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Foreseeable? CSU Suspends Extension Office in Custer County Indefinitely!

by George Gramlich,
News and Commentary

Some bad news for Custer County. Real bad. And especially for our kids.

First, some of the new bad news: Carlan Cardenas, Custer County's Extension Office aide, resigned from her post last week leaving NO ONE in the CSU Extension Office. She reportedly resigned due to "stress", health issues, and difficulty working with the Custer County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) since Robin Young, the CSU Extension Agent left. Carlan was doing a great job as aide and was well liked.

Coupled with the firing of

our CSU Extension Agent, Robin Young, at the insistence of the BOCC (we will get into that in a bit,) left CSU Extension with

hired and trained by CSU. This notice of closure was relayed to the BOCC last Saturday in a letter from the CSU's Regional Di-

The letter also stated the conditions that must be met before reopening the office again, and it isn't pretty. The County must first hire a support person and then that person must undergo extensive training by CSU in Fort Collins. This could take a while, maybe a long while.

The letter also stated, "We understand that youth in Custer County may want to pursue 4-H activities this summer. However, at this time, there is no availability to support Custer County 4-H operations through neighboring county CSU Extension offices. It is unfortunate that youth within the county will be impaired by this turn of events. During the temporary suspension, CSU maintains

ownership of all 4-H and Extension operation records kept within the county office." (It appears that CSU Extension is not too happy with Custer County right now.)

The letter also noted that CSU Extension will BEGIN the process to replace Robin "in late summer or early fall" (!!!) and a new Agent "might" be available "by winter or early spring 2018". This is in contradiction to what Commissioner Hood stated during the Robin Young debacle to wit, that a replacement would only take a few months (despite the fact that Extension has six or seven state-wide openings that need to filled

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A Big Sentinel Thank You to Senator Crowder and the Colorado Judiciary

by George Gramlich

Last year, shortly after our new County Judge, Amanda Hunter, was sworn in, the Colorado Judicial Branch switched from a predominantly paper court record system to an automated system with no written folders for each case. Prior to that, the Custer County Court used to provide the *Sentinel* with the completed case folders from the week before every Tuesday. We would then review them and construct our weekly Court Report to inform our readers of the disposition of the various cases.

With the new automated system, the review process ended as there was no easy access to the court records by anybody not employed by the court, thus preventing the public from knowing what was going on in our courts.

With no local solution in sight, the *Sentinel* emailed State Senator Larry Crowder last March 7, 2016, with a request to see if he could do anything about

it. Senator Crowder replied he would look into it.

A few weeks later we got a reply from Senator Crowder stating that he had met with several Colorado government officials including people in the Attorney General's Office and they were going to try to work something out.

Two weeks ago, we received a phone call from Custer County Judge Hunter's office requesting a meeting re: judicial records access.

At the meeting, Judge Hunter and Clerk Kaye Rocheleau explained that Senator Crowder's request resulted in a committee being formed at the state level to analyze the access issues. This resulted in a plan to implement a system that would allow the media and the public to access court records. The plan would start with a pilot program in a few select counties and to Judge Hunter's and the *Sentinel's* delight, Custer County was chosen as one of the counties in the pilot program. Judge Hunter

also stated that our 11th Judicial District Chief Judge, Patrick Murphy is also participating in the program.

During the meeting, we discussed the types of information available, the formats, potential vehicles to access and retrieve the data, and what a media outlet like the *Sentinel* would normally need for each case. An interim solution for data access was also worked out until the actual pilot program was started. It was a very informative meeting.

Judge Hunter stated there was no firm schedule yet for the pilot implementation but that it would be soon. The *Sentinel* will keep our readers informed as the pilot program progresses.

Many thanks to Senator Crowder, our Colorado Judicial Branch and our own Judge Hunter for starting the process to solve an important public information access issue with our new judicial record-keeping system.

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"As I live, says
the Lord,
Every knee shall
bow to Me,
And every tongue
shall confess
to God."

Romans 14:11 NKJV

Coffee with the Sheriff

by Fred Hernandez

April 25th, Mr. Wilson Jarvis, President of the Chamber of Commerce and organizer of "Coffee with The Sheriff", greeted close to forty county folks nestled comfortably in the BACK ROOM of the 2nd Street Kitchen in downtown Westcliffe. In his opening statement introducing Sheriff Shannon Byerly, Mr. Jarvis explained how the Sheriff does regular presentations

to the Board of Trustees of both towns and he felt it would be most beneficial to residents if these sessions could be extended to the larger community. In fact, he plans a series of similar meetings open to the public to achieve a wider yet more intimate interaction between community leaders and the public. He then

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Our Opinion... From the Editorial Board FIRST 100 WHAT?



One hundred is a nice round number. It can be many things. One hundred years is a long time. One hundred dollars is a lot of money. One hundred yards can be an exciting kickoff return. But "100 Days" is meaningless and stupid to use as a measurement to judge the accomplishments of any president. Who decided that? It's a false measurement. Based on nothing but what the main stream media wants. Sadly presidents get caught up in this arbitrary and capricious yardstick and talk about it in their campaigns. That is utterly foolish. How many times is "100 Days" mentioned in the U.S. Constitution? That's right - NEVER! Why would any president want to tie his accomplishments to such a short time line? Makes no

sense, but most in the last 50 years have done so. It might have made a little sense when the U.S. Congress wasn't totally partisan and dysfunctional. Given the current climate of power versus obstructionism it's not a good bet anything significant can get done in 100 Days. And 100 Days is nothing when one is trying to undo 2,922 days of "fundamentally changing" the values, laws and traditions of a nation for the worse.

Here is a number that means something - 1,461 (includes the leap day). What will President Trump accomplish in his first term? That's what will be important. Yes, it's nice to get some things done quickly but that is not always possible when the U.S. Congress is involved. First you have

the massive Democrat obstruction. Factor that into the complete lack of support from the establishment Republicans in charge and you have a recipe for any action being slow-walked if not completely undermined. So President Trump is truly swimming upstream and "Hoover Dam" is right over on "the Hill".

The main stream media has attacked President Trump for failing in his first 100 Days. Totally unfair but unfortunately he did boast about doing some big things in that silly time frame. That was a mistake. But he was new at this political game and that is actually why he was elected. He was, and is, not a status quo politician and many Americans liked that. The mistake was playing along with this concept of an artificial period of time which he doesn't fully control. Ryan and McConnell have their own agendas and the Democrats have delayed everything they can.

President Trump inherited a real mess both domestically and internationally. After eight years of President Obama everything is worse - a weak economy, minimal GDP growth, feckless foreign policy, a weakened military, worse race relations, a war on cops, disasters and dangers all around the world, rising crime, out of control immigration and a health care nightmare imploding on the American people. Challenges everywhere! So even though many in the media, and liberals in general, give the president a failing grade in his first 100 Days that is a completely unfair and ignorant view. President Trump has accomplished much, especially with his pen and phone. He set aside much of Obama's harmful policies by executive orders. And he has already convinced many world leaders to pay their fair share in NATO and others to help with North Korea and Iran. More has been done at the

United Nations than in the last 20 years. He has an Attorney General getting important things done. Did you ever hear Holder or Lynch talk about purging MS-13 from our soil to make Americans safer? He's doing all these things with liberal activist judges impeding his every move. And he's also "setting the table" for future economic prosperity and more jobs.

So who cares about 100 Days? A new health care plan, tax cuts, trade adjustments, renegotiating NAFTA and a wall are all going to happen. Does it matter if it's Day 125, Day 180 or Day 847? No. It just matters that it gets done in the first 1,461 days. We all need to quit obsessing about what did or didn't happen in this initial three months. And don't ever forget, we should all be happy about one thing with regards to a president's "First 100 Days" - it wasn't Hillary's. God Bless America!

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St. Michael the Archangel Defends Christians

In the Editorial section of the April 14th issue of the *Sentinel*, Joe Cascarelli wrote an opinion piece entitled *WHO DEFENDS CHRISTIANS*. He made a great point about the marginalization of Christians and their communities by an ever growing society of atheists, ignoramuses or people who know but simply don't care. As he correctly pointed out, a student cannot give thanks for his God-given talents during a graduation ceremony but Islam is given every courtesy in the public school system. However, to his suggestion that if MSNBC received a thousand emails every time some atheist spokesperson dishes out an anti-Christian diatribe I wonder; are there that many who even tune into that garbage dump of liberal fake news? America used to be the paragon of justice, fairness, law and order. Not anymore. Thanks mainly to liberalism, the root of all evil. But that is not the purpose of this message.

I write because I was inspired by his reference to St. Michael the Archangel fighting the dragon and casting it and its minions out of the heavenly courts. It reminded me of the story of Pope Leo XIII who was one of the longest serving Popes of the Roman Catholic Church. Pope Leo was saying

Holy Mass in his private chapel in the Vatican. The only attendees were some Cardinals he had invited and his closest staff members. As he came to the end of the service the audience noticed that the Pope was suddenly very still, his gaze fixed in space, face ashen. For some moments no one moved but the Pope seemed to be unsteady and his assistants responded quickly to aid him. Upon his request they helped him with care to his private study nearby and he asked to be left alone. Once outside the small group of close associates wondered what had happened. In the meantime, inside the office, the Pope was recovering from his episode and shortly after appeared at the doorway still shaken. They went to him asking how he was and if he wanted medical assistance to be summoned. He said he was fine and did not need any medical attention; then, he proceeded to tell them what he experienced. As he was coming to the close of Holy Mass he distinctly heard a conversation coming from an area near the Tabernacle. Two voices were speaking; one was tender and kind, the other a guttural, harsh and arrogant one seething with hatred. It was Jesus and Satan. The harsh voice said "I can destroy Your Church" to which the gentle reply was "do so if you can".

The demon responded "I need more time, more power". Jesus replied, "How much time, how much power?" The Evil One made his request "seventy-five to one hundred years and I need the power over those who will give themselves over to my service". The Son of the Living God said to him who is the Father of Lies, "you have the time. And you will have the power. Do with them what you will."

Frightened, dismayed and upset as he was, the Pope retired to his private study and while he recovered from his traumatic experience, penned a prayer which has become a classic in Christian Doxology. In the prayer he invokes the power and might of God's warrior Angel, the Commander of the Heavenly Armies; St. Michael. This prayer is powerful and should be used often when in the presence of evil: *St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray and do thou, oh Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. AMEN.*

Fred Hernandez
Silver Cliff, CO

Health Fair Thank You!

On April 8th, our community once again came together to put on another successful 5 Health Fair!

Each year this is a huge undertaking, and this year was a bit more difficult in that we were missing our Public Health Director. However, the volunteers who stepped up to fill that void were numerous and marvelous. I can't begin to thank every person in this letter, but I must mention a few folks. THANK YOU to Eugene and Brett Berry and their staff for working long hours to help set up and clean up the school, and to our C-1 School District for allowing us to use the facility. Thanks to Mary Ellen Lesage, RN, who coordinated our medical volunteers and screenings, Cindi Flower who served beautifully as our lab supervisor, Inge Cosby who coordinated the cashiers, and Rich and Kathy Metcalfe and their team who spent HOURS tabulating and reconciling the money! Ann Marie Donohoe did an outstanding job collecting donations, and Shonda Curtis and her team kept us well fed. The Rotary provided tables, and special recognition goes to our set-up and takedown teams who were so organized and efficient!

Rhonda Martin is THE best organizer! Diane Dudley, Traci Terry, and Gail and Gary Frickell provided so much behind-the-scenes support to me! We appreciate the Custer County Medical Clinic and EMS for providing space for supplies and exams, our Board of County Commissioners for their support, and the Sheriff's Office and Posse for safety and security assistance.

While the official Health Fair screenings allowed the folks in our county to "own their health", the educational tables were a great addition to the Fair. I hope you learned something new about the various health, safety and emergency programs in our county.

We had at least 463 participants, and approximately 150 volunteers at this year's fair. Thank you to everyone who attended, and most especially to every volunteer, no matter how large or small your position. Dianne Pape, Director of Business Development for the 9HealthFair organization, commented that every fair has a unique personality, and that Custer County is always filled with the cooperative and helpful spirit of its people.

Beth Green, RN
Custer County Public Health Agency

Human Trafficking in America

Think it's not here? It's a 32 Billion dollar industry in the U.S. and targeting your children. First Baptist Church of Westcliffe hosted a seminar detailing the problem in Colorado. We'll present more information in next week's edition.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

April 28th BOCC: Invitation Lists, Draperies, Sandbags, Micromanage a little here, Wing it a little there... new Septic “Experts” and fees...

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)
—April 28, 2017
WESTCLIFFE, Colorado
by Jackie Bubis

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

Commissioner Hood queried Dallas Anderson (Airport Advisory Board) regarding why Dave Post was taking the Free Fuel Seminar – He responded that Post was the one doing the fuel checks on Fridays. After discussion, it was decided that Post and Anderson will drive up together to the seminar.

Commissioner Items

Donna Hood is working with Brenda Gaide to initiate the list of invitees for the Wetmore Community Center grand opening. She also reported the installation of 28 window coverings which she is donating at a price of \$6,291. Raven Woods is installing them and taking a \$1,040 in-kind donation. The Wetmore Community Center Board was not consulted.

Mrs. Hood reported that the

County Technical Services Inc (CTSI) work session with Dave Hunt was good and that there would be more workshops on the agenda. She met with Dave Post to discuss getting quotes for the building maintenance needs previously identified. She is very interested in attending the Colorado Counties, Inc (CCI) summer conference and suggested that the June BOCC meeting dates be adjusted.

A discussion followed and the June 6th and 7th BOCC meetings will be moved to an all-day meeting on June 8th so that all three Board members can attend the CCI conference. Mr. Printz suggested that their drive to this conference be posted as a public meeting because “it doesn’t make sense for us to take three cars.” It is unclear if they will record their drive time both ways or if they will accept public ride-alongs.

Chairman Kattnig talked at great length about his busyness with fire and flood mitigation. He discussed going to the Mountain Connect meetings in May, particularly the Broadband session “as a courtesy to our folks working on the Broadband Initiative.”

Mr. Printz has been very busy reviewing issues with septic systems (see below). He also suggested that Mr. Kattnig address the recycling group regarding composting that may reduce what goes to the landfill. Mr. Kattnig talked at great length about some programs he knows about.

Mr. Printz gave an update on the Wetmore Community Center. There is a delay waiting for a grease trap that is part of the septic system. Until this is in, the toilets in the building cannot be used and the Certificate of Occupancy will be outstanding. Mr. Kattnig asked if they needed special permits for the discharge from the sump pump. Mr. Printz will talk to architect Tom Duke about it. Mr. Kattnig expressed that he didn’t have the highest confidence in Tom and that the board needed to check about this themselves.

Mr. Kattnig talked at great length about sandbags that need to be ordered and placed all around the building. And about the “ungodly amount of time” he is spending on issues from the fire.

**BOCC
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Brew With a View Adds Chili Cookoff Challenge

Press Release

“Brew with a View and Vino, Too,” sponsored by RMC Distributing, and hosted by ‘Cliffs Action Revitalization Team, CART, is a beer and wine tasting fundraising event and will be held Saturday, May 20th, from 1 – 5 p.m. on Main Street, in Westcliffe.

This year, “Brew with a View and Vino, Too,” will be adding a Chili Cookoff to the venue. CART is inviting the public and organizations to get involved by registering for the Chili Cookoff and entering your best blend of “Fire and Flavor” or “Anything Goes” chili. Then take it one step farther and challenge a friend or competing organization to join in the excitement as tasters determine the best in the two categories and “The Best of the Best,” overall award. Who might have the best chili? The Wet Mountain Fire Protection District or the Custer County Sheriff’s Posse? Maybe the Olde Schoolhouse Quilters, Wet Mountain Weavers or the Westcliffe Contemporary Quilters and Fiber Artists? Possibly the Custer County High School Cheerleaders or the Football Team? What about the Saddle Club verses the Cattlewomen’s Association? Restaurants are encouraged to enter as well. Invite others within your homeowner’s association, your church or favorite organization to participate in this friendly competition. CART invites all including the organizations mentioned above, to take up the challenge.

