

Custer County Economic Development Assessment: Workshop Provides Recommendations and Ongoing Support

by Fred Hernandez

While back, the Custer County Community Economic Development Office, headed by Mr. Charles Bogle, applied to the Colorado State Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) to be a participant in the Colorado State sponsored Economic Development Assessment program. As a result of the application, Custer County was one of three counties in the state to be chosen for a government program in which professionals in their field, working as a team, could do a three-day assessment of an area/county and, based on the results, make recommendations on how to improve their local economies.

The county has the choice to apply

the recommendations. Going forward, the county, over a two-year period, maintains contact with the

“At the moment, there is fragmentation as evidenced by the high number of non-profits.”

OEDIT and communicates new, ongoing developments and/or progress.

Ms. Meredith Marshall, Sr. Regional Manager headed the team which included Danielle Lendriet, assistant to the Regional Manager;

Chris Akers, whose expertise at the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) is in the field of statistics and demographics; and a lady the county knows well, Ms. Christy Doon of the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). One important team member, Mr. John Hall of the Economic Development Council of Colorado, is also the Economic Development Director in the Town of Westminster.

Day One

The three-day affair started off with a tour of the local area and a meeting in the late afternoon of Wednesday, May 11th, at Tony’s Pizza; close to sixty local residents attended.

The team made a presentation of the fundamental information about

Custer County and some basic assumptions the team applied to their assessment process. For instance, the audience learned that the current U.S. Population stands at 323.1 million with the State of Colorado at 5,540,000, 0.7% of the total population. Custer County population for 2016 is at 4,602 and is the third fastest growing county in the state with a projection of 5,464 in 2025 and 6,782 in 2040. The median age of the state is 37.2 while in Custer County, the median age is 55.7. More interestingly, for every working person there are three who are not working. Regarding fiscal health, the total revenue of Custer is \$6.2 million while total expenditure

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CCHS Military Mentorship field trip to Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs.

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BOCC: A Summer of Discontent Is Coming

Bon Mots—"That's not the way it is", "To be determined", "I'm Done"

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)

—May 10, 2017

WESTCLIFFE, Colorado

by Jackie Bubis

The meeting started at 1 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. Introductions of the public in attendance followed.

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Printz had four items he wanted to cover. The first was an update on the Wetmore Community Center (WCC). There was a mistake with a stainless-steel table that is the wrong size and Mr. Printz was adamant that contractor Whitlock fix the error.

He then announced that he had told Brenda Gaide to go ahead and post the meeting for Wednesday, May 17th as being held at the new WCC since the plumbing issues were taken care of. Commissioner Kattnig took exception with Commissioner Printz not consulting the board before making the change in venue. An argument ensued between Mr. Kattnig and Mr. Printz leaving the audience wide-eyed. Mr. Printz argued that it was announced that way last month and that it wasn't a change. Mr. Kattnig questioned how they could have

the meeting there and then not open the building to the public for another month. The back and forth ended with the decision that the meeting would go on as planned at the WCC. When asked if the building would then be open to the public or closed again until the BOCC has its open house, Commissioner Hood said the library wasn't ready because the books are being cleaned as they are placed on the shelves. The official opening is "to be determined."

Commissioner Printz then moved on, saying that he'd been contacted by Dark Skies about scheduling another workshop – this one in the evening – where the public can see a proposed resolution and add their input. Commissioner Kattnig became even more agitated at this suggestion stating, "That's not the way it is". He then talked on about the Planning and Zoning Commission and was quite confused about the proposal that Mr. Printz was making. Printz slowed down and explained his proposal again but it was not clear that Kattnig understood even then. At one point Kattnig said he'd been approached by Planning and Zoning people who feel that some of the Commissioners are going around them. When pushed for details, Kattnig

said to Printz, "Your building code that you're working on. They felt that you should have at least visited with them about it or let them know what was going on. They feel like it's your baby that you're carrying forth."

During this extended exchange, the anger escalated, leaving the audience looking around in embarrassment. When asked what else he had, Printz said, "I'm done," leaving the rest of his items undone.

Commissioner Hood reported that the Tourism Board is processing the proposals received for work on the website. She is getting bids for cleaning and lawn service. (Dave Post is no longer working for the County.)

The Board voted to enter into agreement for the VaxCare system at County Health. They passed the weed control agreement with Fremont County. And signed an agreement for COCO (Collaboratives and Coalitions) to enter Road and Bridge property to clean up debris along the creek.

Cindy Howard reported that the public comment time is closed for the use of PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) funds for fire mitigation, fuels reduction and some payment to Search and Rescue (SAR) for missions. The Board approved

disbursal of the funds.

The CDPHE 319 Grant application was approved for remaining clean-up from the 2012 fire.

Mrs. Hood then presented the resolution creating two new independent contractor positions for the "extension" department. She also presented the two contracts for Beverly Goertz and Sarah Shields to sign. When asked if the positions were going to be advertised or put out to bid, as is Mrs. Hood's normal rule, the Board responded that they were not. Per Attorney Smith, regarding whether it is required that such temporary contract work be advertised as part of the process, stated, "There is nothing in the Colorado statutes that imposes such a requirement, nor does the Custer County Personnel Policy impose such a requirement."

When asked by a citizen if the hourly rate for these two positions would cost the County more than when Robin Young was here, he was assured that this arrangement could be accomplished within the established budget for that office.

Mrs. Hood also stated that there has been no response from Ms. Glowacki, Director, 4-H Youth Development regarding the Goertz position and whether this arrangement would get the

4-H suspension lifted.

Resolution 17-09 closing County Road 386 was edited to include closure to hikers and horseback riders.

A draft resolution for the installation of cattle guards for Dr. Hamilton was presented and will be discussed at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

(Editor/GG: The "County Agent" independent contractor that the BOCC wants to hire will be paid \$20 per hour. For a 40-hour week, that's \$800. For 52 weeks that's \$41,600! Plus expenses (e.g., mileage, training, etc.). More than what we have been paying CSU Extension for a "REAL" County Extension Agent. Plus, this person is not even an Extension Agent and cannot represent themselves as such and cannot use the resources of CSU. No, this isn't some sick joke, this is the result of very, very poor decision making by the entire "Dream Team" BOCC. If you think CSU Extension wants to put a new County Extension Agent in Custer County after the last one was railroaded out-of-town by this BOCC, I've got a bridge in NY you can buy. Our new "County Agent" could be here for a long, expensive time. Expensive not only for us taxpayers, but our 4-H kids also.)

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2017 Annual Memorial Day Observance in Custer County

Press Release

The American Legion Post 170, Auxiliary Unit 170 and Sons of The American Legion Squadron 170 are presenting the 13th Annual Memorial Day Observance at Silver Cliff Commemorative and Community Park in Silver Cliff on Monday, May 29, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The public is invited to attend this special occasion.

This year's observance includes a tribute to veterans who have served our country, who are currently serving in the Armed Forces and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Our keynote speaker is Major General Irving Halter, USAF(Ret).

Ceremonies at this year's observance offer introduction, recognition and thanks to all veterans who have served our country.

Taps will be played by the Honor Guard. The National Anthem and "Mansions of the Lord" will be presented.

Following the ceremonies, refreshments will be served by Auxiliary Unit 170. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be held at Custer County School in the east gym.

For information please call (719) 783-2462 or email at robertedreher1@gmail.com.

Royal Gorge Christian School Preschool Graduation May 19th

CANON CITY, Colorado

A third class of Royal Gorge Christian School (RGCS) graduates will step off the stage and into their school years on Friday, May 19th.

The preschool graduation ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. in the outdoor amphitheater at 830 Bridge Street. All RGCS students will sing, and nine children in pint-size caps and gowns will be recognized for completing the preschool program.

"We're impressed with the progress of these graduates," said Director Cristina Francis. "It's an honor

to teach the children and a privilege to watch them grow spiritually, emotionally and mentally."

Royal Gorge Christian School officially opened in January of 2014. Housed in and founded by Living Stone Calvary Chapel, the school accepts for enrollment children who are 2 ½ to 6 years old. Parents can select from among three options: five, three or two days weekly.

Registration is now open for the 2017-2018 school year which kicks off August 21st. An optional four-day "boot camp" the week prior offers a fun and helpful introduction to preschool. Students

get to know their teacher and peers, and they get a taste of school activities.

"Our mission is to provide quality and affordable Christ-centered education in order to instill a love for God and for learning," Francis said. "We strive to build godly generations while serving the Fremont County community in Christ's love."

While the school is founded and focused on Christian values, families from all faiths and backgrounds are encouraged to register their children, Francis said.

For more information or to register a child, go to www.rgcs.org.

Women Veterans Needed for Girl Scout's Silver Award Project

by George Gramlich

Madeline Ballard, a Custer County School District student and Girl Scout has embarked on a 50-hour project to get her Girl Scout Silver Award. Her chosen project entails interviewing local female veterans and writing an essay on each one's service.

The Girl Scouts Silver Award is the highest award given (along with the Bronze and Gold Awards). As noted on the Girl Scouts web site it involves a commitment to the community: "Have you ever looked around your neighborhood or school and wondered how you could make a change

for the better? Going for the Girl Scout Silver Award—the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn—gives you the chance to do big things and make your community better in the process."

The project, or "Journey" as the Girl Scouts call it, is impressive and involves a multitude of actions as seen in the excerpt below.

So, local women veterans please contact Madeline so she can interview you and write and publish your stories about your service to our country. Please contact her at (719) 783-0593 or Madeline.Ballard@ccbobcats.net.

"Have you ever looked around your neighborhood or school and wondered how you could make a change for the better? Going for the Girl Scout Silver Award—the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn—gives you the chance to show that you are a leader who is organized, determined, and dedicated to improving your community. Earning the award puts you among an exceptional group of girls who have used their knowledge and leadership skills to make a difference in the world.

Here are the steps you'll take to earn your Girl Scout Silver Award:

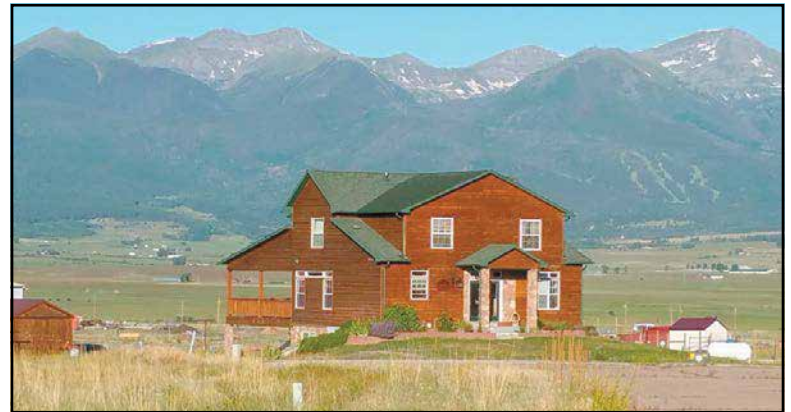
1. Go on a Cadette Journey.
2. Identify issues you care about.
3. Build your Girl Scout Silver Award team or decide to go solo.
4. Explore your community.

5. Pick your Take Action project.
6. Develop your project.
7. Make a plan and put it into motion.
8. Share your story, and celebrate.

Once you complete your Journey, the suggested minimum time for earning your Girl Scout Silver Award is 50 hours. These suggested hours are a guide. You can start by planning the time in chunks, dividing it up by the steps.

As a Girl Scout, you are committed to doing your very best with each step, but how much time per step is different for every Girl Scout, so the hours aren't a rule. Remember, too, that the hours include the fun and challenges you'll share with your Silver Award team. Each step you take toward making a difference in the world around you gives you a great chance to learn and grow, and that will make your award project an amazing one!"

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by Fred Hernandez

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ation from the Town Trustees and employees of the Town as well as residents, all of whom rely very much on her vital services. The proclamation was signed and presented by Mayor Pro Temp Lela Cravens during the May 1st board meeting. Thank you, Ileen, for all you do.

Cowgirls on Mother's Day

by Fred Hernandez

The Cowgirls came to Church at Our Lady of The Assumption in Westcliffe on Sunday, May 14th. After Mass, they joined a cordial congregation of more than one hundred at a Mother's Day celebration hosted by local Council 16577 of the Knights of Columbus in the Parish Hall. The Cowgirls; Jean White, Debby Thompson and LiAne Schmidt spoke of their coming adventure which starts on July 15th. They will ride the Colorado Trail on horseback from Denver to Durango, a grueling 486-mile ride which will take forty-five days over rough terrain from five thousand feet and soaring up to thirteen thousand.

They ride to raise funds for our local Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource. Describing their own experiences during their youth they relate how much they would have benefited if they could have had the services of a Lighthouse



Fred Hernandez, Father Tony Wojcinski, Decon Chuck Moss, Jean White, LiAne Schmidt, and Debby Thompson after Mass.

during their times of difficulty. Father Tony Wojcinski prayed over the ladies to have a safe and successful ride and that their goals be met in their support of the Lighthouse.

Brunch featured delicious waffles, bacon and sausage with a varied selection of fresh fruit provided by the Knights. Please support the Cowgirls Ride for Life. You are welcome to visit

the website which features many pictures of the preparations, the horses and other very interesting information. www.CowgirlsRideForLife.com or call 719-783-9756

Photo by Karen Kahn

Camp Rocky 2017

Press Release

The Custer County Conservation District is looking for local youth to take part in the 54th Year of Camp Rocky. The camp provides a great opportunity for teens who enjoy the outdoors and are interested in learning more about Colorado's natural resources.

Camp Rocky is an outdoor educational opportunity for teens ages 14 through 19 who seek an outdoor adventure. This year's camp, sponsored by the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts will take place near Divide, Colorado, from July 9 – 15, 2017.

