

Bobcat Wrestlers Take Second Place in Tournament

by Coach Mike Ham
and Jim Silver

The Custer County Wrestling Tournament gave the hometown fans a good show on Saturday, January 14th. As the wrestling season goes, there is usually only this one opportunity to see the Bobcats on the mats without following them on the road. They were one of nine teams—Pueblo County, Sanford, Rye, Swink, Mountain Valley, Sierra Grande, Centennial, Moffat and Custer County. The Bobcats team of seven wrestlers placed second—right behind Pueblo County!

Coach Mike Ham said at the beginning of the season that though just seven turned out, they were all “hard workers.” What the Coach said proved true for all



L to R: Tracy Kitchens—Asst. Coach, Aaron Anderson, Jakob Morris, Bryce Roscoe, Manny Pedigo--Asst. Coach, Ray Perez, John Feldmann, Dalton Wommack. Foreground: Coach Mike Ham, Andy Feldmann.

Photo by Jim Silver

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A Time To Honor

by Fred Hernandez

On Friday the 13th of January, it was time to honor those whose work is to serve and protect the residents of Custer County. The Custer County Sheriff's Office hosted a dinner at Tony's Mountain Pizza in Silver Cliff to recognize and show public appreciation to the many men and women who give their time, their talent and, at times, risk all in the service of their fellowmen. It was a night of friendship and joy of camaraderie, a night of bonding. It all began at six o'clock with cocktails and conversation amidst much laughter and merriment. At 6:30 p.m., after the National Anthem, it was time for the invocation; reverently delivered by Silver Cliff resident, Mr. Eric Foster, a Chaplain for the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team Ministry. A sumptuous buffet dinner followed for the next hour. Then it was time for the formal program. The Master of Ceremonies, Sheriff Shannon Byerly, was most ably assisted by the Under Sheriff Chris Barr. In recognition of efforts rendered by all the team members of the different services being honored, Sheriff Byerly spoke eloquently and most gratefully of the hard work and sacrifice made by the deputies, members of the Posse and other service groups. The awards were as follows:

MEDAL OF HONOR

Under Sheriff Chris Barr; Deputy Brandon Schoch; Sergeant Mike Halpin

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LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Posse members Deputy Nancy Brooks; Deputy Walt Forward; Deputy Bob Hollingsworth;

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The 2017 Colorado General Assembly:

Important Bills YOU Should Know About; Part 1 of 2

by George Gramlich

This article features information about important bills from the 2017 Colorado Assembly, Representative Jim Wilson's take on these and if appropriate, the Republican Caucus's view on a bill, and occasionally, the *Sentinel's* view.

We encourage our readers to ENGAGE our representatives with regards to your opinion on these bills BEFORE THEY ARE VOTED ON. Make your voices heard. Contact information for our local representatives is at the end of the article.

The *Sentinel* will be tracking these bills during the legislative session and will keep you updated on their status. We will also include new bills when they are introduced and track them also.

You can view additional information on each bill, including the whole bill, its status and all the sponsors at: leg.colorado.gov and click on the "Find a Bill" icon.

Colorado House Bills:
HB17-1013 Free Exercise of Religion
House Sponsors: S. Humphrey (R), D. Williams (R)
Senate Sponsors: T. Neville (R), V. Marble (R)
Status: In Committee

Description: Specifies that no state

action may burden a person's exercise of religion, even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability, unless it is demonstrated that applying the burden to a person's exercise of religion is essential to further a compelling governmental interest and the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest;

- Defines 'exercise of religion' as the practice or observance of religion. The bill specifies that exercise of religion includes the ability to act or refuse to act in a manner substantially motivated by a person's sincerely held religious beliefs, whether or not the exercise is compulsory or central to a larger system of religious belief; except that it does not include the ability to act or refuse to act based on race or ethnicity.
- Provides a claim or defense to a person whose exercise of religion is burdened by state action; and
- Specifies that nothing in the bill creates any rights by an employee against an employer unless the employer is a government employer.

From Representative Jim Wilson:
Our Republican Caucus has not met to determine a Caucus position on

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And you will seek
Me and find Me,
When you search
for Me with all
your heart.
Jeremiah 29:13 NKJV



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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.

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

The Attempt To Delegitimize

It's Inauguration Day. If you are reading this before Noon (EST), then it's still President-Elect Donald Trump. If you are reading this after that time, then finally it's President Donald Trump and former President Barack Obama. It has been a long and difficult eight years for many Americans but like all other things in life this bad experience has finally passed.

We are not sure how the Inauguration Ceremony went as our printing deadline is Wednesday night. Instead of a civil and peaceful transfer of power the liberal progressives and their operatives were promising an uncivil and unpeaceful one. We hope that was all talk and false threats.

The Democrats, unwilling to accept defeat because they selected a very tarnished candidate who was under active FBI investigation, have decided to take a different approach to explain their failure. They have decided that the Russians interfered in our election and that is why

Hillary Clinton lost. This assumption allows them to explain away their failures and hurt the new President at the same time. Their efforts started slowly. First, after doing nothing about 12 major "hackings" of the federal government, President Obama launched an investigation into the alleged Russian interference in his last three weeks in office. Then he ordered an investigation of the FBI Director. Next the Hollywood celebrities and prominent Democrat lawmakers started appearing on TV and announcing they won't perform at or attend the inauguration of the newly elected president. So far about 60-70 Democrats in Congress have said they won't attend in protest that Trump is not legitimate. This is wrong but is, of course, how liberals manifest their failures – they blame someone else. The most prominent lawmaker causing this incivility and divisiveness is Congressman John Lewis. Lewis is famous for walking across "the bridge" with Mar-

tin Luther King Jr. He is considered an American patriot and hero for his efforts in helping achieve improved civil rights in this country. He was a brave man and deserves those accolades. However, being a hero many years ago does not give any American the right to cause unnecessary trouble or be forgiven for everything they do later. Lewis launched a preemptive strike on President Donald Trump, called his presidency illegitimate and is leading the boycott of the American tradition of a peaceful transfer of power. When President Trump lashed back, the media attacked him for attacking an America icon. That's very unfair. He also didn't attend President George W. Bush's inauguration. Does he ever try to unite Americans? Most recently Lewis has spent the last six years in Congress obstructing the valid investigation of Hillary Clinton and her actions with respect to Benghazi and her mishandling of classified emails. He made dishonest statements

and spent most of his efforts helping stonewall the investigation while promoting the false claim that the Republicans were just on a political witch hunt. He helped protect Clinton's reputation which helped make sure she was the Democrat nominee. That was a big mistake on his part. Now he has decided to lead an effort to further divide America. These are not the actions of a hero. These are the actions of a partisan politician who has forgotten exactly what Martin Luther King Jr. tried to teach him. Consider these remarks by King:

"To retaliate in kind would do nothing but intensify the existence of hate in the universe. Along the way of life, someone must have sense enough, and morality

enough, to cut off the chain of hate."

Congressman John Lewis's actions are in clear violation of his mentor's beliefs. I guess he just doesn't get what King was all about. He is a respected leader in the House of Representatives. But he should attend the inauguration and encourage his followers to do the same. Shame on him for perpetuating the "chain of hate". We hope he changes his mind.

Congratulations to President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence. We hope you work hard to keep your promises to those that voted for you and to make America better for as many Americans as you can. God Bless you and your families.



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Obituary Harvey William Rusk

Harvey Wm. Rusk passed away in January 2017, at the age of 96. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on December 2, 1920 to Dr. & Mrs. Harvey S. Rusk. He moved with family to Pueblo in 1921.

Harvey graduated from Centennial High School in Pueblo and later graduated from William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, where he met Verna Jean Conrad, his wife of 69 years.

He enlisted in Army Air Core, trained at UCLA as meteorologist, served three years during WWII in England, France and Germany.

Harvey rode horse back into the Wet Mountain Valley from Beulah in 1936, which was the beginning of his enjoyment of knowing the Sangre de Cristo range. As a young man he worked on the ranch which he began buying following the war in 1946. Ranching was

his career until 2000, although he continued to live on the family ranch until his death.

He was very active in his community, serving on the Sangre de Cristo Electric Board, and was president for eight years, was a member of Masons (Silver Cliff Lodge #8,) was a longtime member of the NRA, American Legion, and Custer County's Republican Committee, a founding member of the Sangre Shooting Sports Club, and longtime member of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association. He was a founding member of Valley Bible Fellowship and served as their treasurer for 20 years.

Harvey was a champion for land conservation and enjoyed hunting, fishing



and traveling. He also enjoyed meals and friendships at The Senior Citizen Center.

Harvey Rusk is survived by three children, all of Custer County; Harvey Dean Rusk and wife Jodi; Randy Conrad Rusk and wife Claricy; and Susan Elizabeth Gillespie and husband Scott. He had numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be given to Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust or Valley Bible Fellowship.

"We the People" Speak Letters to the Editor



Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial Needs Donations

Honorable Sheriffs,

I had to leave the conference early on Friday but I wanted to pass along some information about the Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial that is being redone. As many of you know, the current memorial is not something that any of us would likely consider worthy of the names that get inscribed on it each year. In an effort to pay an appropriate tribute to our men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice, many individuals jumped on board to help redesign and reconstruct the memorial. In doing so, a local contractor from Weld County (Roche Constructors) agreed to lead the project and donate their costs. In the process, Roche Constructors has basically underwritten the project which at this time is about 30K short of meeting the donation goal to fully fund the materials for the reconstruction.

I would like to ask all of you to consider making a donation to the Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial so that the Sheriffs have a big hand in making this memorial a reality. If your agency can purchase a paver or donate in any amount, it really would help to close the funding gap!

The paver forms are attached to this email along with all the documents that you might need to ensure that you receive the proper tax incentive for your donation. The Weld County Sheriff's Office will be

making a significant donation to the cause but we can't fill the entire gap... please help in whatever way you can. (A donation of \$500 from each county would get us there!)

Thanks,

Steve Reams
Weld County Sheriff

(Editor/GG: Please go to the website to simply donate money or buy a full or half "paver" (engraved stone) for this memorial: coloradolawenforcement-memorial.com/)

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By J Cascarelli

One can't seem to read or watch any commentary over the past five years without being reminded that "Black lives matter". The issue was prominently featured in all popular media retrospectives marking the end of 2016. Anyone who watches the news with any thoroughness knows that these three words were coined following the riots in Ferguson, MO. Every time a police officer kills a Black person, nearly all in the media drag up these three incendiary words.

If those responsible for keeping this issue in the forefront of the American psyche, the situation

in Chicago should have them scratching their heads. The final figures are in for the Windy City. In 2016, the big city with the toughest gun laws in the country, 762 street murders were recorded, and 80% of them were Black men. Chicago city fathers predictably blame guns, but police officials are starting to see a more complex picture labeling lack of jobs, illegal drug traffic and thousands of gang members. Why then do so few shout "Black lives matter" when the murderer of a Black man is another Black frequently from a rival gang?

My theory is that because these murder victims are Black gang members,

the politicians just do not care. And, frankly, why should anyone care? Sadly, a gang-banger spraying bullets around a neighborhood will accidentally kill someone sitting on their stoop on a hot summer day or some kid playing street stick ball. Even when those innocent victims are black, there are no Black Lives Matter demonstrations in the street where demonstrators shout "We want dead cops," "When do we want them?" "Right now."

Democrat politicians that run America's big cities just don't seem to care. Politicians want the black vote, but apparently seem to be unmotivated to do anything meaningful about

the carnage. One need only look at abortion statistics to see that few in America care about the inner city Black population. For every 1,000 Black live births, there are 420 Black abortions. That's correct despite the fact that Blacks make up only 12% of the U.S. population; they represent 30% of legal abortions. No wonder Blacks can't seem to get past 12% of the population; they are killing themselves off in record numbers. I'd love for the Black Lives Matter advocates in the popular media to address this sad state of affairs. But, maybe they, like the politicians that they defend and keep in office, don't care either.

A Thank You

Letter to the editor:

Thank you to Commissioner Attebery and Commissioner Shy for their hard work on behalf of the people of Custer County! I attended numerous County Commissioner meetings in the past four years, being one of the few in attendance to witness their adherence to the rules surrounding their jobs as Commissioners, their personable yet professional means of dealing with issues, and the fair treatment of all who attended the meetings.

I respect the way they were responsible for job compliance by withholding conversations between themselves outside of recorded County Commissioner meetings. I was reminded by one of them that speaking to the press, which I was at the time, in a private "on or off the record" was not appropriate, given their job parameters. I appreciate the honesty and integrity of these two men who worked for the betterment of Custer County by maintaining responsibility to; being accountable for their actions, supporting financial accountability and not seeking private/self betterment by way of their paid position as Commissioner. Both showed calm professionalism even in the face of false accusations, and handled the county's business in a clear and concise manner, taking their jobs and the betterment of Custer County for all the people, refraining from supporting issues that unfairly benefited any minority of the four thousand residents.

Custer County has lost two loyal, trustworthy and valuable employees who worked tirelessly to fulfill their duties as County Commissioner. Thank you Lynn and Kit!

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Higher Property Tax?

Letter to the editor:

I just read that Colorado Senator-elect wants higher property taxes in Colorado. People in Colorado already pay higher taxes for vacant, non-agricultural property. I own two 5 acre adjoining properties in Custer County, one with a house and shed, and the other vacant. According to my latest tax bill, the property with the house has an actual value of \$171,519 and the taxes are \$831.36. The vacant parcel actual

value is \$26,500 and taxes are \$468.02. Why are the taxes on vacant land 56% of that on property that's worth 6.5 times as much? If Coloradans really mean what they say and want to keep open space open, shouldn't vacant land be taxed at a much lower rate than developed property? If anything, taxes on vacant land need to be reduced drastically.

Sincerely,

*Paul Hatfield
Castle Rock, Colorado*

War on Cash

Letter to the Editor:

What really has happened is a war on real money, gold and silver. Paper money such as federal reserve notes only have value because people continue to accept them. I'm 67 and I remember when I could trade one paper dollar for one dollar face value in silver coins. No longer.

Now it takes much more than one dollar to buy one dollar in face value of silver. The metal in most circulating U.S. coins is worth much less than the face value. Bring back real money, gold and silver, and shut down the federal reserve printing presses!

*Paul Hatfield
Castle Rock, Colorado*

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Wet Mountain FD's New Class A Pumper



Wet Mountain's new Class A pumper was specified by a team comprised of John Decker, Jerry Livengood and Dave Tonsing.

The unit was built in Mississippi by Deep South Fire Trucks on a 7600 Series International 4x4 chassis, and is fully NFPA 1901 compliant.

