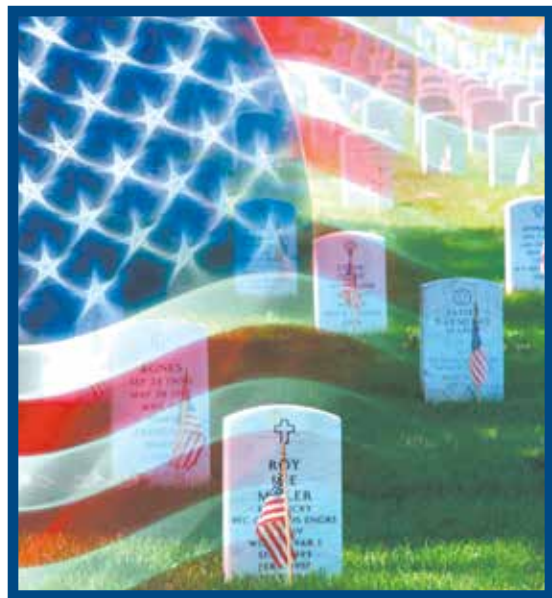


MEMORIAL DAY

Remembering those who served



Because He Wanted to Serve Our Country

My father was a very simple man. I think in reality he had about an eighth-grade education. His father died and left him to care for his mother when he was nine years old. He worked at night and slept through many of his classes during the day.

In spite of this, his education was sufficient. He learned how to learn. His generation memorized passages from books and speeches from past Presidents along with Scriptures from the Bible. He didn't go around reciting things but he did surprise me a few times. When I complained about having to read middle English aloud, he recited several pages of "Canterbury Tales". On the way home from a Memorial Weekend Parade he'd

marched in with the American Legion, he recited Lincoln's *Gettysburg Address* in a tearful voice that would rip any young girl's heart out.



Private James S. Vass

Courtesy Photo

All of Dad's uncles died in World War I. His one half-brother had returned from WWII troubled and despotic. His blood line was nearly diminished. He had a good job by age 19, and yet he joined the Army during the Korean Conflict because he wanted to serve his country and he understood the difference between Communism and what our founding fathers had in mind for this great nation. He served eight months of combat. The first week they tried to take a hill and he and a handful of guys lived through it. He took up praying at that point.

He was reassigned and back

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Understanding the Memorial Day Holiday

by Sentinel Staff

Monday, May 29th is "observed" Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a U.S. Federal holiday where the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces are remembered. Many different types of ceremonies honoring the Civil War dead (over 600,000) began occurring all over America after the

war ended. Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans – the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) – established "Decoration Day" as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers on

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Bobcat Track Team Competes at State



L to R: JT Taylor, Serenity Ham, Katie Florom, Coach Bruce May, Jack Bowker, and Luke Canon.

by Coach Joy Parrish

Congratulations to the Custer County Track and Field Team!!! We are so very proud of our state track athletes! We definitely had a special group of kids this year. Even with all the changes and weather conditions, our athletes performed so well and endured so much. This has been one of the most successful teams we've had. We managed to place and earn a medal in each and EVERY event we competed in. WOO-HOO! These kids worked so hard all season to be recognized this weekend. We had a combined total of eight medals with five

athletes competing:

- JT Taylor -- 3rd in the 3200 meter, 5th in the 800, 5th in the 1600.
- Jack Bowker-- 3rd in the 800 meter, 9th in the 400.
- Serenity Ham -- 4th in the 100 hurdles, 6th in the 300 hurdles
- Katie Florom -- 7th in the high jump.
- Luke Canon-- finished 11th in the 3200, 13th in the 800 meter and 11th in the 1600.
- The boys scored enough points to earn 10th place at the meet (there were at least 41 teams.)

Photo by Jim Silver

I am so lucky to be able to work with these young ladies and gentlemen. They really did represent our school with pride and dignity. They could not have done a better job of honoring Coach May in his final meet. I know I can speak for all of us when I say, "Thank you!" -- you have given so much to our school and community, it is going to be hard to say goodbye. Thank you doesn't seem quite enough, but we really are grateful for all of your dedication and commitment. Track definitely won't be the same without

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Psalms 46:1 ESV

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Hickenlooper Pardons Rema Lima-Marin

Dear Editor:

The National Media picked up on a story Friday May 19, 2017, when our illustrious, whacky weed, far to the left of Mars, Governor pardoned Rema Lima-Marin a convicted armed robber, kidnapper and burglar. Lima-Marin came to America in 1980 as part of the Mariel boatlift from Cuba. He held legal residency until 2000 when his residency was revoked due to his criminal convictions.

The Colorado Department of Corrections mistakenly paroled Lima-Marin in 2008. What a disturbing event in bureaucratic bungling. He got married, had a child and found a job installing glass until 2014, when the Department of Corrections woke-up, realized their mistake and sent him back to prison to finish his sentence.

A judge released Lima-Marin from prison earlier this week saying it would be "draconian" to keep him in prison any longer. ICE officials immediately detained him after a Federal Immigration Judge issued the order for deportation.

Ninety-eight of our State Legislators called on the Governor to grant Lima-Marin clemency. Governor Hickenlooper said,

"Law-abiding, very successful, constructive member of society. It's a remarkable story."

Being human, we all want some form of mercy for those acts we commit which are less than honorable but these acts are horrendous. Lima-Marin committed multiple armed robberies, kidnappings and burglaries. One of Lima-Marin's victims indicated he should not be released from prison because the victim can still feel the rifle barrel placed against his head being forced to open the safe at his store. The accomplice is still serving his ninety-eight-year sentence.

It appears, once Lima-Marin was incorrectly released, he led a life free from crime. Immigration maintained an active deportation order for him from 2000. Anyone, especially a long-term convict, would have wondered if the release was legitimate and would have tried to determine if the Deportation Order remained active. Lima-Marin ignored the possibility of being deported and / or being returned to prison passing himself off as a legitimate individual who paid his debt to society.

Eventually, he was caught. All those *Attaboys* earned while he was out of prison did not make up for all the

aw-shucks felonies he committed and the life of deceit he lived. The final straw in this entire matter is the strong possibility Governor Hickenlooper's pardon is illegal. It may violate Colorado law. The Immigration leaders indicate the Governor's pardon makes no difference. President Trump's stance on deportation of immigrant felons makes no difference either since Lima-Marin's deportation order has been in effect for seventeen years. This situation is not political.

The proper administration of justice would require Lima-Marin's deportation after he finishes serving

his sentence for the horrendous crimes he committed. The snowflake judge who released him makes that impossible. The only other possible way to achieve some form of justice for the always forgotten victims is to deport him! Lima-Marin is not a victim of an unfair judicial system, he is not a victim of discrimination, nor is he a victim of an unfair immigration policy. He knew the deportation order was still active and he knew his release was in error. His life after he got out has no relevance to equal justice under the law and just compensation to the victims he terrorized and robbed. Hopefully, the immigration

deportation order will stand and Lima-Marin will be on his way back to Cuba.

Governor Hickenlooper keeps proving his incompetence. Fortunately, there are term limits but this kind of behavior from our elected officials should be a wake-up call to every citizen. Elections do matter and they certainly have consequences. The man who epitomizes this concept, Barak Obama just said in Italy, "Remember, you get the politicians you deserve." A statement that should keep us all awake long into the night.

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Dark Skies and Other Commissioner Bologna

In the April 18, 2017 BOCC meeting, Commissioner Printz reported there had been no decision on Dark Skies but he said, “it is going to happen whether we like it or not.” I beg to differ with Commissioner Printz. Nothing is going to happen unless the people of Custer County approve such a silly, unreasonable and unnecessary measure. There is a Planning Commission involved and there are approximately four thousand Custer County residents who have a Fourth Amendment Right to determine if they will approve Dark Skies and the intrusion of government into their personal property. This whole Dark Skies issue has been out of control since proposed at a Westcliffe Town Board meeting.

If the proponents of the issue are pressed, they cannot provide any actual measurable evidence that Dark Skies in Westcliffe and Silver Cliff has provided any economic advantage to those communities. There is a report Custer County is already a Dark Skies County simply due to the small population emitting so little light. When asked recently, “why do we need the Dark Skies designation?” The answer centered around the International Dark Skies Organization not “officially” recognizing Custer County without County Code in place to enforce their regulations.

The first question is why do we, as property owners in America, care what Dark Skies International thinks or desires? Secondly, what benefit is there for the property owner in Custer County agreeing to the Dark Skies Code requirements? After all, if this bologna is forced into the County Code then you can and will be subject to a \$100 a day fine for non-compliance with the Dark Skies idiocy. A hundred bucks a day, every day,

for non-compliance. Seven Hundred dollars a week and you are spending serious money! Do not accept any sophomoric drivel from the Commissioners or from anyone else that Dark Skies Code will not be enforced. Once passed, County Codes are enforceable at any time! If you live in Westcliffe, you are required to comply with Dark Skies codes for rebuilds and new construction. Anyone trying to tell you the regulations will not be enforced or worse yet, be selectively enforced, are offering fantasy and not reality.

Oppose Dark Skies for Custer County! There is no advantage for the individual landowner. It will create more regulation and more control by government. Stop the government regulation creep!

The recent events involving the dismissal of the Extension Agent resulting in the loss of the 4-H program for the County makes one wonder if the Commissioners have other issues much more important than Dark Skies to consider. After the last snow storm our roads were no more than wide cow paths covered in the goo created by the mixing of water and magnesium-chloride. The roads were dangerously slick, almost impassable. It is infuriating getting the slime off your vehicle. Commissioner Kattnig has already said, “we need a tax increase to fix the road situation.” More taxes will not solve the road condition issue but some innovative and creative thinking could. The Wetmore Community Center comes to mind as a project gone off the rails. A project over budget and in a flood plane. While the current Commissioners are not totally responsible for this debacle, there are a lot of unanswered questions regarding how this happened, why it happened and who is ultimately responsible for

allowing it to continue once they learned of its difficulties. Two of the Commissioners are new but Commissioner Kattnig has been part of the project for quite some time.

