

Easter On The Front Lines

Contributed by
Pastor Robert Leroe

What are your “front lines”?

Army Chaplain Edward Rogers, a Lutheran minister, served with the soldiers of the “Big Red One”, the First Infantry Division, in WWII. Like most chaplains, he saw a lot of troops come to him with complaints about the Army. Some chaplains hand out cards, “authorizing” 15 visits with the Chaplain. The joke was the Chaplain would use a paper punch for each visit. This is allegedly where the term “getting your ticket punched” came from. I handed them out as well, as a conversation piece. It wasn’t taken seriously, but talking to troops about their problems definitely is a big part of the job.

Chaplain Rogers did “ministry of presence,” bringing God to troops in the trenches. He marched with the 11D in their campaigns in Italy and North Africa, then into France, Belgium and Germany. He said that soldiers “may forget the church and God, but the church



and God’s pastors and priests did not forget them.”

He recounts an incident on early Easter Sunday 1944. The 349th Infantry battalion had dug in near the German front about halfway up the Italian peninsula south of Rome. The regimental Commander worked with his chaplain on a plan to provide some Easter for

the troops at the front. The idea was to set up loud-speakers so that Catholic and Protestant soldiers could at least hear an Easter message.

They were so close to the Germans that the enemy forces would hear the service as well. After discussing the situation, the Commander and Chaplain agreed

to open the service in German because the message of Easter is for all nations, for enemies as well as friends. Chaplain Rogers, who spoke fluent German (naturally, since he was Lutheran), prepared a brief service in German for that day.

On Easter Eve, Signal Corps troops laid wire and set up loud-speakers. Some rear echelon personnel made their way forward to worship and observe. So on Easter morning, words of Scripture and prayers were broadcast across the 400 yards of no-man’s land toward the enemy lines. The Chaplain stated, in English and German: “Should not all Christians be jubilant this day? Should not all people rejoice? For now Christ has died and rose again for all people—for Germans and Americans alike. Therefore I wish you all today a Blessed Easter!” Then 1LT Charlotte Johnson, an Army nurse, sang “I know that my Redeemer Liveth”,

FRONT LINES
see page 17

Lawsuits Inbound After Polis Signs Semi-Auto Ban

by Cam Edwards,
BearingArms.com

After the Colorado legislature amended SB 3 to better align with Gov. Jared Polis’s point of view, there was little doubt that the gun ban bill would be signed into law once it reached his desk, and on Thursday afternoon, Polis put pen to paper and enshrined the bill into law.

The original version of the semi-auto ban was pretty simple: gas-operated semi-automatic long guns capable of accepting a detachable magazine would be prohibited for sale and manufacture in the state of Colorado, and though residents who possessed one before the law could take effect could keep theirs, it would be a criminal offense for anyone else to acquire or keep one in their home.

Polis’s wanted to see a major change to the bill; allowing AR-15s and other modern sporting rifles to stay on store shelves and giving Colorado residents the ability to purchase and possess them going forward, but only if they undergo additional training and receive a Second Amendment permission slip from their local sheriff.

“Polis said the measure would help push Colorado toward its goal of becoming one of the top 10 safest states. He also advocated for the

legislators to look at creating scholarship opportunities for the training, which would be run through Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and permits would be maintained by county sheriff’s offices. He said the current goal is to ensure CPW’s firearm training costs are under \$200.

He also advocated for legislators to find a way to ensure prior firearm training and experience, such as peace officer or military training, to allow that training to qualify the citizens for purchase.”

Colorado’s violent crime rate has soared since 2012, when the state enacted its first real gun control measures, including a ban on “high capacity” magazines. Polis is deluding himself if he believes that SB 3 is going to make the state a safer place. Any criminal who wants to obtain a firearm for illicit or evil purposes can either steal one, go through the state-mandated training and be approved for purchase, or simply head out of state and buy a rifle or shotgun there.

It will be lawful residents who feel the brunt of SB 3s impact, with Polis essentially admitting that the permit-to-purchase process will add hundreds of dollars to the price of a modern sporting rifle. Firearm

LAWSUITS INBOUND
see page 15

The Kingdom of God Is Here!

by Brett Brubaker

Spring is undoubtedly a special time of year, especially since I am blessed to live near Westcliffe, Colorado. Today is a very special day to believers in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Immanuel.

God became flesh and lived among us. A sinless life, offered in payment for those that believe in Him. Jesus suffered horrendously at the hands of Pilate as He was beaten and whipped to a bloody mess. Only then having to carry His cross on His back to be executed by hanging from the cross, held by spikes in His arms and feet. Within several hours of hanging, Jesus gave up His life. He was taken down from His cross and buried. Yes, He was buried in a borrowed tomb. That used to bother me! Jesus, the One who spoke this world into existence, buried in a borrowed tomb? Well, he wasn’t going to stay there long, so a borrowed tomb would suffice (S.M. Lockridge).

The Shroud of Turin is thought to be the burial clothing of Jesus. Today, we have the scientific means to analyze the Shroud. The Shroud speaks of a miraculous event. In addition to that event, scientists have been able to determine that there are elements found in the Shroud that could only be found in the exact area in which Jesus died over 2,000 years ago. The Shroud

speaks very strongly to the truth found in the Bible.

When Jesus walked on this earth, in what has become known as the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus addresses God’s Kingdom when He said - “Thy Kingdom come”.

The teaching of Jesus regarding the coming of His Kingdom has been debated, probably since the very day of His resurrection.

The first is that the Kingdom has already come in the person of Jesus, (Lk 11:20) while the same Kingdom is still in the future. The text states that the Kingdom had already come, yet the Lord’s Prayer speaks to the event that Thy Kingdom come. So, does that mean God’s Kingdom is both now and not yet?

The second states that the Kingdom of God is near, and yet, it is far away. There are passages in the Bible that state, expressing the confidence that the end of all things is near (1Pet 4:7; 1Cor7:29 & 10:11; Rom 13:11). At the same time, Jesus, during a banquet at Zacchaeus said: “Today, salvation has come to this house” which resulted in the disciples imagining that the end of history was about to take place.

THE KINGDOM
see page 8

He is Risen
pages 12-13

Bobcat Talent Show
page 16

BOCC: Audit Demanded
page 3

Mark Evert Obituary
page 4

Ralph L Hey Obituary
page 4

KLZR Concerts
page 8

Senior's to WyoTech
page 11

Polis Signs Gun Law
page 14

Florence Rodeo Royalty
page 15

Bug Out Bag Guns
page 20

PATRIOT ALERT!

2nd Means ALL Weapons
page 21



He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Matthew 28:6 KJV



We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not granted to us by politicians or governments. Freedom demands responsible behavior of all citizens and must be consistent with the truths expressed in the great moral and governing guides as The Ten Commandments, The Declaration of Independence, The U.S. Constitution and The Bill of Rights.

These were the principles that guided our founding fathers and which we believe are still relevant. These are the principles that will guide our reporting and be the basis of all our views.

We will not be constrained by the illogical, misleading and inaccurate thinking and use of "political correctness" but by truth, facts, logic and common sense.

The Sangre de Cristo Sentinel (USPS 11280) is an independent newspaper, published weekly by The Mountain Publishing Company, Inc. P.O. Box 179, Westcliffe, CO 81252.
POSTMASTER: Please send address changes to The Mountain Publishing Company, Inc. P.O. Box 179, Westcliffe, CO 81252

Key Personnel

George Gramlich - President & Managing Editor
George.Gramlich.sdc@gmail.com

Fred Hernandez - Vice President
FredHer8@proton.me

L. Vass - Secretary and Asst Editor / Graphics Layout
sdc.sentinel@gmail.com

Katherine Brenchley - Advertising Coordinator
SentinelAds1791@gmail.com

Office Support

Accounting Services
Bookkeeper.sdc@gmail.com
Yvonne Phillips
sdc.sentinel@gmail.com

Mailing & Delivery

Galen Studebaker

Sentinel Founders

Mike Hess
George Gramlich
Mary Seifert
Rob Canterbury

Sentinel Honor Roll

Dan Bubis
Jackie Bubis
Carol Clemenson
Scott Clemenson
Barbara Napolitan

Contributors

Audrey Slater
Mtn. Photo in Logo
by Peggi Collins

Winter Business Hours:

Tues: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wedn: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fri: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Closed Mon, Thurs & Weekends

Subscription Rates:

\$49 yearly for 81252 zip code
\$59 yearly elsewhere
\$29 yearly for Digital Edition

How to contact us:

719-783-3360
P.O. Box 179
601 Main Street
Westcliffe, CO
81252

www.SDCSentinel.com

Please send your letters to sdc.sentinel@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/
SangreDeCristoSentinel



Colorado State News



Colorado Background Checks Surge as Gun Rights Restrictions Advance

by Sherrie Peif,
CompleteColorado.com

DENVER — Data put out by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reporting the number of background checks by the month, shows a trend in Colorado relating to gun rights restrictions being pushed through the legislature every year at this time.

For years, Colorado residents appear to race to secure new gun purchases during the latter part of the legislative session when majority Democrats are known to rapidly advance their anti-gun agenda.

To date the legislature has introduced 22 bills dealing with gun rights and restrictions in some fashion. Of those, 18 restrict rights, and many are awaiting the governor's signature; four expanded rights, three of which have lost; and two others are relatively neutral and are awaiting hearings.

The National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) is operated by the FBI and used to determine if someone is eligible to own a firearm.

According to data for the first quarter of 2025, background checks nearly

doubled in March to 68,099 from what there were in January (37,519), with 42,109 checks run in February.

Colorado had the 9th highest total of checks run in March of all 50 states.

Weld County Sheriff Steve Reams said this is nothing new, and in addition to Colorado's gun purchases going up every year during this time as legislators put more and more restrictions in place, so do concealed carry applications and renewals.

Both scenarios are what drive those background check numbers up.

"During the first four or five months of the year we just get inundated," Reams said. "When you think about the five-year cycle for renewals, they are coming to renew their permits and on top of that you have all

the new gun bills that drive people to exercise their Second Amendment rights to the best of their ability."

Reams said his staff is slammed for the first few months of the year every year.

For the past five years, the NICS reports Colorado's annual background check totals consistently among the highest in the nation, with COVID years the highest:

- 2020 — 680,000, with a high of 77,000 in March.
- 2021 — 629,000, with a high of 70,000 in March.
- 2022 — 528,000, with a high of 53,000 in March.
- 2023 — 508,000, with a high of 57,000 in March
- 2024 — 477,000, with a high of 51,000 in March
- 2025 — A high to date of 68,100 in March.

Reams said it also causes a problem in the time to turn around the checks because the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) doesn't increase its staff to handle the overwhelming numbers of applications. And it's only going to get worse if Governor Polis allows Senate Bill 25-003 to go into law..

[The Governor signed it.]

What is supposed to take usually no longer than 7-10 days to get an answer back is taking more than 30 days right now.

"I don't think there is a mechanism in place that the state can launch to keep up with the new process," Reams said.

Reams was referring to extensive new rules and regulations surrounding gun purchases under Senate Bill 3, which among other things requires firearms purchasers to undergo gun safety and shooting training as well as acquire a newly created state authorization card to buy semi-automatic guns, adding to an already backed up CBI.

"It's only going to get worse over time with the number of steps that requires CBI's input," Reams said.

Please see: <https://completemcolorado.com/2025/04/08/background-checks-surge-gun-rights-restrictions/>



MAGA PROUD!

H & L TRUCKING & SKID STEER WORK

719-371-1570



SUNFLOWER Natural FOODS

Open Mon - Fri
10 am - 7 pm
Sat 9 am - 4 pm
405 Main St.,
Westcliffe
719-783-9266

Your local option for healthy food!

We carry:

- Local Produce
- Local Meats
- Local Dairy & Cheeses
- Supplements
- Personal Care items

We also do special order requests for hard-to-find items!

Come see us today!

NEW for the season

Strawberry Kiwi Refresher

Veggie Sandwich with house-made hummmus



STAGE STOP
EST 2019
Corner of 3rd and Main

Come join us for one evening this Summer as our

GUEST CHEF.

email zitas@bearpeakllc.com

Proceeds from Guest Chef Weekends will go to local charities.



EASTER Egg Hunt
and Resurrection Story

SATURDAY
APRIL 19 AT 10:00 AM
ON THE BLUFF



HOSTED BY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

REGULAR FEATURES

Business Directory	page	6-7
Classifieds	page	9
Churches	page	8
Crossword Puzzle	page	17
Events	page	9
Obituaries	page	4
Business Directory QR (Scan to download)		

website <https://SangreDeCristoSentinel.com>



Local Mountain News & Notices

BOCC: County Records Retention Policy Proposal, Citizen Wants State to Audit County

by George Gramlich,
News and Commentary

The April 10, 2025 Custer County Board of County Commissioners regular meeting was held at the Wetmore Community Center and started at 9 a.m. All three mighty Commissioners were present: Chair Bill Canda and members Lucas Epp and Paul Vogelsong.

In Commissioner Items Epp said he attended a Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments (UAACOG) meeting the day before. The UAACOG board appointed a new Executive Director, Dave Paul. Epp commented that he had asked Vernon Roth, head of our county IT department to send out an RFP for “IT services”. (The contents of which was not defined.) Vogelsong said he was looking into options for the water treatment plant. (No further info was provided.) Canda said TV Channel 11 on the County’s broadcasting hill has been going in and out. Epp said each time the repair crew comes up it costs a lot of money. Canda replied that that was the deal the county signed many, many moons ago. Canda also mentioned that local realtor, Bob Senderhauf, is working on a “fundraiser” deal that would help the county with the Round Mountain Water donation last week and also help Round Mtn.

In New Business, the first item up was Accounts Payable. The total for the last two weeks was \$310k. Large ticket items were Redlands Accounting, the District Attorney budget, and self-insurance funds.

Later on, Bob Smith, our Director of Human Services said he was putting out a request for proposal (RFP) for workman’s compensation insurance for the county. The County is currently using CTSI and he wants to see what else is out there.

Resolution 25-22 was next. This was for \$24.2k for training and equipment for the Sheriff’s Office School Resource Officer (RSO). This was approved. Next was Resolution 25-23 to allocate \$1,300 that was donated for the County’s Dive Team. Resolution 25-26 gave our Veterans Service Office \$500 for a cell phone. Resolution 25-28 moved \$120k from the General Fund to the Self Insurance Fund.

Bob Smith then led the discussion of Resolution 25-29 proposing a County Records Retention Policy. Smith, at the request of the Office of Emergency Management, was asked to produce a policy as OEM was going to be audited by the state concerning certain grants and OEM needed a Records Retention Policy for the County for the audit. The County currently does not have one. Smith put a draft together based on Fremont County’s policy and presented it to the BOCC and the County Clerk. This was done in a rush due to the late request by OEM. (Which has happened before with OEM.)

It sounded like the Commissioners had just gotten the draft (which was LONG) very recently. Smith said they needed to adopt it or OEM might be in trouble with the upcoming state audit.

Canda said they needed time to review it as some of the items in there do not jive with what the County has. County Clerk Kelley Camper said there were flat out errors in the section on the County Clerk & Records and they should be corrected. After a lot of back and forth, it was decided that the proposed policy should be given to all the department heads for review and the BOCC will take it up in the April 24 BOCC meeting.

Canda asked Smith what exactly was the issue with the rush job re the OEM grants. Smith did not know. It appeared that the actual audit is around May 1st, so the BOCC has some time.

In Public Comments, Epp said he had received two emails from citizens that they had requested be read at the meeting. The first one was from local Len Arrigo concerning retaining the County’s financial records. He requested that all these records from January 1, 2011 to the present be retained. He also said he had requested that the State of Colorado come down here and audit the County’s financial records.

The other email was from local Joy Anderson. She said she had several Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) that have not been fulfilled and she wants the information. These papers are about the old justice center land deal.

And that was that. Another episode of Happy Valley “in the can”.

DO YOU KNOW HIM?



HE FORGIVES SINNERS



THE GRAVE COULD NOT HOLD HIM



HE IS RISEN!

HIS NAME IS JESUS CHRIST!



INSPIRATION FROM
“THAT’S MY KING” BY DR. S.M. LOCKRIDGE
SELECTED AND PROVIDED BY KEN AND SHARON TIEGS



AGI SENTINEL



Construction Solutions of Colorado, LLC
Custom Homes. Remodeling . Concrete
. Steel Building Sales and Erection



Construction Solutions of CO, LLC
Casey Nordyke: 719-371-7454
Corey Nordyke: 719-371-6143
CONSTSOLUTIONS@ICLOUD.COM
Authorized Dealer Sentinel Steel Buildings



Frontier Kitchens & Interiors

Frontier Kitchens is a *full-service* interior design store specializing in custom new builds and remodels.