The \$286,000 engine was financed by the District through First State Bank of Colorado and is 33' feet in length, 44,000 pounds in weight and seats five firefighters, four of which can be in SCBA gear carried in the seat backs for rapid donning.

Other features include LED

scene lighting, 1,400 feet of supply line, 600 feet of attack line and a turret operational from the cab.

Most importantly, the pumper will carry 1,500 gallons of water, 30 gallons of foam and a 1,000 gallon per minute Hale pump. As such, the new engine will be a major force in structure fire response, and will be designated the Main Station's "first out" engine.

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School District Seeks Committee Members

Press Release

Custer County School District C-1

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The Custer County Board of Education is beginning the planning stages of creating a new strategic plan to take the district well into the future of the next three years and is utilizing the services of Gary Taylor to coordinate the strategic planning process.

The school board is seeking individuals interested in participating in the strategic planning process and is welcoming applicants for the various committees until February 3, 2017. The strategic planning process is looking for (1) members of the Overall Planning Committees as well as (2) members of various sub-committees as outlined below. Committee members are needed with expertise in a wide variety of areas including food service, maintenance, overall

education methodology, as well as many other areas. If you have an interest or expertise in the following sub-committee topics, or are interested in the Overall Planning Committee, you are asked to contact Kathy Schickling at 783-4950 to be added to the list of committee members by no later than February 3rd:

- Overall Planning Committee
- Building/Capital Construction – Buildings and Grounds
- School Safety
- Budget and Finance
- Educational Technology
- Increasing Student Achievement and Success for All Students
- Employment of Staff including Compensation and Recruitment/Retainment
- Communications and Family/Community Involvement
- District Operations including

Food Service and Transportation

The Overall Planning Committee (comprised of members of the sub-committees, the school board and representatives from the faculty and staff) will meet on February 15th at 4:30 p.m. in the high school library. During four to six weeks in February and March the sub-committees will be meeting with an eye on developing the future goals and action steps in their specific area of expertise while prioritizing actions to complete within the overall strategic plan. In mid-March (exact date to be determined) sub-committees will report out their overall prioritized results and a framework will be drafted for a new strategic plan and brought to the board for their review and adoption by no later than the end of May, 2017.

For additional information, or to volunteer to be a part of the strategic planning process, please contact Kathy Schickling at 783-4950.

Public Health Director Leaves Custer County



Custer County Health Nurse Gail Stoltzfus says goodbyes.

Photo by Candi Sage

The farewell reception for Gail Stoltzfus was well attended. Thank you to Gail for all the ways she helped Custer County stay abreast of health issues including the 9 Health Fair and other programs she implemented and directed during her many years in Custer County. We appreciate her service, including time at Custer County School as the school nurse. County Health personnel and numerous folks around the valley were there to honor her, including former Commissioner Lynn Attebery, former Commissioner Kit Shy, and former director Donna McDonnall. Gail will be joining her husband in Brighton, Colorado, and is looking forward to what her future may bring. Her replacement has not been named.

CCSD School Survey Input Needed

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) is doing a survey with regard to what kind of information each school community would like to see about their school, such as “performance (e.g. test results, improvement strategies), school details (e.g. teacher turnover, student safety, course offerings) and student information (e.g. attendance, demographics, suspensions, college course taking). The survey can be taken at www.surveymonkey.com/r/cdereportsurvey. All parents and concerned citizens in Custer County are encouraged to take the survey.

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Bobcats Sport Schedule

MS Girls Basketball Game HOME v Cotopaxi When: Fri., January 20, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	When: Thursday, Jan. 26 7 p.m. Where: High School Field
HS Boys & HS Girls Basketball HOME v South Park When: Fri., January 20, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	MS Girls Basketball Game AWAY v Cripple Creek <i>Departure time TBD</i> When: Fri., January 27, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Where: Cripple Creek
Wrestling v Paonia - departure time TBD When: Sat., January 21, 7 a.m. – 12 p.m. Where: Paonia	HS Boys & HS Girls Basketball HOME v Sanford When: Fri., January 27, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Where: Custer County High School
Elementary Basketball Program When: Sat., January 21, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Where: East Gym	Elementary Basketball Program When: Sat., January 28, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Where: EAST GYM
Wrestling v Paonia - departure time TBD When: Sat., January 21, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Where: Paonia	Wrestling Valley Classic – Departure time TBD When: Sat., January 28, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Where: Center, CO
HS Boys & HS Girls Basketball HOME v Del Norte When: Sat., January 21, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Winterfest Dance When: Sat., January 28, 9 p.m. to midnight Where: School library
Winterfest Bonfire	

Custer County Students Named to Southern Colorado Honor Band

The following Custer County students have been selected to the 2017 Southern Colorado Honor Band:

Middle School

Wyatt Aldrich
Sam Babcock
Kylie Carter
Wesley Curtis
Morgan Foster

Chase Hatton
Kaya Huffman
Jake Lafary
Kyleigh Martin
Wulfgar Parmenter
Sheyenne Shy
Andrew Slawski

High School

Michael Batson
Kayla Carter
Thomas Dryer
Tyler Ferron

Dominic Garcia
Curtis Martin
Holly Wenger
Emilee Woolery

Congratulation!

These students had the opportunity to attend a one-day clinic/rehearsal followed by a concert on Monday, January 16th at the Cañon City High School Auditorium.



Bobcat Menu • Jan. 23- Jan. 27, 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk	Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk	Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk	Breakfast Biscuit & Gravy Fruit Milk
Lunch Elem. Super Nachos Corn Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Pig in a Blanket Tator Tots Corn & Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Grilled Cheese Sand. Tomato Soup Mxd, Veg. & Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Italian Dunkers Bread Sticks Gr. Beans & Fruit Milk
Lunch MS & HS Nachos Grande Mexican Beans Corn & Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Chili Dog & Tator Tots Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Baked Cheese Sand Salad Mixed Veg. & Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Italian Dunkers Pasta or Bread Sticks Gr. Beans & Salad Milk
Elementary: Main Dish, Grain Product, Veg., Fruit, and Milk Middle & High: Main Dish, (Or Premade Chef Salad), Grain Product, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk A la Carte Items To Be Sold To M.S. & H.S. Only			

College Access Workshop for Teens

Teens interested in finding out what they should be doing now to get into the college of their choice in the future can attend the “College Access” workshop on Thursday, January 26th from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the West Custer County Library Community Room. A presentation and Q&A session will be led by local expert Ron Terry. Mr. Terry is a retired university administrator, director of admissions and career counselor from Louisiana State University. After the presentation students will have an opportunity to apply what they have learned by playing a game about getting ready for college called “Application Crunch” created by staff at the University of Southern California-Rossier

School of Education.

“The college admissions process can be so daunting,” said Youth Services Librarian Jessica Carter. “Mr. Terry has some extremely valuable insights into the process as an insider. I’m so glad he’s giving the students this opportunity to learn from his experience.” This workshop is part of a series the library has designed to provide students with tools to navigate adulthood. The series provides a variety of information and is hands-on as much as possible, enlisting the help of many local experts. It is completely free thanks to the Friends of the Library and several local co-sponsors.

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Inauguration Day

“I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of the President of the United States and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States. So help me God.”

Today, President –Elect Donald Trump will repeat those words becoming our 45th President.

Our first president, George Washington, was inaugurated at Federal Hall in New York on April 30, 1789. That was the day that the federal government began operations under the U.S. Constitution. All other inaugurations from 1793 to 1933 were held on March 4th. The 20th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified on January 23, 1933. This moved Inauguration Day from March 4th to January 20th, where it has remained ever since.

Inauguration Day started out as a simple oath-taking ceremony. But since then, various traditions have expanded it to a day-long celebration with parades and speeches, ending with an inaugural ball.

Since 1937, the vice-president takes the oath of office at the same ceremony as the president-elect.

The U.S. Constitution does not specify an oath of office for the vice-president. So currently, the oath used is the same one recited by senators, representatives and other government officers and has been in use since 1884:

“I, <full name>, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.”

The United States Marine Band then performs four ruffles and flourishes, followed by Hail, Columbia.

Then the president-elect takes the oath of office administered by the Chief Justice of the United States. The oath for the president-elect is mandated in Article II, Section 1 of the United States Constitution:

“I, <full name>, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.”

Nearly every president-elect since Franklin D. Roosevelt has added the phrase “So help me God” to their oath.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: presidential-inauguration.com, wikipedia.org

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We give thanks to God always for you all,
making mention of you in our prayers

1 Thessalonians 1:2 NKJV

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Local Rotary Gifts Equipment

by Sentinel Staff

Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club (WMV) donated used medical equipment to San Luis Valley Rotary Club (SLV) on January 4th. After Wet Mountain Valley Rotary announced to local rotaries that they had an excess of medical equipment that had been donated by local citizens who no longer need it, SLV Rotary took them up on an offer of delivery. John Johnston, on the board for the Rotary's Van service and in charge of the Rotary's medical lending, along with his friend Dan Petersen, made the delivery.

Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club still has equipment here in the 'Cliffs'. "Many people need medical equipment (crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, shower stools...) for only a short period of time, usually following an injury or surgery. Much of what was bought new is either sold in a garage sale, given away or donated to a service organization like the Rotary Club. We loan the equipment free of charge for as long as someone needs it. We feel this is a valuable community service and

we are proud to be able to help fill this need," said Johnston.

For assistance, John Johnston can be reached at 719-783-4644.



L to R: Kelly Gurule; Secretary of San Luis Valley Rotary Club, Helen Ross; Patient and Family Representative at San Luis Valley Health, John Johnston; Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club's Emergency Lending and Dan Petersen.

Courtesy photos from John Johnston

WRESTLING from page 1

to see. Three had never wrestled before, but they've picked up a lot of moves from their coaches. Following is his report on the tournament, with his words of encouragement and praise for each one of his team:

"The Custer County Wrestling Tournament got underway this weekend and went without a hitch, thanks to all the help from the Custer County staff. The wrestling team thanks all who helped set up and run the tournament, Greg Cravens and Brett Berry, who set up and cleaned the gym, and a special thanks to the "Voice of the Bobcats," Bill Canda.

The first Bobcat to hit the mat was 132-pound Ray Perez, with a season record of 11 wins and six losses. Ray has improved so much this year! On Saturday, Ray won his first four matches, but had a disappointing loss in his championship match, losing a close one 4 to 2. Ray ended up with second place.

Next up was Aaron Anderson, wrestling at 145 pounds and with a season record of six and nine. Aaron is a first-year wrestler in his junior year. He has improved so much in his short

time on the mat! Aaron went 2 and 3 to take 4th place.

Dalton Wommack, at 113 pounds and a season record of 12 and seven, went 4 and 0 this day to take his very first championship title (one of these matches took four overtimes before Dalton came through with the win). Dalton has gained so much confidence that I'm sure that there will be more first-place wins for him!

John Feldmann, at 160 pounds and a season record of five and four, went 2 and 2 for the day to take 3rd place. John is a young wrestler and is improving every week, gaining more and more confidence.

Andy Feldmann had a great day on the mat. His season record is 14 and one, and with 4 and 0 last Saturday, he pinned his way through the tournament to take first place. He was awarded by a vote of all coaches the "Outstanding Wrestler" award, and won the "Fastest Fall" award, with a pin in six seconds! A senior this year, Andy is a very determined wrestler and surely headed to the State Tourney this year.

Bryce Roscoe had a hard day, wrestling "a little under the weather". His season record is two and 10. Bryce is a first-year wrestler as a senior and puts his

all into practice and on the mat. I wish I would have coached him all four years of high school. He improves every week and hopefully we can get him to the State Tournament to top off his impressive high school sports career.

Jakob Morris wrestles at 182 pounds. Man, this kid gives it his all! He joined the team as a first-year wrestler and was a little shy and apprehensive at first. Now, he is all about winning and doing what it takes to be that winner. His season record was 5 and 5, and he added three wins this weekend with the first-place spot on the podium.

I would like to also thank Assistant Coaches Manny Pedigo and Tracy Kitchens and former Custer County Bobcat wrestler Mark Canda for coming in and helping the wrestlers achieve their goals for the year."

The Bobcats wrestle next on Saturday, January 21st in Paonia. It must be added that this season there are two opportunities to see some good matches on the home mats. Please mark your calendars that the District Tournament is scheduled for Custer County High School on February 10th and 11th.

GO BOBCATS!

HONOR from page 1

Deputy John Madden; Deputy Joseph McCarthy; Deputy Art Nordyke; Deputy Jim Parkes; Deputy Vernon Roth; Deputy Greg Sullivan; Deputy Bill Watson; Deputy Logan Winn

MERITORIOUS SERVICE BY A CITIZEN

Lynn Attebery, Jerry and

Marilyn Keffer; Kit Shy

Sheriff Byerly's surprise was noteworthy when, at the end of the ceremonies, he was called forward to receive, not an award, but a Certificate of Appreciation by members of his team. In giving the award Under Sheriff Chris Barr noted gratefully the significant contributions made by the Sheriff in his overall and ongoing efforts to run a truly efficient, professional law enforcement organiza-

tion which those who work for him, and the department, were most thankful for.

The special evening ended with a drawing of door prizes which included gift certificates for Olive Garden, Macy's, Red Lobster and Cabela's. It was not only a fun evening, it was also an evening to remember and to honor those who serve selflessly in many ways, every day.



L to R; Posse Deputy Ivan Brooks, Posse Lt. Tom Davis, Posse Sgt. Terry Napolitan, Sheriff Shannon Byerly, Posse Deputy Bruce Elkington and Under Sheriff Chris Barr.

Photo by Barbara Napolitan

Silver Cliff Town Meeting

by Fred Hernandez

The town of Silver Cliff held its first meeting of the year 2017 on Monday, January 9th at 5:30 p.m. Under Old Business an update on the progress of the ongoing renovations of the Senior Center was given by Mayor Pro Temp Lela Cravens. The work is on schedule and dovetails with funds received from the different grants. The other matters under this section include the zip code which remains an issue, the AT&T tower which contin-

ues under negotiations, and an update on the Viscount core drilling progress. As already mentioned in previous reports, nine holes were drilled to depths of about 180 feet from which core samples were taken for assay. The results have not as yet been received back from the labs. In the meantime, the town continues to receive positive feedback and there are plans for further negotiations on future drilling activities with the objective of going deeper into the core in order to make more conclu-

sive evaluations as to the actual presence of ore.

Under New Business the most noteworthy items taken up included changes made to the new Welcome Signs that will soon be installed, a resolution was approved setting the posting places for the year 2017 and the approval of appointments to the various committees.

Staff and Committee reports followed quickly and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m..

