

Local Mountain News & Notices

4-H and FFA Members in the Spotlight

Congratulations to Grace Watkins on being selected through an interview process to be one of the seven Colorado State Delegates who will attend the National 4-H Conference in March 2017. This is a HUGE accomplishment for Grace and for Custer County. We are excited that Grace will be representing us and the State of Colorado at the National Level!!

NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW (NWSS), Denver: Custer County Exhibitors Beef

Novice Showmen Devynne Schoch & Sheyenne Shy are back from the National Western Stock Show!! They participated in the Open Prospect Steer Show in Denver this year and it was a first for each of them. Devynne had an 8th Place Steerzin Class 12, 773 lbs.-779 lbs. Sheyenne had a 10th Place Steer in Class 5, 682 lbs.-689 lb.

SWINE
Seasoned Showman Lindsey Gillmore placed 5th in the Intermediate Show-

man-Class 8 (13-16 years old). Lindsey also had a 9th Place, Class 16-Medium Weight Crossbreed.

LAMBS

Seasoned Showman Grace Watkins had a 10th Place, Class 7-Blackface lightweight lamb and a 5th place Speckle Face Crossbreed Lamb.

Congratulations to all our NWSS exhibitors...

For more information on the 4-H and FFA please see: www.custercountygov.com/ext.

ACADEMIC: Justice Saraceno is in the top 99% of academic ranking for high school students. To add to this outstanding accomplishment, Justice is only 13 years old.

CCMS BAND MEMBERS: Local 4-H Members Morgan Foster, Kyleigh Martin, Kaya Huffman and Sheyenne Shy were each selected to play in the Middle School Honor Band. What a prestigious invitation! We are proud to have you girls in our Custer County 4-H family!

Middle School Bobcat Boys End Season #2 with 3 - 3 Record



Coach Shelly Penkoff, Cameron Penkoff, Ty Bomgardner, Sam Babcock, Dillon Kinsey, Brey Chipps, Wyatt Aldrich, Garrett Stepanich, Ben Penkoff, Matthew Kienbusch, Zach Fischer, Coach Eric Thompson and Chad Lewis, Wesley Curtis being held by teammates.

Photo Courtesy of CCSD

by Coach Shelly Penkoff

The Custer County A Team had a great end to their season a week ago, Friday at Cripple Creek. The League Tournament seeded the Bobcats number two with a season record of 3-3.

The Bobcat team faced the South Park Burros for their first game. The Burros had won the last two contests against our team. Coach Thompson put together a great offense and the boys executed the plan and were able to put the ball in the hoop. The Bobcats were ahead at the half with a score of 20-18. Wesley Curtis led his team well at the point guard position. Matthew Kienbusch and

Dillon Kinsey played great against two very powerful South Park forwards. Ben Penkoff played great defense and drove the ball fearlessly to the hoop. The Bobcats came out on top with a win 43-38 and a chance at the championship trophy. Ben Penkoff led the team in scoring with 14, followed by Kienbusch with 10, Curtis with 9, Kinsey with 6, Lewis and Stepanich each ended with 2 points on the day.

The Bobcats now faced the Pioneers in their home gym for the championship game. It was again a contest of speed verses height. From the beginning tip off the game was very intense. The power forward for the Pioneers put up 10 of the

Pioneers 18 points by half-time. The score was in the Pioneers favor at half-time 18-16. Our players were tired and some were battling the flu and sickness. Coach Thompson reminded the team to keep running and tire the "big guy" out. The Bobcats did just that in the second half aided by an aggressive play by Wyatt Aldrich and held the Pioneers star player to 2 points in the second half. There were injuries on both benches and with 53 seconds left in the game the Bobcats were ahead by one point. The Pioneers were able to put in their free throws. The Bobcats showed a lot of hustle and got the ball in the bucket to tie the game at 32-32

with five seconds left in the game. Garrett Stepanich did an awesome job denying the inbounds pass and getting Custer County the ball. Wesley Curtis was fouled with three seconds left on the clock. The gym was packed and loud as Wesley stepped up to the free throw line. All we needed was one free throw and we were League Champions. He did it! He drained the shot! Bobcats Win!!

Matthew Kienbusch and Ben Penkoff led the scoring for the Bobcats with 8 each, Chad Lewis had 6, Dillon Kinsey with 4, Wesley Curtis with 3, Garrett Stepanich and Wyatt Aldrich each with 2 points on the day.

GO BOBCATS!



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Eating Well on \$6 a Day

**Wednesday, February 15th at 5:30 pm
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Making a few small changes in your food and shopping habits can put extra dollars back into your budget without sacrificing nutritional value.

Light snacks and a door prize.

Next Common Cents Seminar:
Goal Setting & Financial Planning
April 26th at 5:30 pm



Special Opportunity For Parents and Children Ages 2-4

A **FREE** session for preschoolers and parents is offered at Club America through their Kid Zone program once each month.

Children will be involved in a variety of movement and fun activities. Parents will receive a backpack full of great learning activities to do at home for the month. Come each month and receive a new backpack of fun things to do!

***Join us at Club America
4:15-5:15 pm on the following days***

Dates: Thursday, Feb. 16
Thursday, March 16
Thursday, April 20
Thursday, May 18



BOCC January 20th; Creative Funding for an Elevator, In God We Trust? and Citizen with Concerns...

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)

—January 20, 2017

WESTCLIFFE, Colorado

by Jackie Bubis

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. Introductions of the public in attendance followed. Commissioners present: Donna Hood, Jay Printz and Bob Kattnig. Attorney Clint Smith also present.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the January 10th meeting.

Mrs. Hood spoke about the value of the commissioner orientation. She reported her meetings with the

Tourism Board, the E-911 Committee. She has directed the IT Department to get bids on laptops for the commissioners. Funding for this will be coming from her first paycheck. She said that she will be donating back her salary through the year and will be "picking what she feels will be best for the county" to spend that money on. She requested advice from Attorney Smith on protocol for answering citizen's emails. Smith replied that there is no set protocol but that each can be answered on an individual basis. She also requested that the first days of the month be set aside for commissioner workshops. She wants one with the IT Department and one with

the CSU Extension office.

Mr. Printz met with the Recycling Board, the Airport Board, Dark Skies and with a citizen with major concerns.

Mr. Kattnig attended the Sheriff's Department award banquet where three medals of valor were given. He also met with Custer Emergency Services, with the Communications Committee and with the E-911 Board. He reported on a school bus that got stuck on Oak Creek Grade.

Attorney items: Mr. Smith sent a confidential memo to the Board members out-

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Coach's Corner

by Bobcat Basketball
Coach Shannon Byerly

Yeah it was a nice win for us Friday night. It has been a couple of seasons since we have gotten a Conference win so it was something we have been working towards for some time. The boys responded well and we have been right on the cusp of getting some wins and it finally played out for us on the home court which is always nice. Billy Berry took his game to another level and scored 31 points which put us in the position to manage the game and get the win. His rebounding was really what changed the outcome of the game as he benefited from the entire team being aggressive to the basket. It was also good to see Kobe Lewsader attacking the rim and finishing like we know he can. With the guards attacking the basket, all seven players scored for us. Dillon Schoch, Chad Lewencamp, Cash Rawley, and Hunter Speer all played well making key baskets and holding us up on defense. Dillon was hot

early and scored 8 points in the first quarter which catapulted us to our best scoring quarter in a long time. Putting 22 points up in a quarter is what every coach likes to see from their team and we just hadn't been able to do that until Friday's game against Cripple Creek. It was good to see the kids be successful. We did lose a key player in David Kinsey though and that is a big loss. We aren't sure yet what his status is but he either has a high grade, high ankle sprain, or a break. We will wait and see what the doctors say this week but I would be surprised to see him back on the floor this season. I feel bad for him, he has worked really hard and was gaining the confidence in himself to lead this team to success.

Saturday night we traveled to Antonito and it was really a tale of two teams. With the injury to Kinsey, we went into the game suiting up only six players and we knew we were going to have to slow the game down a bit so we didn't

run out of energy. After the performance Friday night I thought we would come out and play well and we really didn't. We continued in old habits of unforced turnovers as we could not take advantage of a team who had been struggling all season as well. The kids looked tired and we just didn't play well. It was frustrating because as poorly as we did play, the game was really tight until the last couple of minutes. For most of the game we were within 5 points and had lots of opportunities to take the lead but could never make it happen. We played pretty good defense throughout the game but it is always a steep battle when you only suit up six kids. Right now we are the walking wounded as a team. Several kids are nicked up with small injuries so our small numbers make it tough to give them rest to get healthy. We will continue to battle though and see what happens down the stretch. We play a pretty athletic team (Crested Butte) this Friday and that will be a challenge.

Bobcats Sport Schedule

HS Boys & HS Girls Basketball HOME v Crested Butte –
When: Fri, February 10, 3 p.m.
Where: West Gym

Wrestling Regionals
When: Fri, February 10, 4 – 8 p.m.
Sat. February 11, 9 a.m. till done
Where: East Gym

Elementary Basketball Program
When: Sat, February 11, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Where: East Gym

Goal Miners Soccer
When: Sun, February 12, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Where: West Gym

Elementary Youth Wrestling
When: Tue, February 14, 6:25 p.m. – 7:40 p.m.
Where: Wrestling Room

HS Girls Basketball District Tournament
When: Wed, February 15, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Wrestling State Championships
When: Thu, February 16, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Where: Pepsi Center, 1000 Chopper Cir, Denver

Elementary Youth Wrestling
When: Thu, February 16, 6:25 p.m. – 7:40 p.m.
Where: Wrestling Room

MS Valentine's Dance
When: Thu, February 16, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Where: MPR

HS Boys & HS Girls Basketball HOME v Center
When: Fri, February 17, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Where: Custer County High School

Elementary Basketball Program
When: Sat, February 18, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Where: EAST GYM

HS Boys & HS Girls Basketball HOME v Cripple Creek
When: Sat, February 18, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Where: Custer County High School



Bobcat Menu • Feb. 13- Feb. 16, 2017

Monday

Breakfast
Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk

Lunch Elem.
Chicken Patty Sand.
Scalloped Potatoes
Fruit
Milk

Lunch MS & HS
Chicken Cheese Wrap
Scalloped Potatoes
Corn & Fruit
Milk

Tuesday

Breakfast
Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk

Lunch Elem.
Meat Pizza
Green Bean, Celery Stick
Fruit
Milk

Lunch MS & HS
Pizza Supreme
Tossed Salad
Gr Beans & Fruit
Milk

Wednesday

Breakfast
Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk

Lunch Elem.
Corn Dog
Oven Fries
Carrots & Fruit
Milk

Lunch MS & HS
Corn Dog
Fries & Baked Beans
Pasta Salad & Fruit
Milk

Thursday

Breakfast
Biscuit & Gravy
Fruit
Milk

Lunch Elem.
Cream Chicken/ over
Noodles & Roll
Peas & Fruit
Milk

Lunch MS & HS
Cream Chicken/ over
Noodles & Roll
Peas/Carrots & Fruit
Milk

Elementary: Main Dish, Grain Product, Veg., Fruit, and Milk

Middle & High: Main Dish, (Or Premade Chef Salad), Grain Product, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk

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KIDS

Friday, February 10, 2017

Random Acts of Kindness

Random Acts of Kindness - A random act of kindness is a non-premeditated, inconsistent action designed to offer kindness towards the outside world.

In 1982, in Sausalito, California, Anne Herbert penned the phrase, "practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty" on a placement. In 1993 Anne Herbert's book "Random Acts of Kindness" was published. It was full of true stories of acts of kindness.

In today's world it is hard to imagine what a world full of kindness would be like, with all the anger and riots going on. That is the intent behind this upcoming week. Have you ever felt like no one in the world cares about you? Are you having a down day, or maybe even a down week or month? So if we know what that feels like we also know what it is like when we unexpectedly receive a card in the mail or someone in a restaurant buys our dinner anonymously, or a friend you haven't heard from for a long time suddenly calls you on the phone. Your down day suddenly has taken an upturn.

Examples of possible acts of kindness;

Are you a baker? You can bake your neighbor a cake and make their day.

Do you knit or crochet? Making someone a scarf or lap blanket can warm them and their heart.

Did it snow last night and you know your elderly neighbor can't shovel his/her walk? Why not shovel it for them.

This is Valentine's week. Do you know someone who just lost their loved one and is sad and alone? Why not call or visit them.

These are just a few examples. I am sure you can think of many others. Remember if someone does a random act of kindness for you then turn around and pay it forward. It's a good feeling inside to know that you helped someone get through the day.

Remember it starts with one, can you be that one? Help turn our world around.

Let's start making lists of acts of kindness we can do next week. One a day is more than just a slogan for vitamins.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: Wikipedia.org, nationaldaycalendar.com

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lining the open meetings law and giving legal advice regarding board appointments. He also stated the need for a workshop on the marijuana ordinance.

Eric Foster, who is forming Custer County Corps of Chaplains met with the Board requesting official recognition for the group by the Board. This organization will be made up of chaplains who will be available both for emergency responders and the public during times of tragedy in a non-denominational way. Mr. Printz asked if the emergency organizations were on board to which Foster responded 100% support. Mrs. Hood brought up that Mr. Printz was recognized in Foster’s paperwork as being on the board of the organization. Mr. Printz asked to be taken off the board. Sheriff Byerly spoke up that this type of chaplain group was very common, that it had been in process for over a year and gave his full support. Mr. Kattnig stated that he has had complaints about the “In God We Trust” on the sheriff vehicles and said it was important that the county must keep the “separation of church and state.” Mr. Smith stated that the county does not have a charter by which to recognize the group officially and was uncertain how the group could be made an official arm of the county. Mr. Printz said he thought a chaplain program for the county might be iffy.

Jim Bradburn from Dark Skies updated the Board on their process to get the valley designated an International Dark Skies Preserve. Bradburn stated that he has waited to proceed until the “transfer of power” in the BOCC. The Board was encouraging. The process would include changes to the zoning regulations that future lights in the “valley” would need to be shielded.

Citizen approval is required to change zoning regulations.

The Board officially appointed Brenda Gaide as administrative assistant to the Board.

Dallas Anderson, from the Airport Advisory Board, approached the Board stating issues at the airport with snow not being plowed in a timely manner. It was established that this plowing is done by the Road & Bridge on a priority basis. Mr. Kattnig was surprised that Anderson brought this to the board when he “knows full well” that the Board is in the process of hiring a new road boss.

The Planning and Zoning appointments were tabled until the meeting on the 31st.

The BOCC confirmed their own appointment as the Custer County Board of Health.

There was a discussion about advertising the opening for the County Health Nurse position. This was postponed until January 31st BOCC meeting as well.

Next was a discussion about the next phase of the Underfunded Courthouse Grant – which is to spend the \$148K received on planning the remodel of the courthouse. Sheriff Byerly went on the record to say that the article in the *Wet Mountain Tribune* was “so inaccurate, it’s disgraceful.” He reminded the Board that he absolutely knows the numbers of people and days that the courtroom is in use and that this information can be gathered quickly if needed. When Byerly suggested that the grant would not fund the elevator, Mr. Kattnig stated that the plan was to put a second courtroom in the basement and that would make the elevator fall under the parameters of this grant. The discussion between Mr. Kattnig and Sheriff Byerly became heated with Kattnig telling the Sheriff that he was out of order. Things calmed

down quickly thereafter.

