

Cowgirls Speak at Hope Lutheran

by Fred Hernandez

On a gorgeous Easter Sunday morning, Cowgirls Deb Thompson, Jean White and LiAne Schmidt came calling at Hope Lutheran Church. It was a beautiful, well attended service by Pastor Lyle Struhenberg.

After the services, Elder Gary Mohr introduced the Cowgirls who will be going by horseback on an epic 486-mile ride from Denver to Durango on the Colorado Trail. The ladies spoke to the congregation about their forthcoming adventure and how they have dedicated their efforts to raising funds for our local Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource, a 501 (c) 3 corporation that lends much needed assistance to all mothers and children with services ranging from counseling, material assistance in the form of clothing, car seats and

layettes and ultrasound. Two of the ladies, Jean White and Debby Thompson related their personal experiences as young women when they would have welcomed the help of such a caring organization. After they spoke, the ladies and the congregation filed out of church to the parking lot across the street where their horses were tethered. They had a map of the Colorado Trail and took the time to introduce their mounts and to explain their project to all who came to visit. Dubbed the “Cowgirls Ride For Life” this epic adventure will traverse all kinds of terrain from five thousand feet to thirteen thousand feet in ever changing topography and weather conditions that may shift in an instant. The trail crosses eight mountain ranges, six national forests, five river systems, six wilderness areas and countless streams, brooks and creeks. The Cowgirls wish to thank Hope Lu-

theran’s pastor, elders and the congregation for their hospitality and their assistance in raising funds for their classic and worthy endeavor. Pledges and donations are very much ap-

preciated. (see coupon on page 23) Interesting and beautiful pictures are available on the website and everyone is welcome to visit www.cowgirlsideforlife.com.



Jean White, Dr. Gary Mohr, LiAne Schmidt and Deb Thompson.

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BOCC: Cartel Problems, Dark Skies w/o Enforcement?

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)

—April 18, 2017

WETMORE, Colorado

by Jackie Bubis

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. Introductions of the public in attendance followed. The Board approved minutes from March 31st and April 5th.

A citizen from Wetmore requested help with CDOT getting the passing zone near MM 20.5 on Highway 96 double striped. She stated that the speed of the vehicles in that section makes it dangerous for residents to pull out of their driveways. She stated that the response she got when speaking with CDOT was that they wouldn’t look at the issue until there was a fatality. Chairman Kattnig responded that he had talked to CDOT and that the double striping would be done within the next few weeks. It was not clear how making this a no-passing section would slow traffic.

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Printz has been very busy. He’s been spending time at the Wetmore Community Center and again stated that this would be the finest building in all of Custer County. He said it was very close to finished. He reported that the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) for that building will be a part of that project. He also reported on the workshop on Dark Skies (reported in last week’s *Sentinel*) and said that no decisions have been made. He did say that it was “going to happen whether we approve it or not.” He went on to tout the advantages of low impact tourism and that there was a large

contingent of people in the county who were fans of Dark Skies.

Commissioner Hood has been working with HR/Finance Director Dawna Hobby on job descriptions, policies and the employee handbook. She spent time going through the courthouse building and annex with Dave Post, the janitor, and has a list of recommended repairs and a list of equipment he needs to do his job. She reported that there is possible mold in the basement of the annex and was adamant that this would be addressed. She also spoke about the recent health fair and how great it was to see so many people there and that the new county health nurse took part. At the SCEDD (Southern Colorado Economic Development District) meeting, they went through their audit process. And the Tourism Board has put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the website upgrade.

Chairman Kattnig began his update by joking that he felt like a father with teenagers – always with their hands out for money. He went on to report going to a fire recovery meeting and telling the organizers that he’s tired of waiting for flood and fire mitigation. The Lieutenant Governor agreed and will help with the push for money. He also spoke with her regarding 911 issues and cell service in the county.

Attorney Items

Attorney Smith clarified the boundaries for the Dark Skies reserve – that it wouldn’t include Wetmore. He said that even if the Commissioners passed the Dark Skies requirement, he saw no need to enforce anything.

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Obituary Gilbert (Gil) Patrick Costello

Gilbert (Gil) Patrick Costello was born on September 14, 1930, to Val and Ella (O’Brien) Costello in Clinton, Iowa, and passed into eternal life suddenly on April 5, 2017, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, at age 86. He is with the Lord joining his beloved mother, father, two brothers, one sister, and infant son, Gilbert Patrick “baby brother”.



He is survived by his eight children: Patricia E. and (Dennis) Clower of Channahon, IL, Brenda R. Catardi of Hoffman Estates, IL, Debra S. Keehma of Minooka, IL, Mary Jo Costello of Knoxville, TN, Steven F. Costello of Gulf Port, MS, Teresia M. (Casey) Kjonaas of Apache Junction, AZ, Karen M. (Fred) Smith of Channahon, IL, and Kevin W. (Renee) Costello of Palm Coast, FL, as well as 15 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

Gil was the third of ten children. His siblings are: James J (Evelyn) Costello of Charlotte, IA, Michael T. (deceased) (Imogene) Costello of Clarksville, TN, Eileen T. (Patrick) Noonan of Knox, IN, Marie Leenkecht of Moline, IL, John V. (Lorie) Costello of Branson, MO, Baby Sis-

ter (deceased), R. Paul (deceased) Costello of Plymouth IN, L. Ralph (Fern) Costello of Plymouth, IN, and Donald (Ruth) Costello of Bolingbrook, IL. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, and great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Gil was raised on the family farm in Petersville, IA, and attended Petersville Elementary. He graduated from Charlotte High School, enlisted and served for four years in the Air Force, serving in Texas and California much of the time as a company clerk. Upon Honorable Discharge, he was employed by General Electric in Morrison, IL, before moving to the Joliet, IL, area where he became a truck and tractor mechanic. In the late 1950’s he began driving

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For I am not
ashamed of the
gospel of Christ,
for it is the power
of God
to salvation
for everyone who
believes
for the Jew first and
also for the Greek,
Romans 1:16 NKJV

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

Colorado Politicians: 'Let's Mortgage Our Assets Now!'



by Bill Parker

The April 21, 2017, *Sentinel* contained two informative and revealing articles. The first penned by Linda Gorman, The Independent Institute, titled *Senate Bill 267 (SB 17-267): Saving Rural Colorado with Even More Debt and Taxes* and the second written by Rep. Jim Wilson - HD 60, Colorado Legislature.

Linda Gorman, with a detailed analysis, describes how, under the guise of "helping rural Colorado," our legislative "leaders" ELECTED BY US to REPRESENT US propose to create an "out-of-our-control" legislative/financial scheme to spend taxpayer dollars on projects that purportedly benefit rural Colorado. Certificates of Participation, or (COP) as they are called, would sell ("mortgage") govern-

ment-owned assets (buildings, school buses, computers, etc. for those of you in Rio Linda). Spending the proceeds derived from selling/mortgaging these assets would be managed by a group of individuals appointed by the Governor (i.e., NOT ELECTED BY US - after all, it's our money) and outside of the control by our elected representatives.

We all know what a mortgage is because we have lived with the concept our entire lives - you borrow a whole lot of money and give the deed for your home to the lender. During the mortgage term you make your regular payments, which include a bunch of interest and a little principal. When you pay off the mortgage you get the deed to your home. If you fail to pay, the lender owns your home.

COP, a supposedly new

sleight-of-hand idea, was dreamed up by the financial industry for the benefit of - guess who?? - the financial industry. They get to "lend" lots of money at low risk to our government and reap lots of interest returns - one would presume. And here is the genius of their plan - our government would need to pass an annual appropriation to make the "mortgage" payment. Why is this critical to this sleight-of-hand funding you ask? Because by making it a separate annual appropriation, our government has not created a multi-year obligation and thus, does not need to report any of the COP as debt. Is that the way your mortgage works? Is that the way our government should work?

Is it just me or does this sound a lot like the ColoradoCare healthcare scheme that was pushed in the last election cycle? Its genius scheme was to extort a lot of money from taxpayers, and allow an appointed bunch of well-meaning

citizens (I'm sure) to decide how to spend the dollars. Further, it would have granted this unaccountable group the power to extort even more taxpayer dollars whenever it (needed) wanted to. What was the taxpayers'/voters' opinion of that idea - a resounding 80% - 20% defeat? Read my lips - Colorado legislature!!

Our government has an insatiable appetite to help - some would argue that it is their job. This creates an insatiable appetite for more money. It is an unfortunate truth (undisputed by a lengthy list of real examples) that government at all levels, under the guise of "helping" its constituents, creates well-meaning programs that fail miserably to accomplish their stated objectives. These failed programs never go away with an admission of failure, our government, with another helping hand and great satisfaction, simply layers on another bad idea/program to fix them - can you say

Obamacare!

Our government, it appears, has two main objectives in each session. First, to help us helpless people out by taking our money and spending it on new-fangled programs that are largely ineffective - how much better off are we as a society than we were 50 years ago despite all the great new spending programs to "help us." Second, our government works very hard to take our money in increasingly creative ways that have the common feature of being increasingly less transparent. We all need/want more money. Our legislature is no different, and most (I am being generous here) elected legislators sincerely want to help us helpless citizens. Raising more taxpayers' dollars either through legislation or a vote of the people is hard work and a risky undertaking for elected representatives. I get it!! BUT less transpar

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“We the People” Speak Letters to the Editor



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Local Weighs In

Dear Editor;

Instead of you town people trying to kill off the deer population, why don't you wise up and use them as a tourist attraction? Everyone would be better served if the towns concentrated on patching and street repair and such for example. It seems to me there are more pressing issues to pursue than the liquidation of the deer herds, that have been pushed from their natural habitat by nature loving humans. I am sure there are means of herd control other than extermination by a bunch of whiny crybabies. I believe it has been suggested that a bow and arrow hunt be conducted. That's pretty narrow minded. How would you whiny crybabies like to run around with an arrow sticking in your butt? The one mountain lion, a few years ago, was in town because of the dogs and cats to eat. After she went through our chicken house she wound up in town because she had no teeth and couldn't hunt. It sounds like you people are trying to create hysteria needlessly. AND while I'm at it,

County Commissioners could do better for us if, instead of conducting personal vendettas against certain people that have done good work for many years. One such improvement would be to pave Co Rd 243 from the Quarry to Hwy 69 N. The dust from the semis using it daily is sometimes suffocating. Are the commissioners blind to these kind of things? Maybe so, since they don't live along this route. Also on this same Co Rd 243, where it meets Hwy 69 N, there needs to have a suitable culvert installed. Every year during heavy run off, the water on the south side of Co Rd 243 has no place to drain to. It washes across Hwy 69 N creating a mud slick, sometimes a foot thick. The State Highway Department tries to berm it up to force the water to run uphill to the south which of course doesn't work. I don't know but maybe the quarry could help somewhat, with this paving portion since they are the primary users of CR 243.

Richard Daniels
Westcliffe, CO

Robin Young Says Goodbye

Dear Friends,

It's bittersweet that I write this letter to my community to say thank you and good bye. There are so many reasons to express my gratitude, but the biggest reason is for the kindness and friendship that we have shared with so many of you over the years. My family and I have been very blessed to have been a part of this community that has taught us many values.

Over the last 19 years Mitch and I have raised our son, Ryan, who is now ready to move on to adulthood and brought my mother here to live and enjoy the splendor of the Valley. We've run a successful business, played in the beautiful mountains, volunteered in community organizations and worked with many great people. We have made wonderful connections all over the county. We have experienced the greatness of this community through loss and sorrow, and triumphs and achievements. We've

watched kids grow from babies into outstanding young adults. And we have seen Mother Nature show us her best and most fierce elements and have been in awe of her power to give bounty and take away to make us humble.

It has been an absolute privilege to serve this community as your County Extension Director. I have been blessed to work with the outstanding youth in Custer County and I know they will continue to become successful in their lives. I have worked with the most dedicated volunteers who have given so much time to make the best better. I worked with many caring landowners to become better land stewards. I have also had the pleasure of working with exceptional people in revered organizations. I am so honored to have been a small part of the history of this community.

Now on to the future. I have accepted a position as CSU Extension Director for Archuleta County and

we are looking forward to living and serving in a new community. So the dust trail you will see heading west over the Sangre's is my family and me kicking up our heels moving to another wonderful place to live. We have enjoyed all of our time here but it's time to move the farm, plant our roots over again, and establish ourselves in the magnificent community of Pagosa Springs. If you are ever in the area, please come to the Extension Office to visit. It will be nice to see a friendly

face from Custer County.

Thank you again for the opportunity to work, live and serve in this amazing place. We will miss you and the Valley, but we will have our memories of our lives here. You have made a difference in our lives and we hope we have touched yours.

Most sincerely and with much honor,

Robin, Mitch, Ryan, and Sherrie
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Local Mountain News & Notices

Letter to the Editor *Angry Birds* Unruly Leftist Agitators Attend Rep. Scott Tipton's Town Hall

Dear Editor,

I was virtually the lone conservative at Rep. Scott Tipton's Town Hall at Pueblo West High School last night on April 20th, among a crowd of unruly leftist agitators. I sat in the first row and had to stand up and yell to these unruly morons in my best military voice to "At Ease" and shut up. It was a shame that being Pueblo West as opposed to Pueblo has more Republicans, yet only I and maybe a couple of others were present. The big subject was the failing Obamacare/Unaffordable Care Act.

The support for it is crazy, to say the least. Nobody mentioned that folks have lost their insurance and their doctors. It is a fact that Knoxville, TN, will be the first city in the U.S. where the UACU completely collapses leaving tens of thousands of people without the option to buy a subsidized insurance policy (article from *Daily Caller News Foundation*).

These people in the audience do not care and do not follow President John Kennedy's statement, "Ask not

what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country". These morons are mind-numbed robots. They were looking forward to a Clinton victory so when Obamacare fails the next step would be total socialized health care as in the failing systems in Canada and the UK. They would be the first to complain with such a system when they have to wait for medical tests or doctor appointments and are told when you are a senior that you are too old for a knee/hip replacement.

I am disgusted with these idiots who are so ignorant it is pathetic. Congressman Tipton thanked me for attending and as he knows me and my past (helping me in 2010,) he appreciated my attendance. It is too bad that there were no other conservative voices in attendance. I couldn't speak because they chose tickets and mine wasn't picked, but had I spoken, I would have dressed down that poor excuse of an audience.

Sincerely,
Steve Levine
SFC, United States Army, Retired
Pueblo West, CO

Cowboy Church Pastor Rides Off to Texas

by Fred Hernandez

Last Saturday night at Tony's Pizza, a group gathered in the function room for a sendoff party for one of their own. The restaurant expected about forty patrons but were overwhelmed with the final count...close to eighty devoted followers, came to say "adios" to Pastor Larry Smith and his wife Jane. They will be leaving town for their new home in Kerrville, Texas. Pastor Smith, who has been preaching for thirty-four years, founded the Cowboy Church in Pueblo, Colorado, twenty-two years ago and moved the church to Westcliffe in 2009.

His affable manner and his motto of "come one time and you are a guest, come back and you are family" has an appeal that attracts people to a man of God. Mrs. Smith is equally charming. Originally from Cañon City, Jane is a descendant of the original Colfax family, early German settlers of this area.