Category descriptions are “Fire and Flavor,” tasters will vote on a balance of flavors and heat, or “Anything Goes,” favorite non-traditional ingredients such as vegan, vegetables, seasonings and/or meats. Tasters will also be given the opportunity to vote on “Best of the Best,” the overall best chili in the cookoff.

For information or to receive a registration form, please email stodolam@hotmail.com, or call 783-0604. Registration Deadline is May 17th. Cost to enter as a chili chef is \$15 and cost for tasters is \$5. Contestants will have the opportunity to sell bowls of chili to those who wish to purchase, for a price they determine.

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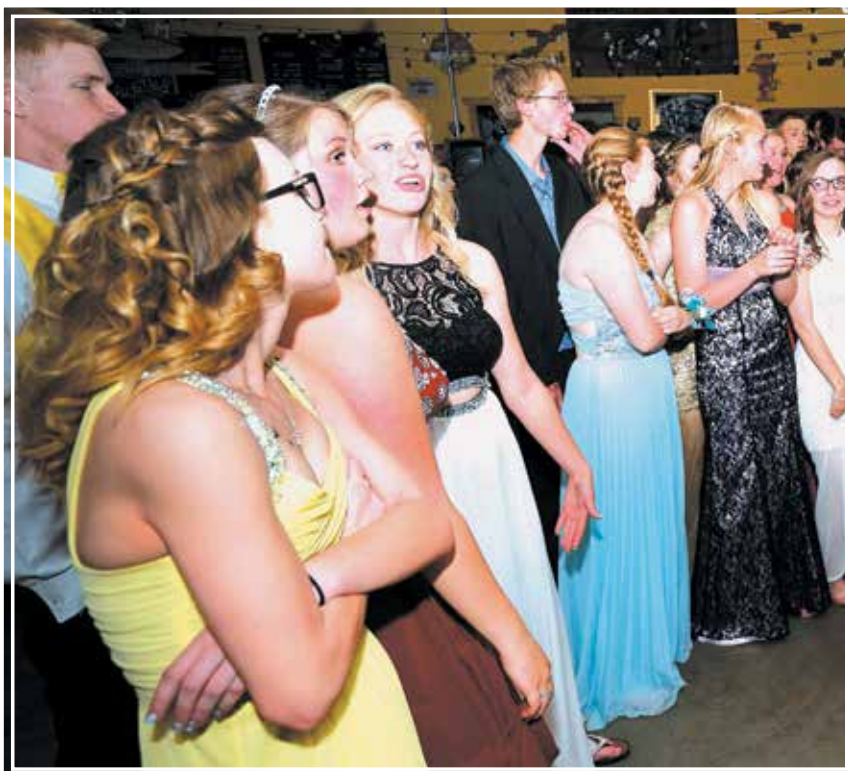
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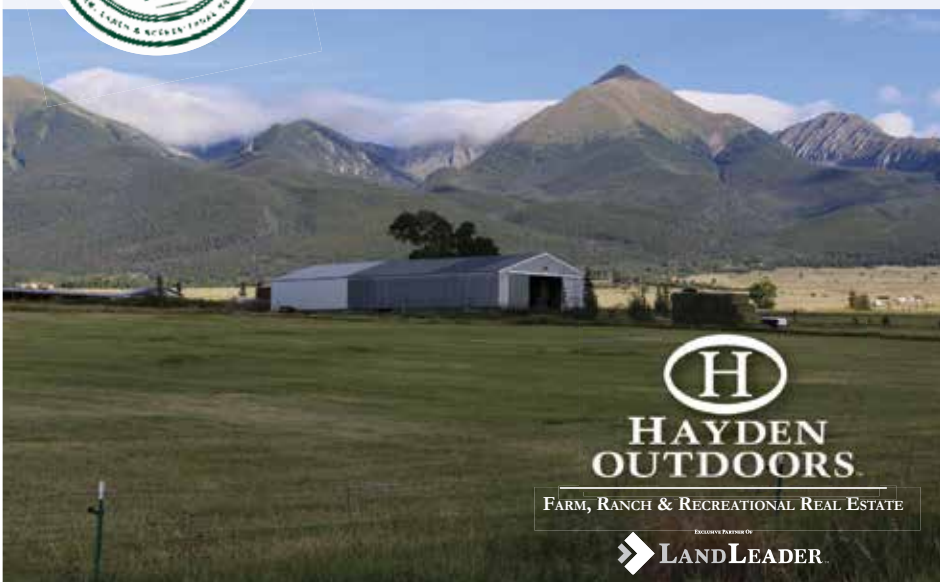
CLOCKWISE: HS Principal Jack Christensen announcing, Queen and King Seani Millard and Bryce Roscoe dancing, Royalty announced, Following DJ Matthew Rowles in a line dance, and prom attendees awaiting the Queen and King announcement. Prom was held at the Hwy 96 Roadhouse.

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Cinderella: A Lovely Night



(L-R) Noelle Zeller, Holly Wenger, Wulfgar Parmenter and Michael Batson on the opening night of “Cinderella”, a school play performed at the Jones Theater.

Photo courtesy of Mark Payler

by Laura Vass

The opening night of CCSD’s “Cinderella” was fantastic. Directed by Sarah Thompson with Andrew Straight as Pit Director, the Rodger’s and Hammerstein version came to life with near perfection.

Holly Wenger as Cinderella and Michael Batson as Prince Tophier stole the stage with their musical and acting abilities and were in an incredible array of costumes. Junior Noelle Zeller (Marie and Fairy Godmother), who has been acting since she was six, brought her unique born-for-theater voice to the stage with incredible force.

Sophomore Kayla Carter brought humor to the stage, playing a successfully snarky version of Madame, the evil step-mother. Eighth grader Wulfgar Parmenter was in fine form as Sebastian. The audience seemed especially entertained by the surprises he brought to the stage with his theatrical presence.

Stepsisters Gabrielle and Charlotte were played by Makynna Reiff and Hannah Kennedy, both ninth graders. Both have theater experience and it showed.

Lord Pinkerton was played by Andrew J. Slawski, a seventh grader who is also in band. Just unrolling the Prince’s announcement scrolls brought forth giggles as he played to the audience. He was definitely a favorite.

Tenth grader Tyler Ferron played the role of Jean-Michel. This was his first theatrical performance but one would never know it.

The lovely chorus included Alexa Elliot (eighth grade), Cloe Reinke and Ivy Reinke (junior and ninth grader, respectively) who were also in three Jones Theater youth productions, Danny Selden who is in CCHS Choir, Emily Woolery who debuted as the lead in Snow White, and sophomore Betsy Zeller who has performed in many plays, locally.

The Fox turned Footman was played by adorable Aurora Straight and the Raccoon who turns into the the Driver was played by Olivia Heisig, both second graders.

The stage crew was kept busy during production with the many set changes. Sydney Cooper, Cody Hopkins and Elias Zeller, all ninth graders, juniors Nicole Henrich and Liz Stuart and eighth grader Micah Zeller did a fine job.

Special recognition should go to the Jones Theater and to the pit orchestra for their performance; Margaret Linderer (clarinet), Stephanie Erbrecht (flute), Cheryl Pinnella (keyboard), David Collins (trumpet/French horn), Steve Linderer (trombone), Dan Epperson (double bass) and David Niemeyer (percussion).

Author Annie Dawid Presents a New Work of Poems

Press Release
WCC Library

The public is invited to hear well-known, local author Annie Dawid read and discuss her latest work, a book of poems titled “Anatomie of the World” at the West Custer County Library on Friday, May 5th, at 6 p.m. This event is free and open to the community. The author will be available to answer questions and sign books

after the conclusion of the reading.

According to reviewer Elizabeth Burns, “Many of the poems chart the ways of a Jewish woman writer, both fettered and enriched by her cultural and literary history. Much of the work highlights contrasts: between scenery, generations, cultural identities and genders.”

Another reviewer states, “This book is about painful

victories, and is itself a hard-won delight.”

Annie’s other works include *York Ferry*, a book of linking stories “*And Darkness Was Under His Feet: Stories of a Family*,” which won the 2007 Litchfield Award for Short Fiction, and “*Lily in the Desert: Stories*.”

For more information on this free event, contact the Adult Services Librarian Cathy McCarthy, at 719-783-9138.

Bobcats Sport Schedule

MS Traveling Basketball When: Friday, May 5, 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Where: West Gym	HS Track Meet - Pueblo West Cyclone Invitational Departure 10 a.m. When: Thursday, May 11, 12 Noon – 5 p.m. Where: Pueblo West
JV Baseball HOME v South Park When: Friday, May 5, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Where: Custer County	MS Track AWAY v Sangre de Cristo Departure 6 a.m. When: Friday, May 12, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Where: Sangre de Cristo
MS Track AWAY v South Park Departure: TBD When: Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Where: South Park	Badminton Tourney When: Friday, May 12, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Where: East Gym
HS Track Meet - Pueblo Twilight Departure: 10:30 a.m. When: Saturday, May 6, 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Where: Dutch Clark Stadium 1001 W Abriendo Ave, Pueblo	HS Track Meet - Pueblo West Cyclone Invitational Departure 7 a.m. When: Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Where: Pueblo West
HS Academic Awards When: Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Where: Multipurpose room.	



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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Lunch MS & HS Nachos Grande Beans and Rice Corn & Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Turkey/Cheese Wrap Pasta Salad Fruited Jello Milk	Lunch MS & HS Meatball Sub Green Beans Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Hamburger Deluxe Oven Fries BK'd Beans & Fruit Milk
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Loch Ness Monster

Let’s start with what is a Loch Ness? A loch is a Scottish, Gaelic word for a lake or sea inlet (wikipedia.org). The Loch Ness is a large, deep lake in the Scottish highlands. It is the second largest loch in Scotland by surface area but due to its great depth, it is the largest in the British Isles.

Its biggest claim to fame is the alleged sightings of the Loch Ness monster or “Nessie” as she is known. Some say it is a myth and some say it’s a sea serpent or living dinosaur. The monster is reported to be an aquatic animal that inhabits the Loch Ness. It is often described as being large in size with a long neck. Whether you believe it to be a myth or real, it is what Scotland is best known for.

On May 2, 1933, a couple claimed to have seen an “enormous animal rolling and plunging on the surface”. After the sighting several British newspapers, including the *Daily Mail*, hired Marmaduke Wetherell, a big game hunter to capture the beast. After many days of searching the Loch he reported finding a foot print of a large four footed animal. This brought slews of tourists to Loch Ness who sat in boats and deck chairs waiting for an appearance of the monster. The British Natural History Museum examined plaster casts of the footprints and proclaimed them to be from a hippopotamus, probably stuffed.

In 2003, a team of researchers sponsored by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) undertook the largest and most comprehensive search of Loch Ness ever conducted. They searched the Loch using 600 separate sonar beams and satellite navigation. One of the lead searchers, Ian Florence, was quoted in a BBC news release: “We went from shoreline to shoreline, top to bottom on this one, we have covered everything in this loch, and we saw no signs of any large animal living in the loch.” Many of the sightings are probably honest mistakes and misidentified sightings of fish, birds, seals or possibly even logs in the water.

Tourists still flock to Scotland, however, in hopes of seeing Nessie”.

If you are unable to go to Scotland, with today’s technology you can search the depths of the Loch Ness online at the Google street view.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: Wikipedia.org, livescience.com, history .com

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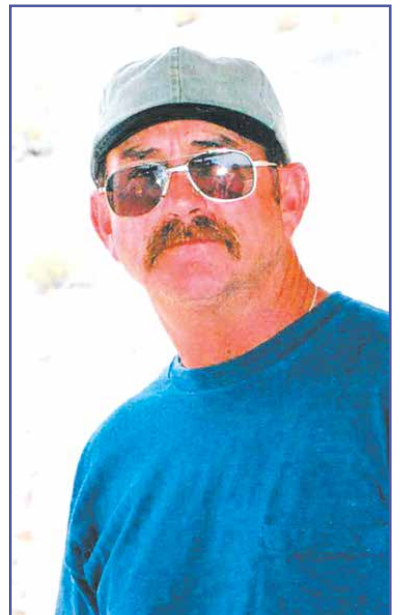
Obituary Steven D. Carroll

Steven D. Carroll, 62, of Florence, Colorado, recently passed away after a courageous battle undergoing treatment with pancreatic cancer. Steven was born to John Scott Carroll and Birke Svanhild Lamberty, both of Albuquerque, New Mexico, on November 25, 1954, in Durango, Colorado, whom he preceeds in death. He married Anita Carroll in 1980, who passed away in 2009. He is survived by his children, daughters: Amanda Carroll- Bechyne of Florence, Colorado, Jeanoux Carroll of Great Falls, Montana, and son: Sean Scott Carroll of Dallas, Texas. Steve was also blessed and survived by his grandchildren, Austin Bechyne, 12, and Aspen Bechyne, two, in which he took great delight. He is also survived by his brothers Scott, Jim, Tom, Tim, Kelly and Chris Carroll along with many other relatives who loved him.

Steve was a very passionate, hard-working and dedicated man. Steve graduated from Ojo Caliente High School in New Mexico, in 1973. After graduation Steve enlisted in the United States Airforce and Air National Guard where he served his country for over 24 years, serving as an Air Cargo Specialist on the C-130 Hercules out of Great Falls, Montana. He was blessed with the ability to travel to all 50 states and most of

the world, while working side-by-side with the military's best. After retiring from the USAF-ANG in 2001, Steve started his own business, SDC Construction, which he embarked on for the remainder of his life, touching hundreds of lives between Montana, Colorado and New Mexico, as he built, remodeled or repaired people's homes leaving a lasting impression not only from his custom style but his precision and dedication to each and every job. He often became great friends with those whom he served. Steve was not only well known by his craftsmanship, but for his service and involvement in the community. Steve was a member of the B.O.P.E. 610, often helping out with fundraisers for the community, as he became well known for his famous "spaghetti dinners", he also held the title of Inner Guard at the B.O.P.E. 610 of which he was proud.

He was a member of the Republican Party often serving at political events and dedicating his time to political groups such as Freedom First Society, and the Royal Gorge Tea Party, he was also a member of the NRA. He loved to golf, camp, hike and shoot guns with his family and friends. One of his favorite times of year was late summer when he and his brothers gathered annually to have the Carroll Shootout at his brother Jim's place.



He believed in God and strived to follow His direction in life as he served diligently for his country, his community and his family. Steve will be missed, as our hearts break for his passing, but he will never be forgotten, for one great carpenter goes to another great carpenter. For we will all meet again someday in the presence of our Holy Father, Jesus Christ.

Military Honors and Memorial Services to celebrate his life are to be held at Four Mile Golf Course 3501 Telegraph Trail Cañon City, Colorado 18th hole, (golf carts will be available for those who in need,) Saturday, May 13th at 2 p.m. Procession to follow to Reception at B.O.P.E Elks Lodge 610, Cañon City, Colorado.

Lt. Governor Lynne Visits Custer County



Lt. Governor Donna Lynne and Charles Bogle.

by Fred Hernandez

Custer County was honored to receive a visit from Colorado Lieutenant Governor Donna Lynne

on Wednesday, April 12th. The meeting was held at the Westcliffe Town Hall and attended by county officials with whom the Lt. Governor wanted to have a dialogue on issues concerning the Towns of Silver Cliff, Westcliffe and the Custer County as a whole. Aside from the County Commissioners; Jay Printz, Donna Hood and

Bob Kattnig, representatives from Silver Cliff were Mayor Pro-Tem Lela Cravens and Town Trustee Fred Hernandez. Representing Westcliffe were Town Trustees Brian Cline, Art Nordyke, Jim Bistodeau, Paul Wenke and Mike Carter the town's building and zoning officer. Also attending from the Economic Development Group

Photo by Fred Hernandez

were Mr. Charles Bogle and Dale Mullen. The affable Ms. Lynne politely declined taking a seat on the dais and instead pulled a chair in front of the audience and started the meeting immediately with a quick explanation of her appointment by Governor Hickenlooper, in her

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Sunday, May 7, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
FFA Banquet, CC School West Gym

Monday, May 8 – Tuesday, May 23
Art Show, CC School Multi-Purpose Room

Monday, May 8, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
HS Band Spring Concert @ Cotopaxi

Tuesday, May 9, 4:30 p.m.
School Board Meeting
CC School Library

Tuesday, May 9, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Custer County Fine Arts Festival
CC School West Gym

Thursday, May 11, 7 p.m.
Backroom Speaker Series
Paul Parsons – “Managing Conflict
in an anxious world”

103 S. Second St., Westcliffe Free

Friday, May 12, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
High Country Recycling
CC School west parking lot

Friday, May 12, 10 a.m.
Library Board Meeting
West Custer Library Community Room
Westcliffe

Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13,
at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 14, at 2 p.m.
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Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
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Obituary John E. Pospahala

John Edwin Pospahala, 75, was received in the arms of Jesus on April 22, 2017. He was born July 9, 1941, in Walsenburg, Colorado, to William and Susan Pospahala.

