on page 3 of this edition.)

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A subdivision waiver was then approved on CR 274.

The county’s general insurer, County Technical Services, Inc’s. (CTSI) annual report to the BOCC was next. They had one guy there to report. He reviewed the various insurance pools that CTSI uses to insure government entities and said they were doing good. Overall, he said, the county’s claims were about average, but we have a couple of big ones (one due to disgraced County Commissioner Tom Flower’s actions) of \$311k. The rep said most of the claims come from the Sheriff’s Office and Road & Bridge and that was normal. The big ones are coming from the administrative departments. Ending, he said Custer County had fewer

claims than other comparable counties.

The claims figures got Epp riled up a bit and he gave a short speech on how this is preventable, that we had a \$300k claim in 2024, and the amount of claims is “unacceptable”. Epp said “we have to do better” but didn’t offer any solutions. This triggered the CTSI guy who said they offer all kinds of training.

The application for Metro 1 Ambulance to operate in the county (“Authorization”) was next. They are out of the Springs and they occasionally pick up patients in Happy Valley and bring them to hospitals, etc. (called “transports”). Under Happy Valley rules, they can only do 12 of these a year without being “authorized” by the BOCC. The Commissioners gave them the authorization. (Note: They are NOT competing with our EMS/Ambulance crew.)

The last New Business item was approving Kimberly Ann Manden to the Airport Board. This was ok’d.

In Additional Items of Business, Epp said next week’s BOCC meeting will be held on Thursday, August 29th at 9 a.m.

And that was it from Wetmore.



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Custer Senior Center Menu

Monday, Sept 2

Closed
Labor Day
Tuesday

Served Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays at noon. 612 Main St. , Silver Cliff Townhall (lower level)
The following major food allergens are used as ingredients: Milk, Egg, Fish, Tree Nuts, Peanuts, Wheat, Soy and Sesame.

Please call (719) 783-9508 before 9:30 a.m. for reservations
A \$3 suggested donation per meal is appreciated, but not required. All menus subject to change.

Tuesday, September 3

#8 BBQ Beef Brisket
WW Bun
Chicken Rice Soup
Creamy Coleslaw
WW Crackers, Banana

Thursday September 5

#79 Salisbury Steak w/Brn. Gravy
Smashed Red Potatoes
California Mixed Vegetables
Nectarine
WW Bread w/Butter

Recurring Events

Mondays
10 a.m. Pickle Ball Silver Cliff Memorial Park
More info: lizbrannen@gmail.com
6 -7:30 p.m. Men’s Bible Meeting Start Sept. 9.
(The Bible and X) w Scott Munger. FBC
6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (CLSD) 12 Step study, at St. Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita in Westcliffe. Martha at 719-371-1853.

1st Monday of the Month
5 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (year-round) at Cliffe Lanes
2nd and 4th Monday
6 – 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
Community United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
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Tuesdays
12 noon – 1 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (CLDS) “As Bill Sees It” St. Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita in W/C. Call Martha at 719-371-1853.

1st Tuesday of the Month
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Old Schoolhouse Quilters Comfort Quilters @Valley Bible
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
2nd Tuesday of the Month
9 a.m. Old Schoolhouse Quilters Guild Meeting @Valley Bible

Wednesdays
8 -9 a.m. Veterans Coffee Social, Veterans and Caregivers welcome. West Custer County Library Community Rm., 209 Main St. Westcliffe
9:30 – 11 a.m. Line Dancers meet at United Methodist Church, 204 S 6th St. Call Debbie Underwood at (432) 553-7483.
10 -11 a.m. ENDED FOR SUMMER
Westcliffe Band of Brothers & Sisters Bible Study
Valley Bible Fellowship, 116 Hermit Lane, Silver Cliff
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. Martha at 719-371-1853.
6 p.m. Prayer Group Meeting. First Baptist Church of Westcliffe. Call 719-783-2498.

Last Wednesday of the Month
9:45-11:30 a.m. The Posse Ladies Bible Study.
at 3305 County Rd 159, Westcliffe. July 31, August 28. Holly 703-338-4100

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

2nd Thursday of the Month
6 p.m. Custer County Republican Central Committee meeting. Ranchers Roost. 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.

Liberty Rocks TUESDAY Sept 17, Meet/greet 5 p.m. Presentation 6 p.m. Location TBA See Ad on page 14. All welcome.

Fridays
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

2nd Friday of the Month
8 am- Westcliffe Band of Brothers & Sisters Men’s Prayer Breakfast, at the Senior Center followed by **Monthly Meeting at 9:30** - all are welcome

Saturdays
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
8 a.m. Valley Bible Fellowship Men’s Breakfast Open to all Men of the Community, 116 Hermit Lane, Silver Cliff Questions, **Mike @ 719-650-0362**
1 p.m. VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes Conference Room, Post Commander Burt Daniels 719-783-3050

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Dr. Scott Munger (BA, MA, PhD), atheist turned Christian, served in six countries as a missionary, author, and teacher.

Monday evenings, 6:00-7:30, Sept. 9 - May 19, First Baptist Church, Westcliffe

RFK DROPS from page 2

“Democrats want nothing to do with you, Republicans will at least give you a seat at the table.”

RFK addressed details on the Russia-Ukraine war (via Kyle Backer):

“We have pushed Russia closer to China and Iran. We are closer to the brink of nuclear exchange than at any time since 1962. And the Neocons in the White House don’t seem to care at all.”

“Our moral authority and our economy are in shambles. And the war gave rise to the emergence of BRICS, which now threatens to replace the dollar as the global reserve currency.”

“This is a first class calamity for our country.”

“Judging by her bellicose, belligerent speech last night in Chicago, we can assume that President Harris will be an enthusiastic for this and other Neocon military adventures.”

“President Trump says he will reopen negotiations with President Putin and end the war overnight as soon as he becomes president.”

“This alone would justify my support for his campaign.”

“Last summer, it looked like no candidate was willing to negotiate a quick end to the Ukraine War, to tackle the chronic disease epidemic, to protect free speech, our Constitutional freedoms, to clean corporate influence out of our government or to defy the Neocons on their agenda of endless military adventurism.”

“But now, one of the two candidates has adopted these issue as his own to the point where he has asked to enlist me in his administration.”

“I am speaking, of course, of Donald Trump.”

Trump expressed his gratitude:

@TrumpWarRoom Follow
PRESIDENT TRUMP: “We just had a very nice endorsement from RFK JR!”

As Kyle Backer wrote on X:

I don’t think a politician has ever moved me emotionally like RFK Jr. did in his speech since at least Ronald Reagan.

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giants and captured corporate media colluded so closely to deprive RFK Jr. of a bigger platform.

And the attacks begin:

In response to RFK Jr.’s endorsement of Trump, his family members have issued a strong statement condemning the move:

“Our brother Bobby’s decision to endorse Trump today is a betrayal of the values that our father and our family hold most dear. It is a sad ending to a sad story.”

The Trump campaign just released a memo on RFK Jr dropping out and endorsing the former president.

“As you can clearly see, in every single state RFK Jr.’s vote breaks for President Trump.”

	AZ	GA	MI	NC	NV	PA	WI
Current RFK Jr Vote	5%	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%
Trump	53%	47%	43%	58%	66%	49%	55%
Harris	28%	34%	41%	22%	16%	35%	25%
Undecided	19%	18%	16%	21%	18%	16%	20%
Net	+25%	+13%	+2%	+36%	+50%	+13%	+30%

(Editor/GG: see the link below for the whole article.)

Please see: https://www.zerohedge.com/political/watch-live-rfk-jr-addresses-nation

Come and Worship

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9:30 a.m. Worship
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Church of Christ
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10:30 a.m. Worship
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Pres: 719/214-4589

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10:30 a.m. Worship
Tues. 8:30 a.m., Prayer Mtg.
Wedn. 7 p.m. Bible Study
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Cotopaxi 719/942-3526

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202 S. 6th Street, Westcliffe
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11 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Wedn. Bible Study
Pastor Steve Holcomb@gmail.com
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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
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Praise & Worship 10:45 a.m.
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St. Luke’s Episcopal Church
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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
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11 a.m. Worship
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9:30 a.m. Service
120 Jerry Drive, Westcliffe
719/783-0903

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
719/371-1230

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10 a.m. Worship
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Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins. James 5: 19-20 NKJV

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

DOWNTOWN WESTCLIFFE ACTIVITIES

August 1 @ 11 a.m. - August 31 @ 4 p.m. Sangres Art Guild ~ *For The Love of Animals*
3rd Street Gallery 59000 N. Highway 69, Westcliffe

Sangres Art Guild and Wet Mountain Animal Welfare collaborate in presenting “*For the Love of Animals*,” judged by internationally recognized pencil artist Andy Mast. Fifty percent of gallery commissions on the sale of artworks in the show will go to Wet Mountain Animal Welfare, our local animal rescue.

August 29 @ 10 a.m. - September 1 @ 5 p.m. 24th Annual Olde Schoolhouse Quilters Quilt Show & Boutique
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August 31 @ 11 - 12 p.m. SJO Sun Observing Hour
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August 31 @ 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. High Altitude Horsepower Car Show Free
Main Street Westcliffe Westcliffe

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August 31 @ 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. Free OPEN TO PUBLIC SJO Electronic Assisted Astronomy (EAA) Star Party
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Events

Saturday, September 7, 12 noon - 2 pm
End of Summer Splash! At Dundee Dog Park, 1100 Broadway St, Silver Cliff

Thursday, September 19, Valley Strong Dinner
Dinner begins at 5:30 pm. Main Street Westcliffe

You You may arrive beginning at 4 p.m. to decorate and spend time hanging out with your neighbors.

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September 5 @ 11 a.m. - September 15 @ 4 p.m. Sangres Art Guild ~ Alla Prima Westcliffe Artists’ Studio Show
3rd Street Gallery 59000 N. Highway 69, Westcliffe

Sunday, September 8 @ 12:30 to 3 p.m FREE KLZR Summer in the Park Concert Series
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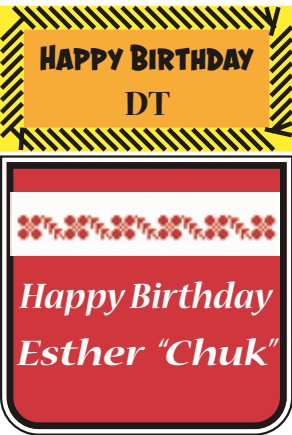
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Custer County School District MENU for the WEEK of Sept. 2 thru Sept.5 2024

	Breakfast	Lunch
<u>Tuesday</u>	Apple Streusel Bars Yogurt Fruit Choice of Milk	Chicken Fajitas Peppers and Onions Spanish Rice Mexi Beans Fruit Choice of Milk
<u>Wednesday</u>	Cinnamon Rolls Yogurt Fruit Choice of Milk	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Choice of Milk
<u>Thursday</u>	Biscuits and Gravy Fruit Choice of Milk	Waffles Sausage Potato Wedges Fruit Choice of Milk

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KIDS Friday, August 30, 2024

Smoky the WWII Dog

This week let's continue on our voyage on War animals. We have already read about Wojtek the Polish bear in WWII, so now we will talk about Smoky the WWII dog. Smoky was a Yorkshire Terrier who served with the Allied Forces in World War II. She weighed only 4 pounds and stood 7 inches tall.



In February 1944, an American soldier found Smoky in an abandoned foxhole in the New Guinea jungle. Initially, the soldiers thought she belonged to the Japanese. However, after taking her to a nearby prisoner-of-war camp they realized she did not understand commands in Japanese or English. She was then sold to Corporal William A. Wynne of Cleveland, Ohio, for two Australian pounds. This was the beginning of her military career.