Cindy Howard, Office of Emergency Management brought the draft of an MOU between the school district and the county for an evacuation plan if the school is needed for evacuation. There was a discussion on how this had been done in the 2016 fire season. The item was tabled until the school district revises the document. Work continues on the COOP – Continuity of Operations Plan. Howard will get full packets to the commissioners.

The Board worked on the wording for the request for proposal for the planning portion of the Underfunded Courthouse Grant. A call was made to the firm that did the first part of the plan to get more exact wording for this request.

The Board went into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. When they reconvened, they approved the job description for the road boss position and decided the dates and requirement to apply for the position.

The same criteria was used for the county health nurse position.

The Board went into executive session for the purpose of legal advice regarding an email demand from the *Wet Mountain Tribune*. No further information was given in public prior to going into executive session. When they reconvened, they made and approved a motion to send a response drafted by Attorney Smith to the *Tribune*. Still, no further information was given to the public regarding this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Reporter’s Note: *The entire meeting audio can be heard at this link: <https://youtu.be/67sKzkCackI>*

A Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) request was made to get the email from the Tribune and the response from the Board.

BOCC Meeting January 31st Board and Committee Appointments, Hamilton Ad Nauseam and Two Executive Sessions

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)
—January 31, 2017
WESTCLIFFE, Colorado
by Jackie Bubis

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. Introductions of the public in attendance followed.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the January 20th meeting.

A citizen requested that the audio recordings of the BOCC meetings be put on

the county webpage so that people don’t have to go into the Clerk’s Office and purchase the audio. The Board seemed favorable to the idea and it will be placed on a future agenda.

Another citizen commended Mrs. Hood on her giving her salary back to the county. He also suggested that there should maybe be a policy on Board approval for her spending this money on various projects. (Note: at a previous meeting Mrs. Hood said she was purchasing laptops for the members

of the BOCC.) She replied, “It’s really my money, coming out of my paycheck. So there’s no approval needed.” Mr. Kattnig also stated that, since it’s not county money, per se, there is no requirement to ask for bids for the projects that Hood wants to fund.

Mr. Printz reported being real busy. He has met with the Upper Arkansas Workforce Commission in Cañon City and has sent the resumes and letters of

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Events Calendar

Friday, February 10, 1 p.m.
Learn how to back up your files
Please bring your laptop, mouse, and power pack.
West Custer Library Community Room

February 12 – 18
Random Acts of Kindness Week
See Kids Corner on page 7
For more information

Friday and Saturday, February 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 12 at 2 p.m.
“Hacksaw Ridge”
Drama | History | War | R
THE JONES THEATER \$\$ Westcliffe

Monday, February 13, 1:30 p.m.
BOCC Meeting/Workshop
Conference Room, Courthouse, Westcliffe

Tuesday February 14, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Board of Education Meeting
School Library

Wednesday, February 15, 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Girl Scout Meeting
Teacher’s lounge or art room

Wednesday, February 15, 5:30 p.m.
Eating Well on \$6 a Day
West Custer Library Community Room
209 Main Street in Westcliffe.

Friday, February 17, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Girl Scout Cookie Sale @ Basketball Game
School Gym

Friday and Saturday, February 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, February 19 at 2 p.m.
“Rogue One: A Star Wars Story”
Action | Adventure | Sci-Fi | PG-13
Drama | History | War | R
THE JONES THEATER \$\$ Westcliffe

Sunday, February 19, 4 p.m.
Back Room Speaker Series: Mark Payler
“Is it Art?” Art and Photography
In the Age of Digital Manipulation
103 South 2nd Street, Westcliffe

Wednesday, February 22nd at 7 p.m.
The annual PTSO Scholarship Night
Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)
Custer County School

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

2nd 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.

3rd 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.

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Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources
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Silver Cliff, CO 81252
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Fri. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Sat.:10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Silver Cliff Town NOTICE:

Town Attorney

The Town of Silver Cliff is currently seeking the services of a municipal attorney to serve as the Town Attorney. The RFP can be emailed, a copy can be picked up at the office, or print from the website. The RFP contains the instructions governing the proposals to be submitted, the material to be included therein, and the requirements that must be met to be eligible for consideration. Deadline for RFP is February 22, 2017 @ 5:00 p.m.

Any questions please call 719-783-2615 or email silvercliffstown@centurytel.net.

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PTSO Scholarship Night February 24th

The annual PTSO (Parents Together for Students Organization) Scholarship Night will be held Wednesday, February 22nd at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) of Custer County Schools.

The evening sponsored by PTSO connects local agencies who offer scholarships with CCHS seniors. The event begins with each agency briefly outlining their scholarship requirements and then gives seniors a chance to meet with the agencies to ask questions and receive scholarship applications. "It has been a well-attended event by our agencies and seniors in the past," noted CCHS counselor Troy Bomgardner. "It's an efficient way for agencies to get a chance to meet the applicants and for seniors to get answers to any questions they have. PTSO provides treats and a few door prizes to make the evening a perfect kick-off to our local scholarship season."

Questions about the event can be directed to Troy Bomgardner at 783-4927.

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



NOTICE

The following is a list of all bills presented, audited, and ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Custer County, Colorado, from their respective funds at the regular meeting on January 31, 2017.

Custer County Payments for Airport Fund Payments From January 1, 2017 Through January 31, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ASCENT AVIATION GROUP INC	POS CHARGE	30.00
CENTURYLINK	LANDLINE	105.96
DDW INC	SERVICE	60.00
NORUP GAS INC	SERVICE	256.38
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	SERVICE	160.29
TWF ENTERPRISES INC	FUEL SYS MAINT	697.40
WRIGHT ELECTRIC LLC	FUEL SYS ELECTRIC REPAIR	349.85
	Final Totals...	1,659.88

Custer County Payments for Capital Improvement Fund Payments From January 1, 2017 Through January 31, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
H E WHITLOCK INC	WCCLP CONSTRUCT	157,007.70
T A DUKE & ASSOCIATES	WCCL ENGINEERING FEE	2,780.00
UNITED REPROGRAPHIC SUPPLY	ASSR MAPPING COPIER	90.00
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING	ASSESSOR MAP COPIER	285.40
	Final Totals...	160,163.10

Custer County Payments for Conservation Trust Fund Payments From January 1, 2017 Through January 31, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ALL ABOARD WESTCLIFFE	AAW CTF CONTRIB	1,000.00
CUSTER COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS	SEN CTR CTF CONTRIB	4,000.00
TOWN OF SILVER CLIFF	SC MUS & TRAIL CTF	3,100.00
WETMORE COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD	WTMR COM CEN CTF	5,000.00
WETMORE COMMUNITY LIBRARY	WTMR LIBRARY CTF	5,000.00
	Final Totals...	18,100.00

Custer County Payments for Emergency Services Fund Payments From January 1, 2017 Through January 31, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AT & T MOBILITY	OEM CELL	85.29
CENTURYLINK	OEM LANDLINE	105.87
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	5,061.60
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES INC	CAD DISPATCH HOSTING	8,043.00
MCCARTHY/JOSEPH	DISPATCH APCO TRAINING	33.20
PUEBLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE	RETAC	1,460.29
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	75.00
WEST CUSTER CO HOSPITAL DIST	RETAC	272.00
	Final Totals...	15,136.25
	Payroll...	12,677.03

Custer County Payments for General Fund Payments From January 1, 2017 Through January 31, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ACTION 22 INC	ACTION 22 DUES	350.00
AFFORDABLE HVAC LLC	FURNACE CHECK ANNEX	87.09
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	129.58
AMERICAN JAIL ASSOCIATION	MEMBER RENEWAL	48.00
AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE	CN W/H	161.10
AT & T MOBILITY	SERVICE	1,037.33
BLUE CELL LLC/THE	EBOLA TRAINING	5,000.00
BOB BARKER CO INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	15.24
BROOKSIDE CONCRETE LLC	SHERIFF VEHICLE DECALS	60.00
BUY SHADE.COM	VSO DISPLAY TENT	638.00
CAMPER/KELLEY	REIMBS	77.50
CCTA EASTERN DIVISION	TREAS EAST DIV DUES	100.00
CCVSOA	CCVSOA MEMBER	25.00
CDPHE	LANDFILL QTRLY REPORT	1,193.19

CENTRAL MOUNTAIN TRAINING	SHERIFF 2017 DUES	500.00
CENTURYLINK	WETMORE FIRE/CC	365.87
CENTURYLINK	SERVICE	4,006.35
CHALLENGER ELECTRIC	SHERIFF GENERATOR SRV	375.00
CHRISTENSEN/RUSTY	REIMB BOX RENT	70.00
COLORADO ASSESSORS ASSN	ASSR DUES	1,042.00
COLORADO CORONERS ASSN	CORONER ASSN DUES	780.00
COLORADO COUNTIES INC	CCI DUES	12,712.00
COLORADO COUNTY TREASURER'S	TREAS ASSN DUES	400.00
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	GARNISHMENT	135.00
COLORADO DEPT HEALTH & ENVIR	OWTS PERMIT	360.00
COLORADO DIVISION OF FIRE	EFF IGA	2,076.72
COLORADO DIVISION OF PROPERTY	ASSR DPT TRAINING	15.00
COUNTY SHERIFFS OF COLORADO	SHERIFF 2017 DUES	2,688.86
COX/CHARLES	DEC EXPENSE	192.00
CRESTONE GRAPHICS	DETENTION FORMS	310.95
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INS W/H	30,683.52
CUSTER COUNTY EXTENSION	REIMBS	105.87
CUSTER COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC	INMATE SRV	179.90
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	SHERIFF FUEL	1,559.05
CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL DIST C-1	CCPHNS	954.55
DISH NETWORK	JAIL SERVICE	45.12
ESRI INC	ARC GIS LICENSES	3,000.00
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	GARNISHMENT	442.00
FOX DRUG INC	INMATE RX	100.57
GAIDE/BRENDA	REIMBS	42.35
GEANETTA/CHELSEA	REIMB PHONE REPAIR	36.65
HART INTERCIVIC INC	ANNUAL SW LICENSE	9,191.50
HENRICH/JAMES D	REIMBS	115.00
HOLT FAMILY FUNERAL HOME	CORONER EXPENSE	25.00
HOOD/DONNA	REIMBS	442.23
IPPOLITO/CHUCK	REIMBS	944.23
KATTNIG/ROBERT (BOB)	REIMBS	75.00
LEDS LLC	SW LICENSE RENEWAL	9,568.00
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	38.85
LEXIPOL LLC	SHERIFF MANUALS	7,170.00
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	JAIL FOOD	1,183.71
MARTIN/RHONDA K	REIMBS SUPPLIES	19.15
MKOPS LLC	LANDFILL REPORT	120.00
M7 BUSINESS SYSTEMS	ASSESSOR FORMS	59.56
NACO	NACO ANNUAL DUES	450.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	SHERIFF VEH MAINT	65.08
NEVE'S UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	1,374.48
NOBILITY FUNERAL TRANSPORT	CORONER TRANSPORT	200.00
NORUP GAS INC	SHERIFF COMPLEX SRV	1,223.78
OAK DISPOSAL SERVICE	LANDFILL SERVICE	108.00
OFFICE DEPOT	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	315.77
OFFICE OF THE DIST ATTORNEY	PROF SRVS	9,175.00
PB ELECTRONICS INC	SHERIFF EQUIP	1,715.00
PIQUETTE ENTERPRISES LLC	JAN ACCT	826.42
PRAETORIAN DIGITAL	SHERIFF ANNUAL DUES	1,422.00
PRINTZ/JAY	REIMBS	376.00
PUBLIC TRUSTEE ASSN OF COLO	PUBLIC TRUSTEE DUES	200.00
ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIRE	LNDFL FIRE EXT INSPECT	137.00
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	SHERIFF COMPLEX SRV	192.00
SAM'S CLUB	JAIL SUPPLIES	71.60
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	LANDFILL SERVICE	187.60
SBA STRUCTURES LLC	SITE RENTAL	260.84
SCHNEIDER CORPORATION	ASSR QPUBLIC WEBSITE	5,100.00
SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	SW LICENCES	233.60
SIGNS BY SCOTT	SHERIFF DECALS/STRIPES	194.16
SMITH/CLINTON A	JANUARY PROF SRVS	2,552.00
STATE OF COLORADO	MVR RENEWALS	189.62
STOLTZFUS/GAIL	REIMBS	52.00
SWARTZ/TIM	TRAVEL	67.50

TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	1,308.32
TECHNICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	PROB CLIENT TESTING	353.10
TONY'S MOUNTAIN PIZZA	SHERIFF AWARDS BANQUET	1,085.00
TOTAL OFFICE SOLUTIONS	BOCC SUPPLIES	72.89
U S POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE MACHINE POSTAGE	2,000.00
UAACOG	COG DUES	4,300.00
US BANK	SHERIFF TRAINING	2,511.41
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	SHERIFF RANGE SUPPLIES	1,532.94
WESTCLIFFE PETROLEUM	SHERIFF TIRE REPAIR	15.00
WET MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE	JAIL AD	196.03
WILSON/CHRISTINA	UPS SUPPLIES	59.99
XEROX BUSINESS SERVICES LLC	ASSESSOR DATA PROC	6,478.43
YOUNG/ROBIN	TRAVEL	270.00
4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	LANDFILL EQUIP	950.00
	Final Totals...	148,876.15
	Payroll...	111,715.56

Custer County Payments for Human Services Fund Payments From January 1, 2017 Through January 31, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
	Final Totals...	11,300.74
	Payroll...	14,933.47

Custer County Payments for Road and Bridge Fund Payments From January 1, 2017 Through January 31, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AFLAC	AF W/H	53.00
AIRGAS USA LLC	CYL RENT	420.99
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	600.02
ARK VALLEY FIRE XTINGUISHER	EXT INSPECT	546.25
AT & T MOBILITY	SERVICE	200.56
BLUE FLAME GAS	WETMORE SRV	1,549.38
CENTURYLINK	WTMR SHOP SERV	183.72
CENTURYLINK	WC SERV	327.23
CNC TECHNICAL SERVICES, LLC	AMP & ANTENNA	2,604.00
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	13,138.56
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	WTMR SUPPLIES	15.27
DRIVE TRAIN INDUSTRIES	SUPPLIES	5,145.36
GCR TIRES & SERVICE	TIRES	933.18
INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICE	VEH MAINT	22.59
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	51.80
LITZ AUTO SUPPLY	SHOP SUPPLIES	107.39
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	SHOP SUPPLIES	18.96
MCCANDLESS TRUCK CENTER LLC	VEH MAINT	205.60
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	VEH MAINT PARTS	465.65
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	SIGNS	1,040.00
NORUP GAS INC	WC SHOP SRV	813.00
POWER MOTIVE	SUPPLIES	68.26
PROCOM	CDOT TESTING	95.00
QUILL CORP	OFFICE SUPPLIES	128.16
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	SRV	1,026.20
SAFETY-KLEEN CORP	WC & WTMR SERVICE	599.09
SQUIRE/ROGER	2016 GMC TITLE FEE REIMB	10.98
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	491.65
TONY'S MOUNTAIN PIZZA	CHRISTMAS PARTY	600.00
TRACKER SOFTWARE CORP	2017 SUPPORT	1,456.00
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	SHOP SUPPLIES	69.98
WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO	SHOP SUPPLIES	354.68
WESTCLIFFE PETROLEUM	DIESEL FUEL	1,348.81
XEROX CORP	COPIER	76.60
4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	VEH PARTS	333.14
	Final Totals...	35,101.06
	Payroll...	40,086.76

Custer County Payments for Self Insurance Fund Payments From January 1, 2017 Through January 31, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
COLORADO COUNTIES CASUALTY	CG CAPP SHARE	27,347.00
COLORADO COUNTIES CASUALTY	RB CAPP SHARE	27,347.00
COLORADO STATE TREASURER	UNEMPLOY BENEFIT REIMB	4,410.00



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COUNTY WORKERS COMPENSATION	CG CWCP SHARE	51,296.40
COUNTY WORKERS COMPENSATION	RB CWCP SHARE	34,197.60
TASC	CG TASC ADMIN	273.68
TASC	RB TASC ADMIN	273.68
	Final Totals...	145,145.36

Custer County Payments for Tourism Fund Payments From January 1, 2017 Through January 31, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
CART	MINI GRANT	300.00
SANGRES ART GUILD	MINI GRANT	300.00
WET MTN VALLEY SADDLE CLUB	MINI GRANT	1,000.00
WET MTN WESTERN PILGRAMAGE	MINI GRANT	500.00
	Final Totals...	2,100.00

STATE OF COLORADO COUNTY OF CUSTER

I, Kelley S. Camper, County Clerk in and for said county, and in the state aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, full, and correct list of all office bills allowed paid by the Board of County Commissioners of said county and state, at the regular meeting held in January 2017, as shown by the records and files of my office. Given under my hand and official seal this month of January A.D. 2017.

