

A Celebration of Excellence: The Community Honors John Naylor

by Jackie Bubis

More than a hundred and fifty Custer County residents and friends gathered on a beautiful spring afternoon last Saturday at the newly remodeled Grange building, now named Hillside Hall, to honor Custer County's recently retired County Attorney, John Naylor. John had been our County Attorney for 46 years working for dozens and dozens of former commissioners.

The event also thanked recent former Commissioners Kit Shy and Lynn Attebery for their years of outstanding service.

The privately funded shindig was put on by Maria Shy and

Sandra Attebery and featured a remarkable cuisine including salmon, a variety of cheeses, and amazing fruits and desserts catered by Amy Icabone.

The highlight of the day occurred when Kit Shy brought up a host of former commissioners and then read a Resolution issued by the former commissioners thanking Mr. Naylor for his decades of service. John was then presented with a grand plaque made from a slate blackboard taken from the school house that became the Wetmore Community Center.

The venue in Hillside, also known as Willow Vale, is operated by Ms. Lori Short and her husband Stuart who



Kit and Maria Shy, Lynn and Sandra Attebery, and John and JoAnne Naylor.

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have painstakingly transformed the old buildings and grounds into a restful retreat at the foot

BOCC Extension Chaos: Attempts at Damage Control Uncertain

by Jackie Bubis

On May 2nd, the Board of County Commissioners held a workshop to discuss the repercussions of Carlan Cardenas leaving the position of 4-H Coordinator. This was in response to a letter received by the Board from Bill Nobles, Regional Director of CSU Extension. Another letter was sent to 4-H leaders and families from Jean Glowacki, Director, 4-H Youth Development. Both were letters saying that the 4-H program in Custer County is suspended for the moment. The letters went on to identify steps that must be taken in order for 4-H to be reinstated in the county.

Commissioner Hood read Ms. Glowacki's letter, stating that it was "very inconsiderate of Ms. Glowacki to not have a conversation with the BOCC before sending out this email to 4-H families. Actually I think her actions were preposterous."

Chairman Kattnig again stated that he has had numerous meetings with Mr. Nobles asking for help to

"fix things" with no help coming from CSU. He went on to say, "What they've done is kicked our youth in the mouth, and I'll be da**ed if I'll stand for it." "I'm not going to stand by and let CSU arbitrarily say, well, we're not going to do this and you're suspended and if we hire somebody, we gotta do this. For this to come out and us not be part of it is not acceptable. We will be in touch with Dr. Frank. If we can't get resolution, we will be going up the line. If it comes down to seeking legal action, I'm going to support that too. This is a disservice to the professionalism of the leaders, the work of the youth and to the county officials."

The Board told the crowd gathered that they had reached out to Beverly Goertz, who formerly assisted Robin Young with the 4-H program and to Sara Shields, local rancher and 4-H leader. They assured the crowd that these two people would "help us get back to where we need to be."

Kattnig also stated, "I'll be da**ed if our kids will

be discriminated against at state fair."

When local Don Camper expressed his disappointment at Robin Young's being fired because the Board didn't see eye-to-eye with her, Commissioner Hood again claimed that "we didn't fire her." (*Editor/GG: Note that in a letter to the CSU President prior to Young being canned, ALL THREE Commissioners insisted that Young be removed from her job. The BOCC DID ask her boss to remove her. It is disingenuous, at best, for the Commissioners to say they "didn't fire her". How about a little honesty here, folks.*) Camper went on to say that he was sorry that Cardenas wasn't present to give her side of the story. Hood vehemently denied Camper's claim that the Board was blaming Cardenas in the matter.

The rest of the meeting was spent discussing job descriptions for Ms. Shields and Ms. Goertz, as independent contractors. Shields position would likely be

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"Sustainability of Rural Colorado Act" Approved by Senate

by Sherrie Peif,
Complete Colorado,
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(Editor/GG:UPDATE— The bill passed the House May 10th. It now awaits the signature of Governor Hickenlooper.)

—DENVER, Colorado

An eleventh-hour save for a controversial bill sponsored by Republican Sen. Jerry Sonnenberg looks primed to get through the House before the 71st General Assembly shuts down on Wednesday.

However, Senate Bill 17-267, known as the Sustain-

ability of Rural Colorado Act, doesn't look anything like its original form.

In fact, the original 57-page version — that a single-subject bill and sought to pump about \$400 million into rural school districts, \$300 million into rural communities for road projects and inject millions more into rural hospitals by way of Medicaid and the Hospital Provider Fee (HPF) — is now 76 pages and includes 72 pages of strike below text.

Strike below text is actually an amendment to the bill that eliminates everything below the bill's enacting

clause and replaces it with all new text. In other words, "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado" is the only thing that remains from the original version.

Sonnenberg, who represents a big chunk of northeast Colorado, said during Senate floor debate on Friday that many days were spent in his office with stakeholders yelling and screaming at each other.

He's said previously that this bill could cost him the next election, as it has divided the Republican Caucus and constituents over whether it violates the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) by giving lawmakers hundreds of millions more to spend without voter approval and whether it is constitutional.

"I feel cheated," Gregory Golyansky, president of the Colorado Union of Taxpayers (CUT), told Complete Colorado previously. "Not just as CUT president, but also as a taxpayer. They got elected on a certain promise, and they're going back

on that promise."

The bill replaces cuts to hospitals that were written into the long-bill to balance the budget and helps fund schools, roads and hospitals in rural communities.

Republican lawmakers don't have a problem with the what as much as they do the how. It had enough support to initially get out of the Finance Committee.

Sonnenberg almost killed the bill himself after that because he couldn't get Democrats to negotiate, but postponed instead, saying he wasn't giving up.

His efforts paid off, at least for now.

Friday, it made its way through Senate Appropriations after the chairman of that committee, Sen. Kevin Lundberg, (R-Berthoud), tried to keep it from being heard. Sonnenberg, again, garnered enough support to overrule Lundberg with a seldom-used rule that allows the committee to vote whether to hear a bill.

The bill passed on a 5-2

vote with Lundberg and Sen. Kent Lambert, (R-Colorado Springs) the only opposition.

Lundberg told Complete Colorado Thursday, it wasn't just a bad bill it was a constitutionally bad bill. But on the Senate Floor Friday, Sonnenberg disagreed.

"If I for one minute thought this bill was unconstitutional I would not vote for it," Sonnenberg said.

The bill passed the Senate on a voice vote. Third reading is scheduled for Monday, and then it is expected to be read into the House, where it will likely pass Third Reading on Tuesday, just in time for lawmakers to adjourn for the season.

Sen. Nancy Todd, (D-Arapahoe) said the bill was the result of bipartisan efforts that proves compromise works. She praised the bill's sponsors for fighting to save rural Colorado.

However, those opposed

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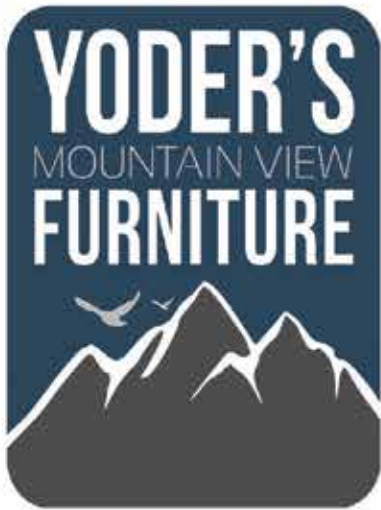
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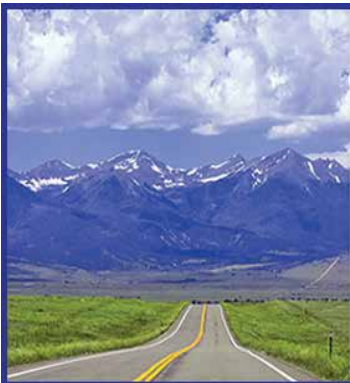


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4H: Longtime Resident Speaks Out

Dear Editor,

I would like to say a few words to our community hoping to make you aware of the need to take a stand for our young people of this community. As of the first of May, we no longer have 4H in our county. Due to several actions by our county commissioners, our county extension agent, Robin Young, was taken out of our county office. I have known Robin for as long as she has been in our county and I gave served on several boards with her. She has done some wonderful work for our community and has been one of the best agents to serve our community. I am pleased to know that Robin has moved on and accepted a new position in a different county, but our county will suffer a great loss. As a result and due to increased stress in that office, our 4H coordinator had to leave because of health problems. Carlan was doing a great job trying to keep the office together for our kids and our community county fair, but stress can do terrible things to a person. We will miss you both!

This letter is to wake up our moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles and our community to what has happened to our kids. Our kids have been stripped of the privilege to participate in 4H. Our kids have spent their hard earned money to get their livestock and materials for all their projects. Because of the actions of our county commissioners, our kids will not be able to show under the name of 4H, until a qualified person can be hired.

I have been involved with 4H in Custer County for 31 years. I have served in all aspects that have to do with 4H from superintendent to doing grunt work at our fair grounds. I have helped raise money for improvements and have driven many nails to fix pens. You name it, I have volunteered to do it. I have done it because I love our young people! It has been such a pleasure to watch these young kids grow into wonderful parents and now I have had the opportunity to work with their children. So, I have worked with two great generations of children!

I have been so proud of all of them! It is something for our county to be proud of when our kids can go to other stock shows and come home with top honors. Recently, one of our young 4H members represented our county in Washington D. C. Is this not worth speaking out and trying to get this county back where it should be with our youth?

4H is not just about livestock. It encompasses so much more. In a culture that is filled with distractions, 4H teaches them how to be better citizens and leaders in our country which so desperately needs them. So please, if you are interested in the young people of our county, not only 4H, but for all our young kids, STAND UP FOR THEM. Let's show them that we love them all and are willing to provide great opportunities for each one of them. Thank you, for the opportunity to let me speak what is on my mind and my heart.

Mary Gompf
Long time Custer
County resident

Thank You to Community

Letter to the editor;

First I would like to send out a special THANK YOU to this wonderful community for all the prayers and cards for me when I got so sick and close to death. I went in for lower back surgery and ended up with not only surgery but then blood poisoning. I was in rehabilitation for three months. That's a long time to be away from home.

Rehabilitation in Colorado

Health care in America is very tricky. When one hears the phrase that after surgery, they need to "go to rehabilitation" for a while, most folks think of an old nursing home, or a run-down facility of that sort. Well in today's world there are some very good rehabilitation centers.

The problem is most people do not really check into these places because they think they are all the same. Well, from personal experience

I can tell you that they are all very different. When you are checking these out make sure the facility is there for the patient, not just to fill a bed and for the money. I myself have been in both places. The first one just kept me drugged up with pain killers and muscle relaxers, and in bed most of the time. The therapy was next to nothing, and being so doped up, therapy meant nothing.

Whenever one needs to have rehabilitation they really need to check many of the facilities out either online or in person.

I found one that is fabulous. It is ADVANCED HEALTH CARE in Colorado Springs. This facility really cares about the patient, not just the money. I have been in this facility and from firsthand experience, I can tell you that the care is superb. The patient has their own suite and very good food. The CNAs work their tails off taking care of the patient's needs. It was always clean, and the peo-

ple were always very nice and are willing to help in any way they could.

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Bobcats Baseball Season Ends With a Win!

by Jim Silver

The Custer County Bobcats finished their season on Friday, May 5th with a double-header against the South Park Burros on the home ballpark. Bobcats baseball was revived this season, with enough boys turning out to field a team. A limited number of boys were welcomed into the Cotopaxi Pirates program for the 2015 and 2016 seasons, making a strong contribution to a winning team both years, it should be added. With the two inactive years for the Bobcats, the team was considered “Junior Varsity” for just this 2017 season. Under Head Coach Eric Thompson and Assistant Coach Justin Walden, the Bobcats split their wins and losses—4 and 4. A lot of building for next season was accomplished, since only a couple of the team’s players are seniors.

On a beautiful day for playing baseball last Friday against the Burros JV team, here again it was a split. The first five-inning game remained a 3-3 tie for so long that it appeared that

an extra inning was on the way. But then South Park sneaked in the bottom of the inning run needed to make it 4-3 for the Burros. Kobe Lewsader showed up well on the mound for the Bobcats, though he didn’t get to post a win.

Game two seemed also to be going in the Burros direction, for they held a 5-0 score through the first three innings of play. With some solid hitting, however, the Bobcats got back into the game during the final two innings. In a stellar come-back, Custer County battled to a 5-5 tie in the bottom of the 5th, so that this time around they got the opportunity to score the winning run. Senior third baseman Ryan Young got the final hit of the game and the RBI needed to make it a 6-5 win for the ‘Cats. Winning pitcher for this game was Dylan Schoch.

It was a great way to end the season. Every player on the team got a hit; everyone contributed to get the job done. Looking forward to next season—GO BOBCATS!



Dylan Schoch on the mound, winning pitcher.

Photo by Jim Silver

Community Wildfire Workshop

by Carol Clemenson

The Wet Mountain Fire Protection District held a workshop on fire protection on Friday, April 28th.