So, for Pastor Larry and Jane it is "hasta la vista" as they ride into the sunset headed for a new adventure. It was during a visit to family in the Kerrville area that Pastor learned of the need for a Chaplain in a large



Pastor Larry and Jane Smith.

Sentinel Photo

service organization. With their desire to be back among their family members, an application was made and he was practically hired on the spot. He leaves in peace knowing he has someone who will take his place and attend to his congregation in a loving and caring way; none other than Pastor Steve Rieff for whom congratulations are in order as he takes the helm.

Next week, services will be led by Cowgirls Debby Thompson and Jean White who are in the midst of preparations for an epic ride on the Colorado Trail from Denver to Durango starting on July 15th. Congratulations to Pastor Larry and his wife Jane. May God bless you and your family, always and abundantly, for all you have accomplished and all you continue to do.



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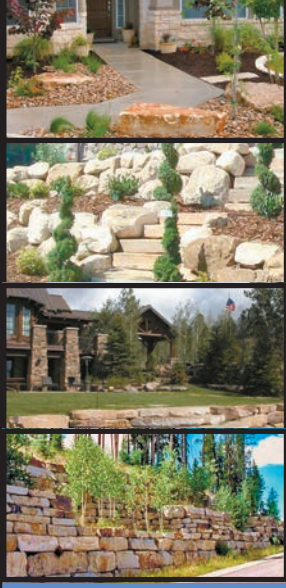
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"Thank You for Your Service to the County Party"

To all friends, colleagues, and residents of the county, we invite you to a **celebration for Lynn Attebery, John Naylor and Kit Shy** to thank them for their dedication and years of public service to Custer County.

The event was originally scheduled to be held in Wetmore at the Wetmore Community Center. As of Friday April 21, 2017, we received notice the party would not be allowed to take place at the community center due to changes made by the Board of County Commissioners.

We want to thank the Executive Board for Wetmore Community Center for their due diligence working with us over the past six weeks and understand the decision to not allow the party to take place at the center was out of their control.

The new venue for the party will be the Grange building in Hillside on May 6, 2017, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

American Legion To Award Scholarship

Press Release

The AMERICAN LEGION TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIP American Legion, Post 170 will be awarding, for the first time, a foreign exchange scholarship. The \$500 scholarship will be presented to Custer County High School sophomore, Kayla Carter, at the Post's regular membership meeting on May 2nd at 6:30 p.m., in the event room at Cliff Lanes. The scholarship was made available to Custer County residents selected to participate in the 2017-18 Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club Youth Exchange Program who have an immediate family who served in the United States military. Applicants had to

write and submit a short essay on patriotism along with their application.

Carter is slated to leave for her exchange experience in Denmark in early August. She is the daughter of Marine Corps veteran, Jessica Carter and Mike Carter.

"It's really wonderful of the Legion to sponsor me with this scholarship," said Carter. "I'm grateful to have the opportunity to experience another culture and to represent my country."

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Middle School Track Team



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Photo Courtesy of CCDS-1.

by Coach Greg Cravens

The Custer County Middle School Track and Field Team started their season Friday, April 14th, at the Tony Perea Track Meet in Monte Vista. The girls team finished the meet in 5th place out of 17 teams and the boys team finished 8th place out of 17 teams.

The girls were led by a strong performance in the shot put. Memphis Curry won the event with a toss of 32'5", Katherine Mullett finished 3rd, Alexa Elliott 4th, Kylie Jones 6th, and Anastasia Berry placed 8th. Kaydin Moore placed in three events, 4th in the hurdles, 5th in the long jump and 8th in the high

jump. Kylie Carter finished 5th in the 400-meter and was part of the 3rd place finish of the 4x4 relay with Brooke Flynn, Kyleigh Martin and Katelyn Canon. The 4x2 relay of Memphis Curry, Kyleigh Martin, Eyrn Lemoine and Alexa Elliott finished 5th.

The boys were led by Grant Cravens, who won the discus with a throw of 104' 5" and finished 4th in the shot put. James Koester placed in three events, a 6th place finish in the 400-meter, 7th place in the 100 and had a 3rd place finish in the 4x2 relay with Chad Lewis, Ben Penkoff, Dillon Kinsey. Jeremiah Taylor finished 7th in the 1600.

Middle School Track and Field team competed at the Skoglund Middle School Invitational in Center on Friday the 21st of April. Once again the throwers had an outstanding day.

Leading the way was Katherine Mullett with a first in the girls discus (64'4") and a second in the shot put. Memphis Curry won the shot put with a throw of 28'6. Kylie Jones finished 4th in the shot put and 7th in the high jump. Brooke Bomgardner also finished 7th in the high jump. Kyleigh Martin placed 5th in the 400 meter dash and 7th in the 200 meter dash. Kaydin Moore finished 7th in the hurdles and Brook Flynn finished 8th in the hurdles. Ky-

lie Carter finished 7th in the 400 meter dash.

Grant Cravens lead the boys team with a first place finishes in the discus with a throw of 95' and a third place finished in the shot put. Wesley Curtis finished second in the triple jump, followed by a 4th place finish by JD Morris and a 6th place finish by Wyatt Aldridge. Jeremiah Taylor finished 2nd in the 800 meter dash. James Koester finished 5th in the 100 meter dash. Matthew Kienbusch finished 6th in the 200 meter dash.

The next meet for the Bobcats will today, Friday the 28th in Alamosa, start time for field events is 8:15 a.m, and running events start at 9 a.m.

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Bobcats Highschool Track Team Report



(L-R) Front: Haiden Leboeuf, Jessie Henrich, Aaron Pollack, Haylee Hutterer, Steven Bonilla, and Serenity Ham. Middle: Brittany Benoit, Alisha Dryer, Emma Aldrich, Kayla Carter, and Kylinn Wisecup. Back: Kaylee Chase, mgr., Head Coach Bruce May, Jerald Taylor, Luke Canon, Tyler Ferron, Jaden Florom, Adam Sapp, Katie Florom, Coach Jesse Taylor, and Coach Joy Perrish. Missing for picture: Kirsten Benoit, McKensie Penkoff, and Jack Bowker.

Photo by Jim Silver

by Jim Silver

On Friday, April 4th, the Custer County Bobcats competed against 18 other schools at the Petrelli and Hunt Invitational at Garry Berry Stadium in Colorado Springs. In girls' events, Emma Aldrich placed 25th in 100 meter hurdles and 22nd in 300-meter hurdles. Brittany Benoit placed 23rd in 300-meter hurdles and 37th in 200-meter dash. Katie Florom placed 7th in high jump and 16th in shot.

Serenity Ham placed 7th in 100-meter hurdles. Jessie Henrich--22nd in discus and 28th in shot. Haylee Hutterer came in 28th in 100-meter dash. Haiden Leboeuf placed 29th in discus. McKensie Penkoff was 17th in 100-meter dash and 21st in long jump. Kylinn Wisecup placed 33rd in 100-meter dash.

Boys showed up well in distance running, especially. Steven Bonilla placed 44th in shot. Jack Bowker

placed 16th in 400-meter dash and 18th in long jump. Luke Canon was 9th in 1600-meter run and 10th in 3200. Jaden Florom came in 26th in triple jump and 35th in the 200. Adam Sapp placed 32nd in shot and 44th in discus. Jerald Taylor placed 2nd in the 1600-meter run and 4th in the 3200.

Friday, April 21st was the Thunderstorm Invitational at CSU-Pueblo Stadium.

GO BOBCATS!

Bobcats Sport Schedule

MS Track AWAY v Alamosa <i>departure 5:30 a.m.</i> When: Fri, April 28, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Where: Alamosa	MS Traveling Basketball When: Friday, May 5, 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Where: West Gym
MS Traveling Basketball When: Fri, April 28, 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Where: West Gym	JV Baseball HOME v South Park When: Friday, May 5, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Where: Custer County
HS Track Meet - Vista Ridge Classic <i>departure TBD</i> When: Sat, April 29, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Where: Colorado Springs	MS Track AWAY v South Park <i>departure: TBD</i> When: Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Where: South Park
HS Volleyball When: Thursday, May 4, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Where: East Gym	HS Track Meet - Pueblo Twilight <i>departure: 10:30 a.m.</i> When: Saturday, May 6, 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Where: Dutch Clark Stadium 1001 W Abriendo Ave, Pueblo



Bobcat Menu • May 1-May 4, 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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Lunch Elem. Chicken Patty Sand. Oven Potato Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Pizza Burger Green Beans Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Creamy Chicken over Rice Peas/Carrots & Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Corn Dog Oven Fries Fruit Milk
Lunch MS & HS Pulled Pork Sandwich Cheesy Potatoes Coleslaw & Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Chicken Alfredo Pizza Tossed Salad Gr Beans & Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Creamy Chicken over Rice Tomatoes/Carrots Peas & Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Corn Dog Oven Fries Pasta Salad & Fruit Milk
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Friday, April 28, 2017

The Ice Cream Cone

Spring is here and summer is soon to follow. The time of sunshine, warm weather, picnics, fairs and my favorite, ice cream cones. It's the best refresher on a hot summer day to have a cone filled with your favorite ice cream.

What caused someone to invent the ice cream cone?

There is a lot of controversy as to who invented the first cone so I will try to summarize for you how the cone came about.

Many attribute the production of the first ice cream cone, in 1896, to Italo Marchiony. He emigrated from Italy to New York City in the late 1800's. He invented the ice cream cone in New York City and was granted a patent in December 1903. His invention was described in his patent application as: "This invention relates to molding apparatus, and particularly such molding apparatus as is used in the manufacture of ice-cream cups and the like." The drawings he submitted with his patent application showed a mold for shaping small cups not cones.

In 1904, St. Louis, Missouri, invited the country and the world to the St. Louis World's Fair.

There were approximately 50 ice cream stands and almost as many waffle shops. It is generally accepted that this is the place where the ice cream cone became popular.

There remain many that argue they were the first to have invented the cone; Ernest Hamwi, Nick Kabbaz, Abe Doumar, David Avayou and Charles Menches. They all basically did the same thing, took waffles, cooled them, wrapped them into a cone and stuffed them with ice cream, Wala. So there is the history in a nutshell. I personally would like to thank all of them for their ingenuity, because ice cream in a waffle cone is the best way I know of eating the ice cold creamy delicacy.

Question of the Week: A man builds a house with all four sides facing the south.

A bear walks past the house. What color is the bear?

Answer on page 3.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: idfa.org/news-views/media-kits/ice-cream/the-history-of-the-ice-cream-cone, whatscookingamerica.net/history/ice-cream/icecreamcone.htm

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Cotopaxi Drama Club Presented "The Boarding House"



(L-R); Clayton Barr, Kyla Baisden, Sage Laymon, Noah Jamerson, Jasen Wing, Kimberly Harris, Gary Jarvis, Hannah Karg, Amelia Tonnesen, Lydia Tonnesen, Briana Carey. Not pictured: Jeremiah Jarvis, Jeffrey Harris.

Photo Courtesy of Cotopaxi Schools.

by Christine Schoch

The Cotopaxi Drama Club presented its spring production on Thursday, March 30th. The full length play titled, "The Boarding House" was a comedy in two acts. Directed by junior Kimberly

Harris, the cast of 10 students included Amelia and Lydia Tonnesen, Noah Jamerson, Jasen Wing, Kyla Baisden, Hannah Karg, Sage Laymon, Briana Carey, Clayton Barr and Gary Jarvis. Stage manager, Jeremiah Jarvis, took care of the backstage details

such as sets, sound, lighting and props, assisted by Jeffrey Harris.

This year the club hosted a dinner theater as their fundraiser. Show tickets included a complete pasta dinner and seating in-the-round. The

cast put on a near flawless performance with glowing reviews! Drama Club sponsors, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Dotter could not be more proud of these dedicated young thespians and their support staff.

Anna and Joe Orgeron Say Their Goodbyes

by Ellen Swartz

Long-time residents Anna and Joe Orgeron are leaving the valley to relocate in North Carolina. To those who do not recognize their names...they are also known as the "Chicken Lady" and "Gator". They made it to Westcliffe in a roundabout way, but we are so glad this is where they settled for 19 years, calling the Wet Mountain Valley home.

Joe grew up in Marrero, Louisiana. He joined the Air Force in 1972 retiring in 1993.

Anna was born in Mountain Home, Idaho. From there her family lived in Germany; New Hampshire; Arizona; Missouri, then back to Arizona. She joined the Air Force in 1974 and was medically retired in 1989 due to Crohn's Disease.

Joe and Anna married in 1990 in Marrero, Louisiana. They lived in Biloxi, Mississippi, from 1990-1993; then moved to Northglenn, Colorado. Joe worked on heating and cooling equipment and Anna became a licensed wildlife rehabilitator and volunteered at the Greenwood Hills Wildlife & Rehabilitation Center in Longmont, Colorado.

Joe and Anna moved to Westcliffe in June of 1998. Joe started his own company called AnyTime Heating. AnyTime was in business from 1998-2010. Joe started to have motor

skill issues so they closed the business. It wasn't until May of 2015, that he was officially diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis.

During this time, Anna be-

Days" event.

•American Legion, Post 170. She was one of the re-charter members in October 2004; was Adjutant for 12 years. Also finance



Joe "Gator" and Anna "Chicken Lady" Orgeron.

Courtesy Photo

came actively involved in our community. The following is just a sampling of the many clubs and activities she was involved in:

•High Altitude Garden Club (tending the courthouse gardens for four years).

•SAR (as dispatcher for two years and Joe was a driver).

•Chamber of Commerce (active member and then treasurer; she also served on the Visitor's Guide committee for three years); AND for many years managed the community parades through the Chamber (nickname was the Parade Queen); AND was on the committee for the first "Wet Mountain Western

officer; service office; children and youth chair; Cub Scout unit chairperson; Honor Guard participant; VA&R chair; newsletter editor and webmaster.

•Member American Legion Auxiliary #170 and served as Secretary, Treasurer and Webmaster.

•She along with Lorraine Silva, was chairperson for the local "Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home" event.

•Anna worked with 4-H as a poultry judge for six years (as well as pocket pets and cats).

•Lastly, she was on the board of directors for Custer County Transitions (an organization that worked with

improving the lives of children in our community).

It goes without saying that we are going to truly miss Anna and Joe. There is going to be a going away community event on Saturday, April 29th, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club. Everyone is invited to come wish the Orgeron's well. This will be a potluck event and it is asked that those who wish to participate bring only finger foods - nothing requiring utensils. There will also be items auctioned off including the table centerpieces, with monies going to help defray the cost of moving. Some of the items to be auctioned off will be a "Ragin' Cajun Basket", with foods to satisfy even the pickiest Cajun guaranteed; "Here Chick Chick!", with fresh eggs and miscellaneous chicken wares for the barnyard; "Bird Tree", all items for the bird-lover including bird houses, seed, suet, hummingbird feeder, nectar and more; "Bless the Beasts and the Children", pet beds, chow, salt block, etc.; "We Who Toil in the Soil", a gardener's delight including a wheelbarrow, garden tools and gloves, seeds, hat, thermometer, etc..