Participants receive hands-on instruction from professionals in the natural resources fields. Students work in teams with other teens from all across Colorado. Each year, new and



returning students choose one of the following resource fields for their area of focus: Forest Management, Rangeland Science, Soil and Water Conservation, or Fish and Wildlife Management.

Additional activities include volleyball, hiking, campfires, group challenge games, talent show and a dance. Students will receive a camp T-shirt and

Courtesy photo at the end of the week a Camp Rocky Certificate of Achievement. The cost is

\$300, all inclusive, which consists of meals, lodging, tours, equipment and supplies. Scholarships are available through local conservation districts statewide. Space is limited to the first 60 applicants.

For detailed information contact amy.camprocky@gmail.com or contact the Custer County Conservation District at 783-2481 Ext 100. Applications can be downloaded at <http://www.coloradoacd.org/camp-rocky.html>.

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The monitor drive will be held Wednesday, May 24 from 1-4 p.m. at Custer County School.

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Next Common Cents Seminar:
Retirement Savings Vehicles
June 22nd at 5:30 pm



Middle School Track Ends Season With Many Personal Records

by Greg Cravens

The Custer County Middle School Track Team finished the track season Friday, May 12th, in Mosca at the SLV Middle School School End of the Season Track and Field Meet.

The girls team finished 4th out of 21 teams. Katherine Mullett had a 1st in the shot put (30'10) and 6th in the discus, Kylene Jones finished 4th in the shot put, 5th in the discus and 8th in the high jump. Brooke Flynn finished 6th in the hurdles, 7th in the 200, 8th in the 100 and was part of the 4x4 relay that finished 4th. Kyleigh Mar-

tin finished 7th in the 400, 8th in the 200, was part of the 4x2 that finished 8th and was part of the medley relay that finished 8th. Kaydin Moore finished 5th in the hurdles and was part of the 4x4 relay. Brooke Bomgardner and Kylie Carter were part of the 4x4 relay. Alexa Elliott finished 6th in the shot put, and was part of the 4x2 relay that finished 8th, Kaya Huffman and Eryn Lemoine were on the 4x2 relay. Kaya Huffman, Katie Wilkinson and Kylie Carter were on the 8th place medley relay.

Grant Cravens finished 5th in the

shot put and 7th in the discus. Wesley Curtis finished 5th in the triple jump and JD Morris finished 6th. Jeremiah Taylor finished 7th in the 1600. The medley relay of Zac Fischer, Wyatt Aldrich, Jeremiah Taylor and Tony Tomassoni finished 6th and the 4x2 relay of Chad Lewis, Ben Penkoff, Garrett Stepanich, and Breydon Chipps finished 8th.

The coaches want to thank the parents that went to the track meets all season and the athletes for the hard work they put in. Many personal records were set on Friday.

Fifth Graders Study Our Founding Fathers



Former Commissioner and current County Surveyor Kit Shy, Custer County Sheriff Shannon Byerly and Retired Marine Major General Bob Hollingsworth spoke to the fifth grade class on the founding of the United States.

Photo by Troy Bomgardner



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The American Legion Presents Awards at Custer County School Awards Night

Press Release

On Wednesday, May 10th, at the Custer County School Awards Night, Carol Kennedy, Colorado American Legion Boy’s State Chairman, presented Post coins and Certificates of Distinguished Accomplishment to two local HS junior young men. Dylan Schoch and Kobe Lewsader who will be going to Boys State in Pueblo the week of June 4th for a great learning experience. Carol also presented coins and Certificates of Appreciation to Superintendent Mark Payler; Principle Jack Christensen; Counselor Troy Bomgardner and Government Teacher Jim Bistodeau for their support of the Boys State program.



Chairman Carol Kennedy presenting a certificate to Kobe Lewsader.
Courtesy of Betsy Woodbury, Post 170 Adjutant

Attendance at Boys State is a prestigious opportunity and great honor. Boys State is a major program of The American Legion National Americanism Commission. It has been conducted in Colorado annually since 1949. More than 50,000 young men participate in the national Boys State program each year. More than two million young men are graduates of Boys State. It

is open for high school junior young men.

Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs for government instruction in the nation. It is a participatory program where each delegate becomes a part of the operation of their local city, county and state government. Those graduating can apply for up to four college credits that are transferrable to 99% of all colleges in the U.S. They

are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county and state governments operated by elected and appointed officials duly placed in office of their respective programs. Public officials and professional leaders make presentations and every phase of the program includes practical instruction of public officials and citizens.

Bobcats Sport Schedule

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	8th Grade Graduation When: Tue, May 23, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Where: West Gym
RESCHEDULED-Track Awards When: Sun, May 21, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Where: MPR and Kitchen	HS Volleyball When: Thu, May 25, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Where: East Gym
Triathlon 4th, 5th, 6th grades When: Tue, May 23, 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Where: Club America and school Track	HS Volleyball When: Thu, June 1, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Where: East Gym

Bobcat Menu • May 22-25, 2017			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk	Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk	Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk	Breakfast Biscuit & Gravy Fruit Milk
Lunch Elem. Chicken Patty Sand. Scalloped Potatoes Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Hamburger Oven Fries Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Tacos/ Lettuce Rice, Beans Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Hot Dog Oven Fries Fruit Milk
Lunch MS & HS Chicken Parmesan Pasta Gr Beans & Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Hamburger Deluxe Oven Fries Fruited Jello Milk	Lunch MS & HS Smothered Burrito Rice, Beans Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Hot Dog Oven Fries 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 19, 2017

Kentucky Derby

The Kentucky Derby is held in Louisville, Kentucky, at Churchill Downs yearly on the first Saturday of May. The race is for three-year-old thoroughbreds and it is a distance of 1.25 miles. It is known in the United States as “The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports” or “The Fastest Two Minutes in Sports”. It is also called “The Run for the Roses” because of the blanket of 554 roses placed on the winner. It has run every year consecutively since its inception in 1875. Even the Great Depression and World Wars I and II could not stop the running of the Derby. It is the longest running sporting event in the United States.

The Kentucky Derby is rich in traditions. Women come donning beautiful fashionable hats and they all join in to sing “My Old Kentucky Home”. Besides being a horse race it is a celebration of Southern culture.

The history of the Derby begins in 1872 when Meriwether Lewis Clark, the grandson of William Clark – of the famed pair Lewis and Clark – traveled to Europe. In Europe he attended the Epsom Derby in England and fraternized with the French Jockey club. This trip inspired Clark and upon returning to the States he was determined to create a spectacular horse race.

His uncles, John and Henry Churchill, gifted him the land necessary to develop a race track. He organized the Louisville Jockey Club who raised funds to build a permanent racetrack. On May 17, 1875, the racetrack opened its gates and the Louisville Jockey Club sponsored the very first Kentucky Derby. Fifteen thoroughbreds raced that day to a cheering crowd of approximately 10,000 fans and “Aristides” was the first winner of the Kentucky Derby.

Over the course of almost three centuries the Kentucky Derby has undergone numerous changes. In 1883 the name “Churchill Downs” was first used to landmark the racetrack that is now the home of the Kentucky Derby. In 1894, a 285-foot grandstand was added to accommodate the growing crowds. The famed twin spires first greeted the crowds in 1895. In 1896, the distance of the race was shortened from 1.5 miles to 1.25 miles. In 1904, the red rose became the official flower and in 1931, the Derby was permanently scheduled for the first Saturday in May.

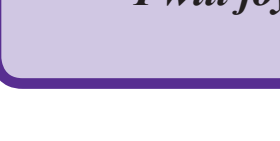
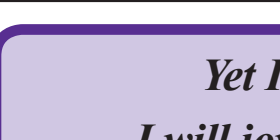
On May 6, 2017, “Always Dreaming” won the Kentucky Derby and became the 143rd winner.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: kentuckyderby.com/history, Wikipedia.org/wiki/Kentucky_derby

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Five Bobcats Make the Grade—Heading for State Track Meet!

by Jim Silver

The Custer County track team first hit the road on March 11th, and this past weekend brought the season to a close for the majority of the team. From this week on, the Bobcats are a roster of five. The Pueblo West Cyclone Invitational was a two-day event on Friday and Saturday, May 12th and 13th. Of the 21 teams participating, the girls placed 11th and the boys 12th. The photo feature of the *Sentinel* includes Bobcats who will return next season to hone their skills, with the goal that they too may advance on to State.

To see the Bobcats competing well against athletes from much larger schools attending these meets is evidence of the caliber of these five athletes who have qualified for State. For example, in Saturday's 800-meter run, three Bobcats—Jack Bowker, Jerald Taylor, and Luke Canon—led the 42-man field, placing 1st, 2nd, and 6th.



Taylor is in first place—#2, Bowker is 2nd—#4, and Canon is back behind the others, but still in contention.

Photos by Jim Silver

In order to qualify to move on to State, these three boys have placed in the top 18 of 2A division's competitors state-wide, with their placement tallied throughout the entire season in their respective events. The events which these boys have qualified for are multiple. Jack Bowker, a recently enrolled junior, will run in the 400-meter and 800-meter races. Freshman Luke Canon has qualified to compete in 800, 1600, and 3200-meter runs. Likewise, senior runner Jerald Taylor will compete in these three races. He returns to State this season rated first in 3200-meter, and 4th in 1600 and 800-meter runs, and has set a Custer County High School record in the process.

Two girls round out the roster of five who left early Thursday morning, May 18th, for Jeffco Stadium in Lakewood, competing in the Thursday-Saturday

State tournament. Sophomore Katie Florom has qualified to compete in high jump, and senior stand-out athlete Serenity Ham returns to State in both 100 and 300-meter hurdles. Serenity goes to the meet currently rated 4th in both events. Serenity placed 3rd and 1st respectively in these races at Pueblo West—a runner tough to beat.

The Custer County track coaching staff taking their high school athletes to State should be given recognition also, beginning with Head Coach Bruce May who coaches throwers and high jumpers. HS Head Girls Track Coach Joy Parrish coaches sprinters, hurdlers and horizontal jumpers. And, Assistant Coach Jesse Taylor is in charge of distance runners and assists in high jumping. Coach May retires at the end of this school year, so congratulations and much thanks are in order!

The two graduating seniors, Serenity Ham and Jerald "JT" Taylor, have given their Bobcats fans a lot to cheer for these few years, so for them, as well as their teammates who will return in the years to come—for the last time this year we say—GO BOBCATS!

Below are the times for the remaining events;

Friday

10:50 a.m. 300m Hurdles

-- Serenity (prelims)

12:50 p.m. 800m -- Jack,

JT and Luke

Saturday

9:30 a.m. 100m Hurdles--

Serenity, Finals

11:20 a.m. 1600m -- JT

and Luke

11:33 a.m. 400m-- Jack,

Finals

2 a.m. 300m Hurdles--

Serenity, Finals

Full schedule can be found at: <http://www2.chsaa.org/sports/track/pdf/2017/2017%20Time%20Schedule.pdf>



Serenity Ham in the 300m Hurdles.

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Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 21, at 2 p.m.
Arsenic and Old Lace
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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 Chili Cook-off
West Main St., Westcliffe

Saturday May 20, 6 p.m.
Artistic Edge Dance Recital
CC School West Gym

Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 28 at 2 p.m.
"Beauty and the Beast"
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Friday, May 26, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Baccalaureate
CC School East Gym

Saturday, May 27, 2017 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
AAW - Yard Sale
110 Rosita Ave., Westcliffe

Saturday, May 27th, 10 a.m.
Memorial Weekend Parade
Silver Cliff and Westcliffe Main Streets

Saturday, May 27, All Day
KLZR Spring Open House
103 2nd Street, Westcliffe

Saturday, May 27, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Silver Cliff Museum opens for the season
Silver Cliff \$\$

Sunday, May 28, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
HS Graduation
CC School East Gym

Monday, May 29, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Memorial Day Ceremony
Silver Cliff Community Park or in inclement weather; the CC School in East Gym

Recurring Events

Monday

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

3rd Monday

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

Tuesday

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

1st Tuesday of the Month

4:15 p.m. at 615 Rosita Avenue. Custer County Republican Central Committee meeting. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. See www.CusterGOP.com or Facebook page at <https://m.facebook.com/custergop>.
6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting.
6:45 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March – October) at the Saddle Club.

Wednesday

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

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

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

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

Last Wednesday of the Month

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

Thursdays

Second Thursday of the Month

10 a.m. – 11 a.m. "Ask a Nurse" at the library.

Friday

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

Third Friday of the Month

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

Saturday

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

3rd Saturday of Month

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

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Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 150 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 13 to EMS, and 5 to the Fire Department.

As of 5/14/17 there were 9 males and no females in the county jail.

5/8/17:

Traffic Summons: Ian Spellman of Cotopaxi for speeding 10 - 19 over in a school zone.

Fraud: The Sheriff met with a party at the Sheriff's Office who wished to file a report of fraud in the sale of farm equipment.

Assault: A deputy was dispatched to CR 389 in response to a report of an assault. EMS was dispatched to the scene for the alleged assailant who was pepper sprayed. The patient was transported to a hospital in Cañon City.

Assault: A deputy was dispatched to Main Street in Silver Cliff to take a report from a female party who stated she was physically assaulted.

5/9/17:

Trespass: A deputy met with a party at the Sheriff's Office who wished to file a complaint of Criminal Trespass.

5/10/17:

Accident: A deputy was dispatched to a vehicle versus deer accident on CR 328 and Good Hope Drive.

5/11/17:

Traffic Summons: Steve Cochran of Silver Cliff for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Dispute: A deputy was dispatched to Main Street in Silver Cliff regarding an employer-employee dispute.