Kelley S. Camper
County Clerk

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Westcliffe, Colorado

PUBLIC NOTICE

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION PAID BY CUSTER COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2016

EMPLOYEES INDICATED * RECEIVES ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION IN THE FORM OF FRINGE BENEFITS BY CUSTER COUNTY. THE AVERAGE FOR SUCH BENEFITS IS 12% OF GROSS SALARIES.

COUNTY GENERAL	
*County Commissioner,	\$ 49700.04
*County Commissioner,	\$ 49700.04
*County Commissioner,	\$ 49700.04
*Board Administrative Asst.,	\$ 13062.99
*Board Administrative Asst.,	\$ 14120.00
*Planning & Zoning Director,	\$ 45393.22
*Planning & Zoning Clerk,	\$ 37787.28
*Information Technology/ GIS Director,	\$ 48749.60
*Finance/HR,	\$ 51708.64
*County Coroner,	\$ 22100.04
*County Clerk,	\$ 49700.04
*Deputy Clerk / Motor Vehicle,	\$ 34983.72
*Deputy Clerk/Recording,	\$ 28519.68
*Deputy Clerk/Elections,	\$ 24840.00
*PT Clerk Help,	\$ 10320.88
PT Clerk Help,	\$ 2632.50
*County Treasurer/ Public Trustee,	\$ 57855.04
*Chief Deputy County Treasurer,	\$ 38301.12
*County Assessor,	\$ 49700.04
*Chief Deputy County Assessor,	\$ 33791.88
*Transfer Clerk,	\$ 15330.92
*Transfer Clerk,	\$ 8469.03
*Cartographer,	\$ 40039.32
*Appraiser,	\$ 35685.21
*Maintenance/Grounds/ Custodian,	\$ 24600.00
*Landfill Operator,	\$ 34064.88
*Landfill Operator,	\$ 23357.32
*Landfill Operator,	\$ 30368.16
Recycling Coordinator,	\$ 12012.93
*Public Health Nurse,	\$ 53623.99
*Public Health Admin Asst.,	\$ 29639.65
Public Health PT Help,	\$ 19484.32
Useful Public Service Coordinator,	\$ 3020.95

Useful Public Service Coordinator,	\$ 4289.33
*Veteran's Service Officer,	\$ 20194.56
Extension Secretary,	\$ 3070.00
*Extension Secretary,	\$ 42179.80
*County Sheriff,	\$ 66600.00
*Under-Sheriff,	\$ 56280.00
*Sheriff Administrative Asst.	\$ 37943.98
*Sheriff Code Enforcement Officer,	\$ 0
*Court Security Officer,	\$ 46952.76
*Deputy Sheriff,	\$ 40589.87
*Deputy Sheriff,	\$ 24347.40
*Deputy Sheriff,	\$ 45164.89
*Deputy Sheriff,	\$ 12771.40
*Deputy Sheriff,	\$ 14535.33
*Deputy Sheriff,	\$ 39665.49
*Deputy Sheriff,	\$ 47709.15
*Deputy Sheriff,	\$ 48717.94
*Deputy Sheriff,	\$ 23123.17
*Detention Sergeant,	\$ 40677.94
*Detention Officer,	\$ 17209.84
*Detention Officer,	\$ 3556.50
*Detention Officer,	\$ 28226.23
*Detention Officer,	\$ 15990.37
*Detention Officer,	\$ 12048.60
*Detention Officer,	\$ 28940.61
*Detention Officer,	\$ 14283.84
*Detention Officer,	\$ 9544.52
*Detention Officer,	\$ 17960.63

EMERGENCY SERVICES

*Communications Dispatch Supervisor,	\$ 37619.56
*Communications Dispatcher	\$ 13254.48
*Communications Dispatcher	\$ 2811.96
*Communications Dispatcher	\$ 30529.38
*Communications Dispatcher	\$ 6987.36
*Communications Dispatcher	\$ 3488.16
*Communications Dispatcher	\$ 15352.75
*Communications Dispatcher	\$ 33140.29
*Communications Dispatcher	\$ 6154.44
*Communications Dispatcher	\$ 7053.51
*Office of Emergency Management Director	\$ 33534.73

ROAD & BRIDGE

*Supervisor,	\$ 65365.32
*Asst. Supervisor,	\$ 64304.52
*Asst. Supervisor,	\$ 56573.02
*Administrative Asst.	\$ 11143.74
*Administrative Asst.	\$ 24204.00
*Mechanic,	\$ 60696.62
*Mechanic,	\$ 42074.20
*Operator,	\$ 32870.93
*Operator,	\$ 31770.78
*Operator,	\$ 10774.66
*Operator,	\$ 53781.37
PT Operator,	\$ 352.50
*Operator,	\$ 32941.41
*Operator,	\$ 8532.70
*Operator,	\$ 34243.84
*Operator,	\$ 25687.44
*Operator,	\$ 13078.00
*Operator,	\$ 33854.82
*Operator,	\$ 11830.60
*Operator,	\$ 19340.53
*Operator,	\$ 1370.00
Custodian,	\$ 2223.60

HUMAN SERVICES

*Director,	\$ 72406.44
*Social Caseworker,	\$ 58074.96
*Caseworker,	\$ 32220.00
*IM/Legal Tech,	\$ 63496.96
*Case Service Aide,	\$ 18503.40
*Case Manager,	\$ 20243.76

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2011131

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to

LILLIE CRAIG
LILLIE HENDERSON

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 18th day of November A.D. 2011, the then County Treasurer of the County of Custer, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Virginia L Enslow Revocable Trust DTD 7/12/00, the following described real estate situate in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 156 BLOCK 12 SAN ISABEL CITY, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SW1/4 NE1/4 N1/2 SE1/4 SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 69 WEST OF THE 6TH PM ACCORDING TO A CERTAIN MAP RECORDED AS NUMBER #62477, MARCH 23, 1928, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OF CUSTER COUNTY

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Virginia L Enslow Revocable Trust DTD 7/12/00;

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2010;

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Lillie Craig for said year 2010;

That said Virginia L Enslow Revocable Trust DTD 7/12/00, on the 26th day of August, 2016, the present holder of said certificate, (who) has made a request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said Virginia L Enslow Revocable Trust DTD 7/12/00 at 10:00 o'clock AM., on the 1st day of June, A.D. 2017, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 2nd day of February, A.D. 2017.

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer

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Westcliffe, Colorado

Custer County BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Workshop

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017
1:30 PM

Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /Commissioners Room

Marijuana Ordinance

NOTICE TO PUBLIC: To meet publishing deadlines, all agenda items must be submitted either by calling the Commissioners Office at 719-783-2552; in writing to the Commissioner's Office at PO Box 150, Westcliffe, CO 81252, or by e-mail to brenda@custercountygov.com no later than 9:00 AM on the Monday of the week prior to the BOCC meeting. Items not submitted in time may be tabled for one month so they may be properly published. True emergency items will be heard. (Audio recordings of the BOCC meetings are available for public review or purchase for \$10 per CD.)

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Bobcats Grab Big Win Against Pioneers

by Jim Silver

The Custer County boys basketball team was in firm control of their game against the visiting team, showing a lot of poise in driving to the basket and seeing that pay off in putting points on the scoreboard. Billy Berry came on strong against the Cripple Creek-Victor Pioneers, handling the ball with real authority. Berry led the Bobcats in scoring with 31 points. Kobe Lewsader and Dylan Schoch were next in line, each with 8. Off to a great start, the Bobcats led the Pioneers 22-7 in the first quarter and 34-23 at the half. The ‘Cats never let up, winning 57-38.

Custer County started the game short-handed with just a two-man bench. Michael Batson, usually a starter, was absent due to a choir trip. David Kinsey started the game as usual but left early in the first quarter with an ankle injury.

Coach Byerly was able to play his younger freshman and sophomore team members, Hunter Speer and Cash Rowley. Of the six available for action after Kinsey’s injury, all contributed to team points scored. Besides those already mentioned, Kinsey scored 2 before he went down, Rowley—4, Lewenkamp—2, and Speer—2. Berry also led the team in rebounds with 20, followed by Lewsader with 7 and Schoch with 6. This was a good night for the Bobcats (but for David Kinsey’s injury)!

The teams traveled most of the way to New Mexico on Saturday to take on Antonito in a non-conference game. The Bobcats were always within striking distance in this low-scoring contest, behind just 11-16 at half-time. They stayed within reach throughout the game, but fell behind to a final score of 32-44. Billy Berry scored 19 points and



Standing L to R: Ast. Coaches Joy Parrish and Isaac Selden, Dylan Schoch, Billy Berry, Kobe Lewsader, David Kinsey, Michael Batson, and Coach Shannon Byerly. Front L to R: Patrick Post, Hunter Speer, Chad Lewenkamp, and Cash Rowley.

Photo by Jim Silver

pulled down 25 rebounds, and Kobe Lewsader followed next with 12 points and 8 rebounds.

The Bobcats taper to one game this week, taking on Crested Butte in the west gym this Friday, February 10th. This is being called a

“throwback” game, being played in the old gym with the players wearing old 70s uniforms—should be fun for players and spectators alike.

A week later Center will play here for Custer County’s FINAL HOME GAME

on February 17th. A second game that weekend will end the regular season, as the Bobcats travel to Cripple Creek-Victor for a repeat match-up.

(See the Coaches Corner on page 7.)
GO BOBCATS!

Trump Petitioned to Reinstate the Colorado Army Officer Court Martialed For Questioning Obama’s Birth Certificate

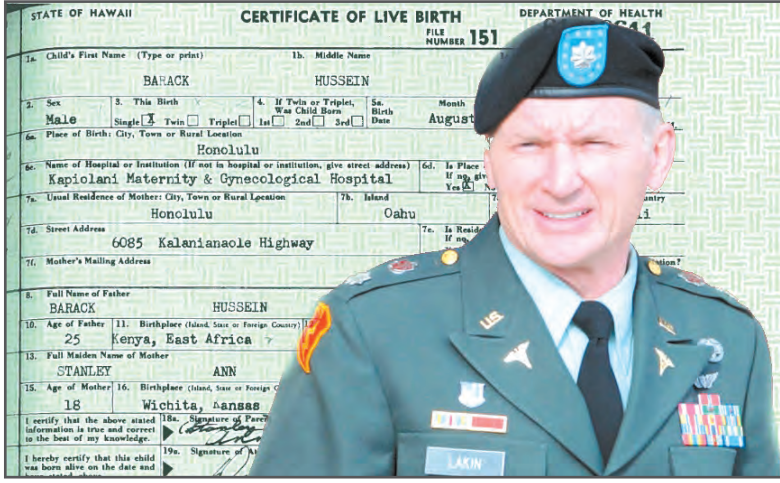
by Tim Brown,
FreedomOutpost.com

(Editor/GG: Mr. Lakin lives in Southern Colorado and is a frequent visitor to Custer County.)

A petition to reinstate a former U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel who refused to be deployed because he questioned the authenticity of Barack Hussein Obama Soetoro Sobarkah’s birth certificate and his eligibility to hold the office of president based on a fraudulent document.

The petition was listed at the petitions section of WhiteHouse.gov on January 21, 2017. It reads:

The former Lt. Col. Terrence Lakin was a highly-decorated Army flight surgeon who questioned whether or not the orders he received from Obama were legitimate. Court-martialed, imprisoned, expelled from the Army and denied pay, pension and benefits, Terry was merely following his officer’s oath and constitutional duty. It is an outrage that this was allowed to happen. Obama refused to answer Terry’s letter and ended up producing a forged birth certificate. Terry who was a medical doctor is a valuable asset to the American military and the fact that his military chain of command and his congressional representatives allowed him to be



Southern Colorado resident Terrence Lakin who went to federal military prison for asking questions.

Courtesy photo

court-martialed and run out of the army is an outrage for all Americans. This grave injustice needs to be addressed and corrected ASAP.

Lakin refused to obey deployment orders, arguing that Obama had not documented his eligibility for the presidency under Article 2, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution.

“What I do not understand and still don’t,” he writes in his book *Officer’s Oath: Why my Vow to Defend the Constitution Demanded that I Sacrifice my Career*, “is why Obama did not just come forward

with his key documents and be done with it. Instead, he ordered all of his important records to be kept under seal.”

Lakin’s book is a tell all firsthand account of his faith and patriotism which ended up resulting in a court-martial, imprisonment and the stripping of all military rank and privileges, including his Army pension.

All of this happened because he challenged Barack Obama’s eligibility. In reading this, one has to ask the question why would Barack

Obama allow a fine military man like this to go to jail when he could have simply provided the documentation and that soldier would have done his duty.

Lt. Col. Lakin pointed out that the documents released by the White House were digital scans and not official documents that would be acceptable as evidence in a court proceeding.

“So tell me: Who has something to hide?” Lakin asks. “It would seem to be President Obama, and sooner or later the voters of this country are going to make it clear that his stonewalling cannot continue.”

Lakin said he was compelled by his officer’s oath to uphold and defend the Constitution after he was ordered to deploy to Afghanistan.

For those who think Lakin was some “birther” who was making up nonsense, consider that he was required by his deployment orders to bring five copies of his birth certificate.

“I had read the orders several times and had glossed over a detail that had previously seemed routine, but this time I felt like Wile E. Coyote getting smacked by an anvil,”

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“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

John 15:12 NKJV



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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 FRAGILE RED LINE

Last November the American voters established a "red line" connecting the U.S. Capitol with the White House. Many of us were thrilled about what might be accomplished with that unified control. Nothing is guaranteed but it gave us real hope. Now, we thought, real change will happen and conservative values and principles will be restored as Congress and the new president work together. President Bush (43) had unified control and failed. President Obama had unified control and failed. We hope that President Trump will not fail. That, however, will not be up to him alone. The voters put Donald J. Trump in the White House mainly because he was NOT a dip-

lomat, a statesman or a politician. We overlooked his idiosyncrasies because he is a man of action, a doer, and if he is not undermined, he will accomplish many things for the American people. But the "red line" is thin and fragile. Establishment politicians are everywhere.