**He gives power to the weak,
And to those who have no might
He increases strength.**

Isaiah 40:29 NKJV

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In compliance with Titles VI & VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and Colorado law, Custer County School District C-1 does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, age, marital status, sexual ori-

Events Calendar

Friday, January 20, 9 a.m.
BOCC Meeting
Boardroom

Friday, January 20, 12 Noon EST
Inauguration of President Donald Trump

Saturday, January 21, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Sangre Shoot Club
Annual Membership Meeting
Westcliffe Bowling Alley Meeting Room

Friday and Saturday, January 20 and 21, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, January 22, at 2 p.m.
“Arrival”
Drama, Mystery, Sci-Fi | PG-13
At THE JONES THEATER \$\$ Westcliffe

Wednesday, January 25, 5:30 p.m.
Common Cents: Money Matters 2
The West Custer Library Community Room
209 Main St., Westcliffe
Continue to learn basic money management concepts

Thursday January 26, 7 p.m.
Winterfest Bonfire
High School Field

Sunday, January 29
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
In Concert - Altius Quartet
THE JONES THEATER \$\$ Westcliffe

Tuesday, January 31, 9 a.m.
BOCC Meeting
Boardroom

Recurring Events

Monday

6 -7 p.m. Closed Step Study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe.
Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emily at (719) 371-5974.

3rd Monday

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Writers group at the Library. If you write or would like to start writing, please join us in the Community Room for peer editing, feedback, ideas, comradery, and more.

Tuesday

12 – 4:30 p.m. Bridge Club meets in the Library Community Room in downtown Westcliffe.
6 p.m. Bible Study at Wild West Cowboy Church. Call 719-783-2676.

1st Tuesday of the Month

6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes
American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting.
6:45 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March – October) at the Saddle Club.

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Line dancers meet at the Methodist Church. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370.
6-7 p.m. Closed Big Book Study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emily at (719) 371-5974.
6:30 p.m. Men's and Women's Bible Study. First Baptist Church of Westcliffe Call 719-783-2498.

6:30 - 8 p.m. Custer County Community Band practice in the band room at the high school.

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

3 p.m. Scrabble Group West Custer County Library.

Last Wednesday of the Month

11 a.m. Book Club meeting at the West Custer County Library. Open to the public.

Thursday

Second Thursday of the Month
10 a.m. – 11 a.m. “Ask a Nurse” at the library.

Friday

6 -7 p.m. Open Discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emily at (719) 371-5974.
7 -8 p.m. Bible Talks with Domenic Enrietta and John Hartig. At the Library Community Room. All welcome. No charge.

Third Friday of the Month

Camp Happiness for 0-6 yrs old.
1-2:20 p.m. at West Custer Library.

Saturday

10 a.m. Wet Mountain Al-Anon Family Group meets at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Dee (719) 404-1851 or Jean (719) 371-1229.
2 p.m. Laughter Yoga at the West Custer County Library. Open to the public.
3 p.m. Open Drum Circle at the West Custer County Library. All ages welcome! If you have a drum, please bring it. We have a few spares.

3rd Saturday of Month

9 a.m. VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes Conference Room for more info call Commander Randy Knight 783-9340.

Services

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New Fri. 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources
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Silver Cliff, CO 81252
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Mon. and Thur. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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*A wise man will hear and increase learning,
And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel*

Proverbs 1:5 NKJV

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CUSTER COUNTY NOTICES

Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017
9 00 AM

Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /Commissioners Room

Responding Chaplains – Eric Foster
- Admin Assistant to the Board
- Airport – D. Anderson
- BZA & Planning Commission board appointments
- Custer County Board of Health
- Custer County Health Nurse Position
- Underfunded Courthouse Grant
- Court Security Committee Appointment (S. Byerly)

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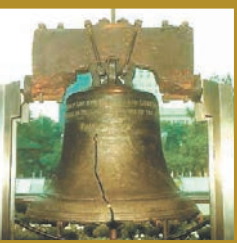


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Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
-Custer County Corps of Chaplains/Emergency



A simple comparison: the quran boasts that Allah is the “master of scheming” (Surah 13:42) and that he is “profound in his machination” (Surah 8:30). Jesus Christ is “The way, the truth and the light”. And yet our former President “spits” on Christianity and holds up Islam as the shining example. What does it say about your ability to trust and believe in ANYONE whose actions hold to scheming and manipulation versus truth and light?

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Sheriff's Report...



On the dates below, there were 177 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 12 to EMS, and 4 to the Fire Department. As of January 13th, there were 9 males and no females in the county jail.

1/7/17:
Traffic Summons: Deputies responded to Butler and Highway 96 for a report of a vehicle slide off. No injuries were reported. A summons was issued to Kenneth Mcnew for speed exceeding what was safe for road conditions.

Altered Mental Status:
Custer County EMS responded to an address in Silver Cliff for a male

patient with altered mental status. Party was transported to a hospital.

1/8 17:
Vandalism: Deputies responded to a vandalism call. No report has been filed at this time.

1/9 17:
Traffic Summons: Corrina Marie Badial for driving with no insurance and driving on a canceled license.

John Butkovich of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Matt Freeman of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Sandra Dunlap of West-

cliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Daniel Hinojosa of Illinois for driving under suspension and having no insurance.

Gun Shot: A deputy and Custer County EMS responded to Rosita Avenue for a report of an individual accidentally discharged a firearm. An individual was transported to the hospital and the incident is under investigation.

SHERIFF REPORT
see page 23

Free or Low Cost Medical Clinic Opens Soon

Press Release

Dr. Richard Amesquita announces the Grand Opening of his exciting, new concept to Medical Service to the community of Custer County: A Direct Primary Care Income Based Medical Service at Patient Centered Practices (PCP) office on designated Saturdays in Westcliffe.

Here is how it works: one Saturday a month starting January 28th at 1 p.m. Dr. Amesquita will see as many people as possible in his office at 218 Main Street, Westcliffe, CO. Anyone may come by and may show any kind of proof of household income as they feel comfortable. A Medicaid or Medicare card will do in most cases, last pay-

stub(s) may be needed for others. Once established in the system no further proof of income is needed for one year.

Services offered include: Basic health care screening/maintenance, well child/adult checks, acute illnesses/acute minor trauma management, one-time bridge non-controlled medication refill, school/sports physical exams, and other acute care needs as able, given the short patient contact periods which will average about 15 min.

Services not offered include: controlled substances Rx, OB/GYN, surgery, continuing care of chronic medical conditions, anything outside my scope of practice.

Services coming soon:

Osteopathic Manipulative Treatments.

Fee due upon services rendered are based upon the U.S. Federal Government poverty chart.

For most people the fee will be zero or just \$10. Medications and supplies are not included.

Medications and supplies may be offered at low or no cost depending upon community support in the future.

Special hours and fees start January 28th.

Depending upon response and support of the community additional Saturday Clinics may be added to accommodate the needs of the community.

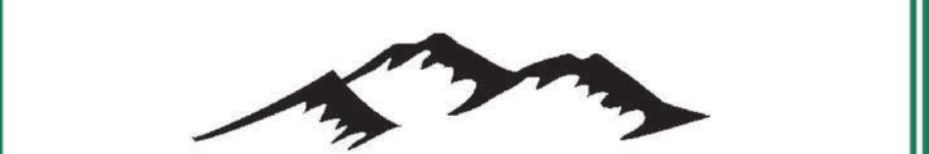


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John Adams - Second President of the United States



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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



Round Mountain Public Notice

SPECIAL DISTRICT TRANSPARENCY NOTICE - 2017
Pursuant to section 32-1-809, Colorado Revised Statutes

This information must be provided¹ to the eligible electors of the district no later than January 15 of each year.

Name of special district:	Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District	
District's physical location: (List each county in which the district is located.)	Custer County	
District's principal business office: (address and telephone number)	59000 Highway 69 N – PO Box 86 Westcliffe, CO 81252 719-783-2604	
District manager or other primary contact: (name, telephone number and other contact information)	George Medaris-District Manager: gmedaris@rmwsd.com Herdis Sobel-Office Manager: hsobel@rmwsd.com	
Regular Board Meetings: (day, time, and place)	First Thursday of each month at the RMWSD office downstairs conference room, at 5:15 p.m.	
Notice posting place: (designated by board for posting 24-hour notice and agenda before meetings, as per Colorado Open Meetings Law §24-6-402(2)(c), C.R.S.)	RMWSD Office, Custer County Clerk & Recorder, Town of Westcliffe, Town of Silver Cliff, and Wet Mtn. Tribune	
Current district mill levy:	2.499 mills.	
Total ad valorem tax (property tax) revenue: (received by district during the previous year)	\$ 46,057 (Figure reported may be incomplete or unaudited as of date of this notice.)	
Regular district elections:	Regular elections for special districts are held in May of even-numbered years on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of the month. Regular elections are held for the purpose of electing members to the board of directors and other public questions, if any. The date of the next regular district election is: May 8, 2018.	
Names of district board members: (Check box for any board member whose seat will be on the ballot at the next regular district election.)	(1)Peggy Quint peggy.quint@rmwsd.com This office will be on the ballot at the next regular election.	(2)Charles Bogle charles.bogle@rmwsd.com
	(3)Steve Lasswell steve.lasswell@rmwsd.com	(4)Randy Wilhelm 6 Crestone Ct., Westcliffe This office will be on the ballot at the next regular election.
	(5)VACANT This office will be on the ballot at the next regular election.	
For seven-member boards:	(6) This office will be on the ballot at	(7) This office will be on the ballot at

		the next regular election.	at the next regular election.
Self-nomination to be a district board member		Any eligible elector of the special district who desires to be a candidate for the office of special district director must file a self-nomination and acceptance form or letter with the district's designated election official (DEO) at least 67 days before the date of the next regular election. For further details about the self-nomination process or serving on the board, please contact the district manager or other primary contact.	
District election results will be posted on these websites:		Secretary of State: www.sos.state.co.us	District website, or other website, if any:
Permanent mail-in voter (PMIV) status (for applicable elections)		PMIV applications may be obtained online from the Colorado Secretary of State at www.elections.colorado.gov or from any county clerk and recorder's office. PMIV applications should be returned to the county clerk and recorder of the county in which you reside or in which the special district is located.	
Notice completed by:	Name: Herdis Sobel Title: Office Manager E-mail: hsobel@rmwsd.com		Date: 1/11/17 (Note: Some information provided herein may be subject to change after the notice is provided to the public.)

File copy of this Notice with:

1. Clerk and Recorder of each county in which district is wholly or partially located;
2. Division of Local Government; and
3. District's principal business office (make available for public inspection).

¹ Notice must be provided in one or more of the following manners:

- a) Mail notice separately to each household where one or more eligible electors of the special district resides (Note: Districts with overlapping boundaries may combine mailed notices, so long as the information regarding each district is separately displayed and identified);
- b) Include notice as a prominent part of a newsletter, annual report, billing insert, billing statement, letter, voter information card or other notice of election, or other informational mailing sent by the district to the eligible electors;
- c) Post notice on district's official website (Note: You must also provide the Division of Local Government (www.dola.state.co.us/dlg) with the address of your district's website to establish a link on the DLG's website to the district's website. (Use DLG's Local Government Contact Information form.);
- d) Post notice on website of the Special District Association of Colorado (www.sdaco.org) (Note: Your district must be a current SDA member to post on the SDA website.); or
- e) Post notice in at least three public places within the limits of the special district and post notice in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of the county or counties in which the district is located. Notices must remain posted in these locations until May 7, 2013. (Note: This method for providing notice is authorized only for districts with less than 1,000 eligible electors that are wholly located within a county with a population of less than 30,000.)

NOTICE

Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District is seeking candidates for the Board of Directors vacancy. A registered voter applicant must be a Resident of the District for not less than thirty (30) days, or the owner (or the spouse of the owner) of tax-able real property situated in the District. Self- nomination forms may be picked up during business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) at 59000 Highway 69, Westcliffe CO or you may mail a "Letter of Interest" to RMWSD, P.O. Box 86, Westcliffe CO 81252.

Deadline to be received in our office is January 30, 2017.

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS § 8 103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 12-16

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On October 27, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

Original Grantor(s)	Mayra S Speer
Original Beneficiary(ies)	Washington Mutual Bank
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	JPMorgan Chase Bank , National Association
Date of Deed of Trust	January 19, 2008
County of Recording	Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	January 29, 2008
Recording Information	209587 Book: 600 Page: 159
(Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)	
Original Principal Amount	\$222,159.00
Outstanding Principal Balance	\$194,694.91

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE STATE OF COLORADO, COUNTY OF CUSTER, W TH A SITUS ADDRESS OF 12100 COUNTY ROAD 25 W STCLIFFE CO 823- 95 CURRENTLY OW ED BY SPEER MAYRA S HAVING A TAX ASSESSOR NUMBER OF 001018 AND BEING THE SAME PROPERTY MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS TR M C KINLEY MTN RANCH ESTATES.