5/12/17:

Traffic Summons: Michael Murphy of Abilene, TX, for speeding 69 mph in a 40 mph zone.

Janice Hoover of Elma, IA, for speeding 10 -19 over.

Panhandling: A deputy met with a party in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office concerning a local couple panhandling.

Bad Dirt Bike: A deputy was dispatched to Lake DeWeese for a report of a subject riding a dirt bike and disrupting those fishing.

5/13/17:

Traffic Summons: Kaley Allen of Salt Lake City, UT, for speeding 69 mph in a 40 mph zone.

Marta Duran of Denver for speeding.

Gregory Novosel of Texas Creek for speeding 60 mph in a 35 mph zone.

Bike Accident: EMS and a Sheriff's deputy were dispatched to CR 182, MM 1.9 for a motorcycle accident with injuries. The patient was transported to a hospital in Pueblo.

Joshua Yellico of Colorado Springs issued summons for driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or both; driving a vehicle other than one equipped with an approved ignition interlock device; careless driving; driving a motorcycle without a motorcycle endorsement on his license; operating an uninsured motor vehicle; and operating an unregistered vehicle.

Stolen Handgun:

A deputy met with a party in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office who reported a lost or stolen handgun.

Theft: A deputy took a report of a potential theft at a residence on CR 255.

5/14/17:

Traffic Summons/Slide-Off: A Sheriff's deputy, EMS and the Wet Mountain Fire Department were dispatched to a single vehicle slide-off on Highway 69S, MM 44.5. EMS and Fire were subsequently stood down by the deputy. Juan Ortiz of San Antonio, TX, was issued a summons for driving a vehicle without a valid driver's license on his person.

Fire: The Wet Mountain Fire Department, the USFS, EMS and a Sheriff's deputy were dispatched to a fire above the Alvarado Campground off of CR 140.

Deputy and Officer Placed on Administrative Leave

PRESS RELEASE

Custer County Sheriff's Office

On May 4th, 2017, Sheriff Byerly received a complaint from a citizen regarding a traffic ticket he received and subsequent court proceeding. A pre-

liminary investigation into the complaint resulted in the opening of an Internal Affairs Investigation.

On May 10th, 2017, Deputy Carl Dryer and Code Enforcement Officer Charles Cox were placed on Administrative Leave with

pay pending the outcome of the investigation. That investigation is ongoing and further comment is not permitted.

On May 12th, 2017, Deputy Carl Dryer submitted his resignation to Sheriff Byerly effective immediately.



The Life of an Extension Agent in Custer County

Join us for Liberty Rocks *Tavern Style Politics meeting on Thursday, May 25th. We will meet at Tony's Pizza at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 6pm. Come eat, drink, learn and ask questions. Our special speaker will be Robin Young.

Robin and her husband Mitch have been a vital part of our community for two decades and Robin has spent many years as the director of the CSU County Extension Agent program for Custer County. In this role Robin has helped many of us deal with many issues that affect our land and she has had a tremendous impact on our youth.

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Sun 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Rancher's Roost at Cliff Lanes
25 Main St. • Westcliffe
719-783-2147
Mon. - Sun, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday 9 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Silver Cliff Mountain Inn
700 Ohio Street • Silver Cliff
719/783-2688
Sun. -Thurs., 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Fri. & Sat., 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Open 7 days a week

Subway
(inside JR's Fuel Stop)
425 S. 6th St. • Westcliffe
719/783-2748
Mon-Sat., 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sundays, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sugar & Spice Mtn. Bakery
411 Main St. B • Westcliffe
719-783-4045
Tues. - Fri., 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat., 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Tony's Mountain Pizza
630 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719-783-9300
Mon.- Tues, 4 p.m.-8 p.m.
Wed.. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sundays, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.



Christian Science
9:30 a.m. Worship
8 Bassick Place
Westcliffe

Church of Christ
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
818 Ohio Street
Silver Cliff
719/783-4601

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
10 a.m. Sacrament Mtg.
12:10 p.m. Sunday School
240 Ridgeline Drive
Westcliffe
719/404-4585

Cody Park Community Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Mtg.
Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible Study
0157 County Rd. 27A
Cotopaxi
719/942-3526

Community United Methodist Church
8 a.m. Worship
10 a.m. Worship
202 S. 6th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2511

Cotopaxi Community Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Wedn. Bible Study
20326 Hwy. 50
Cotopaxi
719/942-4339

First Baptist Church of Westcliffe
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
417 S. 6th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2498

High Country Mennonite Church
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
110 Rosita Avenue
All Aboard Westcliffe Bldg.
Westcliffe
719/783-9045

Huerfano Community Bible Church
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
7 p.m.: Thursday Bible Study
603 Leon Street
Walsenburg
(719) 251-9053

Hope Lutheran Church
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship
3rd & Powell Streets
Westcliffe
719/783-9773

Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church
Diocese of Pueblo
11 a.m. Sunday Mass
10 a.m. Wednesday Mass
11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Wedn. Adoration
109 S. 5th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-3507

Our Lady of Mt. Zion Catholic Church
11 a.m. Mass, 3rd Sunday of month
210 S. 2nd Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2491

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
10:30 a.m. Worship & Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Fellowship
3rd & Rosita Streets
Westcliffe
719/783-2477

St. Patrick's Anglican Church
11 a.m. Worship
401 South Second Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2500

Sangre de Cristo Fellowship
Sundays, 9:00 a.m. Meet and Greet
9:15 a.m. Service
120 Jerry Court
Westcliffe
719/783-0903

Sangre de Cristo Seminary Chapel
10 a.m. Worship
6160 County Rd. 130
Westcliffe
719/783-2447

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Diocese of Pueblo
Saturday Mass 4 p.m.
Highway 69, Gardner
719/738-1204

Valley Bible Fellowship
10 a.m. Worship
116 Hermit Lane
Silver Cliff
719/783-9050

Westcliffe Community Church
10 a.m. Worship
103 N. Adams St.
Westcliffe
719/783-2545

Wetmore Baptist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
Junction of Hwy 96 & 67
Wetmore
719/371-1230

Wetmore Community Church
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
699 County Rd. 395
Wetmore
719/784-0596

Wild West Cowboy Church
4 p.m. Worship
Followed by Potluck
Tuesdays 6 p.m.: Bible Study
60260 Hwy. 69 North
Westcliffe
719/783-2676

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105 NKJV

Local Mountain News & Notices

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

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Also known by street and number as: 1931 Keepsake Loop, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

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

IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General 1300 Broadway, 10th Floor Denver, Colorado 80203 (800) 222-4444 www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov	Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau P.O. Box 4503 Iowa City, Iowa 52244 (855) 411-2372 www.consumerfinance.gov
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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
Barrett, Frappier & Weisserman. LLP 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711
Attorney File # 3850.100274.F01
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 an 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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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.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated May 9, 2017
Custer County School District C-1
Bob Jolley, Board Secretary

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.

SECOND ANNUAL SANGRE VIEW
BENEFIT AUCTION

*This year’s Benefit will raise money for Medical Expenses
for a 9-year-old girl with cancer*

Saturday, May 20th, 10 am
6020 North Oak Grove Circle

Chicken BBQ · Hamburgers · Soda
Coffee · Doughnuts and more!



Bid on our Signature Quilt at 12 Noon!
Numerous Raffles including Matthews and Mission Compound Bows.

Some of the items are:

Lots of Hanging Baskets, Hand Tools, Trusses, Poly Outdoor Furniture, numerous donations from Ace and True Value, Ornamental Buggy Wheels, Handmade Stand 12v LED Lamp, Tables and Chairs, Hardside Bear Proof Saddle Panniers, Al Morgan Stallion Service, Dewalt Miter Saws and Drills, Thompson Center 50 cal Muzzle loader, Husqavarna Chain Saw, Oak Gun Cabinet, Ceramaic Stone Tiles 12”x12”.

A GOOD TIME FOR ALL
Come visit with your friends and neighbors

Directions: 6020 North Oak Grove Circle

Go North from Westcliffe on Hwy 69. Turn right on Copper Gulch Road, go one mile beyond where the pavement ends to North Oak Circle. It’s the first property on the right. *A GPS may take you somewhere else.*

For more information call Marvin Miller
719-429-6472 or 719-371-6484



Sangre de Cristo Electric Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 2013
Buena Vista, Colorado 81211
(719) 395-2412 (800) 933-3823
www.myelectric.coop
Your True Source Energy Cooperative



LADDERS are involved in more
ELECTROCUTIONS than any other product
- CPSC report



Safe Electricity offers the following tips to use when working with ladders:

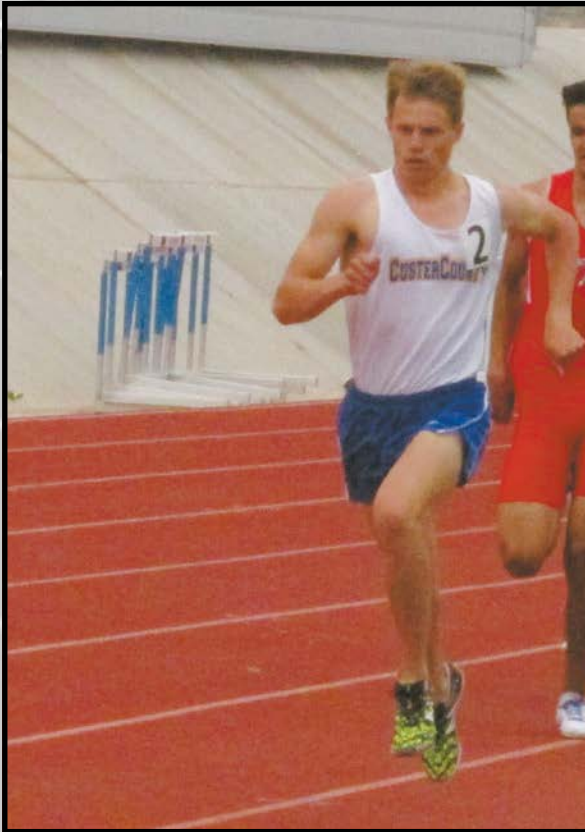
- Keep equipment and yourself at least 10 feet from power lines.
- Work only when weather permits. Rain is a good conductor of electricity, and wind could blow a ladder out of control and into a power line.
- Never trim near power lines. Call professional tree trimmers to do the job.
- Never use water or blower extensions to clean gutters near electric lines. Contact a professional maintenance contractor.
- Follow safety guidelines whether you use an aluminum, wooden, or fiberglass ladder. Although some materials are better conductors than others, all ladders require the same precautions.

For more information on protecting yourself from outdoor electrical hazards, visit:



Custer County High School

Pueblo West Cyclone Invitational



igh School Track

tational May 12th and 13th



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Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please let us know about an upcoming event or meeting you would like to see printed here, or covered in an upcoming issue.

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National Coalition for Homeless Veterans: Groups work on Tiny Homes Projects

by Barbara Penezic

How many times have you heard someone say, "Thanks for your Service"? How many times have you said that heartfelt phrase to a veteran? The gesture is much appreciated but in reality, many of our brave veterans need more than heartfelt phrases; they need a hand up.

For instance, did you know that on any given night, there are nearly 40,000 homeless veterans on the street, and about 12,700 of those are the young veterans of recent conflicts. According to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV), veterans make up 8.8 percent of the homeless population in the United States. This is a National Disgrace!

Most non-veterans could not begin to imagine what these brave people, men and women, have been through. Not only the life-debilitating injuries but the horrors of war they have witnessed. One thing most will agree on, if you know a vet, they do not want to talk about their experience. Some are fortunate enough to come home to loving families and supportive friends to gently guide them back into the mainstream of civilized (civilian) life but the ugly truth is that many are not so lucky. For those brave men and women, who served their country and suffer both physical and mental injuries, they tragically end up suffering alone with no

where to call home.

Veteran homelessness can often be attributed to a lack of needed health care, lingering effects of PTSD and, yes — even substance abuse, all of which comes from a lack of community support, according to NCHV.

The following statement is from Wally Byers:

“Those who have served our country share a common thread of bravery and patriotism, but unfortunately not all share good fortunes after reintegrating into civilian life”.

Chris Stout, Kevin Jamison and Mark Solomon, founders of the **Veteran Community Project (VCP)**, are helping their fellow servicemen by building a village of tiny homes for homeless veterans in Kansas City, Missouri. While the 240 square foot homes will include a bed, kitchen and bathroom, the **VCP** hopes to provide more than just shelter.

The goal of the program is to cater to veterans’ specific needs and to serve clients who don’t qualify for other programs. Unlike other service programs, VCP serves “anyone who has ever taken the oath to defend the Constitution of the United States of America,” according to the nonprofit’s website: <http://www.veteranscommunityproject.org>

The project will also match clients with mentors who provide social support as

they transition to their new homes. Their program at VCP was designed to be replicated. Right now, right here in Southern Colorado, we have the most opportune time to act. An effort partnering with Tiny Homes has been established and they have agreed to do an Empowerment Training Program.

Thirty veterans will be given a three-day training on tiny home building with the amazing Mr. Griffin, all at no cost to the veteran. Construction of the tiny house will be completed by the hosting construction company.

An injured veteran will be chosen, receive the project tiny house and will be supported at the Koinakia Village that is under construction at Wellspring in Florence.

A new non-profit 501c3, **I Team**, is quickly being formed with the assistance of Absolute Accounting in Cañon City. Our Mission: We are determined to make a difference in the lives of homeless Veterans, a task accomplished only by a community for community network of tiny homes and services dedicated to supporting every man and woman who took the oath for our country.