The track record of the three individuals now sitting in the Commissioner’s chairs is questionable at best. It is even more frustrating when one considers two of them have doctorate degrees: one a Juris Doctorate and the other a PhD. The third is supposedly a business woman who helped run a multi-million-dollar corporation. We are not seeing very positive decisions from this group. Recently, the Commissioners tried to blame CSU and the State Extension Office for the ultimate dismissal (reassignment), you pick which word makes you feel good, but in the end the result has been the same. The 4-H program is a mess, the County Extension Office is a mess and CSU has ultimate control, not the Custer County Commissioners. Our County Commissioners concluded they have been ordained the all knowing, all powerful, mighty OZ triumvirate to reign over Custer County. They act as though they have unlimited and unchecked authority to rule, (not govern). Praise be, there are state statues, commissions, voter recalls and ultimately the Rule of Law providing checks and balances to counter their actions.

Commissioner Kattnig can “d**n” the situation all he wants while Commissioner Hood tries to split hairs regarding Robin Young being fired or reassigned but the fact remains the responsibility for this situation lies squarely on the shoulders of the Commissioners.

The Custer County Commissioners drove from Westcliffe to Ft. Collins where they discussed Robin Young with the President of the

University and filed complaints regarding her work. The Commissioners actions and their complaints resulted in the removal (dismissal) of Robin Young. They are responsible for this situation since there is no evidence CSU or the Extension Agency had any plans to remove her.

It may be too soon to start a recall but it is not too soon to ask for their resignations. Arrogance, pseudo profundity, silly justifications and bombastic machinations are not qualifications needed for the position of Commissioner in Custer County. Most of the permanent population

in the County endured eight years of a Federal Administration exhibiting these behaviors. The tolerance level for similar behavior and poor judgment by our Commissioners cannot continue for long without a voter revolt. There is a poster in the conference room at the School Administration building which states, “Whoever is careless with truth in small things cannot be trusted in important affairs.” Truth is not relative to what you or I believe it to be, but rather there is absolute truth. It cannot be subjected to relativism. The Commissioners need to speak the truth and

stop the blame game, obfuscation and general nonsense.

The Commissioners need to admit they made a stupid, emotional and thoughtless decision whining about Robin Young. If they can muster up some courage and admit the mistake it would be a good start to healing the wound they created. If they insist on continuing with belligerent attitudes, careless decision making and poor judgment they must be replaced before they turn the county into a place where none of us will want to live.

Larry Luikart
Rural Westcliffe

The Many Foes of Trump

Many of you who have read anything that I have written know that the only news network I watch or listen to is Fox News. Well, that has changed as of recently. I can no longer watch all the liberals they allow on the air to spill their lies. I can no longer tolerate the liberal reporters, anchors and commentators who do nothing more than bash and denigrate President Trump at every opportunity they can find. I thought the so called “main stream media” was the villain, but Fox News has joined all them in the cesspool of illegitimate sources of information. The media, all of them, are the laziest I have seen IN MY LIFETIME. As was President Obama, the worst president IN MY LIFETIME. I have never seen such bias, false and hateful invented news stories before. The recent story of Trump revealing secrets to the Russians was carried on by Fox equal to what CNN, NBC, et al have done. They have all debased themselves to the level of “Saturday Night Live”, nothing more than made up skits, Trump-hating liberals who can’t figure him out and never will. They are pathetic, which I believe is related to the word pathological, meaning of the nature of a sickness. I hope they don’t succeed in wearing down the good people who stand with him as he tries to drain the swamp. And while I’m at it, the swamp includes some very notorious Republicans. There are some Senators from South Carolina and Arizona I would like to see go home

and stay there because they are part of the problem. Graham submitted Merrick Garland as a possible head of the FBI now that Comey is gone. And McCain of Arizona is willing to give in to Democrats asking for a special council on the Russian influence on the election. With no evidence they all are still calling for it. Did anyone ask for a special council involving Hillary? Never!! When the media goes after Melania Trump or Sarah Huckabee Sanders or Kellyanne Conway, I wonder if they would go after Michelle Obama on her looney ideas on food, or would they go after Hillary on her weight or did anyone go after Obama on his background (it took several years to provide his birth certificate). The over the top double standard of reporting, ethics violations and legal standards for investigation and call for impeachment has gotten absurd. Do they laugh to each other when they are behind closed doors or are they that totally pathologically mad they cannot see their depravity? Why am I, a modestly educated and relatively obscure man in the middle of fly-over country so clear on the right and wrong of Washington, D.C. while they are so ignorant and out of touch? They can’t govern because they have no morals, no guiding principles, no source of absolute right and wrong. I enjoy hearing Trump say, and I agree when he says, “God Bless America”.

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Custer County C-1 School Board Meeting

—MAY 9, 2017

by Larry Luikart,
Reporter

The Custer County School Board meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board accepted the Agenda, Previous Board Minutes, and listened to the presentation of the FFA Creed by Makynna Reif.

A report regarding the Prom was heard from the juniors. The Board accepted the resignations of High School Language Arts teacher Eric Thompson, Reading Intervention teacher Beth Kruis and Preschool teacher Leanne Stover. The Board chose not to renew, due to budget constraints, Spanish teacher Deanna Soechting's contract.

The Faculty Advisory Council, (FAC) chaired by Michelle Tillotson and Andrew Straight presented a statement regarding concerns evolving from the proposed changes for the next school year. A summary of issues included; increased class size in the elementary school, replace-

ment of secondary teachers with on-line instruction, increases in administrative staff while teaching staff is decreased based on a continuing decline in student enrollment and a question regarding the District having in place A Reduction in Force policy? Finally, the FAC statement asked if the District intended to ask for a mill levy increase in 2017?

President Davis in response to the FAC statement read a letter for the record. In part, she stated, "I have asked the administration to continue to work on the budget for the upcoming school year and to not only sharpen their pencil but to be creative in considering the district's needs. This includes re-visiting the on-line courses to be offered as well as to re-visit several curricula areas and see if any can be combined within the schools where we may also have staffing needs. While I understand FAC's concerns as it relates to distant learning, we have been using on-line courses for some time and will continue to do so in the future." In regard to administration, "I have also asked Mr. Pay-

ler to see if administration staff could be utilized in a teaching role, even in a part-time basis for the upcoming school year.... We have lived for the past several years in the good graces of administrator's serving in part-time roles but with Holly Anderson's retirement those times have transitioned into our current administrative positions." In regard to the mill levy increase question Dr. Davis said; "I know that you have proposed...and FAC wanted to know if the Board is considering going after additional dollars in the November election. We are waiting the outcome of the BEST grant before having a discussion and vote on this matter." Finally, Dr Davis said, "we are not alone in this state funding mess. I chair the BOCES Board and hear from my fellow board members of the fiscal struggles we are all facing as small rural schools."

While the Board discussed other business in this meeting the gravity of these concerns moved this reporter to follow-up by having a meeting with Superintendent Payler on Monday,

May 14, 2017. He sent a statement of his own to the Faculty and Staff which helps to resolve some of the FAC concerns. The Board approved a compromise to permit a one-half time Spanish and one half-time English teacher position for the upcoming school year. After looking carefully at staffing needs for the school it was determined this compromise would be within budget constraints and one full-time teacher with both of these skill sets would satisfy the need. A search is underway for a teacher with these qualifications. Senate Bill 267, after much revision, will provide one time supplemental funding for Custer County C-1 for the upcoming school year in the amount of \$130,466. Mr. Payler cautioned this money is for one year only. He discussed a memo he sent to the Faculty and Staff where he provided information that the TOSA has agreed to teach one class of ninth graders next year. His memo discussed the funding issues

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The Custer County Core of Chaplains/ERC would like to inform you of the upcoming CISM training course that is being hosted by the Custer County Core of Chaplains/ERC in connection with K-Love Radio ministries in California.

Below, you will find the link for the (CISM) Critical Incident Stress Management course. You can look it up at icisf.org

<http://www.crisisresponse.org/Train/#2015%20class%20listing>

This is being held at the Hope Lutheran church 8/23/2017 through 8/25/2017. The training is now open for registration. Just open the web site to register and the training will be FREE! Otherwise, it is a \$700 course. This

course is for everyone in the community who desires to know what to do in a catastrophic event in their home town or anywhere they may be. It is also required training for prospective Chaplains. Please share this information with everyone you know. This is the only K-Love sponsored course offered in the State of Colorado this year. There are only 70 seats available for this valuable course.

If the registration of 70 is filled and you have the time to attend, or you can only come to part of it due to your work schedule, then please come anyway. We will find a seat so you can pick up some valuable information. You will be required to sign in each morning of attendance. If you attend all three days, you will receive two training certificates with accredited hours on them. In order to receive credit, you must preregister!

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*You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,
Nor of the arrow that flies by day.*

Psalm 91:5 NKJV

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Attention Veterans of Custer County



Memorial Day is a sacred national holiday in remembrance of those who have died for our Country. Every Veteran swears an oath at their enlistment or commissioning to support our Constitution and their officers with up to the sacrifice of their life in defense of their Country.

Please Join Us For the Parade of Remembrance and Respect on Saturday, May 27th.

For those who can walk or march, join us. For those who would prefer to ride, there will be at least one and possibly two trailers reserved for Veterans.

Be at Hermit Lane east of the Mining Company at 9 a.m. to get registered to participate in the parade. Look for the Sentinel Staff and their table in the east parking lot at Hermit & Hwy 96.

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at it a week later. After six months, the Army encouraged him to go home as sole survivor since his mom was a widow. He stayed for two more months of combat and another year as a driver for dignitaries in Hokkaido, Japan. He came home uninjured. He came home unbroken. A rare thing.

O LORD, my Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle.

—Psalm 140:7

So when I read the *Gettysburg Address*, I think of what it meant to my dad and his generation some 90 years after it was given.

Gettysburg Address

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any

nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these

dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln
—November 19, 1863

Here we are 154 years later, knowing that God did indeed grant Americans “a new freedom” and that we are still fighting that battle in waves... “for a government of the people, by the people, for the people” in hopes that freedom “shall not perish from the earth.”