Robin Young from CSU Extension, shared information on Forest Health and Land Stewardship.

She noted that because we all live here in the mountains, the fire mitigation that needs to be done is a timely topic. Prescribed burns are important for maintaining our forest and making it healthier and cost-effective way to manage the ecosystem.

The benefits of a burn include opening up the canopy to give lots of sunshine for the plants to renew and get nitrification from the sun. A burn can also help maintain a particular ecosystem type and provide more foliage.

Basil Lane, Assistant Fire Chief, talked about what property owners can do to protect their home and property. He said that it is helpful to have a drawing of your property and where the propane tank, leach field and water lines are for the firefighters. If you have to evac-

uate, fill the tub and sinks full of water, and turn off the propane tank. Laminate a list and map of utilities and hang it on the door so the firefighters know what you have done in preparation, where things are and that you are gone. Make sure your driveways are wide enough that the trucks can enter your property and have plenty of room to turn around. They need an escape route in case they have to get out quick.

Other speakers were Cindy Howard, Custer County EMS; and Rick Romano, Natural Resources Conservation Service Programs; and Dennis Page, USFS.

One of the take-aways from the workshop was seeing your property from a firefighter’s perspective, “Is your home defensible?” The firefighters decide if they can save your home or not. That is why fire mitigation around your home is so important.

Here are some websites for more information;

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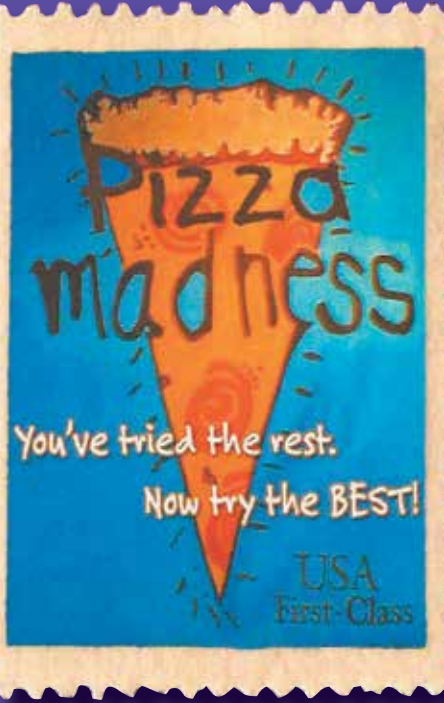
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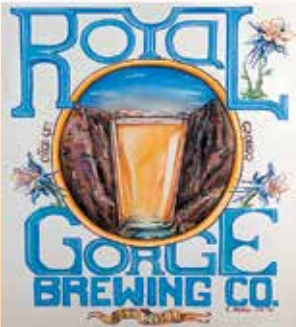
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Courtney Miller to Launch New Book in Westcliffe

Thursday, May 18th

Press Release

Courtney Miller, a local author whose historical fiction novels, The “Cherokee Chronicles” series, have been lauded by the Cherokee community and received five international awards is launching a new mystery series set in the Wet Mountain Valley.

This book is a departure from his historical fiction. This time, Courtney is applying his skill as a story teller to a murder mystery set right here in Wet Mountain Valley.

The “White Feather Mysteries” are based on a fictional Cherokee Wizard named White Feather who uses his rare skills to investigate mysteries—sometimes complementing, sometimes complicating the official investigation.

In this first book, fictional character David Ludwig suffers a head injury in football practice and loses his memory. When his

father, mother and brother are found murdered, he becomes the prime suspect. But, in a fugue, even he doesn’t know whether he did it. In a twist of fate, he is found by an old Cherokee wizard, White Feather, who believes he is innocent and is determined to prove it.

Meanwhile, Sam Morrison, a homicide detective from the Denver P. D., accepts a deputy position in Wet Mountain Valley and uses his skills in a modern approach to investigate the murders while trying to reunite with his family and put his life back together.

“Ludwig’s Fugue” is the first book in the “White Feather Mystery” series. Courtney has plans to write more books for this series and, in fact, the manuscript for the second book was the winner of the 2016 Extravaganza Draft to Dream Book Competition. The second book, “It’s About Time”, should be out around August of 2017. Courtney says

that this mystery also qualifies for the genre “Geezer Lit” as it is written for old geezers, about old geezers, by an old geezer.

Courtney will be reading and signing “Ludwig’s Fugue” which is dedicated to Sheriff Shannon Byerly and the Custer County Sheriff’s Office. “We are all indebted to our law enforcement officers and in the Wet Mountain Valley, we have the best.” Although all the characters in the novel are fictional, Courtney is grateful to Sheriff Byerly for helping him with the actual operations of the Sheriff’s Office so that it accurately depicts law enforcement in a rural mountain valley.

Everyone is invited for snacks and refreshments as Courtney presents his new book and series Thursday, May 18th, at 6 p.m. at the Custer County Library in Westcliffe. All of Courtney’s award-winning books will be available for signing and purchase.

Author to Speak on Civil War Mother’s Journey

Saturday May 20th

Press Release

The Civil War comes to life through the eyes of Mary Ann Bickerdyke, the leading character in an inspiring true story written by authors Susan and Nancy Brace. The West Custer County Library is hosting a free author reading with Susan Brace on Saturday, May 20th, at 10 a.m. in the Library’s Community Room.

In “Mother’s War: A Woman’s Journey through the Civil War,” Bickerdyke is a nurse, widow, and a mother to three children. The book richly portrays her struggles to provide medical care on the battlefield to suffering Union soldiers. Her ex-

periences at the infamous Andersonville Prison with prisoners of war which led to her development of what we now call post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Brace will read from her book and provide Bickerdyke’s perspective on wound treatment under unsanitary conditions, battling disease in the tent hospitals, and the overwhelming loss of life while overcoming male-dominated institutions.

Susan Brace is a licensed clinical psychologist with a background of helping people cope with post-traumatic stress disorder. She co-wrote “Mother’s War” with her sister Nancy

Brace. They spent nine years conducting research for the book, traveling extensively to Civil War battle sites. Their travels led them to speak with Mary Ann Bickerdyke’s family to aid with the accurate recounting of the nurse’s life. Brace discovered it was very unusual for a woman to follow the army, a role usually reserved for “ladies of the night.” This made Bickerdyke’s unique role even more interesting for the author.

This free event is open to anyone in the community, for more information please contact Cathy McCarthy at (719) 783- 9138.

Caregivers Invited to Meet for Coffee and Q&A

Friday, May 19th

Press Release

While some children under age six go to day care facilities, oftentimes it can be a family member, friend or neighbor who cares for the child while a parent works. Those caregivers are invited to attend an informal meetup to give input on a special grant project designed to provide them with more support. The meetup will be held in the West Custer County Library’s Community Room on Friday, May

19th at 1 p.m. Child care will be provided for attendees and coffee and snacks will be served.

The library seeks to help young children through the Growing Readers Together grant project which offers caregivers books, activities and toys as well as workshops on child development, early language and literacy development.

“The meetup is an opportunity for caregivers to get to know each other and to let us know their specific

needs and challenges,” said Youth Services Librarian Jessica Carter.

Growing Readers Together is funded by a grant from the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation. The project is being carried out by the Colorado State Library and 14 public libraries in southeastern Colorado.

For more information on the caregiver meetup or Growing Readers Together, please call Jessica Carter at 783-9138 ext. 4 or email jessica@westcusterlibrary.org.



Pictured from left to right: Terri Jarvis, Elizabeth French, Elizabeth Young, Susan Raymer, Library Director Amy Moulton, Friends Board President Ann Robey, Diane Dudley and Polly Miller. Not pictured are board members Christine Smith and Amy Bauer.

Photo submitted by Friends of the Library

Press Release

The Friends of the Library Board contribute their first donation of the year to the library, almost \$3,000 of the \$15,000 total they have committed to the library for 2017. Friends’ donations go toward crucial services like events for all ages, books and

DVDs, and the courier who brings items from other libraries. The Friends’ funds come from member donations, the Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation’s Spirit Campaign and the two Friends’ Arts & Crafts Fairs. The next Arts & Crafts Fair is scheduled for July 13-15, 2017.



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Hurliman Scholarship Goes to Hannah Moulton

by Troy Bomgardner

Hannah Moulton, daughter of Josh and Amy Moulton, has been awarded a prestigious Hurliman Scholarship for the 2017-18 school year. The scholarship is named in honor of Dr. Jack Hurliman and his wife, Edith, longtime doctor and residents of Cañon City. It recognizes selected students who demonstrate superior scholastic ability and strength of character. Moulton received one of the \$10,000 one-year scholarships.

Amy plans on attending Western State University in Gunnison and will major in Elementary Education. Hannah noted the scholarship interview was relaxing and a no pressure interview in which she spoke about her community service and plans for education. “I have dreamed of being a teacher since the age of 10, with influences by Mrs. Tillotson and Mrs. Smith,” said Miss Moulton. “And the education program at Western just seemed to fit me, I liked the small mountain town atmosphere and the education department.”

When asked about the change of going to college, Moulton exclaimed, “There is a

fear of moving from Westcliffe to a new environment but there is also the excitement of moving to a new place and meeting new people.”

Miss Moulton will be recognized for the award during the CCHS graduation on Sunday, May 28th at 2 p.m.



Hannah Moulton, Hurliman Scholarship recipient. *Courtesy Photo*

Alive at 25 Class

Press Release

Custer County Drive Smart Coalition in cooperation with the Colorado State Patrol and the Colorado State Patrol Family Foundation is sponsoring a “Alive at 25” Class at Lange Hall, 308 South 3rd Street, Westcliffe (just north of Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church) on Friday, June 23rd, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

“Alive at 25” is a 4½ hour driver’s awareness course designed by the National Safety Council for young drivers ages 15 – 24. In this defensive driving class students will gain awareness skills and develop strategies to keep safe on the road through interactive media, workbook exercises, role-playing and class discussion.

Students must register online at <https://aliveat25.us>.

Scholarships may be available to Custer County residents through the Foundation. After registering online voluntarily (not court ordered) students living in Custer County can call 720-269-4046 to check into a Scholarship.

Be sure to bring a photo ID to the class. Come early as late arrivals will not be allowed to attend. More information is on the <https://aliveat25.us> website.

Special Opportunity For Parents and Children Ages 2-4

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

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Join us at Club America
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Thursday, May 18th



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I Timothy 2:5 ESV

Bobcats Sport Schedule

MS Track AWAY v Sangre de Cristo <i>Departure 6 a.m.</i> When: Friday, May 12, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Where: Sangre de Cristo	MS Track AWAY - Select Championship <i>Departure TBD</i> When: Wed, May 17, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Where: Alamosa
Badminton Tourney When: Friday, May 12, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Where: East Gym	HS Volleyball When: Thu, May 18, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Where: East Gym
HS Track Meet - Pueblo West Cyclone Invitational <i>Departure 7 a.m.</i> When: Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Where: Pueblo West	HS State Track Meet <i>Departure 8 a.m. on Thursday</i> When: Fri, May 19, 9 a.m. – Sun, May 21, 4 p.m. Where: Lakewood
Basketball Open Gym When: Fri, May 19, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Where: East Gym	

Bobcat Menu • May 15-May 18, 2017			
Monday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk Lunch Elem. Egg Roll Corn on the Cob Fruit Milk Lunch MS & HS Chicken Stir Fry Bean, Rice, Veg. Fruit Milk	Tuesday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk Lunch Elem. Mexican Pizza Vegetable Fruited Jello Milk Lunch MS & HS Mexican Pizza Vegetable Fruited Jello Milk	Wednesday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk Lunch Elem. Waffle, Sausage Potato Wedge Fruit Milk Lunch MS & HS Asst Sandwiches Vegetables Fruit Milk	Thursday Breakfast Biscuit & Gravy Fruit Milk Lunch Elem. Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Roll Gr Beans & Fruit Milk Lunch MS & HS Italian Dunkers Pasta or Bread Stick Gr Beans & Fruit Milk
<i>Elementary: Main Dish, Grain Product, Veg., Fruit, and Milk</i> <i>Middle & High: Main Dish, (Or Premade Chef Salad), Grain Product, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk</i> <i>A la Carte Items To Be Sold To M.S. & H.S. Only</i>			

KIDS

Friday, May 12, 2017

The Computer

On May 12, 1941, Konrad Zuse presented the first programmable, fully automatic computer. It was called the Z3. Unfortunately, the original machine was destroyed by an air raid. Now a replica is on display at the Deutsches Museum in Munich, Germany.

Today, everyone has a computer, laptop, smart phone or Ipad. We carry them in our back pockets or our purses. They are with us wherever we go. We don’t even think of being without them. They are our connection to the rest of the world. But that is not the way it was in the beginning.

The computer was not invented out of a need to entertain or communicate, but because of a need to solve serious number-crunching problems. The U.S. population had grown so much by 1880 that it took up to seven years to tabulate the census report. So, a punch card system was designed by Herman Hollerith. In the 1940’s John Mauchly and J. Presper Eckert, two professors from the University of Pennsylvania, built the (ENIAC), Electronic Numerical Integrator. It filled a 20-foot by 40-foot room and had 18,000 vacuum tubes. Not exactly something you could carry around in your suitcase. In 1946 they left the University, received funding from the Census Bureau and built the UNIVAC. This was the first commercial computer for businesses and government use.