- 3D Designs
- In-Store Consultations

Visit our local showroom on Main Street to see a HUGE selection of product choices!

719-783-9225
www.Frontierkandi.com
318 Main Street, Westcliffe



- Sewer Line Cleaning
- Video Camera Inspection
- Tankless Water Heaters
- Replacement of Main Water and Sewer Lines
- Repair & Replacement of Water Heaters, Furnaces & Boilers
- Geo Thermal Heating & Cooling
- Air Duct Cleaning

Certified Backflow Installation and Testing
Service and New Construction
Licensed and Insured
Locally Owned & Operated

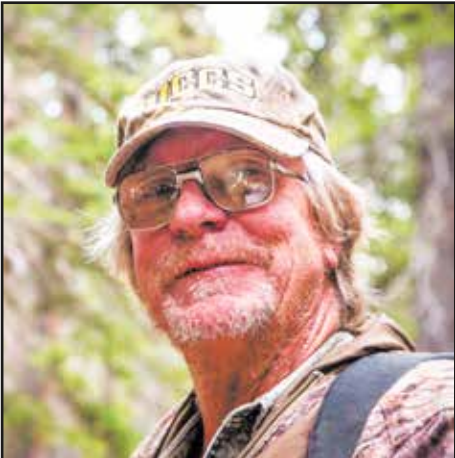
www.rivervalleyplumbingandheating.com
250 Moore Dr, Florence
719-784-3876



Local Mountain News & Notices

Obituary Mark Evert

Mark Steven Evert was born in Zumbrota, Minnesota, on May 25, 1954. He went to Heaven April 7, 2025, in Pueblo, Colorado. He was preceded in death by his parents Ina and Lawrence Evert, sister Patricia Anderson, and brothers Jeffrey and William Evert. He is survived by his brothers Lawrence (Sherri) and Michael (Sharon) Evert, wife Dawn Evert, and children Johnathon (Brianna) Evert and Michelle (Chris) Segura, along with stepchildren Mikaela (Robert) Goodwater and Tyler (Lindsay) Carlock. They also shared eight grandchildren and one great grandson.



Mark moved to the Wet Mountain Valley in 1990 and raised his children there and built countless beautiful homes. He retired to Pueblo two years ago where he spent his time relaxing and enjoying every day. He had a wild spirit and his love for the outdoors was contagious. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and didn't know

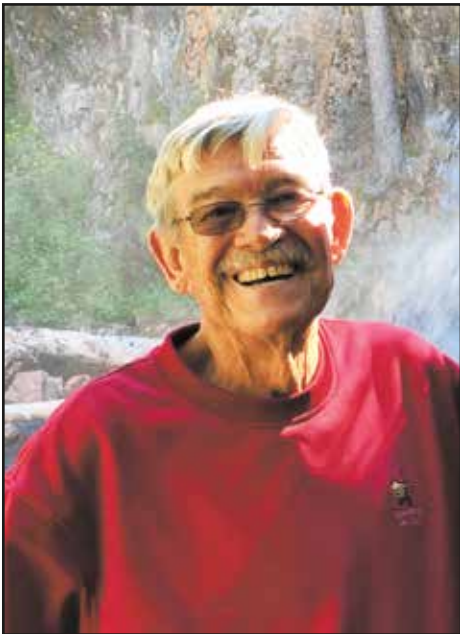
a stranger. His pride and joy were his children and grandchildren, he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

His memorial service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Westcliffe, Colorado, located at 410 S. 6th Street.

**My life has been a poem I could have writ,
But I could not both live and utter it.**
—Henry David Thoreau

Obituary Ralph Louis Hey

Born January 9th, 1943 in Okeene, OK to Carl Mark and Alice Hey, passed away April 10, 2025 in Casa Grande, AZ. Ralph spent his earliest years in Okeene, OK, until his parents purchased the Lodge at Lake San Isabel, CO, in 1952 and the Heys moved to this location. He attended school in Rye, CO, graduating in 1961. He was a freshman on the 1958 State Champion Basketball team, scored the first touchdown for the newly established Rye High School Football team, was a member of the 1960 State Champion Baseball team and set the career scoring record for the Basketball Team. In 1961 Ralph moved to Cañon City, CO, and played fast pitch softball, American Legion baseball and went on to be a two-time Cañon City Champion in Singles and Doubles competing in Tennis. He accomplished both the Tennis Championships again in 1969. He decided to attend Adams State College and compete in Basketball, Baseball and Tennis. Ralph graduated from ASC in 1966 and moved to Los Angeles, CA in 1967. Later in life he continued his education at the University of Southern California, Western State College, and the University of Northern Colorado.



In 1969 he began teaching and coaching at Vona Public Schools in Vona, CO. The following year the neighboring school in Seibert, CO, burnt down causing the schools to consolidate. Mr. Hey was asked to assist with the newly established school by naming it Hi- Plains, making the mascot the Patriots and the colors Red, White and Blue. He also started and coached the football program in 1970. Coach Hey was very proud to be the Guest of Honor at the 40th Anniversary of Hi-Plains High School in 2010. In 1972 Coach Hey relocated to

Custer County High School in Westcliffe, CO, to teach and coach for the next 26 years. From 1972-1974 the Boys Basketball teams placed at the state tournament and set many state records, while some are still standing. He started Girls Basketball at Custer County in 1974. Some of Coach Hey's career accolades are coaching High School Basketball for 8 years with a record of 140-39 with 6 League/District Championships and 4 Regional Championships. In Basketball he coached 16 All-State Players and 3 All-American Players. His Junior High Football record was 186-43 over 25 seasons. For 29 years he coached Jr. High Basketball accounting for a record of 1,067 wins with only 188 losses during

MR. HEY
See page 8



**We create heirloom furniture
so you can create lasting memories.**



*Featuring Live Edge Slabs!
Beautiful furniture of all
kinds, Dining Tables
(starting under \$1,000!)
Amish Handcrafted Beds
& Mattresses, Metal Art,
Quality Footware and
SO MUCH MORE!
Come check us out!*

*At Yoder's, we only source the highest quality materials.
Our furniture is built by the best Amish craftsmen in the country
and will last for generations to enjoy.*

Open Mon - Sat | 9am-5pm
57965 Hwy 69, Westcliffe | 719-783-0988 | <https://shopyoders.com>



Accepting most insurance, including Tricare!

**Offering the same great service in
Custer County that has won us
“Best Pharmacy in Fremont County”
for the past 20 years!**

**Your local source for
Prescriptions and
Over-The-Counter
Medications & Supplies**

**OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY
9AM-5:30PM
CLOSED SAT & SUN**

palacedrugco.com 719-371-9402
94 E. Main St., Silver Cliff ~ 601 Main St., Cañon City

RAYMOND JAMES

**We're #1,
because you always have been.**



At Raymond James, the priority has always been people. We think that's a big reason why the firm took top marks in the J.D. Power 2025 U.S. Investor Satisfaction Study:

- #1 for Advised Investor Satisfaction
- Most Trusted

The emphasis on putting clients first and the belief that doing what's best for you is the best we can do for the firm is what brought me to Raymond James in the first place.

It's an honor to be part of this firm and of this recognition, made even greater knowing that it came from clients like you. Thank you.

Barb Beckner
Financial Advisor



Barb@peaks-integrity.com



RAYMOND JAMES
Peaks Integrity Wealth Management, LLC
595 Hermit Rd Westcliffe, CO 81252
719-581-(PEAK) 7325
www.peaks-integrity.com

Ron Beckner
Financial Advisor



Ron@peaks-integrity.com

Your Full-Service Investment Office in Custer County and Surrounding Areas

Securities offered through Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., Member FINRA/SIPC. Investment advisory services are offered through Raymond James Financial Services Advisors, Inc. Peaks Integrity Wealth Management LLC is not a registered broker/dealer and is independent of Raymond James Financial Services.

St. Patrick's Corner—Is Easter a Pagan Holiday?

by A Miserable Offender

Unlike Christmas, which was not celebrated widely on a uniform date by the followers of Jesus until a.d. 354, Jesus's resurrection was remembered and celebrated from the very beginning by his followers. The very first thing that happened was that each week, Sunday became a feast day, celebrating the Resurrection every week.

The early Christians were predominantly Jews, who still celebrated the Sabbath on Saturday, as they always had, but then they added a celebration of the most important event in history on Sunday, which was now not only the first day of the week, but also the eighth.

It was not a coincidence that spring-time was the setting for Jesus's resurrection, and the comparisons with the natural world are simply there for us to see. God made nature to show us his truth. In the Psalms particularly, but throughout the Bible, we learn that everything under heaven proclaims the truth of God. So seeds die from plants and are buried in the ground, only to germinate and bring forth life completely transformed from the little seeds from which beautiful life originated. So, Jesus Christ was dead and planted in the tomb, only to be resurrected as a new, unrecognizable spiritual being three days after his resurrection. God places the Passover in Spring and tied his son's death and resurrection

where no one could mistake the message that God was bringing us new life and total transformation through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

We humans set in the northern hemisphere would be inhuman indeed if we did not get excited about spring.

Winter seems to last too long. In the days of subsistence agriculture (most of history) the vegetables stored at harvest the previous autumn will be getting tiresome and sparse. Hunger would be on the horizon. The land seems dead and hostile. Color has deserted the landscape.

Then one day, sprouts of leaves begin to appear, and the sun begins to warm the earth once more. The days grow longer and the hostile farmland softens, receptive to planting seeds saved from the previous season. Wherever these changes begin to take place, so do celebrations of life.

The pagan celebration of the coming of new life coincides with the greatest miracle of all time, at the Passover season of the Hebrews.

God saved his chosen people from degrading slavery, persecution and death in Egypt by having Moses tell the children of Israel to sacrifice a lamb and use its blood to paint red on the sides and tops of the doors to their dwelling. Each house that had the bloodied door was saved, while unpainted doors all lost the firstborn child of a family, from the

royal house to the lowest hovel by the River Nile. The angel of death flew over Egypt to make the point that the God of the Hebrews had the power to do this.

So the real Easter, the one where the Son of God who has laid down his divine and human life for us rises again to life everlasting, sits atop the merely human celebrations of the season.

The word Easter is problematic to some because at one time there was a pagan diety of some kind, a female fertility goddess, who would probably be described by Orthodox Christians as some sort of demon, had the name Osters, or Eostre. The word in Anglo-Saxon also refers to the East, where the sun rises each morning, and where Christians traditionally turn toward Jerusalem, where Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, and his resurrection happened.

Some Christians are afraid to use the word Easter because they do not want to practice syncretism. Miserable Offenders salute you, Christians who do not want to water down the doctrine of Christianity with syncretism! Good for you!

Syncretism is defined as the practice of incorporating existing philosophies or religious practices from different religions and customs into Christianity, and the apostle Paul warns about it in the New Testament. In the letter to the Colossians, he proclaims that Christ is everything. Christ, the Word of God, spoke creation into existence.

He knows intimately the mind and soul of each person he made, and each plant or animal, rock or tree.

I have read books and articles saying Jesus travelled to India or pagan England as a youth and learned about the nature religions there, in order to fill our his narrow Hebrew experience. How little people who write this understand about Christ! There is nothing his religion does not understand or incorporate without the help of pagan religions.

It is just too bad people do not read the Psalms, where we read that the stars, the trees, the rocks, the wind all worship Christ! The earth and the heavens declare the glory of God.

It is commendable for Christians to question how the holiest day of remembrance we have is celebrated.

What about Easter eggs? What about the Easter bunny? How does chocolate signify theologically?

Eggs really do have a religious significance of a minor part. To early Christians, they were like the sealed tomb. What living thing could come from a sealed tomb? The egg was a symbol of new life (in Christ) that emerged from a closed system like the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. The eastern Christians of the Byzantine Empire died all their Easter eggs red to symbolize the blood shed on the cross. Eggs were traditionally forbidden during Lent, so having them as part of the Resurrection

Day feast seems to be a given.

The bunny? The bunny. The Easter bunny was first mentioned in Germany in 1682 as a sort of Santa figure for good little boys and girls. It is pretty much just a secular symbol of new life, since hares and rabbits are so prolific. Not that there is anything wrong with that, if it points a Christian to the doctrine of everlasting life. It was pretty lifechanging that one time I found myself in a remote junkyard in Dueling Banjos, Virginia, when we came across a rabbit in a cage with eggs. We still have not solved that mystery, but it probably had nothing to do with Jesus Christ being risen from the grave.

It is okay to use the word Easter. That the sun rose in the east on Resurrection Day to shine on a whole new era of human history defined with sacred hope of life everlasting with our God, Jesus Christ, begotten before all worlds, who spoke everything in the heavens and the earth into existence is stupendous. If it hurts your ability to comprehend this truth, ditch the word and call it Resurrection Day.

We do not need to look to the pagan subreligions of the world to understand what happened for those whose hope resides in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. It is complete and whole without remembering the pagan religions that existed before, after or besides the religion of Jesus Christ.

What Jesus did is incomprehensible. Phillipians...



NORUP GAS INC.

28 RANGEVIEW LP
PH 783-9338

AUTOMATIC DELIVERIES
COMMERCIAL
RESIDENTIAL
BUDGET BILLING
TANK RENTAL

Norup Gas Inc.

28 Rangeview Loop

(Rangeview Industrial Park)

Located

one mile north of Westcliffe
on Highway 69.

Office hours:
Monday through Friday
8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

719-783-9338

**LARGE LOT
WITH MOUNTAIN VIEWS!**



Brenda Bosse
Realtor®

**25 years listing and
selling in the valley!**



Unimproved 6-acre lot with stunning views of the Sangre de Cristos is the ideal canvas for your dream home or recreational retreat. Electric power in the road. Outdoor activities abound and small-town amenities are mere minutes away. \$65,000

(719) 371-3270
9 Bassick Place, Westcliffe
brenda@brendabosse.com
www.brendabosse.com



SPECIALIZING IN RE-ROOFING
METAL • SHINGLE • FLAT ROOFS
FRAMING • POLE BARNs



719-792-9414
DavesRoofing@upwardprint.com

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Automotive Services

The Cliffes Auto Service
Automotive Repair and Service
215 E Main St, Silver Cliff • 719-783-3281
CliffesAutoSvcs@gmail.com

Banks & Financial Services

**Collector & Investor Coins -
Buying Selling & Trading**
719- 269-7507 • 123 S 5th St, Canon City, CO
www.canoncitycoins.com

Kirkpatrick Bank
8 Bassick Place, Westcliffe, CO
719.783.2030
www.kirkpatrickbank.com

Peaks Integrity Wealth Management, LLC
Raymond James
Investments, Financial and Insurance Services
719-581-PEAK (7325) / www.peaks-integrity.com

Building SUPPLY

Central Building Supply
Hardware, Lumber & OSB
705 Ohio Street, Silver Cliff
719-783-2385

Builders/ Construction

Construction Solutions of Colorado, LLC
Steel Buildings -- Licensed & Insured
Casey N. 719-371-7454 - Corey N.- 719-371-6143
Nordyke Family • constsolutions@icloud.com

CUSTOM Home Builders
Westcliffe Construction, LLC
From the Ground Up!
719-371-5231

Eagle Edge Construction, LLC
Ronnie Miller
719-239-0300
Honesty is Everything

Eagle Peak View
All phases of Construction & Plumbing
Mike Mitzner
719-494-4026 | mike@eaglepeakview.com

Hershberger Construction
719-216-9545
Matt@HershbergerConstruction.net

Kauffman’s Construction
Porches & Decks - Roofing & Siding
Custom Pole Barns & Garages • Free Estimates
Owen 719-371-7863

Old Country Construction
719-458-4184
New Homes, Additions, Polebarns, Garages
Certified Passive House Tradesperson

Computer/Cell Phone Repair

Electron Wizard
sleuth1@sleuth1.com 719-431-9442
615 Main St, Westcliffe
Computer Repairs, Sales, Cell Phones, and More!