Americans gave the Republicans the trifecta power to stop the country from the path it was on after eight years of feckless and harmful leadership. We elected the Republicans to do several specific things. In no particular order, because they are all important, we expect President Trump and the Republican-controlled U.S. Congress to accomplish the following:

Improve the economy and put people back to work; lower taxes; reduce the size and control of government; strengthen the military; enhance our safety and security; stop illegal and dangerous immigration; and fix the broken health care INSURANCE program known as Obamacare. If President Trump and the Republicans do those things they will be in power and control for many years. They will be undefeatable for decades. If they don't accomplish those things they will give their power and control right back to the Democrats.

Many are already starting to parse words and argue over the smallest of details about each of those tasks. We know that's what the biased main stream media will gleefully do. And we can count on the Democrats to vigorously oppose everything President Trump does and everything he says. That is to be expected. Conservatives must, however, stay focused on the tasks. There are already

arguments and disputes over words like fence versus wall, or the methods that someone might pay for something and what "immediately" means. Most of us know that nothing gets done in Washington D.C. very fast. The important thing is that things get done. Forget the bickering about 100 days, 200 days or even two years. Just get them started and follow through. Ignore the expected opposition from the Democrats. Just march on and accomplish the much needed improvements for America and all Americans.

Sadly cracks are already beginning to show in the "red line." We hope the Republican Congress can get over any pettiness and understand why they must stay unified. Yes, President Trump is not always polished. Yes, there have been rookie mistakes. Yes, he is stirring up a hornet's nest, one that really needed stirring. Republicans all over Congress are starting to whine and cry about his agenda. "It's too soon", or

"it's too quick", or "we must not be tough on and too demanding of our friends and allies so they can continue to treat us with disrespect." This bickering must stop. Already the term "loyal opposition" is showing up. What is going on? Senator John McCain (R-AZ) rushes over to the Australian Ambassador to apologize because President Trump said what needed to be said – it was a dumb deal. Senator McCain was wrong to do that and just might be the de facto leader of that loyal opposition. The Senate Republicans need to stop playing patty cake with the Democrats and rally their full support around the President. Move the agenda along as quickly as possible and America will start flourishing again. Stop spending borrowed money and quit over-controlling the citizens and we will all be pleased how great America will again become. The "red line" is fragile, yes. Just don't break it. Don't fail the American people this time. It might be your last opportunity.



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Voter Fraud, Now and Then

I have not one disagreement with George Roof. (*see editor's note*) My attention was drawn to the election fraud comments. There is not one shred of doubt in my mind that there is an enormous amount of election fraud in America. I believe that sometime in the next four years that there will be study results from the White House that will show that Trump is correct. I'm two years older than Donald and we were raised in the same area. He in Queens and me in Jersey City, NJ. Jersey City is in Hudson County which borders the Hudson River from the harbor to five miles south of the George Washington Bridge. Hudson County is a liberal strong hold and has been one since I was born in 1944. We all accepted that the dead voted regularly and in large numbers. No one born and raised in Jersey City would ever deny this reality.

I remember the presidential election year of 1956 very well. We lived in Jersey City in the first home my parents owned. On election day, my parents' polling place was in a school around the block from the house. My father was working late and he called

home to ask my mother to wait for him to come home and they could go together to vote. He assured her that he would be home before the polls closed. Twenty minutes before the polls closed, my folks made the two-minute walk to the polls while I baby-sat my two younger siblings. At about 8:15 p.m., I could hear mom and dad coming in because my father was screaming and cursing. They walked into the kitchen where my mother had my fathers reheated dinner and she kept trying to calm him down.

My father was a naturalized citizen having immigrated from Italy at the age of 12 years old. He still is the proudest American that I have ever known. For him, voting was a cherished right. Arriving at the polls a few minutes before they closed, both he and my mother discovered that they had already voted. That year Eisenhower was running for re-election against Adlai Stevenson, the man who he had defeated in 1952. My parents were both registered Democrats at the time and would have likely voted for Stevenson/Kefauver anyway, but it seems that the Democratic Party bosses

just voted for registered citizens that failed to make it to the polls on time. My father caused a pretty big scene at the polls and the "poll watchers" just let him vote again. This did not cool him down however, and he was still outraged when they arrived home. To the best on my knowledge, my father was the first in the family to become a Republican in 1960. He loved Richard Nixon and hated Jack Kennedy. I've no doubt that his experience four years earlier greased the skids.

While this is anecdotal, I believe with all my heart that the Democrat party cheats every election. They will always cheat and both The Donald and I know it.

Joe Cascarelli
Westcliffe, CO

(Asst. Editor/llv: Chief Master Sergeant George Roof (Retired) wrote a piece being titled "Presidents I've known" He posted it on his Facebook page on November 14, 2016. It went viral. To see his original post, goto https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=1831459320470151&id=100008183015211)

“Using California as a Model for Stupidity...”

A letter to Representative Jim Wilson HD 60

Good morning Jim Wilson:

I recently read that a misguided "representative" in State government wants to introduce legislation to make Colorado a sanctuary state. Such a ludicrous idea cannot be allowed to develop. When the electoral map is shown for the recent election, it is embarrassing to see "blue state" Colorado surrounded by "red states".

Mistakes like legalized marijuana have already contributed significantly to ruining our states reputation - increasing crime, increasing law enforcement cost, becoming a magnet state for "ne'er-do-wells".

We should not be using California as a model for stupidity and follow them down the progressive sinkhole.

We need to re-establish our state's reputation as a great, safe place to live and raise a family, a state that enforces laws (local, state and federal), and does not harbor and support illegal aliens using public dollars to provide aid and comfort.

Thank you for listening. I hope you agree with my statements and I urge you to work tirelessly to defeat progressive, sanctuary nonsense.

William Parker
Westcliffe, CO



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“At Your Name” lyrics by Phil Wickham

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"We the People" Speak Letters to the Editor Land Grab; 1.65 Million Acres

Letter to the Editor:

The Antiquities Act of 1906 needs to be repealed. No President should have the power of the pen to establish a national monument. Anyone who enjoys using public lands or waters should be concerned about any new monument designations, since those designations could very well restrict or prohibit use of that land or water, including such activities as fishing, mining, oil and gas drilling, logging or rock-

hounding. Shortly before President Obama left office, he designated 1.65 million acres in Utah and Nevada as national monuments. No President should have such power over local land use.

Federal designations such as wilderness area, national monument, or national park are meant to prohibit humans from using the area in some ways, such as hunting in national parks, or using a game cart to haul big game out of a wilderness area. Maybe it would be better

if federal lands and waters; i.e. BLM, Forest Service, Wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, federal grasslands, ocean fishing areas, national parks, etc. remained under federal ownership, but were managed by local governments. Perhaps the locals would protect small portions of the property, while keeping most of it open to the public.

*Paul Hatfield
Castle Rock, Colorado*

The BIG RIDE is On!



Cowgirls Jean White and Debra Thomson.

by Fred Hernandez

In mid-July this year the big adventure begins when two riders from Custer County ride the Colorado Trail from Denver to Durango. Riding for a cause to raise funds for the Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources the cowgirls will take about fifty days to

accomplish their mission. The grueling trek is almost 500 miles on horseback through the high country with elevations from eight to thirteen thousand feet. Cowgirls Jean White and Debra Thomson have been planning this exciting adventure for more than a year. Slowly but surely it is taking a life of its own

Photo by Fred Hernandez

as planning shifts to high gear. The *Sentinel* will bring regular updates on the progress of this most worthy undertaking. In the meantime, for more information on how to get involved to support them visit their website Cowgirlsrideforlife.com or call 719-783-9756.

Correction:

The Custer County Sheriff's Office uses the Sangre Shooting Sports Club range on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday every month. The article incorrectly stated it was the 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays of every month. The *Sentinel* regrets the mistake.

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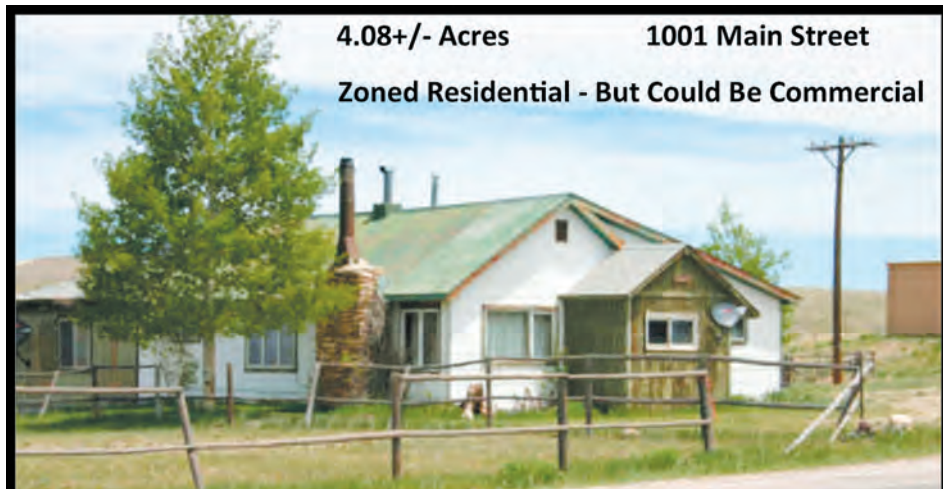
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Photo Workshop a Hit at Music Meadows Ranch

Press Release

On the last weekend of January, Music Meadows Ranch hosted two single-day workshops for American Photo Treks, LLC of Colorado Springs. David Soldano and his Photo Treks team coached 16 attendees Saturday and a new group of 16 attendees on Sunday. The photographers honed their live-action camera skills photographing a band of horses galloping toward them through the snow covered landscape, while the historic barn full of tack provided opportunities for interesting still photos.

Owner Elin Parker Ganschow and Ranch Manager Rhoda Rusher spent the days expertly maneuvering the herd to present the group the best opportunities with their cameras. Photo Treks held their first such workshop at Mu-

sic Meadows a year ago and it was such a success, Soldano states that people began asking about another winter workshop at Music Meadows six months ago. When the 2017 date was announced, the class filled up immediately, prompting a second class to be offered which also quickly sold out. Workshop participants were from the Front Range and joined at americanphototreks.com with a "meet-up" venue.

Attendees secured lodging locally and Music Meadows served a continental breakfast following the group's sunrise session at Beckwith Ranch. Elin and good friend Phyllis Coletta (McConnel), formerly of the valley, also prepared the delicious fare, which included Parker chile and homemade tomato pastrami soup made with none other than Sangres Best



Music Meadows Ranch.

grass finished beef. Elin says of Phyllis, "In addition to encouraging and supporting my efforts, Phyllis is a work-horse in the kitchen, bringing the whole event together with a smile." Elin was also pleased to secure the services of Greg Smith – imediSmith.com, to document the event through his own camera lens.

In spite of frozen pipes at the ranch, Elin says that the event was a great success and a whole lot of fun, along with the intense work. Soldano stated,

"Partnering with Music Meadows Ranch was a wonderful experience. Elin and her team worked hard to help us create photos that will be treasured for a lifetime. Plus, we had a blast! Our guests can't stop raving and are already asking about doing it again."

Locals wishing to participate in future workshops may stay informed by signing up for the Music Meadows newsletter, following us on Facebook or checking the events section of our website, musicmeadows.com.

Courtesy Photo

Obituary Trudi Jo Moore

Trudi Jo Moore, 39 years old, of Jordan Valley, Oregon, went to heaven on February 3, 2017.

Trudi was born June 1, 1977, to Clint and Cindy Seiling. She graduated from Custer County High School in Westcliffe, CO, in 1995. Trudi married Danny Moore who she loved for many years, on September 10, 2016. Trudi and Danny had a very beautiful small ceremony in a vineyard in Oregon. Trudi loved being on the ranches they lived on in Colorado, Oklahoma and Oregon, especially Oregon where she met her greatest friends.

Trudi is survived by her husband Danny Moore; parents Clint and Cindy Seiling of Westcliffe; sister and brother-in-law Audrey and Shane Patterson, nieces and nephews, Allison and Caleb Berumen and Wade and Samantha Patterson of Commerce City; grandmothers Joann Seiling of LeVeta; and Myrtle Schulze of Westcliffe, mother and father-in-law,



Tom and Barbara Moore of Jordan Valley; step son and wife, Tyrell and Kate Moore and their children Keaton and Amorita of Jordan Valley; Danny's sister Sheridan and Ryan Howe of Marsing, nieces Jordan Bruce of Nampa and Atira Moore of Marsing, along with many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services for Trudi will be held at the high school in Jordan Valley OR, at 2 p.m., followed by a burial on Sunday February 12, 2017.

A memorial service will be held at Lange Hall in Westcliffe Colorado on Saturday February 18th at 1 p.m.



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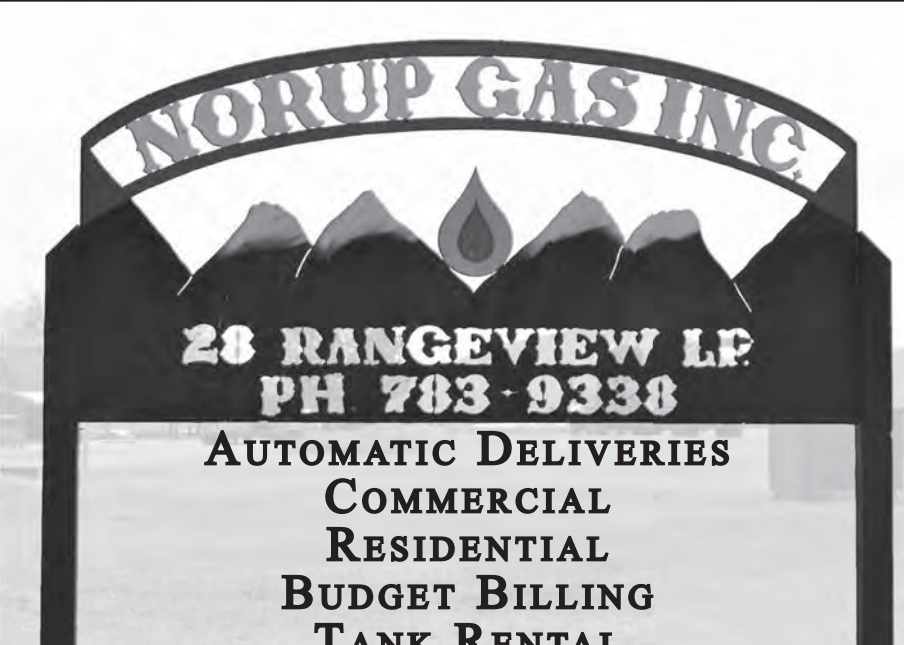
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Girls B Team back row from left: Eryn Lemoine, Bailey Sluder, Katelyn Canon, Brooke Flynn, Katie Wilkinson, Sheyenne Shy, Paige Lorenzen, Emma Rusk, Kylie Carter, Morgan Foster, Kaya Huffman, Samantha Gray, Alexa Elliott, and Kaylie Jones. Front row from left: Assistant Coach Keely Smith and Head Coach Laura Bachman.



Girls C Team back row from left: Assistant Coach Keely Smith, Kylee Morrell, Bailey Sluder, Andrea Wofford, and Head Coach Laura Bachman. Middle from left: Raina Rusch, Portia Arrigo, and Onna Hawkins. Front row from left: Sheyenne Shy, Brooke Bomgardner, and Ashlyn Desmond.



Boys MS Team back row from left: Coach Eric Thompson, Tony Tomassoni, Sam Babcock, Dillon Kinsey, Andrew Slawski, Matthew Kienbusch, Jake Lafary, Breydon Chippis, and Wesley Curtis. Middle row from left: Joey Arnone, Weston Jones, Ben Penkoff, Garrett Stepanich, Chad Lewis, and JD Morris. Front row from left: AJ Stoltzfus, Zach Fischer, Tucker Jewell, Ty Bomgardner, Wyatt Aldrich, and Cameron Penkoff.