Things evolved from there with the invention of transistors, different computer languages and computer chips. The mouse was brought about in 1964 but did not come into common use until sometime in the 1980’s. In 1971, IBM engineers invented the “floppy disk” that wasn’t floppy at all. It allowed data to be stored outside of the computer and shared with other computers.

In 1975, *Popular Mechanics* magazine featured the first minicomputer kit, the Altair 8080, in their January issue. Two childhood friends, Paul Allen and Bill Gates offered to write software for it with a new BASIC language. After the success of their first endeavor they proceeded to form their own software company, “Microsoft”.

On April 1, 1976, Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs, started Apple Computers and presented Apple I the first computer with a single-circuit board. Today, the new advances are just mind-boggling. In 2015, Apple released the computer watch and Microsoft released Windows 10. Perhaps Konrad Zuse would never have imagined what his invention would lead to.

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

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of Custer County School District C-1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and has been filed in the office of the superintendent where it is available for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a Regular meeting of the Board of Education of said District at the Custer County School library on June 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
Any person paying school taxes in said district may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register his objections hereto.

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Cotopaxi Students Participate in "Battle of the Books" in Westcliffe

Press Release

Let the battle begin... Eight teams from four area schools converged. The rules were read. The teams headed off to their rooms and huddled, heads together, as the first round of questions were read.

On May 1st, Cotopaxi Middle School students traveled to participate in the annual "Battle of the Books" competition in Westcliffe. Students participating in the event were required to read eight books from a preselected list before they met for the competition. Then, they answered over 100 questions in a total of three "Family Feud" style rounds.

Middle school Language Arts teacher Kris Schoech said, "The kids just love it. They look forward to "Battle Day" every year. It's hard work, and they take it very seriously."

Eighth graders Shealee Coleman, Koylynn Gulliford and Emily Ward said, "We were able to show our love, ability, and knowledge of reading challenging books while enjoying the great experience we all had together."

The four teams with the highest scores moved into the fourth and final round to determine who would become the newest "battle" champions. This year, three Cotopaxi teams made it into the final round. After another 20 questions, two teams were tied; both from Cotopaxi. In the end, one team finally emerged victorious. Shealee Coleman, Jonah Bertilino and Eliana VanMatre received

the honorary plaque and were also rewarded with \$15 Walmart gift cards.

When asked about the competition, Peter Belt and Jonah Bertilino reflected, "We thought it was a wonderful experience, being able to work together as a team while reading books we loved. It really made the competition all the more exciting. The challenge of reading eight advanced novels in the

span of eight months was all worthwhile in the end."

"The 'Battle' embeds an enthusiasm and motivation for extracurricular reading, gives the students a chance to participate in collaborative discussions about literature, and develops a deeper understanding of what they are reading," stated Schoech. We are so thankful to Cañon City and Westcliffe for sponsoring this event!"



Back row: Annalise Walker, Shealee Coleman, Eliana VanMatre, Katie Ferguson, Koylynn Gulliford, Jonah Bertilino, Peter Belt, and middle school language arts teacher, Christine Schoech. Front Row: Clayton Dresser, Lydia Tonnesen, Emily Ward, Jacob Maestas, and Simon Bertilino.

Photo courtesy of Christine Schoech

Middle School Team: Bobcats on the Right Track

by Coach Greg Cravens

The Custer County Middle School Track Team traveled to Fairplay to compete in the South Park Middle School Track Meet. The 7th grade girls finished 1st and the 8th grade girls finished 2nd along with the 7th grade boys. The 8th grade boys finished 4th.

The 7th grade girls had four 1st place finishes: the 4x2 relay (2:13.07); medley relay (2:15.58) Kyleigh Martin, Morgan Foster, Kaya Huffman, and Emma Rusk; Brooke Bomgardner in the 800 (3:10.29) and Kyleigh Martin in the 400 (1:11.89). Kaya Huffman finished 2nd in the triple jump and 3rd in the long jump. Kyleigh Martin finished 3rd in the 200. The 4x1 relay (Andrea Wofford, Brooke Bomgardner, Paige Lorenzen, Eryn Lemoine)

finished 4th. Emma Rusk finished 5th in the 100. Eryn Lemoine finished 6th in the 100 and high jump and Brooke Bomgardner finished 6th in the triple jump.

The 8th grade girls also had four first place finishes: Kaydin Moore in the hurdles (19.45) and the long jump (13'6 1/2). Alexa Elliott in the shot put (26' 5 3/4) and discus (57' 9). Katherine Mullett had two 2nd place finishes in shot put and discus. Kaydin Moore finished 2nd in the 400 and 4th in the 100. Kaylie Jones finished 2nd in the high jump, 4th in the shot put and 5th in the discus, and triple jump. Memphis Curry finished 3rd in shot put. Alexa Elliott finished 6th in the long jump. The 4x1 relay (Katherine Mullett, Alexa Elliott, Memphis Curry, Kate

Wilkinson) finished 6th.

The 7th grade boys had four 1st place finishes: Tony Tomasoni in the high jump (4'4); Sam Babcock in the 200 (28.5), the 4x1 relay (59.8); and 4x2 relay (2:06.02) of Ben Penkoff, Chad Lewis, Sam Babcock, and Zac Fischer. Tony Tomasoni had two 2nd place finishes in triple jump and long jump and 6th place in the hurdles. Sam Babcock took 2nd in the 100. Cameron Penkoff took 2nd in the discus and 3rd in the shot put. Garrett Stepanich took 2nd in the high jump, 3rd in the triple jump, 5th in the hurdles and 6th in the long jump. AJ Stoltzfus took a 2nd in the 800, a 3rd in the discus and a 4th in the shot put. Chad Lewis took a 3rd in the 100. Harrison Walters took a 6th in the 800 and Ty Bomgardner took a 6th in the shot put.

The 8th grade boys had four first place finishers: Grant Cravens in the discus (90' 1) James Koester in the 100 (12.95), the 4x2 relay of James Koester, Matthew Keinbusch, Dillon Kinsey, and Breydon Chipps (1:53.66) and the 4x1 of James Koester, Matthew Keinbusch, Dillon Kinsey, and Wesley Curtis (54.96). Grant Cravens finished 2nd in the shot put. Matthew Keinbusch took 2nd in the 100. Jeremiah Taylor finished 2nd in the high jump and the 1600 and 3rd in the 800. Breydon Chipps finished 4th in the high jump and 5th in the long jump. Wesley Curtis finished 6th in the long jump.

The Bobcats travel to Sangre de Cristo on Friday, May 12th, for their next meet. Field events start at 9 a.m. Running events start at 10 a.m.



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Events Calendar

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

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.

**Saddle Club - Open House -
Vet Clinic, Tack Sale & Bingo**
90 CR 241, Westcliffe

Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Outdoor Buddies Family Day
At A Painted View Ranch
3115 CR 160, Westcliffe

Saturday, May 13, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

**Sangres Art Guild - 2018 Somewhere Special
Calendar Show Reception**
At The Third Street Gallery
59000 Hwy 69 N, Westcliffe \$\$

Tuesday, May 16, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Custer County Fine Arts Festival
CC School West Gym

Wednesday, May 17, 9 a.m.

BOCC Meeting
Wetmore Community Center

Wednesday, May 17, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Girl Scout Meeting
CC School Library

Thursday, May 18, at 6 p.m.

"Ludwig's Fugue" by Courtney Miller
Free Author Reading
At the West Custer Library Community Room

Friday, May 19, at 1 p.m.

"Caregiver Meet-up" Coffee
At the West Custer County Library

Friday, May 19, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Flip Sister's Vintage Market
Hosted at 'Cliffs Edge
103 Main Street, Westcliffe

Saturday, May 20, at 10 a.m.

"Mother's War" by Susan and Nancy Brace
Free Author Reading
West Custer Library Community Room

Saturday, May 20, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**Brew with a View & Vino Too and
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Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, at 7:30
p.m. and Sunday, May 21, at 2 p.m.

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Saturday May 20, 6 p.m.

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p.m. and Sunday, May 28 at 2 p.m.

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THE HEALING HANDS OF CUSTER COUNTY

Doctor Luis Marquez –25 Years in Westcliffe

by Fred Hernandez

At first glance the impression belies the true nature of the man. Then he looks back and responds to your greeting and the gentleness becomes palpable, the kindness comes through and you realize you are in the presence of a man of healing. For the last 25 years, he has worked out of his modest office in Westcliffe caring for hundreds of patients who now regard him as a friend, mentor, confidante and yes, healer of all those aches and pains, maladies and discomfort.

Doctor Luis Marquez has been working in Westcliffe for the last 25 years after moving here from California. Born in Chandler, Arizona, in 1944 he grew up in San Bernardino where his parents owned and operated a successful tortilla production factory with thirty-five full time employees. After graduating from high school in 1962, he joined the U.S. Air Force where he served from 1964 through 1968. Throughout his life he was a versatile and multi-talented athlete switching with relative ease from one sport to the next. He played tennis and, in fact, was an instructor; he played basketball and football. He first visited Colorado when he participated in a handball tournament in

Denver. Taking advantage of an opening in his tournament schedule, Dr. Marquez took a drive to Custer County to check out a Lake DeWeese property he had read about. And, although he ended up not buying the lot, he did get an introduc-



Doctor Luis Marquez.

Photo by Fred Hernandez

tion to the magnificence of the Sangres and promised himself to return some day.

After his parents retired, Doc. Luis took over the factory and managed the business until he decided to make a career change. As a result of his endless and varied athletic activities he was well acquainted with the full spectrum of pains, aches and discomforts. He enrolled at the Chiropractic College of Cleveland in Los Angeles, California. Once he graduated he established his clinic in San Bernardino and for many years ran a successful practice until

back since. Aside from his love for his work Doc. Luis is always willing to give back to the community. For a time, he was teaching local kids between the ages of six and 16 to play golf. Recently he accepted an invitation to the board of directors of the Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources. Every Saturday Doc still plays handball with good friends in Colorado Springs and on weekends, after church service at Hope Lutheran, he hikes off to the banks of Lake DeWeese to engage in another one of his loves..... fishing. Sitting back and enjoying nature.

Doc. Luis has two grown children, Jeanette and Luis. Jeanette, a successful chiropractor like her dad, has a clinic in San Bernardino, California. From her he has two grandchildren. Luis and Jeanette come to visit and especially when Doctor Luis was not able to work due to health issues, Jeanette came up to help at the clinic.

The doctor is a true professional. An example of his dedication is told in a story by the wife of one of his patients, Laura Vass. She recalls how her husband Tony hurt his sacrum one Sunday night. It took three people to get him off the floor and into a vehicle. Dr. Luis accepted the call and without any concern for time or day took him in and successfully treated him. They will always be grateful. Doctor Luis Marquez; an example of a life well lived. A man who loves what he does and loves where he lives.

We congratulate Doctor Marquez for the twenty-five years of sterling service to the residents of Custer County. May you have a Happy Anniversary and many, many more. So, if anyone needs any help in this area of health care; remember the words on the good doctor's sign outside his clinic on Fifth Street corner of Rosita Road in Westcliffe: THE BACK STOPS HERE!

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KLZR Launches Summer with Hot Air Balloons, Live Music and a Chance to Dance

Press Release
WESTCLIFFE, Colorado
– April 27, 2017
KLZR 91.7 FM hosts a family-friendly music festival on Saturday, June 17, 2017, in Westcliffe. Admission at the gate or online at www.rocknsouljam.com supports Custer County’s only local nonprofit radio station.
Originally envisioned as a purely musical fundraiser, organizer Steve Chandler says he is excited about how it has expanded to become an “entertainment experience” with a KLZR-hosted hot air balloon glow on Friday night, June 16th, as well as more balloon launches and flights over the Wet Mountain Valley on Sat-

urday morning before the festival begins. There will also be craft vendors and a classic automobile show.
Recognizing there was no live music event to start the summer started Chandler thinking. Although his own radio program features Irish and Celtic music, he noticed at other concerts how people would get up, sing along and dance any time 50’s rock ’n roll, soul or Motown was played. “I felt that a festival featuring this music would resonate.” That’s why he’s given the event the tagline, “Get Up and Dance!”
Musical acts include local rock group RimFire, along with PA Rockers, Boogie Machine (named one of the top five bands in Denver,) and Biff Gore, “the ambassador of soul.”
Held at A Painted View Ranch event center on Saturday, June 17, 2017 from noon to 10 p.m., admission is at the gate or for discounted advanced rates, purchase in Silver Cliff at The Country Store, at Candy’s Coffee and Loan A Ranger in Westcliffe, or online at www.rocknsouljam.com.
The Rock ’N Soul Jam is sponsored by and benefits KLZR, “The Voice of the Wet Mountain Valley” operated by Wet Mountain Broadcast Corp, a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to being a local, sustainable, interactive community radio station committed to reliable, informative, timely and entertaining programs for everyone living in the Wet Mountain Valley.