If you want to know more contact Wally Byers at 719-722-4574.

Be Informed...Get Involved

Cañon City Businessman’s Posts Beef with City Council on Ordinances During 79th Annual Music and Blossom Festival

by Barbara Penezic

While many of the empty main-street storefronts were painted with festive flowery murals one local businessman/property owner made his own position and feelings about city council and administrators crystal clear. Ron Kimmel boarded up his properties in historic downtown Cañon City and posted his reasons for all to see.

The Kimmels who have 38 rentals beside the downtown properties have been trying to work with city council for some time but much like Bill Hale, (Hale Pet Door) he has met with resistance and recitation of rules and ordinances. Hale Pet Door recently had a prolonged negotiation over the business they have on S. Eighth Street. A full house turnout at a City Council meeting with residents supporting Hale and his business resulted in Hale Pet Door being al-

lowed to continue in operation without trying to meet building codes that simply are not suitable for most of our older buildings. The very thing that makes them Historical (age) is the what makes it financially impossible to meet modern-day codes.

In this case however, the zoning board sided with the city, stating that the ground-level residence is deemed out of compliance. The disabled person who is currently renting the ground-level residence is looking for other affordable accommodations but they must be on ground-level. Health issues prevent this person from climbing stairs.

“I am not going to put this person out on the street,” Mr. Kimmel said.

He has also had issues with former tenant and council woman Kathleen Schumacher. Schumacher was evicted from a build-

ing owned by the Kimmel in 2016. A photo of the council woman holding a gun as she exited her then business was also posted on the storefront and was the center of attention by local residents and tourists who had gathered for the parade. Mr. Kimmel said a court date of May 23, 2017, has been scheduled in the continuing feud.

Several residents had gathered around to read the signage and one man had this to say, “We used to be a nice friendly little town. Not anymore, now we have a city council and administrator along with Chamber of Commerce Director who don’t give a d**n about anything but cosmetics. They want to tear up our park, rip out parking, remove business advertising signs, hide dumpsters and hang flower baskets all over the place.”

Another person added, “I’ve been here all my life; I love

Cañon City, this may be off the mark some but I voted for pot, even though I am totally opposed to it. Vote for it they told us, the money will be used for the schools. I voted for it and it still cost me \$115 for nothing but the bare basic supplies my boy needed for fifth grade. They lied to us; I have no trust left for any of them.”

A third person chimed in, “Well I don’t like that new administrator, O’Rourke, just Google him and you will wonder how in the world he ever got hired. Do they (the council) even look into the background of the people they turn loose on us? We should all go to council and speak out against the things we don’t like.”

“It won’t do any good,” said a patron exiting the Royal Gorge Brew Pub, “They listen, look sympathetic, then they call an executive meeting (not for public ears) and do exactly

what they want to do.”

Mayor Preston Troutman responded saying, “A complete criminal and background check was completed before Tony O’Rourke was hired and he was hired after a vote by council.” The mayor also said, “I wish Mr. Kimmel had found another way to express his anger, but if he wishes to board up his storefront he can do that.”

An ongoing feud between the council woman and the property owner is spilling over and involving the entire council in the eyes of many citizens.

Cañon City is becoming a city-divided they say, residents do understand the need to attract tourism but some accommodation they say must be given to the Fremont County residents. We need to put some time and energy into filling our downtown storefronts...becoming more business friendly and less code restricted.

Events May 19 - June 1

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 dp3lupton@yahoo.com.

May 27-29, the **2017 Create Cañon City Balloon Classic on Memorial Day Weekend**. Enjoy great food, award winning wines and see the works of local artisans. Watch balloon launches and skydivers. Enjoy a great music lineup. Participate in races. Bring the kids! They can play in the Kids’ Zone. Stay in the evening for Balloon Glows and the Abbey Glow. The Create Cañon City Balloon Classic is open to the public with **FREE Admission and FREE parking**. For more information go to <http://www.canoncityballoonclassic.org/Schedule.html>

June 1, **Al Kaly Shrine Circus**, Cañon City Rodeo Grounds 1595 S. 9th St Cañon City



Colorado State News



Gold Dome Winners: Honoring Those Who Caused the Dome to Shine a Little Brighter

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Last night, the state legislature bid adieu to the 2017 legislative session. As is our tradition, we have highlighted our winners and losers of the legislative session. Because we are an optimistic bunch, we will start with the winners. Without further delay, here are our 2017 winners:

Sen. Jerry Sonnenberg and the Hospital Provider Fee. Sen. Sonnenberg, an advocate for rural Colorado, struck a deal with Democrats to save rural hospitals – and got a decent compromise from Democrats in the process. The deal is that the hospital pro-

vider fee was moved out from under TABOR limits, but the limits were reduced from \$600 to \$700 million to \$200 million. It's a win for rural Colorado, which is still facing tough times.

Anyone lobbying for the alcohol industry this session? Legislation was a mixed bag. Applejack, CLBA, Wal-Mart all tried to get something this year and weren't successful. Craft brewers had some wins and some losses, while others like wholesalers and Restaurant Association protected their interests. But either way – lobbyists on all sides of alcohol issues cleaned up.

Charter schools. A bill that equalizes funding will set the state's wildly popular charter schools on par with the more traditional government schools by forcing an equal division of dollars collected by mil-levy increases. Since 2013, the state's charter school enrollment has soared 30%, and demand still outstrips the supply of seats available in these high-performing academic environments. The bipartisan bill was sponsored by Democrats Rep. Rosenthal and Sen. Angela Williams as well as Republicans Rep. Lang Sias and Sen. Owen Hill.

People who like cheap and reli-

able energy. Democrats threw all kinds of regulatory nonsense at the oil and gas industry this year – measures that would have potentially raised costs to develop energy here in Colorado as well as cost jobs and our tax revenue. Fortunately, common sense prevailed. That's why a Democratic-controlled legislature is a bad, bad idea.

Colorado taxpayers. An attempt to place a \$700 million transportation funding tax on the November 2017 ballot failed to gain the support in the legislature, in spite of sponsorship by leadership in both parties. But the truth of the matter is that even had this made

the ballot via the legislature, the chances of it passing were slim. First, Colorado has passed almost no tax increases since TABOR was implemented. Second, polling showed this was a dog, taxpayers did not want a tax hike for transportation. They wanted the legislature to prioritize infrastructure spending above pet projects. Don't worry, Colorado drivers are in the losers.

Please see: <https://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2017/05/11/gold-dome-winners-honoring-those-who-caused-the-dome-to-shine-a-little-brighter/>

Gold Dome Losers: Who Came Out Worse for Wear This Legislative Session

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

We unveiled this year's winners and, now, it's time to unveil this year's losers. Without further delay, drum roll please, here you go:

Democratic leadership. No matter the issue, whether it was hospital provider fee or construction defects or transportation, we heard story after story about Democratic leadership failing to negotiate in good faith. This system only works if people can forge relationships in order to get legislation passed. If Republicans can't trust Democrats to stay true to their word, great things cannot happen. Shame on Democrats for not negotiating in good faith.

Construction defects reform. Something passed, but is the watered-down version better than nothing? Probably not. Com-

mon sense measures such as binding arbitration and the right for builders to fix alleged defects were never seriously considered. In fact, out of six bills related to the state's burdensome construction defects legislation, just one passed and was sent to the Governor's desk for signature. There's still no scheduled date for him to sign it. If it is signed into law, the most likely result of this is that it may remain too risky and expensive to build condos in Colorado, and much needed new condo construction will continue to be the exception, not the rule.

People who hate the smell of pot. The legislature was supposed to put a sharper point on defining the open and conspicuous consumption of marijuana. Doing so would have put an end to large groups of people smoking weed on a front porch (and "smoking

out" their neighbors). Lawmakers were not able to agree on a definition in the final hours of the session.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife. This government agency tried to shove a fee hike down the throats of Coloradans at the 11th hour. Thanks to the efforts of activist groups like Compass Colorado, this money grab was opened for hunting season and Republicans took aim. If the organization needs more money, they should probably start the stakeholder engagement process now, not at the end of a legislative session.

Colorado drivers. While we applauded the fact that the sales tax increase to fund transportation infrastructure failed in the legislature this session, we had hoped that the legislature would find a way to prioritize \$500 million for transportation bonds. Instead, be-

cause of Democrats' our way or the highway tactics, Coloradans received one-fifth of the \$500 million necessary. We were disappointed and so were the rest of Colorado drivers who were hoping for a fix to our state's transportation woes.

Andy Kerr. Ok, this one didn't happen under the Gold Dome, but it did happen during the legislative session. Sen. Andy Kerr has been suing Colorado taxpayers for more of their tax dollars for the past few years. The suit failed spectacularly, fortunately. Also, fortunately, Kerr is on record as the named party in this attempt to part Coloradans from their hard-earned money. Welcome to 2018.

Democrats running for higher office. Regardless of the issue, regardless of the chamber, over and over again, Democratic leadership forced votes on far

left issues that will come back to haunt candidates like Kerr and State Rep. Brittany Pettersen, who are vying in a Democratic primary for U.S. Rep. Ed Perlmutter's seat.

Joe Salazar. Salazar is the perpetual loser in the state legislature. His legislation this year was all sound-bite friendly crud like getting rid of Columbus Day. We cannot wait for his party's leadership to metaphorically gut him like a fish in the Democratic primary for Colorado Attorney General. See: Phil Weiser. If, by some Bernie miracle, Salazar gets through the primary, we can't wait to run someone against him.

Please see: <https://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2017/05/11/gold-dome-duds-who-came-out-worse-for-wear-this-legislative-session/>

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

by Representative
Jim Wilson – HD 60

—May 14, 2017

As I am writing this, it is Mother's Day. I hope you all took the time to recognize those special Moms in your lives. Life is lacking without loved ones -- let them know how much they are appreciated! After all, without Mom you would not be here...

The first session of the 71st Colorado General Assembly is in the books. The House adjourned (adjournment in the House is known as sine die (from the Latin "without day") about 9:40 p.m. on the 10th of May. In the final three day flurry of late bills, I kind of lost track of the total number of bills. I remember hitting 681, but after that it was just a blur. When you re-

alize every bill filed has to have a hearing, it gives you some idea of how tedious the 120 day session can become.

A member can either be the prime sponsor of a bill (actually helping to author the bill and carry it through the process) or sign on as a co-sponsor after the bill has passed in the House. The act of signing on as a co-sponsor after the fact simply indicates strong agreement with the bill topic. I was fortunate to have several of my prime sponsored bills become law. The bills covered a variety of topics:

HB 17-1090: Advanced Industry Investment Tax Credit Extension – an extension of a successful small business program to incentivize small business development across the state.

HB 17-1160: K-3 English Learner Reading Assessment Language – designates the point at which an ESL student must take the reading assessment in English.

HB 17-1070: Study Drone Use By Public Safety Agencies – a study/pilot program concerning the use of unmanned aircraft systems to perform governmental functions relating to certain public safety arenas.

HB 17-1332: Teachers Non-public Child Care & Preschool Facility – allows all preschool teachers, both public and private, to have equal access to CDE's alternative licensure program.

HB 17-1174: Exempt Rural Telecommunications Local Improvement District Requirements – enables rural counties to fund the construction of a telecommuni-

cations service to improve advanced service without being restricted by a major provider.

HB 17-1106: Extend Early Childhood Leadership Commission -- extends the sunset of the ECLC to allow the Commission to continue its study of successful early childhood programs.

SB 17-060: Colorado Student Leaders Institute Relocation – relocates the highly successful COSLI Program (I was a co-prime sponsor of the original COSLI bill) from the Lt. Governor's Office to the Department of Higher Education where it has actually been operating.

SB 17-123: Seal of Biliteracy for High School Diplomas – gives local school districts the option of creating a diploma endorsement for demonstrated exceptionality

in multiple world languages.

SB 17-110: Accessibility of Exempt Family Child Care – expanded the number of unrelated children to no more than four to qualify for license-exempt family child care. Legalizes a practice that heretofore placed family caregivers in a precarious situation.

Even though the session has concluded, we still make every effort to return phone calls and personal e-mails from constituents. Unfortunately, since we are usually not at the Capitol during the off-session, return of communications takes longer. To expedite the process, please feel free to call me at home @ 719-539-4452 or e-mail me at: wilsonforhd60@gmail.com – Capitol contacts remain: 303-866-2747 and james.wilson.house@state.



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It continues to be an honor to be able to serve HD 60. Thank you for the many positive comments on my articles. I want all of you to be informed so we can be a strong voice for rural Colorado. I look forward to the second session of the 71st General Assembly convening on January 10, 2018.



Colorado State News

Update From Senator Crowder

Press Release

DENVER, Colorado

The past 120 days of Colorado’s Seventy-First General Assembly has seen Senator Larry Crowder (R-District 35) successfully pass legislation that has actively promoted veterans interests SB17-212, SM17-001, SB17-075 including commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War SJR17-039, upholding and advancing the health and safety of Colorado citizens HB17-1094, SB17-151 SB17-190, HB17- 1126, SB17- 091, SB17-121, HB17-1010, SB17-108, HB17-1235, including seniors HB17-1253, improving rural telecom communications HB17-1174, keeping the South West Chief running through Colorado SB17-153, promoting awareness and remembrance of the holocaust HJR17-1027, protecting the State’s environment, HB17-1219, HB17- 1233, HB17-1289, it’s children SB17-110 and it’s vibrant businesses SB17-009. As well as regulating Colorado’s marijuana industry SB17-187, HB17-1203, reforming local county election procedures HB17-1342, and fighting Colorado’s Opioid crisis HB17-1351.