For the next two years, Smoky back-packed with Wynne on combat flights in the Pacific. As described by Wynne, "Smoky served in the South Pacific with the 5th Air Force, 26th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron and flew 12 air/sea rescue and photo reconnaissance missions." Smoky was credited with twelve combat missions and awarded eight battle stars. She even parachuted from 30 feet in the air, out of a tree, using a parachute made just for her. Wynne, her owner, even credited her for saving his life by warning him of incoming shells on a transport ship, calling her an "angel" from a foxhole". As the ship deck was booming from anti-aircraft gunnery, Smoky guided Wynne to duck the fire that hit eight men standing next to them. Wynne taught Smoky numerous tricks which she used to entertain the troops in hospitals from Australia to Korea.

Upon returning from the war, Wynne and Smoky were featured in a page one story with photographs in the *Cleveland Press* on December 7, 1945. For the next ten years, Smoky and Wynne traveled to Hollywood and all over the world to perform demonstrations of her remarkable skills. She even had a TV show of her own on Cleveland's WKYC Channel 3 called *Castles in the Air*.

When Wynne was hospitalized with Dengue fever, Smoky was allowed to visit Wynne in the hospital. Eventually, she began to accompany the doctors and nurses as they made their rounds. She is the first recorded "therapy dog" in history.

On February 21, 1957, "Corporal" Smoky died unexpectedly at the approximate age of 14. Wynne and his family buried Smoky in a World War II .30 caliber ammo box in the Cleveland Metroparks, Rocky River Reservation in Lakewood, Ohio.

by Audrey Slater. Sources: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smoky_\(war_dog\)#Biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smoky_(war_dog)#Biography), <https://www.warhistoryonline.com/war-articles/smoky-remarkable-abandoned-dog-became-world-war-two-hero.html>.
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He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Phiippians 1 :6 b

FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS Happening At The Library

Presss Release

Babies, toddlers, kids, and teenagers from ages 0-18 are invited to participate in West Custer County Library's Fall activities, events, and classes starting in September through December. You can pick up our FALL YOUTH GUIDE at the library or go to www.westcusterlibrary.org/ events for more information.

At West Custer County Library we want to instill a love of learning and through our youth programs we hope to give our youngest patrons an experience that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Here are just some of our programs that will be coming in September:

September 4th: GROWING TOGETHER: 9:30 -10 a.m.; Learn about music with Jill Beattie; Library Community Room.

September 4th: STORYTIME: 10-11 a.m.; ASL for Babies; Library Community Room.

September 5th: MOTHER BABY CAFE @ Hermit Park: 9 -11 a.m.; Miranda Hanan will be offering a meet & greet with soon-to-be and new mothers.

September 5th: GAME CLUB: 4:15 -5:15 p.m.; Board games, Nintendo Switch games provided; Library Community Room.

September 6th: CAMP HAPPINESS: 10 -11:30 a.m.; Learn ASL signs and songs with Louise Hanley; Library Community Room.

September 27th: TEEN EVENT: SIGNATURE SCENTS with Michealle Woolery: 10 -11 a.m.; Library Community Room.

September 27th: FREE MOVIE @ the Library: Showing the movie "IF" 3 - 5 p.m.; Library Community Room.

For more information, please call Youth Services Librarian, Mindy Kenyon, at 783-9138 ext. 4 or email mindy@westcusterlibrary.org

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Friday, August 30:

9 am MS Volleyball @ Cotopaxi

9 am MS Football @ Cotopaxi

11 am HS Volleyball @ HOME vs Cripple Creek-Victor

7 pm HS Football @ Limon vs Sedgwich County (away)

Saturday, August 31:

HS & MS Cross Country: Lake County Invitational

@ Colo Mtn College in Leadville:

10:20 HS Girls, 11:00 HS Boys, 11:45 MS Girls, 12:15 MS Boys

Thursday, Sept 5:

4:30 pm MS Volleyball @ Pikes Peak Christian (away)

Friday, Sept. 6:

7 pm HS Football @ HOME vs Plateau Valley

First Home Game!!

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Go Bobcats!

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Birdhouse Bonanza

Annual online auction fundraising event to benefit Dundee Memorial Park



Press Release

It's that time again! The Birdhouse Bonanza is an annual online auction fundraising event to benefit Dundee Memorial Park, a Colorado non-profit 501(c)(3) in Silver Cliff. Local artists have submitted some beautiful and amazing birdhouses for the auction. Prizes will be awarded to the winning artists, both adult and junior, based on "Best of Show", "Most Creative, and "Innovative Use of Materials" as well as 'Honorable Mention' for each category.

The online auction will take place on Facebook



at "Birdhouse Bonanza Auction to benefit Dundee Memorial Park Dog Park" page. **Bidding will begin on 8/31/24 at 9 a.m. and end on 9/14/24 at noon.**

We would like to give a huge thank you to all of the artists for their hard work and amazing birdhouses. Without you, none of this would be possible.

We would also like to thank our sponsors for their support. Pinecone Corner made the birdhouses.



es. Cheryl Swartz Jewelry and Loree and Chris Lund sponsored the kid's prizes. Dundee Dog Park is providing the adult prizes. 'Twice the Ice' sponsored our artists' entry fees for the fifth year in a row! We really appreciate you! We encourage everyone to participate in this fun and exciting event. We greatly appreciate your support. Happy bidding and hope to see you soon at the Dog Park!

Thank you,
Dundee Memorial Park Association, Inc. Board of Directors

Journaling for Wellbeing

Press Release
West Custer County Library

Please join Nicole Parsons on Thursday, September 19th at the West Custer County Library from 10 a.m. till noon for a Journaling for Wellbeing Workshop. A pen and notebook are all you need

to start easing anxiety, increasing focus and boosting mood! Journaling is a simple and long-recognized way to strengthen well-being. In the class we'll explore a wide variety of engaging prompts for writing our way into a steadier spirit. Teacher Nicole Parsons has a MFA in writing

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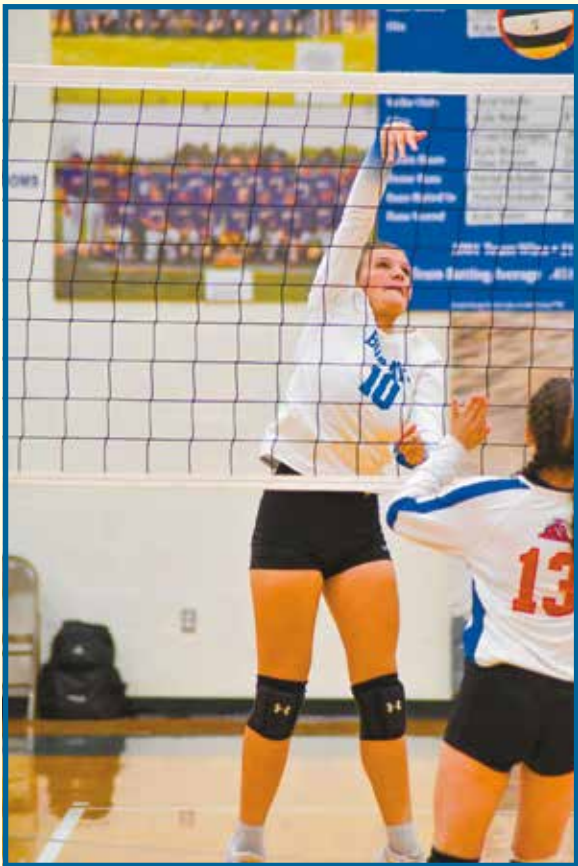
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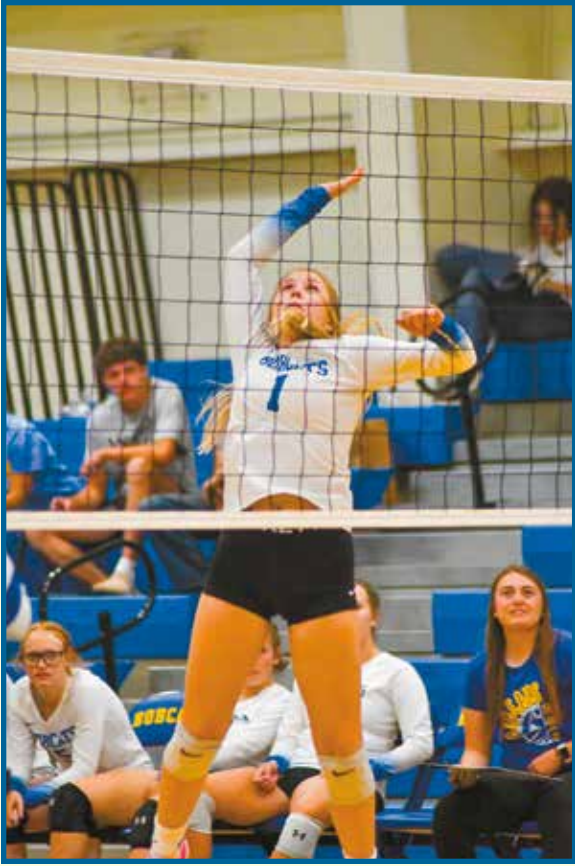
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Custer County HS Volleyball Bobcats vs Cripple Creek-Victoria



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What Parents Should Know About Colorado's Sexually Charged Social Studies

by Pam Benigno,
Complete Colorado Page Two

Beginning this fall, Colorado's first and second graders might learn about the story behind Harvey Milk's gay pride flag, while down the hallway, third graders learn about California's failed 1978 ban on lesbian and gay teachers, Milk's death, and his murderer's controversial sentencing.

Teachers now have access to new state-provided sexually based educational resources to teach students about the history, culture, and social contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals to meet the state's revised social studies academic standards. Using the state's teaching materials is optional; the subject matter and developing a resource bank was required by House Bill 19-1192.

Colorado law does not allow comprehensive human sexuality education to be taught until fourth grade. Yet, majorities in the state legislature and the Colorado State Board of Education determined that teachers must introduce sexual orientation and gender identity to children as young as first grade during social studies classes.

School districts don't have to offer comprehensive human sexuality education, but if they do, they must provide parents with the course content and written notification of their right to excuse their children from the lessons. Even so, there is no required parental notification of sexually based topics or the opportunity to opt children out of social studies. Parents are best suited to decide when their children are mature enough to

discuss such topics. They should be alerted as social studies units may expose young children to weighty and complex topics.

Examining some LGBTQ resources for first grade makes one wonder what questions curious six-year-olds will ask their trusted teachers as they try to grasp the meaning of a photo of a man clad in a rainbow costume during a Gay Pride Parade, an article about Governor Polis being the country's first openly gay elected governor, a video of a teacher telling the children that sometimes boys love boys and girls love girls before reading a storybook about Harvey Milk's Gay Pride Flag, and a book about Pete Buttigieg, the first openly gay Democratic presidential candidate. More concerning is how teachers will answer the questions during the discussions.

According to Colorado's academic standards, first-grade students are expected to explain how diverse perspectives and traditions of families from many cultures have shaped the United States. In addition, they are to identify and explain how the significance of notable people and places, holidays, and civic symbols reflect the origins and values of the government and its citizens. Students demonstrate their knowledge through several outcomes, including:

- Discuss common and unique characteristics of different cultures, including African American, Latino, Asian American, Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders, Indigenous Peoples, LGBTQ, and religious minorities, using multiple sources of information.
- Identify and explain the relevance of notable civic leaders from different community groups, including African American, Latino, Asian American, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Indigenous Peoples, LGBTQ, and religious minorities.

• Identify and explain the meaning of various civic symbols important to diverse community groups. For example: The American flag, the National Anthem, Statue of Liberty, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Liberty Bell, Emancipation Proclamation, a yellow sash (i.e., for women's rights), tribal flags of Native Nations whose ancestral homelands include present-day Colorado, LGBTQ Pride flag, and the Colorado flag.

Parents generally don't have time to read the state academic standards, but educators might suggest they read the "Community and Family Guides," which summarize the standards. Nonetheless, guides for the first and second grades don't disclose to parents that their children will learn about the history and contributions of LGBTQ individuals. This omission is disingenuous and leaves parents of first- and second-grade children in the dark. The third-grade guide is more forthcoming.