Don’t see Your Business?
Call us for Great Rates!
719-783-3360

Dentist

Jared Smith, DMD
618 Main St, Cañon City
719-275-0661
www.jaredsmithdmd.com

Construction Services

Beach Redi-Mix & Concrete Pumping
Precast septic tanks &
decorative blocks
719-783-3558 | info@SBCompanies.com

Colorado Forestry & Earthworks, LLC
Gravel: Landscape Rock, Topsoil & More
Excavation: Septic Installs, Driveways, Foundations
719-429-1676 | coforearth.com

Dave’s Roofing Systems
719-792-9414 / 800-364-2979
David Mullett
Warranty Certified & Factory Trained

Frontier Kitchens & Interiors
Full Service Interior Design Store
318 Main Street
(719)-783-9225

**Harald Frank Skid Steer Services
and H & L Trucking**
HaraldFrank7@gmail.com 719-371-1570
Driveways Build/Repair - Gravel & Road Base Hauling

KLM Seamless Gutters
Marlin Miller
Quality and Experience
719-371-7021

No Job Too Small
Tony 719-783-2883 INSURED
Interior Painting, Repairs
For your small Construction Needs

Sapiah Woodworks, LLC.
Lisa Kidwell, Owner/Contractor
Custom & Fine Carpentry, Restoration, Consulting
720.309.4262 sapiahwoodworks@gmail.com

Seifert Enterprises
Excavation, Septic Systems, Culverts,
Driveways, Rock Sales & Delivery
719-783-2757 info@SBCompanies.com

Solar Solutions Ltd
Off Grid and Grid Tie
10 Hermit Lane. Silver Cliff 719-783-9666
email: pbailey@solarsolutions.com

Spray Foam Insulation
Average is No Option
719-239-4739
lmiller.millersroofcoatings@gmail.com

Valley View Windows & Doors
Call Marty Byler at 719-220-4151
or Email Will@valleyviewwindows.net
Free Estimates, Replacements, New construction

Daryl CUSTOM Home Builders
WKM Construction, LLC
New Homes, Renovations
719-371-5231

Westcliffe Concrete
Flatwork & Stamped Concrete, ICFs
Lee Hostetler: 719-371-6193
Matt Troyer: 719-221-8940

Cabs & Transport

RANDY CAB
Randy Schiro Owner /Driver
719-210-5908
randolf.schiro@icloud.com

Clothing & Footwear

Custer County Supply Co
206 Main St. Westcliffe | 719-659-8743
Open Tues-Sat: 10am-5pm
Guns, dog supplies, clothing, & much more!

Salty Pine Floral & Boutique
411 Main St, Westcliffe
719-783-9393
www.westcliffeflowershop.com

Yoder’s Home Furnishings
57965 Hwy 69, Westcliffe
Home & Patio Furniture, Footwear, Outdoor Wear
Mon - Sat 9am-5pm

Countertops

SOL Granite & Natural Stone
4804 Dillon Dr. Pueblo - 719-544-3085
solgranite.com
Inventory, Custom Design, Fabrication & Installation

Electricians

Boneyard Electric LLC
Steven Hardin
719-371-1221 - boneyardelectric@gmail.com
Industrial - Residential - Commercial

J.R.B. Electric, LLC
Residential & Commercial
Serving Fremont, Custer, Chaffee & Pueblo Counties
719-320-0913 · JRBElectricLLC.com

Firewood

Westcliffe Firewood
Ryan Stover
719-371-6074
westcliffefirewood@gmail.com

Florist

Salty Pine Floral & Boutique
411 Main St, Westcliffe
719-783-9393
www.westcliffeflowershop.com

Funeral Homes

Holt Family Funeral Home
806 Macon Ave, Cañon City
719-275-4113
www.holtfamilyfuneralhomes.com

Furniture & Home Goods

Yoder’s Home Furnishings
57965 Hwy 69, Westcliffe
Home & Patio Furniture, Footwear, Outdoor Wear
Mon - Sat 9am-5pm

Grocery & Health Foods

Lowe’s Market
50 Main St, Westcliffe
719-783-0550
www.lowesmarket.com

Sunflower Natural Foods
405 Main St., Westcliffe
719-783-9266
Mon-Fri 10am-7 pm, Sat 9am-4pm

Shopping Local Helps Local Economy & Creates Local Jobs

Guns , Ammo, Knives

Custer County Supply Co
206 Main St. Westcliffe | 719-659-8743
Open Tues-Sat: 10am-5pm
Guns, dog supplies, clothing, & much more!

Salida Cutlery & Smoke Shop
132 W Hwy 50 Salida
719-539-2884 Monday-Friday 9-6
Where you'll find sharp gifts & smokin' deals!

Gun Clubs

Royal Gorge Gun Club & Lincoln Park Pawn
1345 Elm Ave, Cañon City 719-276-3030
Lincolnparkpawn@hotmail.com
1 foot to over 1 mile, 75 different powders

Sangre Shooting Sports Club
P.O. Box 1554, Westcliffe
http://sangreshooting.com

Heating & Spas

Salida Stove & Spa
11130 W Hwy 50, Poncha Springs
719-539-2125
salidastove.com

Heating & Air Conditioning

Greenstreet Plumbing
Licensed, Bonded and Insured Master Plumber
Infloor Heat Systems - Plumbing
719-783-2800 - greenstreetplumbing@gmail.com

Piñon Plumbing, LLC
All Service Heating · Residential & Commercial
Boilers, Furnaces & Propane Heaters
Licensed & Insured · Jeff Ray 719-783-0379

White Bros Custom Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
www.whitebrosplumbing.com
P.O. Box 957, Westcliffe ~ 719-217-7202
Locally Owned & Family Operated

Insurance

State Farm Dennis Podzemny
1004 S 9th St, Cañon City
719-275-1548
https://www.canoncityinsurance.com

Landscaping

Yardcrafters
Full Landscapes, Xeriscaping, Retaining Walls
719-275-5091
yardcrafterscolo@outlook.com

Lodging

Darksbies Vacations
Enter WMV-LOCAL for 10% off vacation home rentals.
Visit Darksbies.vacations or call
719-783-0648

Massage/ Therapy

Wet Mountain Manual Therapy
CranioSacral Therapy, Visceral Manipulation, MLD
114 N 2nd Street, Westcliffe
wetmountainmanualtherapy.com 719.639.8447

Mitigation/ Pest Control

Premier Pest Control LLC
719-371-7404 ~ ppc16@privategarden.org
inspections, estimates, professional pest management
residential, commercial, licensed and insured

Mitigation/ Tree Removal

Swota Enterprises
Wildfire Mitigation and Excavation
719-783-4477
rswota@gmail.com

Wise Tree Service
719-429-2866 Local, Insured, Experienced
Complete tree service-difficult removals, trimming/
shaping, stump grinding and fire mitigation

Pharmacy

Palace Drug - Silver Cliff
Get your prescriptions filled while you wait!
94 E Main St., Silver Cliff
Palacedrugco.com | 719-371-9402

Plumbing and Heating

Greenstreet Plumbing
Licensed, Bonded and Insured Master Plumber
Infloor Heat Systems - Plumbing
719-783-2800 - greenstreetplumbing@gmail.com

Piñon Plumbing, LLC
All Service Heating · Residential & Commercial
Boilers, Furnaces & Propane Heaters
Licensed & Insured · Jeff Ray 719-783-0379

River Valley Plumbing and Heating
250 Moore Dr, Florence
719-784-3876
www.rivervalleyplumbingandheat.com

White Bros Custom Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
www.whitebrosplumbing.com
P.O. Box 957, Westcliffe ~ 719-217-7202
Locally Owned & Family Operated

Propane

Norup Gas
28 Range View Loop, Westcliffe
719-783-9338

Real Estate Services

Brenda Bosse HomeSmart Preferred Real Estate
9 Bassick Place, Westcliffe, CO 81252
719-371-3270, brenda@brendabosse.com
Selling locally for 24 years.

Custer County Realty
902 Main St, Westcliffe
719-783-9221
www.custerrealty.com

Hayden Outdoors - Twila Geroux
214 Main St, Westcliffe
719-371-4344 | twila@haydenoutdoors.com
https://www.haydenoutdoors.com

Lori Kastendieck
Independent Broker
719-269-0653
WestcliffeBroker.com

Restaurants & Dining Cont'd

ALPINE LODGE
RESTAURANT, LOUNGE, CABINS, CATERING, SPECIAL EVENTS
719-783-2660 • 6848 COUNTY ROAD 140, WESTCLIFFE
facebook.com/TheHistoricAlpineLodge

**Stage Stop Gourmet Sundaes
& Espresso**
3rd and Main Street, Westcliffe
Follow Us: Facebook.com/inthesangres

Tony's Mountain Pizza
719-783-9300 • tonysmountainpizza.com
Thur– Sat 11 am-8 pm,
Tues, Wedn. & Sun 12 pm-7 pm, closed Mon
630 Main Street, Silver Cliff

Tony's Steak & Tavern
719-783-9300 • tonyssteakandtavern.com
Wed 12-7 pm, Thurs-Sat 11am-8 pm,
Sun Brunch 10 am Full Menu 12-7 pm, closed Mon-Tues

Septic Installation

Colorado Forestry & Earthworks, LLC
Gravel: Landscape Rock, Topsoil & More
Excavation: Septic Installs, Driveways, Foundations
719-429-1676 | coforearth.com

Finney Drilling
Cañon City
719-275-9525
larryfinneydrilling@gmail.com

Seifert Enterprises
Excavation, Septic Systems, Culverts,
Driveways, Rock Sales & Delivery
719-783-2757 info@SBCompanies.com

Solar / Renewable Energy

Solar Solutions Ltd
Off Grid and Grid Tie
10 Hermit Lane. Silver Cliff 719-783-9666
email: pbailey@solarsolutions.com

Storage

Wet Mountain Storage
300 Main St, Westcliffe (office)
719-783-9321
www.westcliffecoloradoselfstorage.com

Tractor/Trailer Sales

True Value Hardware and Trailers
635 Shoop Dr, Penrose
719-784-0123
https://www.truevaluetrailers.com

Vacation / Accommodations

Darksbies Vacations
Enter WMV-LOCAL for 10% off vacation home rentals
Visit Darksbies.vacations or call
719-783-0648

Veterinary

High Peaks Animal Hospital
1200 Broadway St, Silver Cliff
719-783-3770
www.highpeaksanimal.com

Well Drilling and Pump Services

Finney Drilling
Cañon City
719-275-9525
larryfinneydrilling@gmail.com



MR. HEY
from page 4

this time. While coaching the Jr. High Track and Field team for 26 years, his boys’ teams won the West Central League 24 of those years. Coach Hey became the first Athletic Director for Custer County High School and held that capacity for 20 years, in 1993 he was named the State Athletic Director of the Year. Mr. Hey influenced thousands of student athletes over the course of his career.

Ralph served 14 years on the CHSAA Board of Control, many tournament committees for Basketball/Volleyball and has been honored for contributions in football, basketball, and track at the State level. He was the Meet Director for 19 Regional Track Meets and was a State Track Official for 41 years (21 years Head Finish Judge and 8 years on the Games Committee and Jury of Appeals). In 2002 he was honored as a member of the Colorado Football Association. Coach Hey oversaw 7 State Football Playoff games, 17 District and 11 Regional Basketball Tournaments, 6 Regional Wrestling Tournaments, and 6 District and 3 Regional Volleyball Tournaments.

Mr. Hey held a license as a Colorado Guide and Outfitter. He was hired out by multiple movie crews to take them fishing and tour mines in the Custer County area during filming of local movies. He even was an extra in a few throughout the years. He loved hunting and fishing; he fished in 50 of the 53 lakes in the Sangre de Cristo Range and climbed a few 14ers.

In 1975 he was one of the four original founders and board members of The Valley Park Recreation and Youth Center in Westcliffe, CO. He helped organize the beginning of the adult softball program in 1979 and was one of the original owners of Shadow Ridge Sub-Division established in 2003.

Coach Hey attended many big-time sporting events such as 6 Super Bowls, 3 Final Fours, 1 World Series, 1 Stanley Cup and worked as a Marshall at the 1985 U.S. Open Golf Tournament. He was a season ticket holder for the Denver Broncos and the Colorado Rockies throughout the years. He always loved the University of Oklahoma because his father played football and basketball there.

Ralph was an avid golfer and won multiple tournaments in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. He also served as a board member for Northern New Mexico Senior Men’s Golf Association for 8 years and was President in 2007. The Association gave 11 scholarships to Custer County High School seniors in a 7-year span. His annual Pig and Putt Golf Tournament in Walsenburg, CO, carried on for 19 years.

After retirement from Custer County School District, Ralph and his wife Donna moved to Casa Grande, AZ. He spent almost every day of the week playing golf at the area courses.

When he wasn’t golfing, he was busy making fresh lemonade from his lemon trees and watching sports on TV. He always looked forward to visits from friends. Grandpa Ralph cherished every time his or Donna’s grandchildren came to Arizona.

Ralph Hey is survived by his loving wife Donna Paschall of Casa Grande, AZ, sister Cathy Hey (Bruce Olson) of Sioux Falls, SD, son Grady Camper of Walden, CO, son Tanner (Lindsey) Camper of Westcliffe, CO, Donna’s daughter Anne (Evan) Miller of Lampe, MO, Donna’s son Nathan (Susan) Ruhl of Seattle, WA, grandchildren Sawyer and Savanna Camper of Walden, CO, Caroline and Harvey Camper of Westcliffe, CO, Donna’s grandchildren Taylor (Gage) Luketich and family of Wasilla, AK, Travis and Trey Leiker of Aurora, CO, and Asha Ruhl of Seattle, WA.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday, June 21, 2025, in Westcliffe, CO. It will be held in the Town of Ula at 403 County Road 175 from 12-3 p.m.



KLZR Announces
2025 Concerts

Press Release

KLZR’s kickoff to summer, the “KLZR 2nd Street Block Party”, will be held May 24th on Main Street in front of the KLZR Studios. Come join your neighbors and friends for live music, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., including a mix of Rock, Oldies and Country from “Exit 101”. Food and drink will be available from local merchants.

In addition, the High Peaks Summerfest will run every Sunday in August, featuring this year a rebranding, combining our previous two offerings, the Summer in the Park Concerts, and the High Peaks Music Festival.

Scheduled to appear are Michael Hearne (August 3), Steve Smith and Tim May (Aug 10), Dakota Blonde (August 17), River Mann (August 24) and The Rifters (August 31).

Concerts will be held at All Aboard Westcliffe, 102 Main Street, in the shadow of the caboose, each Sunday in August, 12:30 – 3 p.m. Bring lawn chairs and sun protection and food and drink will be available. All concerts will be free to the public.

For volunteer or sponsorship opportunities, contact TC Smythe, tc.smythe@klzr.org . Thanks to the Town of Westcliffe for their generous support!



WOMEN'S Conference

5:30-8:30 PM
MAY 2

9:30 - 3:30 PM
MAY 3

Guest Speakers



REBEKAH HAREN MARISSA MARTINEZ & MORE

PURSING THE FULL REFLECTION OF JESUS

Join us and other women from our community as we learn from our speakers about how we can pursue a life that reflects Jesus.

LUNCH PROVIDED ON SATURDAY
CHILDCARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

FREE EVENT



SCAN HERE

REGISTER BY 4/25

Hosted by: First Baptist Church, Cowboy Church, Sangre de Cristo Fellowship, & Valley Bible Fellowship

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 410 S 6TH ST, WESTCLIFFE, CO 81252

THE KINGDOM
from page 1

A third explanation is found in Luke 21:5-36 where Jesus describes signs of the coming of the Kingdom, that no one can determine when it would occur, not even Him, but only God the Father knows such mysteries (Mt 24:36; Mk 13:32)

In summation, the kingdom of God gives purpose and direction to history.

God’s Kingdom is affirmed to have come and, yet it lies in the future. It is just about to happen and is still far off. There are signs, but the timing of the fulfillment of the Kingdom is to us unknown and unknowable.

So my question to you is this: Where do you find yourself when it comes to these statements, to the celebrations of this time of year? Do the recent discoveries of the Shroud of Turin strengthen your faith as to this actual

event some 2,000 years ago? Do you simply not care to believe that Jesus was the Son of God as He claimed to be and that He died for your sinfulness? I have come to see and believe in a God that is so incredibly magnificent, so remarkably powerful and immense in who He was, is, and will be. I can’t comprehend all of it and see the great truth in the statement that only God the Father knows of this incredible event to happen...

Custer Senior Center Menu

Monday, April 21 #18 Bratwurst on a Bun Onions & Cabbage Oven Brownd Potatoes Peas & Carrots Orange	Tuesday, April 22 #16 Beef Stroganoff Orange Spiced Carrots Pickled Beet & Onion Salad Orange WW Bread w/Butter	Thursday, April 24 #40 Cream of Potato Soup Tuna Salad Wrap Lettuce & Tomato Slices Creamy Coleslaw Peaches
--	--	---

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 \$4 suggested donation per meal is appreciated, but not required. All menus subject to change.