April 29, 2017, is also being declared "Anna Orgeron Day" by our county commissioners. A special recognition ceremony will also be held during the event. We hope to see you there!

Local Mountain News & Notices

Classifieds

Announcements

Yard sale at the Wild West Cowboy Church
Friday April 28, 9 a.m. -6 p.m. and Saturday April 29, 9 a.m. -2 p.m. . Breakfast and lunch available for purchase
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The Custer County School District has an opening for a **head high school boys basketball coach** for the 2017-2018 school year. Classified staff applications are available online at custercountyschools.org or at the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. For more information, please contact Jack Christensen at (719)783-4921.

In compliance with Titles VI & VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 and Colorado law, Custer County School District C-1 does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, age, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, disability or need for special education services in admissions, access to, treatment or employment in educational programs or activities which it operates. Complaint procedures have been established for students, parents, employees and members of the public. The following person(s) have been identified as the compliance officer for the district: Secondary Principal, 609 Main Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252. (719)783-2291

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Events Calendar

Friday, Saturday, April 28 and 29, 7 p.m.
Saturday Matinée, April 29, 2 p.m.
Cinderella: The Broadway Version
Presented by the Custer County High School Drama Department
THE JONES THEATER \$\$ Westcliffe

Friday April 28, 9 a.m. – Noon
4-H Club Training
Sangres Shooting Sports Club
S. Hwy 69, Westcliffe

Friday April 28, 9 a.m.
BOCC Meeting Boardroom

Friday April 28, 10 a.m.
Get to know the Library's Digital services
West Custer County Library
209 Main St. Westcliffe FREE

Friday, April 28, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Bingo - Saddle Club
90 CR 241, Westcliffe

Sunday, April 30, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Saddle Club - Youth Mentoring
Music Meadows Ranch
6076 CR 119, Westcliffe

Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m.
In Concert: Classical Music in the Valley hosts *Colorado Chamber Players*
THE JONES THEATER \$\$ Westcliffe

Sunday April 30, 7:30 p.m.
Cowboy Church at Crossroads presents Sons and Brothers
Benefit Concert for Building Fund
Intersection of East Main & Steinmeier
The Fourmile Community Hall, Cañon City

Monday, May 1, 5:30 p.m.
Silver Cliff Town Meeting
Silver Cliff Town Hall
Silver Cliff

Tuesday, May 2, 9 a.m.
BOCC Meeting Boardroom

Wednesday, May 3, 9 a.m.
BOCC Meeting Boardroom

Saturday, May 6, 1-3 p.m.
Thank You for Your Service Party
at the Grange in Hillside, CO on Hwy 69 N

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

4:15 p.m. at 615 Rosita Avenue. Custer County Republican Central Committee meeting. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. See www.CusterGOP.com or Facebook page at <https://m.facebook.com/custergop>.
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.

Thursdays

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

Friday

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

Third Friday of the Month

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

Saturday

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

3rd Saturday of Month

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

Please call 719-783-3360 or email sdcsentinel@gmail.com to place your ad. The deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is Monday at 4 p.m. for that week's edition.

ATTENTION ... Spring Cleaners

We need your books; the VPR&YC is gearing up for the annual **BOOK FAIR**, held the first week in August at the Historic "Westcliff" Schoolhouse. For questions, volunteering, and donations please contact Patti 783-2739 or Marci 783-2289.

Services

Club America
50 E. Main Street
Silver Cliff, CO 81252
(719) 783-0750

Custer County Senior Center
612 Main St.
Silver Cliff, CO 81252
(719) 783-9508
Lunch; Mon., Tues. & Thur. at Noon. **RSVP by 9:30 a.m.**

Custer County Community Sharing Center Inc.
120 N. 3rd St.
Westcliffe, CO 81252
(719) 783-3303
Fri. 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources

417 Cliff Street
Silver Cliff, CO 81252
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Mon. and Thur. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

West Custer County Library

209 Main Street
Westcliffe, CO 81252
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John 8:58 NKJV

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Howard-Cotopaxi Christian Women's Connection Luncheon

Press Release

All ladies are invited to the Howard/Cotopaxi Christian Women's Connection Luncheon. The May program theme is "Let's Face It", featuring wood carver/artist Bert Nuckols, from Cotopaxi, who carves amazing facial likenesses hidden in blocks of wood, and other items. An inspiring speaker, vocalist and former newspaper reporter, Richelle Force, from Westminster, will sing and share her story, "Incidental Handicap", overcoming the stigma lurking behind facial deformity, cleft palate and lip.

The date is May 17, 2017, from 12 to 1:45 p.m. at the Coaldale Community Building, a historic brick schoolhouse a quarter-mile south of US Hwy 50 on Hayden Creek Road, Coaldale. A ticket price of \$10 includes a delicious catered hot lunch. Please call for reservations and information. Kathryn 719-275-3588 or Teri at 719-942-3337, or email howardcotopaxi cwc@gmail.com Please invite your neighbor or bring a friend. She'll be glad you did!

Christian Women's Connection is affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries of Overland Park, Kansas.

Anne's Grooming: Dog and Cat Styling Done Right

by George Gramlich

When Anne Hewitt and her sister Joan moved into their new pet grooming shop on Main Street in Westcliffe last year, they had no idea what the market would be like here in Happy Valley. They put a handwritten sign in the window the first day (waiting for their outside sign), and within a very short while, a tourist in a big RV saw it, did a U-turn, and came in with their little dog for a full grooming. They thought they might have made a good location choice. And a good choice it has been.

With their great location at 615 Main Street (right across from the Sentinel), and the excellent service they provide, their business has grown dramatically in the last two years. Their full grooming service consists of a thorough brushing, a shampoo and conditioner bath, clipping, nail trimming (via an excellent

Dremel tool), ear cleaning and if needed, Anne also has different kinds of shampoos for dogs with allergies and skin problems.

grumpy dogs. De-shedding is also provided.

All dogs must be current on their vaccinations, especially rabies.



Above: Anne Hewitt of Anne's Grooming. Below: A pet portrait by Anne.

Photos by George Gramlich

And big dogs are more than welcome. Anne has been trained by master groomers, and specializes in old and

Cats can also be shaved if needed.

Anne and Joan both do beautiful pet portraits, Anne with colored pencil and Joan with Scratch-board.

Anne's Grooming is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Their phone number is (719) 371-0728 and their email address is anneburke671@gmail.com.

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Custer County School Board April 2017 Meeting

—April 11, 2017

by Larry Luikart,
Reporter

President Davis called the meeting to order and she lead the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called and all Board members were present. The Agenda was approved and there was no Correspondence to the Board. No one from the public requested to speak at the meeting in either the first or second sessions.

The Board approved the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting March 14, 2017, and the Special Board Meeting on March 27, 2017. The Board approved April 4, 2017, as a Snow Day and No Electricity Day as well.

Business Manager Amy Perschbacher reported revenue for the District from a receipt of a state stipend of \$6,000 to be paid in April for four National Board Certified Teachers and a receipt of \$3,761 dividend from Pinnacle Assurance for the 2014-2015 year. The delay is apparently due to accounting issues at Pinnacle.

The Personnel changes included Whitney Day; High School Language Arts Teacher, Traci Terry;

return Head Middle School Girls Track and Mike Terry; Volunteer Middle School Track.

Amy Perschbacher presented a request to replace and upgrade three Xerox copiers along with the associated leases for those devices. She also presented the Check Vouchers and Financial Reports. Approved. Superintendent Payler presented information items regarding the E-rate for the District and the preliminary work for the required State Uniform Improvement Plan.

The Second Reading of Policy DKC – Expense Authorization/ Reimbursement (Vehicle Mileage Reimbursement) was presented. This policy changes the current reimbursement to the Internal Revenue Service Standard. Approved.

The First Reading of Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements was presented by Principal Christensen. This creative plan will permit differentiated graduation requirements based on student learning styles and interests. The three paths to graduation include: Collegiate, Work Force Ready and Individualized. Approved with compliments from the Board on the hard work and thoughtful

innovation in this plan.

Policy JICDE – Bullying Prevention and Education received a Second and Final Reading.

Approved. The Salary Schedule (Policy Regulation) was read. The recruitment and retention of quality teachers continues to be one of the greatest challenges for small rural Colorado schools. The new Salary Schedule raises the base salary for a new teacher to just over thirty thousand dollars. Approved.

The Draft of the School Calendar for the 2017-18 school year was discussed. The Board approved the Calendar with some proposed changes due to unforeseen possible conflicts.

The Superintendent, PK-12 Principal, PK-12 Assistant Principal, and Business Manager contracts were approved by the Board. The Web Filter expenditures were also approved.

Elementary Principal Anderson presented her report. Week of the Young Child is April 24-27, 2017. Special events for Preschool will include a visit to the Public Library, Tony's Pizza and the Bowling Alley. There will be music provided by Terra Raye

and Gushi Kawah. The Preschool Screening will take place on April 28th. Lots of assessments are going on or will take place during April and May. Elementary has been focusing on writing instruction and curricula while Middle School has been concentrating on reading and vocabulary instructional strategies. Both Elementary and Middle School have been working on school environment through teaching leadership skills.

High School Principal Christensen discussed State testing which went well. He indicated the SAT test has replaced the ACT by edict of the Colorado Department of Education. This test is somewhat different from the ACT which will result in some growing pains both for teachers preparing students for the test and the students taking the test. Professional Development included working on curricula and initiatives, mental health services review, ninety-day plan reading strategies and continued work on the writing rubric.

Superintendent Payler reported the Strategic Planning Committee met and they plan on meeting several more times before pre-

senting their plan to the Board in May. Title Funding for the next several years may go down as much as 10 percent. The Requests for Proposal for a management company for the teacher housing project has so far had no applicants. Superintendent Payler will continue searching for a manager. The School Funding from the State remains a mystery at this point until the legislative session is concluded.

(Reporters note: Indications are the State will cut somewhere in the range of forty to forty-five million dollars once again in the negative factor calculation for schools. Write, call, fax, email, tweet to as many state elected officials and complain about the continued disgraceful funding for education in Colorado.)

Superintendent Payler is working on a Comprehensive Calendar for the District. He expressed his thanks and gratitude to the Board, Administrators, Teachers and Staff for the recent bereavement leave.

There was no request for Executive Session. The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. in the School Library.



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May 10, 2017

Custer County community Assessment

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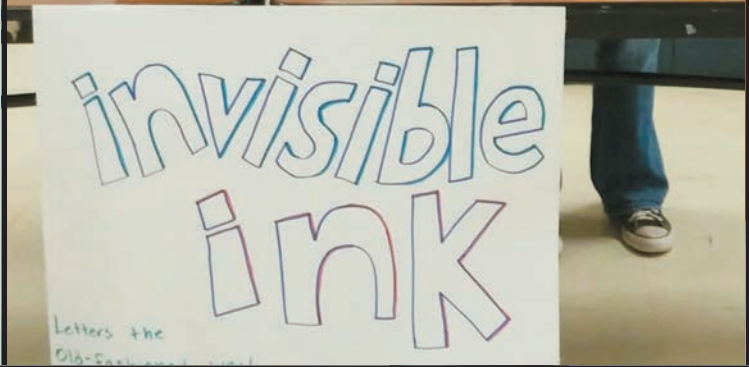
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Excellence in Education Sponsored S Hosted by the Nati

by Carol Franta

On Tuesday, April 11th, over 30 elementary students and their teachers participated in National Honor Society Night is hosted by the National Honor Society and were able to participate in hands-on experiments and activities. The event was sponsored by the Custer County High School National Honor Society. It was a motivating opportunity for the younger students to see the older students. A good time was had by all.



Science Night at Custer County School National Honor Society

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017
9:00 AM

Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /Commissioners Room

- Call Meeting to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Amend Agenda
Audience Introduction
Public Comment
Approval of Minutes
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
- Annual Library Report – Amy Moulton
 - J. Krall report
 - Underfunded Courthouse
 - Closure of South Hardscrabble Road (CR 386)
- Staff Reports:
- Airport
 - Veterans
 - Human Services

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Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Agenda

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017

9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /Commissioners Room

Call Meeting to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Amend Agenda
Audience Introduction
Public Comment
Approval of Minutes
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
- Special Event Permit - Club America - Kelley Hunt Concert - K . Camper
 - Special Event Permit - Chamber of Commerce - Rock & Soul Jam - K . Camper
 - Special Events Permit (Liquor) - San Isabel Land Protection Trust’s Hardscrabble Mountain Trail Run - K . Camper
- Staff Reports:
- Road & Bridge
 - o Hermit Bridge Project RFP approval
 - Landfill/Recycle
 - HR/Finance
 - Treasurer
 - Public Health
 - o School Nurse continuation
 - OEM

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NOTICE
Notice to Creditors

Estate of James R. Duran
aka James Randolph Duran
Deceased
Case Number 17PR2

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the Custer County District Court on or before August 15, 2017 or the claims may be barred forever.

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Westcliffe, CO 81252

or the District Court of Custer County

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Notice to Creditors

Estate of Brenda Sue Abbott
Deceased
Case Number 17PR1

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Custer County Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on May 2, 2017 at 1:30 P.M. Custer County Courtroom. The following will be considered.

1. Presentation for Westcliffe Supply Company LLC / Special Use Permit, 228 County Road 251, Custer County Colorado.

The agenda is posted on the bulletin board located in the hall of the Custer County Courthouse. Copies of the agenda are available in the Custer County Planning and Zoning office.

Anyone wishing to comment may do so at the Hearing or by mail to Custer County Planning and Zoning office, P.O. Box 203 Westcliffe CO 81252; by fax 719-783-9907 or by e-mail Jackie@custercountygov.com

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Town of Westcliffe

Separate sealed BIDS for the Construction of the **Westcliffe Transportation Alternatives Program Project – Main Street and Rosita Street Improvements**, (TAP M352-002; 20572) aka **Westcliffe Improvements PHI** including: demolition and site preparation, earthwork, drainage improvements, cast-in-place concrete sidewalk and curb and gutter, brick pavers, handicap ramps, hot bituminous pavement, period lighting and electrical improvements, and miscellaneous appurtenances as indicated in the Bid Documents will be received by the Town of Westcliffe (Owner) at the office of the Owner, 305 Main Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252 until 11:00 A.M., (Local Time) Wednesday May 3, 2017. After which time, at said office all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday April 25, 2017 at the office of the Owner. Attendance at this Pre-Bid Conference is mandatory.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

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| NorthStar Engineering and Surveying, Inc. | Town of Westcliffe |
| 111 E. 5th Street | 305 Main Street |
| Pueblo, CO 81003 | Westcliffe, CO 81252 |
| (719) 544-6823 | (719) 783-2282 |

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at NorthStar Engineering and Surveying, Inc., 111 E. 5th Street, Pueblo, CO 81003, 719-544-6823. Bidders are responsible for all printing costs. It is the Bidder’s responsibility to verify whether any addenda were issued.

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Colorado State News



Bill Could Hike Hunting, Fishing Fees 50%!

by Joey Bunch,
ColoradoPolitics.com

While the state Senate is set to debate a transportation bill this week to ask voters for a 0.50 sales tax, the House begins work on a bill to hike hunting and fishing fees by 50 percent.