The state's third-grade resources are another example of age inappropriateness. Eight-year-olds learn about Harvey Milk's successful effort to defeat California's 1978 Proposition 6, an initiative to require the firing of lesbian and gay teachers. Milk was murdered soon after the election. The third-grade resources include an audio recording of interviews from people who were attending Milk's memorial service, as well as audio from discussions about his murderer's jury trial and the controversial verdict.

Before the Colorado State Board of Education could adopt the new proposed standards, they underwent the typical public feedback process. Never had the Colorado Department of Education dealt with thousands of statements from the public about proposed academic standards. Emotions ran high from both those in support and against the recommendations.

In the state board's final action, the Democrat majority voted to disregard parents' pleas to at least hold off until fourth grade to introduce their children to sexual topics, a logical request based on existing health education law.

Informed parents who disagree with the state's overreach are now burdened with uncomfortable conversations with their children's teachers about what will be taught in social studies class. Unfortunately, most elementary school parents don't know what's included in academic standards, let alone the state's new contentious LGBTQ social studies resources.

In today's culture, there is significant disagreement about what is an age-appropriate topic for elementary children. Be that as it may, cultural shifts should not nullify parents' instinctive discernment of their children's cognitive and emotional maturity and should be respected by policymakers.

(Editor/GG: We forwarded this article to our school board Chair Reggie Foster and asked for a comment.

Reggie replied, in no uncertain terms, that this garbage is not in our school, and will never be. Reggie noted, "I along with the administration absolutely refuse to politicize our kids and their learning."

God Bless our teachers, our school administration and our school board.

Thanks from all of us.)

Pam Benigno is the director of the Education Policy Center at the Independence Institute, a free market think tank in Denver.

Please see: <https://pagetwo.completecolorado.com/2024/08/27/benigno-colorado-sexually-charged-social-studies/>

CUSTER COUNTY NOTICES

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Colorado State News



GOP Chair Dave Williams Voted Out by Party Members in Meeting He Calls “Illegitimate”

by Andrew Kenney and Bente Birkeland, Colorado Public Radio

Members of the state Republican Party drove from across Colorado to a church in Brighton on Saturday morning, where they voted to remove state party chairman Dave Williams from his leadership position. They also voted to replace the party’s vice-chair and secretary.

The vote was 161.66 votes to remove Williams, with 12 opposed. (Some of those voting only get fractional votes). Only members of the state party’s central committee and their proxies were allowed to cast votes.

The party members present elected **Eli Bremer as the interim chairman**. Bremer, a former U.S. Senate candidate and El Paso County GOP chair, described himself as a temporary leader to get the party through the November election.

Williams dismissed the meeting as ‘illegal’, possibly setting up a legal showdown over the leadership of the party.

It’s the most tumultuous chapter yet in the endlessly controversial tenure of Williams, who took the helm of the state GOP in 2023 and has angered many in the party for his hard right stances and willingness to attack other Republicans.

“We have a chance today, fellow Republicans, to chart a new course, to throw off the bindings of corruption and steady our party for this election season,” said Michael J. Allen, district attorney for the 4th Judicial District, as he moved for Williams’ removal.

Before the removal vote, a series of speakers lambasted Williams for what they said was a lack of leadership and an unwillingness to work with others. Several criticized him for **his homophobic and transphobic messages**. Many stood and applauded when a man spoke out against Williams for his call to “burn all the Pride flags.” Others said that Williams had simply failed to help Republicans win.

Williams continues to resist calls to step down. Even before Saturday’s vote, Williams said the Brighton meeting was illegitimate and vowed to stay in power. His allies said it was a “fake” takeover attempt by people who aren’t true Republicans — though the attendees included some of the most prominent and long-serving members of the party.

And even as the Brighton meeting to oust him was underway, Williams was part of a counter-attack at a separate gathering in Colorado Springs, where local party members tried to remove El Paso County vice-chair Todd Watkins, a key organizer in the drive to vote out Williams. However, that effort fell far short.

At the El Paso County meeting, Williams called the gathering in Brighton “illegal” and driven by personal vendettas. He accused Watkins and others on that side of attempting to start a Republican civil war.

“What sense does that make when we do need to help our nominees?” said Williams. And he complained any legal fight over leadership could drain party resources needed for the election. “That’s money that’s not going to **House District 16**. That’s money that’s not going to House District 18. That’s money that’s not going to various congressional seats that we need to win and maintain. These things are being done when we need to come together.”

The Brighton meeting also voted to remove and replace vice chair Hope Scheppelman and secretary Anna Ferguson. None of the GOP leaders in question attended the meetings.

A schism in the offing

The day’s events will leave the party mired in uncertainty with just over two months until the general election.

Bremer vowed to assume immediate control of the party.

“You’re going to get exactly zero seconds’ downtime,” Bremer promised people at the meeting. “We’ll have the phones answered, first thing Monday morning, ‘Welcome to the Colorado Republican Party, we’re here to help you.’”

But with Williams showing no sign of accepting Saturday’s vote, the Colorado Republican Party could find itself looking a bit like **the Catholic Church during the Western Schism of the 14th century**, with two rival leaders both claiming power. While the church split between the cities of Rome and Avignon, Bremer and Williams will be operating from the same place: Colorado Springs.

National Republicans started choosing sides quickly, supporting Bremer as the new chair.

“It is our understanding that today’s Colorado GOP vote is in accordance with party bylaws. We will recognize the new party leadership and look forward to working with them to grow the Republican House majority,” wrote Delanie Bomar, spokeswoman for the National Republican Congressional Committee, or NRCC. The NRCC is tasked with winning U.S. House campaigns.

Still, it may take weeks for the courts or even the Republican National Committee to sort out the power struggle. A similar dispute over efforts to remove Michigan’s controversial GOP chair Kristina Karamo ended with both the courts and the RNC **affirming that she had been properly voted out**. Karamo, however, **is still appealing**.

Michigan’s drawn out fight suggests Colorado Republicans could be looking at a period of limbo just when candidates up and down the ballot can normally count on their state party for help. Former state Rep. Lois Landgraf said she didn’t know why anyone would want to be chair, given how difficult the climate is for Republicans in Colorado.

“This party is pretty far down there, and [the new chair is] going to have

to drag it back up, raise money, do their job, do it right,” she said as she checked people into the Brighton meeting.

Williams and the others “have run the Republican Party into the ground, and we’re tired of that. We need our party back so we can win,” she said. But she was hopeful, she added.

The GOP recently reported raising just \$13,000 in the month of July. And the state party’s dysfunction could prove costly.

While Colorado isn’t competitive in the presidential election, Republicans are hoping to flip a key congressional seat in the eighth district. The Republican candidate in that race is Gabe Evans — whom Williams spent party resources campaigning against during the primary. Evans attended the Brighton meeting.

“We spent money that we don’t have fighting against [Evans], which is a suicide... mission,” said party member Steve Peck. “End the war on other Republicans.”

Republicans are at risk of losing ground in the statehouse, too. Any further losses in the state Senate could reduce Republicans to a super-minority in both legislative chambers, warned Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer.

A lack of state party support could be especially damaging to state-level campaigns, which can’t expect a lot of help from national funders. More than anything, this situation may make it harder for candidates to get voters and the media focused on their message instead of party dysfunction.

Karl Schneider, a long-time Republican volunteer and former vice-chair in El Paso County, said he hopes this is a new beginning for the state party.

“We hopefully have hit rock bottom and the Republican Party, like a phoenix, will rise from the ashes of insanity to be the purveyors of common sense,” he said. Schneider also called for Vicki Tonkins, the **controversial chair of the GOP’s El Paso County chapter** to also step down.

Fight could come down ambiguous wording in party bylaws

Ultimately, close to 90 percent of participants in the Brighton meeting voted for the removal of Williams and his allies. The organizers argue that is more than enough to fulfill **the 60 percent threshold in party bylaws**.

But Williams may argue that a removal vote actually requires 60 percent of the entire central committee, not just those participating in the meeting. That would have required roughly 240 votes or more, far beyond the total number of committee members who attended Saturday’s meeting.

Cody LeBlanc, a Williams supporter from Fort Lupton and, said that it would be a bad idea to allow a lower standard for making changes to leadership.

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Lundberg Report: Special Session, Polis and Project 2025, RFK with Trump

by Kevin Lundberg, *The Lundberg Report, News and Commentary*
August 24, 2024

1. Property Tax Special Session

The special session of the legislature begins on Monday. It is only focused on property taxes. Some might say property tax relief, but that would be an over-simplification of the issue. Property tax relief could mean a simple solution: **roll back the present tax rates and put caps on future property tax growth** (as the two ballot initiatives do address). However, as I am reading the "tea leaves," the real goal is to craft legislation that gives the **appearance of tax relief without any meaningful tax reductions**, thus letting the hundreds of taxing districts keep all of the funds they have so quickly become accustomed to spending.

This is also a far too convenient photo op for the majority party and their governor (who are responsible for this excessive tax burden) to **look like "tax cutters"** right before an election. -Such a deal!

I prefer the original **tax cutting initiatives**, which precipitated this session. Let the people vote on real tax relief.

2. Polis and Project 2025

I have had a copy of **Heritage Foundation's Project 2025** book for several months. It is a wealth of information and recommendations for the next presidential administration. It is not a part of the Trump campaign. As a matter of fact, it is the **twelfth edition of this document** that the Heritage Foundation has been publishing every four years since 1980. [There is a column] published this week in the *Wall Street Journal* and written by a close friend of mine, Charles Heatherly, who edited the first and third editions of this book. BTW, the actual title is **Mandate for Leadership**.

I never expected the left to latch onto this book like they have, and [here](#) we have **Governor Polis** supposedly reading from this oversized prop of

the book in a brief speech he gave at the DNC. He went into specific details, so I decided to do a little **fact checking**:

First he called it **"Donald Trump's roadmap to ban abortion in all 50 states."** This is not true on several levels. Donald Trump has explicitly said he and his campaign have no connection with Project 2025. After the Dobbs decision the policies concerning abortion are left up to the individual states. Trump cannot and has made no statements that he would seek a national policy banning abortions. Further, even though Project 2025 is decidedly pro-life (as am I) I find **nothing in the book urging a national ban** on abortions.

Polis then cites page 562 saying that **"...Donald Trump could use an obscure law...to single-handedly ban abortion in all 50 states**, even putting doctors in jail..." In fact page 562 cites two laws ([US 18 Code, Sections 1461 and 1462](#)) that prohibit **distribution of abortion pills and other abortifacients through the US mail**. There is nothing about any other methods of abortion outside of what can be **delivered by the US Postal Service** and no specific mention of doctors at all.

Polis: "Page 486 puts limits on contraception." I read this page very carefully, there is no mention of contraceptives at all. Polis goes on: "Page 450 threatens access to IVF." Here again, there is no mention of IVF on page 450. The closest it comes is the paragraph title at the top of the page: **"Goal #1: Protecting Life, Conscience, and Bodily Integrity."** -How that can be interpreted to be a threat to IVF is anyone's guess.

Polis then says that on page 455 **"...the states have to report miscarriages to the Trump administration."** Here Polis gets a little closer to a semblance of accuracy because the word miscarriage is actually found on the page. However, it is only because the subject is to ensure that abortion data is more accurately reported and miscarriages are to **"...never be conflated with abortion."**

Polis then wraps up his specific report

on the book saying that on page **"...451 the only legitimate family** (here he uses air quotes, implying he is using the exact words) **is a married mother and father, where only the father works."** Here is actually what the page starts with: "Families comprised of a married mother, father, and their children are the foundation of a well-ordered nation and healthy society." Later in the page it covers the problems that are found in fatherless families, but never suggesting that only dad can or should be employed. Nowhere can any of the charges Polis levels against page 451 be found, unless what he truly despises is the concept of a married mother, father and their children.