John spent his younger years in Victor and Westcliffe, Colorado. He graduated from Custer County High School in 1959. After serving four years in the U.S. Air Force, he settled in Colorado Springs as a sheet metal worker with Heating and Plumbing Engineers. He also worked on the Alaskan pipeline in Alaska. After 30 plus years, John retired in Cañon City but his favorite was the mountains of Westcliffe.

John had a heart of gold and a positive attitude, encouraging everyone to enjoy life. He loved fishing, dancing and playing his guitar. In the mid 1960s John, Bob Wheeler, Jack Gosnel and Rick Davis formed the band “Deacon and the Congregation”. They played in various places including the Honey Bucket in Colorado Springs and Pueblo.

His signature style was a red sport coat and entering an establishment singing “Day-o, day-ay-ay-o” from the Banana Boat song.

He was preceded in death by his children Cory and Yvonne Pospahala, his parents, and his brother William Pospahala Jr.

He is survived by his wife Lola Jeanne Pospahala, daughter-in-law Parnel Pospahala, daughter Tonja Pospahala, stepson Mark Arnett, and grandchildren Jeanna Marie Kline, Joshua and Mathew Barnett, and Mark Arnett Jr. He is also survived by siblings Georgia Follansbee of Monument, Dorothy Cornwell, Rita Trani, Michael (Cindy) Pospahala, James Pospahala all of Pueblo; Marilee (Jerry Lowe) Pospahala of Boise, Idaho; Valentina (Greg) Ledger



of Hooper, Utah, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the health care professionals that cared for John through the years, especially Chris Johnston and Twyla Peterson.

A gathering for Family and Friends to celebrate John’s life will be held Sunday, April 30th from 1-4 p.m. at the Ice Cream Parlor, Hildebrand Care Center, 1401 Phay Avenue, Cañon City, CO, (look for signs and balloons). Everyone is encouraged to join us for an afternoon of remembrance.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Dave Roevers Ministries (Roevers Foundation), Eagle Summit Ranch, Westcliffe, Colorado, 81252.

Arrangements are under the care of Holt Family Funeral Home. Condolences may be left for the family at the Holt website.

WARNING: Veterans Choice Program (VCP) Phone Line Imposter

Press Release
—April 27, 2017

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VCP Phone Line

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dual role as Lt. Governor and Chief Operating Officer. It took effect after she was unanimously confirmed by the Senate immediately after her predecessor accepted an offer in academia. She went on to say that usually Lt. Governors are elected as a team with the Governor and that there have only been two instances in state history when the Governor appoints a Lt. Governor. The main issues discussed during the ninety minute meeting were Commissioner Kattnig brought up the concern of the possibility of flooding in the Junkins fire burn scar which could have a serious effect on the community of Wetmore. Lt. Governor expressed her keen interest and willingness to help on this very important matter and, in fact, readily accept-



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Mr. Printz stated that the library still needs major clean up.

In Mr. Kattnig's Commissioner Report he stated that there needs to be a resolution regarding county activities divided up by the Board members. Mr. Smith will draft this resolution. Mr. Smith will also draft a formal action closing County Road 386 (S. Hardscrabble Road). After more discussion about flooding and water issues in Wetmore, there was a suggestion by Mr. Kattnig that they may need a water treatment plant down there. When the question arose, Kattnig confirmed that grandfathered wells and septic tanks could be rebuilt in their same footprint if destroyed by an act of nature.

Attorney Items:

Mr. Smith reported that Gary Hyde went out and looked at Mr. Hamilton's road and R&B will need a 40-foot wide easement which will flare out to 60 feet at the cattle guards to accommodate gates. Mrs. Hood mentioned, rather covertly, questions that needed answers or tasks that had needed to be done (such as Hyde going out and looking at the road.) The assumption by this reporter is that tasks were assigned during the Executive Session regarding the Hamilton cattle guards held on April 5th – contrary to law. Apparently one of those tasks was for Mr. Smith to speak with Mike Halpin's attorney. Smith reported that Halpin is okay with the cattle guards, but that his attorney was requesting having the easements surveyed. Mr. Kattnig talked at great length about not needing surveyed easements and setting precedent and how cattle guards were put in normally. Mrs. Hood is not in favor of spending any more money for Hamilton.

ed an invitation extended by Commissioners Kattnig and Printz to give her a quick tour, at the end of the meeting, of the affected areas in Wetmore.

The other issue of paramount importance was concerning broadband and the current problems being encountered which also negatively affects business and economic development. Coincidentally, the Lt. Governor was accompanied on this visit by newly appointed Executive Director for the Broadband Office Mr. Anthony (Tony) Neal-Graves who has had a long career and much experience in the private sector. Mr. Charles Bogle was given the floor to explain, in detail, the problems and opportunities related to broadband in the county. Mr. Dale Mullen, who works closely with Mr. Bogle and himself a profes-

sional, with much expertise in the field of broadband and high speed internet, made several suggestions, directed at Mr. Neal Graves who understood and appreciated the obvious knowledge displayed in the discussions. Also mentioned in the course of the meeting was the upcoming road project on Main Street beginning at Sixth Street up to The Bluff. Funds from CDOT will be applied to the project as approved last year but held back until next month to give ample time for residents and merchants to prepare. It was a very good meeting with much information passed on which the Lt. Governor has committed to look into and address. This will be the forerunner of future meetings as Ms. Lynne has promised to take a closer look at Custer County and its future development.

Mr. Printz agreed but said a survey might be a good idea. In the end, it was decided that Mr. Smith will draw up a formal resolution with the county's terms (40 and 60 foot easements, at



least 16 foot swinging metal gates at the same level with the road.) Mr. Smith will discuss the resolution again with Mr. Halpin's attorney and then present it to the Board at a later meeting.

Vouchers were approved with no motion.

There was only one bid received for installation of the new fuel dispenser at the airport. Eaton Sales and Service, LLC submitted a bid to take out the existing dispenser and put in the new one for \$8,850. Dallas Anderson stated that this bid is nearly \$1,000 under what they estimated last year and that it was a better-quality pump. The money for this pump is taken from the \$.50/gal surcharge on selling fuel at the airport. Mrs. Hood insisted on specific language pertaining to liability insurance. Pending legal approval of the contract, the quote was approved with a unanimous vote.

The courthouse closure procedure drafted by Mrs. Hood was discussed at length. The Board could come to no consensus on the many details of this procedure, so Mrs. Hood will rework it and present it as Old Business at a later meeting.

The BOCC then put on their Board of Health hats and heard recommendations from Mr. Printz and Jackie Hobby regarding the soils analysis tests required

for septic permits. The state now has a class that all soils analysts must take prior to getting certified to do these tests. Mr. Printz and Mrs Hobby had two items they wanted addressed by the Board. After long discussion that did not indicate that there had even been any problems that these actions would fix, there were two decisions made by the Board. First, starting June 1, 2017, all soils analysts must carry liability insurance in agreement with county policy in Dawna Hobby's office. When the question was asked by a citizen if this will raise the prices of the septic permit, Mr. Kattnig responded, "I don't think so, but if it does, so what?"

The second item approved is that the Planning and Zoning Office will put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to have an engineer approve Mrs. Hobby's septic designs (on non-engineered septic.) Mrs. Hobby suggested that the engineers would charge a per-septic fee of "maybe \$10 or something" and that would be added to the cost a citizen pays for the septic permit. The reasoning given for this move was to protect the county from litigation if there is a mistake made figuring the size of septic tank needed.

Mr. Chuck Ippolito returned to the Board with three bids for high speed internet for the courthouse and Sheriff's Office. The bids were from CenturyLink, SECOM and Hilltop. Mrs. Hood had further questions for the three entities so she and Mr. Ippolito will call them and return with further information for the Board at a later meeting.

A workshop was set up for after for Tuesday May 2nd to discuss the Extension Office.

The meeting was adjourned with no motion.



Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 147 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 14 to EMS, and 5 to the Fire Department. As of May 1st, there were 6 males and no females in the county jail.

From 4/25/17 to 5/1/17 there were the following calls to service:

4/25/17:
Suspicious Stuff: A deputy was dispatched to Oak Grove Circle in Bull Domingo Ranch to investigate a report of suspicious circumstances.

4/26/17:
Traffic Summons: Benjamin Zeppelin of Denver for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Infant Issues: EMS and a Sheriff's deputy were dispatched to Butler Street in Silver Cliff for an infant having difficulty breathing. EMS processed a refusal to transport.

4/27/17:
Flight for Life: Custer

EMS and Wet Mountain Fire responded to the clinic to establish a land-zone for Flight for Life. An individual was transported by Flight to a nearby hospital.

4/28/17:
Arrest: Stanley Robinson of Silver Cliff was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear on a care-less driving charge.

Traffic Summons: Matthew Yaklich of Westcliffe for no insurance and expired plates.

4/29/17:
Rollover: A deputy, Custer County EMS and Wet Mountain Fire responded to a single vehicle roll-over on CR 328. A report was taken and the individual refused transport to the hospital.

4/30/17:
Heart Attack: Dispatch received a 911 call for a male party possibly having a heart attack.

Deer Mountain EMS, a Sheriff's deputy, and the Wet Mountain Fire Department were dispatched to First Street in Silver Cliff. The patient was transported to a hospital in Pueblo.

5/1/17:
Summons/Accident: EMS, the Wet Mountain Fire Department, and a Sheriff's deputy were dispatched to Highway 96 and CR 271 for a single vehicle rollover accident. EMS processed a refusal to transport. Brian Riley of Bartlesville, OK, was issued a summons for careless driving.

Accident/Minor: EMS, the Wet Mountain Fire Department, and a Sheriff's deputy were dispatched to highway 69N MM 71 for a single vehicle rollover accident. EMS processed a refusal to transport the driver of the vehicle, a male minor, is facing possible civil and criminal charges.

Middle School Track: Strong Throws

by Coach Greg Cravens

The Custer County Middle School Track Team completed in two track meets last week. The results from Salida have not come in yet, but the team did extremely well. The second meet was in Alamosa on Friday April 28th.

The girls team was once again lead by a strong showing in the throwing events, lead by Katherine Mullett. Katherine took home a first place medal in the shot put (29'1) and a second in the discus. Kylie

Jones placed second in the shot put and 5th in the discus, and Memphis Curry added a 4th place finish in the shot put. The 4x4 relay team of Brooke Flynn, Eryn Lemoines, Kylie Carter and Kyleigh Martin took home a 4th. Brooke Flynn also finished 7th in the hurdles and Kyleigh Martin finished 8th in the 400.

Grant Cravens lead the boys team with a first place medal in the discus (100'1) and a 4th place finished in the shot put. Wesley Curtis finished 2nd in the triple jump

and 6th in the high jump. JD Morris finished 6th in the triple jump. Jeremiah Taylor finished 5th in the 800. James Koester finished 7th in the 100 and was part of the 4x4 relay team that finished 5th along with Dillon Kinsey, Chad Lewis, and Matthew Keinbusch. The Bobcats travel to Fairplay to complete in the South Park Track Meet on Saturday the 5th of May. The field events start at 9 a.m. and the running events start at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC AUCTION

"HUGE AUCTION"
Furgerson Estate Sale

FIRE ARMS * VEHICLES * TOOLS*
EQUIPMENT * SPORTS * ANTIQUES
SADDLES * FURNITURE & MORE

Saturday, May 13, 2017 @ 10:00 am
57 County Road 52, Cotopaxi, Colorado
(Directions: Drive on Colorado Highway 50 to Cotopaxi, CO., at the Cotopaxi Store turn North on County Road 12, go across bridge. Auction Site is on Left. **WATCH FOR SIGNS.** **RAIN or SHINE!**

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: The Furgerson Family is liquidating their personal property and everything must GO! Mr. Furgerson was a former Ferrari Master Mechanic and Master Craftsman, with a detail for accuracy and terrific pride in his tools. **QUALITY ITEMS at AUCTION PRICES! <<<>> HUGE SALE!!**

***FIRE ARMS/KNIVES:** Frontier Scout, 22 LR, Single Action* Shot Gun, Mossberg , 12 gauge* Ruger Master 10-22, Carbine 22LR* Hunting Knives* Gerber Knives (4)* Case Pocket Knife 3"* Case Collector Knives* Gun Safes (2)* **VEHICLES:** *1991 HD FXSTC Softail, Custom 1200cc* 1976 Tri-Hull Boat, Walk Thru, IB, Depth Finder, w/1977 Trailer* ATV Trailer* HD Parts* **WESTERN TACK:** * Draft Horse Harness (EXC)* Saddle, Denver Saddlery, W/Saddle Bags (EXC)* Saddle, Colorado Saddlery* **SHOP TOOLS/EQUIPMENT:** *Customized Wood/Machinist Chest, 10 Drawers* SNAP-ON Tool Boxes, Full of Tools* SNAP-On Test Gauges* Rockwell Drill Press W/Stand* TRAX Vertical Panel Saw* Hobart Iron Man Welder 210 W/Aragon & Regulator* Grizzly Metal Cutting Band Saw* Bishop Hill 36" Drum Sander Commercial Grade/Delta Shop Master Dust Collector System* JET Dust Collector System* Grizzly Planer 15" Spiral Cutter Head W/Stand* Delta Molding Shaper W/Stand* Cummins 48" Wood Lathe* Rockwell 8" Commercial Joiner W/Stand* Biesmeyer Commercial Table Saw W/Extensions*Ingersoll Rand Air Compressor* GenPack 10,000 Watts Generator* Wood Clamps, Bar, C, (100s)* Centure Wire Feed Welder W/Stand* Belt Sander, Craftsman W/Stand* Homelight generator 1500 Watts* Chain Hoist 1 Ton* Homak Parts Cleaning Station 1/4" & 1" Drive Socket Sets* Bench Vices 4" & 8"* Anvil* Truck Winches* Central Machinery 20" Drill Press W/Stand* National 8" Bench Grinder W/Pedestal*Central Machinery 6" Buffer* High Lift Jack* Central Machinery Hydraulic Portable Power 10 Ton* Cambion Spot Welder* Hobart Air Force 400 Plasma Cutter W/Stand* Hydraulic Portable Power Jack/Craftsman Roll Around Tool Boxes, Full of Tools* Hydraulic 12 Ton Hydraulic Pipe Bender* 20 Ton Hydraulic Bearing Press* Shear Brake 12"* Chicago Machinery 5 Ton Winch W/Mounting Channel* Large Pipe Wrenches* Large Die Wrenches* Tri-State Welder AC/DC* Sting Spot Welder* Oxygen/Acetylene Torches* Electric Conduit Bender* Stihl Chainsaw MS360 W/Case* Pneumatic Hardwood Nailer* Hitachi 3-1/4" Planer* Chicago Machinery Electric Rotary Hammer* Makita Angle Drill* Fuel Tanks* Welders* Power Tools: DeWalt, B&D, Makita, Porter Cable* ProLine Power Washer 2800 PSI* Shop Smith* Sanders* Dremmel Saw W/Stand* 14" Band Saw W/Stand* <<<>> TONS MORE!! * FURNITURE * ANTIQUES * SPORTS/CAMPING * ELECTRONICS * TOO MANY ITEMS TO LIST <<<>>

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



NOTICE

The following is a list of all bills presented, audited, and ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Custer County, Colorado, from their respective funds at the regular meeting on April 28, 2017.