Come and Worship

Christian Science 9:30 a.m. Worship 8 Bassick Place, Westcliffe	First Baptist Church of Westcliffe 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:45 a.m. Worship 4:30 p.m. Wedn. AWANAS 410 S. 6th Street, Westcliffe Pastor Josh Olsteen 719/783-2498	Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church Diocese of Pueblo 11 a.m. Sunday Mass 10 a.m. (2nd Tuesday of month) Mass 10 a.m. Wednesday Mass 5:30 p.m. Thursday Mass 109 S. 5th Street, Westcliffe 719/783-3507	Sangre de Cristo Cowboy Church Pastor: Mike Shields 10 a.m. Sunday School Bible Study 11 a.m. Worship Last Sunday of Month: Potluck at Noon sangredecristocowboychurch.com also on Facebook 60260 Hwy 69, Westcliffe 719/232-5372
Church of Christ 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship 818 Ohio Street, Silver Cliff 719/783-4601	High Country Mennonite Church 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 103 N. Adams St, Westcliffe 719/783-9045	Our Lady of Mt. Zion Catholic Church 11 a.m. Mass, 2nd & 3rd Sunday of month 210 S. 2nd St, Westcliffe 719/783-2491	Sangre de Cristo Fellowship 9 a.m. Meet & Greet 9:30 a.m. Service 120 Jerry Drive, Westcliffe 719/783-0903
Cody Park Community Church 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Tues. 8:30 a.m., Prayer Mtg Wedn. 7 p.m. Bible Study 0157 County Rd. 27A Cotopaxi 719/942-3526	Huerfano Community Bible Church 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 7 p.m.: Thursday Bible Study 603 Leon Street, Walsenburg (719) 251-9053	Praise Community Church Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Praise & Worship 10:45 a.m. 215 N Pikes Peak Ave., Florence 719/784-1184	Sangre de Cristo Seminary Chapel 10 a.m. Worship 6160 County Rd. 130, Westcliffe 719/ 371-1822
Community United Methodist Church 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Worship 202 S. 6th Street, Westcliffe 719/783-2511	Hope Lutheran Church 2 p.m. Worship 3:15 p.m. Bible Study 3rd & Powell Streets, Westcliffe Pastor Dan Kletke 719/783-2323 Lange Hall 719/783-2561	St. Luke's Episcopal Church 10:30 a.m. Worship & Eucharist 11:30 a.m. Fellowship 8:30 a.m. Prayer Service, Thursdays 3rd & Rosita Streets, Westcliffe 719/783-2477	Valley Bible Fellowship 10 a.m. Worship 116 Hermit Lane, Silver Cliff 719/581-7572
Cotopaxi Community Church 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Wedn. Bible Study PastorSteveHolcomb@gmail.com 20326 Hwy. 50, Cotopaxi	Living Stone Calvary Chapel Saturday evenings: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mornings: 9 a.m. & 11a.m. 830 Bridge St., Canon City, CO Pastor Sean Meagher 719/276-0863	St. Patrick's Anglican Church 11 a.m. Worship 403 S. 2nd S., Westcliffe 925/339-0175 or 719/783-2500	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
		Sacred Heart Catholic Church Diocese of Pueblo Saturday Mass 4 p.m. Highway 69, Gardner Bldg. Mickey. 719/746-2037	Wetmore Community Church 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 699 County Rd. 395, Wetmore 719/784-0596

Send Church updates to sdc.sentinel@gmail.com
(719) 783-3360

“He himself bore our sins” in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by His wounds you have been healed.” I Peter 2:24

First Baptist Church
April 19 - Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m.
on the Bluff
Easter Sunrise 8 a.m.
Community Service on the Bluff
April 20 - Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m.
April 20 - EASTER Service 10:45 a.m.

Hope Lutheran Church
Maundy Thursday - 2 p.m.
Good Friday - 2 p.m.
Easter Sunday - 10 a.m.

Livingstone Calvary Chapel
Canon City
Good Friday Service 6 p.m.
Saturday Service (Through Romans) 5:30 -7 p.m.
Easter Services 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church
Holy Thursday 5:30 p.m.
Adoration follows until midnight.
Good Friday 3 p.m.
Easter Sunday
April 19 7:45 p.m. w/Confirmations
April 20 11 a.m.

St Patrick's Anglican Church
Maundy Thursday 6 p.m.
Good Friday Service 11 a.m.
Stations of the Cross
followed by soup & bread at 6 p.m.,
Saturday - Harrowing of Hell reading at 6 p.m.
Easter Sunday 11 a.m.

Contractor License
#ICNON153778

New Homes
Additions
Polebarns
Garages
Westcliffe, Colorado
719.458.4184

Events

Throughout April on Fri-Sat-Sun,
12 - 3 p.m. (Closed on Easter Sunday)
Beckwith Ranch ~ Wild West Era Exhibition \$5
for ages 13+. Speakers, kids activities, and exhibits.

April 19 10 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt and Resurrection Story
on The Bluff Sponsored by FBC and CCSO

April 20 Easter

Saturday, April 26, Meet 10:30 a.m. End 2:30 p.m.
FREE. Trails for All Hike. Hike is 4.4 miles total.
Park vehicle(s) on 4th Street Parking area at the Silver
Cliff Community/Town Park and meet at the Flag
Court at 10:30 a.m.

April 27 2-3:30 p.m.
LIFE CHAIN - Prayer for the unborn
Meet at the school in the West Parking Lot

May 22 & 23, Friday 5:30- 830 p.m.
Saturday 9:30- 3:30 p.m.
Women's Conference at First Baptist Church
Lunch on Saturday- Conference is FREE

Classifieds

Announcements

FREE BOOKS
At the Sentinel's Lending Library:
History, biography, war, crime, etc. Good quality.

For Rent

Town of Silver Cliff
3 bedroom, full bath with 2 sinks.
Large, full kitchen
Washer and drier. Fenced in back yard.
Utilities not included.
NO PETS
\$750. Per month.
Call 303-903-7804
Or 303-903-2985

Get Noticed with Color

For Sale

ORGANIC EGGS and Meat
Call the Egg Lady
(719) 371-5497

HAPPY Birthday Tommy the Spook

Real Estate

Lori Kastendieck
Independent Broker
Real Estate
WestcliffeBroker.com
719-269-0653
Serving buyers & sellers
Since 1982

Services

WILDFIRE MITIGATION
Home and Property Protection
Skid Steer Work/Home Improvement and Repair
Serving Custer County and Surrounding Areas
Swota Enterprises
719-783-4477

Help Wanted

Custer County School District is now hiring.
Apply online at <https://www.applitrack.com/ccbobcats/onlineapp>.

Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
We Need Local people to Report on LOCAL News
Stop by Tues -Wedn. 9-3, Fri. 9-12
601 Main St., Westcliffe

Westcliffe, CO - ANYWHERE! - \$130,000

2023 30' Tumbleweed Tiny Home
On Wheels w/ all the modern amenities!
* Radiant Floor Heating
* Washer/Dryer Combo
* Water Softener * Extra Windows
* Reverse Osmosis Water System
* Freestanding Gas Range
* Large Sink * Large Fridge
* Large Flex Room * Hardwood Flooring

Dustin Fowler
218-779-7728

Community Services

Altitude Community Fitness
(719) 783-0750

American Legion Post #170
PO Box 424, Westcliffe, CO 81252
talpost170westcliffe@gmail.com
(719) 783-2462 westcliffepost170.org

Custer County
Community Sharing Food Pantry
120 N. 3rd St. Fri. (719) 783-2994
OPEN First 3 Fridays of the month
11 - 2 p.m.

APRIL SCHEDULE
Care and Share Distribution Dates:
Care & Share- April 11 and April 25 from 11-3.
TEFAP- April 14 from 12-2.
Everyday Eats -available during any regular distribution.
An Equal Opportunity Provider

To Place an ad, please call 719-783-3360 or email sdc.sentinel@gmail.com.
The deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is Monday at 4 p.m. for that week's edition.

FREE SINK
with purchase

SOL GRANITE
STONE & TILE CENTER

Countertop purchase of 45 square feet minimum required. Valid only on Stainless Steel sinks. \$195 value.
Coupon must be presented at time of sale. New proposals only.
Only one coupon per customer.
Not to be combined with any other offers.

SOL GRANITE
STONE & TILE CENTER

Serving Pueblo Since 2007

Pueblo's Only Granite & Quartz Countertop Fabricators!

719-544-3085
4804 Dillon Drive, Pueblo
(Behind Texas Roadhouse)

Shop Local. Shop Direct.
WE ARE OPEN
M-F 8-5, SAT 10-3

Family Crisis Services
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center for Fremont and Custer Counties
(719) 275-2429 FamilyCrisisOnline.org

Front Range Clinic
Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT)
1-866-MAT-STAT
www.frontrangemd.com/mobile-unit

Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources
Monday and Thursday 11a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
(719) 783-4357

National Suicide HOTLINE
1-800-273-8255 Veterans Press 1

Solvista 24/7 Crisis Line
for Fremont and Custer Counties
Regional 719-276-5488 Local Office 719-275-2351

VETERANS SERVICE Office (VSO)
Dominic Edginton new VSO
(719) 618-8266 vso@custercounty.co.gov
Courthouse Bldg. (Rosita Rd. Entrance)

West Custer County Library
209 Main Street Westcliffe, CO 81252
(719) 783-9138
Tue. - Fri.: 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m..
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wet Mountain Rotary Van Service
Limited Dispatch 719-783-2343

KIDS

Friday, April 18, 2025

Wyoming

Most of us Coloradans know that Wyoming is the state right above us. But what else do you know about Wyoming? Let's take a look at Wyoming.

Wyoming is the least populous state despite being the 10th largest by area. It is a land locked state in the Mountain West subregion of the Western United States. It borders Montana to the north and northwest, South Dakota and Nebraska to the east, Idaho to the west, Utah to the southwest, and Colorado to the south. Its capital city and most populous city is Cheyenne. Wyoming's climate is semi-arid in some parts and continental (meaning variable weather patterns and significant variation in temperature) in others. This causes it to be drier and windier overall than other states and with greater temperature extremes.

Just under half of Wyoming's land is owned by the federal government. Included in this land is two National Parks (Grand Teton and Yellowstone), two national recreation areas, two national monuments, and several national forests, as well as historic sites, fish hatcheries and wildlife refuges.

What to do in Wyoming? Well, how about Happy 307 day. Wyoming: one state, one area code - 307. Each year on March 7, Wyomingites and folks far and wide who share a love for the Cowboy State celebrate all of their favorite things about Wyoming. Fort Laramie National Historic Site is featured in the Oregon Trail video game. Cody, Wyoming, is the rodeo capital of the world. Bison is the state's mammal and they were the first state to grant women the inherent right to vote and hold office.

Here is something I would really like to see, Skijoring. This sport made it into the Nordic games in the early 1900s, where its popularity spread throughout Europe. After WWII American soldiers brought it home and now it is practiced by cowboys and skiers. It combines skiing and horseback riding. There are two participants: one rides the horse as quickly as possible, while the other straps on skis and holds on to a modified water ski rope for dear life as the horse pulls them.

Top six Wyoming skijoring destinations: Sheridan, Sundance, Pinedale, Saratoga, Jackson Hole and Alpine.

So, if you are looking for a new vacation spot you just might want to look to our northern neighbor.

by Audrey Slater. Sources: <https://www.worldatlas.com/maps/unit-ed-states/nevada>, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wyoming>, <https://travel-wyoming.com/blog/stories/post/celebrate-wyomings-307-day/>, Photo: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Barns_grand_tetons.jpg.

Sangre de Cristo Sentinel • Westcliffe, Colorado

Corner

© 2025 Sangre de Cristo Sentinel

Tony's Players of the Week

MPV Track & Field
Mason Stover

From Coach Parrish: This week we have selected Mason Stover as our athlete of the week for HS Track and Field. Mason is a dedicated distance runner, even running half marathons. I don't think he ever gets tired. Mason is such a positive person and a great role model. This

last weekend, he had an accident with a mountain bike. He fought through the injuries and still competed despite the pain he was in. We are excited to see what Mason will accomplish. Great job! We are proud of you!

Mason's Current State Standing is Mason-19th in the 3200m, 25th in the 1600m

Wesley Bennett
MPV Baseball

Hoehne Game - Wesley completed 7 innings, pitched 6 hits, and allowed 8 runs with 11 strikeouts.

MOST
VALUABLE
PLAYER

Bobcats Scoreboard!

Thursday, April 10:

HS Baseball @ Hoehne (Double Header):

1st Game: **12-8, Win!** 2nd Game: 2-12, loss

Friday, April 11:

HS Track Celebrations from Lancer Invite (Colorado Springs)

14 teams in attendance:

Grant Rusk: 2nd in the High Jump, 3rd in Triple, 4th in Long Jump

Hayden Hampton: 3rd in the 200m, 5th in Triple, 7th in the 100m,

Levi Carichner: 4th in the 400m, 5th in the 200m, 8th in the 100m

Miranda Benoit: 4th in the 1600m, 6th in the 800m

Robert Bachman: 6th in the 400m, 8th in Triple Jump,

16th in the 100m

Chris Mullett: 7th in shot, 14th in Discus

Brandon- 8th in the 200m

Layna Jones: 10th in Triple

Reaghan Shank: 13th in the 100

HS Baseball @ Cotopaxi: **25-3, Win!**

Saturday, April 12:

HS Track Celebrations from Thunder-Storm (CSU-P):

36 teams in attendance:

Levi Carichner: 5th in the 400m, 11th in the 200

Hayden Hampton: 8th in the Triple

Robert Bachman: 8th in the Triple

Miranda Benoit: 11th in the 1600m

Mason Stover: 13th in the 3200m, 14th in the 800m

14 PR's this weekend!

Tuesday, April 15:

HS Baseball @ HOME vs Simla: 0-16, loss

Booster Club Bobcat Corner



Come out and support your
Custer County Bobcats!

All games and dates are subject to change without notice.

Saturday, April 19:

10 am HS Track @ Husky Invitational @ Florence

Monday, April 21:

2pm/4pm HS Baseball @ HOME vs South Park (Double Header)

Tuesday, April 22:

4 pm HS Baseball vs Cripple Creek-Victor (away)

Thursday, April 24:

5 pm HS Baseball vs Elbert (away)

Friday, April 25:

9 am HS Track @ Rye Thunderbolt Invitational in Rye

2pm/4pm HS Baseball vs La Veta (Double Header - away)

Saturday, April 26:

9 am HS Track @ District 2 Invitational @ Harrison - Co. Springs

11 am HS Baseball @ HOME vs Hinkley

Tuesday, April 29:

tbd HS Baseball District Quarterfinals

Come support the Bobcats Concession Stand at every Home game!

“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.”

Mark 16:6 ESV



Custer County School District C-1

MENU for the WEEK of April 21 thru April 24

BOBCATS	Breakfast	Lunch
Monday	Cereal, Oatmeal Mixed Fruit Yogurt, Milk	Chicken Patty Sandwich Oven Fries, Carrots w/ranch Fruit, Choice of Milk
Tuesday	Breakfast Sandwich Yogurt Fruit, Choice of Milk	Smothered Beef and Bean Burrito Corn, Refried Beans Fruit, Choice of Milk
Wednesday	Waffles, Sausage Yogurt Fruit, Choice of Milk	Chicken Alfredo Broccoli, Roll Choice of Milk
Thursday	Biscuits and Gravy Fruit Choice	Pigs n Blanket Baked Beans, Salad Fruit, Choice of Milk

ELEMENTARY - MAIN DISH, GRAIN PRODUCT, VEGETABLE, FRUIT & MILK
MIDDLE & HIGH - MAIN DISH (OR SALAD BAR), GRAIN PRODUCT,
VEGETABLE, FRUIT AND MILK. This institution is an equal employer

Resurrection Morning



Last Friday, the Custer County Chamber Choir Presented “Resurrection Morning” An Easter Cantata by B.Cecil Gates. The free performance was held at Custer County School.

Courtesy photos By Stephanie Berry



Custer County Seniors Heading to WyoTech Trade School



The senior class of 2025 is sending 3 students to Wyoming Technical Institute (WyoTech) in Laramie, Wyoming. Jordan Craig, Ryan Kriegh, and Austin Scholl have all signed to attend the trade school which was opened in 1966. WyoTech is a destination school for future technicians pursuing full-time training in Automotive, Collision/Refinishing, Diesel, and Welding. The three CCHS seniors will begin their programs in the fall of 2026.