One increase has gotten a lot more attention than the other.

The first increase in hunting and fishing fees in 12 years is steep and extensive, senior citizens, for example, would no longer be able to fish for free under House Bill 1321.

If you lose your license and need a replacement, for example, the cost is no longer five bucks, but 50 percent of the cost of the license.

A one-day fishing pass, for ex-

ample, for state residents goes from \$8 to \$12, and a year-long license jumps from \$25 to \$37.50. A small-game hunting license climbs from \$20 to \$40 and deer hunting goes from \$30 to \$45, on the list of increases.

The bill was up for its first hearing before the House Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources Committee last Monday at 1:30 p.m.

There's not much time to debate it; the session ends in two and half weeks. And, notably, as of Sunday evening the bill didn't yet have a Senate sponsor or a fiscal note from legislative analysts.

That's troubling to Sen. Leroy Garcia, D-Pueblo, who has watched the process closely since last year, before the Division of

Parks and Wildlife held 18 hearings on raising hunting and fishing costs.

Garcia said not many hunters and anglers knew about the meetings, and he thinks the whole process is being rushed with such a large hike in fees on the table.

He said the fees might be justified, but the Division of Parks and Wildlife needs to do a better job of making that case to the public.

"I'm just leery of the process and how it's being done," he said.

Most people won't know the fees have gone up until they go to renew a license or show up at a park and find they're paying significantly more, Garcia fears.

According to the bill, the money would:

- Enhance access and services on public and private lands for sportsmen and women.
- Increase youth and adult hunting and fishing recruitment through education and outreach programs.
- Increase big game populations through habitat improvement programs.
- Protect state trust species through distribution and abundance monitoring, disease prevention and partnerships with private landowners.
- Address a backlog of renovation and maintenance for fish hatcheries and more than 100 dams owned by the division.
- Upgrade law enforcement, including communications technology compatible with other

- law enforcement agencies.
- Recruit and retain qualified employees to manage wildlife, park, recreational and aquatic resources.
- Maintain park infrastructure under the pressure of increasing visitation.
- Ensure Colorado's lakes and reservoirs remain free of aquatic nuisance species and open to recreation by providing stable funding for boat inspection stations.

"I'm not opposed to those things," Garcia said. "I just think we need to have a conversation about whether we need to pay for all those things right now."

Please see: <http://coloradopolitics.com/hunting-fishing-fees-colorado/>

Colorado Republicans Walk a Tightrope Over Rural Hospital Fix

by Marianne Goodland,
The Colorado Independent

As lawmakers continue to negotiate over the session's biggest bill – to free up millions of dollars for rural hospitals, instead of cutting funds to the brink of closure – Republican lawmakers are walking a tightrope between rural hospitals and schools on one side, and conservatives, including outside groups, that would like to see the measure killed.

Conservatives have long opposed any change in the hospital provider fee, a program that requires hospitals to pay a fee based on overnight patient stays and the number of outpatient

services. That money is pooled and then matched on almost a dollar-for-dollar basis, and then redistributed to hospitals that provide health care to low-income Coloradans.

The provider fee bill, under the title of "Sustainability for Rural Colorado," includes a long list of different proposals that would fund rural hospitals, schools and transportation projects for rural communities.

It also includes a reduction in the state's spending limit by \$670.3 million, a nod to conservatives who won't support the bill without it. And that matters: the bill's Republican sponsors are

Senate President Pro-Tem Jerry Sonnenberg of Sterling and Rep. Jon Becker of Fort Morgan, both fiscal conservatives.

Sonnenberg and Becker put their names on the bill to save rural hospitals; Sonnenberg has 11 in his 11-county district. Two could face closure without a fix to the provider fee program. That fix comes in the form of reclassifying the fee into a government-owned business. That would take the provider fee money out of the state's spending limit and save hospitals statewide from a \$528 million cut.

The spending limit is set by the Taxpayer's Bill of

Rights (TABOR), which allows state spending to increase by a percentage based on population growth and inflation. That's usually around six percent every year. Any attempts to weaken or change TABOR will earn a lawmaker the wrath of TABOR defenders, both inside and outside the Capitol. That's one of the reasons Republicans in the past two years, including then-Senate President Bill Cadman of Colorado Springs, refused to consider any changes to the provider fee program, believing the fix proposed by Democrats would violate TABOR.

Republicans who have changed course and decided to back the provider fee

fix are finding themselves in the crosshairs from groups outside the Capitol, several from within their own party, that oppose the measure, no matter how much it could be tweaked to their liking. And several sources who would speak only on background have said that pressure includes threatening some Republican lawmakers with primaries next year.

Part of the issue, according to Sonnenberg, is that it's tough to get urban lawmakers, including those within his own caucus, to understand the problems of rural Colorado.

That job is tougher when urban lawmakers rely on

outside conservative organizations to evaluate complicated bills, he said, such as the provider fee bill. Even those groups that have rated Sonnenberg highly in the past, such as Principles of Liberty (which rates Colorado lawmakers on adherence to principles of free markets and liberty) and the Colorado Union of Taxpayers, an anti-tax group, are on record on whether the bill matches up with their ideals. It doesn't.

At least one rural lawmaker is unperturbed about any fight with conservative organizations over the bill.

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"Takin' It To The House..." A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

by Representative
Jim Wilson – HD 60

—April 23, 2017

The brown cloud of smog regularly seen over Denver was amplified this past week with Legislators burning the midnight oil. (Actually, the smoke cloud on 4/20 was from the marijuana celebration in Civic Center Park – but that is another story...) With just 17 days left in the legislative session, committee meetings have dragged on into the wee hours of the morning. My Local Government Committee thought we had the record for the week when we finally adjourned just past midnight. However, the Judicial Committee ran away with the late night award of the week when they gaveled out at three o'clock in the morning! With adjournment looming, committee agendas jamming and contentious bills still lurking in the shadows,

do not expect the air quality in the Capitol City to improve anytime soon...

Several bills have been involved in heated discussions that have created some "smoke" of their own. HB 17-1242 (a transportation bill that would send a tax measure to the ballot in November raising the state sales tax by .62% for 20 years) cleared the House, but it is headed to the Senate Finance Committee where it is rumored that there are not enough votes to get out of committee. The situation is tough for the President of the Senate as he is the Senate sponsor of HB 17-1242.

SB 17-267 is still alive but is under fire as well. It would put \$300M to roads in counties under 50,000 population, give \$400M to rural and small schools and protect the Hospital Provider Fee. SB 17-267 is caught in the crossfire of balancing the budget. The Joint Bud-



get Committee is relying on pulling approximately \$264 million out of the HPF to balance the 2017-2018 budget.

Rumor has it that HB 17-1171 (a bill funding transportation within the proposed budget) will arise from the ashes of death. It was killed earlier in the session in the House State Affairs Committee, but it may come back in the form of a late bill in the Senate. Some bills die and others just smolder until they burst

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Colorado Dems Fueled by Sex Trafficking?

by ColoradoPeak Politics.com

There’s a hot hearing down in Arizona that hasn’t made its way to Colorado media yet. A federal grand jury is hearing evidence against executives with the lurid Backpage.com website, which powers those raunchy classifieds in places like the *Village Voice* in New York City, in preparation for a potential indictment after a report alleged that “the website knowingly accepted ads offering sex with underage girls,” according to *The Arizona Republic*.

But who cares what happens to some folks in Arizona, right? Wrong. Backpage.com executives, Michael Lacey, James Larkin, Scott Spear, and John Brunst, as well as their wives, Margaret Larkin, Ellona Spear, and Mary Ann Brunst, were all max out donors to the Colorado Senate Victory Fund, giving \$88,200, or \$12,600 each, in the 2014 election cycle. To put this in context, the \$88,200 sent to Colorado was more than

half of all of Backpage executives’ total state and federal contributions of \$162,200.

At the heart of the allegations is a damning U.S. Senate report that offers a scathing rebuke of Backpage.com’s business practices:

“The editing and moderation [of illegal phrasing] practices described above make clear that Backpage knew of, and facilitated, illegal activity taking place on its website. But in addition, the Subcommittee’s investigation has revealed additional evidence showing that Backpage is acutely aware that its website facilitates prostitution and child sex trafficking.”

Holy cow. Let us break this down for you. Essentially, the largest donors to the Democrat’s Colorado Senate Victory Fund, an arm of the State Party, in 2014 knowingly provided a platform for facilitating child sex trafficking.

We just threw up.

To add to this pile of disgusting,

when *The Arizona Republic* asked whether the Arizona State Democratic Party, which received significantly less than the Colorado Dems, would return the funds potentially received from child trafficking, here’s what the Arizona Dems said:

“Asked if the party intended to keep the \$8,000, a spokesman, Enrique Gutiérrez, said the money had already been spent.”

Gross.

So, here’s the question for the Colorado Democratic Party and its new leader, Morgan Carroll: Will the Colorado Democratic Party return the money? If past behavior is any indication of future behavior, the answer is no. But the Colorado Democratic Party, at the very least, must contribute the \$88,200 to a nonpartisan (yes, an actual nonpartisan organization, not one of its fake ones) organization to stop child trafficking.

If the Colorado Democratic Party doesn’t send these donations back, every one of their executives and elected officials should be shunned from society because this is just too much.

Please see: <https://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2017/04/18/dems-fueled-by-sex-trafficking-backpage-com-execs-donated-88200-to-co-dems/>

Colorado State News



Troubled Colorado Transportation Funding Bill Faces Roadblocks

by Peter Marcus, ColoradoPolitics.com

A proposal to raise money for transportation infrastructure appears to have crashed in the legislature as supporters scramble to secure the votes needed to keep the bill moving.

Senate President Kevin Grantham, R-Cañon City, a sponsor of the centerpiece transportation funding effort, acknowledged that he has struggled to convince his caucus to support the measure.

“The reality is at this point we can’t count to three,” Grantham said, highlighting the votes needed in the Republican-controlled Senate to advance the measure out of the Senate Finance Committee.

House Bill 1242 was scheduled to be heard in the Finance Committee on April 25th. The bill already advanced out of the Senate Transportation Committee after passing the House.

“What we couldn’t figure out in the last five months, we have to figure out in the next five days,” Grantham said.

The legislation – which would have to be approved by voters – calls for a 0.50 percent sales tax increase to raise money for a \$3.5 billion bonding program for roads. That figure is down from 0.62 percent, which was the original proposal.

“No matter how you slice it, this comes down to a sales tax increase, and I’m not sure what ornament we can hang on this tree that will make that not as important as it is,” Grantham said.

Supporters of the effort were hoping that Republican Sen. Jack Tate of Centennial would be the swing vote to push the measure through. But Tate has made it clear to Grantham that he

will not be supporting the transportation measure in its current form.

“We should exhaust better options first,” Tate said.

He supports a separate troubled effort to restructure the Hospital Provider Fee while lowering the cap on state spending to more easily trigger taxpayer rebates. Restructuring the fee would free money for roads and highways in the short term.

“That’s a much better option. I would prefer to see that bill pass and then after we’ve exhausted that option ... at some subsequent time we can talk about what else can happen,” Tate said.

For Republicans, a sales tax increase is a tough pill to swallow. Critics of the transportation funding measure would like to see a better prioritization of federal and state funds, bonding and a lowering of the state spending limit.

“After we trim the hedges and mow the grass, we can look at doing some more landscaping,” Tate said. “I’m not going to be supporting a tax increase unless we’ve done the other things that we can do first.”

But Grantham pointed out that without a tax increase, it would be difficult to replace the revenue needed to support improvements for roads and highways. He said he has had a difficult time separating the transportation talks from Hospital Provider Fee negotiations.

House Speaker Crisanta Duran, D-Denver, who is sponsoring the transportation funding bill with Grantham, assailed Republicans who are opposing the effort over ideological concerns.

Holding a long scroll listing the names of organizations that support the transportation

funding effort, Duran asked how opponents can “turn their backs on all these people.”

“They’re turning their backs on all of these different people from across the state of Colorado that represent the rural, the urban, the suburban areas of our state. They are turning their backs on leaders at the local level, Republicans and Democrats ... They’re turning their backs on everyone who said, ‘My goodness, with all the roads in the state of Colorado, we need to be able to come up with a transportation plan for future generations and to preserve the quality of life that we have in this state.’”

A group of stakeholders is working on another legislative effort that would start the transportation funding process from scratch. But with less than three weeks left in the session, a new effort would face an uphill battle.

Failure to act would come as a major failure on the part of the legislature, as legislative leaders spoke of transportation funding as a priority at the start of the session in January. If lawmakers fail to come up with a solution for voters to approve, then ballot initiatives are likely to surface from outside the Capitol. Several initiatives have already been filed.

“We will have another year in the assembly. We’ll come back next year if we don’t do anything in the next 15 working days. We’ll keep trying,” Grantham said. “However, I can almost guarantee you that this November there will be measures on the ballot.”

Please see: <http://coloradopolitics.com/troubled-colorado-transportation-funding-bill-faces-roadblocks/>

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Ron Taylor’s Flush of the Week

Maxine Waters (D-CA)



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Contemp-able Maxine

...Infamous for lines like “I have to march because my mother could not have an abortion.” And “Americans are bigots for opposing Sharia law,” Maxine Waters’ latest description of Trump is that he is “contemp-able.”

She can’t get a handle on the English language and won’t get a handle on the truth either! While leading the Tax March in Washington, D.C., she led protesters in a screaming chant, “Impeach 45” over and over. Three days later she denied it on MSNBC Fake News and said, “I haven’t called for his impeachment.” DUH! She was calling for impeachment before he took office!

She is still hallucinating (fantasizing) that the President and Vladimir are wrapping their arms around each other, and that America is in bigggg trouble because Mr. Trump has not released his tax returns. But then, she also thinks Russia is invading North Korea.

This is Maxine Waters’ “WORLD”! Not Jobs, illegal immigration, Americans’ safety, or Islamic terrorism (ISIS).

America, let’s petition to impeach Maxine Waters on grounds of stupidity! Until then, we will FLUSH!



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Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

Events

April 28- May 21

- **COG lunch is served at noon every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 100 Railroad St. in Florence.** Call 784-6493 before 9:30 a.m. for reservations. Meals cost \$2 for 60 and older and \$6.50 for 59 and younger.
- **Free lunch is served from noon-1 p.m. Tuesdays at Mercy Today Ministries in the back of the First Christian Church at 320 N. 16th St. in Cañon City.** For more information, call 276-9242.
- **Lunches are served at noon Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Penrose Center at 405 Broadway in Penrose.** Everyone is welcome. Meals are \$3 per person. Please call 372-3872 for reservations. Thrift Store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- **Friends of the Penrose Community Library hosts its weekly used book sales from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. every Wednesday in the shed behind the library at 35 Seventh Ave. in Penrose.**
- **Free lunch to those in need will be offered from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. the third Saturday of the month in the Fellowship Hall at the First United Methodist Church at the corner of Ninth and Main streets.**

April 29th, “All American Freedom Festival of Colorado” Super Science Fair and Scholarship Competition event will be held on Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Mountain View Core Knowledge School, 890 Field Avenue, Cañon City, CO.