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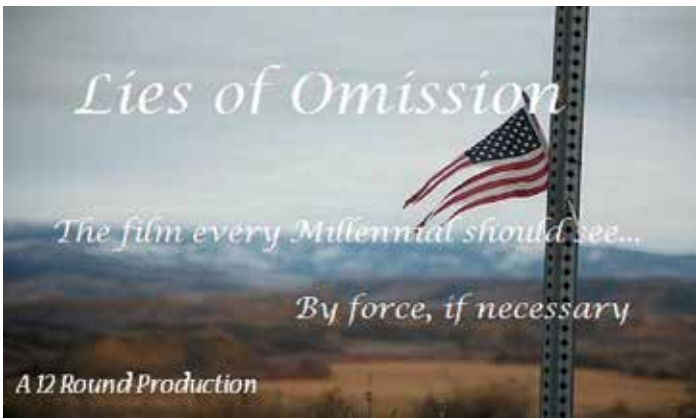
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Patriot Film Pre-Screening May 20th FREE



Patriot T.L. Davis and his film company, “12 Round Productions” is presenting a free pre-screening of documentary, “*Lies of Omission*” on May 20th at 2 p.m. at the Mountain View Core Knowledge School, 890 Field Avenue, Cañon City.
The documentary interviews leaders of the patriot/III% movement to show others in our country how these particular people, coming from completely different backgrounds, decided to dedicate their lives to our Constitution and expose the left for what it is: tyranny and oppression.
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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



Public Notice

Custer County is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to provide engineering and design services for the replacement of three 6’ diameter CMP that are on County Road 160 over Grape Creek. The anticipated design shall meet CDOT standards. The project design shall accommodate for the current road-way configuration and for the ultimate ROW while providing for safety and configuration for the local traffic.

RFP documents and related information can be found at http://custercountygov.com/pdf/rfp_hermitd-bridge.pdf. Proposals will be received by the Custer County BOCC, 205 S. 6th, PO Box 150, Westcliffe, CO 81252, until 4:00 PM June 2, 2017.

Proposals may be submitted as hard copies or via email to brenda@custercountygov.com. Questions concerning this RFP should be directed to: Brenda Gaide at (719) 783-2552 or via email to brenda@custercountygov.com.

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Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017

9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
Wetmore Community Center

Call meeting to order
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Roll Call
Amend agenda
Audience introduction
Approval of minutes
Public Comment

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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 (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)	223124 Book: 736 Page: 47
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.

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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
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Attorney File # 3850.100274.F01
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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

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Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

Florence City Council Approves Zoning Change for Willow Creek Subdivision

by Charlotte Burrous

During the meeting on May 1st, Florence City Council approved a zoning change for 2.4 acres/lots 150-165 in the Willow Creek Estates Subdivision from MH manufactured homes to R-2 low to medium residential district.

“Willow Creek was just hitting its peak when everything crashed and it went into receivership,” said City Planner Wade Broadhead. “Mr. Roy Enter bought it and intends to slowly develop the subdivision. It was originally intended for manufactured homes.

That’s not necessarily what we want. The application is to rezone it back to R-2, which allows single dwelling houses with a potential of a couple of duplexes.”

“That’s our No. 1 priority for repair,” Broadhead added. “Not just us, he knows he’s going to shoulder some of the burden of getting the road improvement system. From a zoning perspective, it’s the same level of density [...] It will probably help overall property values. There’s something we’re excited to see, somebody starting housing in that area. We should have had it 10 years ago.”

“The staff is in favor of it along with the planning commission,” he said.

He reminded them he had come before them last month to make the lot sizes a little bit smaller to minimum sizes.

After discussion with the developer, the council approved the ordinance on first reading.

In a related matter, the council also approved a resolution to allow a professional office as a use 'by special review' in the Central Historic Business District Zone District at 232 E. Main St., Florence.

“This is most easterly property that’s zoned Central Historic Business,” Broadhead said. “The applicant Wayne Jennings contacted me and wanted to open a real estate office. It’s nice when both applications are new people and are interested in investing in Florence.”

When Broadhead first arrived in Florence, he said he noticed there were no offices on the first floor anywhere in the business district. So after getting the planning commission involved, this was changed when the Metro Brokers Real Estate fixed up a building and opened an office across from

the Rialto Theater in downtown Florence.

“The Jennings are going to fix up the building,” he said. “It’s kind of a gateway to buildings across Coal Creek in its historic district. They’ve been great to work with. It’s the perfect transitional use from residential neighborhood with commercial on one side and historic district on the other side. The planning commission recommends approval and the staff recommends approval.”

The council approved the resolution after several minutes of discussion.

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

**Cañon City
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All American Freedom Festival of Colorado Awards Scholarships to Area Students

by Barbara Penezic

Mother Nature did not supply a warm balmy spring day for the AAFFCO scholarship awards ceremony. Quite the opposite weather picture greeted festival goers this year. The wind blew, the snow fell and old man winter blustered, this however did not deter hardy Colorado folks from turning out to honor our “Future Leaders” on their appointed day.

The young and some young-at-heart children delighted in flying Super

Stratosphere rubber band gliders that were given away; that’s right absolutely free to young and young-at-heart festival goers as they entered the gymnasium at Mountain View Core Knowledge School.

Vendors were on hand with some valuable information, brochures, key chains and even some mighty tasty foods, including but not limited, to tamales and burritos. The Mars presentation captured the imagination of viewers and opened our minds to the possibility of colonies on Mars in the

not so distant future. While it was disappointing that the Robotics and Drone presenters had to cancel due to weather concerns, event organizers soldiered on and the auction enabled some bidders to go home with their very own drones.

The auction did not disappoint and many great items went on the block. At the end of the day however, the purpose of the event was to award scholarships to three very deserving Fremont County High School graduates. This year’s winners were:

Third place Michael Katchmar, Second place Rachael Lamman, and First place Allison Lowther.

The judges are to be praised



John Clements, president of All American Freedom Festival of Colorado and auctioneer with Allison Lowther, First place essay winner at the All American Freedom Festival of Colorado.

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as well as every single student who offered an essay. This year the topic: "How Does Energy Independence

Affect Our Future?" had to be answered in 450 words or less. Not an easy task for judges or entrants.

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Events

May 5 - May 21

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 Ommision” 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 dp31upton@yahoo.com.



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Grassroots Non-Profit to Watch-Dog Commissioners

by Sherrie Peif, *The Complete Colorado, Page Two*

GREELEY, Colorado

A Facebook page challenging the Weld County Board of Commissioners that until now has remained anonymous, officially has names and faces attached to it.

People United for Responsible Government, (PURG) is officially a 501 (c) (4) nonprofit and has registered with the secretary of state as a nonprofit.

A news release said PURG is a grassroots effort to improve and promote responsibility in the Weld County government, with a special focus on the Board of Weld County Commissioners.

The group's president, Dave Kisker, said in the release that the group's objective is to oversee, investigate, report, and educate residents about the actions

of the BOCC and other government officials.

Kisker, a Weld County resident who lives near Johnstown, has been vocal against the board for their actions over land use decisions, spending and other possible decisions.

"We will not stand idly by when public officials try to conduct the people's business under the cloak of secrecy."

He said he and other PURG board members have spent the past few months talking to people from across the county about their concerns and what direction residents can take to improve how Weld County government functions. Together, they decided to form PURG, but needed a way to educate the rest of the county.

"We intend to scrutinize the actions of all members of Weld County Government," Kisker said. "Local media appears to have put all its focus into discrediting and calling for the resignation of one member and in doing so is blind to what the other four are doing. Additionally, that same media gains financially

an independent performance audit ordered by the Weld County Council to support its efforts.

"We need a citizen-driven watchdog to keep the public informed at every step of the way," Kisker said in the release. "We will not stand idly by when public officials try to conduct the people's business under the cloak of secrecy. As information comes to light and these audits expose what's really going on, it's critical for our citizens to be thoroughly informed."

Kisker wouldn't comment specifically on what those items could be, but didn't rule out ballot initiatives to change various aspects of the Weld County Charter, recall attempts or supporting candidates in primary races in the 2018 election.

Kisker said its board members include residents of all three Commissioner Districts, and represent various political parties.

"People United for Responsible Government is a non-partisan organization, and welcomes discussions with and especially participation by all Weld County residents," Kisker said in the release. "As the activities of the current elected officials are better understood, it is anticipated that the organization's actions may include requests for information under the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA); attendance at and publication of information from BOCC meetings and work sessions; seeking changes to the Weld County Code as it relates especially to ethics and abuse of power; and initiation of changes to the Weld County Home Rule Charter, as appropriate, to clarify both the elected officials' power and especially, its limits."

Please see: <http://completecolorado.com/pagetwo/2017/04/28/grassroots-non-profit-pops-up-in-weld-to-watch-dog-commissioners/>

Leftist Agitators: Pueblo Republican Stands Up to Activists

by ColoradoPeak Politics.com



In a room full of unruly leftist agitators, Steve Levine says he was virtually the lone conservative at U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton's recent Pueblo West town hall meeting.

And contrary to Democratic activist claims, the deck wasn't stacked to hear from conservatives only, Levine reveals in a letter to the editor of the *Pueblo Chieftain*.

I couldn't speak because they chose tickets. But had I spoke[n], I would have dressed down that poor excuse of an audience.

I sat in the first row and had to

stand up and yell to these unruly morons in my best military voice to "at ease" and shut up. It was a shame that being Pueblo West as opposed to Pueblo has more Republicans than I and maybe a couple of others were present.

Sadly, town hall meetings in Colorado and across the nation have become a farce, a stage for Democratic activists to demand business as usual rather than inspire change, and to act a fool to capture media attention.

But Republicans are also to blame for turning apathetic just because the GOP has White House and Congressional control.

So long as Republicans sit out these town meetings and do nothing while Democrats are holding weekly protests and marches to get their message heard, nothing will get accomplished.

Levine should not be the only Republican standing up to these fools,



Steve Levine.

Courtesy Photo

but we thank him for doing so.

(Editor/GG: Steve Levine is a devoted Sentinel fan and comes to Westcliffe every July 4th to march in the Southern Colorado Patriots Club's 2nd Amendment parade entry. The Sentinel also ran his letter on April 28th. Good work Steve!!!)

Please see: <https://colorado-peakpolitics.com/2017/05/03/leftist-agitators-pueblo-republican-stands-up-to-activists/>

Hey Colorado Dems: Your Pueblo Problem Is NOT Going Away

by ColoradoPeak Politics.com

Much of the post-2016 analysis was focused on Donald Trump's ability to win over working-class, union voters in historically Democratic strongholds. Michael Moore was one of the few liberal elites to accurately predict a Trump victory, and he did so based on Trump's appeal to white males and rust belt voters.

But there are other pockets of working-class America where Trump did surprisingly well, including our very own Pueblo, CO. In fact, the recent headline of a feature in the *LA Times* was: "Voters in this Democratic part of Colorado backed Trump. After 100 days, they have no regrets." The *Times* reporter had no trouble coming across Trump supporters in Pueblo, even after the mainstream media has dubbed his first 100 days a disaster.

Of course, 2016 is not the first time that we saw evidence of this

shifting mentality in our state's southern population center. In 2014, Cory Gardner lost Pueblo County by less than 300 votes. His campaign manager at the time observed: "...Pueblo had decided that the Denver-Boulder kind of 'latte liberals' had left them. They're a different kind of Democrats in Pueblo. They're gun-loving, church-going, union Democrats." His ability to close the gap in Pueblo was a major factor in Gardner's success.

Fast-forward two years, and even though Trump didn't carry Colorado, he won Pueblo by 390 votes. Another slim margin to be sure, but it shows an important trend that neither party can afford to ignore going into 2018. Swing voters aren't restricted to the Colorado suburbs, and Democrats can no longer take Pueblo for granted.

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

Rep. Jim Wilson – HD 60

—May 7, 2017

Time is short and tempers shorter as we enter into the final three days of the first session of the 71st General Assembly. Late bills were still being filed on Friday, committees were being called back together to hear bills and both the House and the Senate were sending bills back and forth to work out differences. Adjournment in the House is known as *sine die* (from the Latin “without day”). *Sine die* will occur sometime before midnight on the 10th. None too soon to relieve frayed nerves...

With the finish line in sight for the 2017 session, several big bills are still hanging out there awaiting their fate during the final 3 days. Funding for transportation has been front and center for most of the session. HB 17-1242 (a bill that would send a tax measure to the ballot in November raising the state sales tax by .62% for 20 years) cleared the House, but never made it out of committee in the Senate. SB 17-267, a second “transportation solution” remains alive and is gaining support. SB 17-267 would put \$300M to roads in counties of under 50,000 population and give \$400M to rural and small schools. Whether you agree with SB 17-267 or not, in my opinion, it would benefit our rural counties and schools here in HD 60 as well as helping rural

hospitals across the state.