To twist the subject on this page into the tortured statement Polis repeats is essentially to **lie** about what the book is saying.

I am not necessarily accusing the governor of Colorado of intentionally lying to the American Public. It is quite possible that he simply read the script on the teleprompter and **didn't bother to check the facts** for himself. But I do insist that the entire four days of the DNC was designed to be **pure propaganda, without any respect for the truth**.

If there is a theme for the Harris campaign, that is it. **Play to the polls** and try to **fool the people** all the time.

4. RFK for Trump!

Friday was a **good day for the Trump campaign**. We finally got past the DNC and [Robert F. Kennedy Jr. endorsed Trump](#). Just like some other well-known and former Democrats have said: "I didn't leave the party, the party left me."

Only time will tell if this helps to fortify the Trump campaign, but RFK Jr. has come to the reality that he cannot win the presidency and to stay fully engaged in the race would **tacitly support Harris** by dividing the vote, which only feeds the government beast that RFK Jr. has been fighting against.

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Colorado Voters to Decide on Early Release for Violent Criminals

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Coloradans will vote on a November ballot measure to determine if convicted criminals of violent crimes should serve 85% of their sentence before they are eligible for release on parole.

It's a simple enough premise, and yet the media is already sending liberal guilt vibes out to the universe with a bizarre spin suggesting prison terms would somehow be longer than the actual sentence.

We're looking at you, Colorado Sun.

"Colorado voters will decide whether to force people convicted of certain so-called crimes of violence — like murder, assault and kidnapping — to serve out more of their prison sentences before they are eligible for parole."

So-called violent crimes? Forced to serve most of the jail term to which they were sentenced?

Come on.

The other violent crimes include sexual assault and first-degree arson — when people are in the building that's set ablaze.

Also on the list is first degree burglary that includes assault, and aggravated robbery that includes assault and intent to kill.

Michael Fields
@MichaelCLFields
Our truth-in-sentencing measure has been certified for the ballot! It's time to ensure that violent criminals serve at least 85% of their sentences.
#copolitics #coleg <https://t.co/Ym4O5DWAui>
— Michael Fields (@MichaelCLFields) August 22, 2024

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Coloradans will decide if people convicted of violent crimes should be imprisoned longer before...

Initiative 112, which qualified Thursday for the November ballot, would require anyone who commits those crimes after July 1, 2025, and is convicted, to serve 85% of their sentences before they are...

It's called the **Truth in Sentencing** measure, and soon it will be up to Coloradans whether violent offenders should serve more than three-quarters of their sentence for (checks notes) violent crimes.

(Editor/GG: Vote YES. Lock'em up!)
Please see: <https://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2024/08/22/colo-voters-to-decide-on-early-release-for-violent-criminals/>

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"What is to stop... 'my side' of this party from doing the exact same thing once the leadership changes?" asked LeBlanc, who ran a series of overwhelmingly unpopular motions to stop the action.

"It is a dangerous precedent to set," he said. He praised Williams for embracing "grass-roots" candidates, and another supporter said the GOP needed Williams' "bold" style.

The Brighton meeting combined hours of parliamentary procedures and debates, polite questions about the rules and an airing of grievances and stinging insults about Williams and company.

At times, the organizers struggled to accurately count the votes — since voting was done by standing up and raising fingers. One vote counter commented that it was difficult to get an exact number as people filed in and out of the church hall.

Williams' allies have already scheduled a follow up meeting for August 31st — which was preemptively declared canceled by the Brighton attendees. Meanwhile, the legitimacy of some of the proxy votes in Brighton was challenged during the meeting.

Shelli Shaw drove more than six hours from La Plata County, where she is former GOP chair, to act as a proxy voter. She raised her hand to remove Williams.

"We've got to put this behind

us by doing what is right, following process and procedure and then moving forward to get our Republicans, not only at the presidential level, but all down ballot, elected," she said.

"If we continue to stay distracted by not taking care of this right now, then yes, we will be completely distracted moving into... elections in November."

The Brighton voters chose Brita Horn, the former treasurer of Routt County, as their new vice chair; and Kevin McCarney, a former Mesa County party chair, as secretary.

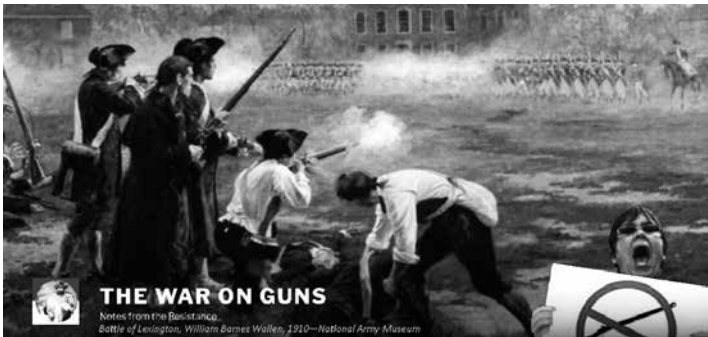
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A Sentinel Mention

Editor/GG: Posted on David Codrea's 2nd Amendment internet site on August 22, 2024.

The War on Guns Notes from the Resistance



Another Roadside Attraction

From friend George Gramlich, publisher and editor of the *Sangre de Cristo Sentinel*:

Trump Sign Offerings

A pilgrim or pilgrims to our Trump Sign shrine in front of the Sentinel left a whole bunch of beautifully hand painted Trump rock offerings at the base the other night. A wonderful, heartfelt effort. Many thanks.
God Bless free Custer County and God Bless The Donald.



Literally hundreds of people have stopped and took their picture in front of the Trump Shrine in the last month. Biggest tourist attraction in town.

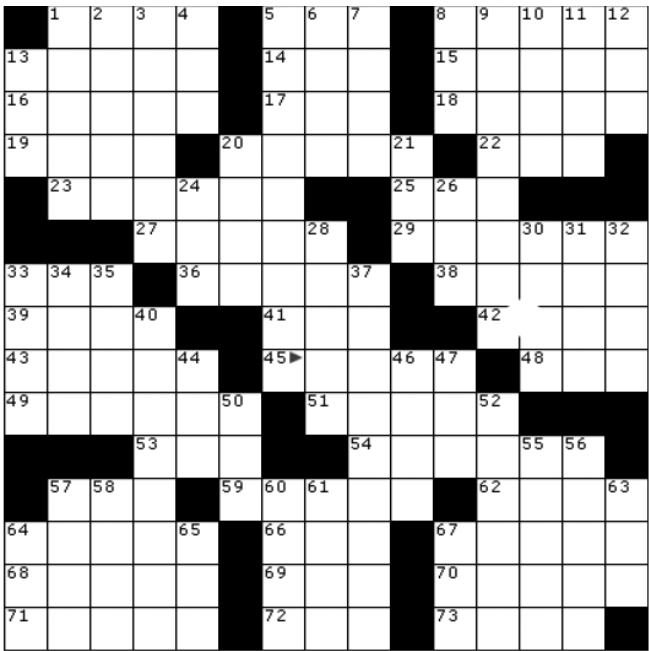
We've talked about this unique, freedom-promoting paper plenty of times before, here and at the old place. Here's their "mission statement":

A newspaper to serve the good people of this county, surrounding counties and our neighboring communities located along the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. A newspaper with a conservative voice. A newspaper with "A DIFFERENT VIEW FROM THE SAME MOUNTAINS" than what is available now. A newspaper for all liberty and freedom loving citizens and patriots. We believe this is a much needed "CHOICE" in these beautiful, mostly rural, areas of Colorado. The Sentinel (also knows as a Sentry) is a Guardian. He watches over, protects, informs and warns us and others of danger. There are many current dangers to our liberties, freedoms and rights. So, first, we need to be informed, then we need to stand up for and be prepared to protect these liberties, freedoms and rights. Lastly, we need to remain vigilant. This newspaper will be our Sentinel and help us all do that.

So did Mike, who spoke at the Independence Day parade in Westcliffe.
(Editor/GG: "Mike" above is Mike Vanderboegh, founder of the Three Percent movement.)

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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- 8 Biblical Greek word for love
- 13 Impetuous
- 14 Ghost's greeting
- 15 Unconscious states
- 16 Chipper
- 17 No room for them in the ____
- 18 Happening
- 19 They brought gifts
- 20 I am the Alpha and the ____
- 22 East northeast
- 23 Grave (alt. sp.)
- 25 Popular president's initials
- 27 Toothbrush brand
- 29 Fourth son of Ham
- 33 Hard boiled food
- 36 Aleutian
- 38 Female parent

- 39 Songbird
- 41 Cry softly
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- 43 Used to kill Goliath
- 45 Religious songs
- 48 Distress call
- 49 Caught sight of (KJV)
- 51 Scottish people
- 53 Thirst quencher
- 54 Grouped together
- 57 Lay
- 59 Villain in book of Esther
- 62 Region
- 64 Author C. S.
- 66 Thief's hideout
- 67 Imp
- 68 Last words of prayers
- 69 December
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- 72 Air
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- 1 Regions
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- 6 Finished
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- 9 Pilate was one
- 10 Last word of a prayer
- 11 Enclosed section of window
- 12 Time zone
- 13 Metronome marking
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- 24 Women's undergarment
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- 30 OT prophet
- 31 Ammunition
- 32 Dozes
- 33 Otherwise
- 34 Girls
- 35 Grasp
- 37 Jack Ryan creator (2 wds)
- 40 Purling
- 44 "To the right!"
- 46 Person, place or thing
- 47 Short-term memory
- 50 Telegraphic signal
- 52 Placed at intervals
- 55 Take off
- 56 Evil angel
- 57 Very large truck
- 58 Pitcher
- 60 Totals
- 61 Blessed are the ____
- 63 Able
- 64 Boy
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The Liberty Tree

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“All That Is Necessary for the Triumph of Evil Is That Good Men Do Nothing”—Edmund Burke

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NOTE: When writing about God and Jesus, The Daily Jot means YHVH as God and Yeshua Ha Mashiach as Jesus--the actual original names and the true nature and character of them.

Christians’
involvement in
Government

Many have written in about whether Christians should be involved in government and politics. Some say their pastors are preaching from the pulpit that Christians are members of a higher kingdom and should not be involved with government and politics. Another popular preached position is that the scriptures say that we must submit to, rather than engage, the governments because they are placed over people by God. Yet another position taught is that Christians should take over governments because they must establish the kingdom of God here on earth as a prerequisite for Christ to return. These various teachings are wrong-minded and many are twisting scripture to make their case. Here is why.

There is nothing in the Bible that man must establish the kingdom of God on earth so that Jesus Christ can return. Only the Father knows when Christ will return. He will return when the Father directs him. Christ alone will establish his kingdom. It’s all there in the scriptures.

On government, we find Moses in Exodus 18 spending all his day interpreting the law and settling disputes. Moses’ father-in-law introduced the “representative” system of government in verse 21: “Moreover, you shall provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.” America’s Founding Fathers used this precept to establish the U.S. governmental system.

Moreover, whether they were Christians or not, the Founders knew that man’s imperfections prevented him from being a just and moral lawgiver. They, therefore, recognized that God had created man with certain rights and to protect those rights governments were instituted. To protect the people from government becoming tyrannical, the Founders uniquely established a government by rule of law, derived from God’s laws, with checks and balances under the Constitution. Peter and the Apostles made the point of man’s unjust and imperfect law-giving when they told the Sadducees (who ruled over the Jews in submission to the Roman government) in Acts 5:29 when the Sadducees again tried to prevent them from preaching Jesus: “We ought to obey God rather than men.”