April 29, Cañon City’s 5Health Fair will be offered from 7 a.m.-noon at Evangelical Free Church at 3000 E. Main St. in Cañon City.

April 30, 7:30 p.m. Cowboy Church at Crossroads presents Sons and Brothers Benefit Concert for Building Fund at Intersection of East Main and Steinmeier, The Fourmile Community Hall, Cañon City.

May 21, Florence Merchants Car Show will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in downtown Florence. For more information, call 520-403-5204 or email dp3lupton@yahoo.com.

Liberals Attempt to Disrupt Rep. Lamborn’s Town Hall Meeting in Fremont County



Protesters sit only after Sheriff Beicker entered the room.

by Barbara Penezic

Congressman Doug Lamborn (R-CO) walked into the lion’s den recently during a town hall meeting at the Fremont County Administration Building.

There were friendly protesters outside and decidedly unfriendly democrats inside. The Congressman it must be said remained gracious and professional in the face of slings and arrows from those who came not to ask questions or participate in a civil manner; their only goal appeared to be disruption. They did not want to hear what the Congressman had to say and they obviously didn’t want anyone else to hear what the Congressman had to say.

One gentleman in the crowd had this to say, “These people have no concept of what a democracy really is. They lost the election because the people are tired of what they are selling. We are proud, free Americans; we have fought many times to keep this our country ‘One Nation Under God’, we will not accept a World Order or Globalism. I am a veteran, I have fought for America before and I am fully prepared to do that again if that is what it takes.”

Lamborn attributed the hostility to the fact that many liberals

can’t come to terms with the fact that they lost. “They don’t like the direction that policy is going in, and they were hoping for a more liberal agenda coming out of a Hillary Clinton White House. Some people haven’t gotten over the fact that Hillary Clinton lost the election and Donald Trump won, and they haven’t yet resolved that in their own minds.”

A U.S. veteran and his wife were in the crowd. They came to speak with the Congressman about issues they were having with medical care and huge medical bills that were being reported on their credit. The Congressman’s aides were able to meet with the couple and offer some guidance. Many others had questions on medical and other issues but because of the disruption on the part of the liberals those who tried to speak were shouted down. The mood could easily have progressed from ugly to violent but when Sheriff Beicker entered the room the dissenters became remarkably more passive.

A small group of peaceful protesters stood outside the Administration Building, an example of how protests should be done. Coaldale resident Kay Parker was one of several people holding signs. “We are destroying this planet,” she said, “one of

our signs says we march for our grandchildren because it is up to us to make sure that they have a future and we are not doing good at that; it hurts me.”

The group was upset with potential defunding of Corporation for Public Broadcasting, National Public Radio, and Planned Parenthood. “My bill would defund National Public Radio and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, not because there is anything wrong with them, but they can survive on their own without taxpayer support.” Parker concluded, “Life matters for all of us, not just the few. It is time for Corporate America to become Human America.”

The relatively small group of people acted with civility; they did not block passage, they did not shout people down, but they did get their message heard by many people.

Credit should be given to Congressman Lamborn and his aides; they stood their ground and spoke with those who came to participate. The Congressman has been met with hostility at other such meetings and a lady from Cañon City said what many were repeating, “This was a sad day for Fremont County and Cañon City, I was embarrassed for us.”

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IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

**Cañon City
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City Hall
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Sen. Don Coram of Montrose, one of several rural Republican senators expected to back the bill, said people in his district who are aware of it are supportive. “I’m hearing from the people who are concerned about the health of our hospitals,” he said Tuesday. To the groups that are fighting the bill, Coram said that when he gets a bad score from them, “I know I’m on the right side because I represent rural Colorado.”

Sen. Owen Hill, one of two urban Republicans on the Senate Finance Committee who voted to move the bill forward, acknowledged the pressure within his own district in Colorado Springs. He’s regularly spending time with voters in town halls explaining the policy

behind the bill, and said that people are fine with it once they understand what it does. He tells his voters that “this is not a way for the state to spend any more money. It’s a way to keep the state out of the hospitals’ budgets,” and with the spending limitation, which is allowed under the state constitution, “it’s the fiscally conservative thing to do.” Sen. Jack Tate of Centennial said he had not heard from some of the outside groups but added, “it’s early.”

Senate President Kevin Grantham of Cañon City was not available for comment.

Greg Golyanski, who heads the Colorado Union of Taxpayers, said Tuesday that the provider fee is just a tax by another name. “Taxpayers have to be approved by voters,” Golyanski said.

There’s also the matter of the bill’s title – Sustainability of Rural Colorado – a title so broad that almost anything could fit in it. Golyanski said he believes the bill violates Colorado’s single-subject law, which requires legislation to address only one issue. “It’s a hodge-podge of shenanigans,” he said, and indicated his organization might mount a legal challenge were the bill to become law.

Principles of Liberty head Richard Bratten said the organizations does not take positions on bills, but rates them based on how those measures match up with their views. However, the organization’s website says it opposes the provider fee bill, along with a lengthy analysis that said the measure conflicts with their views on fiscal responsibility and limited government.

“This bill is not for the faint of heart,” the website analysis said.

The bill also has earned the wrath of the Libertarian Independence Institute. Their online publication Complete Colorado came out with a stinging rebuke last week, saying the bill would “make the state budget less transparent, reduce legislative and taxpayer control over state spending, create two new slush funds outside of legislative control, increase state indebtedness and use a financial trick to raise the amount of tax money the state can keep without voter approval.”

But surprisingly, that opposition is not coming from one of the state Capitol’s most ardent TABOR defenders – the Koch brothers-funded Americans for Prosperity – which has asked lawmakers in the past

to sign pledges to defend TABOR. Michael Fields, AFP Colorado’s state director, said this week that they aren’t opposing or supporting the bill.

It’s more a position of neutrality for now, Fields said. “We’re waiting to see what happens,” especially with ongoing conversations about the spending cap. Fields was among several, including state GOP spokesman Kyle Kohli, who complimented Sonnenberg on his handling of the bill during its Senate Finance Committee hearing last week.

The bill is currently awaiting its next hearing with the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Please see: <http://www.coloradoindependent.com/164951/republicans-tightrope-provider-fee>

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

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

Magog, Meshach, Tubal, Persia and Today

A possibly significant prophetic event occurred when voters in Turkey passed a referendum to afford the country’s president near dictatorial powers by replacing the nation’s parliamentary system with a presidential government. Associated Press reports that some 18 changes will “allow the president to appoint ministers, senior government officials and half the members of Turkey’s highest judicial body, as well as to issue decrees and declare states of emergency. They set a limit of two five-year terms for presidents.”

This means that current President Tayyip Erdogan will have over a decade more of power that already has seen Turkey move rapidly toward a radical Islamic state. There are prophetic implications. Ezekiel 38:2 says, “...set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal and prophesy against them.” Magog, Meshech, Tubal are all located in what is now modern Turkey. Verse five says, “Persia, Ethiopia and Libya with them...” Persia is modern day Iran. Turkey and Iran are rivals as they are positioning for control of the Middle East. We know, however, that Magog (Turkey) eventually leads and Persia follows. These players represent both Shiite and Sunni Muslims who unite against Israel in the “acharit-hayamim,” meaning the end of days. God will destroy them with earthquakes, fire and brimstone. Ezekiel 38: 21 says, “...every man’s sword shall be against his brother.” Tensions between Iran and Turkey have been increasing as both countries

vie for dominance in the region. The Islamic Sunni Turkey, under Erdogan, has become increasingly totalitarian and Shiite Iran is a formidable terrorist sponsoring state working on a very real nuclear program. Turkey has been supporting the terrorist Islamic State (ISIL), while publicly denying that support, in an effort to block Iran from gaining a stronger foothold in the Middle East. It’s a complicated mix of treacherous foreign policy involving Syria, Iran, Turkey, Israel and several outside forces, including Russia, Europe, and the US. Russia is simply supplying weapons and skills to Iran and its vassal state Syria against the Islamic State. We know what the Bible says is going to happen. For Gog (the antichrist) to lead Magog, Meshech, Tubal and a broader coalition of what are currently Arab-dominated nations and Persia, against Israel, Persia must submit to Gog. The developments in Turkey bear careful watch as its leader seeks to establish a more radical Sunni state and supports actions to impede the Shiite ambitions of Iran. For the end time battle of Ezekiel 38 to play out, there must be an alliance, however fragile it may be, to move against Israel. We know that these nations may hold hate toward one another, but it is a greater hate for Israel that unites them even for just a specific time. Watch Turkey and Iran to see how it all comes together.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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Mutilating Little Girls in Michigan’s Little Palestine: Female Genital Mutilation Horror in the Midwest

by Daniel Greefield,
Front Page Magazine

Livonia, Michigan, is known as Little Palestine. The Detroit suburb is famous for its anti-Israel meetings. You could go hear Mustafa Barghouti, Omar Barghouti and Ali Abunimah without taking a long drive.

It’s also known for its shady doctors.

Dr. Murtaza Hussain was busted for letting unlicensed employees diagnose patients and write prescriptions. Dr. Waseem Alam and Dr. Hatem Ataya pleaded guilty in the nation’s largest Medicare fraud case totaling \$712 million in false billings centering on Shahid Tahir, Muhammad Tariq and Manavar Javed’s Livonia medical firms. But what was going on at one Livonia clinic was far worse than the theft of millions. Anyone passing by at the right time could hear the screams of little girls.

We think of horrors like female genital mutilation (FGM) as a terrible thing that happens over “there”. But as the implacable tide of Muslim immigration swept across Europe, “there” became the United Kingdom.

England recorded 5,700 cases of FGM in less than a year. France has jailed 100 people for FGM. An estimated 50,000 women in Germany have undergone FGM with a 30 percent boost due to the rise of Islamic migration in the last several years. In Sweden, it’s 38,000. And now, as American towns and cities are reshaped by Muslim migration, “there” is now right here. The terrible practice is in America.

Sweden was the first Western country to outlaw FGM. But despite the prevalence of FGM in Sweden, there have only been a handful of convictions. The United States banned FGM in 1997. A Federal report in 2012 warned that 513,000 women and girls in the United States were at risk for FGM.

Now after twenty years of the law’s existence, a Muslim doctor has become the first to be charged.

Operating out of a Livonia clinic, Jumana Fakhruddin Nagarwala abused unknown numbers of little

girls. The end came when law enforcement traced calls to her from a Minnesota number. Then they followed the trail to a hotel in Farmington Hills; a Michigan city at the center of an Islamic Center controversy.

It was Friday evening; the holy day of the Islamic week when Muslims are told to “leave off business” and “hasten to the remembrance of Allah.” That is what the two women leading two little girls to be mutilated thought that they were doing.

“...‘there’ is now right here.”

Muslims believe that on Friday, angels stand outside the doors of mosques to record who shows up for prayer. But it was the hotel surveillance cameras that watched and recorded as the two little girls arrived, unaware of the horror that was about to happen to them.

The seven-year-old girl had been told that she was going to Detroit for a “special” girls’ trip. Instead her special trip turned into a nightmare. After the Muslim doctor allegedly mutilated her, she warned the child not to talk about what was done to her.

Then it was back to Minnesota.

“But the culture of silence still continues.”

The other little girl drew a picture of the room. And she drew an X on the examining room table to show where her blood had spilled. With pain radiating all the way down her body, the Muslim doctor who had abused her told her that she was fine.

And her parents told her not to tell.

It was early February. The temperature on that terrible day in Livonia fell as low as 12 degrees. By the next day, she was back in Minnesota, likely the “Little Mogadishu” in Minneapolis, where temperatures had cratered to nine degrees. The abused little girl could hardly walk. And in her pain and anguish, she left behind one of her gloves. The glove had her name on

it. When the house of horrors in Livonia was finally raided, that solitary child’s glove was still there like a gruesome trophy.

The investigation turned back home to Michigan. Authorities found plenty of girls who had been abused by Jumana. And now she’s under arrest.

But the culture of silence still continues.

The criminal complaint is as circuitous as the entire

culture of FGM. It relies heavily on euphemisms. The perpetrators and the girls at risk are referred to only as “members of a particular religious and cultural community”. What is this community? It must thereafter remain nameless.

Jumana is a “member of the community”. The family that delivered their little girls to Jumana is “part of the community in Minnesota”. What community? As the little girls from that nameless community in Minnesota were told, don’t talk about it. Don’t mention the community.

The full name of the perpetrator,

Jumana Fakhruddin Nagarwala, is rarely used. Fakhruddin is far less ambiguous than the rest of her name. It comes from the Arabic and means “Pride in religion.”

That nameless religion practiced by the nameless community.

It isn’t the Swedes or Norwegians of Minnesota who mutilate their daughters. In Minnesota, it’s largely a Somali problem. Back home in Somalia, 98 percent of little girls have been mutilated. And the Somali Muslims who have migrated here in great numbers do their best to keep up the gruesome practice in America. The Hennepin County Medical Center, a hospital located in a place named after a Franciscan priest, has a special report on dealing

with FGM that emphasizes cultural sensitivity.

It defines the “big hurdle” as, “Muslim (Somali) Culture: Value Acquiescence to Allah as supreme authority” and “American Culture: Value the supremacy of the individual”.

That’s certainly one way of defining it.

Just as Sweden was the first European country to ban FGM to little avail, Minnesota became the first state to ban FGM, also to little avail. As the Somali Muslims keep pouring in, 44,293 women and girls in the state face the threat of being mutilated. Some of the Somali settlers send their daughters back home to be abused. Others take a shorter trip to Michigan.

Which “community” is it that encompasses an Indian Muslim like Jumana and the likely Somali victims while operating in Little Palestine? It isn’t an ethnic community or even a religious one. It’s Islam.

But the official word is that FGM is a practice that occurs in “certain Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities”. It is certainly unique to list a practice in reverse order of probability.

Stories on FGM occasionally quote some local cleric insisting that the practice has no foundation in Islam. That would come as news to the Hadith which quotes Mohammed as saying, “Circumcision is a law for men and a preservation of honor for women.”

This is the honor of Islam for which women are murdered and mutilated. And to preserve the honor of Islam, we are told to remain silent about it. It’s not only the abusers and the abused girls who maintain the culture of silence. It’s the authorities and the media that carefully step around the obvious. Just as with Islamic terrorism, a refusal to name the problem makes it impossible to solve.

Jumana Fakhruddin Nagarwala made her court appearance wearing “a light-colored, matching dress and khimar, or veil that covered her head, neck and shoulders.”

A Disturbing True Story About American Justice

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The courtroom is dusty and hot, and the onlookers, reporters, and your family crowd the chamber. You feel out of place and afraid as you rub your sweaty hands together nervously at the defense table. In your heart, you know you did the right thing, but now you are on trial. Losing this battle means prison, and not necessarily just for you. The trial is a public spectacle, and if you are found guilty the floodgates will open, setting a precedent for others who believe as you do to be arrested and tried just the same. The stakes are incredibly high, but at this moment all you can think about is your wife and children sitting behind you praying harder than they ever have.