And this is what our men and women fight/fought for, regardless of our government’s motives, past or present. You know what you fought for and the Living God knows the heart of every man.

God Bless our Veterans and their families and the memory of those who gave their lives on and off the battle fields of the earth in the name of freedom.

--L. L. Vass



2017 Annual Memorial Day Observance in Silver Cliff

Press Release

All Are Invited

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.

A Tribute PFC Christopher A. Horns



PFC Christopher A. Horns

Courtesy Photo

US Army Ranger (PFC) Christopher A. Horns was killed in action on the 22nd of October, 2011,

in Afghanistan.

PFC Horns was on his first deployment and in his 8th week into Operation Enduring Freedom, when on a night mission, he stepped on an IED (improvised explosive device) and lost his life at the young age of 20.

PFC Horns was an amazing young man that loved living life in Colorado. PFC Horns left what he loved, his family and the mountains of Colorado and joined the most elite fighting force in America, the U.S. Army Rangers.

PFC Horns was a very proud young man, proud for his family and willing to fight for what he believed in....his country.

In his last Facebook message to his family he said, “I feel like I have found my purpose in life, and that is to fight for your freedom”.

Not only did he fight for us he died for us.

Let us not forget where our freedom comes from.

--Tamara Horns
Gold Star Mother of PFC Christopher Horns

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2017 County Sheriffs of Colorado Scholarship Program Recipient: CCHS Student Hannah Moulton

NEWS RELEASE

Shannon Byerly, Custer County Sheriff is pleased to announce Hannah Moulton as this year's recipient of the County Sheriffs of Colorado, CSOC, scholarship award for Custer County.

CSOC, Colorado's State Sheriff's Association, offered a total of 31 awards of \$500 each this year to deserving high school and college students in Colorado to fund higher-level ed-

ucational expenses for the 2017-2018 academic year.

A committee selected the winner for each county and those selections were based upon criteria established by CSOC, including leadership, merit, character, involvement, purpose, and need. Applicants were required to be full-time, legal Colorado residents who planned to attend a Colorado university, college or trade school.

This is the 38th year for the CSOC scholarship program. Monies for the program are derived, in part, from the CSOC honorary membership fund, which consists of contributions from individual citizens and businesses each year.

If you are interested in providing continued support for this excellent program, please contact the County Sheriffs of Colorado at 720-344-2763 or visit our website: www.CSOC.org.

Sports Day Coming in June

Summer is a time to get off the couch to enjoy activities and the Custer County School District offers various Sports Days in June for students to participate in. Students entering the 4th-8th grade in the 2017-18 school year are invited to join the activities beginning Tuesday, June 6th.

Each week in June students can choose from the following activities:

- **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon will be volleyball (East Gym) and flag football (Practice Field).**
- **Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. will be running club (East Gym Parking Lot) and at 12 noon - 2 p.m. swimming (Club America).**
- **Thursdays at 10:30am-12 noon will be basketball (East Gym).**

All activities are FREE and a sack lunch will be provided to participants on each day. Registration forms have been sent home with students and should be returned to the main school office by Tuesday, May 30th. Questions about the Sports Days should be referred to Troy Bomgardner at 783-4927.

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Who is going to tell all the bad jokes and make fun of everyone?! But in all seriousness, we all have many memories that will not be soon forgotten. We are so going to miss him next year! Our seniors will also be missed. They are the definition of true leaders. They do not just tell our

younger athletes what to do or how to perform, but show them. They work so hard and put everything they have into every drill and every competition. They do not make excuses, they take pride in their accomplishments and show grace when things don't go their way. It has been such an honor coaching them -- they also make us coaches look like we know what we are doing.

One of the most special things about coaching are the moments you spend together when you're not competing--long bus trips, down time between events, extended hotel stays.... These are the memories we will cherish for a lifetime. It always amazes me how we can have such a good time together and be silly and yet, when it comes to competition, they get the job done. And boy did they impress us this weekend!



Coach Joy Parrish says, "Playing 'Speak Out' is such a FUN game. If you have not yet had the opportunity to play this game, I highly recommend it!"

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Friday, May 26, 2017

Mount St. Helen's Eruption

Mount St. Helen's is an active stratovolcano located in the state of Washington. It is 96 miles south of Seattle, Washington and 50 miles northeast of Portland, Oregon. It is part of the Cascade Volcanic Arc, a segment of the Pacific Ring of Fire that includes over 160 active volcanoes. It is a large volcanic cone consisting of lava rock, ash, pumice and other deposits. Mount St. Helen's is relatively young compared to some of its neighboring volcanoes. They estimate it was formed only in the last 40,000 years. Today, it is best known for its 1980 eruption. Prior to its eruption it was the fifth highest peak in Washington State.

On March 16th, Mount St. Helen's starting showing the first signs of volcanic activity with a series of small earthquakes. On March 27th, a 250-foot wide vent opened up on top of the mountain. It blasted ash 10,000 feet in the air. A hazard watch was issued for a 50 mile radius around the mountain. Many of the residents evacuated the area but a group of residents refused to leave. An 84-year-old man named Harry Truman, no relation to the former president, was one of those who refused. He received a great deal of media coverage because of his stance.

All through April scientists watched the bulge on the side of Mount St. Helen's grow larger. On May 18th, at 8:32 a.m., a 5.1 magnitude earthquake rocked the mountain and Mount St. Helen's literally blew its top, spewing out ash at 650 miles per hour. The mountain went from 9,600 feet high to only 8,300 feet high in a matter of seconds. Then the glacier atop the mountain melted causing a massive mudslide wiping out homes and damming up rivers. Easterly winds carried the ash across the state and as far away as Minnesota.

A total of 57 people died. Twenty-seven bodies were never found, one of them being the body of Harry Truman. Today, there is a Memorial honoring the victims of the May 18, 1980 eruption of Mt. St. Helen's in Washington State. It is located near the Johnston Ridge Observatory, just 5 1/2 miles from the crater, and recorded there are the names of the 57 people killed.

Today Mount St. Helen's continues to rumble. The USGS said in a statement, "There is absolutely no sign that it will erupt anytime soon, but the data we collect tells us that the volcano is still very much alive."

by Audrey Slater, Sources: history.com, Wikipedia.org, csmonitor.com/science/2016/0507/rumbles-heard-from-mount-st-helens-is-another-major-eruption-coming-video

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*Be still and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.*

Psalm 46:10 NKJV

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Dark Skies Memorial Day Weekend Star Party

Press Release

Beginning at 9 p.m. on the evening of Sunday, May 28th, the local Dark Skies organization is holding a public star party at the Smokey Jack Observatory (SJO) on the southwest corner of The Bluff Park, at the west end of Main Street in Westcliffe. This event is free to the public and all are invited. The planets Jupiter and Saturn will be the main

featured objects along with a 3-day old crescent Moon. As dusk gives way to full darkness, other fainter objects such as galaxies, star clusters and nebula will be viewed. Besides the telescope in the observatory, Dark Skies members and local amateur astronomers will have their personal telescopes set-up around the SJO to provide viewing access with minimal waiting time. Viewing will con-

tinue as long as visitors are present.

Note: evening temperatures drop rapidly so dress warmly in layers for a pleasant experience. If you bring a flashlight, please put red transparent plastic over the lens or, if not available, please keep the light pointed at the ground.

Contacts: Clint Smith (star party coordinator): clintsmith5555@live.com

Round Mountain Water & Sanitation District Has New Website

Press Release

Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District (RMWSD) is pleased to announce the development of our new website at www.colorado.gov/rmwsd, partnering with the Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA). RMWSD has moved their website to this free service.

Beginning June 1, 2017, we will be launching a new billing/payment service that consolidates all billing and payment options. Customers will receive a full-sized invoice with a remittance envelope for convenience. The full sheet billings will also allow us to send information bulletins to our customers at a much lower cost

than doing so by separate mailing. In addition, the District will offer email billing customer online payments, and customer account history access on the web. Please see your new invoice for additional information. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 719-783-2604, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Services

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

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

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

Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources
417 Cliff Street
Silver Cliff, CO 81252
(719) 783-4357
Mon. and Thur. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

West Custer County Library
209 Main Street
Westcliffe, CO 81252
(719) 783-9138
Tue. – Fri.: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Events Calendar

Friday, May 26, 7 p.m.

The Graduating Class Of 2017 Baccalaureate Service
at Sangre de Cristo Fellowship

May 27, 28 and 29, 6 a.m. each day Create Cañon City Balloon Classic.
Visit <https://www.facebook.com/CreateCanonCityBalloonClassic/>

Saturday, May 27, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
All Day Yard Sale

All Aboard Westcliffe Yard Sale
At the Museum on Rosita
Contact info: allaboardwestcliffe.org

Saturday, May 27 10 a.m.
Memorial Weekend Parade
Starting at Mining Co. Restaurant and Hermit Lane, Silver Cliff, Proceeding west on Main St.