Custer County Payments for Airport Fund Payments From April 1, 2017 Through April 28, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ASCENT AVIATION GROUP INC	POS CHG	30.00
CENTURYLINK	SRV	107.88
MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING CO INC/THE	FUEL DISPENSE BID REQUES	70.00
NORUP GAS INC	SRV	112.63
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	SRV	142.81
SECOM INC	WIRELESS SRV	56.00
	Final Totals...	519.32

Custer County Payments for Capital Fund Payments From April 1, 2017 Through April 28, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
CONNECTSIX LLC	AIRPORT WEATHER ADVISORY	3,250.00
H E WHITLOCK INC	WCCLP CHG # 8	122,486.63
UNITED REPROGRAPHIC SUPPLY	ASSR COPIER MAINT AGREE	90.00
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING	ASSR MAPPING COPIER	285.40
	Final Totals...	126,112.03

Custer County Payments for Conservation Fund Payments From April 1, 2017 Through April 28, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
SCHULTZ/STEVE	2017 CONTRIBUTION	3,000.00
	Final Totals...	3,000.00

Custer County Payments for Emergency Fund Payments From April 1, 2017 Through April 28, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AT & T MOBILITY	OEM SRV	85.66
CENTURYLINK	OEM LANDLINE	106.72
CNC TECHNICAL SERVICES, LLC	OEM FUSION CELL BOOSTER	1,677.00
COMMAND CONCEPTS	OEM COMMAND BOARD PKGS	1,911.08
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	5,061.60
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	OEM FUEL	80.01
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	CODE RED ANNUAL 2/2	2,200.00
HOLLAND SIGNS INC	WANCO DIESEL LIGHT TOWER	7,766.00
HOWARD/CINDY	OEM REIMBS	1,326.40
IPPOLITO/CHUCK	DISPATCH RELOCATE	118.59
MCCARTHY/JOSEPH	REIMBS	123.08
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	75.00
US BANK	DISPATCH SUPPLIES	123.46
WEST CUSTER CO HOSPITAL DIST	RETAC	450.00
	Final Totals...	21,104.60
	Payroll...	11,034.16

Custer County Payments for General Fund Payments From April 1, 2017 Through April 28, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	129.58
AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE	CN W/H	98.20
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS	SUMMONS BOOKS	1,010.37
AT & T MOBILITY	SRV	1,027.43
AUSTIN AUTOMOTIVE	SHERIFF REPAIRS	1,753.52
AV-TECH ELECTRONICS INC	OUTFIT COMMAND VEHICLE	6,584.31
BLUE FLAME GAS	WCCL SRV	525.00
BRENCHELEY/KATHERINE	MILEAGE	57.50
BROOKSIDE CONCRETE LLC	DECAL APPLICATIONS	200.00
CAMPER/KELLEY	TRAVEL	186.00
CDPIIE	LNDFL QRTLY REPORT	948.16
CDPHE ADMIN DIV & FIN SRVS	OWTS PERMIT SURCHARGES	240.00
CENTURYLINK	WCCL SRV	390.97
CENTURYLINK	SERVICE	4,339.44

CHEMATOX LABORATORY	SHERIFF TESTING	255.00
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	GARNISHMENT	290.00
CONDUENT BUSINESS SERVICES LLC	ASSR DATA PROCESSING	6,478.43
COX/CHARLES	MARCH 2017	216.00
CRESTONE GRAPHICS	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	252.00
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INS W/H	30,004.71
CUSTER COUNTY EMS	SHERIFF BLOOD DRAW	30.00
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	SHERIFF FUEL	1,919.38
CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL DIST C-1	CONTRACTUAL LABOR	954.55
DRYER/CARL	REIMBS	29.10
EL PASO COUNTY	AUTOPSY SRVS	2,800.00
ENDPOINT DIRECT	ASSR NOV MAILING POSTAGE	3,500.00
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	GARNISHMENT	442.00
FOX DRUG INC	INMATES RX	79.90
GAIDE/BRENDA	WETMORE MTG MILEAGE	26.50
GREEN/ELIZABETH	TRAVEL	39.00
HENRICH/JAMES D	REIMBS	115.00
HOLT FAMILY FUNERAL HOME	AUTOPSY TRANSPORT	250.00
HOOD/DONNA	REIMBS	75.00
IPPOLITO/CHUCK		363.51
KATTNIG/ROBERT (BOB)	REIMBS	75.00
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	38.85
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	JAIL FOOD	231.55
MARK D BEAUMONT INC	CIVIL SERVE REFUND	20.00
MARTIN/RHONDA K	REIMBS	119.96
MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING CO INC/THE	PUB	20.64
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	SHERIFF REPAIRS	130.78
NOBILITY FUNERAL TRANSPORT	TRANSPORT	500.00
NORDYKE/ARTHUR	TRAVEL	179.50
NORUP GAS INC	SHERIFF COMPLEX SRV	673.28
OAK DISPOSAL SERVICE	CRTHS SRV	94.00
ODLE/CARMALENE	REGS REIMBS	300.00
OFFICE DEPOT	CCPHNA SUPPLIES	421.62
OFFICE OF THE DIST ATTORNEY	PROF SRVS	9,175.00
PIQUETTE ENTERPRISES LLC	APRIL ACCT	826.42
PITNEY BOWES	SUPPLIES	209.06
PRINTZ/JAY	REIMB	75.00
PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER	CORONER SUPPLIES	770.55
REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY	PROBLEM SPECIMENS	10.00
REIDA/BRIDGETTE	MILEAGE	494.00
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	SHERIFF COMPLEX SRV	240.00
SAM'S CLUB	JAIL NON FOOD	448.21
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	LANDFILL SRV	118.31
SBA STRUCTURES LLC	SITE RENTAL	260.84
SERIO/ROBERT	CIVIL PROCESS REFUND	40.00
SMITH/CLINTON A	PROF SRV	2,200.00
SOUTHERN COLORADO COUNTY	CLERKS SO REGION DUES	75.00
SOUTHWEST SOLUTIONS GROUP	EVIDENCE ROOM	5,508.00
STATE OF COLORADO	MVR DELIVERABLES	210.75
SWARTZ/TIM		846.10
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	1,308.32
TECHNICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	PROB CLIENT TESTING	182.45
TERRY/TRACI	COOKING MATTERS REIMB	34.21
TOTAL OFFICE SOLUTIONS	CLERK SUPPLIES	48.73
ULINE	RECYCLING SUPPLIES	88.09
US BANK		2,815.00
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	LANDFILL SUPPLIES	321.57
WARRIOR KIT	UNIFORM SUPPLIES	299.67
WET MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE	DETENTION HELP WANTED	148.00
WET MTN FIRE PROTECTION DIST	JUNKINS FIRE EOC EXPENSE	554.83
4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	LANDFILL REPAIRS	89.58
	Final Totals...	95,813.43
	Payroll...	104,315.08

Custer County Payments for Human Services Fund Payments From April 1, 2017 Through April 28, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
	Final Totals...	12,388.83
	Payroll...	14,981.36

Custer County Payments for Road & Bridge Fund Payments From April 1, 2017 Through April 28, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AFLAC	AF W/H	53.00
AIRGAS USA LLC	CYLINDER RENTAL	437.49
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	600.02
AT & T MOBILITY	SRV	192.44
CENTURYLINK	WETMORE SHOP SRV	189.71
CENTURYLINK	WC SHOP SRV	341.08
CORPORATE BILLING LLC	LATCH	37.92
CRESTONE GRAPHICS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	56.20
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	11,592.96
DRIVE TRAIN INDUSTRIES	STROBE MINI BAR	364.21
EATON SALES & SERVICE LLC	REPAIRS	1,904.66
FRANK'S UPHOLSTERY	RECOVER/REPAD	425.00
GCR TIRES & SERVICE	TIRES/SERVICE	11,792.01
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	MISC PARTS	277.32
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	51.80
LITZ AUTO SUPPLY	PARTS	159.21
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	SUPPLIES	50.71
MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING CO INC/THE	HELP WANTED	55.80
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	MISC PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,169.46
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	ROAD SIGNS	390.12
NORUP GAS INC	SRV	337.63
NOVUS AUTO GLASS REPAIR	AUTO GLASS X 10	2,550.00
PUEBLO BRAKE & CLUTCH	MISC PARTS	28.66
QUILL CORP	OFFICE SUPPLES	193.60
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	SRV	875.40
SCHMIDT CONSTRUCTION CO	COLD MIX	940.50
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	491.65
TRANWEST TRUCK TRAILER RV	PARTS	21.09
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	MISC SUPPLIES	1,680.24
WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO	SEALS/MISC PARTS	848.33
WESTCLIFFE PETROLEUM	DIESEL PROPANE V STEMS	15,690.98
WET MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE	HELP WANTED	58.00
WHITEHALLS ALPINE BG	SLC MULTI PURPOSE GREASE	160.00
XEROX CORP	COPIER	112.97
2ND STEEL	CIRCLE	6,397.64
4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	MISC PARTS	1,041.72
	Final Totals...	61,569.53
	Payroll...	36,703.24

Custer County Payments for Self Insurance Fund Payments From April 1, 2017 Through April 28, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
COLORADO STATE TREASURER	UNEMPLOMENT BENEFIT REIM	5,634.00
	Final Totals...	5,634.00

Custer County Payments for Tourism Fund Payments From April 1, 2017 Through April 28, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
BUBIS/JAXINE	REG REIMB	100.00
C A R T	MINI GRANT	500.00
SMITH/GREG	REG REIMB	100.00
WET MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE	TOURISM WEBSITE RFP	88.00
	Final Totals...	788.00

STATE OF COLORADO COUNTY OF CUSTER

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

Kelley S. Camper
County Clerk

Date published: May 5, 2017
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Westcliffe, Colorado



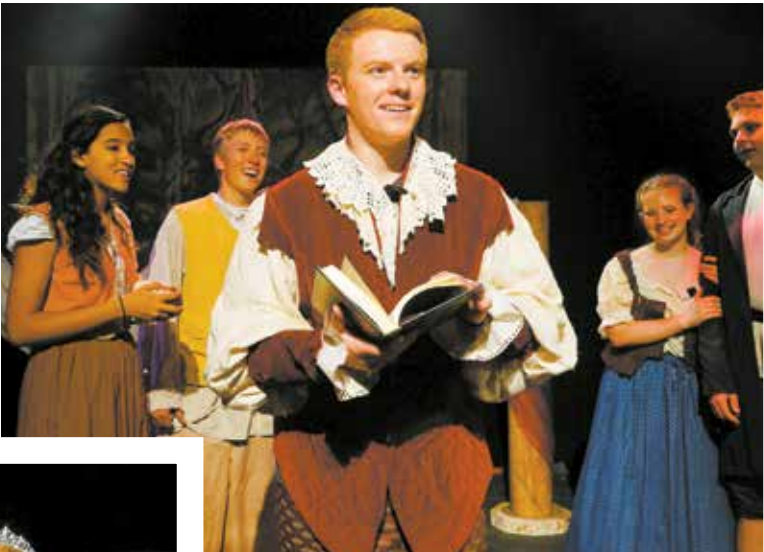
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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 10-16

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On February 28, 2017, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

Original Grantor(s)	Sean L Halverson and Heidi Halverson
Original Beneficiary(ies)	Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	Pingora Loan Servicing, LLC
Date of Deed of Trust	April 11, 2014
County of Recording	Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	April 17, 2014
Recording Information	223124 Book: 736 Page: 47
(Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)	
Original Principal Amount	\$193,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance	\$187,336.84

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION
Also known by street and number as: 1931 Keepsake Loop, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 06/28/2017, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

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Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
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Federal Consumer Financial
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P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF WESTCLIFFE, COUNTY OF CUSTER, STATE OF COLORADO AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF CUSTER, STATE OF COLORADO, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT 165, CORRECTION PLAT FOR ROSITA HILLS SUBDIVISION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, CUSTER COUNTY, COLORADO.

TOGETHER WITH ALL WATER AND WATER RIGHTS APPORTIONED TO APPURTENANT TO AND USED ON THE LAND OWNED BY THE SELLER/GRANTOR, IN ANY. TO INCLUDE WATER WELL PERMIT NUMBER 235579.

TOGETHER WITH ALL MINERAL AND MINERAL RIGHTS APPORTIONED TO, APPURTENANT TO AND USED ON THE LAND OWNED BY THE SELLER/GRANTOR, IF ANY.

SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2007 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS, DISTRIBUTION, UTILITY EASEMENTS, RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES NOT SHOWN BY THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WHICH GRANTEE HAS ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE, INCLUSION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN ANY SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT, DECLARATIONS AND PARTY WALL AGREEMENTS, AND EASEMENTS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, MINERAL RIGHTS NOT OWNED BY GRANTOR AND GRAZING LEASES OF RECORD.

First Publication 5/5/2017
Last Publication 6/2/2017
Name of Publication Sangre de Cristo Sentinel

Public Notice for Petition for Name Change

In the matter of the Petition of, Adult: Penny Elizabeth Luckett French For a Change of Name to: Elizabeth Luckett French Case Number: 17C8

Public Notice is given on May1, 2017 that a Petition for a Change of Name of a Adult has been filed with the Custer Combined Court. The Petition requests that the name of Penny Elizabeth Luckett French be changed to Elizabeth Luckett French.

Signed: Kaye Rocheleau, Clerk of Court

First Publication 5/5/2017
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link at custercountyschools.org.

For Financial Transparency information for Custer County School District C-1, please see

DATE: 02/28/2017
Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee in and for the County of Custer, State of Colorado

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Weldon P. Phillips Jr., Esq. #31827
Barrett, Frappier & Weisserman. LLP 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711
Attorney File # 3850.100274.F01
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

THE CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS OPENINGS FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS AT ALL LEVELS

Applications are available at the administration office Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. or please visit the district’s webpage at <http://www.custercountyschools.org/#!employment/c17c>; scroll down to the section marked “Applications” to download and complete the “Substitute Application”. Applicants will need to be licensed through the Colorado Department of Education. For more information, please contact Kathy Schickling at (719)783-4950.

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, 709 Main Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252. (719)783-2291

Custer County School District C-1 Regular School Board Meeting: Library May 9, 2017 – 4:30 pm

NOTE: MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEXTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BEGINNING AT 4:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY PRIOR TO THE BOARD MEETING. (Action Item 12.b.)

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

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call – Board Attendance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Correspondence to the Board: Dr. Terre Davis
5. General Public Comment Session - Comments will be limited to 3 minutes; Admin Response (If Needed)
6. Bobcat Pride Certificate(s): Mark Payler / Dr. Terre Davis
7. Consent Agenda
 - a. Acceptance: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on April 11, 2017
 - b. Approval: Bob Jolley to Sign on Behalf of Custer County Early Childhood Council
 - c. Approval: Declaration of Surplus Transportation Department Vehicles: 1989 Bus #7 (with 290,000 miles) and 1996 Pontiac car (with 225,000 miles)
8. Reports from Students/Staff: Prom Recap: Juniors
9. District Financial Report – Monthly Overview – Amy Perschbacher
10. Reports from Public: Excellence in Education (Lori Short), Accountability (Shelly Penkoff)
11. Board Committee Reports: Accountability, BOCES, FFA, Legislative, Preschool Advisory Committee
12. Action/Informational Items:
 - a. Approval / Personnel: Industrial Arts/Wood Shop/Construction Trade – Cole McCollum as recommended by Jack Christensen, Heather Walton - Substitute Nurse
 - b. Approval: Middle School Math Textbooks – Laura Krall & Holly Anderson
 - c. Approval: Check Vouchers & Financial Reports - Amy Perschbacher
 - d. Approval: Insurance / Benefits Renewal - Amy Perschbacher
 - e. Approval: Certified Hires (Teachers): Mark A. Payler
 - f. Approval: Classified Hires (Support Staff): Mark A. Payler
 - g. Approval: Apartment Management Company: Mark A. Payler
 - h. Information Only: Proposed Budget for SY 2017-2018: Amy Perschbacher
 - i. Second Reading – Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements (with Exhibit IKF-E.2) – Jack Christensen
13. Principal’s Reports:
 - a. Elementary/Middle School: Holly Anderson
 - b. Secondary/AD: Jack Christensen
14. Superintendent’s Report - Mark Payler
15. Items introduced by Board Members
16. General Public Comment Session (Comments limited to 3 minutes)
17. Executive Session: Personnel (If needed)
18. Looking Ahead: Board Workshop, May 23rd @ 4:30pm – Strategic Plan / Regular Board Meeting & Budget Hearing, June 6, 2017 / Graduation

**IMPORTANT NOTE:
The June 2017 Regular Board Meeting and Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 and not June 13, 2017.**



May is “Poppy Month”

Each year the American Legion Auxiliary designates May as “Poppy Month”. The Poppy is an emblem of sacrifice by the men and women who gave their lives that our country might be saved.