L to R: WyoTech Admissions Counselor Mike Spaulding, Seniors Jordan Craig, Ryan Kriegh and Austin Scholl



JOIN OUR FUN AND EXICTING TEAM!

APPLY TODAY!

**630 MAIN STREET
SILVER CLIFF, CO
719 783 9300**



**WE ARE
HIRING!**

OPEN POSITIONS:

HOSTS & HOSTESSES

WAITSTAFF

KITCHEN COOKS

DISHWASHERS



Your Local Plumbing & Heating Service Company

719-783-0379

pinonplumbing@gmail.com

Residential & Commercial Service and Installs, Furnaces, Boilers, Propane Heaters, Tanked & Tankless Water Heaters, Main Water & Sewer Line Replacements, Water & Gas Lines, Remodels & New Construction

Jeff Ray - Owner - Master Plumber

Providing 34 years of Experience, Knowlege, Reliability & Honesty

LICENSED & INSURED P.C #2578 / M.P. #189724



GET THE TO-DO'S TO-DONE

CK SERIES

- 20, 35 AND 40 HP ENGINES
- 3 TRANSMISSION CHOICES
- 4WD OR 2WD MODELS
- EASY TO DRIVE

WE DO YOUR CHORES



True Value

Store Hours:

Monday - Friday 8 am - 6 pm | Saturday 8 am - 2 pm

635 Shoop Dr., Penrose, CO 81242

719-784-0123

www.truevaluetrailer.com

ALLELUIA! 3

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.
He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.
And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.
Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26



While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."
Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.
This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Matthew 26:26-28



When Jesus had taken
"It is finished."
And bowing His head,



When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus.

He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.

And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud,

and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed.

Matthew 27:57-60



And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left.
And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Luke 23:33-34



HE IS RISEN!



taken the wine, He said,
head, he handed over the spirit.
John 19:30



But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.

They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "**Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?**" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

Jesus said to her, "**Mary.**"

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rab-bo'ni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "**Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.**"

Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20:11-18





Polis signs SB25-003 into Law after months of protest and 95,000 petitions

By Jen Schumann,
Contributing Writer,
Rocky Mountain Voice

In the end, Governor Jared Polis didn't make a speech. He didn't stand before cameras or take questions. He didn't even put the signing on his public calendar.

On April 9, behind closed doors and without public ceremony, Polis signed Senate Bill 25-003 into law—legislation that critics say is one of the most restrictive gun ownership laws in the country. The signing came after months of resistance from Colorado citizens, lawmakers and small business owners who warned the bill was not only unconstitutional, but economically and socially devastating.

Here's how it happened.

January: early warnings

SB25-003 was introduced on January 8, the first day of this legislative session. Lawmakers and residents immediately began sounding the alarm.

C.J. Garbo, in a *Rocky Mountain Voice* (RMV) column, pointed out how increased gun restrictions in Colorado going back to 2010,

have done little to curb criminal violence. Garbo shared that in Denver alone, firearm-related homicides increased by 77% between 2015 and 2021, despite the implementation of multiple gun control measures.

Rep. Brandi Bradley was even more direct.

"I think we're gonna see harsh legislation against the Second Amendment," Bradley said. "We'll see if Polis is going to sign this assault weapons ban—3.0 is what we're calling it," She added, "From what I've seen, it would ban 80 to 90 percent of guns, anything with a detachable magazine, even hunting rifles. It is truly one of the worst gun bills I've seen."

February: delays and revolt

By early February, the bill had stalled. After being laid over multiple times, cracks began to form in the Democratic majority. One of the biggest came from within.

Democrat Senate Minority Whip Nick Hinrichsen was a holdout. *RMV* reported that he fully supported a ban on rapid-fire trigger devices, stating, "If all but this provision is removed from the

bill through amendments, I will vote to pass the bill. However, as the bill is currently introduced, I am a 'no' vote."

RMV documented repeated delays. At one point, the bill appeared to be on life support.

"Support for the bill appeared to have collapsed again Friday before a second reading and preliminary vote, as it was laid over until February 13," when *RMV* reported that Hinrichson's opposition might have been a death knell for the bill.

Sen. Barb Kirkmeyer blasted the bill's double standard, noting that it included an exemption for Hollywood filmmakers to use the same guns that would be banned for Coloradans.

"You want to pass a bill that bans these weapons, but hey, go use them in a film," she said.

March: rallies, petitions, passage

As the bill moved to the House, opposition ramped up. Gun owners rallied at the Capitol on March 11, calling the bill government overreach.

Rep. Chris Richardson warned the bill was far more than a ban.

"What started as an extreme gun ban is now a government-controlled gun owner registry disguised as a licensing scheme. Expensive fees, mandatory training, fingerprinting and renewal every 5 years — just to exercise your constitutional right."

Rocky Mountain Gun Owners posted bluntly, "This is our Alamo!"

Lawmakers warned of the economic fallout.

"We will be chasing businesses out of Colorado. We will be chasing people out of Colorado to purchase firearms and other devices," Rep. Ryan Armagost said during the 12-hour House committee hearing

Legal scholars weighed in, too. *RMV* contributor Ryan Anderson outlined how the bill violates the *Bruen* standard set by the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Because there is no historical equivalent to these restrictions, the law would likely be deemed unconstitutional," Anderson wrote.

April: the petitions and the signing no one saw

April 3, nearly 95,000 petitions were delivered to the Capitol, demanding that Governor Polis veto the bill. A letter accompanying the petitions, signed by multiple lawmakers — including U.S. Reps. Jeff Crank, Lauren Boebert, Jeff Hurd and Gabe Evans warned the bill would "empower criminals at the expense of law-abiding citizens."

In an *RMV* commentary exploring Governor Polis to veto the bill just days later, Mesa County Commissioner Bobbie Daniel wrote:

"In our system of government, individual rights are not permissions granted by the state. They are inherent — God-given — government's role is to protect them, not ration them out when convenient."

But the governor said nothing. In the early afternoon of April 9, Coloradans were taking to Twitter/X over rumors that Governor Polis intended to sign

SB25-003 SIGNED
see page 15

1210 Engelman Road
Westcliffe, CO

Offered at \$1,500,000

Stunning Panoramic Views
35.12 Acres
4 Bdr / 3 Bath, Elevator
5,203 Square Feet

Offered by:
Bob Senderhauf Owner/Broker

Custer County Realty, Inc.
902 Main St. - Westcliffe, CO
(719) 783-9221

Market

Your Neighborhood Grocery Store

- Full Service Grocery Store
- Ice
- Blue Rhino Propane
- Firewood
- Hunting / Fishing License

Open 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
7 Days a Week

Visit us online at [LOWESMARKET.COM](https://www.LowesMarket.com)
or on Facebook at [FACEBOOK.com/LowesSupermarkets](https://www.facebook.com/LowesSupermarkets)

50 Main Street
719/783-0550

Main St & Dewalt St
Silver Cliff, CO

Offered at \$65,300

5 Commercial Lots!
.29 Acre
Start your own business!

Offered by:
Bob Senderhauf Owner/Broker

Custer County Realty, Inc.
902 Main St. - Westcliffe, CO
(719) 783-9221

Senior Discounts up to 20%

Email:
Sleuth1@sleuth1.com

Main St. in Westcliffe next to the
laundromat & Anne's Grooming

Laptops Refurbished,
Monitors & other devices!

Why drive 125 miles to get
ripped off at the geeks and
other expensive sales and
repair stores?!

ELECTRON WIZARD
Only Minutes Away!!
719-431-9442
Computer Repairs / Sales / Cell Phones!



Colorado State News



Florence Rodeo Royalty



Introducing Colorado Rebels Riding Club 2025 Royalty! Queen Josie Harder, Princess Gracie Johnson, Princess Assistant Lyra Trimble, Jr. Princess Haislyn Harder, Jr. Mr. Horseman Hunter Roberts. And thank you to Judges Jacqueline Cantwell, Marci Wommack and Katlyn Wommack. Congratulations to all!

Courtesy photo

SB25-003 SIGNED from pag 14

the bill into law later in the day.

We have been given information from a few trusted sources that @GovofCO is signing SB25-003 today.

The 2nd Syndicate will be taking action against this if he does.

Tune in tonight to our live show with Republican House Minority Whip Representative @RepRyanArmagost and...

— The 2nd Syndicate (@the2ndSyndicate) April 10, 2025

I hope Gov Polis understands that if he signs SB25-003, he will suicide his chances of EVER being president! Not very libertarian of him to do so.

— Representative Ryan Gonzalez (@RyanGonzalezCO) April 10, 2025

On April 9, he signed the bill behind locked doors. No cameras. No press. No public statement.

Republican lawmakers who had advocated for Coloradans' Second Amendment rights for months – didn't hold back.

Behind this locked door & away from the public eye, @GovofCO is signing SB25-003: Semiautomatic Firearms and Rapid-Fire Devices- a flagrant assault on our Second Amendment rights. Witnessing this radical attack was invite only & it wasn't listed on the Governor's public calendar. pic.twitter.com/mceBKlw6UL

— Senator Lisa Frizell (@LisaFrizellSD2) April 10, 2025

Please see: <https://rockymountaininvoice.com/2025/04/polis-signs-sb25-003-into-law-after-months-of-protest-and-95000-petitions/>

LAWSUITS INBOUND from page 1

retailers will feel the pinch as well, since many Coloradans who want to purchase one of these guns will likely head to FFLs across the border in states like Wyoming and Kansas to do so.

Immediately following the signing on Thursday afternoon, the Colorado State Shooting Association, which is the official state association of the National Rifle Association, said it would be filing a lawsuit against the new law.

"This legislation, which imposes unprecedented restrictions on the purchase of semi-automatic firearms through a burdensome permit-to-purchase scheme, represents a direct assault on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Coloradans," CSSA said in a release.

The group has contended that the measure will create a "de facto gun registry" that is maintained by state or local authorities. CSSA also noted that it had presented a petition with over 40,000 signatures urging Polis to veto the bill.

The NRA also vocalized its opposition to the bill.

"Behind closed doors, Governor Polis cowardly signed into law the most anti-gun, anti-freedom bill in Colorado's history. Instead of respecting the individual liberties of gun owners and hunters in his state, he bent the knee to the radical gun control element of his party," the NRA said in a release. "In Jared's Colorado, you need a 'Polis Permission Slip' to exercise your constitutional rights. If this proposal was popular with his citizens, it would not need to be enacted in secret."

The preparation for the inevitable lawsuits has already begun, but don't be surprised if nothing is filed immediately. The law won't take effect until August 1, 2026, and any litigation filed now might be dismissed because the issue isn't ripe for court review. That extended deadline also gives Coloradans more than a year to continue to purchase the most commonly sold and popular rifles in the country, and in the short term, Polis's ban is likely to lead to a spike in sales for the rifles and shotguns he and gun control activists want to restrict.

Please see: <https://bearingarms.com/camedwards/2025/04/11/lawsuits-inbound-after-colorado-governor-signs-semi-auto-ban-n1228285>

WILDFIRE MITIGATION

HOME & PROPERTY PROTECTION

SKID STEER WORK / HOME IMPROVEMENT & REPAIRS



SWOTA ENTERPRISES

SERVING CUSTER COUNTY & SURROUNDING AREAS

719-783-4477

RAY SWOTA

RSWOTA@GMAIL.COM

Central Building Supply Inc.





- COMPLETE POLE BARN KITS
- COMPLETE HOUSE PACKAGES
- NUDURA ICF
- TRUSSES BUILT TO YOUR SPECS
- WINDOWS & DOORS
- REBAR #3, #4, #5



POLE BARN KITS

WE DESIGN - STATE WIDE!

FAST TURN-AROUND!

CREWS AVAILABLE

WWW.POSTFRAMEPLUS.COM

Visit us online!

SKID STEER & EXCAVATOR RENTALS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 7AM-4:30PM

719.783.2385 | 705 OHIO ST, SILVER CLIFF, CO | cbslumber@gmail.com

WWW.CENTRALBUILDINGSUPPLYCO.COM

LIC#8395



J.R.B. ELECTRIC, LLC

Quality service at a reasonable price!

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

Solar, Hot Tubs, Generators, Lighting Retrofit & Installation, Service Upgrades, & Electrical Design

SERVICING THE FOLLOWING AREAS

Fremont, Custer, Chaffee, & Pueblo Counties

LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED

719-320-0913 • JRBELECTRICLLC.COM

Like & Follow @JrbElectricLlc

GENERAC AUTHORIZED DEALER



Bobcat Talent Show!

CLASS WINNERS:

1st place: Seniors

2nd place: Sophomores

JUDGE'S WINNERS:

1st Place:

The Wendigoons/The House Band

Drums: Rylan Honaker

Bass guitar:

Jacksyn Adamov & Benaiah Duncan

2nd Place:

Thomas Reis & Troy Bomgardner
Performing Kenny Rogers baseball song
"The Greatest"

3rd Place:

Jakson Erlenbusch
Piano Solo

People's Choice Winner:

Jakson Erlenbusch
Piano Solo



Seniors: "Are you smarter than a 5th grader?"



Sophomores: "Fashion Swap Show"
Winners: Alexis Grundy and Wade Pierce



1st Place: Wendigoons/The House Band

L - R: Benaiah Duncan - Bass;
Rylan Honaker - Drums;
Jacksyn Adamov - Bass



3rd Place and People's Choice Winner: Jakson Erlenbusch



2nd place: Thomas Reis and Troy Bomgardner

SPRAY
FOAM
INSULATION

1888 19th Trail, Cotopaxi, CO 81223
Imiller.millersroofcoatings@gmail.com
719-239-4739

High Peaks
Animal Hospital

Dr. Kayla Ingram

Call for an appointment:
719-783-3770

1200 Broadway in Silver Cliff

FRONT LINES
from page 1

composed by German-born George Frederic Handel. What isn’t known is how the German troops responded. Appropriately, Chaplain Rogers read from Psalm 139: “If I make my bed in hell, behold Thou art there” (Taken from “*Serving God & Country*”, Lyle Dorsett).

Where are our “front lines”? Could it be a hostile work environment? A home where we’re outnumbered by skeptics? A school that mocks our Christian faith? A group of friends whose interests are anything but spiritual? God may place us in situations where we are decidedly in the minority. Yet the Easter message is one of victory and triumph. “The resurrection proved that Jesus has conquered every enemy that was opposed to Him, to God, and to us.” (Lloyd-Jones).

I recently spoke with a Gordon-Conwell seminarian who said he was tempted after graduation to serve a church in the “Bible Belt” but he felt that was too easy; he wanted instead to go to the front lines, to a more challenging area where Christianity was not widely popular; a place of great need. It’s been said, “When we take on the resurrected Christ, we take on His mission in the



world--a mission to carry that resurrection light into the darkest of places and to break down the gates of hell” (Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola).

I understand this seminarian’s attitude. God sent me to the Army, where I encountered soldiers who had little interest in religion. It was a challenge to communicate the love of God, but an urgent task. New England is the least churchd region of the country, so we have a challenging mission. Wherever God takes us, we have opportunities to live in the power of Christ’s resurrection and share the Good News. We could present arguments for the resurrection, but most people don’t come to faith by persuasion; they’re convinced by the conduct of Christians.

Maybe your “front-lines” is a bed of sickness; every week we pray for those who are struggling with illness or injury. Some people give in rather than fight; they lose hope when they could rise above the pain. When we despair, it

is like sending our bodies a “die” message. As a former hospital chaplain I’ve seen patients give up and succumb to illness. I’ve also seen patients who choose to live till they die; in other words, they refuse to be defined by their illness, and they maintain a positive, faith-filled attitude. I would visit them to offer encouragement, and they encouraged me!

The “front lines” for Jesus was Jerusalem, where He came face-to-face with opposition. The religious leaders put pressure on Pilate to crucify Him. The governor gave in instead of showing some leadership; he was too concerned about looking bad in the eyes of Rome. Yet Jesus won the battle. He cried in victory, enthroned upon the Cross, “It is finished!” Our sins paid for; He died, and rose in triumph.

Caesar was not as powerful as Caesar thought.