A second big bill awaiting resolution is the School Finance bill. Early on it appeared to be pretty cut and dried, but Senator Hill tacked his Charter School bill (SB 17-61) onto school finance in the Senate. A battle royale ensued over the school finance bill and it is scheduled to limp into the House Education Committee on Monday. It appears that some amended form of SB 17-61 will be added back on to the bill in the House. Sometimes at the Capitol, simple issues get caught up in political crossfires.

Believe it or not, the Long Bill (the state budget bill) has not been completely finalized. The House sent it back to the Senate with amendments, but we will have to see if the Senate accepts the changes. If not, there will have to be another Conference Committee called as the clock winds down.

Another bill receiving a great deal of attention in the latter days of the session was HB 17-1321. HB 17-1321, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife’s (CPW) “Fee Bill”, passed the House (42-22) but died on a 2-3 vote in the Senate Finance Committee. The problems and fiscal challenges CPW has been dealing with for the past few years will continue unchecked for another year. Hopefully, we can work during the off session to find some solution to the



CPW challenge.

It has been a busy session for me personally, having been the prime or co-prime sponsor on over 14 pieces of legislation. Some of those bills have already been signed into law, some are still in the running during the final days and some met a premature demise. The battles during the final 72 hours get rather intense as lawmakers (myself included) make a last-ditch effort to get bills through the process. Be sure to check my column next week to see the final tally. FYI – regular rules are suspended at the end of the session, so a bill could be introduced, heard in committee, sent to the other chamber for the same process and all be completed within 72 hours. Sound like fun? Not so much...

Please feel free to call my office in the Capitol with any last-minute questions/concerns at 303-866-2747 or send me an e-mail: wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us.

“Ban the Box” Legislation Goes Down in Flames...Again

by ColoradoPeak Politics.com

Another year, another failed Democrat attempt at passing the ill-conceived “ban the box” legislation. This bill sought to force Colorado employers to leave any field that would indicate a felony conviction off job applications. This week it failed to get out of the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on a party line vote.

Dubbed the “chance to compete” bill by Senate Minority Leader Lucia Guzman, the measure put convicts ahead of our businesses. Democrats are either com-

pletely clueless about the time and effort that goes into the recruiting and hiring process at private sector businesses, or they simply do not care.

If a business does not want to hire felons, that is its absolute right and no trickery in the application process is going to circumvent that. The notion that a forced omission of this element of a job application will do anything other than waste both the applicant’s and the employer’s time betrays how drastically detached Democrat policymaking is from the fundamental risk-reward tightrope that businesses walk every day.

A small business owner has the absolute right to protect his or her business, and there are few things more important than the people hired to interact with customers or produce the goods and services that the business takes to market. Ultimately, this attempt is little more than symbolism over substance, much like other wastes of our time like the “rolling coal” bill and the forced paid leave measure.

Please see: <https://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2017/05/03/ban-the-box-ideas-ban-the-box-legislation-goes-down-in-flamesagain/>

DOA: Parks and Wildlife Blackmail Backfires

by ColoradoPeak Politics.com

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission’s do or die tactic to hike fees and fines failed in the state legislature’s final days, and we say good riddance.

Republicans killed the measure in the Senate Finance Committee, ignoring the agency’s bogus blackmail

tactics that reservoirs would be closed unless funding increased.

The agency hasn’t had a fee or fine increase in a decade, and while there might have been a need to raise some slightly, they got greedy and wanted to double their money.

Thankfully, Republicans saw through the charade this

year. Perhaps if the agency might lose the threats and ask for realistic increases while offering to cut some waste, they might see more success in the next session.

Please see: <https://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2017/05/08/doa-parks-and-wildlife-blackmail-backfires/>

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don’t believe the Democrats gave up much of anything, with the big issue being the Hospital Provider Fee (HPF) being reclassified as an enterprise fund.

The fee, which is assessed on all hospitals, is a varied amount for every night someone sleeps in a hospital bed. The revenue is then used to reimburse hospitals to sustain and expand Medicaid programs and for the Colorado Indigent Care Program.

For the past two years, Democrats have tried to convert the fee, which currently goes into a segregated cash fund, to an enterprise fund. Because it generates more than \$800 million a year in revenue, it causes the state to hit its revenue cap under the TABOR. For the past couple of years, taxpayers have received refunds because of the excess.

If it were converted, it would

no longer fall under TABOR. Instead, a 13-member board appointed by the Governor, would control what is equal to about 10 percent of the state’s total expenditures. The conversion would free up space under the cap, allowing the state to collect more and spend more.

In the original version of SB 267, Sonneberg proposed reducing the state spending limit under TABOR by \$670 million. Democrats refused, so he cut it in half to \$335 million. Democrats still refused, leading to more frustration.

“If we’re not going to have any negotiations in good faith, then what they have done has not been in good faith,” Sonneberg said previously. “If we’re not going to have negotiations, then there is no point in having a d**n bill.”

Monday, Sonnenberg announced the new reduction at \$200 million.

Lundberg along with a handful of other Republicans say the bill is in violation of the

Colorado Constitution.

Under TABOR, Lundberg said, any funds that are initially governed by TABOR and are reclassified must lower the spending cap by an equal amount. In this case, SB 267 will free up \$870 million of cap space but only lower spending by \$200 million, essentially giving lawmakers \$670 million more a year to spend without asking voters.

Sen. Tim Neville, (R-Littleton) was one of the few Friday to speak in opposition, saying in addition to the HPF reclassification, the bill also violates the debt restrictions under TABOR by using Certificates of Participation to mortgage Colorado without voter approval.

“We are hanging for sale signs on every building we own,” Neville said.

Please see: <http://com-pleticolorado.com/pagetcolorado.com/2017/05/05/seventy-two-page-amendment-to-sustaining-rural-colorado-bill-gets-the-job-done-on-senate-floor/>

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County Agent and Goertz would be the Office Manager. Attorney Smith suggested that they take out language such as “extension” and use “extension-like” in its place, stating, “We’re doing these as independent contractor positions so we don’t have to advertise.”

Mr. Kattnig stated that the Board would be creating temporary positions that would keep the 4-H program going until CSU fills the Extension Agent position.

CSU would have to approve Ms. Goertz to continue the 4-H program. “They don’t have a d**n thing to say about Sara [Shields],” Mr. Kattnig said. When asked what their plan is if CSU doesn’t approve Beverly Goertz to fill this 4-H position, Mr. Kattnig said he would get hold of every politician he knows and call in every newspaper and TV station he can find. “I probably have more experience than most of the county agents in the state. I probably have more experience than the district director has. I know what can be done. I know

what needs to be done. And if it isn’t done at the state level, we’ll go to the federal level.”

A follow-up meeting of the BOCC was held on May 4th.

It began with Commissioner Hood stating that a recording had been made of the Tuesday workshop by John Johnston and having it out there [the recording] on social media made it look like it was a recorded BOCC meeting. “I would like our minutes to show that that was incorrect and that there are falsehoods out there, with accusations being made, so I just want that on the record.” The workshop was not recorded [officially] and she was upset that it was apparently being portrayed to the public that [the recording] was [officially] recorded.

Mr. Kattnig’s opening statement: “I liken social media to the old party line, used to be if the phone rang, everybody would go grab it so they could hear what everybody else was doing.” He cautioned that “just because it’s on media doesn’t mean it’s true.”

Attorney Clint Smith reported that he stopped in to see Bill Nobles and had a pleasant conversation. When he filled in Nobles on the plans with Goertz and Shields, Nobles was happy to hear it. The decision on whether Goertz would have to take further training at CSU was not up to Nobles, but up to Glowacki. Nobles did assure Smith that the kids here could participate in the weigh-in in either Pueblo or Fremont counties.

Mrs. Hood said that there was a lot of confusion and that what was talked about in the workshop was just a plan. She also wants to meet with Attorney Smith to work out the contracts for both of them.

The board was very excited and gave the impression that the 4-H issue has now been fixed.

When a 4-H leader asked if 4-H meetings could go on, the consensus was that, for insurance purposes, they could meet in the courthouse building. But there needed to be clarification from Director Glowacki that these meetings could go on.

*Then Jesus put out His hand
and touched him, saying,
“I am willing; be cleansed.”*

Matthew 8:3 NKJV

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Prophecy Watch: Iran, Turkey Agree to Cooperate in Syria

AFP reports that Russia, Turkey and Iran have signed an agreement to establish safe zones in Syria that may lead to bringing peace over that nation. The pact provides for a ceasefire in hostilities, a ban on all flights over the areas and the distribution of humanitarian aid to returning refugees. Russia and Iran have been supporting Syria in the civil war between Syria's dictator Bashar Assad and Islamic rebel factions. The rebels, many of which are part of terrorist groups that have been supported by both the previous White House and Turkey, vowed to continue fighting. They don't agree that Iran and Turkey have authority to decide their actions. This agreement could be a type and shadow of end time prophecy. Ezekiel 38:2 says, "...set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against them." Magog, Meshech, Tubal are all located in what is now modern Turkey. Verse 5 says, "Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them..." Persia is modern day Iran. Turkey and Iran are rivals as they are positioning for control of the Middle East. We know, however, that Magog (Turkey) eventually leads and Persia follows. These players represent both Shiite and Sunni Muslims who unite against Israel in the "acharit-hayamim," meaning the end of days. God will destroy them with earthquakes, fire and brimstone. Ezekiel 38: 21 says, "...every man's sword shall be against his brother." In Chapter 2 of the prophetic book of Daniel, King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that perplexed him and none of his astrologers, magicians or sorcerers could

interpret it. Daniel was called upon to do so in what has become a key-stone of prophetic end time interpretation for the Day of the Lord. Daniel describes a statue with a head of gold, breast and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, and Verse 33 says "His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay." He is talking about the kingdoms or empires leading to the end of days. Verse 43 explains "And whereas you saw iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay." Another use of the word "cleave" means "be united." Turkey and Iran both figure prominently in the end of days, and one must come into submission to the other for prophecy to be fulfilled. Some Bible scholars and end time watchmen see Turkey and Iran as part of that mixture of clay and iron that can hold strong for a time, but is destroyed by the Lord, "and they shall know that I am the Lord." (Ezekiel 38:23) Turkey brings Iran into agreement to attack Israel. But the Lord destroys them and in the process, they turn on one another. With the agreement regarding Syria, we may be seeing how such an end time alliance can be created with the influence of other nations such as Russia and the U.S. Let's keep an eye on these developments. Watch and pray.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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Why There Will NEVER Be a Political Solution to America's Problems

by Michael Snyder,
The Economic Collapse

Why do things never seem to change no matter who we send to Washington? It seems like for decades many of us have been trying to change the direction of this country by engaging in the political process. But no matter how hard we try, the downward spiral of our nation just continues to accelerate. Just look at this latest spending deal. Even though the American people gave the Republicans control of the White House, the Senate and the House of Representatives, this deal very closely resembles "an Obama administration-era budget". It increases spending even though we have already been adding more than a trillion dollars a year to the national debt, it specifically forbids the building of a border wall, it fully funds Planned Parenthood, and there are dozens of other concessions to the Democrats in it. As I previously warned, these "negotiations" were a political rout of epic proportions.

Perhaps many of us were being highly unrealistic when we expected that Donald Trump could change things. Because fixing America is going to take a lot more than getting the right number of "red" or "blue" politicians to Washington. Rather, the truth is that the real problem lies in our hearts, and the corrupt politicians that currently represent us are simply a reflection of who we have become as a nation.

The generations of people that founded this nation and established it as the greatest republic that the world had ever seen had far different values than most Americans do today.

So until there is a dramatic shift in how most of us see the world, it is quite likely that not much in Washington will change.

Throughout the campaign, Donald Trump spoke boldly about "draining the swamp", but this spending deal very much reflects the swamp's priorities. *The Washington Post* has published a list of eight ways that "Trump got rolled in his first budget negotiation", and in this case *the Post* is quite correct...

1. There are explicit restrictions to block the border wall.
2. Non-defense domestic spending will go up, despite the Trump team's insistence he wouldn't let that happen.
3. Barack Obama's cancer moonshot is generously funded.
4. Trump fought to cut the Environmental Protection Agency by a third. The final deal trims its budget by just 1 percent, with no staff cuts.
5. He didn't defund Planned Parenthood.
6. The president got less than half as much for the military as he said was necessary.

7. Democrats say they forced Republicans to withdraw more than 160 riders.

8. To keep negotiations moving, the White House already agreed last week to continue paying Obamacare subsidies.

In essence, the Democrats got virtually everything that they wanted, and the Republicans got next to nothing.

Trump and the Republicans are promising that they will fight harder "next time", but we have already heard that empty promise from Republicans year after year going all the way back to 2011.

Among many other conservative pundits, author Daniel Horowitz is absolutely blasting these "weak-kneed Republicans"...

Now, with control of all three branches and a president who sold himself in the primaries as the antithesis of weak-kneed Republicans who don't know the first thing about tough negotiations, we are in the exact same position. Last night, President Trump signaled that, after not even fighting on refugee resettlement and Planned Parenthood, he would cave on the final budget issue – the funding of the border fence. But fear not, he'll resume his demand ... the next time!