These Poppies are made of red crepe paper, by hand, by disabled veterans. We pledge that 100% of the contributions you make go toward the welfare for veterans and their families. Locally, Unit 170

uses these funds to provide personal care items for the Florence Veterans Nursing Home; we contribute to the Senior Center where many veterans enjoy warm, home-cooked meals; and we help local Veterans as needed. Auxiliary members will be at Lowe’s Market the first two weekends in May. Please contribute to this fund and wear the Poppy as an emblem of faith; faith which is being kept with all who died through service in the living.

Local Mountain News & Notices

CSU from page 1

Robin Young, our ex-Extension Agent was well liked in our community, and was one of the rising stars of the Extension’s County Agents in Colorado receiving multiple awards from CSU. As with any large program, there were some people who had issues with Robin over the years, especially from our local 4-H organization regarding large animal/county fair issues. There were also control issues with 4-H (note CSU is responsible for all 4-H activities, including expenses/monetary disbursements); in particular, an ugly event concerning then 4-H Foundation President Donna Hood (now BOCC Commissioner Hood), regarding a large check that Mrs. Hood wanted to write to fix the pens at the fairgrounds. That check violated the 4-H charter, and Robin correctly canceled it.

Some parents and volunteers had what appeared, to be valid complaints against Robin (based on what was presented to the *Sentinel* by some of the interested parties), but according to CSU Regional Director Nobles (Robin’s immediate boss), there was only ONE written complaint filed against Robin since she started the job years ago.

So how was this situation handled by the BOCC? Commissioner Kattnig told the *Sentinel* he had made at least one visit to see Mr. Nobles with complaints over the last two years, but when the two new Commissioners, Jay Printz and ex-4-H President Donna Hood, were sworn in this year, things went into high gear.

Apparently unhappy with the Extension’s Regional Office unresponsiveness, the new BOCC bypassed the Extension chain of command, and requested a meeting with the President of CSU himself, along with the head of Extension. At that meeting, in Denver, which the head of Extension couldn’t make, the Commissioners made their case against Robin (with no one there to hear her side), and shortly after that, Robin was removed from her job as Custer County Extension Agent. She since has been reassigned (actually, promoted!) and given another job in Colorado forcing her and her family to move, with a teenager still in school. (Apparently, CSU is comfortable with her performance.)

This is NOT how things should happen in a small, rural

community.

Here is how compassionate, competent leadership should have worked: The BOCC should have asked Robin and the Extension Regional Director for a meeting to discuss any complaints that they were aware of. They should have also had those complaints formalized, and filed. (Note that there was only ONE complaint filed with the Regional office in all of Robin’s tenure.) It would have given Robin, a county resident with a family, a chance to defend herself against the complaints, which NEVER happened the way the Commissioners managed it. It is very possible, even probable, that things could have all been resolved at that point and NO ONE HAD TO BE FIRED.

What was particularly disgraceful, was that the “workshop” that the BOCC scheduled with Robin, the Extension Regional Director, and an Extension state level executive there to discuss the issues, was held despite the fact that THE BOCC HAD ALREADY GONE TO THE CSU PRESIDENT TO GET ROBIN REPLACED. In fact, it was only a day or two after the “workshop” meeting, that Robin was removed as our Extension Agent by CSU.

What was also especially galling at the “workshop”, was that Commissioner Kattnig, at the end of the meeting, implied that everything would be ok and that things would work out, knowing that the BOCC’s meeting with the CSU President, would certainly cause Robin to be removed and reassigned shortly.

With Robin out of the way, the only remaining Extension Office worker was the County employee, Carlan Cardenas, who was the county’s “aide” to Robin. So after Robin left, the Commissioners came down on Carlan (whose grandfather started the 4-H program in Custer County) like a “ton of bricks” expecting her do the work of two people. That didn’t last long as Carlan resigned last week from the job she loved.

So now, due to poor management and judgment skills of our Commissioners, we have NO Extension Office in our county resulting in a whole slew of programs being canceled, perhaps for a long time. (Folks, the Extension Office does a LOT more than 4-H, go to its website and see. This is a disaster for Custer County.)

When adults have issues, they should sit down and work them out. Bury the

egos. Talk, compromise. Try to understand the other side. Think of the big picture. Understand the possible ramifications of their actions (which the BOCC OBVIOUSLY did not do.) And remember that these people losing their jobs are OUR NEIGHBORS, they have FAMILIES, and jobs are scarce here in Custer County.

CSU Extension is obviously VERY unhappy with Custer County. Don’t you think that it might be a little harder hiring a new County Agent after the last one was railroaded out of the county? Duh. Do you think it might have been smart to NOT have Robin fired/transferred until a new Agent was hired by Extension? Duh. Come on, folks, this is management 101 stuff.

I know the BOCC members are new, but there is no excuse for this kind of poor judgment and mismanagement. Hopefully, this is just a blip on the radar screen, and that we all, the BOCC, and the community can learn from this going forward. Love your neighbors BOCC, it’s a small town.

In the final act of this week’s “Commissioner’s Folly”, a surreal, Kafka-esque scene unfolded at the previously scheduled (before Carlan resigned) BOCC Extension “workshop” on May 2nd, where all three Commissioners, whoops, I mean Commissioners, led by Mrs. Hood, vehemently blamed and attacked CSU for the current disaster which the BOCC itself had caused!!! According to some attendees, the crowd was stunned at the level of self-denial exhibited by our Commissioners during the vitriolic dialogue.

This is the self-described “Dream Team” in month four of the new regime. It’s going to be some ride, folks.

(Note: Commissioner Kattnig at a recent BOCC meeting, in discussing the issues surrounding Robin’s departure, noted that in his former residence, Arizona, that some counties there had their own county employee “Agent”, not affiliated with Extension, and suggested that might be the way Custer County could go. We strongly disagree. CSU Extension is a gold mine of resources, information and experience that no stand-alone “Agent” could possibly ever have. And there is no way CSU Extension is going to help a stand-alone “Agent” as they would be in direct competition. We need a CSU Extension Agent. And we need one now.)

The letter from CSU Extension to the BOCC

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Dear Custer County Commissioners

In response to the resignation of support staff in the Custer County CSU Extension office, I am writing to inform you of CSU’s next steps.

- Effective immediately, all 4-H operations will temporarily be suspended in Custer County. All other Extension operations – with the exception of 4-H – were previously suspended with the reassignment of the Custer County Director in March. With the suspension of 4-H activities, all Extension activities in the county are temporarily suspended.
- Extension and 4-H are the exclusive programs of Colorado State University, and all related activities in the county shall not continue until Custer County Commissioners and CSU Extension have completed necessary steps to ready the program for continuation. The following steps will be necessary before resuming 4-H programs:
 - The hiring of a new support staff person by Custer County for the CSU Extension Office.
 - Before any 4-H operations may resume, that person must undergo training by CSU Extension on the Fort Collins campus. At the conclusion of training, that person must work closely with and report to CSU regarding resuming 4-H operations and in all future operations of 4-H in the county. Once these steps have been accomplished CSU will make every effort to resume 4-H operations as quickly as possible.
 - CSU also will begin the process to hire a Custer County Extension Director in late summer or early fall. Due to required state hiring practices, this process will take several months, and a new director would likely be named by winter or early spring in 2018. Following a successful hiring process, Extension related programs and operations will resume in Custer County.

We understand that youth in Custer County may want to pursue 4-H activities this summer. However, at this time, there is no availability to support Custer County 4-H operations through neighboring county CSU Extension offices. It is unfortunate that youth within the county will be impacted by this turn of events.

During the temporary suspension, CSU maintains ownership of all 4-H and Extension operations records kept within the county office.

Thank you,



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Events

May 5 - 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.

May 13-16 Armed Forces Art Exhibit downtown Florence in Participating shops. Special Exhibit by Veterans of Bruce McCandless Veterans Home residents at A Florence Gallery at 108 East Main St. Florence.

May 19th, Fremont Community Foundation hosts its Annual After Flashback on Main Street Dance from 3-11 p.m. in the 500 and 600 block of Main Street in downtown Cañon City. Co-sponsored by Cañon City Merchants, the event will offer a beer tent, Salida Circus performers and entertainment. Other activities include a twist contest, hula hoop contest and for the children, games, a remote race car track, bungee jumping and much more.

May 20th, Annual Vintage Motor Car Club of America Car Show at the Abbey. Gates will open at 3 p.m. with entertainment by Tommy and the Cruisers starting at 5 p.m., followed by Pure Prairie League at 7:30 p.m. in the downtown area. Admission is free. Participants are asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets for the outdoor event. Donations to offset the cost of the event are accepted. For more information, call Dan Brown at 371-1202 or go to www.fremontcommunityfoundation.org.

May 20th, Pre-Screening of "Lies of Omission" at Core Knowledge School, 890 Field Avenue, Cañon City on Saturday at 2 p.m.

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 dp31up-ton@yahoo.com.

Fremont County Commissioners Decline Support For Trail Grant

by Barbara Penezic

The Commissioners meeting began with a very inspiring invocation by Don Brightwell, Prison Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

It was a rather quiet session with no public requests to speak and no public hearings. County Manager, Sunny Bryant shared the Sales and Use Tax Report which shows year-to-date collections are up in most areas over last year. Sunny also shared details of some of her recent activities. She said the mock training with Steve Morrissey, Fremont County Emergency Management Director was a real eye opening experience and the time spent with CASA members was informational and emotional.

The month of May 2017, is being proclaimed Foster Care Month in Fremont County. According to spokespersons from the Department of Human Services there is currently a need for 90 foster homes in Fremont County. As many as 30 placements have been made in other areas. This is especially troubling when

one understands the additional stress placed on an already traumatized displaced child. The child is not only faced with the loss of their family, parent(s), siblings, etc. but if moved out of the area the child will also lose contact with friends, teachers and others that may have brought them a feeling of security. Being a Foster Parent can be an extremely rewarding experience if you have some extra room in your home and your heart check into the idea of sharing with a needy child. Just call 719-275-2318. Calling is not a commitment but it could be the beginning of a new rewarding life of love and sharing.

OPC 14-006-Mile-High Green Cross, was granted a third renewal without much discussion. There have been no complaints issued against the facility located at 685 Colo. 115-Unit A (indoor grow), in the Beaver Park/Penrose area. The property is zoned Business and contains about 4.65 acres. Representative Adam Ziegler told the Commissioners that they have added some landscaping hoping to make it more

acceptable to a public that doesn't seem to welcome them.

Lastly, the Commissioners ratified signatures on the April 13th letter to the Cañon City Area Metropolitan Recreation and Park District declining support for a trails grant. Everyone was in agreement on the favorability of the trail; the problem arises over the route the trail would take. Fremont County is an agricultural mecca. Ranching and farming are very important to the people of this area. Families that have lived on and off the land for decades could be adversely affected if the trails were to cut through their farms and ranches.

Commissioners Bell, Payne and McFall were of one mind on this very important issue. They are not willing to commit to any proposal that would disturb the agricultural balance of Fremont County; so, it is back to the drawing board and maybe time to look at removing the controversial guard rails along CO Hwy 115.

Be Informed... Get Involved

Patriot Alert: "Lies of Omission" Pre-Release Screening May 20th

by George Gramlich

Locally, we have a great opportunity coming up on Saturday, May 20th, to attend a pre-release screening of one of the most important American liberty/freedom movement films to be released this year, "Lies of Omission", produced by fellow Coloradan T.L. Davis and his patriot film company, "12 Round Productions".

T.L. is a life-long patriot and is the author of the influential blogsite, christianmerc.blogspot.com. (T.L. also attended Westcliffe's July 4th/2nd Amendment March last year.) T.L. decided a few years ago that a documentary on some of the leaders of the patriot/III% movement was needed to show others in our country how these particular people, coming from completely different backgrounds, decided to dedicate their lives to our Constitution and ex-

posing the left for what it is: tyranny and oppression.

For the last two years, "12 Round Productions" has been traveling around the United States doing in-depth interviews with these patriot leaders. They have taken the highlights of these interviews and produced an inspiring documentary film.

The patriots interviewed for this film are: III% movement founder, the late Mike Vanderboegh, who in the last few years visited Westcliffe for our 2nd Amendment/July 4th March and also Cañon City for its Patriots Day event; Claire Wolfe, noted author; Matt Bracken, former SEAL and author of the popular "Enemies" trilogy; Larry Pratt, a 2nd Amendment defender and director of Gun Owners of America; and David Codrea, noted 2nd Amendment author, and co-breaker (along with

Mike Vanderboegh) of the ATF's infamous Fast and Furious scandal.

T.L. approached the *Sangre de Cristo Sentinel* a few weeks ago looking for a venue where he can do a pre-release screening of the film looking for feedback from the audience before its final release. *The Sentinel* asked Ed Whitcraft of the Royal Gorge Tea Party to see if they could host the event and they agreed to sponsor the viewing.

The free viewing will be held at the Mountain View Core Knowledge School, 890 Field Avenue, Cañon City on Saturday, May 20th at 2 p.m. T.L. will give a brief introduction before the viewing and the audience will be solicited for comments, criticisms, and suggestions after the screening.

Don't miss it folks. It's time to Take Back America.

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

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

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

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

Southern Colorado Survivors
1st Sat at 10 a.m.
El Alazan Mexican Restaurant
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PEW: Even Under Best Scenarios, PERA Falls Short

by Secure Futures Colorado

Colorado PERA does an excellent job putting a happy face on information about its investments and overall financial health. But a new report by The Pew Charitable Trusts shows that even accepting all of PERA’s assumptions at face value, total Colorado pension contributions are too small, meaning unfunded liabilities will continue to grow.

In fact, the report shows, Colorado PERA’s “net amortization as a percentage of payroll” is the fourth worst among the 50 states. Only infamous laggards Kentucky, New Jersey and Illinois fared worse.

For those of you who aren’t accounting geeks, here’s how Pew defines net amortization:

Measures whether total contributions to a public

retirement system would have been sufficient to reduce unfunded liabilities if all actuarial assumptions—primarily investment expectations—had been met for that year. The calculation uses the plan’s own reported numbers and assumptions about investment returns (emphasis ours). Plans that consistently fall short of this benchmark can expect to see the gap between the liability for promised benefits and available funds grow over time.

The Pew report bases its findings on investment returns for 2014 and 2015. In June, we’ll see how 2016 looked, and given the market run-up that occurred last year, return rates should look better.

But, Pew warns, market volatility of recent years should sound an alarm for people worried about the security of their retirement:

Although one or two years of weak returns may not indicate fiscal danger for a pension plan, investment volatility does present a long-term policy challenge. Since the end of the Great Recession in 2009, overall median returns for public pension plans have ranged from 1.0 percent in 2016 to 21.5 percent in 2011. This volatility can be attributed in part to increased investment portfolio risk. The share of public funds’ investments in stocks, private equity, and other similar assets, has increased by over 20 percentage points since 1990.

Bear the findings of this report in mind in June, when PERA and its actuaries spin their 2016 investment returns to make everything sound hunky-dory.

Please see: <http://www.securefuturescolorado.org/perascope/pew-even-under-best-scenarios-pera-falls-short/>

Executive Order: Colorado National Monuments in Crosshairs

by ColoradoPeak Politics.com

Westerners have been waiting for decades for someone in Washington to finally do something about presidents abusing their power under the Antiquities Act to lock up public lands.

And now, our time has come.

President Donald Trump has signed an executive order instructing the Interior Department to review national monument designations his three predecessors have made over the past 21 years, according to administration officials and GOP lawmakers, a move that could upend protections that previous presidents have put in place in Utah and elsewhere across the country.

This review will include the most contentious use of the act, when former President Clinton abused those pow-

ers in 1996 to lock up one of the nation’s most abundant reserves of coal inside a newly created 1.7 million Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

Can we get an amen?

In Colorado, the review will include Obama’s designation of Browns Canyon and Chimney Rock, and the Canyons of the Ancients near Cortez.