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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

/s/
Gregory L. Watkins Reg. No. 25800
Attorney for Plaintiffs

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Custer County School District C-1

Regular School Board Meeting: Library
February 14, 2017 – 4:30 pm

Happy Valentine’s Day!

“For the good of the students of Custer County Schools”

AGENDA

- Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call – Board Attendance
- Approval of Agenda
- Correspondence to the Board: Dr. Terre Davis
- General Public Comment Session - Comments will be limited to 3 minutes, Admin Response (If Needed)
- Bobcat Pride Certificate(s): Mark Payler / Dr. Terre Davis
- Consent Agenda
 - Acceptance: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 17, 2017
- Reports from Students/Staff: Prom Status – Roberta Eggleston
- District Financial Report – Monthly Overview – Amy Perschbacher
- Reports from Public: Excellence in Education (Lori Short), Accountability (Shelly Penkoff)
- Board Committee Reports: Accountability, BOCES, FFA, Legislative, Preschool Advisory Committee
- Action/Informational Items:
 - Information: Bond/Mill Levy Overrides: Don Diones, GK Baum
 - Information: BOCES/EARRS Coordinator Introduction: Melinda Ruzanski
 - At-Risk High School Student Summer Camp and 9th Grade Outdoor Adventure Camp: Mark Payler / Melinda Ruzanski on Behalf of the Mentor Committee
 - Approval / Personnel: Jenna Smith – Resignation;
 - Approval: CDOT Easement Donation (Pending Forms and Specific Information): Mark Payler
 - Approval: Check Vouchers & Financial Reports - Amy Perschbacher
 - Approval: Tax Exempt Lease Purchase Financing of a School Bus: Mark Payler/ Dave Bennett
 - Acceptance: Agreement for Emergency Facility Usage – Mark Payler/ Monty Lee
 - Informational and/or Approval: By-Laws of Custer County Schools (Scanned & Corrected?) – Terre Davis / Monty Lee (Thanks to Mr. Lee for scanning this document)
 - Approval: Mileage Reimbursement – Amy Perschbacher
- Principal’s Reports:
 - Elementary/Middle School: Holly Anderson
 - Secondary/AD: Jack Christensen
- Superintendent’s Report - Mark Payler
- Items introduced by Board Members
- General Public Comment Session (Comments limited to 3 minutes)
- Looking Ahead: Regular Board Meeting, March 14, 2017
 - Strategic Planning Committee: February 15, 2017 at 4:30 pm (library)
 - Superintendent Evaluation (March)
 - Administration Contract for SY 2017-18
- Adjournment

Sheriff's Report...



On the dates below, there were 136 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 7 to EMS, and 1 to the Fire Department. As of February 4th, there were 10 males and no females in the county jail.

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CCSD: A deputy was dispatched to the Custer County School regarding a disruptive student.

Suicide Talk: A deputy was dispatched to South Street in Silver Cliff on a welfare check of an individual who posted and then subsequently removed a statement on Facebook about committing suicide.

2/1/17:
Traffic Summons: Johnny McAllister of Erwin, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

David Crist of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Brenden McBrier of Denver for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Jeannie Morton of Westcliffe for driving a motor vehicle with a license under restraint (revoked) for express consent.

Noelle Zeller of Westcliffe had a single vehicle accident on CR 129 MM 4.5 and was issued a summons for exceeding the safe speed for the road conditions.

Travis Anderson of Gardner for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Disturbance: A deputy was dispatched to a verbal disturbance on S. 6th Street in Westcliffe.

2/2/17:
Arrests: Deputies responded to Main Street in Silver Cliff on a traffic complaint. John Dennel of Pueblo, was arrested for DUI, driving while license revoked, failed to drive in single lane, protection order violation, and unlawful possession and use of a controlled substance.

Deputies responded to Cove Drive for a report on an intoxicated party destroying property. Sarah Smith of Westcliffe, was arrested for domestic

violence and criminal mischief.

2/3/17:
Traffic Summons: Kristan Curtis of Cotopaxi for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Hypothermia: EMS was dispatched to Lea Lane in Westcliffe for a female suffering from hypoxemia. The patient was transported to St. Thomas Moore Hospital in Cañon City.

2/4/17:
Traffic Summons: Warren Weber of Aguilar for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Stephen Trinastick of Silver Cliff for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Mathew Vasile of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Theft: A deputy was dispatched to Bishop's Castle on Highway 165 regarding criminal trespass and 1st degree theft from a vehicle.

Drunk: A Sheriff's deputy and EMS were dispatched to Lea Lane for an intoxicated male with a laceration on his foot. The patient was transported to a hospital in Pueblo.

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Colorado State News



Gun Training for School Employees Passes State Senate

by Joey Bunch,
ColoradoPolitics.com

—February 3, 2017

After a debate that consumed much of the morning, the Colorado Senate approved a headline-making bill that creates statewide training options for teachers and staff who pack heat at school. Both the protracted debate and the approval of the Republican bill in the GOP-controlled upper chamber were anticipated.

Senate Bill 5 would allow school districts to decide

whether they want those who carry concealed weapons to help with school security to get training in a firearms course approved either by their local sheriff or any other sheriff's department in the state. Those who participate would have to have a valid concealed-carry permit and have completed a school-employee handgun-safety course that is provided by a county sheriff and approved by the school board.

The bill's sponsor, Senate Majority Leader Chris

Holbert of Parker, said the bill isn't about guns in school. State law already lets schools designate staff members to help provide security and to hire armed security.

The bill does not establish specific training requirements but instead defers to the county sheriffs to decide which curriculum for gun safety and handling is most effective.

"I understand some people say we don't need more guns in school," Holbert said Friday on the Senate floor. "But that's not Sen-

ate Bill 5, That's already law ... The question is how much training should be required."

Democrats weren't buying it and offered a series of failed amendments to move the bill to a special committee on school safety.

"Make no mistake, this bill would increase the flow of guns onto K-12 campuses," said Sen. Daniel Kagan, a Democrat from Cherry Hills Village.

"I think more guns in schools does not make chil-

dren safer," said Sen. Matt Jones, D-Louisville.

Republicans, however, contended that promoting a training regimen for concealed-carry permit holders authorized to carry on campus could provide the fastest response in a crisis involving an armed intruder.

"I think less guns in schools won't make us safer," said Sen. John Cooke, R-Greeley, a former Weld County sheriff. Cooke said schools in Weld County have implemented a similar policy successfully. He also said that as sheriff — when he

held authority over issuing the county's concealed-carry permits — the milestone 10,000th permit issued by his office was to a school teacher.

If history is any guide in a split legislature — with Republicans the majority in the Senate and Democrats in the House — the bill is unlikely to survive its journey through the lower chamber.

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Colorado's Neil Gorsuch Picked As Next U.S. Supreme Court Justice

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

President Trump officially announced that Coloradan Neil Gorsuch is his nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court. This is a pick to replace Justice Antonin Scalia, who died suddenly as a sitting justice. Here are a few facts about Gorsuch, in case the name is not familiar to you, Peak-Nation™.

Fact 1: It's going to be tough for Democrats to vote against the guy. In 2006,



Gorsuch was unanimously confirmed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Fact 2: *The Denver Post* supports his nomination, saying in an editorial: "... In considering Gorsuch's body of work and reputation — and, yes, we like his ties to Colorado as well — we hope Trump gives him the nod."

Fact 3: Reigning Godfather of the Democratic Party here in Colorado and Hillary Clinton confidante, Ken Salazar, praised Gorsuch's "sense of fairness and impartiality that is a keystone of being a judge." So, we assume the former

Secretary of the Interior will not come out swinging against Gorsuch this time either. Right?

Fact 4: Gorsuch should have bipartisan support this go-around because he had such strong bipartisan support during his first confirmation. In fact, the following Democrats supported his nomination in 2006: Sens. Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Barack Obama (D-IL), Joe Biden (D-DE), Hillary Clinton (D-NY), and Ted Kennedy (D-MA). Sen. Schumer, we assume

you're good with this pick?

Fact 5: Even the uber-liberal *Boulder Daily Camera* likes the guy. Here's what the paper wrote yesterday: "widely respected among his disproportionately liberal peers, colleagues and students in Boulder, who describe him as brilliant, thoughtful and charming." If the *Daily Camera* likes the guy, don't you think you could, too, Sen. Bennet?

Nonetheless, we certainly expect liberals in the U.S. Senate to continue their

childish behavior from earlier today in delaying the confirmation of key cabinet nominees, and, now, Judge Gorsuch. But we'd love to be pleasantly surprised once in a while.

Oh, and congratulations to Judge Gorsuch on a nomination rightly earned.

Please see: <http://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2017/01/31/envelope-please-president-trump-picks-colorado-neil-gorsuch-as-next-supreme-court-justice/>

Dems Kill Personal Property Tax Relief For Businesses

by Colorado House Republicans
Communications Office

—February 2, 2017

DENVER— Today, Democrats on the House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee, killed, on a party-line vote, Rep. Tim Leonard's (R-Evergreen) bill to provide tax relief to Colorado's business owners. Under current law, there is a \$7,300 threshold for business personal property taxes, whereby businesses with personal

property totaling less than \$7,300 in actual value do not report personal property value, but anything over that amount requires taxation on the total amount including the first \$7,300.

Leonard's bill, **House Bill 1063**, would have created a **\$50,000** business personal property tax exemption and only subjected personal property in excess of that amount to taxation starting in 2017.

"Business personal property taxes are taxes on items

inside a business, and as a business owner I know first-hand how high taxation impedes business growth," said Leonard, who owns a franchise coffee shop. "This bill would have reduced taxes and relieved businesses from an onerous tax, giving owners more money to expand, increase wages and add jobs in Colorado."

Republicans in both the House and Senate have made tax relief for Colorado businesses a priority this legislative session.

"Takin' It To The House..."

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

by Rep. Jim Wilson, HD 60

—February 5, 2017

The 120 days that make up the 71st Colorado General Assembly have counted down to 94 days remaining. The pace continues to quicken as the early days of organization and prioritization have given way to committee hearings and debates. The frenzied tempo will only continue to ramp up as the Senate and House will deal with over 600 bills throughout the remainder of the session!

A topic that has been front

and center in my world this past week has been the plight of the elk and deer in the Gunnison basin. I serve as one of the co-chairs of the Sportsman's Caucus at the Capitol (a bi-partisan group of both male and female legislators interested in the management of all wildlife in Colorado). A great deal of our meeting this past month was spent discussing the impact of heavy snows on the health of elk and deer. The truth lies somewhere between the Colorado Parks & Wildlife's (CPW) approach of "We've got it under control" and



the hunting groups' view of "They are beginning to drop like flies."

The epicenter of the debate is over baiting the animals

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Colorado Senate Bill Update

—February 4, 2017

From the office of Senator
Larry Crowder, SD 35

SB17-009: Business Personal Property Tax Exemption

SB17-009 increases allowable deductions of personal property tax **from \$7,300, via committee amendment, to \$10,000** for the **next two property tax years**, and adjusts it for inflation for subsequent property tax cycles. SB17-009 will encourage more business-friendly investment in Colorado. That would mean more jobs, wages and benefits for Colorado's citizens,

more goods and services at lower prices for Colorado consumers, and higher profits for Colorado business owners that will help stimulate the local economy. SB17-009, sponsored by Sen. Crowder, passed in the Senate Committee on Finance on January 2, 2017 in a 4-1 vote, and has now been referred to the Appropriations Committee.

SB17-091: Allow Medicaid Home Health Services in the Community

The current law reads that "an eligible person in his place of residence" may receive services. This lan-

guage does not appear to allow such services to be provided in a community setting outside of the home. SB17-091 will allow Medicaid clients the flexibility to receive medical home health services in the community as well as their residence which will create client flexibility. For example, if a client has significant medical needs but is able to work they can find an agency that would be willing to send Medicaid services to their work instead of having to go home to receive

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Dems Kill Judicial Transparency Bill

by Colorado House Republicans
Communications Office

DENVER—Today, and for the third session in a row, House Democrats killed legislation that sought to bring judicial branch transparency more in-line with the executive and legislative branches of government. The bill, House Bill 1029, sponsored by Representative Polly Lawrence (R-Roxborough Park), would have held the judicial branch to the same

transparency standards established by the Colorado Open Records Act as the other two government branches, while still allowing for provisions to deny access to civil or administrative investigation records, or records related to trade secrets or other confidential information.

House Bill 1029 was killed 6-3, on a party-line vote, in the House State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee.

"The legislative branch has

the sole constitutional authority to create laws not the judicial branch, and I am disappointed that for a third year in a row, Democrats failed to acknowledge the inequitable transparency in this branch of government and failed to support legislation to correct it," said Lawrence. "Certainly there are protections unique to the judicial branch, but it should absolutely be held to the same standard of accountability and transparency that taxpayers deserve in Colorado."

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Paul Asaro

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Press Release

Fremont County Community Concert Association is proud to present Paul Asaro/Stride Piano on Monday, February 20th, at 7 p.m. in the Cañon City High School Auditorium.

Paul Asaro is known as one of the finest of a select group of pianists performing the demanding two-handed jazz and ragtime piano styles from the first half of the 20th Century. In a career now spanning two decades, Paul has performed at theaters and clubs worldwide. The Stride piano, New Orleans style, ragtime, stomps, boogie

woogie and swing, Asaro plays them all with a fine ear for detail, blending the elements into his own personal style.

Tickets are available at the door: adults - \$20, students (K – 6th grade) \$7, (7 – 12th grade) \$12. The student’s ticket price includes this concert as well as another concert in April. Groups of 12 or more – \$12 per person (call ahead). Visit www.fremontcountyconcerts.org and www.paulasaro.com to access additional information and audio/video clips, or contact Paula McFarland 275-0144 or Phyllis Koroshetz 275-9616.

St. Scholastica Has Been Put on Notice

by Barbara Penezic

St. Scholastica Academy, located at 615 Pike Avenue, was once a thriving part of Cañon City history. In fact, according to an internet source The Benedictine Sisters bought the building and grounds of the vacant military school from Mary Virginia Macon on May 14, 1890, for \$15,000. Improvements were made to the large three-story building and the former military school was opened under the new name of Mount St. Scholastica Academy in September 1890. Four nuns and a principal operated the academy without incident until 1895 when the building was nearly

destroyed by a blast that blew out windows, cracked walls and unsettled the roof. The blast was caused when workers digging a tunnel near the hogbacks of nearby Skyline Drive, used more explosives than needed.

The academy remained a viable part of the community until 2008, however, now it sits vacant and decaying. Neighbors in the area have filed numerous complaints about the unkempt property. There has been much damage to the building due to vandals and there has even been a drug bust on the grounds.

The current owners have been put on notice according to Mayor Troutman.

The 6.9-acre property will be boarded up.

“We are going to fence it. We’re going to board it up if they don’t change their ways,” Troutman continued, “We are going to bill them and lien the property, and I am dead serious!”

The property is for sale and the price has been reduced by 50 percent still there have been no takers. St. Scholastica does not stand alone. Many of the buildings in our community date from the 1800s and maintaining and modernizing these old buildings just doesn’t excite potential buyers.

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- **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 \$3 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.