This degree of capitulation, with control of all three branches, is impressing even me ... and I had low expectations of this president and this party. They have managed to get run over by a parked car. It's truly breathtaking to contrast the performance of Democrats in the spring of 2009 with what Republicans have done today with all three branches. At this time in 2009, Democrats passed the bailouts, the stimulus, the first round of financial regulations, an equal pay bill, SCHIP expansion, and laid the groundwork for other, bigger proposals, such as cap and trade and Obamacare. Then they got everything they wanted in the March 2009 omnibus bill, and a number of GOP senators voted for it. We, on the other hand, are left with nothing.

And even the mainstream media is admitting that the Democrats made out like bandits in this deal.

Just check out the following quotes...

- "Overall, the compromise resembles more of an Obama administration-era budget than a Trump one," **Bloomberg** reports.
- **The Associated Press** calls it "a lowest-common-denominator measure that won't look too much different than the deal that could have been struck on Obama's watch last year."
- **Reuters**: "While Republicans control the House, Senate and White House, Democrats scored ... significant victories in the deal."
- **The Los Angeles Times** describes the agreement as "something of

an embarrassment to the White House": "Trump engineered the fiscal standoff shortly after he was elected, insisting late last year that Congress should fund the government for only a few months so he could put his stamp on federal spending as the new president."

If Trump can't get his priorities funded now, do you think that the Democrats will somehow become more agreeable after he has spent a year or two in the White House?

Of course not.

If there ever was going to be a border wall, it was going to happen now.

If Planned Parenthood was ever going to be defunded, it was going to happen now. From this moment forward, the blood of every child that Planned Parenthood kills will be on the hands of every Republican that voted for this bill or that signed this bill.

The next "big battle" is going to be over a bill to repeal and replace Obamacare, but the truth is that "Trumpcare" is going to end up looking very much like Obamacare.

Instead of repealing it, the Republicans are trying to "fix" Obamacare, and that is kind of like going to the dump and trying to "fix" a big, steaming pile of garbage.

But like I explained earlier, we should not expect things to move in a positive direction in Washington D.C. until the values of those representing us change.

At this point, there are only a few dozen members of the House and a handful of members of the Senate that even give lip service to the values of our founders.

And until our values change, we are not going to send representatives to Washington that share the values of our founders.

Sadly, most Americans know very little about the history of early America. I would encourage everyone to look into why our founders came to this country in the first place, what they believed was most important in life, and how they viewed the world.

If we ever want to "make America great again", we need to return to those values. Otherwise, we are just blowing a lot of hot air.

(Editor/GG: Colorado facilitators in this ongoing defeat include Senator RINO Gardner and Representative RINO Tipton. Special RINO Award lately to state Senator RINO Grantham for again trying to pass another huge tax increase on us working folks. We desperately need better representation.)

Please see: <http://theeconomiccollapseblog.com/archives/why-there-will-never-be-a-political-solution-to-americas-problems>

Have We Just Reached Peak Stock Market Absurdity?

by Michael Snyder, *The Economic Collapse*

Have you ever wondered how tech companies that have been losing hundreds of millions of dollars year after year can somehow be worth billions of dollars according to the stock market? Because I run a website called “The Economic Collapse”, there are naysayers out there that take glee in mocking me by pointing out how well the stock market has been doing. This week, the Dow is flirting with 21,000 and the Nasdaq crossed the 6,000 threshold for the first time ever. But a lot of the “soaring stocks” that have been fueling this rally have been losing giant mountains of money every single year, and just like the first tech bubble this madness will eventually come to an end in a spectacular fiery crash in which investors will lose trillions of dollars.

Anyone that cannot see that we are in the midst of an absolutely insane stock market bubble simply does not understand economics. Every valuation indicator that you can possibly point to says that we are in a bubble of epic proportions, and history teaches us that all bubbles inevitably come to an end at some point.

Earlier today, I came across an article by Graham Summers in which he persuasively argued that the price to sales ratio indicates that stock prices are far more inflated than they were just prior to the great stock market crash of 2008...

*Sales cannot be gimmicked. Either money comes in the door, or it doesn't. And if a company is caught messing around with its sales numbers, **someone is going to jail.***

For this reason, Price to Sales is perhaps the single most objective and clear means of measuring stock valuations.

This metric, above all others, you can point to and say, “this is definitively accurate and has not been messed with.”

On that note, as Bill King recently noted, today the S&P 500 is sporting a P/S ratio that is massively higher than it was in 2007 and is only marginally lower than it was during the Tech Bubble (the single largest stock bubble of all time for most measures).

To me, looking at profitability is even more important than looking at sales.

Large tech companies such as Twitter certainly have lots of revenue coming in, but many of them are deeply unprofitable.

In fact, Twitter has **never** made a yearly profit, and over the past decade it has actually lost more than **2 billion** dollars.

But despite all of that, investors absolutely love Twitter stock. As I write this article, Twitter has a market cap of 11.5 billion dollars.

How in the world is that possible?

How can a company that has never made a single penny be worth more than 11 **billion** dollars?

Twitter is never going to be more popular than it is now. If it can't make a profit at the peak of its popularity, when will it ever happen?

And guess what? ABC News says that Twitter actually just reported a decline in revenue for the most recent quarter...

Twitter has never turned a profit,

and for the first time since going public in 2013, it reported a decline in revenue from the previous year. Its revenue was \$548.3 million, down 8 percent.

Net loss was \$61.6 million, or 9 cents per share, compared with a loss of \$79.7 million, or 12 cents per share, a year earlier.

The only reason why financial black holes such as Twitter can continue to exist is because investors have been willing to pour endless amounts of money into them, but now that bubble is starting to burst.

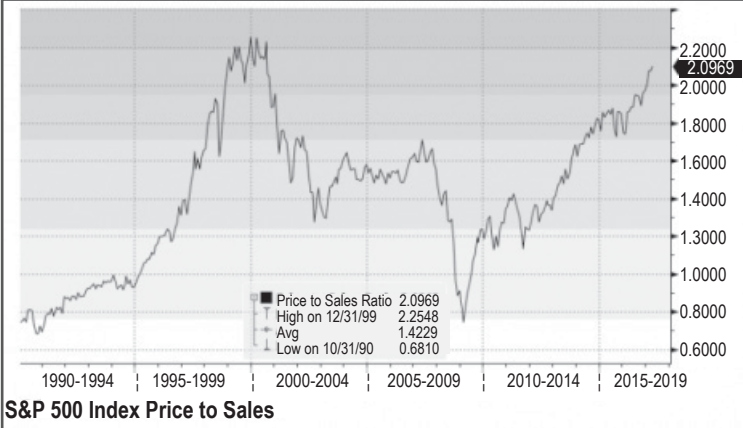
In his most recent article, Simon Black discussed how Silicon Valley investors are starting to

There were even photos that surfaced of the 21-year-old CEO literally setting bricks of cash on fire.

At the end of the farce, Clinkle never actually managed to build its supposedly ‘world-changing’ product, and the website is now all but defunct.

Most of you may have never even heard of Clinkle, but I bet that you have definitely heard of Netflix.

Netflix has revolutionized how movies are delivered to our homes, and that revolution helped drive movie rental stores to the brink of extinction.



become more cautious because so many of these “unicorns” are now going bust. One of the examples that he cited in his article was a company called Clinkle...

(Given that investing in an early stage company is high-risk, investors might provide a few hundred thousand dollars in funding, at most. Clinkle raised \$25 million.)

The company went on to burn through just about every penny of its investors' capital.

There is just one huge problem. It turns out that Netflix is losing hundreds of millions of dollars...

Netflix might be my favorite example.

The company's most recent earnings report for the period ending March 31, 2017 shows, yet again, negative Free Cash Flow of MINUS \$422 million.

Not only is that a record loss, it's 62% worse than in Q1/2016, and over twice as bad as Q1/2015.

Netflix just keeps losing more and more money.

But even though Netflix is losing money at a pace that is exceedingly difficult to imagine, investors absolutely love the company.

I just checked, and at this moment Netflix has a market cap of 68.4 **billion** dollars.

Sometimes I just want to scream because of the absurdity of it all.

Companies that are losing hundreds of millions of dollars a year at the peak of their popularity should not be worth billions of dollars.

Nobody can possibly argue that these enormously inflated stock prices are sustainable. Just like with every other stock market bubble in our history, this one is going to burst too, and I have been warning about this for quite a long time.

But for the moment, the naysayers are having their time to shine. Despite the fact that U.S. consumers are 12 trillion dollars in debt, and despite the fact that corporate debt has doubled since the last financial crisis, and despite the fact that the federal government is 20 trillion dollars in debt, they seem to be convinced that this irrational stock market bubble can keep inflating indefinitely.

Perhaps they can all put their money where their mouth is by pouring all of their savings into Twitter, Netflix and other tech company stocks.

In the end, we will see who was right and who was wrong.

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Power Move: Gorsuch Opts Out of High Court Labor Pool

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In an early show of independence, Justice Neil Gorsuch declined to join the Supreme Court's “cert pool,” an administrative division of labor that allows for efficient review of the deluge of petitions the justices receive each term.

Adam Liptak of *The New York Times* first reported the news late Monday, citing the Court's public information office.

The cert pool was established in 1973 during the early days of the Burger Court, in order to efficiently review the near 8,000 petitions received each term. In practice, the petitions are apportioned among the Court's law clerks, who then circulate a memo to the justices recommending a grant or denial. Therefore, a law clerk's recommendation significantly affects the

outcome of a petition.

In choosing not to join the pool, Gorsuch is flashing an independent streak. By having his own staff review each petition, he may be signaling misgivings about the judgments of other chambers, or of pool memos prepared by clerks who don't share his interpretative commitments. Under the cert pool system, the justices must accept that a significant portion of petitions are reviewed by young clerks who may not share their opinions on a wide range of legal issues.

On the other hand, it may simply reflect a preference for the work product of his own clerks, an inclination shared by other federal judges including Judge Alex Kozinski of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. He may also feel that opting out of the pool ensures greater scrutiny is given to each petition.

The decision also suggests Gorsuch might share the concerns of many court-watchers and legal

scholars who have criticized the pool. Detractors argue it empowers well-credentialed but unseasoned law clerks, privileges certain parties over others, and has resulted in a dramatic decrease in the size of the Court's docket.

With respect to docket size, critics claim the cert pool incentivizes risk-averse behavior among clerks, who fear the pronounced embarrassment that attends recommending a grant for a case which the justices later dismiss as “improvidently granted.” As a result, they claim, the conservative posture of the clerks causes worthy cases to be dismissed, leaving important controversies unresolved.

One such critic is Professor Douglas Berman of The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Berman, a former 2nd Circuit law clerk who writes extensively on sentencing, adds that the cert pool may inhibit the justices from thoroughly reviewing the rulings of the lower courts, resulting

in lengthy, disjointed and confusing opinions.

“Notably, the growth of the cert pool has not only paralleled the shrinking of the docket, but also the proliferation of long fractured opinions,” he wrote in 2007. “Perhaps if the Justices spent more time personally reading cert petitions and lower court rulings — and not just summaries from one clerk in the pool — they might directly

discover areas of the law in need of extra attention and also might better appreciate the mess they sometimes make by issuing fractured rulings.”

Seven of the nine justices currently participate in the cert pool. Justice Samuel Alito opted out of the system in 2008.

Gorsuch has not yet commented publicly on his decision.



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The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand



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

A Psalm of David, Psalm 144:1

Oklahoma Likely to Pass Defensive Display Law

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The vast majority of defensive firearm uses involve the defensive display of the firearm. In some states, it is illegal to display a gun for defensive purposes without risking a felony. Mere display is considered the use of deadly force.

Estimates of defensive gun uses vary from about 100,000 to 3 million each year.

Yet only 1,500 to 3,000 people are justifiably killed each year. About five to ten times that many are shot and end up hospitalized. About five to ten times as many as are shot,

“If you bring it out, you have to shoot.”

*Representative Cleveland is showing
the absurdity of that advise.*

are shot at, but missed. The number of times when no shots are fired are about 90 - 95 percent of all defensive cases.

In numerous states, anti-self-defense prosecutors have charged people who were defending themselves. The defenders used restraint and did not have to shoot. They were then charged with illegal use of deadly force. Because of those abuses, Arizona, Florida, Iowa and other states have enacted defensive display laws similar to the Oklahoma bill.

The law should not penalize people who realize that they do not need to shoot in a defensive situation. The current law is an incentive to turn a dangerous situation into a deadly one. SB 40 changes that in Oklahoma. From the bill text:

A person pointing a weapon at a perpetrator in self-defense or in order to thwart, stop or deter a forcible felony or attempted forcible felony shall not be deemed guilty of committing a criminal act.

In an article about the bill, Oklahoma Representative Bobby Cleveland makes the case. From americanow.com:

A newly proposed Oklahoma state law, formally known as Senate Bill 40, could make it legal for people to brandish guns in an act of self-defense.

As they currently stand, state laws forbid the deliberate exposure of firearms except in instances of deadly force, according to Tulsa World.

“When you go and get your (concealed carry) license, that instructor tells you that you don’t bring your gun out, you don’t show your gun, you don’t intimidate somebody with your gun,” said Slaughterville Representative Bobby Cleveland.