Do all of the monuments in the last 21 years need to be undone? Maybe not, but it’s high-time the White House take a closer look at the process and to make sure locals are really included for public input, and not just environmental groups with an agenda to stop energy production any way they can.

Greenies are already voicing their opposition before the process and announcement is even made, probably because they have their own involvement to hide.

“With this review, the Trump administration has launched an attack on Colorado’s heritage and the iconic public lands that are critical to our economy and way of life,” said Scott Braden, the organization’s wilderness and public lands advocate.

Really? Because westerners would argue that Clinton launched an attack on our heritage, by snatching up public lands and putting it off limits to multiple-use without local input.

That’s what was deeply offensive to us.

Stay tuned for the next nationally organized protest by the Democratic Party, a march to kill energy altogether, under the guise of saving public lands.

Please see: <https://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2017/04/26/executive-order-escalante-clinton-monument-abuse-in-the-crosshairs/>

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

by Jim Wilson (HD 60)

Earlier this session, I commented in this column that the bill count did not appear on track to reach the level of previous sessions. I hate to admit it, but I was wrong! As of last Friday, the bill count for this session sailed past 671, with more bills getting read across the desk late Friday. The 2016 session included 685 bills – more than any of my previous three sessions, but that record appears to be in jeopardy! Both the Democratic House and the Republican Senate share the guilt of filing a bunch of late bills.

Late bills are usually filed for one of four reasons. First of all, they may be filed because a new idea or issue simply came up after the January filing deadline. The second reason is that the majority party wishes to grant additional bills to a member allowing them to exceed the five-bill-per-member limit. A third reason, is what I call the “resurrection” bills – bills that were killed in an earlier form and are introduced in a similar version to “try again”. The final reason, and the most onerous in my opinion, is filing bills near the end of the session to capitalize on late nights and frayed nerves to allow a “political issue” bill to slip through the process.

Speaking of late bills, I happen to be carrying two bills that fall into the first

category mentioned above. HB 17-1321, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife’s “Fee Bill”, passed the House (42-22) on third reading this past week and will head on to the Senate. The largest point of contention in the bill is an amendment which would allow some of the new fees to be used for acquisition of property. My original language called for no fee title acquisition for three years. Senator Coram has agreed to change the language in the Senate.

An interesting maneuver was attempted by Rep. Lori Saine during the debate on the CPW bill. Rep. Saine tried to amend the bill to allow Seaplanes to use Colorado waters. A “Seaplane Bill” had died earlier in the session, so this was an attempt to resurrect the issue. The Chair ruled the amendment did not fit under the HB 17-1321 bill title, so the Seaplanes crashed a second time...

HB 17-1332 is another late bill I am sponsoring with Rep. Jeff Bridges (D – HD 3). It came to our attention during the session that Early Childhood Educators who work in private settings do not have the opportunity to pursue Alternative Licensure through the Colorado Department of Education. HB 17-1332 will allow Early Childhood Educators the choice of where they would like to teach without being denied the opportunity to pursue Alternative Licensure. The

bill passed the House 63-1 and is headed to the Senate.

The School Finance Bill recently picked up an amendment, and controversy as well. SB 17-61, a contentious bill that has not yet been read across the desk in the House, got added onto the School Finance Bill. Sen. Owen Hill (sponsor of SB 17-61 – a charter school bill) is using the School Finance Bill as leverage to insure SB 17-61 receives a fair hearing in the House. If things went according to plan last Monday, a “compromise” will be in the works during the final few days of the session. As for the concept of things going according to plan – do not hold your breath!

My HB 17-1070 (the Drone Bill) came out of a Conference Committee unanimously on Friday of last week. It will now move through the final steps to the Governor’s desk. HB 17-1070 began its journey in Chaffee County, thanks to Wendell Pryor – Executive Director of Chaffee County Economic Development.

With adjournment of this Legislative Session scheduled for May 10th, time is running short. 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.

CO Newspaper Refuses to Retract Letter Calling for Violence Against Frackers



by Chris White, The Daily Caller News Foundation

A newspaper in Colorado has yet to retract a letter to the editor it published suggesting state residents would be “intelligent” to act violently against oil pipelines in their communities.

The *Boulder Daily Camera* posted a letter to the editor April 19th that citizens have a moral obligation to destroy pipelines and eliminate oil jobs if they violate the sensibilities of Colorado residents. Editors altered the piece after publication, but left the writer’s basic thesis in place: violence may be the only way to prevent pipeline construction.

“If the oil and gas industry puts fracking wells in our neighborhoods, threatening our lives and our children’s lives, then don’t we have a moral responsibility to blow up wells and eliminate fracking and workers?” Andrew O’Connor wrote in a letter to the paper’s editors.

The letter was edited the following day to read “don’t we have a moral responsibility to take action to dissuade frackers from operating here?” *The Camera*’s editors did not include an apology to its edits.

O’Connor’s piece is worthwhile, the editors noted, because it brings up philo-

sophical ideas that are important to consider when discussing fracking.

“This letter was edited to delete references that may have been construed to expressly advocate violence or property destruction,” the paper’s editorial board wrote. “*The Camera* does not condone or endorse violence or property destruction of any kind.”

His letter still claims, “fracking equals murder” and says blowing up gas lines would be the “intelligent” move. O’Connor implies using violence against pipeline companies is a matter of self-defense.

The Camera has not yet responded to *The Daily Caller News Foundation*’s request for comment.

Similar situations have propped up in the past. Pennsylvania newspaper *The Daily Item*, for instance, apologized in 2015 for publishing a letter threatening violence against former President Barack Obama.

“We bungled the Obama attack letter,” the central Pennsylvania paper wrote. Letters are normally screened for “offensive language and ad hominem attacks” and there was “no excuse” for publishing threats of violence, the editors added. It was later deleted from the outlet’s website.

Activists have advocated using all manner of tactics against pipelines in Colo-

rado for more than a year. *TheDCNF* obtained emails in 2016 showing environmentalists were recruiting protesters willing to get arrested for demonstrating against hydraulic fracturing

An environmentalist group calling itself “Break Free Colorado” sent emails to anti-fracking protesters and other demonstrators asking those “willing to risk arrest, nonviolent direct action” to attend seminars teaching them how to get arrested.

Instructors at the group’s training seminars were tasked with teaching anti-fracking protesters how to engage in non-violent civil unrest tactics that lead to arrests.

“Here in Colorado, people are taking action to defend our communities from the dangers of fossil fuel extraction on our lands,” the email adds. “We are sending a strong message to our state leadership that we must break away from fracking our public lands and communities!”

Please see: <http://daily-callernewsfoundation.org/2017/04/22/colorado-paper-refuses-to-retract-letter-calling-for-violence-against-frackers/>

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Discerning

A lot is written about fake news these days. Fake news actually has been around for a long time. It is one of those sensational headlines that entices you to read the story, but in reality, the story is not really a story. *The National Enquirer* had a reputation of such. Perhaps a headline about a celebrity having another celebrity's babies. When you read the story you discover that the celebrity gave a dog that is having puppies to the other celebrity. That was fake news before the politicians got a hold of it and took it to a whole different level. Then there always has been propaganda—some news with a political bent to move people's thinking. It's all about weaving in enough truth to make a better lie. How do you discern?

First, boil it down to the very pith of the issue. The Apostle John gave some great advice on this very issue. He wrote in 1 John 4:1-3, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof you have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." Ask the question to yourself, 'Is this of God or not?' Once you have that figured out, determine if it aligns with the word of God.

Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged

sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Think about that. The word of God is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. How does the intent of a story weigh against the word of God? What is the story trying to get across? Who or what is the story advocating? But before you can use the word of God as a tool to discern, you need to know the word of God—not what somebody says is the word of God, but what you have personally found is the word of God. This means that you need to study and know it.

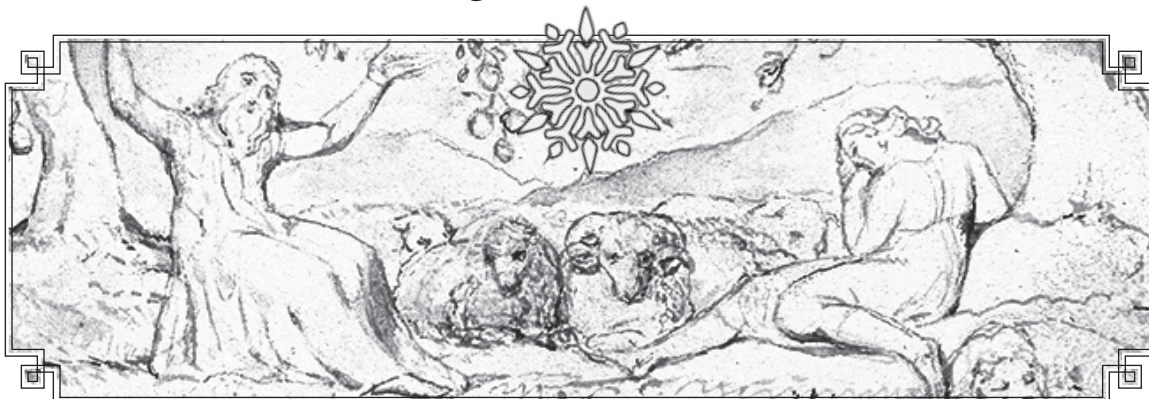
The third test is really one of the spirit. Your relationship with Jesus Christ will help you discern the truth. The deeper your relationship, the better your truth detector will be. Jesus said in John 8:31-32, "If you continue in My Word, then are you my disciples indeed; And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." If you can learn to break down every news headline and story by determining the spirit of it, discerning its intent, and finding the truth from a spiritual perception, you can discern what is fake news and what isn't. But with this, is the responsibility to know God, know the word of God and to know Jesus Christ in spirit and truth—not man's doctrines or the Word out of context. Like anything, practice makes perfect.

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Snowflake Professor Laments His Sleepless Life Under Trump: "I Live in a Fragmented, Cruel World"



by Kate Hardiman,
The College Fix

Ronald Pelias, an adjunct instructor of theatre at the University of Louisiana Lafayette, recently published a scholarly article that details nearly a dozen different reasons why he feels miserable to the point of self-described sleepless nights under Trump, and why he holds contempt for Trump voters — even for his students who support the Republican president.

"I can't stop wondering if each person I encounter is [a] Trump supporter. If I identify someone who I believe fits that category, I assume he or she is deeply uninformed and/or unethical," writes Pelias in *Qualitative Inquiry*, which provides an interdisciplinary forum on human sciences.

"I am not proud of ... the contempt I hold for Trump supporters," Pelias continued in the article, titled *"On Not Being Able to Sleep."*

"I've been told I need to reach out to these voters and try to understand where they are coming from. I believe I do understand them and I do not want to be around them," he writes. "I do not want to live in the presence of their hate, of their unethical practices, of their ignorance. I know this is a problematic way of being, but I am unwilling to bend to what I see as their fascist ideology."

In his January 2017 article, using only his own psyche as a reference point, Pelias states that he believes he "offers evidence that the moral core of the United States has been deeply damaged by the election of Donald Trump."

Pelias presents snippets of his post-election thoughts, writing "I cannot assuage my apprehension in anything I hear or read ... I

wake up, shaking. I keep checking the news. I want to sleep, but see nothing that gives me solace."

"I keep thinking of the millions of people, including those who voted for him, who will suffer if Trump's inchoate and preposterous policies are enacted. I keep thinking of the millions of people who have been thrown into a state of fear because they are not White, straight, Christians," Pelias continues. "I keep thinking of the millions of women, including those who did not and those who did vote for Trump, who will lose their hard fought reproductive rights and who are now at greater risk of sexual assault and violence. I keep

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thinking such thoughts and I cannot sleep. I keep checking the news, each time feeling my anxiety and sorrow grow."

Worry about Trump's appointees also disturbs Pe-

"If you voted for Trump, I hope you never have a chance to teach children."

lias: "I watch appointment after appointment being filled with sycophants who have ingratiated themselves to Trump rather than with people who have qualifications for the job ... Known racists, known misogynists, known xenophobes, known liars, known global warming deniers, known warmongers, known individuals with vested corporate interests, and known failed and criminal poli-

ticians. Trump is creating his own swamp, one with a putrid smell."

He also states that he feels unsure about whether or not he wants to be in a public space when processing his many feelings. Yet, he has continued to teach and talks openly about the election in class, according to the article.

After conducting an exercise in his theater class during which students named "respect for others" as most important rule to have in a classroom, Pelias stated the following:

"I'm glad so many of you value respect for others. Most of us would not allow a child in our class to make

the toys in the classroom in the hope that some might fall from his or her hands for others to have. And we surely wouldn't want the child who did all those things to be elected class president, much less the President of United States."

After students responded that Pelias was making them feel bad for voting for Trump, Pelias writes that his tone had become "scolding," and he left class "feeling disappointed in all of my students, all of whom are women."

"I am angry and in my anger, I imagine myself saying to them: If you voted for Trump, I hope you never have a chance to teach children. I wouldn't want you teaching my child. You are a hypocrite. You will do damage. You do not have a sufficient moral compass to be around children. That night I try to convince myself to restore my faith in my students. I struggle and I cannot sleep."

In the end, he presses on.

"I do not know what is best to say or do. I do not have a narrative that will let me sleep. I live in a fragmented, cruel world, one that imploded on the day Trump was elected," he concludes.

When asked in late March to interview about the article, Pelias declined via email to *The College Fix*, noting that "after looking at *The College Fix* site, I have considerable concern that your desire to interview me is motivated by a misguided right wing agenda rather than by a desire to engage in a productive dialogue. So thanks, but no. I will say though that my worries expressed in the essay you mentioned have only grown stronger."

Please see: <https://www.thecollegefix.com/post/32190/>

New Study Calls EPA's Labeling of CO₂ a Pollutant 'Totally False'

**THE DAILY CALLER
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by Michael Bastasch,
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A new study published by seasoned researchers takes aim at the heart of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) authority to issue regulations to curb carbon dioxide emissions.

The study claims to have "proven that it is all but certain that EPA's basic claim that CO₂ is a pollutant is totally false," according to a press statement put out by Drs. Jim Wallace, John Christy and Joe D'Aleo.

Wallace, Christy and D'Aleo — a statistician, a climatologist and meteorologist, respectively — released a study claiming to invalidate EPA's 2009 endangerment finding, which allowed the agency to regulate CO₂ as a pollutant.

"This research failed to find that the steadily rising atmospheric CO₂ concentrations have had a statistically significant impact on any of the 14 temperature data sets that were analyzed," the authors say in the release for the second edition of their peer-reviewed work.

"Moreover, these research

results clearly demonstrate that once the solar, volcanic and oceanic activity, that is, natural factor impacts on temperature data are accounted for, there is no 'record setting' warming to be concerned about," the researchers say. "In fact, there is no natural factor adjusted warming at all."

The study is intended to bolster a petition Wallace and D'Aleo filed with EPA as part of the Household Electricity Consumers Council (CHECC), asking the agency to reconsider its endangerment finding.

The libertarian Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) also filed a petition with EPA to reconsider the endangerment finding. The Trump administration has not indicated whether or not they will reconsider the Obama-era finding. Any challenge would be met with legal action from environmental activists.

CHECC's petition relies on findings from a 2016 study by Wallace and company that found the three lines of evidence EPA relied on for its 2009 endangerment finding weren't scientifically sound.

Wallace's new study makes a similar finding, arguing the "tropical hot spot" EPA claims will occur as

humans pump more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere "simply does not exist in the real world."

EPA issued its endangerment finding for six greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, in 2009. The agency found that greenhouse gases from vehicles "endanger both the public health and the public welfare of current and future generations."

The finding gave the Obama administration the legal cover it needed to move forward with regulations to clamp down on greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles, power plants, industrial facilities and agriculture.

President Donald Trump issued an executive order in March to roll back many Obama global warming policies and directives, but some say the administration needs to eliminate the endangerment finding to keep future presidents from regulating CO₂.

"Claims like that rest entirely on the endangerment finding," said Sam Kazman, CEI's general counsel.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt told Congress during his January confirmation hearing he saw no reason at the time to review the endangerment finding.

Sources have also told news outlets Pruitt got Trump to strip language from an executive order that would have ordered a review of the endangerment finding.