Also known by street and number as: 12100 County Rd 25 Westcliffe, CO 823.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 03/01/2017, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

IF THE BORROW R BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 8 8 103 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 8 8 103, THE BORROW R MAY FILE A COMPLAINT W TH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT W LL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General
180 B roadway, 10th Floor
Denver, Colorado 8203
(80) 222-4
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov

Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 3
Iowa City, Iowa 524
(8 4 1-232
www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 10/27/2016

Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee in and for the County of Custer, State of Colorado

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

Klatt, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C. 710 Kipling Street, Suite 402, Lakewood, CO 80215 (303) 232-5606
Attorney File # CO160290

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

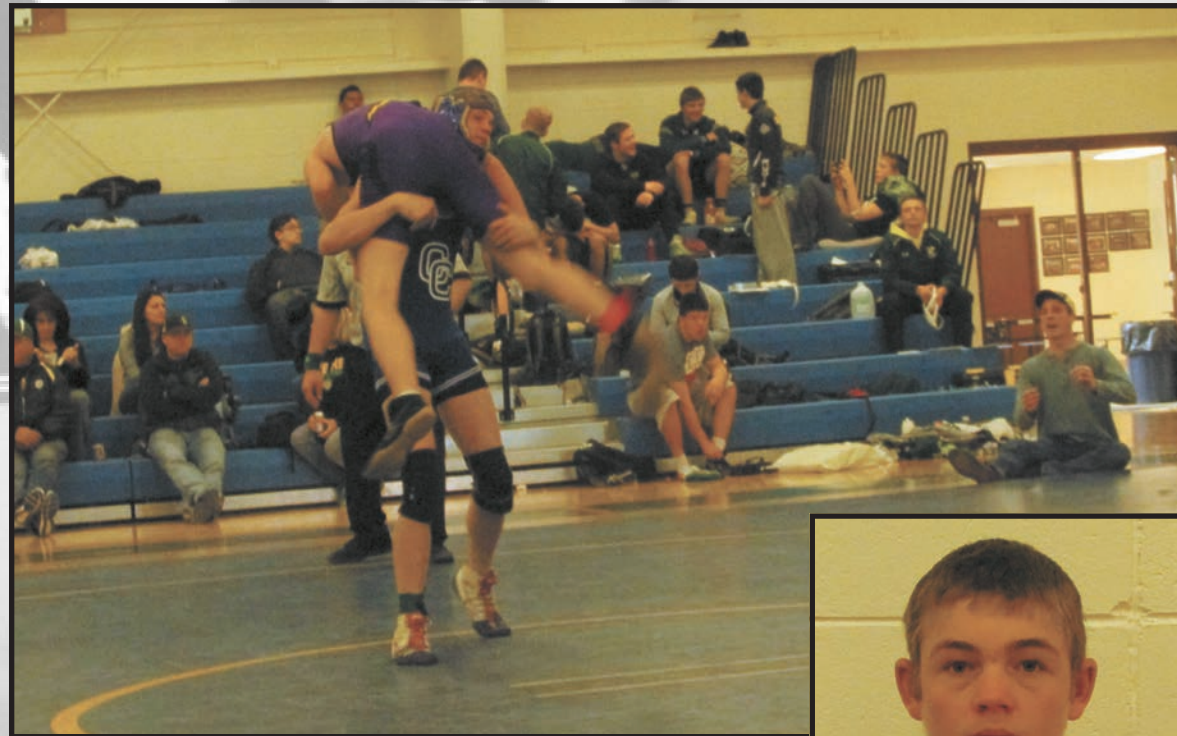
Jesus answered and said to her,

*“Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,
but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him
will never thirst.*

John 4:13-14a NKJV

Custer County High School Wrestling Tournament

Saturday, January 14, 2017



Dalton Wommack, 113 lbs., 1st place



From left: Coach Mike Ham, Dalton Wommack, Ray Perez, Aaron Anderson, Andy Feldmann, John Feldmann, Bryce Roscoe, Jakob Morris, and Assistant Coach Manny Pedigo.



Ray Perez, 132 lbs., 2nd place



Aaron Anderson, 145 lbs., 4th place



Cheerleaders from left: Kassidy Moore, Haiden Rafferty, Jessy Morris, Morgan Nelson, and Dakota Schoch. Not pictured: Kirsten Benoit, Alysha Dryer, Nora Lewis, Makynna Reiff, Deynne Schoch, and Torrey Wiener.



Andy Feldmann, 152 lbs., 1st place



John Feldmann, 160 lbs., 3rd place



Bryce Roscoe, 170 lbs., 2nd place



Jakob Morris, 182 lbs., 1st place





Translated – Hickenlooper’s State of the State: What He Said, What He Meant

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

The *Denver Post*, as usual, posted Governor Hickenlooper’s “State of the State” address in its entirety, which gives us the opportunity to fully critique the Governor’s speech line-by-line. Thanks for that. Instead of giving a high-minded review of the speech as a whole, we pulled a few key quotes from his speech to translate for you, Peak-Nation™. You’re welcome. It’s our take, take it or leave it.

Hick said: “We need a comprehensive focus on infrastructure that supports not just transportation, but also broadband, education, healthcare, and our environment.”

Hick meant: While Republicans

are prioritizing transportation funding this year (as they should), we still have donor priorities that compete with transportation like broadband, education, health-care and the environment.

Hick said: “Talking about the hospital provider fee on the second floor of the Capitol is about as popular as the Oakland Raiders. BUT it’s a sensible way to solve some of our problems, though it won’t solve all of them.”

Hick meant: We need the hospital provider fee AND we need to raise taxes because we are Democrats and we will never be satisfied with the money with which hard-working Coloradans fill our coffers. Keep working Colorado, we need your taxes.

Hick said: “With the gas tax unchanged since 1992, more fuel efficient cars and normal inflation: it’s basic math. It’s a funding problem.”

Hick meant: People in suburban and rural Colorado, who have to drive a lot just for basic necessities should bear the brunt of our tax issues. As Democrats, we will continue to refuse to appropriately prioritize transportation funding so we always say we will have a funding problem, but we actually just cannot stop spending money on nonsense.

Hick said: “Clean, safe, and affordable Colorado-made energy is the best approach.”

Hick meant: We all know that oil and natural gas makes the world

go ’round here in Colorado; however, my donors really want me to continue to push renewables, like solar and wind, which make zero economic sense for the Coloradans.

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Hick meant: I have many home builder donors who are just pissed that Democrats haven’t gotten their acts together to pass this even though Republicans have introduced this legislation for about a decade. Children, you

are embarrassing me.

Hick said: “That’s why two months ago we released the Governor’s Dashboard—the latest step in our goal in making Colorado the most accountable state in the country.”

Hick meant: Well, the most accountable state in the country, except for the whole Connect for Health Colorado thing. Oh, and the Great Outdoors Colorado scandal. And, the general waste and abuse of taxpayer dollars.

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Colorado: Restrooms Unite Conservatives and Feminist Activists

by Joey Bunch, ColoradoPolitics.com

Here’s a partnership you don’t see every day: The Colorado Springs-based Family Policy Alliance and the liberal activist group the Women’s Liberation Front, known as WoLF over the restroom choice of transgender people.

The unlikely partners filed a friend-of-the-court brief in a case before the U.S. Supreme Court over the request of a Virginia transgender student to use the boys restroom at school in *Gloucester School Board v. G.G.*

The high court agreed to take the case in October after a lower court ruled in favor of the student, Gavin Grimm. Last summer the Supreme Court issued a temporary stay in the ruling to consider an appeal from the local school board.

The case marks the first time the Supreme Court has taken up the transgender bathroom issue, though it exploded as an issue across the country last year, including, to a lesser extent, Colorado.

The Family Policy Alliance/WoLF brief argues that “allowing males who self-identify as women access to female-only spaces threatens the safety of women and girls and results in the effective erasure of women under Title IX – a civil rights law enacted specifically to benefit women, who have been excluded from and discriminated against in the educational arena for centuries,” the Family Policy Alliance said in a statement.

“How wrong does something need to be for a Christian family group, and a radical feminist group, to take their argument together to the Supreme Court?” said Autumn Leva, director of policy for Family Policy Alliance, the public policy partner of Focus on the Family. “Privacy and safety matter and we’re asking the high court to acknowledge that.”

Kara Dansky, who leads the WoLF Board of Directors, said in a statement:

“WoLF fights to protect all women and girls, regardless of political affiliation. WoLF is the only feminist

organization standing up for the rights of women and girls. It’s important to understand that this goes far beyond bathrooms. Gender identity ideology presents a threat to women as a legal category worthy of civil rights protections.”

Democrats in the Colorado legislature have used their majority in the House to block bills that would deny such public accommodations to transgender people.

In a committee debate over a locker-room bill in 2015, Rep. Joe Salazar, (D-Thornton) a civil rights lawyer, said he saw parallels between segregation of transgender people and the nation’s history of racism in the use of public facilities.

“The reasons for non-segregating in the 1950s and ’60s was because Mexicans and Blacks somehow were sexual perverts,” he said. “I’m offended by this bill, because this is rinse-and-repeat prejudice.”

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Powerful Idea: Hick Abandons a Stupid One



by ColoradoPeak Politics.com

Trump hasn’t even moved into the White House and already he’s having a positive effect on Colorado’s energy business.

That’s because Gov. Hickenlooper has decided to abandon his wayward plan to impose extreme carbon emission cuts from the power sector by 35 percent.

It was an executive order pursued by Hick last year, months after the federal court ordered a stay on the EPA’s Clean Power Plan to make the cuts a national mandate.

That the federal plan was likely to fail because it was not enforceable on the state level mattered not to Hick, and he made his intentions known he planned to move forward with his own order.

Until this week.

Now he says that because of the opposition, he’s just not going to do it. And there was much rejoicing.

“I think the notion of an executive order in Colorado, given the powers of the governor, wouldn’t have a lot of teeth in it,” Hickenlooper said.

We applaud him for final-

ly coming to his senses. Environmental groups are even letting him off the hook on this one, because they say they know in their heart the governor wants clean air and Hick blamed Republicans.

We all want clean air. What we don’t want is overregulation based on unproven results to please a political base, while killing jobs and raising prices on our heat and power bills.

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Colorado State News

Colorado Senate President Announces Senate Republican Agenda

by Colorado Senate Republicans
—DENVER, Colorado

Newly sworn-in Senate President Kevin Grantham (R-Cañon City) issued his opening day remarks January 11, 2017, and announced the Senate Republican agenda for the first session of the 71st General Assembly.

Senate Bill 01 creates a grace period for small business owners to cure minor operational or administrative oversights before incurring a fine.

“Colorado’s small businesses are the engine of our economy, and while they are still trying to regain their footing, burdensome regulations and redundancies only serve to hamper growth,” said Neville. “We must help our job creators by getting the heavy hand of government out of the

way to allow our small businesses to continue to improve Colorado’s economy.”

Senate Bill 02 repeals the Department of Regulatory Agencies scheduling ability and creates a standardized time table for rules review every three years, simplifying the review process and creating easier access for Coloradans.

“Colorado taxpayers demand accountability and transparency with every one of their dollars, and they expect government to work to streamline waste and inefficiency whenever possible,” said Martinez Humenik. “My bill will standardize the process for DORA to ensure efficiency in rule review and eliminate burdensome regulation in a timely manner.”

Senate Bill 03 will repeal Connect for Health Colorado, the

state-sponsored health exchange which was implemented as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

“With any taxpayer funded organization there is an expectation of efficiency, accountability and successes. The failures of Connect for Health Colorado are obvious as premiums are skyrocketing while consumer choices continue to dramatically decline” said Smallwood. “It is time to repeal the broken Exchange and build plans for more robust, accessible, and affordable health care for Coloradans.”

Senate Bill 04 allows medicaid recipients to receive treatment from health care providers that are not covered within the medicaid network.

“This bill is about access for Coloradans and giving them real health care choices,” said Tate.

“My bill increases access for Medicaid recipients to a wider array of health care providers to ensure no Coloradan with the means will be turned away from quality specialized health care.”

Currently state law allows post certified law enforcement and private security under contract with district or charter school to be armed on school campus. Senate Bill 05 empowers schools to develop a program that educates school employees on responsible use of a concealed carry permit to promote school safety.

“Colorado kids are our state’s most precious assets, and their schools should be a bastion of safety and education even in times of unrest,” said Holbert. “My bill empowers county sheriffs to work with school districts to develop programs training school em-

ployees on emergency response and safety, with this we seek to discover how much training and certification is enough to protect our kids.”

Senate Bill 06 creates concealed carry permits for active duty service members under the age of 21.

“Our brave men and women in uniform lay their lives on the line to guarantee our freedom here at home, it is time we return the favor and show trust in those with who make such great sacrifices for Colorado,” said Cooke. “This legislation will create parity for active duty service men and women under the age of 21 and allow them to continue to protect us at home and abroad.”

Please see: http://www.coloradosenaterepublicans.com/president_grantham_opening_remarks

“Takin’ It To The House...” A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

by Representative Jim Wilson – HD 60

—January 8, 2017

The opening three days of the 71st Colorado General Assembly are in the rear-view mirror. We were blessed with a great deal of Pomp and Circumstance laced with multiple choruses of Kumbaya. The Governor, the Speaker and the Minority Leader all alluded to the fact that we have a new opportuni-

ty to work together. That would be the “Pomp” – the “Circumstances” include the fact that each of the three leaders have a different vision of what needs to be done. By Friday, well over 100 bills had already been introduced by both parties in the House, and the Kumbaya choruses had faded to an echo in the halls...

Speaking of circumstances, elections are really fascinating in the way

that political fortunes ebb and flow. In 2012, the HD 30 seat was won by Jenice May (D-Aurora). In 2014, it appeared that Rep. May was so confident of her re-election that she campaigned for other candidates and left her campaign on cruise control. Rep. May lost to JoAnn Windholz (R-Commerce City) by just over 100 votes. Miraculously, former Rep. May showed back up on the House floor for the session as an “ad-

visor” to House Speaker Hullinghorst (D-Boulder)! But wait – there’s more...

Rep. May declared her candidacy for Senate District 25 (which no R had won in 20 years) against Rep. Kevin Priola (R-Henderson). Meanwhile, Rep. Windholz had made some controversial statements about Planned Parenthood and was under fire in HD 30. (Are you still following this?) Well, when the smoke had all

cleared on November 9th, Rep. Windholz had lost the seat she had won from Rep. May to Democrat Dafna Michaelson Jenet, and Rep. May had lost her Senate bid to Rep. Priola by a significant margin. (Winning SD 25 gave the R’s their one vote majority in the Senate.) However, do not feel sorry for Rep. May – she is now a lobbyist for a (wait for it) the Republican lobby firm!!! The beat goes on...



As I mentioned in last week’s column, Education and Transportation promise to

HOUSE
see page 23



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WHO’S COUNTING?

US NATIONAL DEBT

\$19,961,872,534,847

SCANDAL SCOREBOARD

FAST & FURIOUS: FIRST CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC WITH THE DEATH OF BORDER PATROL AGENT BRIAN TERRY.

NO RESPONSIBILITY YET! NOW ON DAY #2184

1ST AMENDMENT ATTACKS ON U.S. PRESS BEGAN WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPLIED FOR A SEARCH WARRANT AGAINST JAMES ROSEN.

NO ACCOUNTABILITY YET! NOW ON DAY #1858

TERRORIST ATTACK IN BENGHAZI FOLLOWED BY RELENTLESS LIES AND COVERUPS.

NO ACCOUNTABILITY YET! NOW ON DAY #1539

IRS TARGETING OF CONSERVATIVE GROUPS ADMITTED BY LOIS LERNER.

NO ACCOUNTABILITY YET! NOW ON DAY #1308

OBAMACARE STARTED ON OCTOBER 1, 2013, BASED ON LIES, INCOMPETENCE AND BUDGET BREAKERS. NEEDS TO BE REPEALED.

NO ACCOUNTABILITY YET! NOW ON DAY #1206

VA NON-TREATMENT OF VETS LEADING TO EXCESSIVE WAITS AND DEATH LISTS.

NO JUSTICE YET! NOW ON DAY #962

OBAMA COUNTDOWN: 0 DAYS YES!

Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

**Cañon City
Fremont RE-1**
2nd and 4th Monday
5:30 p.m.
101 N. 14th St.,
Cañon City

**Florence-Penrose
Fremont RE-2**
2nd Mon. at 7 p.m.
403 W. 5th St. Florence

**Cañon City
City Council**
1st and 3rd
Mondays at 6 p.m.
City Hall
128 Main St.
Cañon City

**County
Commissioners**
2nd and 4th Tues.
9:30 a.m.
615 Macon, Rm. 105
Cañon City

**Royal Gorge
Tea Party**
2nd Thursday
6:30 p.m.
Core Knowledge
School Gymnasium,
890 Fields Ave.
Cañon City
www.royalgorgetea-
party.com

**Fremont
Republican
Central
Committee**
4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
603 Main Street

**Southern
Colorado
Survivors**
1st Sat at 10 a.m.
El Alazan
Mexican Restaurant
1925 Fremont Dr.
Cañon City

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Fremont County Sheriff and County Commissioners Named in Federal Lawsuit

by Barbara Penezic

In what could be seen as, the shoe is on the other foot scenario, Fremont County Sheriff Jim Beicker was recently deposed. A federal lawsuit filed in Denver in the inmate death of John Patrick Walter names numerous Fremont County people.

The lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court in Denver names Fremont County Sheriff Beicker, the Fremont County Board of Commissioners, at least two nurses, a doctor and several deputies in what looks to be a very interesting case.

On April 2, 2014, Mr. Walter was taken into custody and housed at the Fremont County Jail. He was charged with first-degree assault, felony menacing and reckless endangerment, according to the report. Walters, age 53, had not gone to trial or been found guilty of any of the charges at the time he was found deceased in his cell at 100 Justice Center Road in Cañon C ity.

Because this is an ongoing investigation, the Sheriff's Office has declined to make a public statement on its behalf. Beicker has been the top law enforcement officer in Fremont County since 2003 and is generally well respected.

John Patrick Walter was taking Klonopin, a prescription anxiety medication, and had the medicine in his possession at the time of his arrest, according to the report. Mr. Walters apparently was however denied the medication for reasons not explained at this time. Abruptly discontinuing this medication can lead to serious life-threat-

ening issues, delusions and weight loss to name a few. The health care providers at the time ignored the situation even though Mr. Walter was visibly losing weight (30 pounds in 18 days.)

The deposition seems to indicate that medical help may have been denied because of monetary reasons. Correctional Health Companies, was the contracted health care provider at the time. It is alleged that while in custody, Mr. Walter was denied his medication, went for days without eating or sleeping and was held in a cell that was in full view of the authorities. He was never transported to the hospital for diagnosis or care.

Walter was found the morning of April 20, 2014, deceased on the floor of his cell. He had internal bleeding, visible bruises over a large portion of his body and broken ribs, the report said. No explanation for his condition has been forthcoming.

Attorney Budge stated that there were at least 20 individuals who had contact with Mr. Walters during his incarceration at the Fremont County Jail but none had been interviewed following the unexplained death of the inmate. Sheriff Beicker indicated he had not read the six-page death investigation until the day of the deposition.

The Sheriff looked very uncomfortable during what was a rather lengthy deposition and drank several bottles of water while answering some very pointed questions. The interviewer asked why none of the people who were responsible for the care of the now deceased inmate had been



Sheriff Jim Beicker

interviewed. The Sheriff responded "I don't know." This was in fact his response to a number of the questions asked of him.

Attorney Budge also inquired as to why the investigation into Mr. Walter's death had not been handled by an outside agency.

"You don't think that perhaps any person at the Fremont County Sheriff's Office who was leading an investigation of the detention deputies and the sergeants and the corporals and the Undersheriff and the Sheriff himself might possibly be biased?" Budge asked. He added that rather than get medical help Fremont County Sheriff's Office just watched as the inmate's health declined. If anything, this shows Beicker failed in his duties as Sheriff. "The public should be outraged if this is how they treat an in-custody death."

"This is a death that happened in your jail, in the custody of your officers. This is not going away." Budge stated that Beicker will likely be interviewed again in February and they are looking at a jury trial later in the year. "The family is interested in learning the truth, and I believe we are well on our way to learn[ing] the truth and we intend to keep going until we have a full picture."

Be Informed...
Get Involved

The Sentinel is available at
Mr. Ed's
1201 Royal Gorge Blvd. (Hwy 50) in Cañon City

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it,
do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you
may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all
wisdom and spiritual understanding;

Colossians 1:9 NKJV

Events

Jan. 20-31

- **COG lunch is served at noon every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday** at 100 Railroad St. in Florence. Call 784-6493 before 9:30 a.m. for reservation. Meals cost \$ for 60 and older and \$.50 f or 59 and younger.
- **Free lunch is served from noon-1 p.m. Tuesdays** at **Mercy Today Ministries** in the back of the First Christian Church at 320 N. 16th St. in Cañon City. For more information, call 276-9242.
- **Lunches are served at noon Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Penrose Center** at 405 Broadway in Penrose. Everyone is welcome. Meals are \$ per person. Please call 372-3872 for reservations. Thrift Store is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- **Friends of the Penrose Community Library hosts its weekly used book sales** from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. every Wednesday in the shed behind the library at 35 Seventh Ave. in Penrose.
- **Free lunch to those in need** will be offered from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. the **third Saturday** of the month in the **Fellowship Hall at the First United Methodist Church** at the corner of Ninth and Main streets in Cañon C ity.

January 20, Fremont Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) will host its 34 h annual business meeting and banq et at 6:30 p.m. in the Benedict Room of the Abbey Events Center, 2951 E. U.S. 50. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by banquet and meeting. Tickets for the dinner event are \$0 pe r seat or \$50 f or a corporate table of 10 seats. Tickets may be purchased with cash, check or credit/debit card. For reservations call the FEDC Office at 719-275-8601 or email armstrong@fedc.co. Deadline for reservations is Jan. 13.

January 20-29F remont Civic Theater will present **"Bad Year for Tomatoes"** at 7 p.m. on January 20-21, 27-28, and at 3 p.m. on January 22nd and 29th at Rialto Theater at 209 W. Main St. in Florence. Tickets are \$7 for seniors and students, \$0 f or adults and an additional \$ f or preferred seating. Tickets are available at Absolute Accounting & City Market in Cañon C ity or at Heartland Antiques and Fox Den in Florence or by calling 275-8989.

January 21, A Chili Bowl in a Chilly Museum will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m at the Florence Pioneer Museum at 100 Front St. in Florence. Suggested donation is \$ and i ncludes the chili bowl, a bowl of chili and loads of fun. Fundraiser to heat the building.

January 21, "Don Moon as Lincoln Bear Claw Appleyard" , a compilation of four different mountain men. This program is free to attend, we will accept donations for Don's costs and fee. Program at 2:00 p.m. 516 Macon Ave.,Cañon C ity Public Library.

January 22, Fremont County Community Concert Association will feature Mo' Mungus at 2 p.m. at Cañon C ity High School Auditorium at 1313 College Ave. From 1966 to 1968, Jamaica experienced its golden age of music, what is called Rocksteady. Rocksteady was smooth, melodic, joyful and soothing to hear. **Mo' Mungus** salutes the great musicians of the Rocksteady era.

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"All That Is Necessary for the Triumph of Evil Is That Good Men Do Nothing"

Edmund Burke

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Come to the Aid of our Nation: Clarion call for prayer

As a very young boy, I was interested in the presidential elections. I've studied carefully, watched, covered, consulted in, voted in, or somehow participated in every presidential election since 1960. Never in my history of these elections have I seen what is occurring in the aftermath of this one. It is the election of opposites. For example, the losing candidate and party claimed that Russia swayed the U.S. election, yet the alleged email hacks were on unsecured servers and the email content contained unethical and perhaps illegal actions. The "president" told the public he wanted a smooth transition in the tradition of American elections, yet he has done everything outside of martial law to impede smooth transition.

The Democratic Party, Hillary Clinton and the lame duck "president" have all pointed to "fake news" as a reason they got voted out of office, yet they have been propagators of "fake news" using their mainstream media partners such as CNN, MSNBC, ABC, CBS and so on. The latest "fake news" about President-Elect Donald Trump paying prostitutes for repulsive acts on a bed the "president" slept in during a stay in Russia is beyond decency. But it appears to be just another disgusting attempt to undermine the incoming president. The outgoing "president" has issued regulations, redefined policies, made divisive statements and has threatened repeatedly to be a vocal citizen in chief after he leaves.

I have never witnessed the losing side behaving in such acerbic and undermining ways. We are in uncharted waters.

The globalist Marxist cabal that was well on the way to completing a Marxist Islamic revolution in America and joining it with its globalist franchise in Europe suffered a huge setback when the American people conducted a counterrevolution by voting Trump into office. This, combined with pushback across Europe as evidenced by Britain voting to leave the European Union, has shown the one world order crowd that their quest for global hegemony is being rejected by the working class they claim so hard to represent. They have been setback. They are angry about it. They are fighting back.

The Marxist globalists are activating anarchists, racial anger, Islamic terrorism, the "rights" de jour movements and so on. They are testing whether they can outright overthrow this nation. My sense is that these revolutionaries could make an even more aggressive move. President-Elect Trump is facing a dangerous uphill battle because these globalists have infiltrated every aspect of our government and civilian life. Ephesians 6:17-18 says, "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thus with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" Travail in prayer for your president-elect and your country. By God's hand we are established, by His hand we are preserved.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

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What the Minimum Wage Does to Entry-Level Workers: Case Studies

by Brittany Hunter,
The Mises Institute, via
ZeroHedge.com

This week, twenty states began implementing minimum wage increases that were passed during 2016. As the country waits to see how these increased wages will affect the economy, the U.S. territories have already provided us with a grim example.

After the 2007 Fair Minimum Wage Act was passed, each of the fifty states was required to raise the minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour in 2006, to \$7.25 by 2009. Few Americans realize that this legislation was also applied to the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands, who were also forced to raise wages.

When the minimum wage is increased, the private sector is responsible for

Since minimum wage pay is typically associated with entry-level workers, if employers are forced to let these employees go, they will lack the skills necessary to quickly rebound in the job market. As a result, unemployment rates begins to rise.

When minimum wage requirements are made at the city or state level, the losses experienced from high unemployment rates are offset in the local economy, since many who are unable to find work often relocate to an area where the minimum wage isn't as restrictive.

However, for those living in U.S. territories, relocation is not as easy as it is for residents in the continental states. Without the flexibility to relocate, the economic catastrophe that resulted from 2007 minimum wage increase was felt on a grander scale.

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finding the means to actually pay for these increases. Though many companies will be forced to raise prices in order to continue operating within their profit margins, some might be left with no choice but to lay off employees or dramatically cut employee hours.

According to researchers Paul Kupiec and Ryan Nabil, "The impact on the economies of American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands was devastating. In American Samoa, by 2009, after only three of the ten scheduled minimum-wage increas-

es, overall employment dropped 30 percent — 58 percent in the critically important tuna-canning industry. Real per capita GDP in American Samoa fell nearly 10 percent from 2006 levels. In the Northern Mariana

the U.S. mainland, creating an imbalance as the old and less motivated were forced to stay behind.

Additionally, foreign investors were turned off by hiring Puerto Ricans, since

"As a result, unemployment rates begins to rise."

Islands, by the end of 2009, employment was down by 35 percent, and real per capita GDP off by 23 percent."

As the situation grew desperate, the governor of American Samoa testified before the U.S. Congress explaining that the new minimum wage policy created, "the real possibility that American Samoa could be left substantially without a private-sector economic base except for some limited visitor industry and fisheries activities." He continued, "American Samoa's economic base would then essentially be based solely on federal-government expenditures in the territory."

Puerto Rico met a similar fate after the new minimum wage rate went into effect. The increase resulted in a minimum wage that was 75 percent of the Puerto Rican median wage. In fact, the situation grew so dire, unemployment in Puerto Rico surged and its GDP per capita declined by almost seven percent between 2007 and 2013. As a result, many young and able-bodied Puerto Ricans left for

residents of Jamaica and the Bahamas would only cost half as much to employ.

By raising the minimum wage to as much as \$15 an hour, states like California and New York are not just setting an American record for highest minimum wage, they are setting a global record as well. Even France, where socialism thrives, has a minimum wage equivalent to only \$10.90 an hour.

In fact, the only time in history that the minimum wage was increased at economic levels comparable to that of New York and California was in 2007, when the U.S. territories implemented the Fair Minimum Wage Act. As we all know how that situation ended, we can only hope that in the future, governments can learn from history and avoid causing economic catastrophes.

Please see: <http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2017-01-07/what-puerto-rico-ca-ted-h-us-about-minimum-wage>

I have been established from everlasting,
From the beginning, before there was ever an earth...
Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman;
And I was daily His delight,
Rejoicing always before Him,
Rejoicing in His inhabited world,
And my delight was with the sons of men.

Proverbs 8: 23, 30-31

Math - Then and Now

by Francis Marion,
The Burning Platform

Teaching Math Over 50 Years

TEACHING MATH IN THE 1950s
A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is 4/5 of the price. What is his profit?

TEACHING MATH IN THE 1970s
A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is 4/5 of the price or \$80. What is his profit?

TEACHING MATH IN THE 1980s
A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is \$80 Did he make profit? Yes or No.

TEACHING MATH IN THE 1990s
A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is \$80 and his profit is \$20. Your assignment: Underline the number 20.

TEACHING MATH IN THE 2000s
A logger cuts down a beautiful forest because he is selfish and inconsiderate and cares nothing for the habitat of animals or the preservation of our woodlands. He does this so he can make a profit of \$20. What do you think of this way of making a living?

Topic for class participation after answering the question:

“How did the birds and squirrels feel as the logger cut down their homes? (There are no wrong answers. Feel free to express your feelings, e.g., anger anxiety, inadequacy, helplessness, etc.).

Should you require debriefing at conclusion of exam there are counselors available to assist you to adjust back into the real world.

Please see: <https://www.theburningplatform.com/2017/01/12/math-then-and-now/>

The Saudis and Israelis

by The Zman

According to the CIA Fact Book, Israel is a country of 8,174,527 people, including the settlers in East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights. If it were a U.S. state, it would rank 13th in population, behind Virginia and ahead of Washington. Interestingly, the population density of Israel is 377/km² which is roughly the same as New Hampshire. The images of Israel on the news show it as a crowded place, but that is not the case. There’s lot of nothing between the cities and towns.

If you put Israel into a search engine it returns 888 million results. If you put New Hampshire into the same search engine, you get 168 million results. No one, of course, cares much about New Hampshire, but just about everyone cares about Israel. Every American politician is required to have an opinion of Israel and its difficulties with the Arabs. More important, they are required to have the correct opinion about Israel. This is even true of liberals as we saw with Obama and his last-minute UN gambit.