Saturday May 27, 10 a.m.
All Aboard Westcliffe Museum
Opens for Season
Saturdays through Labor Day

Saturday, May 27, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.
Silver Cliff Museum
Opens for season
Saturday and Sundays through Labor Day

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

Sunday May 28th, 2 p.m.
CCHS Graduation, East Gym

Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27, at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 28 at 2 p.m.
“Beauty and the Beast”
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Sunday May 28, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Summer in the Park
Jimmy Stadler Free Concert

Westcliffe Feed Store
Amphitheater & Park, Refreshments available. 116 N. 2nd St., Westcliffe

Sunday, May 28, 9 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Dark Skies -Star Party
At the Smokey Jack Observatory
South Adams Blvd., Westcliffe

Monday, May 29, Memorial Day 10 a.m.
Annual Memorial Day Observance & Ceremonies
Silver Cliff Commemorative & Community Park Memorial Park,
Silver Cliff (will relocate to the Custer County School East gym in case of inclement weather)
www.westcliffepost170.org

Sunday, May 28, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Saddle Club - Youth Mentoring
Music Meadows Ranch
6076 CR 119, Westcliffe

Tuesday May 31, 9 a.m.
BOCC Meeting
Commissioners Boardroom

Thursday, June 1, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Excellence in Education Dinner
(HS Band Performance)
Location TBD

Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 4 at 2 p.m.
“Going in Style”
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Sunday June 4, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Summer in the Park
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At the Feed Store
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Thursday June 8th 9 a.m.
BOCC Meeting All Day
Commissioners Boardroom

Eateries

Alpine Lodge
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Sunday Brunch
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Mon.-Sun 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Candy's Coffee
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719-783-9516
Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Chappy's Bar & Grill
213 Main St. Westcliffe
719-783-0813
Mon-Thurs, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday 11 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Hwy 96 Road House
404 Main St. Silver Cliff
719-783-3331
Mon - Thurs 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri - Sat 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Sun 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Rancher's Roost at Cliff Lanes
25 Main St. • Westcliffe
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Sat., 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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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

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



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Fourth Degree Knights

by Sentinel Staff

In the ancient tradition of the Knights of Columbus the Fourth Degree is the highest level in the 135-year-old organization founded by Fr. Michael J. McGiveney on March 29, 1882. It is headquartered in New Haven, Connecticut, and has been a champion of the Roman Catholic Church supporting its parishes and dioceses in the culture of life, disaster relief and refugee funding among many other charities. In the past decade alone, the Knights have volunteered more than 664 million hours of service and given U.S. \$ 1.4 billion in contributions to all the causes it supports through the Church.

Today, the Knights probably number about two million Catholic men worldwide since having officially reached

1,800,445 as of April 30, 2010. In the town of Westcliffe, the Knights of Columbus are members of Council #16577 headed by Grand Knight Steve Yackley at Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church on Fifth Street. On Sunday, May 21st, two members of that council, Michael Kienbusch and Federico Hernandez, were “Exemplified” in an age-old ritual of Knighthood to the Fourth Degree. The Knights of Columbus, whose motto is IN SERVICE TO ONE; IN SERVICE TO ALL serve the communities of Custer County in various projects including donations for children with special needs at the school, helping the underprivileged and other similar programs designed to extend a helping hand to all in need. If anyone would like to have more information please call 719-783-3507



Federico Hernandez and Michael Kienbusch.

Courtesy photo

Coffee with Silver Cliff Mayor Steve Lasswell

The Custer County Chamber of Commerce announces the second in a series of informational seminars for the Custer County community. “Coffee with Silver Cliff Mayor Steve Lasswell” will be at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 31st at the Silver Cliff Town Hall (612 Main Street in Silver Cliff).

Mayor Lasswell will update the community on where Silver Cliff has been and how the town is planning for the future. Updates on mining activity, Silver Cliff Community Park progress, approaches to affordable housing, and a possible Silver Cliff downtown business district will be included in the discussion. A question and answer period will follow.

All citizens of the county are invited to attend. Coffee, juice and pastries will be provided. RSVP to the Chamber office at 719-783-9163.

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Yard Sale

Large Garage/yard sale
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Antiques, collectibles, tools, furniture, jewelry etc.
34 Antelope Lane @ Lake DeWeese
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- **Maintenance/Custodial Supervisor** (3/4 to F/T depending on qualifications, Position Open Now)
- **.5 FTE Distance Learning Lab Para-professional**
- All positions are open until filled
- Applications Available at the District Office or online at custercountyschools.org (classified apps)
- For more information contact Mark A. Payler during normal business hours (M-TH)

The Custer County School District is accepting applications for **two temporary positions as summer custodial help.** The positions are for forty hours per week beginning 5/30/17 through 8/11/17. For more information, please contact Greg Cravens at 719-783-4955. Applications are available on the school website, custercountyschools.org under “About CCS” and “Employment”. Positions will remain open until filled.

The Custer County School District has an opening for a **.5 secondary English/Language Arts and .5 Foreign Language Teacher** for the 2017-2018 school year. Applications are available online at custercountyschools.org under the Employment link. This position will remain open until filled.

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Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 71 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 5 to EMS, and 1 to the Fire Department.

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

5/15/17:

Traffic Summons: Doug Bashara of Westcliffe for speeding 20 - 24 over

Scam: A deputy met with a party in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office who filed a complaint alleg-

ing she was the victim of a business scam.

Bad Bale: The Wet Mountain Fire Department was dispatched to Lope Loop in Bull Domingo Ranch for a bale of hay posing a possible fire hazard.

5/16/17:

Animal Abuse: A deputy checked out a report of possible animal abuse on Kildare Lane in Lake DeWeese.

5/17/17:

Traffic Summons: Liesl Strauss of Odem, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Domestic Violence: Deputies were dispatched to Calcite Court in Shadow Ridge on a domestic violence call. EMS was also dispatched to the scene. EMS cleared a refusal to transport. Mark Slawski was arrested at the intersection of Main Street and Adam Boulevard in Westcliffe at approximately 23:56 hours on domestic violence charges.

I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

--Abraham Lincoln, November 21, 1864 , A Letter to Lydia Bixby

"Lies of Omission" Screening a Success

by George Gramlich

A good crowd attended the pre-release screening of the new patriot movie, "Lies of Omission", last Saturday at the Mountain View Core Knowledge School in Cañon City.

The movie is in the "interview documentary" format with the film makers/producers, L.T. Davis of Colorado, and his daughter, Sammi Lee Davis of California interviewing some of the giants of the patriot movement including Mike Vanderboegh, Matt Bracken, Claire Wolfe and others about the political and moral status of the country and the efforts of those people and others, to bring back the country to its constitutional roots.



Associate Producer, Peter White, and Producer Sammi Davis.

Photo by George Gramlich

The Davis's have been criss-crossing the U.S. the last two years interviewing the participants which included the last in-depth interview of the founder of the modern III% movement, Mike Vanderboegh (who twice visited the Custer/Fremont County

area in the last few years.)

The screening was hosted by the Royal Gorge Tea Party.

The purpose of the screening was to elicit comments from the viewers prior to its final release, probably in

July. The movie was very well received by the attendees who offered a variety of suggestions at the end in the review session.

You can purchase the movie by going to the internet fundraising site, via fundrazr.com/LiesOfOmission3.

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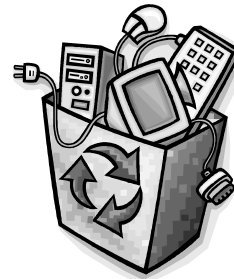
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New Military Surplus Store Opens in Cañon City

by George Gramlich

There's been a big void in our local area after the military surplus store on Main Street in Cañon City closed two years ago. Custer County residents

had to go to Colorado Springs or Pueblo to find the nearest surplus establishment. But thanks to John Verneti of Royal Gorge Archery & Range in Cañon City, that long ride is now over.



Perceiving the need for a local supply of military surplus clothing and gear, John has recently expanded his archery store at 309 Main Street in Cañon City to the adjacent office and has stuffed it full of a variety of military surplus items including shirts, pants, uniforms, boots, etc. John says he can even order surplus items for a customer if he doesn't have the item in stock.

So, time for a "look see" to Royal Gorge Archery to see their new surplus inventory and stock up before it's too late!

They are located at 309 Main Street, Cañon City and their hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Their contact phone number is 719-276-3221 and their email is royalgorgearchery@gmail.com.



Sign up for Swim Lessons!

Press Release

It's time to sign up for Pre-School and Youth Swim Lessons at Club America WMV.

Session I will be held eight mornings June 5th – June 15th, Monday – Thursday, and is for swimmers age 4 – 14 years per \$48/person if registered and paid by June 2nd. The fee is \$50 if registered and paid on or after June 3rd. A swim placement test will occur Sunday, June 4th from 2 – 2:45 p.m. for swim students who do not have a Swimmer Card indicating his/her last class level completed. Pre-school students are exempt from placement testing.

Fourth, 5th and 6th grade students who participated in the 2017 Bobcat Tri-

athlon will receive a 25% discount in Session 1 only. Report TRI participation when registering.

Session II classes will be held July 24th – August 3rd for eight mornings, Monday – Thursday. The price is \$48 if paid by July 21st; and \$50 after. The swim placement test will be held Sunday, July 23rd from 2 – 2:45 p.m. and there is no need for preschool students to test.

Other classes offered this summer include Parent and Child Aquatics for ages 6 months – 3 years old. A responsible adult will accompany the youngster in, on and around the pool and learn how to help him to become comfortable and have fun in water. The class will meet for ½

an hour, six mornings and begin after June 19th with dates and times to be determined based on requests on the sign-up sheet at Club America. The fee for the course is \$48; however, registrants can request a voucher to assist with the fee for the course. While Mom is in class with youngster, her siblings can attend the Club's Fundamentals and Fitness class for \$2/child.

Also offered are Teen – Adult Swim Classes with dates and times to be determined based on requests. It will consist of eight one-hour classes for \$48/student. Get yourself ready for summer by becoming more confident with your swimming skills or begin with your first lessons to

overcome any fears. Gifting a loved one with these classes is a great idea!

Lifeguard Training and Water Safety/Basic Swim Instructor Courses will also be offered. To learn more, leave your contact information for Lisa at the club.