On the other hand, sources familiar with Pruitt's thinking on the matter say he wants to review the endangerment finding, but is biding his time.

Wallace and his coauthors want to give Pruitt a reason to update the endangerment finding. Wallace and company say in their release that "there is no published, peer reviewed, statistically valid proof that past increases in atmospheric CO₂ concentrations have caused the officially reported rising, even claimed record setting temperatures."

"And, EPA's climate models fail to meet this test," the authors say.

Read more: <http://daily-caller.com/2017/04/24/exclusive-new-study-calls-epas-labeling-of-co2-a-pollutant-totally-false/>

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The Death of You

by The Zman

Try to imagine yourself alive during the early middle ages in Britain. It is not an easy thing, of course, as the world of 7th century Britain may as well have happened on another planet, compared to our age. The largest city at the time, for example, was probably Winchester. This was a city of a few thousand people, not tens or hundreds of thousands of people. By modern standards, it was a small village or what developers in America call a town center. Of course, it would have smelled like a restroom at a truck stop.

The Romans tried to recreate the cosmopolitan life they associated with civilization, but it never really took hold in Britain. After the Romans left, things quickly fell back to their natural order. People lived in rural villages. They spent most of their time working the land and tending to the things that agrarian life required. Britain was a tribal society and people lived among their kin, ruled by men who were their kin, or by men who had ruled over their kin for longer than anyone remembered.

Anyway, there you are, covered in dirt and filth, smelling like cabbage,

when some weirdos show up and meet with the rulers. Maybe you saw them come down the road or maybe you heard about them. All you know is that foreign weirdos have shown up and the people in charge are entertaining them for some reason. Eventually, you and everyone else is rounded up and marched down to the local river where you witness the weirdos dunking the lord in the river, while making weird sounds and pointing toward the sky.

Then, the king's men force all of the people, including you, to do the same. You are marched out into the river, you are dunked under the water by the weirdos. To your surprise, your family and neighbors seem to be okay with it. They enthusiastically go along with this strange new ritual, even though you know they have no idea what's happening either. Their confusion is due to fear and their fear tells them to follow along, even though they have no idea what is happening. You do the same. You have been Christianized.

That's not an unrealistic portrayal of how Britain went from being a pagan land to being a Christian one. The Church set about converting Europe by first converting the kings, no-

bles and tribal leaders. It could then be the duty and interest of the rulers to force the new religion on their people, which they mostly did. In Britain, Æthelberht of Kent was the first king to accept baptism, around 601. The final kingdom to join the winning team was The Isle of Wight in 686, but the death of Penda in 655 ended paganism in Britain.

Just because the king adopted this new weird religion, did not mean the people fully embraced it. In fact, the ruling class was not entirely on board with Christianity. In order to make the transition easier, the Church gave the early Christians of Britain broad authority to practice Christianity. The goal was to get them on board first and then later enforce theological discipline. The Church was playing the long game so many pagan practices were Christianized to make it easier for the people to convert to the new faith.

Another way that made the conversion smoother was for the legends and stories of the old gods carried on with the peasants. That's where we got English folklore. All of those old legends told in the pagan era were a form of entertainment for the common people. After conversion, they still told sto-

ries about magical creatures and heroes, but they left out Woden and Loki, at least as real gods on the same level as the Christian God. They became children's stories and fairy tales, rather than foundation myths for the people.

The removal of a people's religion, cuts them off from their past and effectively ends their identity as a people. It was so much more effective to adapt the new religion to the culture and customs of the people being converted. It allowed the people to hold onto their identity by holding onto their past. This is also why the Americans allowed the Japanese Emperor to remain in place after the war. He was more than just a political figure. He was a defining feature of the Japanese people. Liberal democracy was modified for post-imperial Japan.

The point of all this is as it relates to what we see going on in America with the slow removal of Christianity from the culture. The ruling class long ago converted to the new religion of multiculturalism. They have been slowly erasing the old religions from the

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The Sangre Shooting Sports Club's Annual Range Clean Up Day will be Saturday, May 13th from 9 am until noon. Please plan on attending. Bring work gloves, hand tools, rakes, and shovels. Refreshments will be provided. Thank you and see you then.

Why We Have the 2nd Amendment: Venezuela and Socialists

by Daniel Lang, SHTFplan.com

After enduring shortages of food and medicine for years, as well as a total collapse of their currency, the people of Venezuela have had enough. Last week it was estimated that 2.5 million people marched against the Maduro regime, which had previously tried to strip away the powers of the opposition-led parliament. It's estimated that as many as 6 million people may have taken to the streets to protest throughout the country.

In the lead-up to the protest, which had been planned for weeks by opposition political parties, President Maduro issued an alarming proclamation that didn't receive nearly enough press. He promised to expand the nation's armed militia, and hand out firearms to as many as 400,000 loyalists.

The Bolivarian militias, currently at approximately 100,000, were created by the late Hugo Chavez to assist the armed forces in the defense of his revolution from external and domestic attacks.

Speaking to thousands of militia members dressed in beige uniforms gathered in front of the presidential palace, Maduro said that vision remains relevant as Venezuela continues to face "imperialist aggression."

"A gun for every militia-man!" he cried.

If you know your history of communist regimes, you understand what comes

Under the new law, only the army, police and certain groups like security companies will be able to buy arms from the state-owned weapons manufacturer and

lent in the world). Instead of abandoning their centrally planned economy, which would bring prosperity to all and lower the crime rate, Maduro took away everyone's guns. Now that his socialist policies are bringing Venezuela's population to brink of starvation and revolution, he decides to arm his violent and dimwitted loyalists. He has set up the perfect conditions for a genocidal purge of everyone who opposes him.

I'd say that this would be a fine lesson for any would-be socialists in this country, but they don't seem eager to learn. Neither did many Venezuelans, who elected these control freaks nearly two decades ago. They could have looked at any socialist experiment from the 20th century and realized that it always leads to starvation and mass murder. Instead they let themselves be conned by what is now the oldest and most deadly political trick in the book.

(Editor/GG: Remember Nobama wanted to form his own, national, "police" force...)

Please see: http://www.shtfplan.com/headline-news/why-we-have-a-second-amendment-venezuela-plans-to-give-firearms-to-loyalists-so-they-can-purge-growing-resistance_04262017

"[Maduro] promised to expand the nation's armed militia, and hand out firearms to as many as 400,000 loyalists."

next. Maduro's response to millions of hungry ticked off people, is to arm his die-hard supporters, who will be able to purge the starving masses that dared to cross him. They may not face

importer. The ban is the latest attempt by the government to improve security and cut crime ahead of elections in October.

"Maduro's socialist policies turned that country into a crime-ridden hell hole... Maduro took away everyone's guns."

much resistance, because in 2012 Venezuela banned private firearm ownership.

Venezuela has brought a new gun law into effect which bans the commercial sale of firearms and ammunition.

Until now, anyone with a gun permit could buy arms from a private company.

Venezuela saw more than 18,000 murders last year and the capital, Caracas, is thought to be one of the most dangerous cities in Latin America.

Do you see how that works? Maduro's socialist policies turned that country into a crime-ridden hell hole, (and eventually turned their capital city into the most vio-

High School Students Could Receive Firearms Education

by Jenn Jacques, BearingArms.com

A new piece of legislation introduced in North Carolina aims to give high school students a little extra learning: firearms education.

House Bill 612, filed this week by Representative Jay Adams, would give the state room to develop a firearms education course and allow the class, which would include "firearms safety education as recommended by law enforcement agencies or a firearms association", to be offered as an elective to high school students.

The course, which would be developed by the North Carolina Board of Education, would not allow live ammunition in the classroom and would also cover the history and mechanics of firearms with a firm emphasis on the importance of gun safety.

"I think education, first and foremost,

is essential, before actually obtaining a firearm," Allen Shaw said.

"If they have the opportunity to buy, they should have the opportunity to be educated," Shaw said. "We've got too many people out there right now that are wanting to buy guns that don't have any background with them."

"It would be a very beneficial course," said Tres Cobb.

"Handling, no. Teaching, you know, learning the mechanics, the designs, the many different firearms that there are, there's nothing wrong with that," Isiah King said.

Of course, the bill has drawn sharp criticism from individuals who feel the course would encourage students to become shooters... or something.

"I think it would hurt and help. It's kind of like a catch-22," said Tanica Wilkerson.

"I don't even see the point in that," Jenny Rorie said. "I don't think they should, there's enough violence going on without them doing that."

"I think high school is a little early," Wilkerson said. "I think some of those kids are not ready for that type of environment, to be exposed to something like that. I don't feel like they're mature enough."

Under federal law, citizens under the age of 21 cannot purchase handguns, however, 18 year-olds can purchase a shotgun or rifle – guns which would be a part of the proposed high school course.

If passed, the course would be available in schools at the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

Please see: <https://bearingarms.com/jenn-j/2017/04/12/north-carolina-high-school-students-receive-firearms-education/>

Open Carry Muslim Posts Video With Weapons and Curse Words at Christian Event

by Dean Weingarten,
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(Editor/GG: Didn't see this on CNN or NBC did you?)

An American Muslim who open and concealed carries weapons got into trouble for a Facebook live video. He filmed and posted the video outside of a Christian event that some called “anti-Muslim”. The event occurred on April 9th, 2017.

Ehad Abdulmutta Jaber bought tickets for the event and was wearing the T-shirt which reads;

I am an American
I am a Muslim
I open carry
I concealed carry
I am only dangerous
If you are stupid.

Ehad entered the event wearing the shirt and openly carrying a holstered pistol. He was concealed carrying another pistol in an ankle holster. One account said he was filming the event, but he was only there for a few minutes.

Ehad was approached by a security guard and asked to leave, as firearms were prohibited at the venue. By all

accounts, Ehad was asked to leave politely, and he politely left. It was after he left the venue and was inside his van in the parking lot, that he made a serious error.

He posted a live facebook video of himself, speaking of the event. Here are links to the video.
<https://www.facebook.com/ehab.jaber.7/videos/10211985833423209/>

Ehad has First and Second Amendment rights. He says that he is an American citizen who has lived in Sioux Falls for 25 years. The T-shirt is clearly a political statement.

The video may have been a bridge too far. In the video, Ehad says that he was at the event. He is upset, and uses considerable profanity. He says “And now if you really want to be scared, be scared,” he then briefly displays four semi-auto pistols, an AR-15 type rifle, and an AK type firearm that might be either a pistol or a rifle. He also shows that he has ammunition. He says “be terrified”. Up to this point, the video may be taken as sarcasm.

A police officer said that Jaber was not arrested at the rally. The officer is quoted as saying that there was no direct threat. From kdlt.com:

“He had a lot of guns with him, but he wasn't breaking any laws. He didn't threaten anybody directly, he didn't threaten any groups of people anything like that and it's not illegal to carry guns or have guns with you,” says Officer Sam Clemens of the Sioux Falls Police Department.

Police say Jaber does have open carry and concealed carry permits. They also spoke with him, so did the FBI. Police say the information was sent to the Lincoln County State's Attorney's Office and no charges will be made.

“You have to have some type of specific threat or manner, just having a gun just because it alarms people doesn't constitute a threat. That doesn't mean you are going to harm people,” says Clemens.

But Jaber's last statement on the video may make a significant difference. His last sentence was “F**k all ya all.”

I have written, read and participated in open carry and Second Amendment events over considerable parts of the country. I have some sympathy for Ehad Jaber. Posting a video in the parking lot of an event that you are protesting, showing a number of legal weapons, while telling people to be scared, to be terrified, is extremely unusual and provocative.

Then to say “F**k all ya all.” is over the line. I have never seen anyone at any of the events I attended or wrote about, or read about, tell people to be scared and terrified, as they handled weapons, or to make the F-bomb threat. Those are dozens of events over the years.

I could follow the sarcasm up to the last F-bomb. Then it became ambiguous.

After a little study, the Lincoln County AG made the decision to arrest Jaber and charge him with one count of a terrorist threat. From argusleader.com:

A man who authorities say brought weapons to an anti-Islam event earlier this month has been arrested

on charges that he made a terrorist threat, according to a release from the South Dakota Attorney General.

Ehab Abdulmutta Jaber, 45, was arrested Friday and charged with one count of terrorist threat, despite an earlier indication from Sioux Falls police that the man would face no charges.

When Jaber was arrested, a search was made of his residence. Law enforcement reports that they found methamphetamine.

A SWAT team was dispatched along with local police, Forster said, but once they arrived, Jaber was taken into custody in a “standard operation.”

During a search of Jaber's residence, the release said, law enforcement seized firearms as well as methamphetamine.

The methamphetamine find seems fortuitous for law enforcement; but it might explain the rant and poor choice of words in the facebook video.

To look at this objectively, consider if the religions were reversed. Suppose a Christian had worn the

shirt with “Christian” instead of “Muslim” to a Muslim event. Suppose a Christian had made the facebook video. My experience is that the Christian would quickly have been arrested.

That is why you do not see such activity at other open carry events. There are many open carry events that you can see on the Internet. The participants are polite to the police, as was Ehab. They do not go to a van in the parking lot of an event they are protesting, and then post a video that can easily be taken as threatening.

I wish Ehad well, but fear he has made a mistake that will haunt him for the rest of his life. When you are politically active for both the First and Second Amendments, there is no room for foolish bravado.

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ATF Clarifies Legality of Pistol Arm Brace Use

by Dean Weingarten,
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Late in 2012, the ATF approved of a device that fit on the buffer tube of AR-15 style pistols. It made one-handed shooting of these firearms much easier, and hence more accurate. The SB15 was invented by a disabled veteran, Alex Bosco. He quickly sold the rights to produce the arm brace to Sig Sauer.

As you can see, the device can also be used as a very short stock for the AR-15 pistol, even though that is not what it is designed for. Many people have put the brace to this use, as it is much easier to purchase AR-15 pistols and a brace than it is to go through all the bureaucratic and bizarre requirements to obtain a legal short barreled rifle (SBR) or short barreled shotgun (SBS). The legal restrictions on SBS and SBR firearms never made any sense. They only made sense if the federal government put the same restriction on handguns, as FDR attempted to do in 1934. That attempt failed, due in large part because of lobbying by the NRA.

In 2015, the ATF issued an open letter claiming that using the arm

brace as a shoulder stock was a “redesign” of the pistol as an SBR.

The pistol stabilizing brace was neither “designed” nor approved to be used as a shoulder stock, and therefore use as a shoulder stock constitutes a “redesign” of the device because a possessor has changed the very function of the item. Any individual letters stating otherwise are contrary to the plain language of the NFA, misapply Federal law, and are hereby revoked.

Any person who intends to use a handgun stabilizing brace as a shoulder stock on a pistol (having a rifled barrel under 16 inches in length or a smooth bore firearm with a barrel under 18 inches in length) must first file an ATF Form 1 and pay the applicable tax because the resulting firearm will be subject to all provisions of the NFA.

The letter is an egregious stretch of the definition of “redesign” and is virtually unenforceable. Now that the ATF is part of the Trump administration, things have changed. The first substantial hint was a white paper by BATFE second in command, Ronald B.

Turk, dated the day of President Trump's inauguration, January 20th, 2017. The paper was leaked to the Washington Post.

In the paper, Mr. Turk indicated that the ATF would be open to removing the “redesign” language from the open letter. From the white paper:

... ATF could amend the determination letter to remove the language indicating that simple use of a product for a purpose other than intended by the manufacturer - without additional proof or redesign - may result in re-classification as an NFA weapon.

SB tactical has now reported the ATF has reversed the position of the 2015 open letter, as suggested in Mr. Turk's leaked white paper. From SB-Tactical:

SB Tactical™, inventors and manufacturers of the Pistol Stabilizing Brace®, is excited to announce that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE) has issued SB Tactical a reversal letter containing a sensible clarification of the Bureau's position on the lawful use of SB Tactical braces.

The new clarification of opinion

letter states, “an NFA firearm has not necessarily been made when the device is not reconfigured for use as a shoulder stock – even if the attached firearm happens to be fired from the shoulder. To the extent that the January 2015 Open Letter implied or has been construed to hold that incidental, sporadic, or situational “use” of an arm-brace (in its original approved configuration) equipped firearm from a firing position at or near the shoulder was sufficient to constitute “redesign,” such interpretations are incorrect and not consistent with ATF's interpretation of the statute or the manner in which it has historically been enforced.”