Many people on the Dissident Right think the U.S. and the world pay far too much attention to Israel. While there is an obvious cultural and historical attachment for the place in the West, the Israelis can handle themselves. Pat Buchanan would have us cut the cord entirely and leave Israel to her own devices. That would be part of a larger policy of abandoning the Middle East entirely. After all, the oil would still flow onto the world market as it has no where else to go. Who cares who pumps it out of the ground?

The paleo-libertarians have

a similar view of Israel and the Middle East, but theirs is more from the economic side of things. The cost of meddling far outweighs the benefits. Ron Paul looks at the endless wars and sees nothing but pointless expense. All we are doing, according to Paul, is turning a billion people into enemies for no obvious reason. It is hard to know for sure, but Ron Paul seems to be a guy

it is primarily an intelligence facility, but it also serves as a handy clearing house for Arab lobbying efforts in Washington. The Saudis have had a long relationship with the Bush family, of course, but they have good relations with many other prominent politicians. John McCain, for example, can always be counted on to carry water for the House of Saud.

dence that the Saudi family was financing at least some of the hijackers. While Israel could probably get along just fine without U.S. support, the House of Saud evaporates without Uncle Sam protecting them, the oil fields and the Persian Gulf. Therefore, the royal family makes lobbying the U.S. *and spying in the U.S.* a top priority.

If the U.S. was ever going to get out of the Middle East, it would start with pulling the plug on the Saudis, but no one will ever do it because no one knows what comes next. Despite the problems, the West can do business with the Saudis. U.S. defense contractors operate all over the kingdom, officially and unofficially. They maintain the signal intelligence operations and provide logistical support for U.S. military operations in the region. They also operate as an inlet for intelligence passed from the Saudis. That’s not easily replaced.

The result is the Saudis will exert an out-sized influence on U.S. foreign policy and the Israelis will try to counter it and augment it when it works in their favor. The fact that the Israelis and Saudis often work hand in glove to supervise the chaotic Middle East is one of the many contradictions that defines the general lunacy of the region. There’s no escaping this as long as oil is the primary source of energy in the world. Blaming Israel or the many supporters of Israel in the U.S. is not going to alter this reality.

If American wants to get out of the Middle East, it needs to divorce the House of Saud.

Please see: <http://thezman.com/wordpress/?p=9316>

“John McCain, for example, can always be counted on to carry water for the House of Saud.”

who roots for the Israelis, but thinks they can handle their own affairs.

That’s probably the right position, but it is hard to see how that can ever happen. The Israelis have become adept at influencing American foreign policy.

That’s where many on the Dissident Right miss the mark. Israel’s lobbying efforts in the U.S. and their vast espionage efforts, are as much a response to the Saudi efforts as anything else. The U.S. has been in bed with the House of Saud since the 1930’s. It was

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It’s not just the elaborate lobbying efforts in Washington. They are good at getting their side of things into the news media. Naturally, many Jewish Americans in the media are more than willing to play along. David Brooks is a big shot columnist for the *NY Times* and his son is in the Israeli defense force. It’s not hard to figure where he comes down on Israel.

It’s not just the Israelis. That big Saudi “cultural center” outside DC is not there for no reason. As is the case with Wahhabi mosques all over the world,

U.S. oil companies that first exploited the Saudi oil fields in the 1930’s. Soon after the end of World War II, Aramco was formed and then the headquarters was moved from New York to Dhahran. The point being that the U.S. has a much longer and deeper relationship with the Saudis than the Israelis.

Even if America abandoned Israel entirely, the Saudis would still find ways to entangle us in the Middle East. The fact that the 9/11 hijackers were all Saudis is probably not a coincidence. There’s pretty good evi-

Food Stamp Recipients Can Order From Amazon, Other Online Retailers!

by Judicial Watch

Food-stamp recipients can use their taxpayer-funded benefit to order online from retailers like Amazon under a new Obama administration initiative that aims to facilitate the shopping experience for rural and urban residents. It marks the latest of many costly experiments by the administration to expand the fraud-infested program, which has seen a record-high number of beneficiaries under President Obama. To eliminate the welfare stigma, the administration renamed food stamps Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the rolls swelled to an astounding 46.5 million in 2016. This cost American taxpayers and eye-popping \$70 billion, accord-

ing to government figures.

It’s all part of the President’s longtime goal to eradicate what he and the First Lady call an epidemic of “food insecurity” among the nation’s low-income residents. Part of the problem is that this demographic has limited access to healthy food choices, the administration says, and the government must provide them with nutritional options. This is why taxpayers have been forced to dole out tens of millions of dollars to bring fruits and vegetables to the nation’s inner cities, coined “food deserts” by the administration because they lack healthy fare. The new online ordering program will help address this, according to the federal agency that runs the bloated food-stamp

program, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

“Online purchasing is a potential lifeline for SNAP participants living in urban neighborhoods and rural communities where access to healthy food choices can be limited,” USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack said in a statement announcing the new program this week. “We’re looking forward to being able to bring the benefits of the online market to low-income Americans participating in SNAP.” Besides Amazon, a few other online businesses have been approved by the feds to accept food stamps online, including Hy-Vee, Hart’s Local Grocers, Safeway and ShopRite. The USDA acknowledges however, that “online payment presents

technical and security challenges that will need to be examined and fully addressed...”

It’s the last thing that an out-of-control government program, long plagued with fraud corruption, needs. Under the Obama expansion, SNAP has suffered a multitude of serious problems. Back in 2012, a federal investigation uncovered evidence that food-stamp recipients were using the benefit to buy drugs, weapons and other contraband from unscrupulous vendors. A year later Judicial Watch broke a story, based on testimony and other evidence provided by a whistleblower, about the U.S. government knowingly giving illegal immigrants food stamps for decades. That was followed

by another disturbing scheme in which SNAP benefits were being sold online using social media such as Facebook, Twitter and ecommerce websites like Craigslist and eBay.

Earlier this year federal authorities in south Florida busted the largest food-stamp fraud operation in U.S. history. Twenty-two defendants in the largely black and Hispanic areas of Miami-Dade County known as Opa-Locka and Hialeah swindled the government out of \$13 million by fraudulently trading food stamps for cash. The crooked vendors operated



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"Blessed be the LORD my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle—"

A Psalm of David, Psalm 144:1

Gun Fight: Breaking Down the Dixie Gun & Pawn Robbery

by Bob Owens, BearingArms.com

(Editor/GG: This article details the gun store owner's response to two armed thugs entering his store to rob him. We've had to drop a few of the pictures due to space issues but the story line is clear: practice, preparation, mindset and a plan. Make sure you read the last few paragraphs, it could save your life. And as the author states in the story, "It's the hits that matter".)

We covered the attempted robbery of a Georgia store just after Christmas. It didn't go so well for one of the robbers, who was killed at the scene. The other fled.

We now have security camera video of that incident.

The scene opens with an employee raising his hands as the robbers come through the door with guns drawn.



The gun store owner, Jimmy Groover (at the bottom of the screen, white hair), appears to be doing paperwork.



Groover turns to see his employee's hands raised and the robbers. The first robber is currently behind a post.



As Groover sees the first robber come past the post, he steps back and away.

Groover is off camera for the moment, but as he's clearly a trained shooter, I can still tell you precisely what he's doing. He's squaring up on the robber, and getting a firing grip on his handgun.



It's the hits that matter. In the photo preceding, Groover has just drawn his pistol, aimed and fired his first shot. Groover breaks his shot a split second before the robber fires his. It's a fatal hit. The employee ducks down, out of frame.

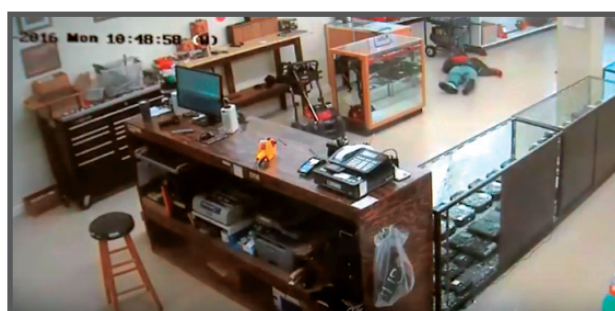
The robber is already starting to drop from the first shot when several more rounds hammer out in his direction from Groover's pistol.



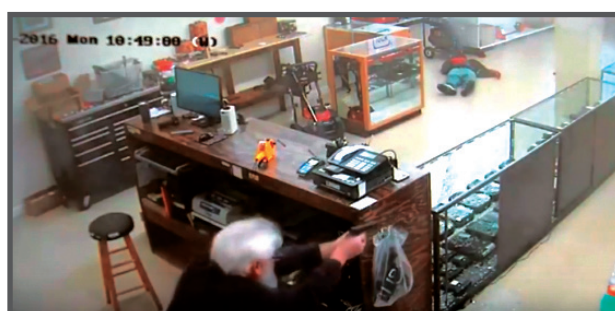
Groover follows his sights, still on target as the bad guy drops, firing several more rounds. The display case glass shatters as he's now firing through it. Robber number two has decided he has a pressing engagement elsewhere and flees the store.



Robber One hits the ground and drops objects out of each hand, at least one of which was a gun. I strongly suspect that the very first shot was a central nervous system hit to either the upper spine through the throat or upper chest. Gravity, not his brain, is fully in control of his few remaining actions.



Robber One is down, dead or nearly so. Groover engages the fleeing suspect with a number of shots, but doesn't make any apparent hits. Groover steps out to track the fleeing suspect, but he's gone.



The gunfire apparently sets off the gun store's fire suppression system, and a mist begins to fill the air. The fight is over.

From the moment Mr. Groover recognized there was a robbery in progress to the time of him firing his gun and killing a robber was four seconds, folks.

FOUR SECONDS.

Four seconds was the difference between Groover's utterly routine morning doing paperwork, and having to use a weapon to take someone's life to save his own.

You will never be able to think your way through a situation like this folks. You're just not. It's too radical of a shift in circumstances to take in all the information, process it, decide on a course of action, and then execute an action to an event that is now history. You're always going to be behind the curve unless the bad guy makes a major error. That's why criminals are successful so much of the time, as they get to choose the time and circumstances of their attacks.

So how did Jimmy Groover prevail? How did he go from being surprised by a robber to getting the first shot off in a matter of mere seconds?

It's a matter of training so that he had a preprogrammed response in place.

Mr. Groover is clearly a well-trained shooter, and he's had a plan in his head on how he would response to a threat like this for decades. He's likely played out robbery scenarios in his head hundreds of times, and has probably drawn and fired against simulated threats thousands of times at the range, in competitions and/or in dry fire.

He was able to get ahead of the robber—who was processing information and making decisions about what to do as the robbery unfolded—because Groover didn't have to "think" once he identified the threat. His training kicked in, and from that moment, he was driving events, not the robbers.

We see crimes reported in the news every day. In some of those the good guys win, and in some of those, the good guy loses.

But there's another dynamic that doesn't get talked about and is grossly underreported, and that's the dynamic of what training the good guys and bad guys have had, if any. That's where things really get interesting. You see, well-trained shooters, while not impervious to mistakes and failures, have a stunning success record in gunfights with garden variety criminals.

For example, Tom Givens of Rangemaster has had graduates of his firearms training classes involved in 66 gun fights. Sixty-three of those confrontations were won by his students. None were lost by armed students. The only three times his students lost a confrontation was when they were unarmed. I'm aware of other shooting schools that keep a tally of gun fights reported to them by graduates, and the overwhelming majority of them report similar results.

Whether we're talking combat with weapons or martial arts or sports, you're going to see highly-trained people dominate poorly-trained or untrained people almost every time (not accounting for dumb luck and lucky hits).

In this incident at Dixie Gun and Pawn, the robbers had the advantages of surprise and numerical superiority. They still lost because Mr. Groover had solid training, good skills, and a plan that his mind automatically loaded and executed when the threat presented itself.

To paraphrase Gunsite founder Jeff Cooper, you aren't any more armed by buying a gun than you are a musician because you bought a piano. To be any good, you're going to need training, and you're going to need to practice.

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Bill Introduced : Repeal Gun-Free School Zones Federal Law

by Dean Weingarten,
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Representative Thom-
as Massie, (R) KY, has
re-introduced a bill to repeal
the Gun-Free School Zones
Act (GFSZA) of 1990 and its
amendments. It was found
unconstitutional in 1995 in
U.S. v Lopez. Then it was
passed again, slightly modi-
fied, under pressure of Presi-
dent Bill Clinton and the es-
tablishment media in 1996.
Donald Trump has pledged
to eliminate Gun Free Zones,
but he will need Congressio-
nal help to repeal GFSZA.
The bill is numbered HR 34
for the 2017-18 Congress.
Progress on the bill can be
seen at congress.gov.

Representative Massie is-
sued a press release on
Thursday, January 5th. From
massie.house.gov:

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On
Monday, U.S. Representa-
tive Thomas Massie (R-KY)
introduced H.R. 34, the *Safe
Students Act*, which would
repeal the *Gun-Free School
Zones Act of 1990*.

The bill, originally intro-
duced by Rep. Ron Paul
(R-TX) in 2007, repeals the
*Gun-Free School Zones Act
(GFSZA)* of 1990, which
makes it “unlawful for any
individual knowingly to pos-
sess a firearm at a place that
the individual knows, or has
reasonable cause to believe,
is a school zone.” In 1995,
the Supreme Court held the
GFSZA unconstitutional,
which prompted Congress to
amend the bill in 1996. The
Supreme Court has not ruled
on the constitutionality of
the amended act.

“Gun-free school zones
are ineffective. They make
people less safe by inviting
criminals into target-rich,

no-risk environments,” said
Massie. “Gun-free zones
prevent law-abiding citizens
from protecting themselves,
and create vulnerable pop-
ulations that are targeted by
criminals.”

The *Safe Students Act* has
garnered the support of
three major gun organiza-
tions: *National Association
for Gun Rights*, *Gun Owners
of America*, and the *National
Rifle Association*.

Representative Massie con-
cluded: “A bigger federal
government can’t solve this
problem. Weapons bans and
gun-free zones are uncon-
stitutional. They do not and
cannot prevent criminals or
the mentally ill from com-
mitting acts of violence. But
they often prevent victims of
such violence from protect-
ing themselves.”