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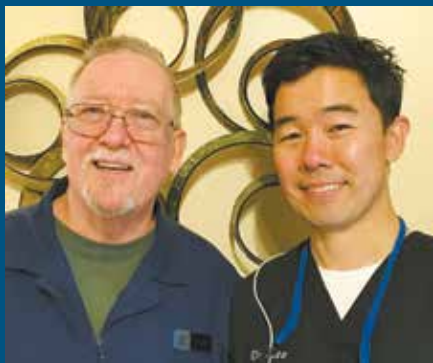


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Bobcats Baseball Season



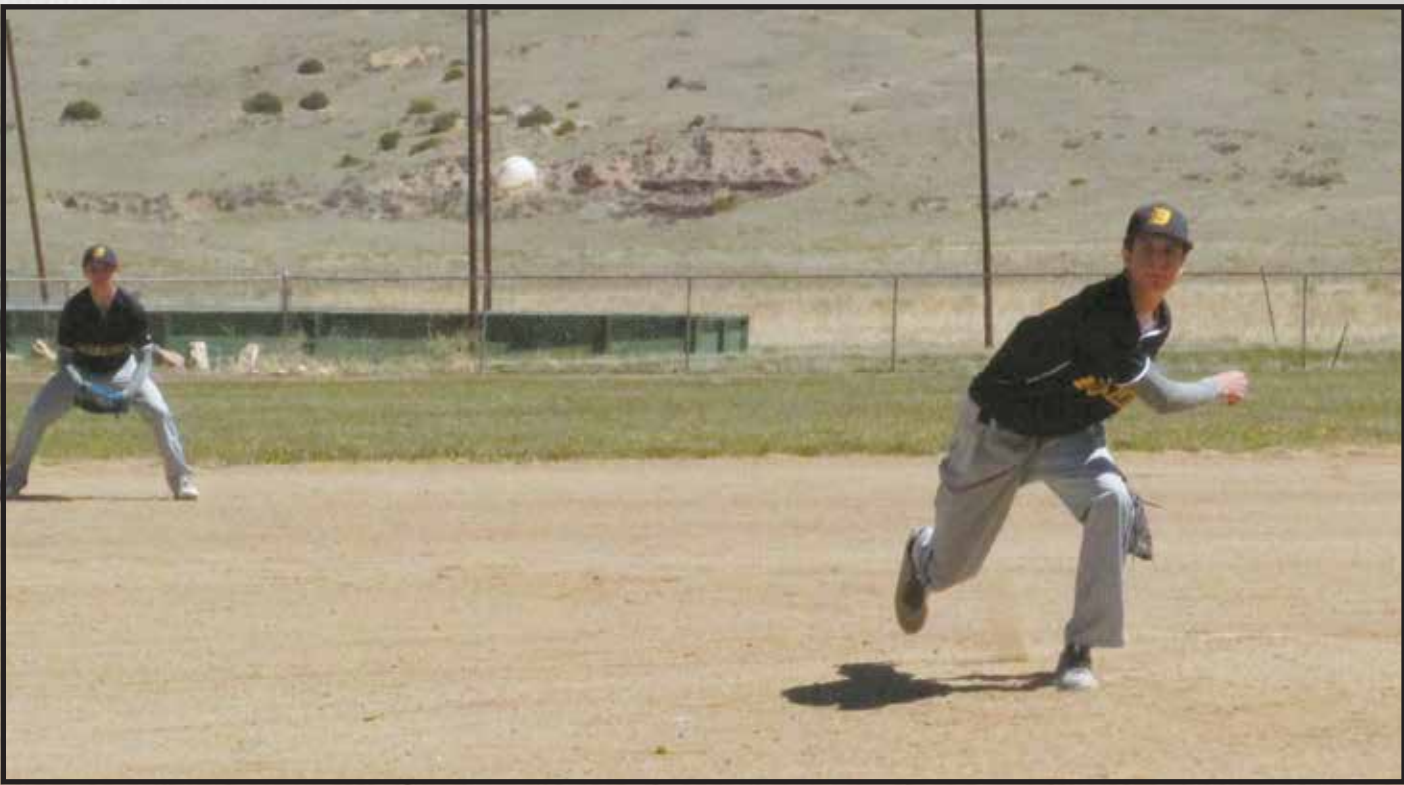
The Custer Bobcats finished their season with a 5th place finish at the South Park baseball tournament.

South Park game 4-3 with a 6-5 win for the Bobcats.

With the two Bobcats, the “Junior Varsity” season. Under Thompson and Justin Waldo their wins and losses.

It was a great season. Every player hit and every game the job done.

Great job Bobcats!



Season Ends With a Win!

County Bobcats finished their season on Friday, May 26, in a double-header against Park Burros on the home field.

Park Burros took the first game, but the Bobcats won the second game and ended the season with a win.

The Bobcats were inactive for several years, but the team was considered "active" for just this 2017 season. Head Coach Eric and Assistant Coach, the Bobcats split the season with 4 wins and 4 losses.

That way to end the season, a player on the team got a chance to contribute to get the Bobcats!



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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

Where: 59000 Hwy 69 (downstairs) Board Meeting Room

Date: June 1, 2017

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

RMWSD’s Board of Directors invites you to attend a presentation by SGM Engineers regarding the options available to the community for replacing the out of compliance wastewater treatment plant.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Custer County Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on June 7, 2017 at 1:30 P.M. Custer County Courtroom. The following will be considered.

1. Hearing for Westcliffe Supply Company LLC / Special Use Permit, 228 County Road 251, Custer County Colorado.
2. Presentation for Choate storage /Special Use Permit, 1400 County Road 243.

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

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

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Custer County Planning Commission

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**Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2017

**9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
Commissioners Boardroom**

Call meeting to order
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Amend agenda
Approval of minutes
Audience introduction
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
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PPI will have access to all of Sangre de Cristo Electric’s power poles and be driving pickup trucks and ATVs that are clearly marked with Sangre de Cristo Electric’s logo.

If you have any questions, please contact our Engineering Department at (800) 933-3823.

- Review vouchers and sign checks
- Staff Meeting
- SIPA Pilot Project
- Transfer of Funds – K. Camper
- Commissioner approval to request P&Z commission review & recommendation
- School Nurse IGA

Workshop

**1:00 PM
Commissioners Boardroom**

Custer County Building Assessment Report – Jeffrey Wood, CU & Christy Doon, DOLA

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

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

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

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

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
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PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION
Also known by street and number as: 1931 Keepsake Loop, Westcliffe, CO 81252.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

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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:
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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.

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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 roadway 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_hermitrdb-ridge.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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Colorado State News



PERA Deserves an Earful on Its Listening Tour

by Joshua Sharf,
Complete Colorado, Page Two

When word came last December that Colorado's two largest public pension funds – the State Fund and the School Fund – were slipping into trouble, the Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA) vowed to go on a statewide listening tour to see what can be done.

PERA will then return to the legislature with a list of recommended options, some more recommended than others.

No doubt, the sudden urgency comes as a surprise to the state's teachers and government employees who are used to hearing little but happy talk from the PERA Board.

In 2010, in the wake of the financial crisis that left PERA headed towards bankruptcy, the state legislature passed Senate Bill 10-001, a comprehensive reform bill that called for benefit reductions and increases in taxpayer contributions.

While PERA, and some of the legislators involved in SB-1 deny it now, that bill was sold to members, legislators, and communities as a fix that would stabilize the pension plan for the foreseeable future.

Here's how then-Executive Director Meredith Williams described the new law in 2010's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): "With this bill, it is expected that Colorado PERA's unfunded liability *will be eliminated* within the next three decades, and Colorado PERA's trust funds will be accumulating more assets than liabilities (emphasis added)."

This sunny optimism was par for the course for PERA. In 2004, immediately after the legislature increased employer contributions, Williams stated, "PERA *remains* financially secure (emphasis added)."

Two years later, after taxpayer contributions were further boosted, Williams commented in the plan's CAFR, "Senate Bill 06-235 emerged, which bridged the gaps between key parties and put

Colorado PERA back on strong financial footing."

Two years later, the financial markets would make a mockery of such assertions.

In PERA's 2010 Shareholder Meeting, current Executive Director Greg Smith stated, "We in fact were successful with Senate Bill-1. We did in fact reach a 30-year amortization in each division. And we do again have a sustainable defined benefit plan for the public employees of the State of Colorado."

That would become PERA's calling card for the next six years, as it opposed virtually every piece of reform legislation offered up. In each case, the refrain was the same – SB 1 is working, let SB 1 work.

Proposed changes included measures to improve PERA's actuarial soundness; permit all members to opt-out to the more stable Defined Contribution option; raise the retirement to match Social Security; or reduce pension spiking by raising the number of years

used to calculate the highest average salary.

PERA's members will probably also be surprised to see that some of those options, or ones very similar to them, will be on the menu during the Listening Tour for consideration.

Especially because some organizations representing them – the AARP, the AFL-CIO, and Colorado WINS, the union representing some state employees, worried about a potential loss of benefits or increase in employee contributions – showed up to testify against these bills.

In fact, Smith's and Williams' assertions about the amortization period were obsolete almost as soon as they were made. Even taking into account the rising employer contributions, they rose to 35 years in 2011 for the State and School Divisions, were over 40 years by 2014 and as of the end of 2015 stood at 44 and 46 years respectively.

Currently, they stand at 55 years

and 75 years.

PERA begins its Listening Tour around the state this May and June, seeking its fourth round of fiscal sandbags in 13 years. Members and non-members alike should be prepared to ask PERA's board some tough questions about their credibility.

Barring some fairly convincing answers, the state's citizens should seriously begin to consider the only fix that will secure the future for both retirees and communities – getting the state out of the benefits management role for its employees altogether. This requires moving away from a defined benefit to a defined contribution retirement system, which would give state employees ownership over their retirement funds, and get PERA out of the business of making disingenuous claims and obstructing reform.

Please see: <http://completecolorado.com/pagetwo/2017/05/05/pera-deserves-an-earful-on-its-listening-tour/>

Bashing Trump: Weld County Teacher and Students Get Extreme

by ColoradoPeak
Politics.com

A Weld County School District RE-5J teacher is on paid leave while officials there investigate a Cinco De Mayo celebration that included a political piñata and kids literally bashing President Trump.

Pictures of the event spread across social media, including a Facebook post from parent Lesley Hollywood who was not amused.

Now it's no secret I didn't vote for Trump, and I'm certainly not his biggest fan. I'd be outraged by this if it was Obama or Bush or Clinton. It's really unbelievable, especially right here in little ol' Johnstown, Colorado (a town which is honestly fairly conservative).

She said it was unclear whether it

was a student-driven idea, but noted that the class's Spanish teacher allowed them to hack away at it. The piñata was tied to a tree, and students used a bat, according to a statement from the school district.