SB Tactical, along with the law offices of Mark Barnes & Associates, have worked tirelessly for more than two years to correct what they believed to be an inaccurate interpretation of “redesign,” related to the Pistol Stabilizing Brace. “It has always been our belief that the addition of our Pistol Stabilizing Brace benefits shooters, both disabled and able-bodied, and that neither strapping it to your arm nor shouldering a brace equipped pistol would constitute ‘redesign’

of a pistol to a NFA firearm”, said Alex Bosco, inventor, founder and CEO of SB Tactical. “We are strongly encouraged by the ATF's reversal of opinion and commend their willingness to continually review policy, including their own opinions, to ensure public safety and the fulfillment of their mission.”

There is no logical reason for SBS or SBR firearms to be regulated or restricted any more than handguns and pistols are. This change in interpretation by the ATF makes that abundantly clear. It seems likely the Trump administration will be able to make major reforms in the National Firearms Act.

Removing silencers, SBR and SBS firearms from the cumbersome and expensive bureaucratic controls of the NFA would be a logical and long overdue reform that fits well with the Trump agenda of protecting Second Amendment rights and reducing burdensome regulations.

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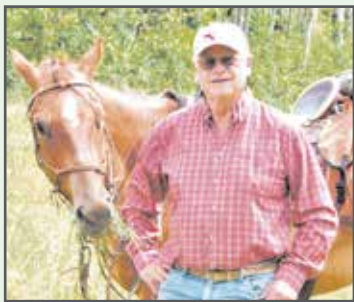
“...arms discourage and keep the invader and plunderer in awe, and preserve order in the world as well as property... Horrid mischief would ensue were the law-abiding deprived of the use of them.”

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Politics & The Bible From Pastor Jim



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

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

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

All Scripture taken from the King James Version.



Natural Sovereignty Under Attack

The sky is falling, the Apocalypse is here, catastrophes will abound, at least according to the "Chicken Littles" of the media. Dire warnings have been issued by progressive columnists like Jonathan Chait ("extraordinary threat to American democracy") and Paul Krugman ("a corrupt nation ruled by a strong man") and conservatives like Michael Gerson ("genuine threat to the American form of self-government"). *The Washington Post* editorial board called Trump, on different occasions "a unique threat to American democracy, a danger to the republic, and the candidate of the apocalypse."

Never in my lifetime has a U.S. President with a short three months on the job been so vilified and slandered as Donald Trump. An attempt to uncover the real reason for this animosity must go deeper than an exploration of the petty insults and unjustified accusations. The tap root of this loathing exceeds the personality expanding to a principle. When Mr. Trump adopted the theme "make America great again," he rubbed the fur on the establishment cat the wrong way. The campaign expression suggests that the country had fallen into a state of serious disrepair under liberal leadership. Republicans as well as Democrats were being held responsible for a decline in the economy, health care, international respect, military preparedness, failed immigration policies and trade deficits. The establishment has been ridiculed and feels compelled to retaliate in velocity.

In spite of all the clamor, the present administration is simply advocating a return to a greater respect for and adherence to national sovereignty, which is synonymous with autonomous, independent and self-governing. At first glance, it is difficult to understand why this simple goal should cause such a fuss. The answer lies not so much in the realm of the political but rather in the invisible forces of opposition. Sovereignty is an attribute of God defined by Mr. Webster as: "Supreme power; supremacy; the possession of the highest power, or of uncontrollable power. Absolute sovereignty belongs to God only." During the process of exercising His sovereignty, the Lord has divided the nations (Deuteronomy 32:8) while referring to Himself as "the King of nations" (Jeremiah 10:7). An examination of nearly 400 passages that mention "nation" or "nations" makes it abundantly clear that God allows individual nations their own sovereignty to the extent that they are allowed their own choices and forge their own destiny. It is also evident that there are consequences for chosen directions, be they good or bad.

The Satanic trinity of Revelation 13 is exerting great pressure on the world to move toward a one-world, all-inclusive government. Any approach contrary to that movement

is considered anathema by the "God of forces" (Daniel 11:38) and will be vigorously opposed!

National sovereignty has often been incorrectly interpreted as isolationism. God has an interest in all nations which could not be personified in a greater way than His concern for their salvation: "The Lord hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." (Isaiah 52:10) This is complimented with a change-up pitch that no liberal can bunt: "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt harken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth." (Deuteronomy 28:1) Quite simply, God favors super powers if they demonstrate a willingness to be obedient to heavenly design. Israel once enjoyed super power status but eventually saw its decline. Jesus indicated their degeneration was due to a refusal to be a spiritual light to the world. (See Matthew 5:13-16) The "king of nations" has not elevated America for the purpose of domination but rather distribution... "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15) Surrender of sovereignty is abdication from responsibility. Wouldn't the "god of forces" be pleased!

Ancient Israel reached its zenith during the reign of Solomon, who forged alliances (I Kings 5:1, 12), traded with other nations (I Kings 10:15, 22) but was never the door mat in any of those relationships. "So King Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom." (I Kings 10:23) The reason for this God-given prominence is explained in the next verse: "And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart."

In similar fashion, multitudes have traversed angry oceans to witness and even experience the American vision. Long ago, Alexis de Tocqueville wrote: "I sought for the key to the greatness and genius of America in her harbors...; in her fertile fields and boundless forests; in her rich mines and vast world commerce; in her public school systems and institutions of learning. I sought for it in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution.

"Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power."

In those days it was the churches that explained sovereignty and its divine allocation to nations. De Tocqueville continued: "America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

A Sheepdog Barks!

Well when I woke up earlier this week and saw this Drudge headline, I was furious. "Dems Celebrate 'Republican' Budget." Then I saw Senator Schumer's quote. "This is a good agreement... it ensures taxpayer dollars aren't going to be used to fund an ineffective border wall." HOWL! I was even more furious. But then I saw Nancy Pelosi's quote. "In a defeat for President Trump the [deal] does not fund the immoral and unwise border wall or create a cruel new deportation force." HOWL! By this time I was ready to bite someone – especially a serving Republican "pussycat". WOOF! But then, even though it wasn't being pointed out by any of the main stream media (MSM), I realized that this was not a defeat of the Trump budget. This was essentially a Democrat public relations attempt to smear President Trump (PT) and make him look weak and feckless. Don't buy into that. It's more MSM fake news and is even being promulgated by Fox News and many serving Republicans. This bad budget deal, and it is a bad one, is the last of the Obama budgets and policies. This "spending bill" is just the final Continuing Resolution to finish out the current fiscal year. The Republicans decided this was not the time for a battle which might result in a government shutdown. Not now, with the repeal of Obamacare and a tax cut plan needing to get done in the next few months. The economy needs a big kick start. The "Trump Agenda" battle comes later. Yes, this looks real bad as it funds all the LPSD things like Planned Parenthood and the Arts. But it also includes \$21 Billion for the military (which includes a nice pay raise) and money for border security and the wall. Mulvaney made that clear on Tuesday. The Dems were lying. We need to be patient. I do not trust the Republicans to totally support PT and his agenda. But we need to wait and see what happens by this September. This omnibus bill has nothing to do with PT's 2018 Budget priorities. That battle comes next as Congress must pass the FY 2018 budget by 30 September. I'm not sure we can trust Ryan and McCo-

nnell but we must give them the chance. If they fail to pass PT's 2018 agenda then all is lost. They get one chance. So, after I thought this through, I wasn't quite so angry. I am concerned. Ryan and McConnell aren't getting enough done in repealing and replacing Obamacare or on the tax cut plan. These are both needed in 2017. I think PT realizes that now is not the time to shut the government down, but that time may be coming. On Tuesday morning PT tweeted out a very strong warning to Ryan and McConnell. He made it perfectly clear. PT basically told them to pass his 2018 budget agenda or ELSE. He told them to change the Senate rules if necessary because if they don't pass his budget he will veto the 2018 budget and shut the government down. He actually said that "our country might need a good shutdown in September to fix the mess." Music to my sheepdog ears. WOOF! I loved the word "good" and the word "mess". Because that is exactly part of draining the swamp! The cowardly Republicans have long been in cahoots with the destructive liberals and together they have been destroying our country for years. It is so great to have a president that says it like it needs to be said. Sad he has to threaten his own party to get the right things done. I love it! Republicans – you have been warned. Get a backbone and git 'er done! WOOF!

The 100 Day yardstick is utterly meaningless. Sadly PT played along and even spoke of accomplishing things in that arbitrary and stupid time frame. With the dysfunction in Washington, D.C., no one should even talk about getting anything done in 100 Days. Just get things done. And PT has been getting a lot of things done. Overturning most of Obama's stupid and destructive policies is progress enough but much more is being done. PT is "setting the table" so the American economy and jobs can soar. Keep on keeping on Mr. President. You are on the right track. And we thank you for not attending that annual narcissistic fest (aka the White House Correspondence Dinner) last



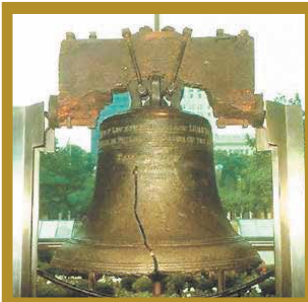
Saturday. What a despicable event. Your rally in PA was so much better and the people's support confirms for us that the MSM is still in the business of fake polling. If we believe the press you are getting an F. If we watch and listen to the deplorable Americans (aka real people) you are getting an A. It's tough having to fight the Republicans as well as the Democrats. Don't give up. WOOF!

Finally, the VA made a bold move. They fired the director of the Shreveport, LA hospital for a secret waiting list and other corruption. In the past all they did was reassign or relocate offenders. Let's hope the system remains firm on this firing. The "union" is strong however. Let's see what happens. It's a good start. The question is will it stand and continue? WOOF!

I was also thrilled to hear that the Michele Obama school lunch program is being trashed. Most of her food "choices" went into the garbage can. Maybe the kids will eat their lunches now. Let 'em eat, just get their butts back out on the playgrounds and wear them out. Put mandatory PE (aka recess) back into all our schools at all grade levels. Less social media, more tag, kickball and dodge ball. WOOF!

I'm getting concerned about these ANTIFA rioters. These "anti-first amendment" thugs are becoming a real threat to safety and law and order. I'm not sure why the law enforcement community hasn't cracked down. I consider them "American ISIS." They even dress like ISIS. This has got to stop or big trouble is coming. We cannot continue to ignore this assault on the first amendment. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



The #1 cause of death in the past 100 years other than from natural causes is death at the hands of your own government. What's fascinating is that in almost every instance of mass genocide, it was at the hands of a leftist government. Keep voting left, sign your own death warrant.

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COFFEE/SHERIFF
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introduced Sheriff Byerly as County Sheriff, Fire Marshall and basketball coach and the floor was turned over to the Sheriff who decided to sit facing the audience, effectively creating an atmosphere of cordial conversation. The Sheriff noted that as a newly elected official he initially held monthly meetings with the public but public interest was not sustained. He was thankful to Mr. Jarvis for the opportunity to meet the residents over coffee and pastry provided by the organizers. He presented some information from the newly completed 2016 Sheriff's Office Report but subjects covered in the 90-minute session seemed to be those of the preferred interest of the audience; speeding/tickets/rollover accidents, trash, citizens helping law enforcement, mental issues, drugs and alcohol and costs of law enforcement.

From the start of the meeting the Sheriff emphasized the limitations of his office. With 800 miles of highways, roads and byways to cover and only 11 personnel, the challenges are obvious. The limited resources dictate careful assessment of each incident to achieve optimal benefit when deploying manpower and equipment. In the matter of speeding, rollovers and tickets, the Sheriff recalls how "baffled" he was just after his election at the high incidence of rollover accidents, particularly on Highway 69 South. It was clear to him that attention needed to be focused in that area. As a result, he happily reports that there has been a sharp reduction of 45 percent, making this a prime example of deploying limited resources to achieve optimum benefit.

A question brought up by resident Howard Unrein concerned speeding on the Oak Creek Grade Road. Sheriff Byerly informed the audience that citizens can report these incidents

to the Sheriff's Office and a ticket would be issued provided good information can be obtained such as description of vehicle, if possible the plate number, time of incident and other pertinent facts. Since most do not have experience in determining the speed traveled the citation will be a "catch all" infraction such as "careless driving". If the citation is challenged and taken to court, the reporting party will have to appear as witness. Sheriff Byerly explained that any assistance the public can provide is most welcome, such as reporting any suspicious activity including strange traffic movements late at night, large quantities of water being trucked into an area, strange odors and other extra ordinary occurrences.

On the matter of mental issues, the question was asked how the Sheriff's Office handles these types of problems. Sheriff Byerly explained that his personnel are not trained to do any counseling for victims of trauma. They refer them to trained professionals. In cases when there might be talk of self-harm the Sheriff's Office does what is known as an M1 Hold on the person and they are then transported to a hospital for evaluation. There are also organizations (such as Sol Vista) with whom arrangements can be made for counseling and other treatment.

Ms. Ruth Calvin Boothe who volunteers at Lake DeWeese to keep the area clean and trash free, asked about the possibility of assigning those serving time in the jail to help in trash collection. Aside from the fact that the area in question is private property (Bull-Domingo), there are two problems as explained by the Sheriff. First; prisoners must be under supervision of a deputy and no one can be spared at this time. Second, the prisoners must be paid (by law) and there is no budget for that item. Again, it was emphasized that private citizens can help by reporting

incidents. Littering fines can go to \$200 for each offense.

With regard to drugs and alcohol, there has been a significant influx in population particularly in the urban areas because of marijuana legalization. There has been an uptick in business people calling in who want a stricter crack down on DUIs. As a result of the increase in marijuana use there has been, reportedly, a 200 percent increase in requests for services according to the DHS. Once again, the Sheriff expressed his opinion that the public can be a big help in reporting suspicious activity. In recent successful operations, the Sheriff credited private citizens as having been instrumental in identifying potential problems.

To give the audience a better understanding of the costs involved in effective law enforcement the Sheriff gave an outline of some of the expenses; the average wage per hour is about \$18 or about \$38 K a year. Add medical, dental, vision, social security and retirement benefits and it comes to about \$72K a year for one full time deputy. A supplied vehicle adds about \$34K. Add \$17K for the equipment and that is just the beginning. At this point, there has to be a dispatcher with a salary and benefits and with all the equipment that is needed for that position. Then there is the jail and the equipment needed. These are the real facts and why a dedicated deputy in one town or another is not possible.

The meeting ended with Mr. Jarvis thanking all attendees and reiterating that this was the beginning of a series of these types of meetings at which other town, and perhaps even county officials, will be invited to meet with the public. We look forward to the next meeting and thank Mr. Jarvis, the Chamber of Commerce and 2nd Street Kitchen for making these important and informative meetings possible.

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institutions and replacing it with their own. Now they have moved into private institutions by forcing Christians to worship at the altar of multiculturalism. The next step, and there are already rumblings, is to force churches to adopt gay marriage or face sanction.

Christianity is not the only religion under assault. The soft, civil religion of Americans, based on equality before the law, individual liberty and the right to be left alone is being erased. The tearing down of Confederate statues is one example. The elimination of freedom of association is another. The rule of law, of

course, has been eliminated long ago when the Talmudic parsers cooked up the idea of a living Constitution. The law is now just an endless round of hairsplitting and a morality of convenience.

The toppling over of confederate statues is often seen as a final sweeping up after the Civil War. First, they came for the Confederate flags and now they are coming for the statues. Next, they will be digging up the graveyards. That's all true, but it is also an effort to erase America's past. There are calls to topple over the statue of Jefferson at the University of Virginia. It will not be long before Washington, Franklin and the rest of those evil pale people, who founded

the nation, are ruled out of bounds on moral grounds.

The whole point of the exercise is to cut the people off from their past, by taking away their religion and civil institutions. It's tempting to think of globalism in purely economic terms, but it is more than that. It is a war on the people who make up nations. It is a direct assault on the very idea of a people. If they can destroy the civil institutions and erase the past, they will destroy the identity of the people and the very rationale for countries. The post-national paradise, therefore, is the post-you world. It is the death of you.

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