There is no indication that
the GFSZA has been effec-
tive in any way other than
as propaganda demonizing
guns and gun owners. Mass
school shootings have dra-
matically increased after
passage of the act. Federal
prosecutors seem leery of
bringing charges for fear of
another Supreme Court fight.
The first battle took place
before *U.S. v. Heller* or *Mc-
Donald*, both seminal Sec-
ond Amendment cases. It is
hard to believe that a blanket
ban on possessing arms out-
side the home within 1,000
feet of a school would pass
Constitutional muster, giv-
en a Trump replacement for
Justice Scalia.

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[http://gunwatch.blogspot.
com/2017/01/bill-intro-
duced-to-repeal-gun-free.
html](http://gunwatch.blogspot.com/2017/01/bill-intro-duced-to-repeal-gun-free.html)

Airport Shooter Converted to Islam Long Before Massacre

by Judicial Watch

The Ft. Lauderdale
Airport shooter is
a Muslim convert who,
years before joining the
U.S. Army, took on an
Islamic name (Aashiq
Hammad), downloaded
terrorist propaganda and
recorded Islamic religious
music online, accord-
ing to public records
dug up by the investi-
gative news site of an
award-winning, Cali-
fornia journalist. This
is pertinent information
that the Obama adminis-
tration apparently wants
to keep quiet, bring-
ing up memories of the
Benghazi cover up, in
which the president and
his cohorts knowingly
lied to conceal that Is-
lamic terrorists attacked
the U.S. Special Mission
in Libya.

Information is slowly
trickling out that links
the Ft. Lauderdale Air-
port shooter to radical
Islam while the official
story from authorities
is that the gunman is a
mentally ill, Hispanic
Army veteran named
Esteban Santiago that
became unhinged after
a tour in Iraq. Only one
mainstream media outlet
mentions the possibility
of Santiago’s “jihadist
identity,” burying it in
a piece about New York
possibly being his initial
target. A paragraph deep
in, the story mentions
that investigators recov-
ered Santiago’s comput-
er from a pawn shop and
the FBI is examining it
to determine whether he
created a “jihadist iden-
tity for himself using
the name Aashiq Ham-
mad...” The reset of the
traditional mainstream
media coverage pro-
motes the government
rhetoric that omits any
ties to terrorism even
though early on a pho-

to surfaced of Santiago
making an ISIS salute
while wearing a keffi-
yeh, a Palestinian Arab
scarf.

The public records un-
covered in the days af-

ident addressed a letter
to the city’s mayor and
commissioners, blasting
county and federal offi-
cials for covering up that
“Aashiq Hammad, not
Esteban Santiago, at-
tacked our city and

looking like a Muslim
terrorist attack during
the last 12 days of his
watch. Bad for his leg-
acy.” Morlock goes on
to state that it’s “better
to portray this atrocity
as white Hispanic Alas-
kan mental Iraq war
vet gun violence.” The
real estate entrepreneur
proceeds to reveal that
Santiago lives in walk-
ing distance to the only
mosque in Alaska, was
radicalized before he
entered the military and
was knowingly allowed
to serve despite his Is-
lamic sympathies thanks
to “Obama’s PC mili-
tary.”

The letter poses interest-
ing questions, including
why this Muslim terror-
ist chose Ft. Lauderdale
out of all the nation’s
airports and who Santi-
ago knows in Broward
County, which has a
large and growing Islam-
ic community. In 2015,
Judicial Watch obtained
records from the Flori-
da Department of Law
Enforcement (FDLE)
that show an Al Qae-
da terrorist who helped
plan several U.S. attacks
lived in Broward Coun-
ty and graduated from
the local community
college with a degree in
computer engineering.
His name is Adnan G. El
Shukrijumah, but he also
has an Hispanic identity,
Javier Robles, and for
years he appeared on
the FBI’s most wanted
list. Back in 2012, Judi-
cial Watch reported on
a terrorist front group’s
demands that Broward
County public schools
close twice a year to cel-
ebrate Islamic holy days,
illustrating the influence
that Muslims have in the
region.

Please see: [http://
www.judicialwatch.
org/blog/2017/01/air-
port-shooter-convert-
ed-islam-identified-aas-
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ing-army/](http://www.judicialwatch.org/blog/2017/01/airport-shooter-converted-islam-identified-aashiq-hammad-years-joining-army/)

*“...Muslim convert who, years
before joining the U.S. Army,
took on an Islamic name
(Aashiq Hammad)”*

ter the massacre suggest
Santiago (Hammad) is
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committed to Islam. Be-
sides taking on a Mus-
lim name, he recorded
three Islamic religious
songs, including the
Muslim declaration faith
(“there is no God but Al-

county.” The busi-
nessman, respected Ft.
Lauderdale real estate
entrepreneur Jim Mor-
lock, specifically names
Broward County’s elect-
ed Sheriff Scott Isra-
el, Senator Bill Nelson
(FL), the first to identify
Santiago as the shooter
on national television,

*“Since when does a U.S. Senator
(Bill Nelson), not law enforcement...
release this terrorist’s Hispanic
name but nothing about his more
relevant Islamic background?”*

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his messenger”) known
as the Shahada. He also
posted a thread about
downloading propagan-
da videos from Islamic
terrorists on a weapons
and explosives forum.
The investigative news
site that unearthed this
disturbing information
connected the dots be-
tween Santiago, who is
of Puerto Rican descent,
and Hammad, an identi-
ty he created in 2007.

This week a prominent
Ft. Lauderdale business-
man and longtime res-

and Congressman Deb-
bie Wasserman Schultz,
ousted last summer as
Democratic National
Committee (DNC) chair
over a scandalous plot to
damage Bernie Sanders
during the primary.

“Since when does a U.S.
Senator (Bill Nelson),
not law enforcement, be
the one to so quickly re-
lease this terrorist’s His-
panic name but nothing
about his more relevant
Islamic background?”
the letter asks. Obama
must have told Sen. Nel-
son to keep this from

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Broward County Sheriff Calls For ‘No Guns’ List for ‘Mentally Ill’

by David Codrea,
Oath Keepers

Ignoring the inescapable fact that last Friday’s killings at Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport happened in a “gun-free zone,” Broward County’s Democrat Sheriff Scott Israel instead called for increasing the number of people prohibited from firearms ownership, the *Sun Sentinel* reported Sunday. Sheriff Israel joins all the gun-grabber groups in calling for further bans, with some characterizing procedures for checking firearms in with baggage on flights as “a gap in the system.”

“Airport Carry is legal in 44 states, but Florida will put you in jail,” Florida Carry observes about an obvious and actual gap in “non-sterile” areas. While some legislators are working to fix that, opposition from the citizen disarmament lobby makes clear they want law enforcement to be the only ones authorized to have guns. And we can see how that worked out.

“Once again, the cops ‘form a perimeter’ while a mass murderer goes about his business,” frequent Ft. Lauderdale airport vis-

itor Thomas DiLorenzo notes on LewRockwell.com. “There is an armed TSA bureaucrat sitting at a desk where you exit the terminal area and go into baggage claim. He sits about ten paces from the first baggage carousel, where the shootings occurred. Despite this, the news is reporting that the Fort Lauderdale shooter reloaded twice, and then when he ran out of ammo began walking out of the airport, at which point the

“...an armed TSA bureaucrat sitting at a desk...ten paces from the first baggage carousel, where the shootings occurred.”

cops finally emerged from their ‘perimeter’ and arrested him. But not until after he murdered five people and shot eight others without any interference at all by the TSA, state police, or county cops who are always crawling all over the Fort Lauderdale airport like

ants at a picnic.”

We’ve seen this phenomenon before, and we’ve seen courts rule there is no duty to protect citizens, even if armed police are nearby. That case involved two New York City transit officers who, rather than intervene to stop a slasher’s stabbing attack, “locked themselves in a motor-man’s car only a few feet from ... the attack.”

“Something has got to change,” Sheriff Israel told the *Sun Sentinel*, ignoring that reality, and leaving what that “something” is unsaid. “Israel didn’t know what form the laws should take, but said people diagnosed with mental-health issues, ‘should be put on some type of list that it’s mandatory that they not come in possession of firearms.’”

That’s right out of the “something must be done” playbook, and that opens the door to “anything goes.” Which, of course, is the plan.

“A person suffering from mental illness, in my opinion, should not be able to buy, possess or carry a handgun or a rifle, any type of firearm. Convicted fel-

ons — same. People who are put on no-fly lists — the same. We shouldn’t be selling them weapons and allowing them to carry weapons.”

“...when you create” prohibited persons”lists, a lot of people who shouldn’t be on them end up there anyway.”

“We need to take guns out of the hands of people that are suffering from mental illness,” he elaborated, adding confiscation into the mix.

What the Sheriff is doing is casting a wide net in which everyone can potentially be caught up to deal with the evil deeds of someone who had reportedly given authorities numerous opportunities to see they were dealing with someone who was a danger to others. He’s also establishing himself as a rights-infringing oath-breaker instead of an Oath Keeper.

The inescapable truth is, when you create “prohibited persons” lists, a lot of people who shouldn’t be on them end up there anyway. And getting off can be next to impossible for those who don’t possess the savvy, persistence and wherewithal to fight a “false positive”.

Another is that anyone who can’t be trusted with a gun can’t be trusted without a custodian. And that should only be determined with full due process, with all the equivalent protections of a jury trial, as opposed to what’s often called “adjudication” by list-compiling LEOs and government attorneys, judges, bureaucrats or “mental health professionals” who allow professional considerations and personal biases to affect their rulings.

(Editor/GG: See accompanying article by Judicial Watch on the shooter being a practicing Muslim which is NOT mentioned by the Broward County Sheriff.)

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Stand Your Ground Immunity for Firefighter Who Answered Door With Gun

by Dean Weingarten,
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In March of 2016, Captain Nick Marian answered a knocking at his door, and the ringing of his door bell. He lives in a rough part of town, and answered the door shotgun in hand. Police say that they saw him pick up a shotgun from his couch and answer the door.

Prosecutors contended that he pointed the shotgun at the police officers for “more than a second” and

that he knew they were police. The defense was that he had the right to protect himself, his actions were reasonable and prudent, and he had immunity due to the Florida “Stand Your Ground” law. From NBC-Miami.com:

A judge dropped charges Wednesday against a Miami-Dade Fire Captain who was arrested for pointing a gun at a police officer.

Nicholas Marian, 55, was granted Stand Your

Ground immunity in a bizarre encounter with a Miami Shores Police Officer. Fellow firefighters who had been rallying behind Marian were at the courthouse celebrating the ruling.

The entire process, from the incident to the judge dismissing the charges took nine months. Prosecutors had charged the fire captain with aggravated assault of a law enforcement officer. The judge did not agree.

Nicholas Marian said he was

ready to go back to work.

Bringing a gun to the door is only prudent in numerous circumstances. It is difficult to know if someone at your door is a police officer or not. Many criminals facilitate their crimes by yelling “Police!” during home invasions.

In this case, it only took a few seconds for the fire captain to determine that the people at his door were police. When he did, he cooperated.

The idea that citizens must disarm themselves because someone at the door might be a police officer is repugnant to the rule of law.

This case took a better outcome than the Gabriel Mobley case. Mobley was in the courts for six years before he was cleared. The original judge in that case, also in the Miami-Dade area, refused to grant Mobley immunity. There was video tape of the attack and defense, and Mobley was clearly justified.

That case went all the way to the Florida Supreme Court before Mobley was vindicated in 2014.

Perhaps the judge in the Nicholas Marian case referenced the Supreme Court case about Mobley.

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“AN ARMED SOCIETY IS A POLITE SOCIETY”
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Politics & The Bible From Pastor Jim



Jim Modlish has been in ministry 50 years, pastoring churches from upstate New York to Washington. He holds a doctorate in theology, but frequently states: "I have education, but I got over it."

Southern Colorado natives, Jim and his wife, Linda, happily returned to their home state in 2006. He is currently the founding pastor of Huerfano Community Bible Church in



Walsenburg. Pastor Modlish believes the Bible is the greatest political science textbook on earth, and that all current events should be examined under the searchlight of Scripture.

All Scripture taken from the King James Version.

Nauseating News

The *New York Times* recently announced that the term "fake news" will be eliminated from their journalistic vocabulary. There is a curious amusement attached to the story for those who are politically current. The "fake news" label was created by the Left for the purpose of keeping Conservative illustrated objections in the dumpster. The irony is that the scheme has boomeranged on the liberal media as more Americans become aware of stories that don't meet the smell test. The recent elections are proof positive that the public has a growing skepticism of "news" which has a clear political objective.

Bible readers are very familiar with the purposes for, and the uses of, phony publications. The prophet Jeremiah was targeted for preaching a message that detailed the evil ways (Jeremiah 18:11, 12) of Israel. The progenitors of NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN, etc. held a meeting which resulted in: "Then said they, come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; ...Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words." (Jeremiah 18:18) God's assessment of the entire group was: "And they will deceive every one his neighbor, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity." (Jeremiah 9:5) Americans of yesteryear were dependent upon the media to be "valiant for the truth" (Jeremiah 9:3), but our confidence has been eroded as the log jams of lies take out bridges of time honored traditions and truth.

There are multiple reasons for propagating fraudulent fables. One of the most obvious is a cover-up effort to hide a crime or some sort of misdeed. Joseph's brothers, provoked by the green-eyed monster of jealousy, collaborated against their younger sibling, selling him to a company of Ishmaelite's on their way to Egypt. The brotherhood killed a goat and dipped Joseph's coat of many colors in the blood, presenting it as evidence to their father. They told Jacob that a marauding band of Arabs had been rioting in Benghazi because of an anti-Muslim You Tube video, and they surmised that a split off group had headed north with the intent of stirring up more trouble when they must have encountered Joseph on the search for his brethren. It was obvious they exercised their wrath on little brother, for the coat is all that remained. The greater tragedy is that there are millions of Americans who have no idea how much of my story is true and what portion is fake news. That is the point!

Advancing a false agenda often necessitates fabrications if the product will be successfully sold to the masses. Absalom, the son of King David, was the ideal revolutionist. He was conceiting (like Hitler), treacherous (like Stalin), ambitious (like Mao

Tse-tung), hypocritical (like Slick Willy), and had no respect for his own father. The saboteur stood in prominent places bloviating about his concern for the underprivileged and the government remedies he would put into place if he were the king. (II Samuel 15:1-6) A modern equivalent would be: "Everyone will have health insurance; if you like your plan and doctor you can keep them...and the bonus is your cost will decrease \$2,500 a year." In spite of economic projections to the contrary, Obamacare rode the wings of deceit to its passage.