"This was an incredibly disrespectful act that does not reflect the values of Roosevelt High School or the school district," said Superintendent Martin Foster.

The teacher, identified by Hollywood in [a] photo certainly seemed involved in the activity.

A picture is worth a thousand words, and this picture says the teacher deserved to be on unpaid leave.

Please see: <https://colorado-peakpolitics.com/2017/05/08/bashing-trump-weld-county-teacher-and-students-take-it-to-the-extreme/>



Firmly Planted: Lib Congressional Hopeful Won't Live in District Unless He's Elected

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Jason Crow, the Democratic establishment pick who hopes to unseat the indefatigable Republican U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman, has an unusual campaign strategy – he will not move into the District unless he is elected. His refusal to move into the district prior to winning does not exactly inspire confidence in his confidence that he can unseat Coffman, who has destroyed every single challenger despite being in one of the most competitive districts in the country. And, let's not forget, he lied about it.

When Crow launched his campaign, he told reporters that he planned to move into the district shortly, and then last week, Crow told *The Villager* that would move "as soon as we can."

Today, he told another publication that

he plans to move only if he wins.

So, which is it, Mr. Crow?

Further, as was pointed out on Twitter, this strange refusal to move into the district he hopes to represent also means that he will not be able to vote for himself come election day. We guess the eponymous candidate's voting photo will have little meaning since on *his* ballot will be checked [a candidate like] Diana Degette (we presume, since he's a Democratic establishment shill).

Crow, despite being apparently backed by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC), may have a primary ahead of him. Rumor has it that Democratic state Sen. Rhonda Fields and state Rep. Janet Buckner also were or are considering running for the seat. It's unclear why

the DCCC would back a guy who refuses to move into the district when there are two perfectly capable (although still going to lose) candidates who live in the district.

Nonetheless, we will be waiting for Crow to take a photo with his ballot (ballot selfies are legal!) and mock his inability to vote for himself. After all, with potential primary candidates like Fields and Buckner and a general candidate like Coffman, Crow will need all the votes he can muster.

(Editor/GG: Seems to be a lib meme here, "You won't know where he'll live unless you vote for him...")

Please see: <https://colorado-peakpolitics.com/2017/05/17/firmly-planted-democratic-congressional-hopeful-wont-live-in-district-unless-hes-elected/>

Laughable: Denver Post Asserts Innovation Comes From Government

by ColoradoPeak
Politics.com

We are having difficulty keeping a straight face even writing this post. We hope the *Denver Post* also had a tough time not laughing when publishing its piece titled, "Demise of Colorado Energy Office Could Slow Innovation." Since when has government delivered anything close to innovation? (Answer: Never.)

Nonetheless, it sounds like representatives from Tesla paid the *Denver Post* editorial board a visit because *Post* editorial writer, Megan Schrader, just wrote a screed on why the Colorado Energy Office helps innovation and cited all the cool stuff Tesla is working on. Or, maybe not, and she's just an avid fan of Tesla. Nonetheless, her piece raised the question – should Tesla be subsidized so heavily by taxpayers? Will this actually deliver innovation?

We asked the expert on this topic, the Independence Institute's Amy Oliver, who has been on a one-woman march against what she calls subsidies for millionaires in the form of tax subsidies for green industries. Here's what she said about it:

"Setting aside the immorality of having low income taxpayers subsidize rich people's home building habits, if the *Denver Post* – and anyone else for that matter – really cares about

expensive Tesla roof tiles, then advocate for getting government out of the way. Taxpayers have been subsidizing new energy economy technology for quite a while. Time to take off the training wheels. We should stop the perverse incentives that prop up not-yet-ready-for-prime-time technology, and allow these products to compete in a free market. The best products at the best price will win, to the benefit of all Coloradans, not just those who can afford \$50,000 worth of Tesla roof tiles.

"Milton Friedman was right when he said, 'The greatest advances of civilization, whether in architecture or painting, in science and literature, in industry or agriculture, have never come from centralized government.'"

In fairness to Schrader, she did acknowledge that nobody would miss the Energy Office. But we did think of one group that might miss this boondoggle – the many folks who mistakenly received \$252 million that was missing or misappropriated from the Colorado Energy Office.

As for the rest of us? Nah, not so much.

Please see: <https://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2017/05/16/laughable-denver-post-asserts-innovation-comes-from-government/>

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IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

**Cañon City
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

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Troubling Times for Sheriff Beicker Are Fueling D.A.'s Budget Woes

by Barbara Penezic

If it is true that 'stuff rolls downhill,' then the Fremont County District Attorney's Office must surely be downhill from the Fremont County Sheriff's Office because they are being buried in 'stuff.'

The district attorney, in a letter, read to the County Commissioners by Alex Walker, Chief Criminal Investigator at the 11th Judicial D.A.'s Office requested additional funding for their budget-stained office. Alex began his statement by informing the Fremont County Board of Commissioners that he was not authorized to take or answer questions.

This was a condition that was appropriate as the board, missing Chairwoman Debbie Bell, could only listen and take the mis-sive under consideration. Commissioner Bell was in Durango attending a Work Force Conference. D.A. Chilson and Assistant D.A. LeDoux were both involved with cases that prevented them from being at the board meeting.

Even though key players were missing, Chief Criminal Investigator for the 12th Judicial read the letter to the board and members of the public in attendance.

"Three boards of county commissioners in the 11th Judicial District have approved the DA's proposed 2017 budget, but Fremont County has not."

D.A. Molly Chilson made

the same request in January, a request that fell on deaf ears, while she asked for a 20 percent increase, she was granted a little less than 10 percent. Fremont County's contribution for 2017 was \$1,068,640 up from the 2016 budget amount of \$978,404. An increase of \$90,236, sizable numbers by any account but still the DA says her office is in financial turmoil.

One of Chilson's main concerns is the fact that the "Fremont County Sheriff's Office now controls access to our office and our phone system. I would ask for funding to establish better security and to have recorded real-time surveillance in our office." The DA does not even have a private office in which to conduct business in Fremont County due to lack of space. The case load grows in numbers and complexity each year; the added marijuana issues and Sheriff's officers being placed on administrative leave have only added to the financial squeeze the DA's Office is dealing with.

Numerous important investigations involving alleged officer misconduct has led to a barrage of additional litigation Chilson said, "in cases such officers were a part of and research on open records requests now makes it impossible for me to keep up with my own caseload on a weekly basis." Pointing once again to the need for additional staff she said, "I have no one to delegate these tasks."

The letter also dealt with the efforts of the DA's Office "to notify defendants and defense attorneys in cases where alleged officer misconduct may have impacted their cases, an effort that will consume months of work between Chilson and her staff." She wrote, "Handling alleged officer misconduct is an important community and criminal justice issue, just as having enough prosecutors to do the work of the DA's Office in a competent fashion is also an important community issue."

Chilson indicated in her letter that the DA's Office does not know how to guide auditors as to what their budget is, nor do they know what their spending limits are. According to Walker, "No findings have been made by our funding authorities as to whether individual line items in the proposed budget have been denied, and if so, to what extent."

Because Fremont County commissioners did not approve the DA's proposed budget as the other three Counties of Park, Chaffee and Custer did, Chilson said she is baffled as to what she should cut.

Commissioner Payne said because Commissioner Chairwoman Debbie Bell is "out of the office" this week the commission will discuss Chilson's request upon Bell's return.

Be Informed...Get Involved

Florence City Council Declares Vacancy

by Charlotte Burrous

During the meeting Monday, the Florence City Council approved a resolution, declaring a vacancy on city council after the resignation of Charlette Henager.

According to City Manager Mike Patterson, "Charlette was elected on November 5, 2013, [and on] May 15, 2017, she tendered her resignation, leaving a vacancy on the City Council."

He noted CRS states that the council has to declare

a vacancy by resolution. Then the position will be advertised with eligibility requirements.

"We're doing [this] June 1st so we can get it filled," said City Clerk Dena Lozano.

Florence Mayor said Henager would be missed.

"I hate to see her go because she did add a lot to this council," he said.

In other business, the council approved a public hearing for the Florence Cham-

ber of Commerce at 7 p.m. June 5th. The Chamber is requesting a special events liquor license to hold 'Music in the Park' in front of its office on Pikes Peak Ave. Previously, the event has been in the pavilion in Pioneer Park. If approved, it will be moved to the grassy area in front of the Florence Chamber of Commerce at 100 S. Pikes Peak Ave. in Florence.

"That resolves that conflict of having alcohol in the park," Patterson said. "That way it's on private property instead of the park."

Events

May 26 - June 3

- **Kids Camp** will be help for ages 6-12 who have experienced a loss due to death, sponsored by Sangre de Cristo Hospice & Palliative care. For more information or to register, call Debra Weir at 275-1261
- **Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, COG lunch** is served at noon at 100 Railroad St. in Florence. Call 784-6493 before 9:30 a.m. for reservation. Meals cost \$2 for 60 and older and \$6.50 for 59 and younger.
- **Tuesday, Free lunch** is served from noon-1 p.m. at Mercy Today Ministries in the back of the First Christian Church at 320 N. 16th St. in Cañon City. For more information, call 276-9242.
- **Tuesday and Thursday, Lunches** are served at noon at the Penrose Center at 405 Broadway in Penrose. Everyone is welcome. Meals are \$3 per person. Please call 372-3872 for reservations. Thrift Store is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- **Thursday, Get Your Game On** is offered 4-5 p.m. in the Penrose Community Library at 35 Seventh Ave. in Penrose. Board games.
- **First Friday of every month after May 19, Cruise Nights Cañon City Main Street** invites the public to its monthly Cruise Nights from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 371-3890. Open to all cars and car clubs.
- **Third Saturday of the month, Free lunch** to those in need will be offered from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Cañon City First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at Ninth and Main Streets.
- **Sundays, VFW Post No. 4061** will serve breakfast from 7:30-11 a.m. at 215 Cottonwood Ave. Adults \$7, children 8-12, \$4 and free for children younger than 8. Groups call ahead at 275-9886. The public is welcome.