Feb. 11, The Cañon City Music & Blossom Festival will host its **15th annual Chocolate Lovers Walk** from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., starting at 1101 Main St. behind Ann’s Serenity Day Spa. Tickets can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce at 403 Royal Gorge Blvd. or at 275-2331; Ann’s Serenity Day Spa at 1101 Main St. or by calling 269-9994.

Feb. 1, Cañon Rose Acoustic Society will feature **Phil Volan and Jolene Bell in concert** at 7 p.m. at the Fourmile Community Building at the corner of Steinmeier and E. Main St.

Sunday, February 12th, The Recital Series at Christ Episcopal Church presents: **ROCK AND ROLL TENDENCIES. JIM BOSSE** Classical Guitar **JOYCE HANAGAN** Oboe - a program of Jim’s arrangements of popular rock songs including songs by Simon and Garfunkel, the Beatles and Billy Joel. Sunday, February 12th, 2:00pm at Christ Episcopal Church, 802 Harrison Ave. Cañon City. Plan to attend the "Meet and Greet" reception in the church hall after the recital. Tickets: Adults \$10.00 Students Free. Tickets are available at the door the afternoon of the recital. For more information - Call 719.429.7551

Feb. 13, Pamper Your Heart will be featured from 4:30-7 p.m. at Evangelical Free Church. Sponsored by St. Thomas More Hospital, join them for a free heart healthy dinner, presentations by health experts, a variety of heart health screenings, education and resources. Register online at stmhospital.org/calendar or call 285-2179.

February 20, Frenont County Community Concert Association presents **Paul Asaro/Stride Piano**. See Article on this page.

February 26, Orchard of Hope’s Gourmet Sampler will feature various delights from local restaurants, eateries, storefronts and caterers at two difference settings. For times and ticket information, call 275-0089.



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Civil Unrest and The Revolution

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, Americans lived through a time of civil unrest. Mixed in with the much needed civil rights movement were those who wanted to destroy America. Fortunately, gains were made in civil rights. Unfortunately, those wanting to destroy America continued to grow. What we see today is a product of those times, only far more radical and violent. It seems that the majority of protesters don't even know what they are protesting. They are just exercising their right to protest. An angry minority are latching on to whatever propaganda they can to believe it enough to protest, and they are being used. Still another radical minority knows their end goal—cause enough strife to foment revolution.

Since the beginning of our nation, people have been trying to bring it down. Today, they are more vocal and radical than ever. Today, our freedoms of speech and religion are being threatened by bullies who accuse those who disagree with them from the content of their own heart. They proclaim they are exercising their right to freedom of speech, but when someone disagrees, he is beaten by mobs and/or labeled with some kind of "ist" or "obe". Those in disagreement are not afforded their rights to free speech because in the eyes of the radicals, dissenters of the radical mantra are wrong. More and more they are emerging as groups linked together by a common cause—America must go down.

What do radical homosexual groups and radical Islamic groups have in common? In reality, homosexuals in Islamic countries are beaten, tortured

and killed. But they were allied in the Women's March in Washington, DC. What is the common thread that binds them together long enough to trash our nation's capital with words and litter? They want to see America go down and be remade into their own image. Islam wants an Islamic America. Homosexuality wants an America that submits to their sexual orientation. I guess if they were able to take America down, they would have to fight it out as to who gets their way—Islam who wishes all homosexuals dead, or homosexuals who want Islam to accept them.

We as Christian Americans must speak into this morass. Somewhere, somehow, the light of Christ needs to shine. It starts with knowing the facts and being able to speak to them. These anarchists run on emotion, making the half-truths into facts, then into battle cries. We need to be armed with the facts and also, as Romans 14:16 says, "Let not then your good be evil spoken of." We need to be firm. Remember Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." This spiritual wickedness manifests itself in flesh and blood, but originates in the principalities of darkness. Let's, having done all, stand, as we are not to be overcome by evil, but to overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21).

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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The Cloud Party Declares War

by The Zman

When the Muslim Brotherhood "won" the 2012 election in Egypt, most of the world just assumed Egypt was going to go down the road to Islamism. Either a slow trot like we have seen with Turkey or perhaps a faster pace into something closer to Iran. That did not happen. Instead, Egypt ground to a halt as the civil service and military, which are intertwined, refused to cooperate with the new government. The result was a sort of coordinated work slowdown and the Brotherhood got the blame for it.

That was not the only reason the Brotherhood failed. They had no idea how to run a country and they never had the depth of support

"...repealing ObamaCare was just talk. They were planning for surrender..."

they assumed. Still, the bureaucracy set itself to stymieing Morsi, so they simply stop functioning. People still showed up for work and manned their posts, but they got nothing done. It was a good lesson in how a modern country works, even one on the fringe of modernity. Real power is not in the office, but in control of the system. He who controls the bureaucracy controls the nation.

That comes to mind after Trump has been in office for little more than two weeks. His initial flurry of executive orders has dominated the news cycles, simply because of the infantile theatrics of the Left. Adult toddlers throwing tantrums at the local airport makes for good TV, especially when the people covering it are toddlers themselves. What has gone unnoticed is the fact that the Republicans appear to have settled on a strategy similar to the Egyptian bureaucracy.

They will slow walk everything Trump wants out of Congress.

So far, the Senate has approved the national security appointments because to do otherwise would make them look bad. The education secretary is still bottled up for some reason.

"The 472 counties that Clinton won last year ... account for 64 percent of the nation's wealth, while the 2584 counties that Trump won accounted for the remaining 36 percent."

Allegedly, everyone in the GOP would just as soon scrap DoE, but they are making a big issue of this nominee. The AG nomination has similarly been slow walked by the Senate. Of course, the traitor John McCain is stirring up trouble over the DHS appointments. The result is there will not be a full cabinet for months.

The bigger issue is the fact that the GOP Congress has no plan to repeal ObamaCare or pass tax reform. It's pretty clear that the people we thought were secretly supporting Clinton, people like Paul Ryan, really thought she was going to win, so they never bothered to prepare for this. The result is all their big talk after the election about major reforms and repealing ObamaCare was just talk. They were planning for surrender and suddenly found themselves with a President ready to sign off on major reform.

That's probably only part of it. The fact is, the leadership of the GOP has more in common with the Democrat Party than the emerging Trump Party. Despite the election results, they cannot let go of their belief that the winning hand is to turn the country into a flop house for the refuse of the rest of the world. Globalism is their creed and they will not let go of it just

because the people hate it. They are sure Trump will fail so they are going to work hard to make it happen. After all, a prophecy that does not come true is not much use.

Then there is the bureaucracy, which appears to be organizing itself in opposition to Trump in the ear-

ly going. Senior people in the State Department made a big show of quitting the other day. The acting Attorney General is instructing her department to sit on their hands over challenges to Trump's immigration orders. It's all small time and petty, but with the aid of the media it's becoming cool for the governing class to throw sand in the

"the game will be Trump picking fights and the establishment going bonkers."

gears of the Trump administration. At least that's the hope in DC.

All of this points out the underlying reality in Washington. There is the Cloud People Party and an insurgent Dirt People Party. The Cloud Party and its donor class hate Trump and the people he represents. If you look at the funding sources from both parties, it comes from areas Hillary Clinton carried 2-to-1. According to this Brookings study (<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/the-avenue/2016/11/29/another-clinton-trump-divide-high-output-america-vs-low-output-america/>), the 472 counties that Clinton won last year ac-

counted for 64 percent of the nation's wealth, while the 2584 counties that Trump won accounted for the remaining 36 percent.

There are plenty of Republicans who support Trump and a surprising number of people in the bureaucracy who know reform is long overdue. Some of the harshest critiques of the state you will hear come from people in the system. There's also the fact that Trump is proving to be an exceptional political athlete. He has a knack for baiting the media in order to gain public support for his positions. No person has moved the Overton Window further to the right than Trump has done in my lifetime. It truly is amazing.

Even so, the next year will be about the Cloud Party conspiring to undermine the Trump administration, while Trump figures out how to work around the system to undermine the system. His immigration order is a foreshadow of what is to come. Instead of looking for compromise, Team Trump will go big in order to trigger the political class and their media to overreact. This tends to turn off the public and thus turn the Cloud Party assets into liabilities, as we are seeing with these ridiculous protests.

At some point, the Cloud People will shift gears, but for now, the game will be Trump picking fights and the establishment going bonkers. This gives Trump cover to do some important stuff, like we see with the H1B executive order. While the Cloud People are wailing about the so-called Muslim ban, they did not have time to notice the order to shake up the visa program Silicon Valley uses to s***w its employees. This sort of cat and mouse game is how an insurgent party must use its speed and agility to overcome the establishment's size.

Please see: <http://thezman.com/wordpress/?p=9506>

Today, the Cloud People are increasingly insulated from the Dirt People. To the typical managerial class type, the great bulk of America is outside their field of view. In the case of the media, it is to the extreme as they live and work in the media centers.

--Zman "Two Worlds" October 12, 2016

'Clock Boy' Defamation Case Explodes in Court: Ordered to Pay Attorney Fees

by Victor Skinner,
EAGNews.org

DALLAS – Daily Wire Editor-In-Chief Ben Shapiro did nothing wrong in questioning the motives of Ahmed “Clock Boy” Mohamed, a Muslim student who was detained by police after building a “clock” that resembled a bomb, a Texas court ruled.

A Dallas County District Court judge this week dismissed a defamation lawsuit filed against Shapiro by Mohamed’s father, Mohamed Mohamed, over Shapiro’s comments about the September 2015 incident at MacArthur High School in Irving.

Ahmed Mohamed was only a few weeks into school when the then ninth-grader came to class with what he described as an “invention,” which was basically a disassembled clock that was sloppily reassembled in a pencil box.

Mohamed showed his science teacher, who advised him to put it away. Later in the day, when the clock began beeping in his English class, his teacher took action because she believed it looked like a bomb. Mohamed was detained and questioned by police and briefly charged with possessing a hoax bomb, though the charge was later dismissed.

Mohamed’s politically active father, who has ties to terrorist-sponsoring foreign regimes, then took the boy on a world tour and was photographed with wanted war criminal and Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir before visiting the White House at President Obama’s invitation. Obama tweeted support for Ahmed as police investigated the situation.

Activist groups including the Council on American Islamic Relations and others, meanwhile, accused officials of Islamophobia while the Center for Security Pol-

icy, Glenn Beck, Shapiro, Fox News and other news organizations investigated and opined on Ahmed’s story.

Many of those folks believe the case is an example of “civilization jihad” promoted by the Muslim Brotherhood.

Shapiro told Fox News’ Megyn Kelly the incident “was a setup and ... President Obama fell for it because it confirms a couple of his pre-stated biases against police and against people who he perceives to be Islamophobic.”

“Within the first forty-eight hours it was clear that this was a bit of a set-up and it was clear that the story didn’t hold together,” Shapiro said.

Mohamed “took the guts out of an old clock, you can see people do it on YouTube. He literally took the guts out of an old clock, the wiring, and he put it

HOW TO BUILD A CLOCK:

1. Buy a clock.

2. Take it apart.

3. Make it look as suspicious as possible.

4. Wait for normal people to do what should be expected.

5. Scream “islamophobia”.



6. Get international fame.

7. Get a scholarship.

8. Sue reporters and the City of Irving.

Oops, you lost that one. BAM!

inside of a pencil box and proceeded to bring that into the school and this is not the first family incident that has been like this,” Shapiro said. “His sister had an incident in 2009 that was somewhat similar.”

Mohamed eventually moved to Qatar after receiving a full scholarship to attend a school in Doha, but the boy and his father made a

special trip back to Texas during the teen’s summer break last year to file a \$15 million federal lawsuit against the city of Irving, the school district, and MacArthur High School Principal Daniel Cummings, EAGnews reports.

Mohamed Mohamed followed up with the defamation lawsuit against Shap-

iro and other conservative commentators.

On Thursday, Shapiro tweeted the court order on his motion to dismiss the case, which was “well taken and should be and is in all respects granted.”

In addition, “Shapiro is entitled to recover his attorneys’ fees, court costs, and other expenses in bringing his Motion to Dismiss and defending against Plaintiff’s claims,” the order read.

“Ben Shapiro has always been a steadfast advocate of the First Amendment and there was never any doubt he was going to stand up for his right to speak freely,” Shapiro’s attorney, Kurt Schlichter, told Townhall. “I’m very grateful that the state of Texas takes the First Amendment seriously, I only wish my own state of California would do the same, especially after the fiasco at Berkeley yesterday.”

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to get them away from the highway and actually feeding them to sustain them while the snow cover recedes. Even though we have had spring-like weather recently, the snow season is far from over. The impact of fawn loss, and does losing the fawns they are currently carrying, equate to a three-generation loss to the mule deer population! In a recent fly-over, we found that the numbers of deer are far less than the CPW’s projected numbers. Not a good picture... This week marks “Gun Week 2017” in the House. On the calendar in the State Affairs Committee (the “kill” committee in the House) are the following bills: HB 17-1036 (Concealed Carry In Public Schools); HB 17-1037 (Deadly Force Against An

Intruder At A Business); and, HB 17-1097 (Repeal Ammo Magazine Prohibition). My prediction? None of the three bills will clear the committee...

My list of bills continues to grow. I am the Prime or Co-Prime Sponsor on 12 bills to date. The key is finding bill topics that you can work across the aisle to promote. My HB 17-1098: “Tax Credit Employer-Assisted Housing Projects” is scheduled to be heard in the House Business Affairs & Labor Committee at 1:30 on Tuesday the 7th. A 2nd bill, HB 17-1070: “Study Drone Use By Public Safety Agencies”, was scheduled for Thursday. However, due to a conflict with witness testimony, it will be heard next week. Both of these bills will have a direct effect upon HD 60, as well as rural areas across the state.

Oftentimes, constituents feel that there is no consensus under the Golden Dome. Actually, we agree on far more bills than we disagree. For example, one day last week we had third and final readings on 16 bills. Fourteen of the bills passed with two or fewer “no’s”, one passed 47-17 and one was laid over for later action. Not bad for a group of legislators who supposedly cannot get along or agree on anything, huh?

If you have any questions about the session, or would like to schedule a visit to the Capitol, 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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treatment. SB17-091 will also bring Colorado into compliance with the federal rule on home health services adopted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). SB17-091, sponsored by Sen. Crowder, passed in the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services on February 1, 2017 in a unanimous 5-0 vote, and has now been referred

unamended to the Appropriations Committee.

SB17-075: Concerning Creation of a State Income Tax Deduction for Military Retirement Income

Current law stipulates \$20k up to the age of 44-64, and \$24K over the age of 65. The bill removes military retirement cap. SB17-075 will encourage military retirees to select Colorado as their home, bringing with them their workforce skills,

families, and resulting positive economic impact - and will be tangible evidence of Colorado being a military and veteran friendly and supportive state. SB17-075, sponsored by Sen. Crowder, passed in the Senate Committee on Finance on January 24, 2017 in a unanimous 5-0 vote, and has now been referred unamended to the Appropriations Committee. Though a former veteran himself, Sen. Crowder will not benefit personally from the enactment of SB17-075.

Islamic principle of Kitman: Only telling part of the truth. We are familiar with our Christinan based court system’s oath of: “THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, and NOTHING BUT THE

TRUTH”. An example of the Islamic half-truth is that “Jihad pertains to an internal struggle, not a war against Christianity”. The quran refers to jihad only 27% of the time as an internal struggle versus 73% of an external battle against infidels, that would be you, the infidel.

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U.N. Official Admits Global Warming Agenda Is Really About Destroying Capitalism

by Martin Armstrong,
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via ZeroHedge.com

A shocking statement was made by a United Nations official Christiana Figueres at a news conference in Brussels.