Paul wrote in Romans 13:1, “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that are ordained of God.” It is telling us to submit to the governments and do good beneath them. It is not contradictory to Peter and the Apostles in Acts 5. Here in America, the government governs at the consent of the governed under the law. We the people essentially are the boss of the government. We are to hold the government accountable. If we are to take what Paul wrote in Romans 13 and apply it to Americans, it would mean that Americans should submit to Americans under God’s derived law (The Constitution). Good stewardship is to preserve this unique system for it is a tremendous blessing to have freedom of speech, of worship, and of evangelizing. It is a God-given blessing.

Bill Wilson
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Tangled Comparisons:
Renewables Versus Fossil Fuels

by Norman Rogers,
RealClearWire.com

We are often told that wind and solar, if not cheaper, are at least cost competitive with fossil fuels. Dead wrong! Wind or solar costs around five times more per megawatt hour compared to, for example, natural gas.

We are told that wind and solar will save us from a climate catastrophe. If there is a looming climate catastrophe, the only thing that will save us is nuclear power. Wind and solar are incredibly expensive methods of reducing CO2 emissions. The more wind and solar you build, the cost of removing CO2 increases disproportionately.

The U.S. has wasted \$1.5 trillion on wind and solar and for that money only a little more than 10% of our electricity comes from wind and solar.

Fossil fuels are not dirty. Modern natural gas or coal plants are environmentally pristine. CO2 is not a pollutant, but an aerial plant food that is greening the Earth. CO2 makes plants grow faster with less water.

Wind or solar electricity is not worth what it costs to create it. It is worth what someone is willing to pay for it. That is a generally accepted economic principle.

If the government requires a utility to purchase some amount of electricity at some price, that is not a free market. That is central planning. Central planning has a role, but it rarely works as well as the voluntary exchange of goods and services. Central planning creates unexpected twists and turns and often results in low productivity.

I will first discuss the value of wind and solar electricity in a free market and then discuss the effect of extensive government interventions via subsidies and mandates.

Everywhere when commentators compare the cost of wind or solar electricity with the cost of fossil fuel electricity, they use LCOE, the leveled cost of electricity. It is a logical error to compare LCOE of natural gas with LCOE of wind or solar. The correct comparison is to compare the marginal cost of natural gas with the LCOE of wind or solar. The marginal cost of natural gas electricity is about \$20 per megawatt hour in the U.S. The LCOE of wind or solar hovers around \$100 per megawatt hour, or about five times more.

LCOE includes amortization of the cost of building the generating plant. The marginal cost is essentially the cost of the fuel to generate the electricity.

Under what circumstances will a utility or grid operator be willing to purchase wind or solar electricity? For the sake of the discussion, we postulate that the utility is going to replace some of its natural gas elec-

tricity with wind or solar electricity. The argument would be the same if coal electricity is being replaced and different if hydroelectricity is being replaced. No one would replace nuclear electricity with wind or solar because nuclear fuel is too cheap.

The utility cannot make a complete replacement, scrapping a natural gas generating plant and replacing it with a wind or solar farm. That is impossible because wind and solar are erratic, providing power subject to the weather and the daily solar cycle. Their erratic nature cannot be fixed at a remotely reasonable cost with batteries or pumped storage.

The utility will be open to reducing output from a gas plant and replacing that electricity with wind or solar electricity, when the sun is shining or the wind is blowing, only if the wind or solar electricity is less expensive than the marginal cost of generating the electricity with the gas plant. Notice that I said marginal cost, not LCOE.

Marginal cost for a gas plant is almost entirely the cost of the fuel. If gas is \$3 per MMBtu and the gas plant is a combined cycle plant, the marginal cost of generating electricity is about \$20 per megawatt hour. In countries that do not enjoy cheap natural gas the marginal cost will be higher.

If the cost of the wind or solar electricity is greater than \$20 it will be a money losing proposition to substitute wind or solar electricity for gas electricity. If it is less, then it will be a profitable endeavor. The value of wind or solar is \$20 per megawatt hour under these conditions.

LCOE for a natural gas plant includes an allowance for the amortization of the initial investment. It also depends on the utilization or capacity factor of the plant. The capacity factor is not very relevant to the properties of natural gas generation because real utilities over-provision their generator capacity to account for peak demand and the possibility of plants being under repair.

LCOE for a wind or solar farm is almost entirely capital cost spread over the number of megawatt hours generated with due consideration for the time value of money. The marginal cost is near zero because it costs nothing extra to generate an additional megawatt hour and nothing is saved if fewer megawatt hours are generated. If plant output is curtailed because the grid cannot accept all the wind or solar power available, the cost per megawatt hour is proportionally increased. Overwhelming the grid with wind or solar is an increasingly serious problem.

The Departure From a Free Market

The most important government intervention is state renewable portfolio laws. These laws define renewable energy and set quotas for what proportion of the electricity in the state

must be from renewable sources.

Without getting too complicated, renewable energy is usually defined as anything that is not fossil fuel, nuclear energy or hydroelectricity involving dams. Most of the energy that passes that test is too expensive or not scalable. Wind and solar are too expensive and handicapped by intermittency, but they are scalable. The result is that renewable energy is almost always wind or solar. A few states allow hydroelectricity with dams to be considered renewable. Hydro has limited scalability due to the best sites being already developed.

Renewable portfolio laws mandate the purchase of an increasing proportion of renewable electricity. For example, California requires that 60% of the electricity be from renewable sources by 2030.

The second most important government intervention are federal subsidies, tax credits and complicated tax provisions called tax equity financing, that subsidize about 50% of the cost of building a wind or solar farm.

Mandating the purchase of renewable electricity changes the nature of the market for renewable electricity. Without the mandates the owner of a wind or solar farm is doomed to beg utilities to purchase electricity for far less than it costs to generate. The farm would soon be bankrupt. But with mandates the utilities are knocking on his door begging for renewable power that they are mandated to purchase, without regard to the price. Renewable portfolio laws change the market from a buyers’ market to a sellers’ market.

There are a handful of companies with the expertise and financial resources to construct billion-dollar, utility-scale, wind or solar farms. Although they nominally compete by bidding for the sale of electricity, they constitute an oligopoly. That is to say that the competition will not be as vigorous as it would be if more players were in the market.

The most common deal structure is that the developer constructs a wind farm and sells the electricity to the utility. Because the market is tipped in favor of the big companies, they are able to require a long-term contract, called a power purchase agreement or PPA, usually 20 for years, guaranteeing a market at a set price for all the electricity that the project can produce. That long-term market and price guarantee has tremendous value.

The PPA is a subsidy because by removing market risk, the farm becomes less like a business and more like a treasury bond. The price per megawatt hour can be less because a lower rate of return is viable. Risk has been removed. With the guaranteed market, the farm becomes marketable to conservative investors like

The Real Tim Walz

by Discover the Networks via FrontPageMag.com

(Editor/GG: Part 1. And it gets worse....)

Background

Timothy James Walz was born in West Point, Nebraska, on April 6, 1964. His mother was Darlene Rose Walz (née Reiman), and his father was James Frederick Walz (1929-1984), a high-school administrator. After joining the Army National Guard at the age of 17, Tim Walz graduated from high school in 1982 and then spent several years working in agriculture and factory jobs. In 1989 he earned a bachelor’s degree in social science education from Nebraska’s Chadron State College (CSC).[1]

Walz’s Ties to Communist China, Before & After Marriage

After completing his studies at CSC, Walz, through Harvard University’s WorldTeach program, worked for a year teaching American history and English to teenage students in China. Upon returning to the United States and taking a job as a teacher at an Alliance, Nebraska high school, Walz told the Nebraska National Guard’s newspaper: “Going there [to China] was one of the best things I’ve ever done.” In a similar spirit, he would later reflect upon his time in China by saying: “No matter how long I live, I will never be treated that well again.”

In Nebraska, Walz met and fell in love with a fellow instructor named Gwen Whipple. The couple eventually married in 1994 and spent their honeymoon in China.

In 1994 as well, the Walzes together established a small business called Educational Travel Adventures, Inc., which devoted its efforts chiefly to organizing educational trips to China for American high-school students. As Daniel Greenfield reports in *FrontPage Magazine*:

“Walz’s student trips to China were subsidized by the Chinese government. According to a newspaper article at the time, Walz had the idea while working in the Communist country and a ‘friend helped contact the authorities and funding came through from the government.’ The students on Walz’s trip[s] enjoyed a ‘special status’ that ‘let them go places other people can’t.’

The students would then be taken to a university [where they were taught] about the Chinese government. Walz however urged students to ‘downplay their America-ness.’”

Walz and his wife would also go on to make numerous trips to China as a couple, unaccompanied by any students, nearly every summer through 2003.

Walz’s ties to China further included a stint he served as a visiting Fellow of International Relations at the Macau Polytechnic University.

Drunk Driving Incident

In 1995, a Nebraska state trooper stopped the 31-year-old Walz for driving 96 mph in a 55 mph zone. Arrested when he failed a sobriety test at the scene, Walz eventually pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of reckless driving.

Move to Minnesota

In 1996, Walz and his wife relocated to the latter’s home state of Minnesota, where Mr. Walz was hired as a geography teacher and football coach at Mankato West High School. In response to one student’s request, Walz in 1999 agreed to serve as the faculty sponsor of a newly formed gay-straight alliance on campus.[2]

Master’s Degree

In 2001, Walz earned a master’s degree at Minnesota State University.

Lying about How He Became a Democrat

In 2004, Walz volunteered to work for Democrat Senator John Kerry’s presidential campaign against George W. Bush. At the time – and for many years thereafter – Walz falsely claimed that he had become a Kerry supporter not because of any preference he had for leftwing politics, but rather, as a result of a negative experience he had been forced to endure at a pro-Bush event which he attended with two of his students on August 5, 2004. Some time later, in a fawning, pro-Democrat piece that was published in the January/February 2006 issue of *The Atlantic* magazine, author Joshua Green laid out the narrative that Walz had already begun to espouse by that time. Wrote Green:

“Command Sergeant Major Tim Walz is a twenty-four-year veteran of the Army National Guard, now retired

but [was] still on active duty when a visit from [incumbent] President George W. Bush shortly before the 2004 election coincided with Walz’s homecoming to Mankato, Minnesota. A high school teacher and football coach, he [Walz] had left to serve overseas in Operation Enduring Freedom.[3] Southern Minnesota is home to a large Guard contingent that includes Walz’s unit, the First 125th Field Artillery Battalion, so the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are naturally a pressing local concern — particularly to high school students headed into the armed services.

“The president’s visit struck Walz as a teachable moment, and he and two students boarded a Bush campaign bus that took them to a quarry where the president was to speak. But after they had passed through a metal detector and their tickets and IDs were checked, they were denied admittance and ordered back onto the bus. One of the boys had a John Kerry sticker on his wallet.

“Indignant, Walz refused. ‘As a soldier, I told them I had a right to see my commander-in-chief,’ the normally jovial forty-one-year-old recently explained to a Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party dinner in the small town of Albert Lea, Minnesota.

“His challenge prompted a KGB-style interrogation that was sadly characteristic of Bush campaign events. Do you support the president? Walz refused to answer. Do you oppose the president? Walz replied that it was no one’s business but his own.... Walz thought for a moment and asked the Bush staffers if they really wanted to arrest a command sergeant major who’d just returned from fighting the war on terrorism.

“They did not. Instead, Walz was told to behave himself and [was] permitted to attend the speech, albeit under heavy scrutiny. His students were not: they were sent home. Shortly after this, Walz retired from the Guard. Then he did something that until recently was highly unusual for a military man. He announced he was running for Congress—as a Democrat.”

But the chain of events described by Walz and memorialized by Joshua

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infrastructure funds or pension funds. I estimate that the PPA reduces the rate of return needed from 12% to 8% and thus subsidizes the cost of renewable electricity by a third.

That subsidy is not cost free. The utility is assuming massive debt and risk by signing the PPA. There are plenty of possible reasons why utilities might want to get out of PPA’s in five or ten years. For example, lower cost nuclear electricity.