May 27-29, The 2017 Create Cañon City Balloon Classic will take place on the grounds of the Abbey at 2951 E. U.S. 50. Watch balloon launches, skydivers, great music, races, Abbey Glow, a Kids Zone and much more. Admission and free parking. Sponsored by St. Thomas More Hospital.

June 3, Bluegrass & BBQ Fundraiser, featuring Grass it Up, will be held from 6-9 p.m. in Penrose Park Pavilion at 401 Fourth Ave. in Penrose. \$10 per person includes a BBQ dinner and music. Bring lawn chairs. For tickets, call 372-6017.

Central Colorado Housing is looking for crafters, food and home party vendors to participate in its **Third Annual Summer Craft Fair on July 8th**. Booth space is \$40 and one item will be donated to the silent auction. Call Laura Yost at 269-7687, ext. 110 or email her at laura.yost@uaacog.com.

The Florence Pioneer Museum is open for summer. Tuesday-Friday: 1-4 p.m., Saturday: 10 a.m. -3 p.m.



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

Be Encouraged

First and foremost, don't allow yourself to be discouraged. As Jesus said in Matthew 5:13 and 14, "You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world." You are so very talented in the gifts the Lord has given you. You are a breath of fresh air to those around you and an inspiration to folks you don't even know. The events of the world can be overwhelming if you focus on them instead of the Lord. You are a fellow change agent in the culture we are trying to change. As Winston Churchill said, "Never give in--never, never, never, never, in nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy."

The issues we are facing as a nation, and perhaps personally, are tough to deal with, but if we can control what we can control and remain focused, we can make an impact. We can be the very best that we can be, which will challenge others to raise their own standards to keep up. Stay encouraged. Turn discouragement into determination, and determination into domination. That's how we have to roll. We're not going to let anybody get the best of us. We are stronger together and when we stand in solidarity together, we win together. Let's not allow distractions to hinder the purpose and focus of our mission. We don't need to allow ourselves to become angry or offended, but use these affronts to educate on our position. We have a great future in Christ Jesus, and we can play a significant role

in making life better for all. Don't allow yourself to walk away or to be discouraged or be influenced by someone else's envy. You are a child of the living God, full of life and energy--He has provided all the skill sets you need to be successful in this environment. As Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." When we look around at the condition of the world, the nature of people who live with hate in their hearts, but recognize righteousness as hate, we must understand that we don't have to fear because we have the answer to their hurts. Believe me, I understand what you are enduring. We talk about it a lot here in our house. The darkness of the unrighteous, the insanity of those who have no historic perspective or common sense, seem to be encroaching on everything that is good. They truly are saying that good is evil and evil is good.

But we have the promises of God's word upon which we can stand. And having done all, we shall stand. Proverbs 28:18 says, "Whoso walks in integrity shall be saved: but he that is crooked in his ways shall fall at once." As a man of faith, I know that people generally reap what they sow. Keep sowing that good seed. Do not be deterred by the noise of the unrighteous. Be emboldened by the light of Christ that shines within you.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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by The Zman

When we had schools, Americans learned about the French Revolution, mostly as a peasant uprising against the king. The storming of the Bastille is usually characterized as the riff-raff reaching their breaking point and taking control of the dungeon the king used to imprison his political opponents. While the fortress was a symbol of royal authority, it was hardly a tool of royal oppression. The Bastille, when it was stormed, had just seven prisoners. There were four forgers, two lunatics and one degenerate aristocrat inside.

The truth is, the French Revolution was a cosmopolitan affair, led by men who were educated and well off, relative to the peasantry. The Jacobin Club was not for hod carriers and sewer workers. It was lawyers and academics. These were the men who had internalized the ideas of the Enlightenment and began to think about the political framework that should spring from those ideas. Of course, it was centered in Paris, which was where the cognitive elites were centered. These were urban revolutionaries.

That does not mean the countryside had no role in things. It's just that the waves of change radiated out from Paris. The key insight of the Jacobins was to send representatives out into the smaller towns and cities to organize radicals and incite rebellion.

"The radicals were murdering their enemies not as a means to an end but as an end in itself. For the radical, murder becomes a sacrament."

It was a stroke of genius that has been copied by radicals and revolutionaries ever since. Many rural peasants welcomed the revolution as it meant some degree of freedom and the redistribution of lands seized from the Church and aristocracy.

As is always the case with radicalism, they went too far and were soon alienating the people they claimed to champion. The Civil Constitution of the Clergy was passed on July 12, 1790, requiring all clerics to swear allegiance to the French government. The radicals could get away with seizing Church lands, but when they seized the priesthood, the people in the countryside began to resist. The Church was the center of

rural life and the foundation of French rural traditional. The radicals were now making war on this.

Imagine you're living in a farming community and government officials show up and haul away your parish priest because he refuses to swear an oath to the state. Further, those government agents closed the local churches. It would be a lot like the state coming in and telling the Christian baker that they had to celebrate gay marriage and pay for their employee's abortions. Imagine the government one day saying that your mother and father's life

"As is always the case with radicalism, they went too far and were soon alienating the people they claimed to champion."

is no different than two men sharing rent and a bed. Crazy.

The revolt in the Vendée region, on the west coast of France, began with the March 1793 conscription requiring Vendéans to fill their quota of 300,000 men for the army. The enraged populace took up arms and quickly formed a Catholic Army. What started as a demand for reopening the churches and getting their priests back, turned into a Royalist counter rebellion against the Republic. Initially, the Republicans were caught off-guard and the rebels enjoyed some success, even though their army was ill-equipped.

The Republic got its bearings and sent a 45,000-man army to suppress the rebellion and by the fall of that year the rebel army was defeated. The Committee for Public Safety decided that beating the army was not enough and opted for pacification. Whether or not the word "genocide" is appropriate is debatable. Some estimates put the death toll at 400,000 for a population of 800,000. Then there was the "scorched earth" policy of raising the homes of anyone suspected of being a rebel, which was anyone who owned a home.

The War in the Vendée is interesting for a number of reasons, but one important lesson is the fervor of those protecting their way of life is

no match for the zeal of the Utopian fanatic building his paradise. The romantic rustics of the countryside were beaten by the savvy fanatics of Paris. It was not just the numbers or the resources. The people of the Vendée were people defending [within] the limits of human conduct, while the Committee for Public Safety was limited only by its imagination. They would do anything to reach the promised land.

Another important lesson is the savagery of Louis Marie Turreau, the French officer sent by the Committee for Public Safety to pacify the

region, was the result of righteous enthusiasm for his task. The radicals were murdering their enemies not as a means to an end but as an end in itself. For the radical, murder becomes a sacrament. When Turreau inquired about the limits of what he could do to pacify the region, the answer from the committee was "eliminate the brigands to the last man, there is your duty."

This is something to keep in mind when thinking about the present crisis. The revolt that put Trump in office is a revolt of the provincials. Plenty of Trump voters went to college or have office work. It's not the old class divide. It is the new class divide. The revolution over the last 25 years has been led by a cosmopolitan elite, based in the coastal cities of America. These are the people dreaming up gay marriage and transgenders, not because they make any sense, but because they offend the sensible provincials out in the suburbs.

It's comforting to think that the pendulum is swinging back toward normalcy, but it could simply be a rearguard action. The radicals running the American "republic" are no less bloodthirsty and malevolent than those who razed the Vendée. They may not unleash genocidal infernal columns on the suburbs, but they are plenty enthusiastic about importing hordes of foreign peasants to wreak havoc on the people. They are also smart and savvy, masters of the tools of power. But most of all, they have no sense of restraint.

Please see: <http://thezman.com/wordpress/?p=10311>



Journalists Drink Too Much, Are Dumber Than Average, Study Finds

by Tyler Durden,
Zerohedge.com

A recent scientific study just proved something that viewers of CNN have probably suspected for years: Journalists’ brains function at a lower level than the rest of the population.

A study conducted by neuroscientist Tara Swift and the London Press Club determined that “the highest functions of journalists brains were operating at a lower level than the average population, due to dehydration, self-medicating and fueling their brains with caffeine and high-sugar foods.”

“However, the pressures of the job are not affecting journalists ability to endure and bounce back from adversity in the long term, due to a belief that their work has meaning,” according to a press release from the London Press Club.

Journalists’ brains show a lower level of executive function - that is, the ability of the brain to regulate emotions, suppress biases, switch between tasks, solve complex problems and think flexibly and creatively - than the average person because of their heavy drinking, and caffeine consumption. They also eat too many high-sugar foods, and don’t devote enough time to mindfulness.

Dr. Swart recruited 31 journalists from across the industry to participate in the study. Participants were required to record their eating and drinking habits, answer a brain profile questionnaire, take blood tests, and wear heart-rate variability monitors.

The study was initially launched to examine how journalists manage to “survive and thrive” while managing such high levels of occupational stress. “Journalism,” the press release notes, “is one of many industries under an increasing amount of pressure in the digital age. Low pay, frequent deadlines, and high levels of accountability all contribute to high reported stress levels.”

(Editor/GG: Pour me another one, bartender.)

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Kentucky Court Upholds Religious Freedom For All: Will Others Follow Suit?

by James Gottry,
CNSNews.com

Blaine Adamson is the managing owner of Hands On Originals, a promotional printing company in Kentucky. And today, the Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled that Blaine is free to decline to print messages that conflict with his religious beliefs.

This *should* be an unremarkable decision.

And in some contexts, such a ruling really *would* be as unremarkable as it should be. Consider the designers who publicly stated their unwillingness to design clothes for the first lady or Ivanka Trump, believing it would express a message of approval regarding the president’s politics. Consider the cake artist who refused to create a cake with the words, “We do not support gay marriage,” because she disagreed with the message. Or consider the photographer who refused to take Christmas photos for Alliance Defending Freedom founder Alan Sears, because, in her words, “I oppose the goals and objectives of your organization and have no interest in working on its behalf.”

In all these instances, the principled exercise of conscience drew either ap-

plause or the equivalent of a not-quite-interested yawn.