Of particular legislative significance was Senator Crowder’s persistence as the voice of reason in ensuring that Southern Colorado rural hospitals kept hold of much needed enterprise funding through the continuation of the Hospital Provider Fee SB17-267.

End of Legislative Session Recap

by Joey Bunch,
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The Colorado legislative session was supposed to be all about funding transportation, but lawmakers spoke more about inroads and progress Wednesday as they adjourned the 120-day General Assembly.

Roads got a fraction of what lawmakers said they hoped to raise in January. Two bills would have allowed voters to decide on raising billions of dollars for projects such as unclogging traffic on Interstates 25 and 70. Both died in the Republican-led Senate. Both had strong Republican support, but not enough.

The bills would have raised about \$700 million annually, but the deal-breaker proved to be whether taxpayers should be asked to put more than they already do in the state’s \$26.8 billion budget. Instead, lawmakers reclassified a fee on hospital beds that will raise about \$100 million a year. That money, however, would be allocated annually, and Colorado lawmakers have a history of neglecting transportation promises.

“I think we could have done better,” said Rep. Kimmi Lewis (R), lamenting money spent elsewhere in the budget that could have supported transportation and rural hospitals.

The freshman legislator said that next year she would be more aggressive against spending increases. Lewis supported the omnibus Senate Bill 267 because her district has five rural hospitals, and the bill includes \$528 million to stave off cuts to hospitals across the state.

“I’m going to vote for it today, and that kills me,” Lewis said.

Lawmakers tinkered with hundreds of other bills, including a long-sought informed-consent law that applies before homeowners associations can sue builders for construction defects. None were as bright or bold as the failed transportation bills, however.

Charter school funding turned out to be a winner on the last day of the session when the legislature agreed on sharing future property tax increases

equally with charter schools. After years of gridlock in the Capitol, charter school advocates called House Bill 1375 a breakthrough.

“Slowly but surely, based on what we’ve done with a couple of key education votes, we’re changing our paradigm about how education and learning opportunities for children should be defined and delivered,” said Rep. Paul Lundeen, R-Monument. “That’s a huge win, because that can transform students’ lives, that can transform how we deliver education, so we can bring education kicking and shouting into the 21st century.”

Lundeen hopes to maintain momentum on the subject with the bipartisan bill he sponsored. House Bill 1340 created a 10-member legislative committee to study school finance.

“We’re going to look at and define what it means to fund every student in Colorado with the respect that individual student deserves,” Lundeen said.

Senate Education Committee chairman Owen Hill, R-Colorado Springs, co-sponsored both bills along with other efforts to benefit charter schools this session.

“My priority is to always seek out new ways in which we can shift the focus on education in Colorado from a discussion about systems and institutions to one that emphasizes each student’s individual needs, goals and dreams,” Hill said.

Rep. Tony Exum Sr., D-Colorado Springs, said he was disappointed lawmakers can’t do more to address traffic north of Monument, but he was happy with his big legislative win to provide firefighters with a voluntary cancer fund they could pay into.

A career firefighter, Exum, said he knew colleagues who died from complications of cancer, while waiting on insurers who demand elaborate proof that the illness is work-related.

“We are out there putting our lives on the line trying to protect communities,” he said of the carcinogens fire crews face in burning buildings. “This is a byproduct of that. It’s a voluntary program to try to get some funds, because firefighters have died waiting on worker’s comp.”

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The U.S. Courts and the Marxist Revolution

One of the reasons the Marxist revolution is taking hold in the United States is the leftists who have been appointed into the federal court system. Radical organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union and extremist partners like Southern Poverty Law Center and the Council on American Islamic Relations (and all of their offshoots) know exactly the favorable courts in which to file their complaints to advance their Constitutionally hostile agendas. More and more we have seen liberal appointed judges twist the language of the law and bend it into something it was never intended. These unelected oligarchs have had a profound effect in undermining the Constitution and ripping the fabric of our society. It is cautiously welcome news that President Donald Trump is fulfilling a campaign promise by nominating 10 conservative judges and other law professionals to the federal courts. The judges have been nominated to fill court of appeals positions in the Sixth Circuit, Seventh Circuit, Eighth Circuit, Eleventh Circuit and district courts in Idaho and Western Oklahoma as well as the Court of Federal Claims.

These are in addition to the appointment of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court and the nomination of Amul Thapar of Kentucky to serve as a judge on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer says these judges were chosen for their "commitment to upholding Constitutional principles." These nominees need to be approved by the Senate, which will likely be no small task. In the past when Democrats controlled the Senate, leftist court appointees

often sailed through the confirmation process with little or token opposition. In this divisive political environment, the minority party, the Democrats, will likely put up a fight on each nominee because the courts are where they get the laws they don't like changed. We have witnessed this first hand in recent months with the brakes put on Trump's immigration executive orders by leftist judges. Despite the law clearly allowing his immigration policies, and other presidents doing the same things without court opposition, these judges hold to the extreme left's political beliefs and legislate from the bench. But the left doesn't see it that way. The first volley in the Senate opposition comes from Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY), saying, "the president is intent on continuing to outsource the judicial selection process to hard right, special interest groups...the president should work with members of both parties to pick judges from within the judicial mainstream, who will interpret the law rather than make it." Many woes of this nation come from an agenda-driven court system where law is supposed to be weighed rightly on the scales of justice. Proverbs 11:1 says, "A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is His delight." Trump is trying to balance the wicked scales and deceptive weights of judges who twist the law against itself to advance an agenda.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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The Problem Is Not the Islamic State But Islamic Hate

by Raymond Ibrahim, Front Page Magazine

Alie conceals the truth. And ugly but hidden truths never have a chance of being acknowledged, addressed, and ameliorated. Because of this simple truism, one of the greatest lies of our age—that violence committed in the name of Islam has nothing to do with Islam—has made an intrinsically weak Islam the scourge of the modern world, with no signs of relief on the horizon.

It is, therefore, useful to expose the main strategy used by liars in government, media and academia: 1) to ignore the generic but chronic everyday reports of Muslim violence against non-Muslims around the world; 2) to address only spectacular Muslim violence, which, because it is almost always committed by professional jihadi groups can be portrayed as a finite, temporal, localized problem: defeat that particular "terrorist group" and the problem vanishes.

By way of example, consider the Islamic targeting of Christian churches. Last month, after two Egyptian churches were bombed, leaving 51 worshipers dead, everyone was quick to point out that something called "ISIS"—which of course "has nothing to do with Islam"—was responsible.

On Easter Sunday, 2016, more than 3,000 miles away from Egypt, in Pakistan, approximately 70 Christians were killed in a bomb attack, also specifically targeting Easter celebrations. Then we were told that something called "Taliban"—also "nothing to do with Islam"—was responsible.

Meanwhile, some 3,000 miles west of Egypt, in Nigeria, Christians are also under attack. There, 11,500 Christians have been killed and 13,000 churches destroyed. According to the

official narrative, something called "Boko Haram" is responsible. This is another group that habitually bombs churches during Christmas and Easter; another group that, we are told, "has nothing to do with Islam," but rather is a finite, temporal, localized problem: defeat it, and the problem vanishes.

About 5,000 miles west of Nigeria, in the U.S., Americans were told that something called "al-Qaeda" attacked and killed 3,000 of their countrymen on 9/11; defeating that finite group would cease the terror. Its leader, Osama bin Laden, was reportedly killed, and victory loudly proclaimed—until, that is, an even more savage manifestation called the "Islamic State" came on the scene and went further than al-Qaeda could've ever dreamed.

The problem is not merely that the liars in media, government and academia refuse to connect the dots and insist on treating each of the aforementioned groups as disparate, finite groups with different "political" or "territorial" motivations—none of which has anything to do with Islam. The greater issue is that regular Muslims who are not called "ISIS," "Taliban," "Boko Haram," or "al-Qaeda," commit similar acts—and much more frequently—though this is rarely mentioned by big media.

Thus, although ISIS claimed the Egyptian church bombing before Easter, it is everyday Egyptian imams who "preach hatred and violence against Christians to the public over loudspeakers"; it is everyday Muslims who persecute Christians "every two or three days"; every day Muslims who riot and kill whenever a rumor surfaces that a church is going to be built, or that a Coptic kid "blasphemed" against Muhammad, or that a Christian man is dating a

Muslim woman. In short, it is every day Muslims—not "ISIS"—who cause Egypt to be the 21st worst nation in the world in which to be Christian.

Similarly, though the Taliban claimed 2016's Easter bombing, it is everyday Muslims who discriminate against, persecute, enslave, rape and murder Christians almost every day in Pakistan. Thus it is everyday Muslims—not the Taliban—who make Pakistan the fourth worst nation in the world in which to be Christian, that is, a non-Muslim infidel. And, though Boko Haram is always blamed for the more spectacular attacks on Christians and their churches, it is everyday Muslims, including the Muslim Fulani herdsmen, who make Nigeria the 12th worst nation in which to be Christian.

This is the real issue. While the media may name the terrorist groups responsible for especially spectacular attacks, few dare acknowledge that Muslims in general engage in similar acts of violence and intolerance against non-Muslims all around the world. Indeed, Muslims—of all races, nationalities, languages, and socio-political and economic circumstances, hardly just "terror groups"—are responsible for persecuting Christians in 40 of the world's 50 worst nations in which to be Christian. Accordingly, what "extremist" "terrorist" and "militant" groups are doing is only the notable tip of the iceberg of what Muslims are doing all around the world. (See "Muslim Persecution of Christians," reports which I've been compiling every month since July 2011 and witness the nonstop discrimination, persecution and carnage committed by "everyday" Muslims against Christians. Each monthly report contains dozens of atrocities, most of which if committed by Christians

against Muslims would receive 24/7 blanket coverage.)

It bears repeating: Media aren't just covering up for Islam by pretending that the spectacular attacks committed by Islamic groups on non-Muslims are finite, localized, and most importantly, "have nothing to do with Islam." They are covering up for Islam by failing to report the everyday persecution non-Muslims experience at the hands of everyday Muslims—Muslim individuals, Muslim mobs, Muslim police, and Muslim governments (including America's closest "friends and allies")—and hardly just Muslim "terrorists." They dare not connect the dots and offer a holistic picture.

Accordingly, the world must continue to suffer from Islamic terror. Not only have these lies allowed countless innocents to be persecuted into oblivion in the Muslim world, but they have allowed the same persecution to enter America and Europe, most recently via mass immigration.

The fact remains: an ugly truth must first be acknowledged before it can be remedied. It may be hard to acknowledge an ugly truth—that Islam, not "radical Islam," promotes hate for and violence against non-Muslims—but anything less will just continue to feed the lie, that is, continue to feed the jihad and terror.

In short, the problem is not so much the "Islamic State" as it is Islamic hate. The former is but one of many temporal and historical manifestations of the latter, which, as an integral part of Islam, transcends time and space.

Please see: <http://www.frontpagemag.com/fpm/266653/problem-not-islamic-state-islamic-hate-raymond-ibrahim>

To the Muslim mind, treaties are not binding agreements, but rather opportunities to grow stronger or buy time or to appear peaceful while preparing for war. But make no mistake, making peace treaties with the infidels simply for the sake of peace is never the ultimate goal. The only goal of Islam is victory over the whole world."

—Walid Shoebat, "God's War on Terror: Islam, Prophecy and the Bible: Islam, Prophecy and the Bible" 2008

Pikeville: A Greater Good

What REALLY happened, from a Constitutionalist that was there

by TL Davis,
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There have been a lot of different accounts of what happened on Saturday, April 29th, in the otherwise peaceful and picturesque Kentucky town of Pikeville. One account on the Drudge Report claimed that the Nazi fascists were booed out of town. That was not so, it was spin, it was our media being the Marxist puppets they have become since throwing all their credibility into the wastebasket as they shifted to propaganda. It was not the town that booed, but Antifa who booed as the Traditional Workers Party and the National Socialist Movement loaded up at the conclusion of the event. To portray it any other way is dishonest.

This is what did happen.

Antifa had gathered at some other spot before making their appearance along the shaded sidewalks of Pikeville, walking in a long group, carrying banners. Young people hanging out with each other as much as anything else. They were ushered along and tended to by their handlers. There is no doubt that many of the Antifa were anti-racist and anti-fascist with the zeal of someone who does not fully comprehend the definition of either term. They hate something deep inside, their country, their heritage, perhaps themselves and they mean to take it out on someone.

They got to the city square about ten minutes before their seeming opposition and gathered in the street blocked off for the event. They began to chant as members of the League of

the South arrived and took their position inside a sort of pen created out of fencing barriers. The League of the South were not the racists that Antifa sought. The League members talked to the media gathered with tripods and a preconceived agenda. They spoke of the First Amendment and tried to make it clear to the reporters that while they might not agree with either the Nationalist Socialist Movement (NSM) or the Traditional Workers Party (TWP) who had organized the event, they were there to support the individual right to free speech and assembly. But, the media didn't want to hear any of that, they wanted to lump the League of the South in with the NSM and the TWP, it's what they do.

The media lumps all conservative groups together but carefully makes the distinction between disparate liberal groups. The media does not recognize Antifa as violent or even radical, though they have demonstrated that they are both. The media does not demand that every liberal group denounce the violent and intolerant actions of Antifa, but they demand the denouncement of Neo Nazis from all conservatives. This is the clever way they give distance from Antifa to liberal groups, but associate all conservative groups with Neo Nazis like the NSM. It is deceptive and intentionally so.

Initially, the numbers looked perverse, with a much larger group on the Antifa side than the 15 or so on the League's side, but many were just college kids and onlookers.

As the temperature began

to rise to ninety degrees and the humidity began to take its toll, Antifa became more aggressive, angry and punitive to this small group. They began to chant "Whose streets?" and responded "Our streets." They tried to drown out the League as they tried to make their case to reporters.