Between renewable portfolio laws and federal subsidies, the wind or solar farm is about 66% subsidized. For example, if the LCOE of the wind or solar electricity is \$100 per megawatt hour, after the subsidies are applied it is \$33 per megawatt hour. This is still more than the \$20 that the electricity is worth. To close the gap the utility must raise its rates to pay for the extra \$13 per megawatt hour. The final subsidy comes from the electricity customers.

Justifications for Massive Subsidies

The first justification is that reducing CO2 emissions will prevent a climate catastrophe. This justification fails for several reasons. Reducing American CO2 emissions will have little effect because the emissions problem is in Asia where emissions not only dwarf ours but are skyrocketing due to development of coal powered generation.

The cost of reducing CO2 emissions by wind or solar is very high, more than \$300 per metric ton of CO2 removed. The subsidy is the cost of removing CO2. It becomes increasingly difficult to augment the amount of wind or solar above 50% due to their intermittent nature. Carbon offsets can be purchased for as little as \$10 per ton, although not enough would be available to neutralize CO2 emissions from the entire power system. Serious reduction of emissions at reasonable cost requires adopting nuclear power, generally prohibited by renewable portfolio laws.

The second justification is that fossil fuel or nuclear fuel will run out. Within the borders of the U.S. is enough fossil fuel for hundreds of years and nuclear fuel for thousands of years. It is not sensible to turn the economy upside down in anticipation of a theoretical event centuries in the future.

A third justification is that fossil fuel plants cause air pollution, and nuclear plants may release harmful radiation. Modern coal or natural gas plants are environmentally clean. Nuclear plants are proven by hundreds of plants running for decades. The worst accidents were easily contained.

Finally, the increase in CO2 in the atmosphere has greened the Earth and substantially increased agricultural production. CO2 is aerial plant food.

When will the nation wake up and stop the bleeding?

(Editor/GG: The libs have made energy costs skyrocket with their misguided quest to save the planet. They have literally bankrupted a good portion of our middle class with this nonsense and made American non-competitive in manufacturing. We can not compete globally in manufacturing with high cost energy. But maybe that is what they want....)

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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

New Hampshire Takes Aim at Massachusetts Carry Laws

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Gun rights groups are already weighing in on a legal case involving a New Hampshire man charged with possessing a firearm without a valid Massachusetts license to carry, and now New Hampshire Attorney General John Formella is adding his voice to the growing chorus defending two New Hampshire residents from Bay State prosecutors.

Earlier this year a Massachusetts judge sided with Dean Donnell and Phillip Marquis, dismissing the charges against the two men and ruling that lawful gun owners don't give up their right to keep and bear arms "simply by traveling into an adjoining state whose statute mandates that residents of that state obtain a license prior to exercising their constitutional right." To hold otherwise, Lowell District Court Justice John F. Coffey argued, would mean treating the Second Amendment as a second-class right.

Prosecutors have appealed Coffey's dismissal of the cases to the

Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, which is where Formella (as well as groups like the Second Amendment Foundation and the NRA) filed an amicus brief in support of Coffey's decision.

"By challenging Massachusetts' restrictive firearm laws, we are affirming that constitutional freedoms should not be undermined by inconsistent and overly burdensome regulations," Formella said in a statement. "This is all about ensuring that responsible gun owners can protect themselves without fear of unjust legal consequences when they cross state borders."

New Hampshire is an open carry state, meaning any resident who's able to legally own a firearm can carry one without a license or permit. Because travel between the two states is frequent, Formella said, Granite Staters and other non-Massachusetts residents shouldn't face felony consequences for carrying a gun while visiting there.

Massachusetts' temporary firearm licensing requirement includes an extensive vetting process of

state, federal, fingerprint-based and mental health background checks. It costs \$100 to apply and can take up to 90 days to receive the permit. Massachusetts also requires non-resident temporary license holders to attend a basic safety course. These be can renewed every year.

In their brief, NRA and SAF argued that even with a temporary carry license, non-residents aren't allowed to carry a firearm for the purposes of self-defense. Massachusetts contends, however, that non-residents *can* lawfully bear arms in self-defense with a temporary permit, and that it's only non-resident aliens who can only possess a firearm for the purposes of competitive shooting with a valid temporary carry permit.

Even if the state theoretically allows non-residents to carry with a temporary license, as Formella points out in his brief, it's completely impractical for non-residents to apply for and receive a temporary permit, especially for New Hampshire residents living close to the border between the two states, who may travel across

state lines on a daily basis to work, shop, and entertain themselves in Massachusetts.

"Strict application of Massachusetts' firearm statutes imposes on many New Hampshire citizens, particularly those living close to the border with Massachusetts, something of a Hobbesian choice: lay down your right to armed self-defense upon entry into Massachusetts or face felony charges that carry harsh penalties and mandatory imprisonment," Formella wrote in the brief.

He also argues there's no historical tradition of prosecuting out-of-state visitors under a state's firearm laws. In the appeal filing, the district attorney for Middlesex County asserted that Massachusetts has the authority to enforce its laws on anyone within its borders and the Commonwealth need not bow down to New Hampshire's policies.

Massachusetts doesn't require non-residents to obtain a special license before they can attend church in Boston or make a purchase from the Andover Bookstore. You don't have to have a temporary license

in order to exercise your Fourth Amendment rights once you cross the state line. Virtually every other enumerated right remains intact when non-residents visit the state. It's only the right to keep and bear arms that disappears.

The state of Massachusetts can place restrictions on the manner and places where firearms can be lawfully carried (within constitutional limits, mind you), but no state should have the power and authority to negate the exercise of a fundamental civil right by non-residents or predicate it on the possession of an expensive and difficult to obtain permit. That's simply not how we treat every other enumerated right found in the Constitution. Whether the Supreme Judicial Court agrees is another question entirely, but I'm glad to see New Hampshire's AG is siding with gun owners and standing up for the right to keep and bear arms.

Please see: <https://bearingarms.com/camedwards/2024/08/20/new-hampshire-ag-takes-aim-at-massachusetts-carry-laws-n1225989>

Gov. Walz Is "F" Rated with GOA

by Aiden Johnston,
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Tim Walz built his career feigning support for the Second Amendment and fundraising as a "pro-gun" Democrat who backstabbed gun owners nearly every chance he got. Gun Owners of America first rated Tim Walz as a "D." Later, we downgraded him to an F after a litany of anti-gun votes. So why did he earn such poor marks from the only No Compromise gun lobby in Washington D.C.?

Representative Tim Walz's Voting Record

Tim Walz was first elected to Congress in 2006 and in his tenure up till 2018, he voted against gun owners consistently. In Congress, Tim Walz:

Voted to create a national registry of concealed carry permit holders.

Voted against the First and Second Amendments by attempting to force GOA to disclose our membership list (as a registry) to create a gun owner registry for the Federal Election Commission;

Voted to expose gun owners' personal medical history, leading to bans and confiscation;

Voted to restrict the ability of Gun Owners and Hunters to use the Washington Rochambeau National Historic Trail area to create a 600 mile gun-free zone for sportsmen and hikers; and

Voted to ban carrying firearms for self-defense in national parks.

These votes caused Gun Owners of America to rightfully downgrade Walz from a "D" to an "F."

What Gun Control Does Governor Tim Walz Support?

During his career as a congressman, Tim Walz feigned support for the Second Amendment, even though his record showed otherwise. But since becoming Governor of Minnesota, he has completely come out of the closet to reveal his true colors. Hiding behind his hunter and veteran "status" he proclaimed support for:

Backdoor gun registration checks (by weaponizing background checks);

Gun confiscation laws (with fake due process);

A "no-fly, no-buy" gun ban (with no due process);

Eliminating concealed carry permit reciprocity between

states (to infringe on self-defenders);

A backdoor semiautomatic firearms ban (with a fake "bump stock ban);

Banning commonly owned self-defense firearms (with a so-called "assault weapons" ban)

Mandatory storage requirements (with criminal penalties for access to self-defense firearms);

Banning firearms on government lands (despite

them being open to the public);

Clearly, being a hunter or a veteran does not automatically make a politician pro-Second Amendment.

Governor Tim Walz Is Responsible for These Infringements

Governor Walz didn't just propose gun control, he actively infringed on the Second Amendment. As governor, Tim Walz:

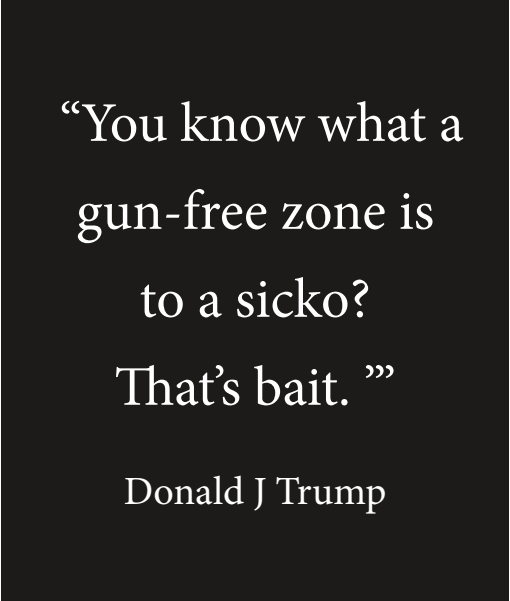
Created backdoor registration checks by signing Universal Background Checks;

Weaponized gun confiscation laws with no due process against at least 71 American citizens; and

Banned lawful semiautomatic firearms with ATF-approved binary triggers;

These gun controls would never have infringed the rights of Minnesotans if Governor Walz had honored his oath to the Constitution.

Please see: <https://www.gunowners.org/gov-walz-is-f-rated-with-go/>



The Winchester 1866 Short Rifle: The Gun That Helped Tame the Frontier

by David Lapell,
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The Winchester rifles were synonymous with winning the West, but to point out which of those rifles actually achieved that has been open for debate.

For years, most said it was the 1873, but more and more evidence that another Winchester rifle had a large hand in settling the frontier, and that's the 1866 Yellow Boy, which didn't suddenly quit being made when the 1873 Winchester was introduced but ended up being produced until 1899, *thirty-three years into its run.*

In all that time, it left its name on history, not just here in the United States, but it found favor in the armies of the French and Turkey and saw conflict during the Franco-Prussian and Russo-Turkish Wars.

The 1866 Winchester really was a progression of the 1860 Henry Rifle designed by Benjamin Tyler Henry, where a wooden forearm



Winchester 1866 Short Rifle

Like the Henry before it, the Yellow Boy was chambered in the .44 Henry also known as the .44 Rimfire. The round had a 200-grain bullet that averaged 1,100 fps and was .446" (unlike later rounds like the .44 Special & .44 Magnum with a .429" bullet) and was fairly potent, only 100 fps slower than the .44-40 that came out in the 1873 Winchester. Towards the end of production,

The Winchester 1866 didn't get all the glory that the 1873 Winchester did, but it did see a lot of use, on all sides and by all parties during the settling of the West. Archeologists have found .44 Rimfire cases over the years at the site of the Battle of the Little Bighorn. The 1866 was a favorite of Native Americans when Nez Pearce leader Chief Joseph surrendered to then Colonel Nelson Miles on October 5, 1877, at Bear's Paw Battlefield near Chinook, Montana. He gave up a well-cared-for 1866 Winchester that was adorned with brass tacks. The gun currently resides at the Smithsonian Museum.

Original Winchester 1866 rifles are very pricey, and with .44 Rimfire ammunition having been out of production for many decades, thankfully we have reproductions these days for those of us who want to relive the past. Uberti is making some excellent copies of the Yellow Boy, but recently, I picked up a new Winchester 1866 Yellow Boy Short Rifle in .45 Colt.