“If you bring it out, you have to shoot.”

Representative Cleveland is showing the absurdity of that advise.

What about the numerous cases where people draw guns, and the perpetrator flees? Should the defender shoot at the fleeing felon? We did away with those laws long ago.

What about a defender who is menaced with a knife, or a club, or a mob threatening to kill them? Must they shoot? No, it would be irresponsible to shoot once the menace has stopped being a threat.

The bill is all about defensive display of weapons. It should be the law in every state.

It is simple common sense.

Requiring someone to shoot when they draw a gun is a deadly legislative mistake.

SB 40 passed the Oklahoma Senate, 36-5. It passed the Oklahoma House 82-8. It still needs a procedural vote in the Senate, then it will go to Governor Mary Fallin. It seems likely to be signed into law.

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Prominent Black Conservative Journalist Suspended from Appearing on NRA News

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Stacy Washington, conservative black woman and proud NRA supporter, is no stranger to gun owners and conservatives. Personally, she’s been a friend of mine for years, has contributed to our Bearing Arms Against Domestic Violence Campaign, is a contributor on our sister site Townhall.com and has been a fellow guest on many episodes of “Cam & Co”.

Now, she’s under attack.

After Washington’s latest column in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* titled “Guns in the Media” was published April 28th, it swiftly earned her a response she never saw coming: a suspension from the iconic news outlet.

“It’s understandable that we seek out opinions and news that support our viewpoint,” Washington wrote in the so-called controversial column. “Confirmation bias is a very real part of how people consume news and media. However, we should be appalled to see neighbors with whom we work, attend church, people who have children defending this country through military service — in other words, good decent people — portrayed in the same light as demonic murderers for the simple act of owning a firearm.”

Just hours after her article was published, Washington said she received an email from Tod Robberson, the editorial page’s director, informing her of the suspension.

“You did not disclose in your column published today that you served multiple times as a co-host and commentator on “*Cam & Company*” on NRA TV,” Robberson said in his email. He also stated that while her popular column had been “problematic in many ways”, it was her work with the NRA that he considered an unforgivable ‘ethical breach’.

“Advocating for the NRA while failing to disclose that you did media work on this lobbying organization and its television station goes far beyond the bounds of any acceptable journalistic standard,” Robberson’s email stated.

Not only does Washington clearly state on her own website that she “appears regularly on “*Cam & Company*” on NRA News”, in August 2016, *Post-Dispatch* journalist Joe Holleman wrote an article detailing

how Washington was being featured in an NRA documentary.

“I’m a second amendment supporter, it is known to people at the *Post-Dispatch* that I am a supporter of the NRA, I’ve never hidden it,” Washington told the *Riverfront Times*, further clarifying that although she has co-hosted the NRA News program “*Cam & Co*” and is a well-known advocate of the organization, “I was never paid by the NRA.”

to work with them. However, that’s not the case in this instance. In this instance, the story is that print media refuses to police itself and the result is a loss in subscribers and readership.”

“When we look at newsrooms across this country being overwhelmingly populated by leftist democrats, the coverage we see makes sense. As more people turn away, and papers fail, we lose a valuable asset: unbiased local reporting,” Washington



Despite all the facts and documentation, the paper doubled down on Washington by choosing to publish a Letter to the Editor Monday accusing her of being ‘a shill for the NRA’. In part, the ignorant rant declared:

Stacy Washington’s column “Guns and the media” (April 28) is probably one of the finest examples I have ever seen of what a shill does. To use the basis that the media is biased against gun owners as a means to promote the National Rifle Association is genius, and deceitful. Shame on her for not disclosing her close relationship with the organization and the fact that she has done media work for it. Is she willing to state whether she has received any remuneration or gratuity from the NRA?

“I’ve never been one to focus on who pays me nor do I get hung up on any affiliations I may have between myself and any organization, especially the NRA,” Washington told me Wednesday afternoon. “Frankly, if an affiliation with the NRA did exist, I’d be shouting it from the rooftops because I would love the opportunity

told me. “My hope now is that newsrooms use this incident to correct themselves and move to the center, focusing on unbiased reporting and balanced opinion pages. It’s unfortunate that stating as much was cause for suspension forth *Post-Dispatch*.”

So not only is the *Post-Dispatch* blatantly opposed to the Second Amendment, they appear to also abhor the First Amendment. The fact that a column in a mainstream newspaper pointing out a disturbing lack of conservatives in mainstream media ultimately led to the suspension of that conservative columnist Washington’s point made beautifully, as painful as it may be for her to endure at the moment.

We hope she will ultimately find even greater success now that her time with the *Post-Dispatch* has come to an end.

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Army Secretary Nominee: Citizens Should Have Same Arms As Military

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The West Point graduate and Iraq War Army veteran [that] President Donald Trump has nominated to be the new Army Secretary has a very good understanding of the Second Amendment, which is predictably driving anti-liberty liberals insane.

Tennessee state Sen. Mark Green (R), President Donald Trump's nominee for Army secretary, strongly believes that citizens should be armed — and not just with any ol' guns. They should be able to possess whatever weapons the military has, because an armed citizenry is the "ultimate checks and balances" against the federal government.

"The Second Amendment, while it allows citizens to protect themselves from other citizens, goes well beyond just allowing us to defend ourselves from a criminal," Green said at a pro-gun rally in 2013.

"The men who penned and ratified this document gave us the right to keep and bear arms as an ultimate checks and balances against the federal government," he added. "When considering magazine size and weapon type, comments like, 'You don't need a 10-round magazine to hunt deer' completely misses the point of

the Second Amendment."

Amanda Terkel, the melodramatic politics editor of the *Huffington Post*, mocked Green's constitutionally-accurate position, noting that in a 2013 speech, Green said citizens should be able to own pretty much whatever they want, including aircraft carriers. She thought that the idea of Americans owning warships was absurd.

Guess what, Ms. Terkel?

Individual Americans have owned their own combat ships, and even their own private navies. In the War of 1812, for example, the U.S. Navy fielded just 23 ships and 556 guns. American privateers did the bulk of the fighting on the high seas in the War of 1812, as 517 American civilian ships bristling with more than 2,800 privately-owned cannon went to war against Great Britain and captured roughly 1,300 ships.

Businessman James De Wulf, who later became a Senator from Rhode Island, sent out his 18-gun brig the *Yankee* to war against the British, and it became the most successful privateer of the war.

Private navies are still being used today to fight piracy.

Anyone who actually reads the



These are some of the weapons of a modern militia, just as muskets, rifles, pistols, cannon, mortars, pivot guns, and other small arms and ordnance were the weapons of the day in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

works of the Founding Fathers would not doubt for a single second that the common arms of the modern military—semi-automatic pistols, submachine guns, assault rifles, general purpose machine guns, anti-tank weapons, artillery, armed armored vehicles, and yes, private navies—are expressly the kind of weapons that they wanted American citizens to own to guard against government tyranny.

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a modern militia, just as muskets, rifles, pistols, cannon, mortars, pivot guns, and other small arms and ordnance were the weapons of the day in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

Clearly, Mr. Green has distinct advantage over Ms. Terkel, in that he was educated in a university environment that famously demands intellectual rigor (the United States Military Academy), instead of her alma mater Colgate University, an unserious

liberals arts "feeling" school that just went on a full lock-down because the mental midgits of their student body freaked out over a glue gun.

If Ms. Terkel had bothered to study history as much as Mr. Green did, she'd know that the Founders would expect the modern militia to be armed the same as our military. While her supposition that this would include nuclear weapons is absurd purely from a cost perspective (most nations cannot afford their development or up-keep), American citizens can and do own military fighter and bomber aircraft, armored personnel carriers, modern artillery and anti-tank weapons, tanks, and yes, even ballistic missiles.

Of course law-abiding American citizens should be able to own as many assault rifles and machine guns as they desire, as long as they use them responsibly. It's precisely what they Founding Fathers intended when they wanted a militia of the people to be more numerous and better armed than governments they knew that would always be corrupted, and in time, threaten liberty.

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We Are Diminished: R.I.P. Bob Owens

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It is with deep regret and profound sorrow that I must share with you the following:

[May 9, 2017,] just before 11 a.m., Bob Owens' life came to a tragic end.

We did not make an announcement on Bearing Arms because it was more important to us to give the family a day to grieve than to break the story and get clicks. But so help me God, I've sat here trying, and still cannot bring myself to report this particular story.

In the end, all that matters is he that will be sorely missed, and the truth is that we will never know what truly happened.

What we do know is that while Bob was a huge part of the 2nd Amendment world, he was first and foremost a son, brother, husband, father and friend.

Many of you have been posting wonderful memories and shared stories you have of Bob. The pictures, tributes, and prayers are all much needed and appreciated. I know his family — particularly his daughter — is taking solace in the knowledge that he meant so much to so many of us.



Bob Owens.

Photo Courtesy of Bearing Arms.com

A memorial has been set up on GoFundMe for Bob's wife and daughters who are nine and 17.

We are asking everyone to respect his family's privacy during this most difficult time, and I'd like to personally remind everyone that what you write impacts more than just the stupid thread you're writing on.

Please know that his family will be reading what you write and act accordingly.

I would turn off the lights here at Bearing Arms, but that wouldn't honor Bob or his work. Please give me a few days, and I promise we'll be back. Or rather, I'll be back.

We most certainly are diminished.

Please see: <https://bearingarms.com/jenn-j/2017/05/09/we-are-diminished/>

Police Gun Auction Nets Over \$55,000 for 149 Guns

by Dean Weingarten,
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On Wednesday, April 12th, the Williston Police Department (WPD) of Williston, North Dakota, auctioned off 149 firearms that had been collected over the last couple of decades. From myndnow.com:

Hundreds of people attended the Williston Police Department's first gun auction.

In total, 149 guns forfeited to the department through criminal investigations were up for bid.

"I used to have a federal firearms license and I used to have a side gun business. If I do stay here, I'm going to do it again and that's why I came here. To get an education," says Gary Silva, an auction attendee.

Some of the oldest guns for sale had been in the department's custody since the 1990s.

"We are now kind of running out of space for those guns and it's time to get rid of those firearms," says WPD Sergeant Detective Jacob Gregory.

North Dakota is one of at least 11 states that have enacted laws either allowing or requiring police departments to sell forfeited guns at auction.

You can view the list of guns auctioned at badlandsauction.files. Some designations that catch the eye are:

- Keltec KSG 12 gauge
- Israel Weapon Rifle
- Kimber Custom Covert II 45
- Colt Revolver King Cobra
- Bushmaster 223 XM15
- Brown(ing)? .22 rifles
- Savage Lever Action wood grain (maybe a model 99?)
- LW Seecamp

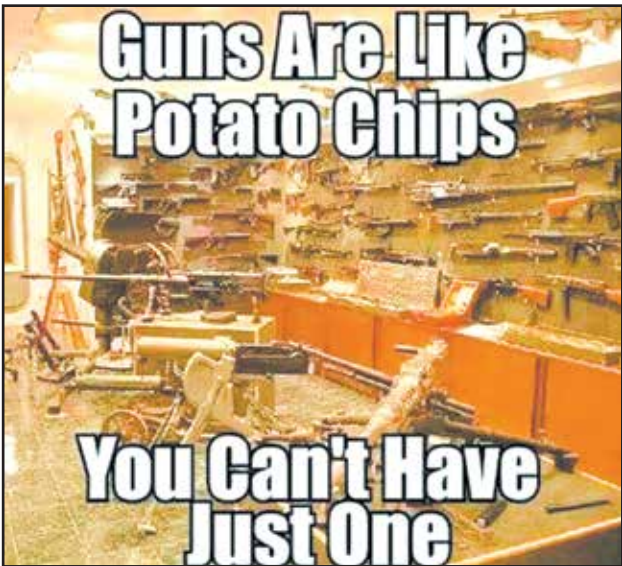
The person compiling the list did not seem overly concerned with clear and accurate firearm descriptions. My experience with North Dakota auctions is they tend to have a higher class of firearms than average.

The inexperienced naming did not reduce the prices, at least not noticeably. The Williston Police Department sold the firearms in a smart and efficient way. They had a live auction with an experienced auctioneer. Firearms sold at live auctions tend to bring top dollar.

The benefit to the Williston city general fund was over \$55,000 for 149 firearms, an average of \$369 per firearm.

It is easy to see why the North Dakota legislature requires departments across the state to sell firearms that they acquire for the benefit of the public. It would have required scarce resources to destroy these valuable assets. Instead of costing the city dollars, the auction put money in the public treasury.

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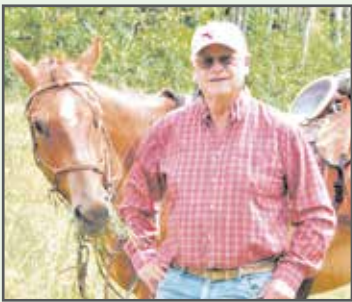


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Politics & The Bible From Pastor Jim



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.



God's Inconsiderate Allocations?