For weeks you watched the prosecution paint you as a violent criminal who should go to jail. You’ve watched over and over as people you thought you knew took the stand for the prosecution, allegedly lying about who you are and what you did. Worse, you’ve seen the judge openly side with them. Repeatedly she has refused to allow the evidence that proves your innocence, refused even to hear your attorney’s arguments. You aren’t allowed to ask questions; your attorney isn’t even allowed to cross-examine many of the witnesses. You don’t understand; you have the right to question your accusers, don’t you? At least, it says so in the pocket-sized Constitution you carry in your shirt. You’re not allowed to look at it; the judge has decreed that no copies of the Constitution are allowed in the courtroom unless they are turned backward, hiding

what they are. Not even spectators can carry the little booklets without turning them face down.

There is video evidence exonerating you, explaining the context of what happened and showing your state of mind and lack of malicious intent. In fact, the videos show plainly that you were forced to defend yourself against a more powerful aggressor. You managed to get your attackers to step back, to stand down, and you showed restraint even though they assaulted you, threw you to the ground, pointed a gun at your head, and shot your animals. You stood firm and said “no more,” making it clear that you would not run away in fear. And now here you sit, charged with a list of crimes in a courtroom that is nothing like what the document

“You aren’t allowed to ask questions; your attorney isn’t even allowed to cross-examine many of the witnesses.”

in your pocket says it should be.

Some of the witnesses leave out information they know would prove you innocent. Since your attorney is rarely allowed to cross-examine, their false statements stand and are entered into court records and heard by the jury with no rebuttal.

The prosecution witnesses all sit there in the courtroom watching

the proceedings, even before they testify. You know this is wrong, but the judge has already ruled that they can stay. Defense witnesses, however, must leave. No

“...any witnesses you call are not allowed to speak of their faith, talk of their fear during the incident,”

matter what you do the judge rules against you. Several times the judge objected for your attorney. He is allowed only to raise his hand if he does, in fact, want to agree with the judge’s objection. He is not allowed to object himself — and the judge allows the prosecution to finish before ruling on the objection. *The jury is educated enough to know to*

dismiss the information on their own if the objection is sustained, the judge claims.

She has also instructed you and your attorney that any witnesses you call are not allowed to speak of their faith, talk of their fear during the incident, show emotion, or anything else that might “pull on the heartstrings of the jury.” To add insult to in-

jury, the media played videos on their newscast of one of your ‘friends’ saying violent things, even though they were working for your attackers at the time. The

media never bothered to mention that part in their reporting — which means that you are now forever linked to statements you did not make and did not approve.

When it’s finally time for your attorney to present your defense and call witnesses on your behalf, the judge refuses to let them testify. Calling them “political” or insulting their intelligence and lack of expertise even though they are eye witnesses to what happened; she dismisses almost all of them, leaving you with a gnawing sense of dread. The judge has denied you the right to call other witnesses as well, saying their testimony is not important to the defense — even though they were the ringleaders of those who attacked you.

Other witnesses who have come forward to testify for you were threatened with arrest; it’s all an ongoing conspiracy, they are told. *We can indict more people at any time.* Many of those who saw the truth are afraid to speak out now for fear that they will find themselves in the chair you currently occupy, shuffling your feet nervously as you watch this horror unfold. The judge allowed

the prosecution over six weeks of testimony; she has told you and your attorney you must present your defense in only five days. The judge says you have only three rights in her courtroom. You can plead guilty, you can testify on your own behalf, and you can appeal your conviction. You look around but no one stops her; no one stands up to say that this is wrong.

You will lose this battle — not because you are a violent criminal, but because this judge is engaging in everything that the Constitution supposedly protects you from. You have no voice, and there is nothing you can do. You have the right to refuse to testify, but the rules of your trial leave you no other defense. The judge will not let anyone defend you, so once again you must rise up and defend yourself. You only hope it’s enough. Taking a deep breath, you pray from the bottom of your soul...and then you raise your right hand.

The story sounds like something out of a third world country, doesn’t it? Perhaps it’s a dystopian novel, or even a horrible nightmare, right? No — it’s real.

This exact scenario is playing out as we speak, in a federal courtroom in Las Vegas, Nevada. On Thursday, April 6th, Eric Parker took the stand to defend himself and his co-defendants because federal judge Gloria Navarro has violated every right they have in a courtroom.

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The Greenies Carbon Credits Are a Waste of Money

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Carbon credits sold to fund projects to tackle global warming almost never accomplished their goals of reducing carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, according to a new report funded by the European Union.

Carbon credits used in a United Nations program often went to projects that exaggerated their potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the Oeko-Institut report finds. The report recommends the European Union reduce its reliance on credits to reduce emissions.

“Overall, our results suggest that 85 percent of the projects covered in this analysis and 73 percent of the potential 2013-2020 Certified Emissions Reduction (CER) supply have a low likelihood that emission reductions are additional and are not over-estimated,” the re-

port reads, adding: “Only two percent of the projects and seven percent of potential CER supply have a high likelihood of ensuring that emission reductions are additional and are not over-estimated.”

The EU commissioned the report to audit the effectiveness of the Kyoto Protocol’s Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) in preparation for similar programs being put in place under the Paris agreement. The Paris agreement went into effect in 2016, and relies on individual countries voluntarily cutting emissions. Some countries plan to use a similar international credit schemes to CERs, as they are approved by the agreement but their implementation methods are never clearly defined.

CDM handed out CERs to companies or individuals who invested in approved projects meant to mitigate global warming, like wind turbines or electric vehicles. The idea is for people in wealthier countries to fund projects in poor countries to curb global warming and spur development.

Under this system, a German power plant, for example, could get CERs for funding a UN-approved wind turbine project in India.

That Indian wind farm would almost certainly have been built regardless, even without CERs purchased by the Germans, according to the EU’s report.

But the German power plant would still buy CERs because purchasing them may be cheaper than reducing CO2 emissions. EU companies are also required by law to reduce their CO2 emissions — buying CERs is one way to comply.

Please see: <http://daily-callernewsfoundation.org/2017/04/20/eu-commissioned-report-finds-carbon-credits-are-a-waste-of-money/>

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Trump’s Deregulation Agenda To Save At Least \$60 Billion

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The deregulation policies President Donald Trump and members of Congress have pushed since January could save the American taxpayers and government billions a year, according to a think tank report.

A number of regulatory actions Trump and Congressional leadership recently advanced, including the Congressional Review Act (CRA), are expected to save in excess of \$86 billion for taxpayers, American Action Forum reports. Additionally, these policies could save \$18.8 billion in annual regulatory savings.

Congress has signed 13 CRA resolutions that would repeal Obama era regulations. American Action Forum found that five of the 13 regulations would have cost more than \$86 billion in federal funds. The author of the study notes that it is

unclear whether taxpayers would see savings in a year or in a decade, offering no specific time frame. They also add that it isn’t clear whether it would save the full \$86 billion.

The President has also signed multiple executive orders aimed at rolling back Dodd-Frank and other financial, banking and labor regulations. Trump is adamant that tax and regulatory reform will take a backseat until his administration can pass health care reform. (RELATED: Dodd-Frank Reform Makes Its First Reveal)

Government imposed regulations not only force undue burdens on private businesses and states but also on taxpayers, Mercatus Center reports. When governments levy taxes or impose regulations on business, the costs are not incurred solely on the part of the producers. Producers will shift that cost onto the consumer in the form of higher prices

Lawmakers often sell regulations as a means of pro-

tecting the poorest, most vulnerable consumers from outrageous price increases or other unfair competitive practices. Yet Mercatus reports the group that incurs the burdens of heavy regulations are the exact group they intend to help.

The group that gets hit the hardest, in the majority of cases, from higher regulations are those in the low-income group, according to Mercatus. Low earners devote a large swath of their monthly budget towards goods and services like energy and produce, which are among the most heavily regulated.

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The Second Amendment Corner

Liberty's Line in the Sand



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

A Psalm of David, Psalm 144:1

SOCOM Looks to Ditch 7.62 for Better Long Range Performance



by Bob Owens,
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SOCOM has seen the light, and is finally looking to drop the 7.62 NATO in favor of a lighter and better-performing rifle in a 6.5 short-action caliber.

Special Operations Command is exploring a new caliber for its semi-automatic sniper rifle needs and upgrading one of its bolt-action sniper rifle systems.

Maj. Aron Hauquitz told Military Times Tuesday that SOCOM is in the preliminary stages of exploring a sniper rifle chambered in the 6.5 mm caliber. The two commercially available rounds being evaluated are the .260 Remington and the 6.5 mm Creedmoor.

Research shows that both rounds will “stay supersonic longer, have less wind drift and better terminal performance than 7.62 mm ammunition,” SOCOM officials said.

Hauquitz said that the research is focused on the popularity and availability of the cartridge, and finding out the benefits and drawbacks of the different rounds.

At the same time, SOCOM is working to develop polymer ammunition in 6.5 mm to reduce the load for operators, Hauquitz said. Research is showing a one-third weight reduction for 7.62 mm ammunition, allowing the 6.5 mm to come in at 5.56 mm weight ranges.

Is anyone seeing signs of a clear trend here?

The Army is already looking to bring back battle rifles and widely distribute them among the troops, at the same time they’re replacing their semi-automatic sniper rifles with a HK descendent of the AR-10 that isn’t really a sniper rifle.

After more than half a century of service, the Army seems to be losing faith in the 5.56 NATO round as a viable caliber for the long term. They’re looking at rounds such as the .260 Remington and 6.5 Creedmoor in an AR-10 sized battle rifle, and the Army Marksmanship Unit has been running an “AR-12,” (a AR-type rifle between the AR-15 and AR-10 in size) in the experimental .264 USA.

While it’s far too soon to guess at what this means for the long term, the three very similar stories strongly suggests that the U.S. military is looking to transition away from the 5.56 NATO and 7.62 NATO cartridges to a single polymer-cased round in the 6.5mm family that will weigh no more than the 5.56 NATO, but will out perform it at short range, and the 7.62 NATO at longer ranges.

I like the idea of the military moving towards a cartridge with at least an 800 meter range so that our soldiers aren’t being badly outgunned by foes equipped with 7.62x54R rifles and machine guns that have roughly 300 meters more of an effective range than our 5.56 rounds. In a perfect world, I’d love for our troops to be able to field a 7-9 pound rifle capable of engaging enemy soldiers at 1,000 meters and area targets at longer ranges than that, but I don’t think equipping our troops with a sub-MOA rifle with a 1,000 meter range is going to make a bit of difference unless we radically reshape marksmanship training in the Army.

I’ve trained Iraq War and Afghan War veterans when I was an instructor at Project Appleseed’s home range. The Marines we had (typically from Camp Lejeune) were typically squared away and could pick up our slung rifle marksmanship techniques pretty quickly, because Marine culture emphasizes individual marksmanship. Our Army guys (typically from Fort Bragg) fell into one of two camps. Special Forces guys tended to be very competent and mastered what we had to offer very quickly, and shot “Rifleman” (expert) during their first Appleseed weekend.

“Regular Army” guys and National Guardsmen tended to be pretty cocky until the shooting started.

They quickly learned that shooting at a target one-inch square at 25 yards can be very humbling if you haven’t mastered the fundamentals of shooting, and quite frankly, the Army simply doesn’t teach that, and hasn’t in a very long time.

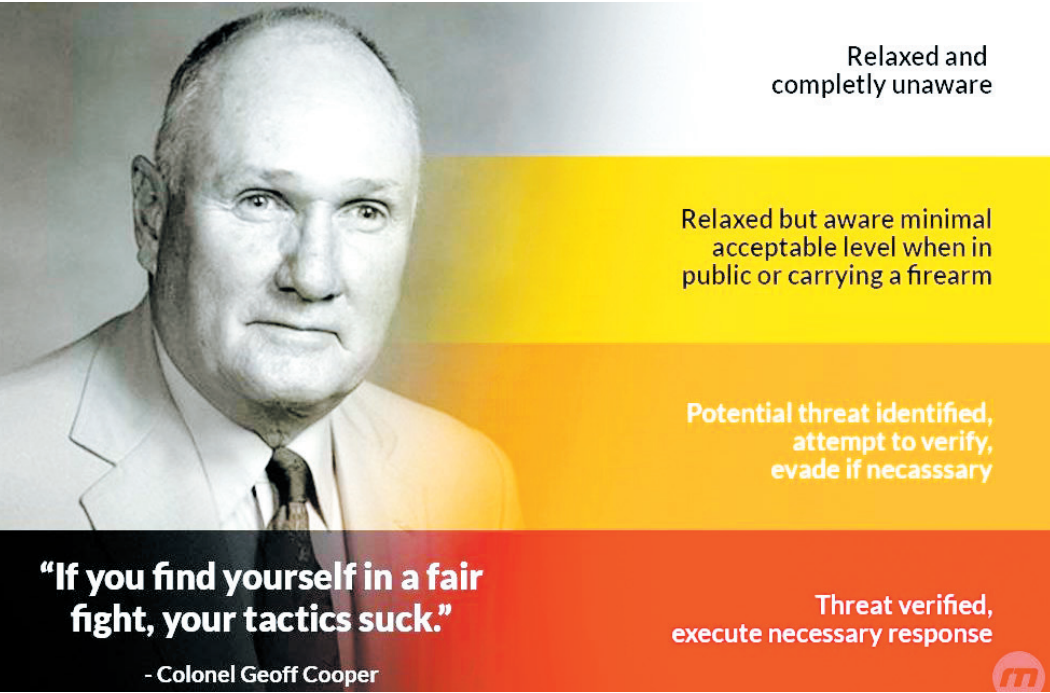
I think that equipping SOCOM unit with accurized rifles and extended-range 6.5mm cartridges make sense, as these troops have the training (or can get the training) to actually use these longer-range cartridges to good effect.

I’m not so sure that equipping soldiers with a rifle capable of 1,000 meter hits when the soldiers themselves don’t have the skills to make consistent hits at 300 meters makes a lot of sense. If the U.S. military is interested in equipping our soldiers with longer-range weapons, they greatly need to increase the training budget and quality of training for our troops.

I don’t care how good a weapon system is, if it’s put in the hands of someone who lacks the skill to use it, it’s a waste of money.

Please see: <https://bearingarms.com/bob-o/2017/04/19/socom-looks-to-ditch-762-nato-for-65/>

The Colors of Awareness



by Boethius,
Men of the West

Jeff Cooper’s “Color Code” wasn’t originally meant to designate awareness but rather the state of mind during a conflict. Somewhere along the way, people realized it also tied into what state of awareness you are in at any given time.

The following is from *The Carry Book: Minnesota Edition, 2011* [1]

• White: Unaware and unprepared. If attacked in Condition White, the only thing that may save you is the inadequacy or ineptitude of your attacker. When confronted by something nasty, your reaction will probably be “Oh my God! This can’t be happening to me.”