Figueres admitted that the Global Warming conspiracy set by the U.N.'s Framework Convention on Climate Change, of which she is the executive secretary, has a goal not of environmental activists to save

the world from ecological calamity, but to destroy capitalism. She said very casually:

"This is the first time in the history of mankind that we are setting ourselves the task of intentionally, within a defined period of time, to change the economic development model that has been reigning for at least 150 years, since the Industrial Revolution."

She even restated that

goal ensuring it was not a mistake:

"This is probably the most difficult task we have ever given ourselves, which is to intentionally transform the economic development model for the first time in human history."

I was invited to a major political dinner in Washington with the former Chairman of Temple University since I advised the University with respect to its portfolio. We were seated at one of those round

tables with ten people. Because we were invited from a university, they placed us with the heads of the various environmental groups. They assumed they were in friendly company and began speaking freely. Dick Fox, my friend, began to lead them on to get the truth behind their movement. *Lo and behold, they too admitted it was not about the environment, but to reduce population growth.* Dick then asked them, "Whose grandchild are we trying to prevent from being born?"

Your's or mine?

All of these movements seem to have a hidden agenda that the press helps to misrepresent all the time. One must wonder, at what point will the press realize they are destroying their own future?

Investors.com reminds Figueres that the only economic model in the last 150 years that has ever worked at all is capitalism. The evidence is prima facie: From a feudal order that lasted a

thousand years, produced zero growth and kept work-days long and lifespans short, the countries that have embraced free-market capitalism have enjoyed a system in which output has increased 70-fold, work days have been halved and lifespans doubled.

Please see: <http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2017-02-03/un-official-admits-global-warming-agenda-really-about-destroying-capitalism>

Pastor, Eight Others Missing After Muslims Beat, Rape Congregation

by The Morning Star News

—NAIROBI, Kenya

A pastor in eastern Uganda and eight other Christians are missing two weeks after a Muslim mob attacked a church prayer meeting, locked the congregation in, beat several members and raped 15 women, sources said.

The approximately 90 Muslims broke into the evening prayer meeting of Katira Church of Uganda, in Katira village, Budaka District at about 8:30 p.m. on January 15th and beat them with clubs and sticks, area sources said. Previously Muslims had only thrown stones at the roof of the church building to disrupt church services of the 500-member congregation, villagers said.

At the evening service, about 80 members were present, and among those who escaped before the doors were locked, was a Christian who heard one of the assailants shout, "Away with the pastor who is converting our Muslims to Christianity," a church leader said.

Pastor Moses Mutasa had been outside questioning some visitors unknown to the church when several others arrived shouting, "Away with the pastor," and he fled, said the Reverend Musa Mukenye, who oversees several churches in the district's Iki-iki County.

"We do not know what has happened to our pastor, Moses Mutasa," Pastor Mukenye told a meeting of local officials, police and other security officers. "He might have been killed or has been kept hostage."

The assailants locked about half of those in attendance inside the building, beat the men and tied them up while they raped women, said a church elder stationed outside the building who escaped. About 50 men and 30 women had attended the prayer meeting, and most of those locked inside were women, sources said.

Muslim assailants positioned outside the church building also beat men and raped women as they tried to escape, a church elder said.

"Women's clothing was found inside and outside the church building," he said.

The abused women received treatment at a clinic in Katira.

Police arrived about two hours after the assault began, sources said. Several church members were also injured as they were trampled in the rush to get out of the building. Much of the church property was damaged, especially chairs.

The assailants were Muslims from the area, which is predominantly Muslim, sources said.

When police arrived, the attackers fled. Two days later, church members found leaflets accusing the pastor of converting Muslims and threatening more attacks, villagers said.

On the morning after the attack, some church members, intent on retaliating, gathered and as tensions mounted, police intervened, convening a meeting with Christian, Muslim and local political leaders on January 22nd.

Christians were planning

to destroy the village mosque in order to send a message that they were not cowards, but Pastor Mukenye pleaded for them to adopt an attitude of forgiveness, and they refrained, he said.

Pastor Mukenye told Morning Star News that Christians should leave justice to authorities.

"This act is evil, and police should not relent until the attackers are arrested and charged in a court of law," he said.

The assault was the latest in a series of incidents of persecution against Christians in eastern Uganda. On January 2nd, Islamic extremists ambushed a church leader in eastern Uganda after a sheikh they had sent to assassinate him at a December 4th church service instead became a Christian, sources said.

About 85 percent of the people in Uganda are Christian and 11 percent Muslim, with some eastern areas having large Muslim populations. The country's constitution and other laws provide for religious freedom, including the right to propagate one's faith and convert from one faith to another, but Christians in eastern Uganda are suffering continual attacks by non-state figures.

If you would like to help persecuted Christians, visit <http://morningstarnews.org/resources/aid-agencies/> for a list of organizations that can orient you on how to get involved.

Please see: <http://morningstarnews.org/2017/01/pastor-eight-others-missing-uganda-muslims-beat-rape-congregation/>

Lessons for Colorado in Californian Pension Mess

by Secure Futures Colorado

Back in September, *The Los Angeles Times*, Sacramento's public radio station, and CALmatters, a non-profit news service, combined to produce a compelling series of stories on how politicians had dug California's public sector pensions into such a deep hole.

It's mandatory reading. And more recent developments illustrate why pension funds in California, Colorado, and elsewhere will have such a tough time digging their way out.

Here's the crux of last fall's story:

With the stroke of a pen (in 1999), California Gov. Gray Davis signed legislation that gave prison guards, park rangers, Cal State professors and other state employees the kind of retirement security normally reserved for the wealthy.

More than 200,000 civil servants became eligible to retire at 55 — and in many cases collect more than half their highest salary for life. California Highway Patrol officers could retire at 50 and receive as much as

90% of their peak pay for as long as they lived.

Proponents sold the measure in 1999 with the promise that it would impose no new costs on California taxpayers. The state employees' pension fund, they said, would grow fast enough to pay the bill in full.

They were off — by billions of dollars — and taxpayers will bear the consequences for decades to come.

In 2016, state employee pensions cost California taxpayers \$5.4 billion -- more than 30 times what the state paid for retirement benefits in 2000.

"If you're asking me, with everything I've learned in the last 17 years, would I have signed SB 400.... no, I would not have signed it," Davis, now 73, said in a recent interview at his Century City law office.

How did this happen? It's a long and sordid story, ably chronicled in the series. In a nutshell, though, the bursting dot.com bubble tanked investment returns, and then, just as matters seemed to be improving a bit, the Great Recession hit.

It's a familiar story, played out on a much larger stage than Colorado's.

But here's where it gets even stickier. Last week, California Governor Jerry Brown announced that in 2017, state contribution to CalPERS and other state retirement plans would increase by another \$524 million. This is a direct result of the CalPERS board taking a moderate but necessary step to lower the projected rate of return on pension fund investments, from 7.5 percent to 7 percent. If returns are lower, money to make up the shortfall has to come from somewhere.

And that somewhere is taxpayers' pockets.

Remember that the Colorado PERA board in November lowered the fund's expected rate of return from 7.5 percent to 7.25 percent. We've argued that this was too modest a cut in assumptions, but even so, it will cause some budgetary pain.

Please see: <http://www.securefuturescolorado.org/perascope/lessons-for-colorado-in-california-pension-mess/>

Ron Taylor's Flush of the Week

Nanci Pelosi and Chuck Schumer



Tears, Prompts and Props

Two "Phonies" for sure and for Certain!! Schumer's "Fake Tears" as a Muslim family were used as Props...he blathered about the immigration order of Prez Trump!

Schumer is a hinderance to keeping America safe! Where were his tears when our brave died at Benghazi? What about the 90K Christians who died in 2016 at the hands of Islamic terrorists? What about our Police officers that were assassinated? What about Kate Steinle, murdered by an illegal alien in a sanctuary city? This blatherskite is not tearful for the safety of Americans.

As for Nancy Pelosi, all any sane person had to do is listen when she opens her mouth; all that comes out is insanity. Like when she told Rep. Carson to "tell 'em your're a Muslim" near a hot mic.

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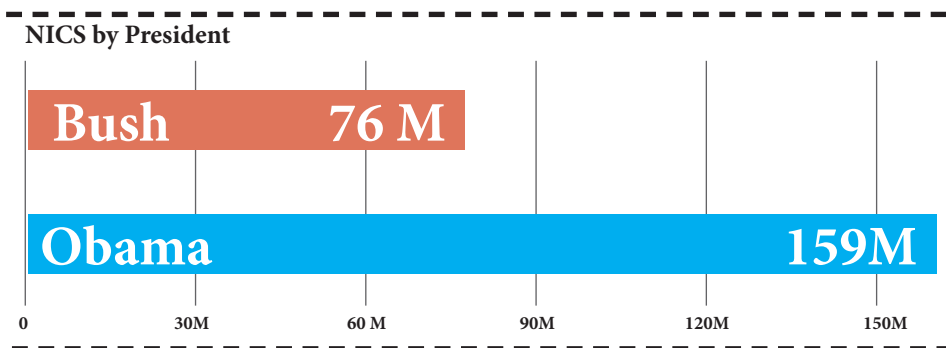
Number of Gun Background Checks More Than Doubled Under Obama

by Dean Weingarten, Gun-Watch.Blogspot.com

We do not know precisely how many private guns were added to the stock in the United States under President G. W. Bush compared to those added under President Barack Obama. We will not know the precise number until a year from now, when the BATFE releases the information. But we have a pretty good substitute. The number of National Instant Background Check System checks, or NICS, is highly correlated to the number of private guns sold.

I have been writing about NICS and the correlation with gun sales for a while. The numbers that were found in an article that compared the number of NICS under Bush to those under Obama were surprising. From mrctv.org:

According to data from the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System, widely considered to be the best metric in measuring firearms purchases in



the United States, gun sales soared 60 percent under Obama's eight year stint in office compared to the number of firearms sold during President George W. Bush's two-term presidency.

I could not find a way to torture the data to come up with the 60% figure that was quoted by mrctv. Look at the numbers comparing the two eight year presidencies. If you consider the years 2001-2008 as the years of the Bush administration, there were 75,878,320 background checks under the National Instant Check System.

I realize that much of the buying in 2008 was in anticipation of the Obama administration, but to be scru-

pulous, President Bush was still in office. For a clean comparison, I chose 2001-2008 for Bush, and 2009-2016 for Obama. Total NICS from 2009 through 2016 were 158,764,845. That is a 109% increase during the Obama years.

The error is shown later in the article. The author says there were 94.8 million background checks during the Bush years, ending in 2008.

I can see how that error was made. You have to include all the background checks made before President Bush was in office in his totals. Include all the numbers from 1998-2008, *instead* of his actual eight years in office, 2001-2008.

With an *extra two years and two months* in Bush's figures, *then* you can say that the numbers of NICS under President Obama only increased 60%.

In the real world, the number of NICS under President Obama more than doubled the number of NICS under President Bush. It is quite an achievement, one that President Obama can be proud of.

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Please see: <http://gunwatch.blogspot.com/2017/01/number-gun-background-checks-more-than.html>

Archery Participation Up

by Sentinel Staff

Although this data does not include non-adults, adult survey participants reported that the average age for developing an interest in archery was 15.5 years old. More than half of archers surveyed in 2012 and 2015 said that they gained an interest in archery through family or friends.

“For the year 2012, among adult United States residents as a whole, 8.0% participated in archery. The total archery participation rate of 8.0% includes 4.4% of all residents who are target archery only participants, 2.8% who are target archery and bowhunting participants, and 0.8% who are bowhunting only participants.”

See https://www.archerytrade.org/uploads/documents/ATA_Participation_2013_Report_FINAL.pdf

“For the year 2015, among adult United States residents as a whole, 9.9% participate in archery. The total archery participation rate of 9.9% includes 6.5% of all residents who are target archery only participants, 2.3% who are target archery and bowhunting participants, and 1.2% who are bowhunting only participants.”

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Wyoming: Bill Proposed to Arm Teachers, Staff

by Victor Skinner, EAGNews.org

—CHEYENNE, Wyoming

Wyoming lawmakers are considering legislation to allow school employees to carry concealed guns on campus, if their local school district approves the move.

The state House Education Committee approved House Bill 194 on an 8-1 vote Wednesday, sending the legislation to the full House for consideration. The bill would allow individual school districts to decide whether or not to allow employees with a concealed carry permit to bring guns to school, and it does not currently include training requirements, the *Casper Star Tribune* reports.

HB 194, sponsored by Rep. John Eklund, would require districts to create an application process and tasks school boards with maintaining a list of employees authorized to carry guns at school. The House Education Committee

amended the legislation to exempt that list from public records requests to prevent potential school attackers from learning who is packing heat at school, WyoFile reports.

The bill would also require guns to be kept on the employee, in a locked box, or in a “sealed biometric container” within the person’s control.

The legislation follows comments made by Education Secretary-designate Betsy DeVos about guns in schools during her confirmation hearing in the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions last week.

Referencing a school in Wapiti, Wyoming, that erected a fence to protect students from grizzlies and other wildlife, DeVos defended local control over decisions about arming school staff.

“I would imagine that there’s probably a gun in the school to protect from potential grizzlies,”

DeVos said, prompting ridicule from leftists online.

It is currently illegal to possess a firearm at public K-12 schools in Wyoming, and Eklund’s legislation aims to change that. Many folks who testified in favor of HB 194 on Wednesday also cited the need for local control over gun decisions, especially for schools in remote areas of the state.

“Guns in schools over the last couple of weeks have landed as the punchline in a couple of jokes,” Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow told the committee. “I don’t think it’s okay to be making the jokes we have as a state or as a nation about guns in schools.”

Balow said she’s lived in areas with schools without school resource officers where “the closest law enforcement officer was a minimum of 32 miles away” and supports giving schools the authority to arm staff.

Laramie County School District 2

board member Taft Love echoed Balow’s reference to protecting schools with long response times for law enforcement, and said six of the district’s nine board members support the bill.

“We have elementary schools that are a long way from any officer,” she said, according to *The Casper Star Tribune*.

The Wyoming School Boards Association’s Executive Director, Brian Farmer, also testified in favor of the bill, emphasizing that each district would decide whether or not armed staff makes sense.

“That’s the beautiful thing about this bill,” he said.

Democrats, as well as the state teachers’ union – the Wyoming Education Association (WEA), opposed the legislation.

“We appreciate the local control, that this isn’t a blanket bill that says anyone and everyone, but we’d really appreciate it if guns were not in schools,” WEA

President Kathy Vetter said.

Rep. Debbie Bovee, a Democrat and retired teacher from Casper, was the only committee member to vote against the bill. She cited concerns about students gaining access to guns at school, and cited a female teacher in Wyoming who was attacked and overpowered by a fourth-grade student.

“If she’d been carrying a gun, he would’ve used it,” she said.

Eklund said the bill is designed to give local school boards flexibility to determine whether employees should be armed, as well as any training or other requirements for those approved to carry guns to school.

“I am trusting the school boards around the state to find the right training,” he said.

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It’s NOWHERE in the U.S. CONSTITUTION, Folks.

Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legislative powers of government reach actions only, and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should “make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,” thus building a wall of separation between church and State.

—Thomas Jefferson, Letter to Danbury Baptist Association, CT. (1 January 1802)

To Read in Full GOTO <http://www.revolutionary-war-and-beyond.com/jefferson-letter-danbury-baptist.html>

Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim



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.