Greater chicanery is required for the most devious of plans. Ben Rhodes, Obama's deputy national security advisor, bragged about dishonestly selling the Iran nuclear deal. By some strange coincidence, Rhodes' brother David Rhodes, is the CBS News president. Mark Hemingway, author of a well-researched article has written: "In the case of the Iran deal, the administration had more direct help: an outside group, the Ploughshares Fund, provided a grant for an email listserv in which liberal journalists honed talking points and directed swarms of supporters to shut down anyone advancing arguments critical of the deal. Ploughshares also gave more than a hundred thousand dollars to the left-leaning media outlets such as NPR to ensure arguments in support of the White House's Iran policy were heard. "We created an echo chamber," Ben Rhodes later told the *New York Times* in explaining how the administration sealed the Iran deal. Policy experts and members of the media were saying things that validated what we had given them to say." Fake news has long since ceased to be an accident; it is now an entire industry. "But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron." (II Samuel 15:10) The only difference between then and now is the Liberals have presently deposited their minions in a handful of newsrooms which spread the message.

Two millennia from now no one will remember Benghazi, Fast and Furious gunrunning, Solyndra and green energy subsidies for campaign donors, cash for Iranian hostages, IRS targeting of conservative groups, the Veterans Administration disaster and a dozen other scandals permeated with prevarications. The enemies of Jesus Christ sought out false witnesses and "fake news" to indict Him for the purpose of elimination. Twenty centuries later lies continue concerning His virgin birth, teaching, miracles, death, burial and resurrection. Could it be that His message knows no boundaries of time and circumstances?

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13) It still works!

A Sheepdog Barks!

If you are reading this on Friday, January 20th and it's after NOON (EST) then Donald Trump is President. Yahoo! If you're reading this before Noon on Friday then just fake it cause from here on out I'm just going to call him President Trump. What a great sound that is. President Trump! WOOF! It has been a long eight years and it's a great new morning in America finally. WOOF!

Well the LPSD meltdown reached a crescendo this last week. They are terrible Americans when things aren't going their way. My experience with LPSDs confirms they are the most intolerant and uncivil citizens we have. So as I was writing this column a few days before the Inauguration Ceremony I took a little cat nap (?) to ponder just what was going on. There have been more threats of violence, more calls for disruption and more hateful, racist and bigoted language than I have ever heard in my lifetime. HOWL! There were plenty of us that weren't very happy about Barack Hussein Obama (BHO) being sworn in but no real talk of stopping or disrupting his inauguration. But the LPSDs are a different kind of folk. They cannot accept defeat. As I write this, about 70 Democrat lawmakers are going to boycott the ceremony. Michael Moore and other "celebrities" are going to try to disrupt the ceremony. What in the world is their problem? Trump won fair and square. They failed. HiLIARy failed. Now most of these politicians come from the Congressional Black Caucus (a racist and segregationist organization to begin with) or from the State of California. Who really gives a darn that they won't be there? NO one I know. WOOF! We couldn't care less about what those wacko LPSDs think they are going to accomplish. I am greatly bothered, however, by their claim that President Trump is not legitimate. That really makes me mad. And what makes me even madder is that they are being led in this effort

by one of the most divisive congressmen in Washington D.C. – John Lewis (D-GA). Many consider him a civil rights hero and icon. That's because he marched across a bridge with Martin Luther King, Jr. I respect him for that. It took courage. But being a hero about 50 years ago does not give one license to be an unpatriotic obstructionist for the rest of one's life. He has been and continues to be a leader of the divisiveness in Washington D.C. for far too long. Living proof for Term Limits. He also boycotted President George W. Bush's Inauguration Ceremony. He attacked McCain and Romney during their campaigns. He has spent much of the last six years helping HRC obstruct justice and stonewall the investigation into her Benghazi crimes and her mishandling of classified documents. He is no longer a hero in my eyes. He is a partisan obstructionist. So, as one of the angriest LPSDs, he attacks the legitimacy of Mr. Trump's presidency without any proof or facts to back that claim up. And when Mr. Trump fires back about his ineffective and feckless time in Washington D.C. (he has no real accomplishments of record) the main stream media and press attack Mr. Trump. Who cares? We all know that's how it works. President Trump will NEVER get a fair shake from the LPSD journalists who dominate the print and TV media. Congressman Lewis was a hero many years ago but now he is just another political hack. WOOF!

I want to take a few parting shots at BHO. He recently said that Trump didn't understand the impact that his comments would have on the world stage. REALLY? This from the completely unqualified community organizer who, after being sworn in, went on a world apology tour and bowed to a Saudi King. What was that impact? During one of his many, many, far too many "farewell" interviews he said "I am now the best president I have ever been." WHAT? I got news for you



Barack; you have never been a good president. He is delusional most of the time. He also said that he was surprised at the severity of partisanship in Washington. REALLY? He brought most of it with him. He NEVER tried to work with the Republicans. And he actually believes that he did nothing but good things for America and it's not recognized only because he "lost" the PR war. Delusional like I said. One of my favorite memes I saw on Facebook this last week was "**January 20, 2017 – The end of an Error.**" Absolutely true. WOOF!

Check out this one last telling statistic of Obama's reign. Young America's Foundation keeps a Youth Misery Index. It combines youth unemployment, student loan debt and the per capita national debt. During Obama's eight years it has gone up 36% to the all-time high of 113.4. Thanks Barack. Actually after BHO's eight years almost everything is worse. Race relations are worse, the economy is worse, we are less feared and respected around the world and America is more divided than ever. Thank Goodness it's January 20, 2017. WOOF!

Breaking News: On 17 January BHO commuted the sentence of Private Bradley Manning. Manning was convicted of a death sentence offense for leaking classified military information, but was given only 35 years. He was a traitor then and he is a traitor now. This is a radical and stupid act of a POTUS that does not care one whit about America. HOWL! This is NOT justice and is a poke in the eye to all those serving, past and present. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Texas Lawmaker Introduces New Transgender Bathroom Bill

by Heather Clark,
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—AUSTIN, Texas

A Texas lawmaker has introduced a bill that would require those using restrooms and locker rooms in government buildings and public schools to use the facility that corresponds with the gender on their birth certificate.

Senate Bill 6, also known as the Texas Privacy Act, was filed by Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R–Brenham, on Friday.

The measure is three pronged: It prohibits local municipalities from creating ordinances that control restroom usage at private businesses, requires those who use lavatories or locker rooms at government

buildings and schools to use the men’s room if they were born a man and vice versa, and increases criminal penalties for crimes committed in restrooms, dressing rooms or locker rooms.

“A political subdivision or state agency with control over multiple-occupancy bathrooms or changing facilities in a building owned or leased by this state or the political subdivision, as applicable, shall develop a policy requiring each multiple occupancy bathroom or changing facility located in the building to be designated for and used only by persons of the same biological sex,” S.B.6 reads in part.

The bill will still allow schools to make a determination on a case-by-case

basis, and the rules would not apply when a private entity rents a government-run building.

Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick held a press conference about the Privacy Act following its filing, advising that it will be a legislative priority for lawmakers. Protesters gathered inside the capitol building, holding signs and chanting “shame” in opposition to the proposal.

“The people of Texas elected us to stand up for common decency, common sense and public safety,” Patrick said in a statement. “This legislation codifies what has been common practice in Texas and everywhere else forever—that men and women should use separate, designated bathrooms.”

“S.B.6 also ensures that businesses have the freedom to determine their own bathroom policies and that no public school can institute a bathroom policy that allows boys to go in girls’ restrooms, showers and locker rooms and girls to go in boys’ restrooms, showers and locker rooms,” he said.

Family groups applauded the move.

“The State of Texas has a duty to protect the privacy, safety, and dignity of all Texans—especially in government buildings,” said Nicole Hudgens, policy analyst for Texas Values Action. “This law ensures common sense; men and boys should not be in girls’ locker rooms and bathrooms.”

“Since some local governments and school boards in Texas continue to push for allowing boys and men into girls’ bathrooms, we need a state law to have basic, consistent and transparent standards on this important issue across the state,” she opined.

But transgender advocacy groups expressed outrage over the matter, asserting that the measure is discriminatory and will result in harm to the Texas economy.

“After having watched the debacle in North Carolina, it is shocking that the Lieutenant Governor would be so intent on pursuing S.B.6. It’s unnecessary, discriminatory and inconsistent with the constitutional value of equal protection for all,” Rebecca Robertson,

legal and policy director for the ACLU of Texas, remarked in a statement.

“And that’s to say nothing of the havoc it will wreak on the Texas economy should it pass,” she asserted. “Make no mistake—the invidious intent of S.B.6 is to deny transgender Texans the ability to participate in public life.”

Several other states also saw similar bills filed this week, including in Missouri, Kentucky, Minnesota and Virginia.

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be huge issues for this session. The Senate is working on a plan to create a new revenue stream to fund roads and bridges. (Keep in mind that any new taxes must be voted on by the people.) On the Education front, as I shared with Joey Bunch of the *Denver Post*: “Simply asking for more revenue is not the answer. Rather, we need to develop a comprehensive plan, similar to the state water plan that addresses school funding statewide, how schools are allocating resources and a sound fiscal strategy for long-term sustainability.”

We will have a huge challenge during this session just

trying to hold funding for education at its present level. The Governor’s budget calls for increasing the “Negative Factor” (the number of dollars cut from the education budget during the recession). Obviously, the 178 school districts across the state will be calling for more funding rather than less. And so the session begins...

If you have any questions here in the first weeks of the session, or a burning desire to join in a Kumbaya chorus, feel free to call my office in the Capitol at 303-866-2747 or send us an e-mail: wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us. Have a great week!!!

Yours for HD 60,
Representative
Jim Wilson

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food and produce stands at a local flea market as part of First Lady Michelle Obama’s initiative to eradicate “food deserts,” common in poor, minority communities where fresh, healthy food is tough to find or often unavailable. The feds say the business owners and their employees let food-stamp recipients use their welfare benefit to get cash in exchange for a cut of the money. They swiped the recipient’s SNAP card for an inflated amount, doled out cash and kept a percentage. In most instances the recipient didn’t actually get food, according to federal authorities.

(Editor/GG: Message to taxpayers: Congress could have killed this in the appropriations process but didn’t. The republicans control congress. Do you see a problem here?)

Please see: <http://www.judicialwatch.org/blog/2017/01/food-stamp-recipients-can-order-amazon-online-retailers/>

SHERIFF'S REPORT
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Mailboxes: A deputy took a report on several mailboxes that had been broken into. The matter is under investigation.

1/10/17:
Assault: Deputies responded to Main Street in Westcliffe and later spoke to some parties at the Sheriff’s Office regarding a report of an assault.

1/11/17:
Traffic Citations: Alejandra Jimenez-Saenz of Aurora for speeding 5 - 9 over in a school zone.

Linda Beaven of Westcliffe for speeding 5 - 9 over.

Michael Trujillo of Westcliffe for speeding 5 - 9 over.

Kenneth Humphreys of Westcliffe for speeding 5 -9 over in a school zone.

Jennifer Thompson of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Kyra Burns of Golden for speeding 5 - 9 over in a school zone.

Gary Fischer of Cotopaxi for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Charles Nelson of Cotopaxi was issued a summons for no proof of insurance and expired registration, and issued a warning for a headlight violation.

1/12/17:
Traffic Summons: Mark Lehman of Elbert for speeding 5 - 9 over in a school zone.

1/13/17:
Parking: A municipal summons and red tag were issued on a vehicle illegally parked on Butler Street in Silver Cliff.

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this bill. My opinion – this is a “statement bill” (a bill that makes a statement with no chance of passing the Democrat-dominated House). I agree with the bill and I believe I have signed on as a co-sponsor. I predict the bill will be assigned to the House State Affairs Committee (the House “Kill Committee”).

HB17-1036 Concealed Carry in Public Schools
House Sponsors: P. Neville (R), K. Ransom (R)
Senate Sponsors: T. Neville (R)
Status: In Committee

Description: With certain exceptions, current law limits the authority of a person who holds a valid permit to carry a concealed handgun by prohibiting permit holders from carrying a concealed handgun on public elementary, middle, junior high, or high school grounds. The bill removes the limitation.

From Representative Jim Wilson: Our Republican Caucus has not met to determine a Caucus position on this bill. My opinion – this is another “statement bill” (a bill that makes a statement with no chance of passing the Democrat-dominated House). I will support the bill, but will not have the chance to hear it because I am sure the bill will be assigned to the House State Affairs Committee (the House “Kill Committee”).

HB17-1042 Increasing Funding For Full-day Kindergarten
House Sponsor: J. Wilson (R)
Status: In Committee

Description: Under existing law, the Public School Finance Act of 1994 funds kindergarten students as half-day pupils plus the supplemental kindergarten enrollment, which is an additional .08 of a full-day pupil.

The bill increases the supplemental kindergarten enrollment for the 2017-18 budget year and each budget year thereafter to .16 of a full-day pupil.

From Representative Jim Wilson: Our Republican Caucus has not met to determine a Caucus position on this bill. My opinion – because it is my bill, Great Bill! No, seriously – this bill addresses the fact that fully funding Kindergarten has been in statute since the recession. The legislature added .08 the first year and has ignored the obligation from that point. I believe we should fund our current obligations before adding expenditures for new programs each year. This bill only increases funding by another .08, but it is a step in the right direction. Funding this obligation would assist school districts (especially rural ones). It will be fun to see how this one plays out...

HB17-1063 Reduce Business Personal Property Taxes
House Sponsors: T. Leonard (R)
Senate Sponsors: T. Neville (R), L. Crowder (R)
Status: In Committee

Description: Under current law, if a business has less than \$7,300 of personal property that would be listed on a single personal property schedule, then the personal property is exempt from the property tax and the business is not required to submit a schedule to the county assessor. With respect to

this exemption, the bill reduces the amount of personal property tax that businesses pay by:

- Increasing the exemption that applies per schedule from \$7,300 to \$50,000, adjusted for inflation in the future, which increase will allow more businesses to avoid filing personal property tax schedules; and
- Allowing businesses whose personal property value exceeds the total exemption amount to claim the exemption.

For public utilities that are assessed statewide, the property tax administrator currently considers all of a public utility's tangible property within the state as a factor in determining the value of the public utility as a unit. The bill modifies the valuation process by:

- Exempting the first \$50,000 or an inflation-adjusted amount of personal property from the property tax and excluding it from the administrator's consideration for valuation purposes; and
- Excluding the exempt personal property from the public utility's statement of property that it files with the administrator.

From Representative Jim Wilson: Our Republican Caucus has not met to determine a Caucus position on this bill. My opinion – because of giving tax breaks, it may face opposition in the House. I will support the bill because it is good for small businesses. This will be a fun one to watch. Both sides of the aisle claim to support small business -- we shall see...



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