Easter forces us to decide, “Who is Jesus?” He is not a figure in a book but a living presence” (William Barclay). “It is the claim of the empty tomb that marks

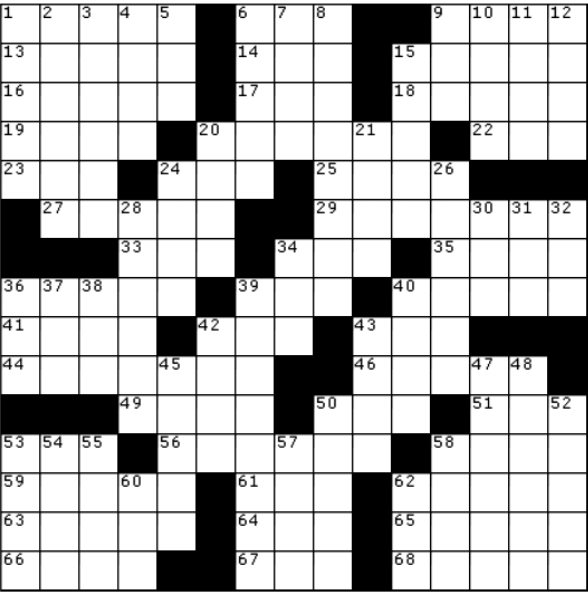
Jesus as totally different from every other major historical figure” (Adrian Warnock). If Jesus rose from the dead, we need to accept everything He said... if He didn’t rise from the dead, why believe anything He said? Since Jesus is alive, this changes everything.

Eugene Peterson states, “The resurrection changes the present from a time of emptiness and futility to a time of abounding fullness and purpose.” The simplest meaning of Easter is that we are living in a world in which **God has the last word**. Amen and Alleluia!

(Author and Pastor, Robert Leroe served 26 years of active military service as a US Army Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel), to include service in Germany, Korea, Hungary (NATO Operation Joint Endeavor), and Saudi Arabia (Desert Storm.) He has pastored more than 25 years in Congregational Churches in Massachusetts.)

Hundreds of Roberts sermons are available through sermoncentral.com

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- ACROSS
- 1 Swiftly

6 Cause of sickness

9 Deal a blow to

13 ___ house

14 Flurry

15 Put a rope through a hole

16 Senior

17 Scull

18 Eagle's nest

19 Smart person

20 Singly

22 Beg

23 Compass point

24 Transgression

25 Rampage

27 Tom Sawyer author

29 Became electrically charged

33 Compass point

34 Where Mary and Joseph didn't stay

35 Deceiver

36 Plague of Egypt

39 Shoat

- DOWN
- 1 Last words of prayers

2 Whitest

3 One of the apostles

4 Dorm dweller

5 Stray

6 Brother of Moses

7 Object of false worship

8 Letting down

9 Bitty

10 Zeus' wife

11 Car rental agency

40 Little songs

41 Finished

42 Jesus

43 Males

44 Keep someone in office

46 Gabriel or Michael

49 First king of Israel

50 Strive

51 Aspire

53 Tree

56 Blacksmith's workshop

58 Capital of Norway

59 Indifferent

61 No

62 Deck

63 Plague of Egypt

64 Shade tree

65 In the lead

66 Skillfully

67 Find

68 As it ___ out

- 12 Blessed are the ___

15 Synthetic fabric

20 Trigonometric function

21 Daniel was thrown into the ___ s' den

24 Transgressions

26 Covering a floor

28 Heavenly beings

30 Pimple

31 Consume

32 Dull

34 Charged particle

36 Former president of U.S.

37 Seafood

38 Only

39 Quick phone lines

40 Renounce

42 Filthy film

43 Wife of Joseph

45 Comforts

47 Spring holiday

48 Cat mystery writer Braun

50 Herb

52 Emotional states

53 Word meaning father

54 Pig

55 Plague of Egypt

57 Yarn

58 Hawaiian island

60 Tricky

62 Touch affectionately

Puzzle key on page 8

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Custer County District Court, Colorado
205 S. 6th St.
Westcliffe, CO 81252

In the Matter of the Estate of

Michael R. Colgate a/k/a Michael Roland Colgate a/k/a Michael Colgate

Deceased

Attorney for Personal Representative: Evan C. Withrow
Colorado Law Group, PLLC
121 E. Vermijo Avenue, Suite 200
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Telephone: (719) 635-4200
Fax Number: (719) 635-2493
Evan@coloradolawgroup.com
Atty. Reg. #: 46225

Case Number: 2025PR30001
Division: 1 Courtroom: 1

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION
PURSUANT TO 15-12-801, C.R.S.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Michael R. Colgate, Deceased
Case Number 2025PR30001

All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to

District Court of Custer, County, Colorado
on or before August 18, 2025, or the claims may be forever barred

Patsy R. Colgate
17525 S Columbus Blvd
Sahuarita, AZ 85629

Published April 18, April 25, May 2 2025
Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
Westcliffe, Colorado

NOTICE OF ELECTION
WEST CUSTER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
Tuesday, May 6, 2025
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
§1-13.5-502

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special district election will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the West Custer County Hospital District. This election will elect four (4) directors, to serve a 4-year term.

The persons nominated and certified as candidates by the WCCHD DEO for the District board director positions are as follows:

- Clifford Douglas Brown
Shanna McKellip
Ron Terry
Cindy L. Alvarado
James H. Gilbert
Thomas Akers Shephard

Follow the instructions enclosed with your ballot and return the Mail Ballot by one of the following options.

Drop Off Location
Custer County Court House (next to building on East side)
205 S 6th St
Westcliffe CO 81252

Mail Option (affixed with proper postage)
West Custer County Hospital District
PO Box 120
Westcliffe CO 81252

In Person Drop Off Location
Custer County Court House (inside at the 1st floor Election Room)
205 S 6th St
Westcliffe CO 81252

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, contact the WCCHD DEO with any questions.

/s/ Marjorie Ann Barthrop
Designated Election Official Signature
303-547-4723

Published April 18 and 25, 2025
Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
Westcliffe, Colorado

The American Legion Monthly Meeting is the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the bowling alley.

The American Legion Auxiliary Monthly Meeting is the 1st Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Cliff Lanes meeting room.

American Legion and VFW
Monthly Meetings

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Monthly Meeting is the 3rd Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. at the bowling alley.

The Liberty Tree

Religion, The Constitution & Culture

State, National, & World

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

The Daily Jot

Daily reporting and analysis of current events from a biblical and prophetic perspective.

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.

Are you called and chosen?

There is a lot of attention given within Christianity about walking in your calling. Many of us have sat through teachings aimed at getting us to know our calling and becoming all we can be within it. Interesting that Jesus told the parable of the wedding feast ending with “Many are called, few are chosen.” Those who are called answer the invitation of the Lord. Those who are chosen both accept the invitation and comply with its conditions. We find that the book of Leviticus in Hebrew is actually Vayikra, meaning “And He called.” Leviticus 19:1 is the calling of all Israel, “Speak to the entire community of Israel; and tell them, ‘You people are to be holy because I ADONAI, am holy.’” There is the calling and the choosing.

The LORD begins Leviticus by calling out to Moses—“vayikra,” and explaining the way to draw near to Him through sacrificial atonement. All references to the LORD in Leviticus 1-5 are the sacred Name, YHVH, not Elohim, suggesting that the offerings were given to bring us closer to God’s mercy and love, not for the appeasement of His anger, as the pagans did. Everything offered the false gods was for appeasement of the deity. God established a completely different relationship with His set-apart people. The Hebrew word korban, translated as “sacrifice,” comes from the root word karov, meaning to “draw close,” or “come near.” The person offering the sacrifice drew near, trusting that the Lord’s mercy would bring atonement through the shedding of blood. The picture of this sacrifice is fulfilled in Jesus’ shed blood on our behalf.

Jesus’ shed blood was presented on the heavenly Kapporet—Throne of God—for our atonement, as stated in Romans 3:25, “God put Jesus forward as the Kapporah for sin through His faithfulness in respect to His bloody sacrificial death...” The sprinkling of blood on the Kapporah in the sacrificial system, is represented by the shedding of Jesus’ blood on the cross that He presented as our great High Priest before God, providing everlasting forgiveness for sins. Just as Hebrews 9:11-12 tells us, “But Christ being come a high priest of good things to come, but a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, but is to say not of this building, neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”

The very message of the gospel is that the Word became flesh and dwelled among us (John 1:14). It is Jesus’ sacrificial death that draws us eternally to God, and because of Him, we all can boldly approach the Throne of God that we may find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16). In Revelation 5:9 we see that the Lamb that was slaughtered was found worthy to open the scroll, and God’s people sang the new song, “You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals; because You were slaughtered; at the cost of Your blood You ransomed for God persons from every tribe, language, people, and nation.” We are called to accept salvation through the blood of Jesus, then we choose to repent and turn to live as a living sacrifice unto Him who called us to eternal life.

Just Four Dems Vote to Keep Non-Citizens from Voting

Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act

by Jason Hopkins,
The Daily Caller News Foundation

THE DAILY CALLER
NEWS FOUNDATION

(Editor/GG: Guess what? Our very own lib U.S. House Representative Brittany Peterson, voted NO. She is fine with non-citizens voting in our elections. She has got to go.)

Four Democrats joined House Republicans to pass legislation Thursday that calls for stricter regulations to ensure only U.S. citizens are participating in federal elections.

The House of Representatives voted 220 to 208 in favor of the H.R. 22, more popularly known as the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act. The bill would require states to obtain proof of citizenship prior to registering an individual for any federal election and also requires state officials to remove all non-citizens from existing voter rolls.

The SAVE Act was heavily backed by the GOP, with 216 Republicans voting in favor of the bill. However, four Democrats joined their GOP colleagues in supporting the legislation Wednesday. Democratic Reps. Henry Cuellar of Texas, Jared Golden of Maine, Marie Gluesenkamp Perez of Washington and Ed Case of Hawaii were the only Democrats to vote in favor of the bill.

“The SAVE Act is a crucial step to ensure only American citizens vote in American elections — without exception,” GOP Rep. Ronny Jackson said to the *Daily Caller News Foundation*. “I’m proud to stand with President Trump and my Republican colleagues to defend the integrity of our elections and put Americans first.

“The Left will make every excuse to continue rigging elections, but we’re taking our country back — one commonsense policy at a time,” Jackson continued.

In the run-up to the vote, Democratic House lawmakers claimed the legislation would make it harder for individuals without proper documentation to vote, and made repeated claims that it would keep married women, in particular, from voting because their surnames no longer match the names on their birth certificates. However, GOP members pointed out the bill has provisions to allow married women to register to vote in federal elections.

“Folks, read the bill, page 14,” said Florida GOP Rep. Kat Cammack during a House debate Thursday. “If you are registering to vote, there is a process by which the states establish. If you are already registered to vote, you are fine.”

“Read the bill. Stop insulting women,” Cammack said.

Texas GOP Rep. Chip Roy, the sponsor of the SAVE Act, had previously introduced it in the last congressional session, but it died in the Democrat-controlled Senate. However, the bill stands a much better chance of landing on President Donald Trump’s desk now that the GOP is in control of both chambers of Congress.

The legislation would bar state governments from accepting or processing any application to register to vote in a federal election unless an applicant provides documentary proof of their American citizenship, according to a summary of the bill. The legislation also specifies what documents are deemed acceptable proof of American citizenship, such as documentation that complies with the REAL ID Act of 2005.

Despite pushback by Democratic critics for such laws, citizenship verification regulations are incredibly popular among the American electorate. Additionally, numerous examples of foreign nationals landing on voting rolls and participating in federal elections have been uncovered in recent months.

A Chinese national allegedly registered to vote and cast a ballot in the 2024 general election, according to statements made in October by the Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson’s office and the Washtenaw County Prosecutor’s office. Angelica Maria Francisco and Carlos Abreu — from Guatemala and the Dominican Republic, respectively — are both illegal migrants who recently pled guilty to assuming the identities of American citizens and voting in federal elections.

Government officials in Alabama, Virginia, Texas and Ohio identified as many as 17,000 non-citizens on state voting rolls and worked to remove them from the books before the 2024 general election. America First Legal, a Washington, D.C.-based organization aligned with the Trump administration, sued Maricopa County, Arizona, in August after the county recorder allegedly failed to

purge 35,000 registered voters who did not provide proof of citizenship.

The Biden administration pushed back immensely against GOP state efforts to purge their voter rolls of non-citizens in the run-up to the last presidential election. The Biden-led Justice Department sued Virginia and Alabama, successfully road-blocking their efforts to remove non-citizens from their voter rolls.

Proponents of allowing non-citizens to vote in American elections suffered a major defeat when the New York Court of Appeals in March struck down a law passed by the liberal-dominated New York City Council allowing hundreds of thousands of foreign nationals the ability to vote in local elections. Had the bill been allowed to remain in effect, roughly 800,000 lawful permanent residents in NYC would’ve been able to participate in local elections.

The Save Act now heads to the Senate, where GOP-control of the upper chamber is more likely to carry it to the White House. GOP Sen. Mike Lee is the sponsor of the bill’s companion version in the Senate.

“Public trust in the integrity of our elections is absolutely essential for the legitimacy of our democratic institutions,” Lee said when the legislation was re-introduced in January. “A vast majority of our countrymen agree: only American citizens should be able to register and vote in American elections.”

“The SAVE Act gives states the ability to prevent illegal voter registration and protect the ballot box from foreign election interference,” Lee continued.

The 47th President has long signaled support for the legislation. When reached for comment about the SAVE Act, a spokesman for the White House referred the DCNF to Trump’s past statements about the bill.

“If Republicans don’t get the SAVE Act, and every ounce of it, they should not agree to a Continuing Resolution in any way, shape, or form.” President Donald Trump posted on Truth Social in September. “Only American Citizens should be voting in our Most Important Election in History, or any Election!”

Please see: <https://dailycaller.com/2025/04/10/four-dems-voted-keep-noncitizens-voting-elections/>

And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be My people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

Zechariah 2:11 KJV

Need a ride? Call
Randy CAB

Owner/Driver
Randy Schiro
719-210-5908
randolf.schiro@icloud.com
Licensed & Insured



WET MOUNTAIN STORAGE
115 C.R. #241, WESTCLIFFE, CO
FOR ALL YOUR STORAGE NEEDS

Fully Fenced, Automatic Gate & Video Surveillance
5x10 10x10 10x15 10x20
8x20 Conex 10x30 8x40 Conex
RV Storage

Office at 300 Main Street- Westcliffe
custompropertyservices@yahoo.com
719-783-9321

EST. 2018
WESTCLIFFE
FIREWOOD
719-371-6074

Ryan Stover
719-371-6074
westcliffefirewood@gmail.com



Bill Prohibiting Union Time on Taxpayer’s Dime Would Extend Trump EO to Entire Federal Workforce

by Rachel Greszler,
The Daily Signal

Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah) and Rep. Ben Cline (R-Va.) introduced companion versions of the No Union Time on Taxpayers’ Dime Act on April 7th.

This bill, which calls for eliminating taxpayer funding of federal employees working for their unions, is more relevant now than when first introduced in 2024.

That’s because the Trump administration not only reinstated agency requirements to measure and report what’s called official time; it also signed an executive order precluding wide swaths of federal agencies and offices from engaging in collective bargaining agreements with unions and preventing federal workers in those agencies from engaging in official time.

Official time is Work-for-a-Union time on the taxpayer’s dime

Official time is essentially unlimited paid union leave.

Under the banner of official time, federal employees are dismissed from their jobs—sometimes, up to 100% of their paid time—to

work for their union instead of doing the jobs they were hired to perform.

With the average federal employee receiving almost \$163,000 in total compensation (including \$106,400 in pay and \$56,600 in benefits), the time federal employees spend working for their union can add up quickly.

The House Committee on Oversight and Accountability discovered that 1,030 Social Security Administration employees spent a total of 242,237 hours on official time in Fiscal Year 2023. This cost taxpayers \$15.1 million, including \$1.43 million to pay 14 employees who spent 100% of their time working for their union. Meanwhile, senior citizens across the country were struggling to get in touch with Social Security Administration employees and unable to get in-person appointments at their local Social Security Administration offices.

VA nurses working for unions, not the vets

The Veterans Administration, or VA, is another frequent user of official time, including nurses who spent 100% of their time working for their union instead

of treating veterans. The Institute for the America Worker sought a Freedom of Information Act request on the VA’s use of official time, but the “Department of Veterans Affairs responded in part with a ‘no records’ response and refused to provide additional records responsive to the FOIA request.”

As of 2019—the last data available—the VA had 1,895 employees spend a total of 324,105 hours on official time—the equivalent of about 175 full-time employees. The actual figure is almost certainly much higher today as the Biden administration reversed the first Trump administration’s executive order preventing federal employees from spending more than 25% of their work hours on official time. Meanwhile, Senator Ernst’s Out of Office Report found that, “[t]housands of calls from veterans seeking mental health care go unanswered.”