• Yellow: Relaxed alert. No specific threat situation. Your mindset is that “today could be the day I may have to defend myself”. You are simply aware that the world is a potentially unfriendly place and that you are prepared to defend yourself, if necessary. You use your eyes and ears, and realize that “I may have to shoot today”. You don’t have to be armed in this state, but if you are armed you should be in Condition Yellow. You should always be in Yellow whenever you are in unfamiliar surroundings or among people you don’t know. You can remain in Yellow for long periods, as long as you are able to “Watch your six” (In aviation 12 o’clock refers to the direction in front of the aircraft’s nose. Six o’clock is the blind spot behind the pilot.) In Yellow, you are “taking in” surrounding information in a relaxed but alert manner, like a continuous 360 degree radar sweep. As Cooper put it, “I might have to shoot.”

• Orange: Specific alert. Something is not quite right and has your attention. Your radar has picked up a specific alert. You

shift your primary focus to determine if there is a threat (but you do not drop your six). Your mindset shifts to “I may have to shoot that person today”, focusing on the specific target which has caused the escalation in alert status. In Condition Orange, you set a mental trigger: “If that person does “X”, I will need to stop them”. Your pistol usually remains holstered in this state. Staying in Orange can be a bit of a mental strain, but you can stay in it for as long as you need to. If the threat proves to be nothing, you shift back to Condition Yellow.

• Red: Condition Red is fight. Your mental trigger (established back in Condition Orange) has been tripped. “If ‘X’ happens I will shoot that person” — ‘X’ has happened, the fight is on.

Most people live in Condition White, all the time. When the fight is on, Condition White either leads to death or Condition Red. And sometimes Condition Red hits right before death.

Most Americans hum along just fine for years and years without making the change to Condition Yellow, even when the opportunity calls for it.

When you leave your house, you need to be in Condition Yellow. If you work in an office, like most of America, it’s easy and natural to slip back into White. Yellow takes mental power and, if you are just starting out, it’s going to be harder than you think. If you are in familiar surroundings, slipping back into White isn’t a poor choice. But remember to move back to Yellow a few times a day. It’ll get easier with practice.

Quick exercise:

When you are out and about, take a second to glance at a scene, say in the mall or in a

restaurant, close your eyes or look away, and see what details you can remember, like how many people are at two tables over, or how many people are wearing hats. This is also a good thing to do with a partner. One of you can ask the questions and check, then you can switch roles.

It takes practice. Most of us in the U.S.A. have never needed to hone these skills. There is no time like the present to start.

Condition Orange. This is why you need to be armed with a CCW. If you ever get into Orange, and in today’s world that isn’t something so rare, you can’t be thinking “If I only hadn’t left my firearm on the dresser/glove compartment/never-bought-one-because-nothing-bad-happens-around-here” That’s a good way to end up as a statistic. You don’t want to be a statistic. We don’t want you to be one.

You cannot influence your fate if you don’t have the right tools.

Condition Red. Hopefully, most of us will never be here. We don’t want to be here. This is not the goal. But, should you get dealt a bad hand, this is where all the time at the range is going to pay off. This is why you practiced being in condition Yellow. This is why you have your CCW on you. This is when you are going to see what you are made out of with no bulls*. If you end up here, may the Lord protect and guide you, remember to keep your wits, make the best decisions you can, and you’ll have the opportunity of keeping you and yours safe.

For the readers that have had experience, how do you train for condition Yellow?

Please see: <https://www.menofthewest.net/the-colors-of-awareness>

Top Five Reasons Everyone Should Support National Reciprocity

by BearingArms.com Staff

1. Exercising a right shouldn't be contingent upon what state you're in.

This seems like it would be obvious. Sadly, it's not. The Supreme Court affirmed in 2008 that Americans have a constitutionally-protected individual Right to Keep and Bear Arms for self-defense. What's more, no state can deny a Constitutional right. All national reciprocity means is that state governments must respect non-residents' right to carry a firearm for self-defense to the same degree as residents of the state. And despite rumors to the contrary, national reciprocity legislation would not dictate to states how and where residents could carry concealed. Non-residents would also have to abide by state regulations governing behavior and places of carry.

2. You don't want to be an accidental criminal.

Ever heard of Brian Fletcher? How about Raymond Hughes and Meredith Graves? Each one of them has something in common: They are concealed carriers-turned-accidental criminals because they carried their legally-owned firearms into a state without reciprocity.

Brian Fletcher was a utility repairman who traveled from North

Carolina to New Jersey with his legally-owned firearm to do disaster relief work. After volunteering the information about his gun to a police officer in New Jersey, he was arrested and subsequently faced five years in prison.

Raymond Hughes, a corrections officer, was simply traveling through New Jersey when a drunk driver sent him to the emergency room. He had his legally-owned firearm in the car, but because New Jersey doesn't recognize non-resident carry permits, Hughes was charged with a Class 2 felony.

A similar story happened to Meredith Graves. A registered nurse and concealed carrier, Graves left her handgun in her purse while visiting the 9/11 Memorial. When she left New York, she left with a misdemeanor weapons charge added to her record.

These are only a few stories, but they represent many, many instances of law-abiding gun owners getting caught up in the confusing patchwork of reciprocity laws we currently have in the United States.

3. Concealed carry permit holders are among the most law-abiding citizens in the country.

Yes, it's true. A 2014 study from the Crime Prevention Research

Center (CPRC) showed that roughly 11 million Americans have concealed carry permits, up from an estimated eight million in 2011. Today, the number is closer to 15 million. The CPRC also examined permit holders in Florida and Texas. Between 2008 and 2014, Florida had an average of 875,000 active permit holders. Its permit revocation rate during those years (i.e., the rate of concealed carriers who had their permits revoked due to firearm-related offenses) was a staggering... wait for it...0.00007%.

The rate of concealed carriers convicted of crimes was similarly low in Texas, a state that had 584,850 active permit holders in 2012. Of those, only 0.021% were convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony.

The bottom line? Concealed carry permit holders have overwhelmingly proven to be responsible and law-abiding. And they're certainly not out there turning American communities into the Wild, Wild West.

4. Reciprocity laws can change frequently with little notice...

Which leads us back to the part about otherwise law-abiding gun owners becoming accidental criminals. When laws change with little public notice, it's difficult

to know when or how you'd run afoul of them.

It does happen: In 2012, for example, the state of Delaware, under the direction of then-attorney general Beau Biden, dropped reciprocity with concealed carriers from Virginia. In 2015, Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring announced his state would stop recognizing permits from 25(!) other states.

And while it is up to each individual gun owner to stay on top of state gun laws, if you've been legally carrying your concealed handgun from Virginia to Delaware for 10 years and didn't know about changes in reciprocity coming down the pipeline, it's understandable that you'd make that additional trip without checking.

Again: it's easy for well-intentioned people to get caught up in legal troubles when we're talking about a patchwork of state laws that can change with little notice.

5. Law-abiding concealed carriers can protect YOU in all 50 states.

As much as gun control advocates like to argue that there's no such thing as a "good guy with a gun," mountains of evidence say otherwise.

Just last June, headlines swept the

nation of a concealed carrier who stopped a mass shooter outside a nightclub in South Carolina, potentially saving dozens of lives. And who could forget the Minnesota mall stabbing spree last September? He too, was stopped by a law-abiding concealed carrier. Then in January, when two armed men tried to rob a jewelry store in a mall in San Antonio, Texas, they were stopped by concealed carrier. The armed men had already shot and killed an innocent bystander. Who knows what would have happened if the gun owner hadn't stepped in?

These are just a few stories, but there are many more out there. The truth is responsible, law-abiding concealed carriers are an added layer of protection for ALL of us. Unfortunately, too many states make it difficult or impossible for gun owners to carry concealed — let alone across state lines. In this uncertain world, the last thing states should do is disarm law-abiding gun owners. That doesn't make anyone safer. But you know what will? Empowering gun owners with the freedom to exercise their right to defend their life and the lives of those around them — no matter what state they're in.

Please see: <https://bearingarms.com/ba-staff/2017/04/17/five-reasons-support-national-reciprocity/>

Requiring CCW for Employees: A Smart Move

by Dean Weingarten, Gunwatch.blogspot.com

In a recent defense story from Cleveland, Ohio, a man said that he had a concealed carry permit because his past employer required it. From cleveland.com:

He said he has a concealed carry permit because he used to work at a barber-shop, and the owner required barbers to get their concealed carry licenses for their protection.

I suspect that more businesses are taking this approach. It brings about many benefits. Last year, we had the example of a Georgia business owner who required his employees to be armed. He would give them a Taurus Judge revolver when they showed him their concealed carry permit.

Here are a few of the advantages. They have been hidden behind false narratives and misinformation about people who legally carry guns.

1. Employees with a concealed carry permit are a

deterrent to robbery and physical attacks on the business premises. This may seem obvious, but you will find many who claim, without support, that it is not so. Having more than one employee armed at a location makes it an extremely unattractive target. There are too many variables, and too much to go wrong for any thinking robber.

2. There is an obvious, clear screen to limit employees to a select, high quality level. Permit holders are self selected to be one of the most law abiding, responsible groups in the nation. Their crime rates are only a fraction of those of police officers; they are many more times as law abiding as the general population.

3. Your employees are in a group that puts a high value on personal responsibility and self reliance. This is the group least likely to blame you for personal failures, or to see your business as a potential source of a "liability lottery". They look ahead, see problems, and do things about them.

4. The state is now doing a continuous screening process for you, one that is actionable and clear. If an employee becomes likely to have problems (according to the state, not the employer), their permit will be taken from them. The employer then has reason to dismiss the employee.

In some states there is another benefit.

Wisconsin, Kansas, and Tennessee offer immunity from lawsuit if the employer allows employees to be armed. From Wis. Stat. §75.60(21)(b), (c):

(b) A person that does not prohibit an individual from carrying a concealed weapon on property that the person owns or occupies is immune from any liability arising from its decision.

From kslegislature.org 75-7c10(c)(2)

(2) Any private entity which does not provide adequate security measures in a private building and which allows the carrying of a concealed handgun shall not be liable for any wrongful

act or omission relating to actions of persons carrying a concealed handgun concerning acts or omissions regarding such handguns.

From tndefenselitigation.com:

(a) A person, business, or other entity that owns, controls, or manages property and has the authority to prohibit weapons on that property by posting, pursuant to § 39-17-1359, shall be immune from civil liability with respect to any claim based on such person's, business's, or other entity's failure to adopt a policy that prohibits its weapons on the property by posting pursuant to § 39-17-1359.

The advantages are clear. We will be seeing more business owners with this policy.

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A meme featuring two men, one saying "If a politician says, 'You don't need a gun...'" and the other replying "You need a gun."

The pleasures of this world are rather from God's goodness than our own merit."
- Benjamin Franklin, 1748

Politics & The Bible From Pastor Jim



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

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



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

All Scripture taken from the King James Version.

Gagging Free Speech

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceable assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

This is the first of the 10 constitutional amendments that are frequently referred to as the Bill of Rights. They were transmitted to the state legislatures on September 25, 1789, and not completely ratified until December 15, 1791. More than two years were given over to the debate and assimilation of these attachments. Their addition was not completed quickly or in the dark, but in the full light of day with adequate room for controversy. Logic would suggest that since freedom of religion and speech was the first to be mentioned, it was deemed to be the most critical as a guardian of freedom.

Free speech has always experienced an army of adversaries who desire control without opposition. It seems that modern America is moving toward a position of toleration for the left but antagonism for the right. Nowhere is this in greater evidence than at the University of California at Berkley. Campus student groups have invited conservative speakers to give on-campus lectures only to be rebuffed by the college administration and threats of violence. There is no requirement for these precious liberal snowflakes to attend these speeches, but their socialistic indoctrination will not tolerate a lone voice of opposition. The people that run today's mainstream media came from these prejudiced backgrounds.

Jesus faced similar problems of bigotry and discrimination because of His language. The religious and political hierarchy sent experienced lawyers to engage the Lord in debate when the lightweights were unsuccessful in tripping Him up. (Matthew 22:33-46) They were met with such a wall of logic and depth of spiritual wisdom that only ruptured egos and deep-seated anger could follow. This hatred resulted in arranging perjured testimony and cries for Christ's crucifixion. The reason for such incredible animosity was not Jesus' compassion for the poor as exhibited in His miracles, but rather His words. (Mark 12:13) Words cloaked in truth have more power than feeding thousands of hungry people, cleansing lepers, or restoring sight to the blind. Truth is compared to a two-edged sword that has the power to cut asunder soul and spirit, and can discern thoughts and intents of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12) Those on the business end of the sword are naturally going to resist and do all they can to eliminate the individuals who are thrusting it.

The ascension of Christ featured Him commissioning the apostles to continue His message in a public venue.

In short order, multitudes responded favorably to the truth, which once again drew the wrath and indignation of the political and religious left. The narrative is instructive: "And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life." (Acts 5:18-20) The primary interest of God was not the continuation of miracles but, rather, uninterrupted speech.

The disciples were once again apprehended in the temple as they preached. In replay they found themselves being accused as they stood before a "congressional committee." The high priest (speaker of the house) lost all composure and revealed true motives when he said, "Did not we straightly command you that ye should not teach in this name? And, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us." (Acts 5:28) The situation was compounded for the caucus because the apostles' testimony was gaining a rapidly growing audience; consequently, the agenda of "Capitol Hill" was threatened. Peter's abbreviated response began with: "We ought to obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:29) This was followed up with a pointed, three-verse sermon that essentially told the council that they were the real problem. The establishment never wants to hear that regardless of how plausible the argument might be. With eyes bugged out, veins protruding, and faces reddening, they "took counsel to slay them." (Acts 5:33) Falsehoods seldom, if ever, produce such reactions, but unvarnished truth causes its opponents to burn out brakes and blow gaskets all over the speedway.

Amazingly, a voice of reason, one lawyer named Gamaliel, stood with a commonsense proposal. After listing some historical examples of "revolutions" gone amuck, his conclusion was, "Refrain from these men, and let them alone; for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought; But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God." (Acts 5:38, 39) This idea gathered general agreement, but the boys in the band deemed it necessary at minimum to have the apostles beaten. Modern translation—if we can't kill Sarah Palin, we should at least beat her up with character assassination.

Perhaps our liberal friends would meet less resistance if they adopted a Gamaliel doctrine in place of a misrepresented fairness doctrine. Peter preached in the temple—the stronghold of the obstructionist, willing to debate and exchange concepts, but never did the apostles attempt to quiet the voice of MSNBC. They knew their message would stand on its own two feet!

A Sheepdog Barks!

Message to President Trump: "Please Mr. President, don't keep rolling over. You've drawn a few red lines in the sand (aka campaign promises) and you need to "fight" to do what you said you would do. The establishment in Washington D.C. is definitely against you, and that includes many Republicans. You'll need to fight them also." Right after the election, I expressed my concerns that the cowardly Republicans might not support President Trump's (PT) agenda and they might be his biggest problem. I'm starting to believe my concerns were justified. Dropping a measly one billion border wall dollars out of the budget is not the smart thing to do. Schumer and Pelosi are making PT look weak. I know they have threatened a government shutdown over the wall. They won't do it. It's a big bluff. However, the cowardly Republican leaders Ryan and McConnell are not backing the president up. They have been mostly silent. They should be out there telling everyone that the wall is going to be funded and the Democrats can just lump it. But no, the "fear" of a government shutdown has them cowering and sadly PT is starting to "cave" because he is so desperate for some kind of "win" in his first 100 days. That's what "politicians" do and I didn't think PT was going to start acting like one. Unfortunately, he voluntarily stepped into the minefield of the arbitrary and meaningless measurement of 100 Days and now feels compelled to "negotiate" his way out of a shutdown. This is not a smart thing to do. The LPSDs will eat him alive over this issue. Schumer is already gloating that he told PT any money for a wall was non-negotiable. President Trump should insist on this meager beginning of funding the wall. I understand he might need to compromise occasionally, but this is neither the time nor the issue. His three core campaign promises were the wall, repealing Obamacare and tax cuts. He needs to start getting these done. One Hundred Days has no relevance. It is a big mistake for PT to back off on this particular budget item and a shame that the Republican leaders aren't backing him up on this. WOOF!