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



The Constitutionally Confused

As expected, the Democrats are loading all available artillery to bombard the selection of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court. The evidence is mounting that they will be shooting blanks, but that will not prevent the noise of aimless explosions. The primary objection, although never stated, is that Judge Gorsuch is a strict Constitutionalist. As such, he rejects the notion that the judiciary has the liberty to manufacture law... otherwise known as judicial activism. His record indicates a strong conviction and faith in the Constitution which is the unmovable rock of legal interpretation. The Left views this instrument as shifting sand to be used only as an auxiliary textbook.

One might conclude that Liberals seek to bypass the Constitution because it is a document of restrictions. Restraints are generally resented by progressives; i.e. abortion, marijuana and other mind altering drugs. The odd part of their resistance to the Constitution is found in the intent of the Framers. Indeed, our national charter is a checklist of limitations, but they are aimed at the government, not the individual. With this in mind, why aren't Democrats and friends doing cartwheels celebrating the choice of a man who desires to keep government in check? The Left continues to promote big government but professes to champion human rights. To us non-Ivy League types, this twisted form of reasoning seems to be a giant contradiction. The larger the expansion of Big Brother, the more invasive are his regulations in our personal lives.

This inconsistent logic actually predates our Republic by several thousand years, demonstrating once again that history is constantly recycling itself. (Ecclesiastes 1:9) The men of Babel thought so well of themselves, leading them to the conclusion that they were capable of anything. “And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” (Genesis 11:4) Their purpose was to be known and recognized for superiority in thought and ability. The Scriptures are often subtle in explanation of a difficulty. “And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.” (Genesis 11:3) Only God can make stone, and slime is a very poor substitute for mortar...clearly, the Lord was left out of the equation as they sought to elevate themselves. The result was a structure of temporary existence. God’s final exclamation mark on this unfortunate experiment was: “let Us go down and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.” When the Lord

is expelled from the school of human deliberation, confusion always follows.

The necessity of a Constitution or the Bible becomes proportionately less expedient with the rise of self-esteem and pride. The arrogant sing along with Frank.... “I did it my way.” The Founders held to an opposite opinion of mankind which was well illustrated by what James Madison wrote in Federalist Papers, No. 51:

It may be a reflection on human nature, that such devices should be necessary to control the abuses of government. But what is government itself, but the greatest of all reflections on human nature? If all men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself. A dependence on the people is, no doubt, the primary control on government; but experience has taught mankind the necessity of auxiliary precautions.

Thus, in Madison’s view, the government had to be limited because of man’s fallen nature which tends toward abuse of power. When this critical doctrine is rejected, all controls become arbitrary which explains disdain for any absolute guidelines of behavior for government or the individual.

Fifty-two years after Israel was carried off into Babylonian captivity, God began to shake things up. By then Persia was the super power of the Middle East, but God was busy. Over the next eighteen years the Lord moved three Persian kings to aid a remnant of Jews to return to their land and rebuild the Temple and the walls of Jerusalem. Artaxerxes, although a pagan king, knew that civil law had to stand on something stronger than brick and slime; consequently, he sent this message to Ezra the scribe. “And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that is in thine hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that are beyond the river, all such as know the laws of the God; and teach ye them that know them not.” (Ezra 7:25) The law of the “Medes and Persians” was considered to be unparalleled in scope and wisdom, but Artaxerxes identified the “law of God” as being even more beneficial.

In terms of early American constitutionalism, the rule of law was seen through the grid of Christian theism. The reference point was the Bible which undoubtedly accounts for much of the hostility.

A Sheepdog Barks!

I’m very amused by the reactions we are seeing to President Trump (PT). The liberal biased mainstream media (MSM) are dumbfounded that he is not acting like all the rest of the establishment politicians. Do they still not understand that is exactly why he was elected? They are in a complete meltdown and this includes some Republican RINOs like McCain, Graham, McConnell, Flake and others. There is a common outcry from them, and the many LPSDs in this country, that PT isn’t following “the rules.” Keep in mind we didn’t elected him so he could go to Washington and keep doing things the way they always been done. And keep in mind our friends and allies have been messing us over because of political correctness and diplomacy. It’s about time we play some hardball with our friends. Obama didn’t even play hardball with our enemies. Trump is not a natural diplomat and certainly not a status quo politician. He is disrupting the old world order that has been failing the world and making things more dangerous for everyone. Finally it’s “America First.” And that doesn’t mean we will lose all our friends. It just means they will begin to respect us once they know and understand the new rules. I love it when PT says our NATO partners are going to start paying their fair share and pony up the required military assets, equipment and troops that they AGREED to provide. It’s time to stop letting America carrying the entire burden. The MSM and the LPSDs think that is a terrible thing. Of course that is why we are in such “dumb deals” as PT calls them. Whether it’s the UN, NATO, Cuba, Iran or the Australian Refugee Plan, America will no longer be taken advantage of and played for the fool. PT is seeing to that. This is the best thing that has happened to America in many years. We can only hope the president doesn’t get discouraged and quits trying as he constantly has to swim upstream against the LPSDs and the establishment Republicans. Hang in there Prez. We support you all the way. WOOF!

Last weekend I listened to the Sunday morning politi-

cal talk shows. They cannot understand why PT doesn’t do things the way they have always been done. One commentator said he was governing America with Improv. Really? Maybe that’s just what we need. The old tried and stale methods sure haven’t worked. Look what we are seeing on TV. The alt-left is here, and it’s ugly, violent and stupid. Full out anarchy is on display and it must be squashed. Many are even calling for PT’s assassination. It’s time for law enforcement to crack down on this stuff. If it keeps up without a firm hand of the law being applied it might soon be time for us pro-Trump forces to step out and counter these rioters. PT is doing just what he needs to do and we need to be ready to support him if necessary. Stay tuned. WOOF!

Consider what some of the signs encouraged the “protesters” to do during the riots on the University of California – Berkeley campus. “Become Ungovernable” and “This is War.” And the liberal feminist comedienne Sarah Silverman called for a military coup. Really? The LPSDs think that free speech includes political violence. Some are even being paid to protest, er I mean riot, burn and destroy other’s property. The alt-left needs to learn that violence is not a legitimate form of free speech. Violence would only be justified to overcome tyranny – not just when one doesn’t agree with policy. WOOF!

I also read that the White House Correspondence Dinner might not happen. You know that’s when the press and the POTUS “roast” each other. It started several years ago and the presidents who have attended have tried to act like Don Rickles and cozy up with the lame and biased main stream media. PT hates the liberal press, with good reason, and has indicated that he’s really not interested. I hope he snubs them. In my mind there are no greater unpatriotic Americans than all those liberal progressive “so-called” journalists. The h*** with them. It’s always been a bad idea and this is a perfect time to stop this stupid and lame affair. Please PT, don’t go. WOOF!



Cogitate this “news” from the Associated Press. A nationwide campaign to get more Muslim Americans involved in local politics is being launched by a Massachusetts non-profit, Jetpac, Inc. Jetpac is focused on training Muslims on how to use social media, data analysis and other political tools to build winning campaigns to win seats on city councils, school boards and other public positions. They are also raising money to help Muslim candidates. I find this troubling. Islam is not compatible with the American way of life, the U.S. Constitution or our Judeo-Christian based laws. Why in the world would we want more Muslims in elected offices who would swear to uphold the U.S. Constitution? That’s not possible. Muslims certainly are free to worship in their own way but bringing Sharia Law into play will not be to the benefit of Americans. Islam is clearly not compatible with our liberties and freedoms. We need to be very careful here. Europe has already learned the hard way. We don’t need to reinvent the wheel. WOOF!

One more thought on voter fraud. The LPSDs say it doesn’t exist. It sure does. Take Senator Al Franken (D-MN) for example. He was elected by 371 votes after 1200 felons illegally voted. A later study found that 90% of the illegal votes were for him. What isn’t clear is why Senator Franken was allowed to remain in office. He was the last vote needed by the Democrats to pass Obamacare. Oh, maybe that’s why it was allowed to stand. We definitely need a comprehensive investigation. If we can clean up the fraudulent voting gap there will be even less Democrats in office. That would be a good thing for America. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



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he writes. “I needed a birth certificate to deploy, but the president did not need one to order my deployment. This was nuts.”

Lakin was then court-martialed in December of 2010 and sentenced to six months in prison. He received a great injustice seeing that the usurper-in-chief never once had to actually produce an authentic document which proved he was eligible for the office he usurped.

Jack Cashill wrote of Lakin’s arrival at Ft. Leavenworth’s Joint Regional Correctional Facility:

Now, Lakin was on his way to Fort Leavenworth’s Joint Regional Correctional Facility. Of all his hardship deployments, Bosnia included, this would be the hardest. After he bid a tearful farewell to his wife and three young children, his military minders chained his hands together and attached those chains to a band around his waist. They chained his legs and attached those, too. They then loaded him into a van and drove him to Reagan National.

There, Lakin endured his ultimate humiliation: a seemingly endless perp walk -- a shuffle really -- through a concourse filled with flags and patriotic bunting and the happy sight of returning soldiers. None of the display had lost its appeal, but Lakin could not overlook the irony of his being chained and bound amidst it all.

The civilian psychologist who did intake assessments at Fort Leavenworth claimed to know why the

soft-spoken doctor refused deployment, or at least he thought he did. As he put it, Lakin did not believe Obama to have been born in the United States or to be constitutionally eligible to be president.

Lakin corrected him. As he explained, he did not know where the president was born or whether the president was eligible. The problem was that no one did. As Lakin saw it, the oath that he took as an officer in the U.S. Army -- “I, Terrence Lee Lakin, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic” -- all but dictated that he seek the truth.

The irony in all of this is that Lakin actually sought to uphold his oath of office. I question whether or not many in Congress did the same (and some that were previously in Congress), and I know that Obama did nothing of the sort, but has violated the Constitution at almost every turn.

In an exclusive interview with WND.com, Lakin said, “Things are going well, I am able to make a living, despite those who wanted to keep me from ever practicing medicine again. I’m able to employ seven people and give them jobs.”

“I had a friend who told me he was thinking about writing his congressman about this in a year or two,” Lakin said. “I was shocked to hear about this petition. I have been truly blessed by God to have people who care about me. I just hope the president will also look at many of the other politically moti-

vated convictions of members of the military over the past several years.”

He also saw a silver lining in his trials.

“I take care of a lot of the firefighters and police officers, not just from the county but even some of the surrounding counties,” he told WND.com.

Still, many Obama supporters sought to persecute him beyond what the military did.

“There was an attempt by some to have my license pulled, which was crazy since nothing I did affected my ability to practice medicine,” Lakin explained. “My issue with the army was essentially an administrative one rather than a criminal issue, yet there were some who wanted to destroy my family and me by leaving me without the ability to earn a living.”

“My wife and children have been great through all of this,” he added. “I couldn’t have done it without them.”

As of the writing of this article, the petition has less than 300 signatures. It needs 100,000 signatures to receive a response from the White House. Please consider supporting Lt. Col. Lakin by signing the petition.

(Editor/GG: To sign the petition go to <https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/reinstate-lt-col-terry-lakin-us-army-full-rank-pay-benefits-and-pension-immediately>)

Please see: <http://freedomoutpost.com/trump-petitioned-to-reinstate-army-officer-who-was-court-martialed-following-questioning-obama-birth-certificate/>

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intent for the road boss job to the Workforce people for their input.

Mrs. Hood is reviewing the Strategic Plan and also met with the Fair Board.

Mr. Kattnig reported on the ongoing construction of the Wetmore Community Center, the meeting with the Division of Fire Prevention and Control, the CART meeting, the Middle Arkansas Wild-fire Prevention Partnership, and the Fire Recovery meeting in Wetmore.

Attorney Smith requested a workshop be set for going over the prospective marijuana ordinance. That meeting was tentatively set for February 13th at 1:30 p.m. He read a note from Jordan Hedburg regarding the response to Mr. Hedburg’s email. The note stated that Hedburg was satisfied with the response and would be taking no action at this time. A copy of Hedburg’s email and the attorney’s response can be seen here. <http://sangredecristosentinel.com/2017/02/06/bocc-jan-31/>

Smith also reported that the motion to dismiss the county from the Hamilton lawsuit was in process. Hamilton’s attorney had not responded to the county’s request so Smith had prepared a reply that he will file “this afternoon”. He also seemed to be surprised that an executive session was on the agenda with the Hamiltons (who were present in the audience). He stated that he could not attend that executive session with the county not having been officially dismissed from the lawsuit. The Board agreed to meet with Smith prior to meeting with Hamilton in executive session.

The Board approved vouchers to be paid and funds to be transferred to pay the bills for January.

Ashley Gillum was approved to be the 4-H representative on the extension advisory board and Debra Fisher on the fair board.

The Board then addressed the appointments to the Board of Zoning Adjustment and Planning Commission. There were many questions from Mr. Kattnig on how things were done on these boards and which members were absent from meetings. The questioning went on for quite some time. When Mr. Printz tried to get clarification, Mr. Kattnig told him to “speed it up.” Mr. Printz responded “No, I’m going to take my time,” that this was important business. There was much talk about the value of experience on the boards vs. having “new blood” on these boards. Jackie Hobby and Vic Barnes (Chairman of the Planning Commission) both adamantly defended the written policy that new members come onto these boards as non-voting alternates before being moved to voting positions. In the end, the new members were only added as alternates and Keith Hood, who has been on the Planning Commission for 20 years, was returned to the board.

Planning Commission
Dale Mullen, Pat Bailey, Vic Barnes, Bill Donley Patrick Lynch, Keith Hood, Chris Nordyke

Board of Zoning Adjustment
Ken Patterson Sr., Jean Canterbury, Brad Hartbauer, Lockett Pitman, Rob McIlwraith

Alternates to the Planning Commission & Board of Zoning Adjustment
Skip Norcross, Lance Ingram Mike Shields, Steve Henning, Mike Carter

The lease agreement with the radio station was approved.

The Early Childhood Council MOU was tabled until the Board could get the actual document.

There was a discussion about the county’s response to non-county roads for emergency snow removed and for getting people out from their homes for medical care. The Board and the Sheriff agreed that there was a necessity in some of these

developments for road signs. No decisions were made on this issue.

The Board went into executive session for “advice from counsel.”

When they returned, they informed Mr. Hamilton that, on advice from Mr. Smith, their meeting with Mr. Hamilton would have to be held in open meeting. Mr. Hamilton agreed. Attorney Smith excused himself from the room. Without his attorney present, Hamilton brought a five-page document that he hoped the Board would approve and sign. It is unclear if that would have happened had the Board met with him in executive session. At any rate, the Board informed Mr. Hamilton that they could not take action on his request without their attorney’s input. A copy of that five-page request can be seen here. <http://sangredecristosentinel.com/2017/02/06/bocc-jan-31/>

The Board then went into executive session for “personnel issues.” Present for that session was HR Department head Dawna Hobby and Sheriff Byerly.

When the Board returned to open meeting, Mr. Printz made a motion that they approve the purchase of a truck. No further details were forthcoming on which department this vehicle is for.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

NOTE: Questions: should Mr. Kattnig and Mr. Printz have recused themselves from hearing Mr. Hamilton’s requests since both accompanied Mr. Hamilton to the court hearing in Denver? Regarding the second executive session about “personnel issues” – where, after they returned to open meeting, the board approved the purchase of a truck – how is this truck purchase, obviously discussed during that executive session, a personnel issue?

The recording of the meeting can be heard here: <https://youtu.be/gV2-x-qBRcw>

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He hears us.*

1John 5:14 NKJV

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