The equivalent of 2,000 full-time employees?

We don’t know how many federal employees, hours, and taxpayer dollars went towards official time during the Biden-Harris administration, but if it’s anything close to that of the Obama-Biden

administration, it was likely the equivalent of about 2,000 full-time equivalent employees at a cost of about \$320 million per year.

President Trump’s executive order will, dependent on legal challenges, prevent the use of official time for roughly half of federal employees, but as an executive order, it is only assured through the end of Trump’s term in January 2029.

The No Union Time on Taxpayers’ Dime Act would codify an end to official time across the entire federal workforce, requiring federal employees who want to work for their unions to do so on their own time and own expense.

Sen. Ernst’s approach: make the unions pay.

Sen. Ernst’s (R-Iowa) similar bill, Protecting Taxpayers’ Wallets Act of 2025, would require federal employee unions to reimburse the federal government for federal employees’ time spent working for their union, as well as for federal resources (such as office buildings and equipment) provided for union activities.

By generating new revenues to the government, as opposed to

restricting government spending on federal unions, Sen. Ernst’s version could potentially be included in the reconciliation bill that Congress hopes to pass this year.

Both approaches protect taxpayers

Neither of these bills would change the activities that federal employees’ unions can engage in. They would just require the unions—instead of taxpayers—to foot the bill for their activities.

Both bills would, however, help limit the unions’ practice of protecting from disciplinary action federal employees who cannot or will not do their jobs, and of bargaining for tedious things like the height of cubicle panels and the right to wear spandex at work. That’s because, when faced with having to fund their own payrolls and operations, federal employee unions would have to limit their activities to things their members are willing to pay full price to receive.

Please see: <https://www.dailysignal.com/2025/04/08/bill-prohibiting-union-time-on-taxpayers-dime-would-extend-trump-eo-to-entire-federal-workforce/>

FYI...
for your information...

The Sangre de Cristo Sentinel is published every Friday.
Office Hours are Monday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. - noon.
Deadline for classified ad copy is Monday by 4 p.m.
Deadline for display ad copy is noon on Friday the week before the ad is to appear in the paper.
Deadline for all other submissions is noon on Monday, and can be emailed to sdc.sentinel@gmail.com
Please send us information on clubs and organizations, news stories and pictures, and upcoming events.
Please limit Letters to the Editor to 500 words or less. Please include your name, address and phone number.
Garage/Yard sales are printed free. However, verbiage is limited to date, time and address.
Birth, Engagement, Wedding Announcements and Obituaries are also printed FREE OF CHARGE with a 350 word maximum and one photo included.



Thank
You
for
Your
Support!

Sangre de Cristo Sentinel • 601 Main Street • Westcliffe Colorado 81252 • 719/783-3360

Subscribe to the
Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
“The Voice of Conservative Colorado”

Help us Spread the word!
Subscribe today!



Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City & State _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Payment: \$ _____ Type: (circle one): Cash Check _____ Credit Card

\$49 Yearly for 81252 zip code • \$59 Yearly for out of 81252 zip code.

Please Mail or bring your payment to:
Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
601 Main Street, Westcliffe, Colorado 81252
719/783/3360

Get the Digital Edition for only \$29 a year!
Online @ <http://SangreDeCristoSentinel.com/register/>

TOP COMPACT FIREARMS TO INCLUDE IN YOUR BUG OUT BAG

by Scott Witner, ammoland.com

When disaster strikes, having a well-prepared bug out bag can mean the difference between survival and struggle.

While food, water, and medical supplies are essential, a reliable firearm is just as critical for self-defense, hunting, and overall preparedness. But not just any gun will do—you need a compact, versatile, and durable firearm that won't weigh you down but still delivers when it counts.

Whether you prefer a trusted handgun like the Glock 19, a takedown .22 rifle for small game, or a compact AR platform for defensive use, this list will help you decide on what firearm belongs in your bug out bag. Maybe all of them do.

The criteria:

- Compact & Lightweight – Easy to pack and carry for extended periods.
- Reliable & Durable – Proven track record of functioning in harsh conditions.
- Ammunition Availability – Uses common calibers for ease of resupply.
- Magazine Compatibility – Ability to use widely available or interchangeable magazines.
- Multi-Purpose Use – Effective for both self-defense and survival hunting.

Glock 19 – The Ultimate Survival Handgun

When it comes to compact, reliable handguns for a bug out bag, the Glock 19 is the gold standard. This 9mm pistol is widely regarded as one of the most versatile and dependable handguns available, making it an ideal choice for emergency preparedness.

Why the Glock 19 Belongs in Your Bug Out Bag

1. Magazine Compatibility & Ammo Availability

- One of the biggest advantages of the Glock 19 is its ability to accept a wide range of magazines. It can use Glock 17, 19, 19X, 34, and 45 magazines, giving you greater flexibility when sourcing ammunition and magazines in an SHTF scenario.
- 9mm is one of the most common calibers in the world, ensuring easy resupply compared to more obscure calibers.

2. Proven Reliability & Simplicity

- The Glock 19 is known for being nearly indestructible. It functions in extreme environments, whether you're in the desert, jungle or snow.

- Its striker-fired design and lack of external safeties make it simple to use under stress—just point and shoot.

3. Compact Yet Capable

- While it's smaller than the Glock 17, it still offers a 15-round standard capacity (with higher-capacity options available).
- Its compact size makes it easy to conceal, whether carried on-body or stored in a bug out bag.

Ruger 10/22 Takedown – The Ultimate Survival Rifle

When it comes to a lightweight, reliable, and highly versatile firearm for a bug out bag, the Ruger 10/22 Takedown is hard to beat. This .22 LR rifle is legendary for its accuracy, reliability, and ease of use, making it an excellent option for both small game hunting and defensive use in survival situations.

Why the Ruger 10/22 Takedown Belongs in Your Bug Out Bag

1. Compact & Lightweight

- The takedown design allows the rifle to break down into two pieces for easy storage and transport. This makes it small enough to fit inside a backpack, making it one of the most convenient rifles for a bug out bag.
- Weighing just over 4.6 lbs, it's one of the lightest rifles you can carry without adding unnecessary bulk.

2. Ammunition Availability & Capacity

- .22 LR ammo is small, lightweight, and widely available, allowing you to carry hundreds of rounds without adding significant weight to your loadout.
- The Ruger 10/22 uses detachable 10-round rotary magazines, with extended magazine options available (such as the BX-25, which holds 25 rounds).

3. Versatility & Accuracy

- The .22 LR caliber is perfect for hunting small game, providing a sustainable food source in survival situations.
- While not ideal for self-defense against human threats, shot placement matters, and the Ruger 10/22 is known for its accuracy and ease of shooting, making follow-up shots quick and precise.

10.5" or 11.5" 5.56 AR Pistol / SBR – Compact Firepower for Survival

When it comes to a highly capable defensive firearm for a bug out

scenario, a short-barreled AR in 5.56—such as a 10.5" or 11.5" AR pistol or SBR (like the Mk18)—is one of the best options available. These compact AR variants offer the firepower of a standard rifle while maintaining a smaller footprint for easier transport and maneuverability.

Why a 10.5" or 11.5" 5.56 AR Belongs in Your Bug Out Bag

1. Compact Yet Powerful

- Compared to a full-length 16" AR-15, a 10.5" or 11.5" barrel makes the rifle much more maneuverable in tight spaces, such as vehicles or urban environments.
- Despite the shorter barrel, 5.56 NATO still delivers effective ballistic performance, especially with proper ammo selection (e.g., heavier-grain rounds like 77-grain HPBT or bonded soft points).

2. Superior Defensive Capability

- A semi-auto AR pistol/SBR offers much greater accuracy and range compared to handguns or PCCs (pistol-caliber carbines).
- It provides an effective engagement distance of roughly 300 yards, depending on the type of optic used and your skill as a shooter.

Fold AR – A Full-Length Rifle That Folds in Half

When space is at a premium but you still want a full-powered rifle, the Fold AR is one of the best options on the market. Unlike typical AR pistols or SBRs, which have shorter barrels, the Fold AR maintains a 16-inch barrel for full ballistic performance while offering an ultra-compact folding design.

Why the Fold AR Belongs in Your Bug Out Bag

1. Folding Design for Compact Storage

- The Fold AR features a patented folding upper receiver that allows the entire rifle to fold in half, making it compact enough to fit inside a standard backpack.
- Despite its compact storage, the rifle deploys in seconds, giving you immediate access to a full-length AR when needed.

2. Full-Size Ballistics & Accuracy

- Unlike AR pistols or SBRs, the 16" barrel ensures full 5.56 NATO velocity, maintaining superior accuracy and energy at longer ranges.
- This makes it more effective for hunting, self-defense, and engaging threats at distance compared to shorter-barreled rifles.

3. Reliability & Durability

- The folding mechanism is built for durability, and the rifle locks securely in place when deployed, maintaining accuracy and function.
- The gas system and barrel alignment remain stable even after repeated folding and unfolding, preventing reliability issues.

6.75" 300 Blackout (SIG MCX Rattler) – Compact Power with Suppression Capabilities

When you need a highly compact rifle-caliber firearm that delivers exceptional stopping power in a small package, the SIG MCX Rattler in 300 Blackout is an outstanding option. Designed for close-quarters combat and discreet carry, this ultra-short-barreled rifle provides excellent ballistic performance, especially when suppressed.

Why the SIG MCX Rattler Belongs in Your Bug Out Bag

1. Compact Design for Maximum Portability

- The 6.75" barrel and folding stock make the MCX Rattler one of the smallest rifle-caliber firearms available, allowing it to fit inside smaller backpacks or compact storage spaces.
- Unlike traditional AR platforms, the MCX Rattler does not require a buffer tube, making it even more compact when folded.

2. Optimized for Suppressors

- The 300 Blackout round performs exceptionally well in short barrels, unlike 5.56, which loses significant velocity.
- When paired with subsonic 300 Blackout ammo and a suppressor, the Rattler becomes one of the quietest and most discreet firearms available, making it an excellent choice for stealth-oriented survival situations.

3. Versatile Ammunition Options

- 300 Blackout can be used in both supersonic and subsonic loads, giving you flexibility depending on your situation.
- Supersonic 300 BLK rounds provide greater energy at range, while subsonic loads with a suppressor make for near-silent operation.

9mm PDW (SIG MPX, Maxim Defense MD9, or KelTec Sub2000) – Compact, High-Capacity, and Magazine Compatible

For those looking for a lightweight, compact firearm that pairs well with a handgun, a 9mm Personal Defense Weapon (PDW) is a great option. These compact pistol-caliber carbines (PCCs)

provide increased accuracy, higher capacity, and better control than a standard handgun while remaining easy to transport and store in a bug out bag.

Among the best choices are the SIG MPX, Maxim Defense MD9, and KelTec Sub2000, each offering unique advantages for survival situations.

Why a 9mm PDW Belongs in Your Bug Out Bag

1. Lightweight and Easy to Carry

- Compared to rifles, 9mm PDWs are much lighter and more compact, making them easier to carry without excessive weight or bulk.
- Their folding or ultra-short designs allow them to fit into small bags, making them excellent backup firearms.

2. Magazine Compatibility with Handguns

- Maxim Defense MD9 & Kel Tec Sub2000: Both accept Glock magazines, which means if you're carrying a Glock 19 or 17, you can share magazines and ammo between firearms. This simplifies logistics and ensures better ammo availability in a survival scenario.
- SIG MPX: While it uses proprietary magazines, the MPX platform offers unmatched reliability and performance in a compact 9mm package.

3. Increased Accuracy and Control Over a Handgun

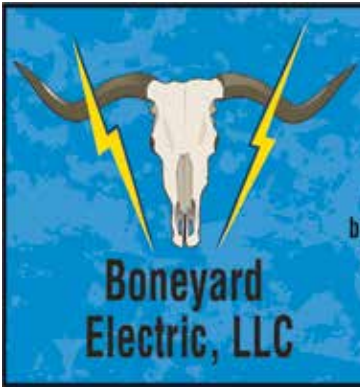
- The longer barrel and shoulder stock (or brace) make these PDWs significantly more accurate than a handgun, allowing for faster follow-up shots and better engagement at distance.
- Recoil is minimal, making them ideal for fast shooting and high-capacity engagements.

Conclusion – The Right Firearm for Survival

Choosing the right firearm for your bug out bag depends on portability, reliability, and practicality.

Whether you prioritize self-defense, hunting, or stealth, your firearm should be compact enough to carry yet powerful enough to be effective. With proper training and preparation, a compact firearm can give you a critical advantage in any survival scenario. While there are many more options besides what I listed above, it ultimately comes down to personal preference.

Please see: <https://www.ammoland.com/2025/04/top-compact-firearms-to-include-in-your-bug-out-bag/>



Steven Hardin

Owner

719-371-1221

boneyardelectric@gmail.com

License No. ME.3001843

Industrial • Residential

Commercial



Eagle Peak View

Commercial Construction

Quality and Experience

at Residential Pricing

All Phases of Construction & Plumbing

Mike Mitzner

719-494-4026

eaglepeakview.com





FINNEY DRILLING

& EXCAVATING INC.

"We take the time to do the job right"

Larry & Cathy Finney, Owners • Fourth Generation Driller

Water Wells • Septic Systems • Foundation Excavating

Well & Septic Permit Applications • Free On-Site Planning & Estimates

Friendly Service • Licensed #1358 • Bonded • Insured • Competitive Pricing

719-275-9525 • larryfinneydrilling@gmail.com • Cañon City

U.S. 2nd Amendment Means ALL Weapons & Zero Infringements

Opinion by Alan J. Chwick, ammoland.com

Many read the U.S. Second Amendment (2A), but the filter/lens used is 21st-century, and few understand 18th-century legal syntax.

We know that the 2A to the U.S. Constitution, as ratified in the year of our Lord 1791, is a subject of both historical reverence and contemporary debate. The amendment states:

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Penned in the late eighteenth century, the 2A requires a proper 18th-century explanation to fully comprehend its implications, particularly for today's modern scholars. I will explore this amendment using language and understanding, befitting the era of its creation but explained in a manner accessible to us modern, common people.

At its core, the amendment consists of two clauses: a **prefatory clause** (*"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State"*) and an **operative clause** (*"the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed"*).

A prefatory clause provides the rationale or context for the right, and in the eighteenth century, the term *"militia"* was not confined to a formal military body but encompassed **all able-bodied citizens** capable of bearing arms for defense. This was seen as crucial for maintaining the liberty of the state against potential tyranny, either from within or without.

The operative clause explicitly grants the people the right to "keep and bear Arms." As we understand even today, the verb "to keep" implies possession, while "to bear" suggests the carrying or use of arms, which in the context of the time primarily meant firearms **but also extended to other weapons** known or unknown necessary for defense.

To grasp the Second Amendment's intent, one must consider the colonial experience and the philosophical underpinnings of the time:

In the years leading to the American Revolution, the British disarmament of colonial militias, i.e. the colonists, was seen as an attempt to subjugate the colonies. The right to **bear arms** was thus viewed as essential for securing individual and collective liberties.

Enlightenment thinkers like

John Locke argued for natural rights, including the right to self-defense. This philosophy was deeply ingrained in the American mind, influencing the Framers of the Constitution to protect such rights against all governmental overreach.

In the early republic, the amendment was wrongly generally understood in light of state militias. Cases like *U.S. v. Miller* (1939) wrongly linked the right to bear arms with the military utility of the weapon in question, suggesting that only arms with a reasonable relationship to the preservation or efficiency of a well-regulated militia were protected.

However, the landmark case of *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) expanded this interpretation, with the Supreme Court ruling that the Second Amendment guarantees an individual right to possess firearms for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home. This decision was followed by *McDonald v. City of Chicago* (2010), which extended this individual right to the states, and the *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen*, (2022), further extended the right to possess arms.

The Term "Shall Not Be Infringed"

To Some Is Contentious. All Hands OFF!

While it suggests protection against all undue regulation, the exact scope of permissible regulation has been debated, leading to various laws on weapon types, background checks, and more unconstitutional legal jockeying. This contention should not exist! *"Shall not be infringed,"* per our Founders, is simple, plain language aimed at the entire public at large. This is not like the First Amendment's *"Congress shall make no law,"* which was aimed at Congress only and which needed the 14th Amendment to apply to the state governments.

Understanding the Second Amendment involves recognizing:

- 1. Historical Context:** The amendment was a response to both British governance and the philosophical belief in natural rights.
- 2. Dual Nature of the Right:** It involves both an individual aspect for self-defense and a collective aspect for the security of the state.
- 3. Legal Evolution:** The 'interpretation' of this right has evolved, reflecting changes in society, technology, and judi-

cal philosophy, but its meaning has NOT changed.