Winchester 1866 Yellow Boy Short Rifle in .45 Colt

I know some purists have issues with a rifle that says both "Winchester" and "Miroku" on the same gun, but the quality of this rifle is second to none. I don't have an original here to compare it with, but the new Short Rifle has a 20-inch round barrel, you can also get the full-length version which has a 24-inch octagon barrel. The Short Rifle holds ten rounds, while the longer barreled version holds twelve rounds in .45 Colt and fourteen rounds in .38 Special and .44-40. According to

Winchester's website, the 24-inch barrel is no longer in production, but you can still find them out there for sale.

I bought my 1866 Short Rifle in .45 Colt to go with my [Ruger Vaquero Revolver](#) in the same caliber, and I had always wanted to see what the excitement was about. Having owned an original 1873 Winchester, the toggle link design of the action to those who are not used to it is very smooth. This gun was no exception, and in fact, it was much better than I anticipated. It's not hard to see why 1866 was so popular even after more advanced rifles came

after that, the rounds drop like a rock. I decided to see if that was true. I put out a silhouette at 125 yards, and with the same Winchester factory ammo, I found that the gun still shot a bit high, but windage was pretty much spot on, I did pull a couple of shots off to the side a bit, and I think with more practice, the groups would tighten right up. In any event, the rumor that these guns can't hit at even moderate distances is grossly exaggerated.

The 1866 Short Rifle cycled flawlessly and ejected the empties out of the top of the action without any issues. Winchester gave this



Empty shells are ejected out of the top of the receiver.

along. The bluing is very deep and pleasant to look at, and the black walnut forearm and buttstock look more like the wood you would find on older Winchesters than the reddish-hued stocks you see on the Italian imports.

I took the 1866 Short Rifle to the range with some Winchester 250-grain LRN factory ammunition. The sights are excellent: a folding ladder in the rear and a Marble gold bead at the front. At 25 yards, I did find that the gun shoots a bit high, but a good six o'clock hold puts the rounds right on target. The action feeds rounds quickly and very smoothly, and in the hands of someone with practice, you could put them downrange in a hurry. If someone had the mind to, this gun would be an excellent home defense choice in any of the three calibers.

I have heard more than a few people say that these pistol cartridge rifles are no good past only about 50 yards or so, and

rifle a true half cock and full cock, like the originals. In the past, the newer lever action rifles would have a tang safety mounted, which, while functional, spoiled the looks of the gun and took away from the traditionalism that made them so desirable to own and shoot.

The new Winchester 1866 Short Rifle is definitely a winner, and whether you're using it for Cowboy Action Shooting, hunting, or even personal defense, this gun fits the bill. It stirs the imagination and makes you wonder what it must have been like to handle one of these on the frontier in a time that, while dangerous and risky, was also more open and free. If you want one of these guns for yourself, the MSRP is \$1,449.99. You won't be sorry if you do.

Please see: <https://www.ammoland.com/2024/08/the-winchester-1866-short-rifle-the-gun-that-helped-tame-the-frontier/#axzz8jTH2pNax>

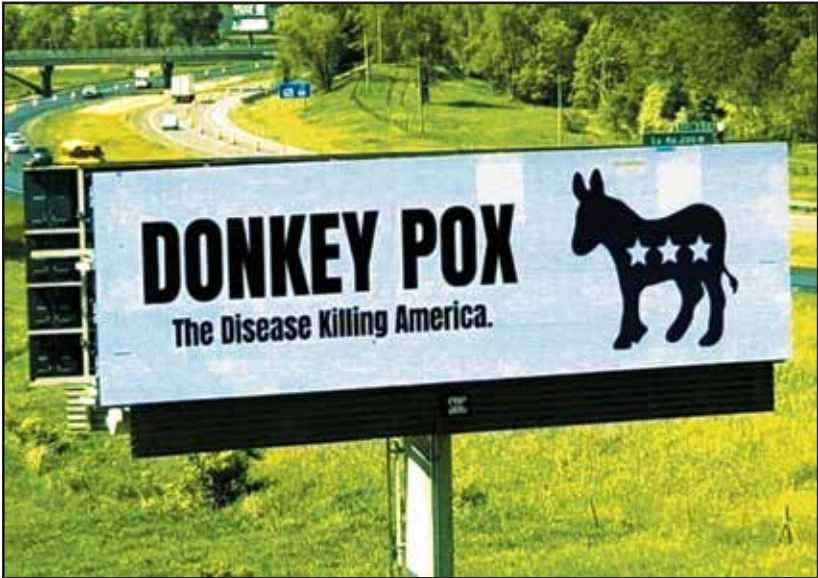


Like the original, the Winchester 1866 has a lever lock to keep it from opening when you don't want it to.

was added, and of course, the loading gate, patented by Nelson King, meant you could quickly load the gun from the side instead of the front of the magazine. The 1866 was the first gun to bear the name Winchester after Oliver Winchester renamed the New Haven Arms Company the Winchester Repeating Arms Company. Like the Henry, the 1866 had a brass frame, which gave a distinctive look, leading to its nickname, the Yellow Boy. Made from gunmetal, known as red brass, it's a composition of mostly copper, tin and zinc.

the 1866 was chambered in .44-40 as well as .44 Rimfire. Colt even produced Single Action Army revolvers in .44 Rimfire to accommodate those who carried the 1866 Winchester so that they could have interchangeability with their firearms.

The Winchester 1866 was offered in full-length rifle versions with a 24-inch barrel, a 20-inch saddle ring carbine, and muskets that had a 27-inch barrel. There are the occasional rare exceptions of special order versions, but they are few and very far between.



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Who Is Kamala Harris? A Disturbing and Haunting Record Part 5

by Discover the Networks via
FrontPageMag.com

(Editor/GG: Excerpts from an outstanding article. A bunch more to come. For the whole magilla, see the whole article at the link at the bottom. So, here's the real Kamala Harris:)

Economy & Taxes

Harris' campaign website said:

"When the bankers who crashed our economy get bonuses but the workers who brought our country back are barely getting by, it's clear: Our economy isn't working for working people. Kamala believes we need to fight for working families — to increase paychecks, decrease the cost of living, and combat sexism, racism, and corporate favoritism in our economy to ensure every American gets a fair shot.

"That's why Kamala's first priority as president will be to give working and middle class families an overdue income boost. Under her plan, she'll reverse President Trump's trillion-dollar tax cut for big corporations and the top 1% and use that money to give a tax credit of up to \$6,000 to working families each year. That's just the start. To raise wages, Kamala will fight to empower unions, make a \$15 minimum wage the national floor, and create stricter penalties for companies that cheat their workers.... She'll pass her Rent Relief Act to provide a tax credit for people spending 30 percent or more of their income on rent and utilities. She'll increase the federal government's investment in child care to ensure working families don't pay more than 7 percent of their income on care. And she'll crack down on pharmaceutical companies that price-gouge while empowering the government to negotiate down the price of prescription drugs. As president, she'll mandate equal pay for women, promote policies that build wealth in communities of color, and crack down on corporations that exploit vulnerable Americans for profit."

Condemning President Trump for enacting "irresponsible, sugar-high

tax cuts," Joe Biden called it "pure selfishness" for anyone to object to paying higher taxes that would help pay for government programs benefiting low-income minorities. "When I'm president," said Biden, "... we're going to reverse those Trump tax cuts." "Eliminating just a few of the [Trump] tax cuts" would be inadequate, he claimed. "I'm going to eliminate most all of them." During the 2020 vice presidential debate, Kamala Harris said: "On day one, Joe Biden will repeal that [Trump] tax bill. He'll get rid of it." Similarly, at an October 30, 2020 campaign stop in Texas, Harris said to a cheering audience: "I promise you this — as a first order of business, Joe Biden and I are about to work to get rid of that tax cut."

Education

Charter schools often serve as outstanding alternatives to failing, substandard public schools — particularly in poor urban areas. They operate as schools of choice and are exempt from many state or local regulations related to operation and management. School voucher programs allow low-income, mostly-minority parents to take the taxpayer money that is normally allocated for their child's education in a failing, substandard public school, and to use it instead to cover the cost of tuition at a private school of their choice. Harris — in accord with the official Democrat Party position, opposes both charter schools and voucher programs. For example, she said she was "particularly concerned with [opposed to] expansions of for-profit charter schools," and she criticized President Trump's campaign promise to, as Harris put it, "divert public school funding to private school vouchers."

Harris promised that if she and Biden were elected, they would make both a two- and four-year college education tuition-free for students from families earning less than \$125,000 per year. She also pledged that "for those students who come out [of college] and have jobs that pay less than \$125,000, student-loan debt will also be forgiven."

Gun Regulation

Harris' campaign website said: "If Congress fails to send comprehensive gun safety legislation to Harris' desk within her first 100 days as president — including universal background checks, an assault weapons ban, and the repeal of the NRA's corporate gun manufacturer and dealer immunity bill — she will take executive action to keep our kids and communities safe."

Her website also included the following policy proposals: "Mandate near-universal background checks by requiring anyone who sells five or more guns per year to run a background check on all gun sales. Revoke the licenses of gun manufacturers and dealers that break the law and take the most egregious offenders to court—regardless of whether they're protected by the Protection of Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA).... Ban AR-15-style assault weapons from being imported into the United States. In addition to enacting universal background checks, renewing the assault weapons ban, and repealing the PLCAA, Harris will fight to make gun trafficking a federal crime, ban high capacity magazines, and prohibit those convicted of a federal hate crime from buying guns."

Harris supports forced, government mandated buybacks of semi-automatic rifles. As she said in September 2019, "I think it's a good idea.... We have to take those guns off the streets."

As a district attorney in 2008, Harris filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in District of Columbia v. Heller. She argued that the Second Amendment does not protect an individual's right to own a gun.

Criminal justice

Harris' campaign website said that Harris would: "End mass incarceration and invest resources into ... community-based programs that reduce crime."

When Republican Attorney General Bill Barr stated in 2020

that "I don't agree that there is systemic racism in police departments generally in this country," Harris said: "I think that Donald Trump and Bill Barr are spending full time in a different reality. The reality of America today is, what we have seen over generations and frankly since our inception, which is we do have two systems of justice in America."

Religious Liberty

Harris believes that practicing Catholics who take seriously the doctrines of their faith are fundamentally unfit for office. Consider, for example, how she treated Nebraska District Judge nominee Brian Buescher during his November 2018 Senate confirmation hearing. Harris emphasized the significance of Buescher's 25-year association with the Knights of Columbus (KOC), a charity organization that embraces Catholic doctrines stipulating that abortion is "a crime against human life," and that marriage is a sacred union that should only involve one man and one woman. In a written question to Buescher, Harris asked: "In 2016, Carl Anderson, leader of the Knights of Columbus, described abortion as 'a legal regime that has resulted in more than 40 million deaths.' Mr. Anderson later said, 'abortion is the killing of the innocent on a massive scale.' Were you aware that the Knights of Columbus opposed a woman's right to choose when you joined the organization?" Harris also questioned whether Buescher was "aware that the Knights of Columbus opposed marriage equality when [he] joined the organization" and whether he had "ever, in any way, assisted with or contributed to advocacy against women's reproductive rights."

During her tenure as California's attorney general (2011-16), Harris refused to defend the California state law — which Californians themselves had voted for in 2008 — defining marriage strictly as a relationship between one man and one woman. "Adding insult to injury," notes Tyler O'Neil in *PJ Media*, "Harris rushed to officiate the first same-sex marriage after a

court struck down the will of the people."

Harris favored the reinstatement of an Obama-era healthcare regulation that dated back to August 1, 2011 — nearly 17 months after the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) had been signed into law — when then-Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) Kathleen Sebelius announced a new mandate that required all Obamacare-compliant insurance plans to cover at least one form of female birth control, including sterilization. This mandate was unacceptable to many individuals and businesses whose moral and religious beliefs did not permit them to fund or participate in such insurance plans. Such was the case with Hobby Lobby, an arts-and-crafts store chain owned by devout Christians who are openly dedicated to "honoring the Lord in all we do by operating the company in a manner consistent with Biblical principles." Thus, Hobby Lobby asked HHS if, because of its religious convictions, it could be exempt from the Obamacare mandate.