Antifa, which stands for Antifascist, though as a member of the League told me, could as well stand for Anti First Amendment, because

"They were two rabid dogs lunging at one another without thought, without comprehension, blinded by the evil of their own actions, justifying it all for some greater good."

they have already been seen across the country trying to determine who is allowed to speak in any public forum and who is not.

The Pikeville Police, the Sheriff's Office and the State Police took up their positions between the groups and did an excellent job, making anything that has gone on in California look like a bunch of drunken shepherders in comparison to the professional policing done by the departments in Pikeville.

In the crowd, one was able to discern the "feel" of the moment. Antifa is not one thing, it is a core of activists who rely heavily upon college youth for their numbers. This is why most of their actions center around a college town, such as Pikeville. Interspersed into the crowd of young faces are a few dedicated agita-

tors giving instructions and holding the others accountable. Openly displayed was the Marxist means of agitation where the Marxism wafted thick behind the scenes, while the innocent, righteous and sympathetic faces show to the press and therefore the nation, giving the sense of merely concerned, over-sensitive young minds, but they are classic, living examples of Lenin's "useful idiots." The scene coaxes a sort of parental forgiveness from the

front, but the dirty work is being done in the back, out of frame and ignored by the sympathetic media.

On the other side of the barricade, in the "pen" came the arrival of the true racists, the Traditional Workers Party (TWP) and the National Socialist Movement (NSM), with stylized flags flying that combined the U.S. flag with the Confederate battle flag and a black ribbon. These were not the otherwise tame ideological opponents of Antifa that the crowd had been used to, these were militant racists looking for a brawl and a discernible gasp was heard, but the Antifa leaders behind the scene rallied the troops and the chants resumed in earnest.

As the scene pivoted from 150-200 bullies berating a relatively small group of Constitutionlists, who

spent their time denying racism and making technical political points, to one where there was a more equal distribution of antagonism. The momentum shifted from the bullies to the TWP and the NSM, who challenged Antifa to break the barriers. The atmosphere was suddenly charged with a sense of impending violence and clearly defined hatred. The difference between the groups were simply that the TWP and NSM were there on their own behalf, with their opinions and lives dedicated to their cause, no matter how distasteful and irrational it might be to the casual observer. Antifa, on the other hand, relied on these young, idealistic college students for their muscle and it didn't even look like a fair fight, despite the fact that Antifa held the numerical advantage.

As the epithets and gestures were exchanged over the heads of the police standing between the groups grew more and more vile and vehement, it happened. The truth of these two groups became visible to the onlooker...they were identical. These were two sides of the same coin willing to deny humanity to someone else simply because they disagree, or have a different worldview. Antifa played Marx to the Traditional Workers Party's portrayal of Engels. Even a citizen looked up and remarked: "I don't see a lick of difference, do you?" "No."

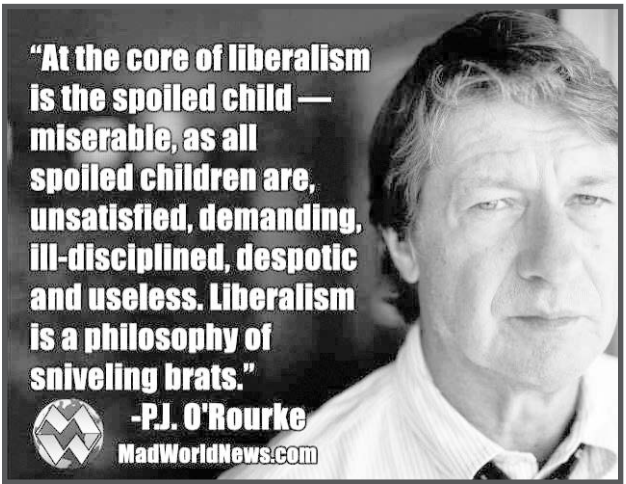
This is why only a small contingent of Constitutionlists stood on principle to deny Antifa a clear field. [A true Constitutionalist finds no sympathetic side with whom to ally.](http://Christianmerc.blogspot.fr/2017/05/pikeville-greater-good.html) They are both

despicable and in possession of the same tactics and methods: to shut the other side down. No one was there to hear an explanation of the First Amendment, or to debate the issues of the day. They were two rabid dogs lunging at one another without thought, without comprehension, blinded by the evil of their own actions, justifying it all for some greater good.

The leaders of both Nazi groups issued the challenge to Antifa, "Come on then, shut us up!" "We're right here!" Those on the Antifa side tensed and looked through that thin blue line they would have to negotiate before reaching the TWP and NSM. Both sides rattled the barricades as tension mounted and the snipers up high in the bank building across the street adjusted their positions, the rifle barrels hidden by narrow windows opened to allow a shot. Small drones buzzed above the crowd and occasionally the riot squad secreted inside the City Hall could be seen through long panes of glass in the door.

There it was, the bluffing challenge and the muted response. It was a moment when it all could have gone bad for everyone, including the many, many citizens who were just there to watch, with no dog in the fight at all. Then it passed. While the rhetoric continued for another half hour, before the whole thing began to wind down, that was the moment of action and Antifa stood down.

Please see: [http://christianmerc.blogspot.fr/2017/05/pikeville-greater-good.html](http://Christianmerc.blogspot.fr/2017/05/pikeville-greater-good.html)



How to Defeat Antifa: SHOW UP

by The Phantom,
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Although we're winning The Great Meme War of 2017, we won't defeat Antifa on that front. We already have a massive troop count of keyboard commandos sharing links, memes, taunts and even a few share serious and valuable information. I don't want to discourage that, but it won't win the war either. There is only one way to defeat Antifa and other such elements: show up. Show up to rallies, show up to marches, show up to protests. Show up to any event that makes these little cockroaches crawl out of their garbage piles and come out to play. Can't find an event? Make your own. Organize anything that smells anti-leftist and they'll come to you. Trump rallies will really send them into a tizzy; it's like catnip. Show up. Recent events in Austin and New Orleans prove that people showing up will take the wind out of their sails.

After you show up, then you can share your stories, anecdotes, and pic-

tures. Make memes out of the pictures you took and upload your videos to YouTube. Who knows? Maybe you'll get to punch a commie and steal some pizza, too (*Editor/GG: see "Antifa Routed in Austin" on page 19.*) It doesn't matter, though; just show up. Don't forget to bring friends. If you're close to the action, you need to watch your back, so show up with a couple of friends.

"Organize anything that smells anti-leftist and they'll come to you... It's like catnip."

If we can consistently show up to their events and outnumber them, it will waste the resources allocated to that event and cause them to misallocate resources for the next one. At the Antifa march in Austin on May 1, 2017, I was taunting some of the com-

mie slimes and the cop, (who was not sympathetic to them at all,) told me that if we just left them alone, they'd go away. He couldn't have been more wrong. It's because we've left them alone for the past 50 years that we're in this mess in the first place. So now we have to show up in droves and drive them out. We have to make the cost of these events so high that they have to abandon their efforts. We can't do that if we don't show up.

There are different ways to show up. You can provide material support without being in front of them ready for the fight. You can stay in the background and take pictures and provide intel, take notes, or help supply snacks and water to the guys up front.

You can't show up if you don't know what's going on, and you can't know what's going on if you don't stay connected with people. What are you waiting for? Get out there, and take a few people with you.

Please see: <https://www.menofthewest.net/defeat-antifa-show/>

Antifa Routed in Austin

by Phantom,
Men of the West

Yes. We bullied Antifa. We punched them in the face. We took their flags. And we ate their pizza.

First and foremost, I want to boast that I got to punch a commie. In the defense of one of my fellow Americans that was being attacked, I actually got to punch a commie. Granted, he was a weak, noodle-y looking thing, but I got a shot in before the cops stepped in the middle of it and prevented more. I also got a souvenir from one of them. I kept offering to give it back to them if one of them was brave enough to come and take it from me; sadly, the cowards didn't take me up on it. As I advised readers not long ago, get yourself to a protest.

I was part of a group that organized hastily over the weekend to stand against Antifa and Austin Red Guards (a Communist group) and let them know that we weren't going to allow them to get away with the violence and mayhem they had done in other cities. "Don't mess with Texas" was in full effect. We had about the same number of people they did, perhaps a few less, but we were better armed, better trained and better prepared. The most prominent member of the group was CJ Grisham, Founder and President of Open Carry Texas. The rest of our group was made up of people from various groups such as III%ers, Oath Keepers, Lone Star Gun Rights and other unaffiliated patriots who are sick and tired of seeing Antifa and the commie ba*****s get away with the things they've been doing. We had an interest-

ing group of characters. Of course we had our typical



Capture the Flag!

white guys. We also had a large black man, a few women, a gay Asian man and several Hispanic men. We had a guy with a Confederate flag, a guy with a shield that had a Pepe sticker and a skinny Scotsman in a kilt, wielding a broadsword. We had some loud mouth white supremacists too. We completely routed the commies and sent them home with nothing but heart break and a few bruises.

With an estimated force of 50 people maximum, these masked, hooded snowflakes shouted typical Communist garbage that they didn't seem to understand themselves. Most of them looked like they were under 25 years old. One of them was carrying what I believe was a KelTec Sub-2000, another had a modified Ruger 10/22, and the other may have been some AK variant.

Let's start with the guns because it was blinding obvious that they had no training whatsoever. They had them on slings with their left hand forward on the barrel as expected. Rather than having their right hands in the ready position near the trigger, they were holding them toward the back of the stock. I doubt they even

carried live rounds. A woman and two small men had the guns. Looks like they had about 34.3 seconds of instruction on how to look like a bad**s; it clearly didn't work. Someone standing next to me was taunting them and asking if they had ever fired a gun, if they were felons, etc. They looked like they would have shot him if they knew how.

They must have got wind of the fact that we were com-

a wagon full of banners, and flags. We eventually relieved them of the pizza, many of their flags, and eventually the wagon itself though the police made us give it back. During this time, a homeless woman was standing on our side of the street asking what was going on, we told her and she walked across the street and started cussing at the commies. The cops literally pushed her away a little lat-

out. It was during one of those early skirmishes that I punched a commie. We had a couple of guys that were really trying to get a rise out them and it apparently worked. A couple of them rushed forward and tried to overwhelm a couple of our guys. I was just a few feet away and I stepped in and punched the closest one in the side of the head. But the cops were all over it, got in the middle and broke it up. Sadly, I wasn't close enough to any of the other skirmishes to be able to take another shot. As you can see, linking arms isn't exactly a sound tactical formation. It was a

Some other observations. They had no tactical plan. They had no strategic plan. They had no exit plan. Ultimately, we eventually just let them go their way and left them alone. They had women and their smaller men up front at various times to use as shields. They didn't seem to have anything but some very basic instruction on staying together. Most of their crew seemed to be overweight.

If you are going to be participating in any protests or counter-protests, perhaps these observations will help you to prepare for your event. The Hard Right is rising, folks.

Last night we did our part. We stood up to them. We showed them that we were not going to allow them to continue ruining our society. And yes, I got to punch one, which was really, really nice. But we also hoped to help them see the error of their ways. We even helped the fatties kick off a diet, by eating all their pizza.

(Editor/GG: We don't normally recommend violence, but with these traitors, some "self-defense" is necessary to preserve our free speech and GOD GIVEN rights.)

Please see: <https://www.menofthewest.net/antifa-routed-austin/>

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ing because they attempted some misdirection and had a couple of groups spread out quite a few blocks from where they were supposed to meet. We had credible information regarding their location and we started going that way. A little later, we got some additional information that they had formed up in the original location after we left, so we headed back. But we were smarter than they were. We split off into two groups and approached them from the north and the east. They got themselves trapped on a corner with a very narrow escape path in one direction. We had them surrounded on the remaining three corners. They weren't about to charge us or make trouble. They were getting taunted from all sides while they shouted their slogans and made weak death threats.

While they were trapped on the corner, they were joined by more of their comrades who came heavily armed with red balloons, two boxes of pizza along with

er. I was roaring with laughter. Eventually, they got tired of standing there feeling cornered and decided to head north so they could get out in the open. Those of us on the west side of the street, double timed it up the street to get ahead and stand in front of them. Sure, they had a right to march, but remember, one of our main goal was to contain them to prevent mayhem.

Once they were out in the open, it made it harder for the police and more of them were showing up including a couple of riot vans. The cops now had their batons out after a couple of skirmishes had broken



Armed Antifa with a KelTec Sub-2000

position of surrender. Other than some mild lashing out, they knew they didn't stand a chance of doing what they set out to do.

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Ruger Introduces An Integrally Suppressed Barrel for the 10/22 Takedown

—April 27, 2017

Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc. (NYSE-RGR) proudly introduces the Silent-SR® ISB for the 10/22 Takedown® platform. The ISB, or Integrally Suppressed Barrel, is an exciting addition to the Ruger® Silent-SR family that delivers quiet and accurate performance in a compact and truly user-serviceable package.

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a bolt-action rifle with a thread-on silencer. Its compact, 16.12" barrel length makes the Silent-SR ISB easy to handle, and the relatively long barrel of the Silent-SR ISB (compared to other integral suppressors) means the bullet generates energy near that of a 16" gun for consistent, accurate and effective performance on target. The pushed-cone baffle geometry has been

Disassembly for cleaning is as simple as separating the barrel from your firearm and loosening the Silent-SR ISB's single assembly screw using the included 5/32" hex key tool. Once loose, pull the screw to remove all six 17-4 stainless steel baffles, spacer and front cap free of the sleeve for cleaning. The sealed baffles keep the fouling away from the

serialized sleeve, yet easily comes apart even after thousands of rounds. Finished with Cerakote, the Silent-SR ISB is engineered and built for a lifetime of hard use without clogged ports, seized components or loss of suppression that often plague other integrally suppressed rimfire barrels.