4. Ongoing Discussion: The balance between rights and responsibilities, safety, and freedom remains a live issue, necessitating an informed civic engagement.

It's important to remember that the 2A is rooted in the eighteenth century's lexicon and legal thought, thus encouraging a nuanced appreciation of this pivotal constitutional right. If written today, in the 21st century, with modern language and a more contemporary legal perspective, it would probably be:

"Everyone has the right to own and carry all weapons, and this right is not to be infringed. It is understood that having the ability to protect oneself and maintain security is important to the well-being of the country."

This modern version simplifies the language and tries to reflect a more current legal approach, which focuses more on individual rights. But, our Founders wrote the 2A in terms of their time which was well understood, even by those who could not read.

Please see: <https://www.ammoland.com/2025/04/second-amendment-means-all-weapons-zero-infringements/>

ATF's War on Gun Stores Ends, Zero Tolerance Policy Repealed

by John Crump, ammoland.com

Today, the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced the repeal of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) zero-tolerance policy that has shut down gun stores across the country.

The zero-tolerance policy was a Biden-era policy that shut down federal firearms licensees (FFL) businesses across the country for minor clerical errors. President Joe Biden called these firearms dealers "rogue gun dealers" in a White House Rose Garden Ceremony demonizing the industry. He claimed that these gun dealers were breaking the law to arm criminals, but in practice, most of the targeted gun stores were honest businesses that made slight paperwork mistakes, such as transposing a firearm's serial

numbers on an ATF Form 4473. The number of FFLs revoked under the Biden-era policy increased by an estimated 500% over previous years.

Gun Owners of America@GunOwners

BREAKING

Kash Patel has officially repealed ATF's tyrannical "Zero Tolerance" Policy.

This policy was used to unlawfully shut down hundreds of gun stores and build an illegal, digital registry of out-of-business records.

12:22 PM · Apr 7, 2025

The zero-tolerance policy removed the Industry Operations Inspectors' (IOI) ability to use discretion to determine if a violation was willful or just a simple paperwork mistake.

Anti-gun groups celebrated the Biden-era policy, which they saw as a good first step to crushing the firearms industry. The pro-gun side saw the zero-tolerance policy as an attack on the right to acquire arms. As the courts have said, there is no right to bear arms without the right to purchase arms. Multiple lawsuits were filed challenging the Biden administration's zero-tolerance policy. Those cases are still working their way through the court system.

The Biden administration's excuse for the policy was that guns were being trafficked through "rogue gun dealers." Although this claim gave the administration cover for the policy, it was divorced from reality. According to the National Firearms in Commerce and Trafficking Assessment (NFCTA)

released by the Biden DOJ, gun dealers only accounted for 1.6% of illegal arms trafficking cases. That is a far cry from the epidemic that the Biden Administration claimed was happening due to crooked gun dealers.

When Donald Trump won the 2024 Presidential election, he promised to change the direction of the government on Second Amendment issues. Shortly after he took office, he issued an executive order (EO) demanding the DOJ review any policies that might violate an American's Second Amendment right. This policy change is a result of that order. According to AmmoLand's sources inside the ATF, it is just one of a few changes that are expected to be rolled out in the near future.

Cases of FFLs that were affected by the zero-tolerance policy

will be reviewed by the ATF. If it is determined that the FFL revocation was done because of the zero-tolerance policy, the decision will be reversed. Hundreds of FFLs could have their businesses restored. It is impossible to tell how many of those will reopen after being shuttered by the Bureau. Many gun stores shut down and lost their place of business. Some, if not most, will not be able to reopen.

The new ATF policy is a welcome change for the gun industry. Right now, the biggest fear for gun shops isn't the economy; it is being shut down by a rogue agency. Those days might be changing, and it couldn't happen too soon.

Please see: <https://www.ammoland.com/2025/04/atfs-war-on-gun-stores-ends-zero-tolerance-policy-repealed/>

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

‘Most Shocking Piece of Poll Data’: CNN’s Harry Enten Rattles Off Slew of Good Polls For Republicans

by Niggle Silverio, The Daily Caller News Foundation

THE DAILY CALLER
NEWS FOUNDATION

CNN senior data reporter Harry Enten said on Friday that Republicans are gaining more popularity with the American public following President Donald Trump’s tariffs.

New polling found that Democrats and Republicans are tied 33% to 33% on the question of who “cares more for the needs of people” for the first time in over 30 years, according to a post-tariff Quinnipiac poll. Democrats historically held a double-digit lead over Republicans on that question going all the way back to 1994, when the party led on that

question by 19 points. “This to me is the most shocking pieces of poll data that I truthfully have seen this year, maybe in any prior year,” Enten said. “Because I want you to take a look, ‘cares more for the needs of people like you.’ You mention we’ve got a tie even after this whole tariff war had already started, split between Democrats and Republicans about how people feel which party cares more for needs of people like you. And why is that so surprising? Because I want you to take a look at prior years. Democrats always lead on this question.”

“Back in 2017, before the 2018 midterms, a 13-point lead,” Enten continued. “[In] 2005, a 23-point lead for Democrats, [in] 1994 which was a big Republican year, a 19-point lead for Democrats and now all of a sudden a tie?”

All of a sudden the Democrats, who are the party of the people, no more! No more. We’ve got a tie on this question that has traditionally overwhelmingly been [a] Democratic advantage.”

Republicans have notably made inroads with Americans without a college degree from 2017 to the present, Enten noted. Though Democrats held a seven -point lead among those without a college education in 2017, the Republican Party now holds a nine-point advantage among the same demographic.

Enten, citing his own aggregate polling, further suggested that Republicans may perform well in the upcoming 2026 midterm elections, though traditionally the incumbent party loses ground in such elections. In April 2017, Democrats held a seven-point

lead on a generic ballot margin, while both parties were tied in 2024. Currently, Democrats are leading on the ballot margin by one-point, which could potentially spell bad news for the party in the midterms.

“If Democrats think they automatically have a ticket back to control of the House, I’d say hold on a second, Republicans still have a shot at this despite all of Trump’s theatrics over the last month with this tariff war,” Enten said.

The polling has remained positive for Republicans after Trump imposed reciprocal tariffs to establish fairer trade and return manufacturing jobs to the U.S. The tariffs have caused some instability in the stock market, though it had a major rebound on [last] Wednesday when the Dow soared 2,962 points.

The economy, particularly inflation, has improved since Trump reentered office after prices remained at record highs throughout former President Joe Biden’s administration. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 2.4% in March, the lowest growth since 2020, while the Producer Price Index fell 0.4%.

Trump also fulfilled his promise to execute mass deportations of illegal immigrants. Border Patrol agents counted roughly 7,180 crossings, breaking its all-time lowest border encounters along the U.S.-Mexico border in March.

Please see: <https://dailycallernewsfoundation.org/2025/04/11/most-shocking-piece-of-poll-data-cnns-harry-enten-rattles-off-slew-of-good-polls-for-republicans/>

Hershberger
CONSTRUCTION

- Metal Roofing
- Siding
- Windows
- Decks
- Buildings

719-216-9545

OVER 20 YEARS OF QUALITY AMISH WORKMANSHIP

The Cliffes Auto Services

215 E. Main St
Silver Cliff, CO 81252

(719) 285-3181
(719) 783-3281

cliffesautosvcs@gmail.com

**Eagle Edge Construction**
LLC
Honesty is Everything

Ronnie Miller
Custom Homes
General Construction
Framing, Siding
Metal Roofing & Decks

719-239-0300
eagleedgeconstruction@yodermail.net

**SAPIAH WOODWORKS**

Lisa Kidwell
Owner/Contractor

- ♦ Deck Restoration ♦ New Deck Construction
- ♦ Log Home Restoration ♦ Custom & Fine Carpentry
- ♦ Interior/Exterior Painting ♦ Hardwood Floor Installation
- ♦ Hardwood Floor Restoration ♦ Custom Barn Doors
- ♦ Project Management ♦ Consulting

Fully Insured ♦ Complimentary On-Site Consultation

720.309.4262 **sapiahwoodworks@gmail.com**

JARED M. SMITH, DMD
Advanced Dental Technology

- Same Day Porcelain Crowns Bridges, Inlays, Onlays, Veneers
- Dentures, Partial
- Root Canals
- In-Chair Bleaching Available
- Laser Soft Tissue Treatment
- Digital X-Rays & 3D X-Rays



Creating Beautiful Smiles in Colorado

618 Main Street, Cañon City, CO
719-275-0661 jaredsmithdmd.com

Oak Creek Electric
Rick Madrigal

Residential Electrical
Licensed & Insured
719-557-2925

EC# 103195
Persistence37@gmail.com

**PREMIER**
PEST CONTROL
LLC
WESTCLIFFE, CO

719-371-7404
PPC16@PRIVATEGARDEN.ORG

Call to schedule: inspections, estimates, professional pest management, residential, commercial, licensed and insured

TRUMP WON
LLC

a graphic design company
email: TrumpWonLLC@gmail.com

Tesla made a gun, what would it be called? Elon Musk-et.

Maine Democrats: Elected Christian Lawmaker ‘Has No Constitutional Right’ to Vote

by Ben Johnson,
The Washington Stand

In one deep-blue state, Democrats asked a Biden-appointed judge to validate their efforts to disenfranchise an elected lawmaker after she shared a viral social media post drawing attention to the unfairness of men competing in women’s sports — a plan she and First Amendment advocates say blatantly violates the Constitution.

Maine State Rep. Laurel D. Libby (R-90) cannot vote or speak on the floor of the House of Representatives since the Democrat-dominated chamber passed a resolution of censure by a 75-70, party-line vote on Tuesday, February 25th. After seeing a male who identifies as female win a girls state championship, Libby posted a picture of the young man on Facebook on February 17th with the message: “John tied for 5th place in boys pole vault. Tonight, ‘Katie’ won 1st place in the girls’ Maine State Class B Championship.” Maine Democrats barred Libby from discussing the underlying issue, then voted to stop her from representing her more than 9,000 constituents until she accepts full responsibility for placing the child in danger and apologizes.

“Five weeks ago, I was censured for speaking the truth and highlighting that there are biological males participating in girls’ sports here in Maine. And what that meant is that I am no longer allowed to speak or vote, represent my constituents on the House floor,” Libby told former Congressman Jody Hice, who

hosts “Washington Watch” each Friday.

Libby and six constituents sued Maine House Speaker Ryan Fecteau (D) and House of Representatives clerk Robert Hunt, arguing they violated her First and Fourteenth Amendments.

Maine Democrats insist, not only did they act well within their legal rights to stop Libby from casting a vote over an online post, but that the people’s representative has no constitutional right to vote in the state legislature. Maine Attorney General Aaron Frey (D) unsuccessfully sought to dismiss the case last Tuesday, arguing, “Rep. Libby does not have a First Amendment right to vote, as a legislator, on any particular piece of legislation.” Frey contended the House has legislative immunity to police its members as it will.

In court filings, Fecteau said liberals had to “punish” Libby’s “contumaciousness.”

All six of Maine’s federal judges — John C. Nivison, a magistrate judge; John A. Woodcock, a George W. Bush appointee; Lance E. Walker, a Trump appointee; Karen F. Wolf, a magistrate judge; Stacey D. Neumann, a Biden appointee; and Nancy Torresen, an Obama appointee — summarily recused themselves from the case. The trans-identifying boy has a parent who works in Maine’s federal court system, according to the *Bangor Daily News*.

Instead, Libby’s case is being heard in neighboring Rhode Island by U.S. District Judge

Melissa Dubose. The Biden appointee insisted last Friday’s proceedings take place by Zoom, and she forbade the trial from being broadcast or recorded.

Assistant Attorney General Kimberly Patwardhan, who is making the state’s case in court, claimed last Friday that Libby continues to represent her constituents, because she can serve on committee and introduce legislation. For instance, Libby presented a budget amendment on March 20th to protect women’s sports, along with nine other amendments. The Democratic majority immediately postponed consideration of all 10 amendments indefinitely. But the state representative, a part of the state’s tiny Republican minority, says Democrats have abused their power to stifle one of their most outspoken political foes.

“District 90 now stands voiceless on the House floor — unable to vote, unable to speak, and unable to be represented on matters ranging from an \$11 billion state budget to local priorities impacting working families,” said Libby before her hearing. “The inability to speak to that legislation, especially in the minority, where it may not change the outcome but can at least register the opinion of my district, is crucial,” Libby told the *Portland (Maine) Press Herald*.

Free speech advocates say Libby has an open-and-shut case. The Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE), a champion of Americans’ First Amendment rights, filed an amicus brief last Thursday

supporting Libby. “There is little question the House majority targeted Rep. Libby because of her viewpoint,” said FIRE. The group called the punishment “an end-run around the super-majoritarian provisions of the Maine Constitution” and “an egregious violation of the First Amendment.”

Maine’s House of Representatives has only censured elected officials four times in its legislative history: Three have happened in the last year. The House censured two Republican state representatives — Christian conservative Reps. Michael Lemelin (R-88) and Shelley Rudnicki (R-67) — for statements they made on the House floor discussing God’s disapproval of late-term abortion.

But FIRE noted that Maine Democrats did not consistently apply the same rubric it is allegedly using to censor Libby to more liberal lawmakers. Legislators took no action against Rep. Vicki Doudera (D-41) after she shared the name and photo of an underage chess champion on social media. “The First Amendment demands that we tolerate — even confront — unpleasant truths rather than allow the state to sanitize public discourse to avoid controversy or discomfort,” said FIRE.

“If political majorities can impose draconian sanctions on political minorities, then no viewpoint is safe. That’s no way to uphold America’s robust commitment to free and open political speech, and that’s why the First Amendment forbids officials from retaliating against dissenting views,” FIRE

supervising senior attorney JT Morris told Fox News.

Minority Leader Billy Bob Faulkingham (R) has stood by Libby, arguing the censure resolution violates the House code of ethics, which does not permit leadership to retaliate against a member for online speech.

“Now, we’re waiting on the ruling from that judge, and we’re hoping, given the harm being perpetrated on my constituents, that there will be a timely resolution, and the courts will see fit to ensure that I get my voice and my vote back,” Libby, who is represented by attorney Patrick Strawbridge, told Hice.

Libby previously promised to keep “standing in the gap” for Maine’s girls, no matter what the cost to her personally.

“It’s still a head-scratcher to me how this could possibly be happening in the United States,” Hice replied.

“Hats off to you,” Hice told the embattled Maine lawmaker. “Thank you so much for standing for truth and for pushing back against this unconstitutional censorship of your constituents.”

(Editor/GG: Our Colorado Dems are just as bad. We’ve got a bill in the House on criminalizing deadnaming etc. right now! Look at our local lunatics. Can you imagine where Happy Valley would be if they were in charge?)

Please see: <https://www.washingtonstand.com/news/maine-democrat-elected-christian-lawmaker-has-no-constitutional-right-to-vote>

Porches & Decks - Roofing & Siding
Custom Pole Barns & Garages



Kauffman's Construction

Call Owen 719-371-7863

Free Estimates - No Job to Big or Small

Cañon City Coins

Collector & Investor Coins - Buying, Selling & Trading



(719) 269-7507

Jason

123 S. 5th St., Cañon City, CO 81212

www.canoncitycoins.com



ACHES?

PAIN?

FATIGUE?

Call or Schedule Online Today



WET MOUNTAIN
MANUAL THERAPY

Advanced CranioSacral,
Visceral Manipulation,
Lymphatic Drainage

114 N 2nd Street
Westcliffe, Colorado

719.639.8447 wetmountainmanualtherapy.com



Off Grid



Grid-Tie



Solar Solutions Ltd.

"Renewable Energy Systems"

QUALITY - SERVICE - DEPENDABILITY

Custom Design and Installation
Photovoltaics, Wind, Hybrid & Grid-Tie systems
Maintenance Program Available

Serving Custer County
For 30 Years

www.solarsolutions.com



NABCEP
CERTIFIED

PV Installation
Professional

Pat Bailey - Owner
10 Hermit Lane,
PO Box 554
Silver Cliff, CO 81252

Ph: 719/783-9666
Fax: 719/783-2167
email: pbailey@solarsolutions.com

Coffee and Friday Morning's Paper

Plus Back Issues





SANGRE DE CRISTO
SENTINEL™

The Voice of Conservative Colorado!



E-Edition
\$29 a year. That's it.
SangreDeCristoSentinel.com