As the attorney general of California, Harris in 2014 filed an amicus brief exhorting the Supreme Court to refuse a request in which Hobby Lobby asked if, because of its religious convictions, it could be exempt from the aforementioned Obamacare mandate. Asserting that "every American deserves access to quality, comprehensive health-care," Harris argued that "a woman's access to essential services, including contraception, should not be restricted because of the religious views of her employer—particularly when the right to these services is protected under federal law." The Supreme Court eventually sided with Hobby Lobby and struck down the Obamacare mandate in 2014.

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Green was entirely fictitious, as evidenced by photographs that later surfaced showing Walz displaying an “Enduring Freedom Veterans for Kerry” placard while participating in a pre-arranged protest against the August 5, 2004 Bush rally.

Charges of “Stolen Valor”

In 2005, Walz retired from the Army National Guard after 24 years of service,[4] having achieved the rank of Master Sergeant, or E-8 (Eighth Enlisted Grade). But at that time – and for many years thereafter – Walz’s official website biography identified him as having attained the higher rank of Command Sergeant Major, or E-9. However, Walz held that more prestigious title only briefly before it was rescinded because of his failure to complete all the requirements upon which it was contingent. In a November 2, 2018 letter published in the *West Central Tribune*, two retired Army Command Sergeant Majors — Thomas Behrends and Paul Herr — explained the nature of Walz’s misrepresentation, writing:

“Tim Walz has embellished and selectively omitted facts and circumstances of his military career for years. [...]

“On September 18th, 2001, Tim Walz reenlisted in the Minnesota Army National Guard for six years.

“In early 2003, he was selected to attend the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. The non-resident course consists of two years of correspondence coursework, followed by a two-week resident phase at Fort Bliss, Texas. When a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer accepts enrollment in the course, they accept three stipulations. First, they will serve

for two years after graduation from the academy, or promotion to Sergeant Major or Command Sergeant Major, whichever is later. Second, if they fail the course they may be separated from the military. Third, they will complete the course or be reduced to Master Sergeant without board action. [...]

“In late summer of 2003, First Sergeant Walz deployed with the 1-125th Field Artillery Battalion in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to Italy. The mission was to augment United States Air Force Europe Security Forces doing base security for six months. In no way were the units or Soldiers of the 1-125th Field Artillery Battalion replacing any units or military forces so they could deploy to Iraq or Afghanistan.

“After the units return[ed] to Minnesota in the spring of 2004, he [Walz] was selected by high level Command Sergeants Major to serve in the position of the Command Sergeant Major of the 1-125th Field Artillery Battalion.

“On August 5th, 2004, he was photographed holding a sign at a protest outside a President Bush campaign rally in southern Minnesota.

“On September 17th, 2004, he was conditionally promoted to Command Sergeant Major. The conditions had been outlined to him when he was counseled and he signed the Statement of Agreement and Certification. If the conditions are not met, the promotion is null and void, like it never happened.

“In early 2005, a warning order was issued to the 1-125th Field Artillery Battalion, which included the position he was serving in, to prepare to be mobilized for active duty for a deployment to Iraq.

“On May 16th, 2005 he quit, leaving the 1-125th Field Artillery Battalion and its Soldiers hanging; without its senior Non-Commissioned Officer, as the battalion prepared for war. His excuse to other leaders was that he needed to retire in order to run for congress. Which is false, according to a Department of Defense Directive, he could have run and requested permission from the Secretary of Defense before entering active duty; as many reservists have. If he had retired normally and respectfully, you would think he would have ensured his retirement documents were correctly filled out and signed, and that he would have ensured he was reduced to Master Sergeant for dropping out of the academy. Instead he waited for the paperwork to catch up to him. His official retirement document states, SOLDIER NOT AVAILABLE FOR SIGNATURE.

“On September 10, 2005, conditionally promoted Command Sergeant Major Walz was reduced to Master Sergeant. It took a while for the system to catch up to him as it was uncharted territory; literally no one quits in the position he was in, or drops out of the academy. Except him.

“In November of 2005, while the battalion trained for war at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, it received an offer from retired Master Sergeant Walz. He offered to fund raise for the battalions bus trip home over Christmas that year.

“The 1-125th Field Artillery Battalion was deployed for 22 months in 2006 – 2007. During this time, they were restricted by Army regulations and could not speak out against a candidate for office. In November 2006, he was elected to the House of Representatives. He claims to be the highest-ranking enlisted service member ever to serve in congress. Even though he was conditionally promoted to Command

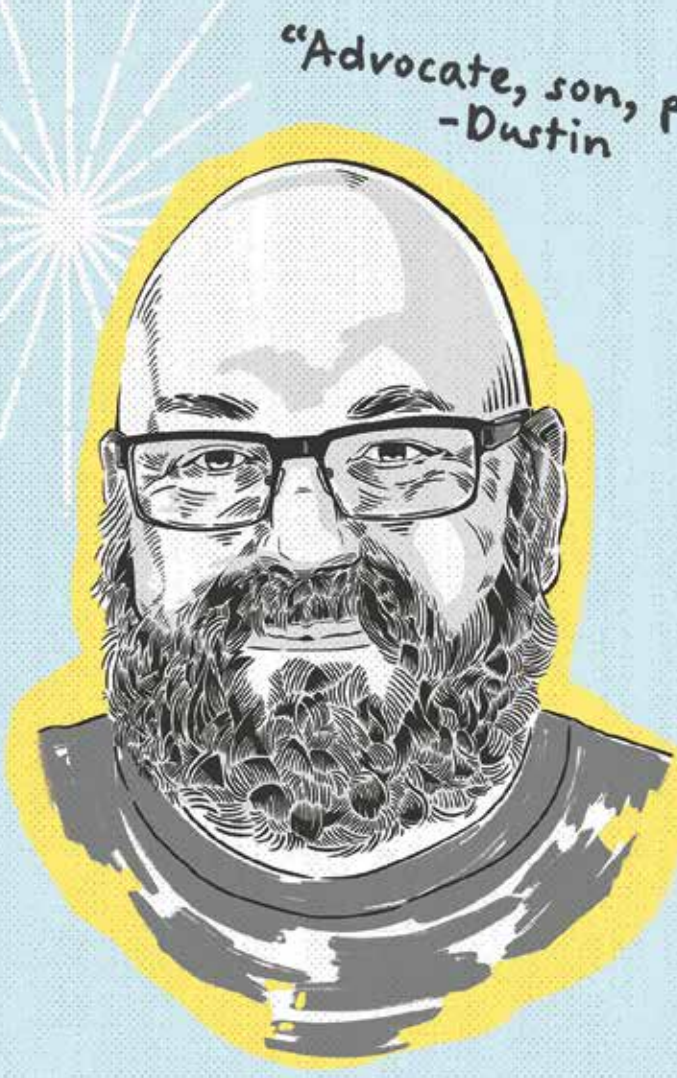
Sergeant Major less than eight months, quit before his obligations were met, and was reduced to Master Sergeant for retirement. Yes, he served at that rank, but was never qualified at that rank, and will receive retirement benefits at one rank below. You be the judge.

“On November 1st, 2006, Tom Hagen, Iraq War Veteran, wrote a letter to the editor of the *Winona Daily News*. Here are a couple of sentences from the letter: ‘But even more disturbing is the fact that Walz quickly retired after learning that his unit — southern Minnesota’s 1-125 FA Battalion — would be sent to Iraq. For Tim Walz to abandon his fellow soldiers and quit when they needed experienced leadership most is disheartening.’

“Here is part of Tim Walz’s response: ‘After completing 20 years of service in 2001, I re-enlisted to serve our country for an additional four years following Sept. 11 and retired the year before my battalion was deployed to Iraq in order to run for Congress.’

“According to his official Report of Separation and Record of Service, he re-enlisted for six years on September 18th, 2001. However, in his response he says that he re-enlisted for four years, conveniently retiring a year before his battalion was deployed to Iraq. Even if he had re-enlisted for four years following September 11, his retirement date would have been September 18, 2005. Why then did he ‘retire’ on May 16, 2005, before his supposed four-year enlistment was up? And he makes it sound like he ‘retired’ a year before his battalion deployed to Iraq; when in reality he knew when he ‘retired’ that the battalion would be deployed to Iraq.

Please see: Please see: <https://www.frontpagemag.com/the-real-tim-walz/>



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Lincoln Day Celebration

by Jim Wilde

It was the 20th of March, 1854, when the elephant first stepped onto the scene. The Republican Party chose the elephant as their symbol as it is strong and dignified. Since then, the Grand Old Party or “GOP” has been known as a defiant party standing up against slavery, taxes, and focusing on the strength and leadership of the people, not big government.

The Democrat Party chose as their symbol, the Jackass, known to be lacking in intelligence, strength, often loud and stubborn. The perfect choice for their symbol, but that’s another story.

On August 24th I was proud and honored to be a part of Custer County GOP’s Lincoln Day Celebration at Hermit Park. It was a fun-packed tribute marking the 170th anniversary of the Republican Party’s birth.

Called The Lincoln Day Celebration, not for Abraham Lincoln, but in honor of the founding of the Republican Party, for which Abe was the first of many candidates to be elected as president of the United States.

The event was kicked off with music provided by part of the

praise team of Sangre de Cristo Fellowship Church, who did a great job of entertaining the attendees and bringing glory to our Lord.

Attended by several hundred people, the local chapter of the GOP raised over \$10,000 for the Custer County GOP.

Jack Canterbury, Chairman of the Republican Committee of Custer County did an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies, bringing to the stage a number of awesome, God fearing speakers. Among them were candidate Sergei Matveyuk, running for congressional 7th District. State Representative Stephanie Luck, State Senator Mark Baisley and keynote speaker, Will Armstrong.

Following in his father’s footsteps, the late Bill Armstrong who served as U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative for the State of Colorado, Will Armstrong is CEO and Chairman of the Board of Colorado Christian University. He drew resounding rounds of applause as he proudly stated his belief in Jesus Christ and said, this will probably offend some people, but “Men and Women, God bless America!”

There was also an auction as part of the fund raising efforts with auctioneer John Clements adding his skills to auction off items provided by local businesses.

Among these businesses were Custer County Supply Company who donated a red, white and blue rifle for which Harald Frank was highest bidder. Gunfighters Design donated a hand-crafted knife, for which Cecilia Gray held the top bid, while Dark Skies Vacations donated four nights lodging. The lucky recipient was Laura Boggs. The forth item up for bidding were two pair of beautiful earrings, courtesy of Alina Rominger creator of fine custom jewelry. Winners of these two beautiful pieces were Gary Joseph and Charlie Ellison. Yoder Furniture also stepped up to the plate and donated beautiful metal wall art of which Will Armstrong had the high bid.

A sincere thank you for the generous donors and those that bid their hard-earned money to acquire these pieces.

Jack Canterbury, known for his trademark, classy wild rags or scarves as some call them, was wearing a beautiful red, white and blue wild rag which several



CCRCC Chair Jack Canterbury MC’d at the Lincoln Day Dinner.
Photo by Jim Wilde

people said, “You need to auction that off!” He was more than happy to do so. It brought \$55 but after having paid for it, the good-hearted winner was quick to return it to Jack. (Notice the wild rag missing in the picture of Jack holding up the rifle.)

A great time was had by all with excellent food and soft drinks included in the price. Bottom line, Jack Canterbury and the numerous volunteers did a tremendous job of leading us in the celebration of the GOP’s 170th birthday!

A heartfelt thank you to all who put in their time, efforts and all of those that came to support our noble cause! And a special thank you to George and Yvonne at the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel for all they did to promote this event!

If you wish to donate to the GOP, please contact Jack Canterbury at 719-429-5411.

May God continue to bless the GOP, Custer County and the United States of America!

Government's first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives.
Ronald Reagan