Suppressed firearms help to preserve our hearing, make verbal communication on the range easier and make shooting more fun. Paired with the Ruger 10/22 Takedown, the Silent-SR ISB makes the perfect training, plinking and small-game hunting platform.

(Editor/GG: Suppressed firearms are the coming thing. The federal level Republicans are trying to make suppressors easy to buy with no federal registration. The libs are screaming like it was election night. Let's hope....)

Please see: <http://www.ruger.com/news/2017-04-27.html>

Why Church Elders Should Carry Concealed

by El Borak,
Men of the West

It's because they are shepherds:

A Michigan man is accused of being an ISIS supporter after he told an undercover FBI agent that he wanted to shoot up a church to show his support for the terrorist group...

When investigators asked Abu-Rayyan why he allegedly wanted to target a church, he said: "It's easy, and a lot of people go there, plus people are not allowed to carry guns in church."

Now I'm as skeptical of sworn affidavits as every American ought to be, but only a fool cannot discern the signs of the times. We are witnessing the simultaneous rise of Islam and breakdown of Western culture. The chaos wrought by that combination means that people with a lot of different motivations are going to be looking for soft targets.

Your sheep should not be soft targets.

It's probably due to our modern unfamiliarity with actual shepherding that we ignore the implications of Jesus' choice of metaphor here. We think of shepherds – and pastor is the

Latin word for shepherd – as sort of lounging guides, watching the stars at night and occasionally chasing a stray lamb that has wandered away from our group. It seems a very relaxing, if boring vocation, filled with simple joys. And sometimes it can be. But there are other duties that a shepherd must be willing to take up.

A Christian shepherd, like the Good Shepherd himself, must be willing to lay down his life for the sheep. In fact, it's expected of him:

I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep.

— John 10:11-13 (NASB)

But it's not just a matter of not running away from danger or of being the first to die. I submit to you that an actual shepherd must also be willing to kill:

But David said to Saul, "Your servant was tending his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took

a lamb from the flock, I went out after him and attacked him, and rescued it from his mouth; and when he rose up against me, I seized him by his beard and struck him and killed him. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has taunted the armies of the living God."

— 1Samuel 17: 34-37 NASB

This is not to say that pastors need to slay people who taunt God, or deceive people, or even who deface or destroy property. That's not their job as pastors nor is it ever our duty as a church. Those outside are under God's authority, not ours (1Cor 5:12). Buildings are just property, and that's why you buy insurance.

But we are also called to be shepherds of real people, and we are to protect them from wolves. Those wolves may be of the spiritual kind. Those demand a spiritual response. Or they might be of the physical kind and therefore demand a physical response. In times where the flock is experiencing rising danger, the church shepherd must be prepared for both.

Please see: <https://www.menofthelatest.net/church-elders-carry-concealed/>

North Dakota Joins the Constitutional Carry Club

by Dean Weingarten,
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North Dakota passed a resident's Constitutional Carry law on Thursday, March 23, 2017. The bill was passed in the House on February 21st, 83-9, then in the Senate on March 21st, 34 to 13. It was sent to Governor Dick Burgum on March 23rd, and signed into law the same day.

From HB 1169:

1. An individual, other than a law enforcement officer, may not carry any a firearm or dangerous weapon concealed unless the individual is licensed to do so or exempted under this chapter.
2. An individual who is not otherwise precluded from possessing a class 2 firearm and dangerous weapon license under this chapter and who has possessed for at least one year a valid driver's license or nondriver identification card issued by the department of transportation may carry a firearm concealed under this chapter.

The point is that you have

to obtain a North Dakota Drivers license or non-driver identification card in order to carry without a concealed carry permit in North Dakota. If you have been a North Dakota resident for a year, you do not need a permit. North Dakota requires that a person be a resident for 90 consecutive days to obtain

dents cannot be discriminated against under the equal protection clause.

I have not heard of any court cases involving Constitutional Carry. They are unlikely because open carry is legal without any permit in all three states; most people who want to carry concealed legally,

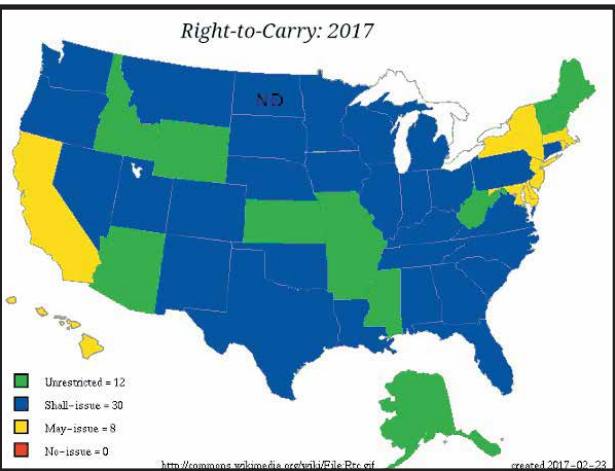
Idaho recognizes permits from all other states that issue permits.

Finally, people who can legally possess firearms, but who wish to carry concealed without a permit are unlikely to be arrested and charged in the courts. That would be required to make a test case.

I do not think we will be seeing a test case any time soon, unless one is deliberately created. It is not so easy to do.

Now that North Dakota has joined the Constitutional Carry Club, the members number 13. The other twelve are Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, Vermont, Wyoming and West Virginia.

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a non-driver identification card. The fee is \$8.

There are now three states that limit Constitutional Carry to residents. Those are Idaho, Wyoming and North Dakota. Most courts have ruled that non-resi-

and who are non-residents will have a concealed carry permit from another state; and all three states recognize permits from most other states. North Dakota recognizes permits from 39 states. Wyoming recognizes permits from 35 states.

Fed Delists Wyoming Grey Wolves: Returns Management to the State

by National Rifle Association, Institute for Legislative Action

For years, the NRA has been working to ensure that sound wildlife management practices implemented by the states, and not federal politics, govern the control of wolf populations in the United States.

Anti-hunting groups, including the Humane Society of the United States, have been on the other side of this issue. They know that excessive wolf predation of elk, deer and moose reduces hunting opportunities in the American Northwest. Fewer opportunities to hunt mean fewer hunters, which is key to their long-term goal of eradicating America's outdoor sporting traditions.

During the mid-1990s, dozens of wolves from Canada were released into Yellowstone Park and Idaho under the auspices of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), which had included grey wolves on the list of Endangered and Threatened Species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The FWS's Wolf Recovery Plan sought to establish minimum breeding pairs in three different zones, at which point the wolves would be delisted from the ESA and managed by the states.

The wolves quickly exceeded established population targets, but anti-hunting groups challenged their delisting in court. The NRA, Safari Club International, and other pro-hunting organizations gained interve-

nor status in these suits to help vindicate the scientific management of the wolves through state fish and wildlife agencies. While Idaho and Montana regained authority to manage wolves within their borders, Wyoming was blocked from doing so by a 2014 federal district court decision.

In March, a unanimous three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit overturned the earlier decision that rejected the delisting of the Wyoming grey wolf. The decision in that case, *Defenders of Wildlife v. Zinke*, vindicated the states' ability to properly manage their wolf populations. In Wyoming, this includes authorization for relatively unconstrained hunting in a designated "predator area" that does not constitute a significant portion of the wolves' range in order to reduce the wolves' conflicts with humans, including livestock predation. The court also noted that two years after wolves were delisted in Idaho and Montana, their populations remained many times larg-

er than the states' designated minimums.

Wyoming Governor Matt Mead hailed the Circuit court's decision in a statement posted to Wyoming Game and Fish Department website. "I am delighted that the Circuit Court recognized Wyoming's commitment to manage a recovered wolf population," Governor Mead stated.

On Monday, the FWS acted on the court's decision by publishing a final rule that delists the grey wolf in Wyoming from the ESA and returns their management to the state.

The NRA is pleased to see this long-running controversy resolved favorably and is proud to have played a role in ensuring that radical attempts to eliminate hunting and diminish state authority over wildlife management were defeated.

Please see: <https://www.nra.org/articles/20170505/us-fish-and-wildlife-service-delists-wyoming-grey-wolves-and-returns-management-to-the-state>

.223 Used to Rescue Relatives Next Door

by Dean Weingarten,
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On May 9, 2017, a Houston family underwent a home invasion nightmare. Sometime in the early morning hours, twin 19-year-old brothers woke to their parents screaming while being beat and held hostage by four armed home invaders. The stories do not say exactly what the four invaders were armed with. At least one had a pistol, because the father and the twins were "pistol whipped". The mother and 10-year-old sister were held hostage. The robbers demanded jewelry and money. From khou.com:

HOUSTON – A man came to the rescue when his relatives next door were tied up and assaulted during a home invasion in northeast Houston overnight.

Houston Police Department officers responded around 4 a.m. Tuesday to a call of a burglary in progress at a home in the 3700 block of Crandon Street.

"They had my little sister at gunpoint, so we couldn't do anything," said 19-year-old Rene Garcia.

He and his twin brother tried to lock themselves inside their bedroom when they heard their mom and dad screaming and struggling. At least one gunman threatened to shoot a family member if Rene and his brother didn't open their bedroom door, Garcia said.

The uncle, who lives next door, heard the screaming and came to the rescue. Some accounts say that the uncle came across an invader beating a family member in the back yard; another says that the uncle broke into the house and shot the invaders. The presence of three .223 steel casings in the driveway indicates shots were fired before the uncle entered the house, if he did.

We do not have information about what model of gun the uncle used. The pictures of the casings are indicative it was a .223 semi-auto.

Until more details are revealed, it will not be clear that a .223 semi-auto was used to rescue his family from the home invaders.

One of the reasons that instances of defensive uses of semi-auto rifles are not documented more often is that reporters are ignorant of firearm models and calibers.

Numerous reporters were on the scene. They took excellent photographs of the shell casings.

Several stories have been published about the incident. Not one mentions the caliber of casings seen in the pictures.



Crime Scene Markers of the Shell Casings in the Driveway.
Photo courtesy of gunwatchblogspot.com

It matters because those who want a disarmed population claim that .223 semi-auto rifles are never used for defensive purposes, or are not suitable to be used for those purposes. It is likely that the firearm associated with the casings shown above would be banned by the Maryland law at issue in the 4th Circuit *Kolbe v. Hogan* decision. From reason.com:

In Kolbe, the 10-judge majority concludes that the guns and magazines covered by Maryland's ban are "dangerous and unusual" because they are "exceptionally lethal weapons of war" that are not appropriate for civilian use: "We are convinced that the banned assault weapons and large-capacity magazines are among those arms that are 'like' 'M-16 rifles'—'weapons that are most useful in military service'—which the Heller Court singled out as being beyond the Second Amendment's reach."

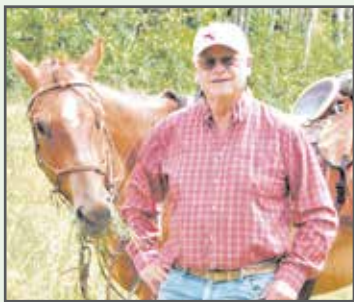
Heller did nothing of the sort. But that did not stop the 4th Circuit from concocting the lie.

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Honest Injun's Quip Pick

Gun control:
Hitting what you aim at.

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.



The Acid Test of Character

It seems that reverse racism is the order of the day, particularly as fostered by the news media. Until President Trump fired FBI Director James Comey, the big intended attention grabber was the thirteen senators who were designated to work on the Republican version of the healthcare bill. Not only is this group all white, but, perish the thought, they are all male. This social heresy cannot be tolerated when diversity is mandated in the name of "fairness." Of course, if half the body were female, black or brown, criticism would continue to be forthcoming from the peanut gallery, but the "all white guy" is just too juicy a morsel to bypass. The reason is obvious when one considers that the "lack of diversity" narrative fits perfectly into recent rumblings about the failures of our founding documents...they were, after all, penned by a bunch of white men who could not have had appropriate appreciation for 21st century diversity. The attacks are never based on the content of the articles for they are irrefutable, but rather the composition of those who drafted and signed the laborious efforts.

The media types love to position themselves as great defenders of every minority group, but in that effort they seek to disqualify all others from the conversation. Perhaps they believe this attitude presents them as honorable observers rather than partisan instigators. In comparison to the architects of this nation, the honor of the modern media is a mile wide and an inch deep. We refer the reader to the last paragraph of the Declaration of Independence: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

Every word was chosen with deliberate purpose, therefore the word "sacred" cannot escape our attention. Noah Webster's 1828 dictionary was only one generation removed from the author's intention. Seven definitions are given for "sacred," all of which have to do with God and commitment to His purposes. One example is: "Inviolable, as if appropriated to a superior being; as sacred honor or promise." Sacred honor pledges life and fortunes.