God must have been exceptionally busy the day He lettered the Ten Commandments. At the very least the Divine Writ should have included an addendum to the truth, "Thou shalt not covet." Perhaps it should read: "Your resistance against heavy taxation so that others may enjoy the fruit of your labor is a violation of this Holy instruction." If that codicil was incorporated there may be less opposition by the ACLU to publicly display the Decalogue. The re-distribution of wealth is one of the primary themes of liberal ideology which has a variety of tentacles to reach into the billfold of the unsuspecting.

Liberals regularly camp on the theme of minimum wage, suggesting that it needs to be raised to a living income. To fulfill that dream I would suppose that twenty dollars an hour, particularly when withholding is factored in, would be essential. Prices would then have to be raised proportionately which would automatically reduce the number of consumers. It's already a strain on many families to take an occasional trip to McDonalds. The intended consequences would result in fewer employees needed and more Americans living at the pleasure of the government octopus.

Not only is minimum wage essential for the economy, but it also serves as a very necessary requirement to provide incentive to the ambitious. These jobs never satisfy the motivated but simply serve as temporary training for future betterment. If enticement can be stolen from the worker, a larger segment of society turns into drones which is a perfect platform for socialism.

Once again, the Scriptures rise to the occasion and provide some common sense. In Matthew 20 Jesus told a parable about a man who owned a vineyard and hired laborers to work a shift. Being short of workers, he periodically went into the marketplace throughout the day to hire others. At the end of the day the employer gathered the laborers together and passed out equal paychecks regardless of how long they toiled. Needless to say, the group which worked the longest were infuriated, feeling they were cheated!

Some would use this account as a Godly directive for re-distribution, but as you might expect that crowd doesn't hang around for the end of the story. The protestors are met with this line of reasoning: 1. "Was not your wage agreed upon before you started?" No one held a gun to

your head and forced you into slavery. and 2. "Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own?" So-called "fairness" is a doctrine that usually concentrates on the receiver but ignores the giver, unless of course, the contributor is the government.

The larger picture of the teaching is clear: God is often accused of being unfair because He does not distribute according to human expectations. Only a handful are given the physical attributes that allow them to play in the NFL or NBA. Very few can actually make an Olympic team. A limited number possess great intelligence while most are ordinary or less. I wish I had perfect pitch and the ability to be a concert pianist, but when God was passing out musical brains, I thought he said trains, and I got the caboose.

In an effort to compensate for God's "unfair distribution," leftist theology mandates efforts to equalize God's inconsiderate allocations; therefore, it becomes the primary duty of government to institute concessions and level the playing field. This rationale is extremely destructive because even the average person can possess ambition and initiative that needs to be challenged to reach its full potential.

When the great Polish pianist, Ignace Paderewski, first chose to study piano, his music teacher told him his hands were much too small to master the keyboard. When the great Italian tenor, Enrico Caruso, first applied for instruction, the teacher told him his voice sounded like the wind whistling through the window. When the great statesman of Victorian England, Benjamin Disraeli, attempted to speak in Parliament for the first time, members hissed him into silence and laughed when he said, "Though I sit down now, the time will come when you will hear of me." Henry Ford forgot to put a reverse gear in his first car. When F.W. Woolworth was twenty-one, he got a job in a store, but was not allowed to wait on customers because he "didn't have enough sense." Walt Disney was once fired by a newspaper editor because he was thought to have "no good ideas." An editor told Louisa May Alcott that she was incapable of writing anything that would have popular appeal.

Failures, repeated failures are the fingerprints on the road of achievement. To remove all of the speed bumps was never God's plan.

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A Sheepdog Barks!

Go back into the woods, HilLIARy. America is done with your lying and corrupt ways and you should have enough self-respect to stay out of the public spotlight. I'm sure you have all seen the recent love fest where HilLIARy says "she takes responsibility" but then blames everyone else including Bill, Mother Nature and the local barista for her failures. HOWL! Every time I see her on TV bemoaning the fact that she didn't quite crack the misogynist ceiling, I have one thought that comes to mind: why the heck isn't she in jail? She's walking around "free as a bird" and telling us that she is going to start a Political Action Committee (PAC) to help lead the "resistance." This is how demented the LPSDs are. The woman, who got rich using the Clinton Foundation while she was the Secretary of State and a POTUS candidate, is going to use that dirty money to lead the LPSDs to victory in 2018 and 2020. That is total bull. It appears the FBI and the Department of Justice, with President Trump's (PT) approval, was going to let her just walk off into the sunset. That is a very bad idea. She needs to be charged and prosecuted for her crimes against the American people. What ever happened to the claim that "NO ONE is above the law?" I was not with PT on this one. His after-election comments that HilLIARy and Bill are good people made me sick. Maybe we are the "deplorables" but she and her cronies are the "despicable." So now that she has decided to walk out of the woods and get in our faces it's time to act. Attorney General Sessions needs to do his job. LOCK HER UP! Most of us are sick of the Clintons. Do the right thing and put her in an orange pantsuit. WOOF!

Another shady character has come off the golf course to reinsert himself into the public political arena and that would be Barack. He was recently awarded the JFK Profile in Courage medal. Really? How embarrassing to JFK. Does it remind anyone else of his completely unjustified Nobel Peace Prize? This guy has the courage of a piss ant. Oh wait; they might be pretty tough little guys. Let's say he

has the courage of a butterfly. I've never seen a butterfly do anything courageous. The Kennedys are delusional anyway. They still think Teddy was a good guy. Insert sheepdog laugh here. So during his acceptance speech he tells the U.S. Senate to be courageous and stop Trumpcare. What? We all know that anything, and I mean anything, the Republicans would do to partially repeal and replace Obamacare would be a great improvement for the American people. But here's the real problem for us. Barack and the LPSDs don't really care about Obamacare. I've said this before but it bears repeating. Obamacare was just the "nose of the camel." What they have always wanted is total government provided health care, aka the single payer system, and they got it started. That's all they really wanted to do anyway. The LPSDs know that once you create a government program to "care" for the people it will NEVER be eliminated. And they are absolutely right. The Republicans are not repealing Obamacare as they promised. They are just tweaking it. They might make it a little better but in the end they are just moving the ball a little more toward the LPSD goal line for the ultimate score - single payer government run health care for all. What could be more sweet right? Look at the Republicans arguing in public. The big discussion is how to save the majority of entitlements from Obamacare and keep them in Trumpcare. Don't you see? The LPSDs won the war. No matter what happens they are going to keep the federal government in the health insurance program. The Republicans fell right into the trap. Even PT played the game. During the campaign it was "we are going to repeal Obamacare." Now it's we must provide health care to all Americans and "our" program of government involvement will be better than the Democrat's program. Really? The Republicans don't yet realize that they got played big time. And we all lose. Let's wait and see, but I think I'll be woofing "I told you so!" WOOF!

And speaking of being put into jail - why isn't Huma Abedin being charged and prosecuted.



The FBI Director, Jim Comey, just told a U.S. Senate committee that she sent classified emails to her no-clearance pervert ex-husband. And then he points to his head and says "but we didn't know what she was thinking or her intent." Really? Intent plays no part in breaking the law here. Same in the case for HilLIARy. Don't tell me she didn't know exactly what she was doing. She just didn't care because, after all, she was working for an untouchable. Comey failed America. Lock 'em both up! WOOF!

The late night TV comedians have lost their minds over Trump and have become vulgar and insane. One pundit described it this way - "they are so angry they cannot be funny." Really? The double standard is truly at play here. Such attacks on Obama, or his daughters, would have created a frenzy of outrage in the media. Do you see any now? Me either. WOOF!

Breaking News: Just before press time President Trump fired FBI Director Jim Comey. It was long overdue. I've been critical of Director Comey from the moment he refused to recommend charging HilLIARy Clinton. It was a dereliction of duty and a major cover up to many of us. There are many opinions being thrown around by the talking heads. Of course the Democrats are crying that PT is trying to sidetrack the Russian intervention and collusion investigation. Others suggest Comey is being fired because he hurt Clinton by speaking out last July. I think much differently. I believe (and hope) that he was fired for NOT going after HilLIARy and this is clearing the way for a real investigation and prosecution of Mrs. Clinton and her staff. I can hope, can't I? WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Time to Break Down Barriers to Hiring Rural Teachers

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Public education seeks to meet the needs of all students, and hiring effective teachers is a critical part of reaching that goal. However, many schools face hurdles when hiring. Nowhere are these challenges clearer than in rural districts struggling to fill classroom teaching positions under needlessly restrictive state teacher licensure requirements.

Colorado’s many rural school districts are made to follow the same licensure rules as their urban counterparts, even though the challenges facing these districts vary greatly. Licensure restrictions make it harder for rural districts to meet the needs of their students by forcing school and district leaders to stretch staff members too thin or leave positions unfilled.

Under current Colorado law, teachers are required to have a license to lead a classroom, though waivers may be applied for and granted by the Colorado State Board of Education in some circumstances. A traditional pathway to licensure

requires at least a four-year degree in addition to further testing, background checks and licensing fees. Those pursuing alternative licensure pathways must also fulfill and meet state-mandated requirements. In either case, obtaining a teacher license can be both expensive and time consuming, making it a significant barrier to entry for those entering the work force.

These barriers have exacerbated the hiring challenges rural districts face. A 2016 Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) report found that Colorado’s “overall teacher shortage continues to have a dramatic impact on rural districts, particularly those throughout the eastern plains.”

Pay discrepancies between rural and non-rural districts are often significant. Jefferson County has an average teacher salary of \$54,923 and Denver has an average teacher salary of \$50,247. In contrast, Kiowa C-2 and Limon RE-4J, both rural districts, have average teacher salaries of \$33,715 and \$35,917, respectively. Teach-

ers, and especially teachers just entering the work force, tend to be drawn to higher-paying jobs in urban or suburban areas, making recruiting more difficult in rural areas of Colorado.

There are other reasons that young professionals are attracted to urban or suburban areas, including better access to resources, more options for professional advancement, and a wider variety of entertainment options. Combined with better-paying jobs, these factors promote a concentration of teachers in urban areas.

As a result, rural school districts often do not have large pools of licensed teachers from which they can draw should an opening occur. In some cases, positions remain unfilled for months or even years. Without an acknowledgment of this problem—and subsequent policy action to address it—there is little rural school leaders can do in such situations.

Although teacher licensure is a popular way to regulate education, its connection to effective teach-

ing is tenuous. One study evaluating teacher effectiveness in New York City from 1999-2005 found that “On average, the certification status of a teacher has at most small impacts on student test performance.” Though some research has produced different results, overall research on the effects of licensure on student outcomes is mixed.

Given the lack of a consistent relationship between licensure and effectiveness, rigid adherence to licensure requirements does not make sense in all districts. Flexibility is the key to solving the rural hiring problem. For instance, rural leaders could be allowed to hire non-licensed teachers to fill open positions after a certain period of time. Such flexibility would allow smaller districts more autonomy in solving the hiring issues they face while closing education gaps created by restrictive licensing laws.

This is not to say that there should be no requirements at all for one to be a teacher. Some commonsense restrictions—background checks, for instance—should be in place

for teachers. However, in the case of licensure, maximum hiring flexibility and trust for local school leaders should be prioritized over heavy-handed legal mandates.

School leaders are perfectly capable of exercising sound judgment about whom they want leading their classrooms, and they should be held responsible for the academic results of those hiring decisions should they turn out poorly. However, the idea that a former engineer could not be a high school math teacher simply because that person lacks a slip of paper from the state is farcical.

Allowing rural districts the ability to have greater freedom in filling personnel gaps when necessary not only allows for more local control of education but also ensures that the educational needs of all students are being met—precisely the goals Colorado should be working toward.

Please see: <http://completecolorado.com/pagetwo/2017/04/17/time-to-break-down-barriers-to-hiring-rural-teachers/>

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 51 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 9 to EMS, and 6 to the Fire Department.

As of May 7th, there were 7 males and no females in the county jail.

Between 5/2/17 and 5/7/17 there were the following calls for service:

5/2/17:
Dead Deer: A deputy responded to Highway 69 South between MM 50 and 51 on the report of a deceased deer in the north bound lane. Animal was removed from the roadway.

5/4/17:
Traffic Summons: Samantha King of Windsor, CO, for speeding 85 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Break In: A deputy responded to San Isabel area to take a report on a vehicle break in.

5/5/17:
Suicide Threat: Deputies and Custer EMS responded to the Country Store on the report of suicidal threats. EMS processed a refusal and the party was released to a family member.

Accident/Arrest: Deputies, Custer EMS and Wet Mountain Fire responded to CR 215 at the County line on the report of a sin-

gle vehicle rollover. Joseph Taricone of Penrose was arrested for driving under the influence.

5/6/17:
Stuck Dog: Deputies, Wet Mountain Fire and the Silver Cliff Town Maintenance responded to Ohio Street in Silver Cliff on a report of a dog stuck in a culvert. The culvert was uncovered and a section removed to rescue the dog.

Theft: Deputies responded to Lake DeWeese and took a report of theft.

Burglary: A deputy took a report of a cold burglary on Highway 165. The incident is under investigation.

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