Earlier this week I got a real

kick out of the information in the book "Shattered", exposing the weak and ineffective Clinton campaign. She ran the worst campaign in American history and ended it horribly. Such arrogance and hubris! Her smug attitude was almost too much to take. I still remember her little "you mean with a cloth" qi p and smirk when asked about "wiping" her personal unsecured and illegal server. She truly thought she was above the law. I get a warm feeling every time I think about her watching the election results on November 8th. Can you imagine her thoughts about ten o'clock that night. Justice was finally served up. Her buddy, Barack Obama, summed it up best when he said that HilLIARY's campaign was "political malpractice." BAM! Sweet memories! WOOF!

News Flash! On Earth Day, a lot of misguided souls marched about the wrong things. Al Gore was prompted to lay out his plan to fight global warming. He only wants \$15 Trillion dollars. Sure, why not Al? Your company probably needs some help. Why do the LPSDs believe that money and man can affect the changing climate? It's been changing for a long time and will continue to change in the future. There is NO science (relevant science that is) that proves man-made global warming is causing anything to happen. It's a hoax designed to protect environmental efforts for years to come. The Paris Agreements are stupid and we can only hope that PT and his administration will not let those stupid goals wreck our economy. I'm sick of listening to the eco-terrorists. The new ice age never happened and our cities are not under water. We were told that oil was almost gone and then what happened? Major oil reserves were newly discovered in several locations. And the polar bears are still alive. Some things becoming "extinct" might be good. And wacko environmentalists, like Al Gore, would be one of those good things. Al, you need to sit down and shut up. WOOF!

News Flash! Socialism doesn't work. Check out Venezuela. Will somebody please inform Bernie and Elizabeth. And can we get Sean Penn back on TV to explain what is



happening? I'm so confused. NOT! WOOF!

News Flash! Does anyone think that the United Nations is relevant? The world is insane. The UN just selected Saudi Arabia to lead the UN Women's Rights Commission. What are they thinking? You know women aren't even allowed to drive cars in Saudi. This is like putting a current practicing drug addict in charge of the OPIOID prevention program. Good Grief. Wake up world. Women get "stoned" all over the world but in Saudi Arabia – they get stoned! I love what PT and Nikki Haley are doing at the UN. But maybe it's time to defund that corrupt and stupid organization. We are better off on our own. WOOF!

I'll end today with another LPSD insanity that boggles the mind. It seems the *New York Times* (NYT) (surprise, surprise) has decided that they will no longer use the term "female genital mutilation." You might ask why because it so clearly defines what is actually being practiced by Muslims around the world and now in America. Well because the NYT has decided that the phrase is a "culturally loaded" term. Really? The truth hurts. The NYT Health and Science Editor, Celia Duggar, has decided it's more proper to call it "genital cutting." We certainly don't want any unwarranted Islamophobia. The LPSDs like "soft" words to justify their beliefs like "choice" or "reproductive rights" instead of "abortion" or "murder". Words are wonderful tools to distort the reality of what is really happening. Words can make atrocities acceptable. The good ole NYT. "All the news that's fit to distort." Next we'll see the words "child bride" changed to "petite brides" because of the cultural sensitivity. Let's call them the *New York Slimes!* WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



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semi- tractor/trailer delivering Rambler cars from Kenosha, WI, for several years. Later he changed to delivering steel and other cargo as he became a “happy, paid tourist” (his words) while he thoroughly enjoyed touring 48 of our 50 beautiful states. He graduated from Joliet Junior College with an associate degree in business. He loved each and every one of his children, raising them in the Joliet/Channahon, IL, area. When his children were raised and on their own, he moved to his “God’s country” home high in the Rockies

in Westcliffe, CO, where he has lived for the last 20 years enjoying the beautiful country and his many friends. He enjoyed socializing with his Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church community where he was a devoted member and where he was also active in the Knights of Columbus. He was an active member of American Legion Post #170 in Westcliffe. He enjoyed frequent country dancing and making friends wherever he went, sharing his many stories and jokes. He was always at the ready to help anyone in any way that he could. Mass service was held on

April 12th, 2017, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Westcliffe, CO. Family services will be held in Channahon, IL, with memorial services on Thursday April 27th, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Maple Funeral Home. Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 28th at St. Ann Catholic Church. Rosary will precede mass at St. Ann at 10 a.m. Internment with full military honors will be at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Westcliffe would be appreciated.

CO POLITICIANS
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schemes are not the answer, especially when it removes our dollars from the control of the very people we elected to represent us. Now here is the rub - - I’m finally getting to the second article I referenced in the Sentinel. Our elected representative, Jim Wilson (R) - HD 60 said the following in the third paragraph - “The second solution, SB 17-267, cleared its first Senate Committee, but may not make it through the full Senate. SB 17-267 would put \$300M to

roads in counties of under 50,000 population and give \$400M to rural and small schools. *SB 17-267 would really help our counties and schools here in HD 60!* ARE YOU KIDDING ME? Has Rep. Wilson read the bill? Does he support this type of scheme to increase spending of taxpayer dollars? I have supported Rep. Wilson but I expect better from our elected representative. I understand he wants to help us - but this is not how our government should be conducting its business. In my humble opinion, the

proper direction is more transparency in government - in fact, complete transparency (at all levels of government - especially local), and a clear objective to eliminate rather than expand government programs thus reducing the size of government and its interference in our individual ability to manage and control our lives. I encourage everyone to read the two articles. Further, after reading them if you disagree with me let me know. I encourage people to contact Rep. Wilson and tell him how you feel.

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The term is meaningless to the average American. As it’s meant to be. The Khimar is a heavier Muslim head covering. The Koranic version that mentions it also casually references castrated male slaves. The drives behind the Khimar and FGM are not far apart. Both stigmatize women and enforce Islamic traditions of repres-

sion with brutal violence. Islam’s honor originates from the repression of the “Other”. That includes non-Muslims and Muslim women. The girls brutalized on Jumana’s exam table were abused as part of an ancient tradition. Jumana took pride in her abuses because, as her name signifies, she takes pride in her religion. If we truly want to end such abuses, we must take as much pride in our princi-

ples and values as monsters like Jumana do in theirs. *(Editor/GG: In any community with a heavy or dominant muslim population this is happening as well as the horrors of islamic sharia law. Islam will not assimilate into American culture and morals. It’s only goal is domination.)* Please see: <http://www.frontpagemag.com/fpm/266413/mutilating-little-girls-michigans-little-pal-estine-daniel-greenfield>

TAKIN’ IT
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into flame again in the closing days of the session... Another ongoing heated discussion involves the Long Bill. SB 17-254 (the 2017-2018 budget bill) is balanced on the back of the Hospital Provider Fee and is still the epicenter of political posturing. Without raiding the HPF, balancing the budget seems to be “Mission Impossible”. Two other bills continue to be at risk for spontaneous combustion. The Colorado Parks and Wildlife’s “Fee Bill” (HB 17-1321) is

working its way through the process with a great deal of support but is constantly at risk of being sidetracked. SB 17-61, a bill that would create more revenue for charter schools, has been a firestorm from day one. It does not appear to have cooled off at all over the past week. Strangely enough, the School Finance Bill has not generated any controversy this year. The bill is only three pages long and appears to be pretty cut and dried. It even received good news this past week when the adjusted figures for the Gallagher Amendment were

announced. The Gallagher tax rate was adjusted, resulting in the possibility of an additional \$48 million going to schools. The adjustment would increase the Per Pupil Revenue to \$241 per student – meaning the “Negative Factor” would remain constant for the 2017-2018 school year. Where there is smoke, there is fire. So if you want to know what is burning, please feel free to call my office in the Capitol with any questions/concerns at 303-866-2747 or send me an e-mail: wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us.

JUSTICE
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What are they accused of? Perhaps the better question is: *does it matter?* Even if Eric Parker and the other defendants were accused of horrific crimes (they’re not), they have the right to a fair trial. Even if they’re crazy (they’re not), they have the right to a fair trial. Even if they are wrong in what they believe — and they are not — *they have the right to a fair trial.* So what did Eric Parker and his co-defendants do that has the federal government riled up enough to blatantly and defiantly defile the Constitution? They went to a ranch in Nevada and stood against government agents who

were shooting a rancher’s cows and stealing whatever they didn’t shoot. For their trouble, some of them were tazed, knocked to the ground, assaulted, and even spent time in the cross hairs of government snipers. They said no. They defended the man’s ranch. They stood firm. Now they sit in court and endure a trial that mocks the very core of American justice. None of that matters, however. None of it. The real story here isn’t about grazing fees, taxes, ranches or anything else. At this point, the story is that a vengeful federal government — forced to back down from their illegal, unconstitutional and immoral activities — decid-

ed to seek vengeance in a courtroom against the people who had the guts to stand and say no. If that’s not a government out of control, what is? Pray for Eric Parker and the rest of the defendants in Nevada. Pray for the rest of us too, for yourselves and your families — because if the government can do this in a dusty desert courtroom, they can do it anywhere. Call someone. Leverage whatever influence you have. Demand answers. Demand accountability. If they get away with this, who’s to stop them when it’s you at the defense table? Please see: <http://libertynation.com/disturbing-true-story-american-justice/>

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FBI Arrest in Custer County



Adam Nickolaus.
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Press Release

—April 25, 2017

The Federal Bureau of Investigations in co-operation with the Custer County Sheriff’s Office arrested Adam Nickolaus, a 36-year-old male, on charges involving the distribution of Methamphetamines in our community. There are several rumors going around of possible bomb threats or incendiary

devices in the courthouse and there is absolutely no truth to this. I want to ensure the community at no time were any citizens at risk of injury.

At this time, this investigation is a joint state and federal investigation that is ongoing and I cannot comment further.

No further information is available or being released currently.

BOCC from page 1

Joe Schieffelin from CD-PHE (Colorado Department of Public Health and Education) brought four colleagues with him to meet with the BOCC regarding the landfill. He commended the Board and Rusty Christensen on the compliance of our landfill. He reported that he brought good news to the Board – it looks good for CDPHE being able to pay for any ground water monitoring wells that will be needed here. They have asked the state legislature for \$1.5 million to help small landfills comply with regulations.

Chairman Kattnig spoke up in a joking gesture for us to get in line first for those monies. He later boasted to Schieffelin that the county ran the landfill in 2016 for only \$18K.

U.S. Forest Service, San Carlos District Ranger Paul Crispin reported to the Board, for the first time since the new Board was seated. He gave a state of the forest report that included that the Junkins fire is still active in the very center and that as things warm up that unburned fuel would continue to burn. He reported on CR 386 – the gates have been installed on both ends of this road – it is closed to traffic. People can still hike back there – but not on the road itself. There is continued fire

mitigation in the whole area and the Forest Service is looking at opening two sites on certain days for disposal of slash.

He also said to expect May, June and July to see increased fire danger because the fuels are still dry. He reported on a sizeable blow-down of spruce and fir on the Greenhorn. The area affected is about 10K acres. He and the chairman talked about logging in the area and the revenue that could produce for the county.

With tourism, Crispin said, comes human impact on the public lands – trash, illegal dumping, abandoned cars, etc. Since the Forest Service doesn’t get money for clean-up, they are exploring options. Mr. Kattnig suggested that the South Colony Creek be tested officially and that something be done as that water is contaminated and flows into Lake DeWeese. Crispin verified that water was not drinkable.

His report touched on the cartels that are now running illegal grow operations on public lands and that dangerous encounters with these cartels are becoming more frequent and widespread. They continue to work with law enforcement on this issue.

The Wetmore people in attendance asked Crispin if he could close the Smith Creek “campground” because there were so many people going

back into the forest there and starting camp fires. Crispin told them he didn’t have the authority to close off pieces of the forest and that he could not put fire restrictions on just that area.

Mrs. Hood reported that personnel policies would be discussed at an upcoming work session. She stated that a policy written by Commissioner Shy for contacting county personnel in the event of a courthouse closure, had never been formalized. She and Dawna Hobby have made progress on it.

Mrs. Hood also announced the date for the Wetmore Community Center Grand Opening June 21, 2017. She has Nan Davenport from Wetmore and Brenda Gaide working on the invitation list. Mr. Printz announced that the next BOCC meeting for May 17th would be held at the Wetmore Community Center(WCC).

Mrs. Hood reported on the number of phone lines needed in the WCC and the cost thereof.

The Custer County Building Assessment done by DOLA and CU students came back to the Board in email. It was discussed that the best thing to do was to have them come here to discuss the report. None of the Commissioners felt there was much in the report of use.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.



Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 132 calls for service to the Sheriff’s Office, 8 to EMS, and 3 to the Fire Department. As of April 24th, there were 8 males and no females in the county jail.

4/17/17:
Traffic Summons: John Secora of Pueblo for speeding 5 - 9 over.

Property Destruction: A deputy took a report from a party in the lobby of the Sheriff’s Office regarding possible destruction of property.

4/18/17:
Traffic Summons: Lieve Kamholz of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Burglary: A deputy responded to CR 255 for a report of a burglary, not in progress. The incident is under investigation.

Arrest: Michael Spencer turned himself into the Sheriff’s Office on an outstanding warrant for

Contempt of Court - Failure to Comply, and was booked into the Custer County Jail.

Assault: Deputies and Custer EMS responded to Main Street and Ohio Street in Silver Cliff on a report of an assault, not in progress. An individual was transported to the hospital and a report was taken.

4/19/17:
Traffic Summons: Francis Fahey of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Karen Vance of Westcliffe for speeding 5 - 9 over in a school zone.

4/20/17:
Arrest: Adam Nicholaus of Westcliffe, was arrested by the FBI at the Custer County Courthouse. Deputies, Custer EMS, and the Wet Mountain Fire Dept also responded for an agency assist on CR 305. Nickolaus was arrested for Drug Charges, Possession of Controlled

Substances and Possession of Incendiary devices.

4/21/17:
Minors: A deputy responded to Highway 69 North on the report of two unsupervised young minors walking down the highway. The parents took custody of the children on scene.

4/22/17:
Traffic Summons: Benjamin Hinrichs of Cañon City for speeding 20 - 24. Gregory Briggs of Bayview, ID, for speeding.

4/23/17:
Traffic Summons: Kelsey Lahn-Moore for speeding 10 - 19 over.

4/24/17:
Domestic Violence: Deputies responded to CR 323 for a report of domestic violence and a possible suicidal party. A report was taken, and Custer County EMS transported one individual to the hospital.

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