When the Congressional President, John Hancock, affixed his famous autograph to the Declaration of Independence, he had already proven his commitment by ordering a cannonade on occupied Boston, realizing that much of his own commercial property would be destroyed. In the painful years ahead, most of the signers would pay dearly for their convictions: "Five were captured by the British and tortured before

they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the war, another had two sons captured. Nine either died from war wounds or from hardships suffered in the war. Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, watched his ships being destroyed by the British navy. He died impoverished. Thomas McKean had to keep himself and his family in hiding and lost all possessions. The British destroyed the property of Francis Lewis and jailed his wife; she died a few months later." (Eidsmoe, "Christianity and the Constitution." p. 356)

John Hart, a farmer and congressional delegate from New Jersey, was prepared to go the second mile for the cause of liberty. With his farm situated on the enemy's highway, the document before him loomed as a personal death warrant. The approaching enemy compelled him to leave the bedside of his dying wife and thirteen loving children so as to flee into the forest for safety. He would never see any of them again. His home, mill and crops were all destroyed. His children fled into the mountains themselves. For more than a year, this patriot lived in swamps and caves with his most civilized shelter being an outhouse which he shared with a dog. Learning of his wife's home going and the destruction of his property, he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. (Thomas Armitage, "A History of the Baptist," vol. 1, p.792)

The pinnacle of honor's measurement is a willingness to die for a bedrock conviction. Anything less could not be considered sacred. This proposition is secured in Scripture: "Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, Thou art very great; Thou art clothed with honour and majesty." (Psalm 104:1) This sacred honor was fulfilled and demonstrated at Calvary when God incarnate (I Timothy 3:16) willingly laid down His life to enable lost sinners in bondage a freedom that exceeds all expectations of any body politic.

It's difficult to imagine any of the media big shots willing to give up lucrative contracts or be obligated to die in defense of political correctness. No wonder the Declaration of Independence and succeeding documents are under attack...the character of the Framers casts a long shadow of suspicion on today's critics.

These observations will bring accusations of judging, but the conclusion is found in two verses that no liberal has any familiarity with: "Do ye not know the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life?" (I Corinthians 6:2,3)

A Sheepdog Barks!

Last week I ended my "barking" with some hope. Hope that the "new" FBI might just finish a legitimate investigation of HILLIARY and turn it over to the Department of Justice (DOJ). My hope would be that Attorney General (AG) Jeff Sessions will now do the right thing and let a grand jury decide, whether or not, Mrs. "Private Server" Clinton should go to trial. James "You're Fired" Comey tried to convince us that it was a unanimous FBI consensus that "no reasonable prosecutor" would bring charges against her. Didn't make sense to me. Turns out that wasn't true at all. During congressional testimony last week Andrew McCabe, the acting FBI Director, made a strong point during a very rare admission that after the "decision" to not charge HRC (not in the purview of the FBI anyway - they investigate, not prosecute) that "there was lots of anger and frustration among many career agents involved." What a great comment. Restores my faith in the FBI. Thank goodness there are still some Elliot Nesses in the bureau. I had lost hope. There are way too many that don't understand the following point. HILLIARY shouldn't be prosecuted because she was President Trump's (PT) political opponent. That IS what they do in third world countries. She should be prosecuted and jailed for committing crimes against our national security; exposing state secrets and illegally raising money for her foundation while Secretary of State. Which are ALL crimes against the American people! It has absolutely nothing to do with being a political opponent. It has everything to do with the rule of law. Something that America is quite unique in. Even Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) the worst LPSD woman in the U.S. Congress (no, no I'm right; Maxine Waters (D-CA) is just the most stupid LPSD woman in Congress) said that no one is above the law. She said this in a speech last week to the University of Massachusetts - Amherst graduates. I agree with her on this. She was screeching about PT of course and conveniently forgets, like most LPSDs, about HILLIARY's crimes. So, indeed, my hope is restored that justice might prevail and Clinton's arrogance and belief that she's an "untouchable" will come crashing down. Elliot Ness went after all the un-

touchables and we need a Mr. Ness in the FBI now. WOOF!

And speaking of the FBI and the need for a new Director; I don't like anyone on PT's "list". We don't need another judge, lawyer, federal bureaucrat or especially a politician. We need some bad**s from law enforcement. We need Sheriff David Clarke from Milwaukee or Sheriff Joe Arpaio from Arizona. These are no nonsense guys that know how to treat criminals. They would refer criminals like Mr. Koskinen, the IRS Commissioner, who defied Congress and destroyed Lois Lerner's emails. And also Ms. Lerner who violated the Constitutional rights of all Tea Party Americans. Sheriff Clarke would most certainly "perp walk" HILLIARY through the doors of justice. That's the kind of FBI Director we need. Not another pansy**s politician or sycophant that would play these bulls**t Washington D.C. games. And Judge Merrick Garland is a really BAD idea. There is no reason to appease the Dems. McConnell is crazy. My hope lives. WOOF!

And speaking of commencement speeches there are two you should listen to on YouTube if you missed them. What a contrast in the vision of America is for many of us. First was Senator Warren's address I mentioned above. What a depressing and sad state of America she portrays. The LPSD world is one that I hope never really takes over America. It was a pathetic speech. Certainly didn't portray an America I know or want. However in stark contrast was PT's address to Liberty University. I'm sure the LPSDs were freakin' out. During his remarks he recognized and praised God, parents, grandparents, moms and the military. Not things you hear about from LPSDs. It was refreshing to hear the president speak. It was his finest speech so far. And it was also refreshing to see so many young people that understand liberty, freedom, personal responsibility and God's role in our country. He made two comments that I really liked. "We don't worship government, we worship God!" Can you imagine hearing that from Warren or Bernie Sanders? They don't get it. PT also told the graduates to "relish the opportunity to be an outsider." Good advice when you value what this country was founded



on. He reminded them that nothing significant gets accomplished without a chorus of critics saying "it can't be done." Sounds like Washington D.C. to me. Like I said, amazing words, that sadly we don't hear from many career politicians. Such a contrast. With our support the "outsider" might prevail and America will become great again. WOOF!

Sadly the smug, arrogant liberals are winning in our colleges and Universities. The LPSDs are creating millions of little snowflakes that are being brainwashed to help destroy America. Black student groups are "forcing" schools to bow to their "demands." Conservative speakers are being shut down. Just last week Senator John Cornyn's (R-TX) commencement address was cancelled at Texas Southern University. Secretary DeVos was booed and many stood and turned their backs to her. They don't have a clue what she believes and how she might improve public education. They wouldn't listen. They only believed the LPSD propaganda and the media that had told them she was bad news. This is a pathetic situation. WOOF!

These same LPSDs are having other successes that are not good for this country. Confederate statues are being removed in the dead of night. How long before these radicals come to Washington D.C. and start on destroying our founding fathers. It may be sooner than you think. A high school refused to distribute a yearbook to the graduates because some senior used the phrase "Build the Wall" under her picture. And the flag, the stars and stripes, is being banned from schools and sporting events. The war has begun. Stay alert, my friends. And while Rome continues to burn what is the media focused on? The fact that PT got two scoops of ice cream while the guests got only one! Wake up sheepdogs! You are still needed! WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Look at ‘The Crusader Against Wall Street’ Now!

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

President Obama, the preeminent crusader against the evils of Wall Street, took some heat from his Progressive pals a few weeks ago when it emerged that as his first paid speech appearance he would receive \$400,000 for roughly an hour of his time from, well, Wall Street, or rather Cantor Fitzgerald.

But the irony didn’t end there. In an effort to combat the public outcry, the beloved former president defended his efforts by arguing that the decision to take \$400,000 from Cantor Fitzgerald couldn’t possibly mean that he’s a sellout because, well, he already sold out to Wall Street during his initial presidential campaign back in 2008. You can’t sell out again if you’ve already sold out before...come on people, it doesn’t work that way. Here is part of his actual statement:

“With regard to this or any speech involving Wall Street sponsors, I’d just point out that in 2008, Barack Obama raised more money from Wall Street than any candidate in history - and still went on to successfully pass and implement the toughest reforms on Wall Street since FDR.”

But, according to the Express, the \$400,000 fee from Cantor is nothing compared to the \$3.2 million that President Obama got for his speech in Milan at the Seeds and Chips gathering in Milan today, a conference on the impact that technology, innovation and climate change will have on food availability and production worldwide.

“Thanks [to] this edition of Seeds & Chips and thanks to President Barack H. Obama’s extraordinary participation in the Global Food Innovation Summit, the City of Milano - and Italy – are once again the world hub of food and food innovation, a journey that began with Expo 2015,” stated Marco Gualtieri, founder and Chairman of Seeds & Chips. “New technologies can offer us the solutions to tackle some of the major global challenges: food security, nutrition, combating waste, sustainability and climate change. I believe that Italy can be a key player in this sector by joining innovation and our long-standing tradition of

excellence in food. There are hundreds of startups, businesses and companies who are active in this field and at Seeds & Chips our overall goal is to gather them all under one roof with a synergistic action that will enable Milano and Italy to become an international reference point for innovation in food and food-tech.”

So why is this possible? Can Obama really drop \$3.2mm worth of knowledge in 1.5 hours? Of course not.

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Dilbert creator Scott Adams describes the post-presidency speaking circuit best as a “Pre-bribe”:

It is illegal to bribe a president. But it is totally legal to pre-bribe one.

Here’s how a pre-bribe works.

When a president leaves office, you offer the ex-president an enormous speaking fee. Let’s say \$400,000. The ex-president does the speech and banks the money. The ex-president has no power at that point, so the speaking fee can’t be seen as a bribe because there is no quid pro quo.

But what about the president that is in office while this happens? Do you think the current president notices when the prior president gets a \$400,000 payday for an hour of work?

It would be hard to miss.

So. let’s say the company that hired the ex-president asks for a meeting with the current president. Do you think the company gets that meeting? And do you think the current president bends over backwards to get them whatever they need?

He does if he wants a \$400,000 payday after leaving office. That’s a pre-bribe.

Totally legal.

Please see: <http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2017-05-09/obama-pockets-32-million-speaking-gig-milan>

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is at \$5.9 million. The base industry of Custer County is as follows:

- 36% retirees
- 19% tourism
- 14% commuters
- 10% regional services
- 9% agricultural
- 5% other household
- 4% transfer payment

There is a vast amount of information available on line (impossible to include here). Visit: demography.dola.colorado.gov

During the presentation, the team defined economic development paraphrased loosely as “a group of policies, a set of activities that positively influences the quality of life”. The primary creator of quality of life is jobs and, the three ways to create jobs is to have new employers, expand existing industries/businesses or create new businesses/industries. Regardless of the formula applied towards the objective in mind it is vital to understand that economic development is a long-term activity in which everyone is involved in the cross functional effort. Also important is to be aware that with the advent of internet commerce, online sales is trending strongly upward with a projection of 40% of all sales by the year 2020 (just around the corner).

Some of the participant comments that day included a man from the audience about not doing this (development) to Custer County, claiming that it is why some people leave the urban centers to enjoy the peace of places like Custer. Others then came forward to give their opinions that the county should at least be able to provide services needed for people to maintain the quality of life without “harming the footprint and maintaining a balance”. Another opinion was that “nobody here wants to become a major urban center but we need some growth”. Yet another voiced the need for better communications and commended the efforts of Mr. Charles Bogle and Dale Mullen in their work with broadband. The first meeting was very interesting and most informative.

Day Two

The next day was devoted to meetings with focus groups with

the basic objective of conducting a free exchange with participants. The various groups who met with the team at different times during the day were local merchants, realtors, government personnel, community services and others. During these smaller meetings at which fifteen to twenty residents at a time met with the team, an abbreviated SWOT analysis was applied. Each participant in turn was asked what they thought were the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats they perceived affecting Custer County. Some of the more salient observations as far as Strengths is concerned is that Custer has a large pool of talent from retired professionals and corporate executives that could be tapped for the good of the community. Regarding the Opportunities available, obviously the natural beauty, a great asset for tourism, as well as the Dark Skies Community certification of which there are only nine others in the country. Another possible asset and a potential source for economic development is the relatively large population of veterans with their unique talents. The major threat identified is the need for medical services for a community that is older.

Day Three

During the last meeting, the team presented their recommendations based on the assessments made during their visit. Some of these recommendations are well known to most of the business community. For instance, the community has to come together and form a comprehensive development plan. At the moment, there is fragmentation as evidenced by the high number of non-profits. It might be a good idea to consider “partnering” and consolidating. Important as well is to determine “who do we want to be?” Above all, the community has to come together since it is too small a community to have “three different brands”. There has to be a concerted effort to do a county-wide “branding”.

Other recommendations are to strengthen collaboration and communications between civic organizations including and not limited to local governments, the Chamber of Commerce, CART, Tourism Board and Economic Development and the various nonprofits. Facilitate conversation among all members of the

community, streamline communications and hold regular meetings to update all the “stakeholder” groups. In developing a workforce, **recommendations were for affordable housing; succession planning; build up arts and tourism; support local businesses.** In affordable housing, DOLA and DOH have a lot of information for local officials and perhaps the starting point would be to do a housing assessment and market study which can be done with the help of the state. There are also programs for cash assistance and financing from both federal and state sources. With regard to succession planning it is necessary to attract a younger generation/population and it starts by meeting current workplace needs. In the case of code enforcement and alignment consideration must be given to adapting county-wide building codes; prevent vacant buildings from neglect; create historical, artistic, or promotional displays in vacant storefronts; establish voluntary agreement with B&B and VRBO for lodging and sales taxes.

There is a vast amount of good information as a result of the assessment for which we thank Mr. Charles Bogle and the Custer County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC), for taking the lead on this endeavor.

The parting words of the team before returning to Denver were as follows: Custer County Community Economic Development, under the leadership of Mr. Charles Bogle will indicate to the team (after a more detailed report in approximately a month) which recommendations they will follow.

In the meantime, the team will track the progress of Custer County for the next two years and provide assistance as necessary as they receive feedback from Mr. Bogle. Finally, they will provide a strategy document to record this assessment and provide a benchmark for measuring future successes. This document of record will be on site at Office of Economic Development and International Trade and will be available by simply typing the name on the search bar. For more information please call Custer County Community Economic Development Corporation (719) 783-2514 or or email ccEconDevC@gmail.com

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