The individuals mentioned above may not have been motivated by religious beliefs like Blaine was. Yet they all—like Blaine—declined to create something not because of any trait of the customer, but because of their reluctance to endorse or express a particular *message*. And they all—like Blaine—made these decisions because they were unwilling to violate their conscience.

In almost all respects, the facts in Blaine’s case are comparable to those situations above. Blaine declined to print expressive shirts promoting the Lexington Pride Festival hosted by the Gay and Lesbian Services Organization. But even though Blaine couldn’t print the shirt, he offered to connect the customer to another printer that would have produced the shirts for the same price Blaine would have charged (a thoughtful gesture the designers, cake artist and photographer mentioned above did not make).

His decision to decline the order was not motivated by the customer’s sexual orientation. Indeed, Blaine has long done business with *and* employed people who identify as part of the LGBT community. Blaine simply did not want to print the *message* on the shirts, a message that conflicts with his faith. The court, in an opinion written by Chief Judge Joy A. Kramer, recognized this simple fact, holding that the requested shirts “clearly imparted a message.”

Moreover, Judge Kramer explained, there was *no evidence* that Hands On

Originals “refused any individual the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages and accommodations it offered to everyone else *because* the individual in question had a specific sexual orientation or gender identity.”

With all those similarities, it *should* be no wonder that Blaine prevailed. But why are so many other courts failing to reach the same conclusion in similar cases?

With the Kentucky Court of Appeals ruling in Blaine’s case, the Bluegrass State has shined light on a reality that several other courts have been unable (or unwilling) to see: that freedom of conscience must be protected regardless of the popularity of the message that the business owner is unwilling to express.

As Hamlet once quipped, “There’s the rub.” That’s the difference between Blaine and the other individuals above. And that’s the rub that Blaine and others like him have faced. People like Barronelle Stutzman, the floral artist who declined to create artistic expression celebrating a same-sex wedding. Or Elaine Huguenin, the photographer who—instead of declining to photograph the head of a religious nonprofit group—declined to create images telling the story of a same-sex commitment ceremony. (Elaine and her husband were later told by a New Mexico Supreme Court justice that “compromis[ing] the very religious beliefs that inspire their lives” was “the price of citizenship.”)

When business owners exercise their freedom of conscience by taking a popular stand, they are applauded,

and society at large celebrates the triumph of free expression and the principled exercise of conscience. But when—like Blaine—business owners seek to exercise their freedom of conscience in a way that is not in line with approved government orthodoxy, they are frequently cast as bigots in need of forced “re-education” or punishment. They are told that they must sacrifice either their livelihood or their conscience.

The freedom to determine what messages you will—and will not—express is a freedom that belongs to every citizen. Championing the freedoms of expression and conscience for those who share your views, while demanding that others violate their convictions, is not tolerant, and it is not principled. It is hypocrisy. Proponents of true tolerance recognize that it’s a two-way street. Making principled decisions isn’t always popular, but we illuminate the best of our diverse society when we make room for diversity in conscience and expression.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals got it right—it treated Blaine no differently than creative professionals who hold contrary views. It recognized that expressive freedom is no less for the conservative than the progressive, for the person of faith than the atheist. Time will tell whether other courts are able (or willing) to prioritize principle and faithfully uphold cherished constitutionally protected freedoms for all.

Please see: <http://www.cnsnews.com/commentary/james-gottry/kentucky-ct-upholds-constitutionally-protected-freedoms-all-will-others>

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by Michael Snyder,
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The recklessness of the “too big to fail” banks almost doomed them the last time around, but apparently they still haven’t learned from their past mistakes. Today, the top 25 U.S. banks have 222 **trillion** dollars of exposure to derivatives. In other words, the exposure that these banks have to derivatives contracts is approximately equivalent to the gross domestic product of the United States **times twelve**. As long as stock prices continue to rise and the U.S. economy stays fairly stable, these extremely risky financial weapons of mass destruction will probably not take down our entire financial system. But someday another major crisis will inevitably happen, and when that day arrives, the devastation that these financial instruments will cause will be absolutely unprecedented.

During the great financial crisis of 2008, derivatives played a starring role, and U.S. taxpayers were forced to step in and bail out companies such as AIG that were on the verge of collapse because the risks that they took were just too great.

But now it is happening again, and nobody is really talking very much about it. In a desperate search for higher profits, all of the “too big to fail” banks are gambling like crazy, and at some point a lot of these bets are going to go really bad. The following numbers regarding exposure to derivatives contracts come directly from the OCC’s most recent quarterly report, (*Editor/GG: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency*) and as you can see the level of recklessness that we are currently witnessing is more than just a little bit alarming...

Citigroup
Total Assets: \$1,792,077,000,000 (slightly less than 1.8 trillion dollars)
Total Exposure To Derivatives: \$47,092,584,000,000 (**more than 47 trillion dollars**)

JPMorgan Chase
Total Assets: \$2,490,972,000,000 (just under 2.5 trillion dollars)
Total Exposure To Derivatives: \$46,992,293,000,000 (**nearly 47 trillion dollars**)

Goldman Sachs
Total Assets: \$860,185,000,000 (less than a trillion dollars)
Total Exposure To Derivatives: \$41,227,878,000,000 (**more than 41 trillion dollars**)

Bank Of America
Total Assets: \$2,189,266,000,000 (a little bit more than 2.1 trillion dollars)
Total Exposure To Derivatives: \$33,132,582,000,000 (**more than 33 trillion dollars**)

Morgan Stanley
Total Assets: \$814,949,000,000 (less than a trillion dollars)
Total Exposure To Derivatives:

\$28,569,553,000,000 (**more than 28 trillion dollars**)

Wells Fargo
Total Assets: \$1,930,115,000,000 (more than 1.9 trillion dollars)
Total Exposure To Derivatives: \$7,098,952,000,000 (**more than 7 trillion dollars**)

Collectively, the top 25 banks have a total of 222 trillion dollars of exposure to derivatives.

If you are new to all of this, you might be wondering what a “derivative” actually is.

When you buy a stock you are purchasing an ownership interest in a company, and when you buy a bond you are purchasing the debt of a company. But when you buy a derivative, you are not actually getting anything tangible. Instead, you are simply making a side bet about whether something will or will not happen in the future. These side bets can be extraordinarily complex, but at their core they are basically just wagers. The following is a pretty good definition of derivatives that comes from Investopedia...

A derivative is a security with a price that is dependent upon or derived from one or more underlying assets. The derivative itself is a contract between two or more parties based upon the asset or assets. Its value is determined by fluctuations in the underlying asset. The most common underlying assets include stocks, bonds, commodities, currencies, interest rates and market indexes.

Those that trade derivatives are essentially engaged in a form of legalized gambling, and some of the brightest names in the financial world have been warning about the potentially destructive nature of these financial instruments for a very long time.

In a letter that he wrote to shareholders of Berkshire Hathaway in 2003, Warren Buffett actually referred to derivatives as “financial weapons of mass destruction”...

The derivatives genie is now well out of the bottle, and these instruments will almost certainly multiply in variety and number until some event makes their toxicity clear. Central banks and governments have so far found no effective way to control, or even monitor, the risks posed by these contracts. In my view, derivatives are financial weapons of mass destruction, carrying dangers that, while now latent, are potentially lethal.

Warren Buffett was right on the money when he made that statement, and of course the derivatives bubble is far larger today than it was back then.

In fact, the total national value of derivatives contracts globally is in excess of 500 trillion dollars.

This is a disaster that is just waiting to happen, and investors such as Buffett

are quietly positioning themselves to take advantage of the giant crash that is inevitably coming.

According to financial expert Jim Rickards, Buffett’s Berkshire Hathaway Inc. is hoarding 86 **billion** dollars in cash because he is likely anticipating a major stock market downturn...

Far from a bullish sign, Buffett’s cash hoard could mean he’s preparing for a market crash. When the crash comes, Buffett can walk through the wreckage with his checkbook open and buy great companies for a fraction of their current value.

That’s the real Buffett style, but you won’t hear that from your broker or wealth manager. If Buffett has a huge cash allocation, shouldn’t you?

He knows what’s coming. Now you do too.

Warren Buffett didn’t become one of the wealthiest men in the entire world by being stupid. He knows that stocks are ridiculously overvalued at this point, and he is poised to make his move after the pendulum swings in the other direction.

And he might not have too long to wait. In recent weeks I have been writing about many of the signs that the U.S. economy is slowing down substantially, and today we received even more bad news...

Despite high levels of economic confidence expressed by business owners and consumers, one key indicator shows that it has not translated into much action yet.

Loan issuance declined in the first quarter from the previous three-month period, the first time that has happened in four years, according to an SNL Financial analysis of bank earnings reports filed for the period. The total of recorded loans and leases fell to \$9.297 trillion from \$9.305 trillion in the fourth quarter of 2016.

This is precisely what we would expect to see if a new economic downturn was beginning. Our economy is very highly dependent on the flow of credit, and when that flow begins to diminish that is a very bad sign.

For the moment, financial markets continue to remain completely disconnected from the hard economic data, but as we saw in 2008 the markets can plunge very rapidly once they start catching up with the real economy.

Warren Buffett is clearly getting prepared for the crisis that is ahead.

Are you?

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

A Psalm of David, Psalm 144:1

California Releases Assault Weapons Ban Language

by Beth Baumann,
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This morning, the State of California released their language regarding their assault weapons and high-capacity magazine bans.

In the document, the state mandates all firearms they consider to be "assault weapons" must be registered with the Department of Justice:

Any person who from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2016 inclusive, lawfully possessed an assault weapon that does not have a fixed magazine as defined in Penal Code section 30515, including those weapons with an ammunition feeding device that can be readily removed from the firearm with the use of a tool (commonly referred to as a bullet-button weapon) must register the firearm before January 1, 2018.

The Golden State is considering anything without a "fixed magazine" the size of the pistol grip to be an assault weapon. The focus is primarily on those who build

their own AR-15 style pistols.

Residents are then required to go through a number of crazy steps to make sure their firearm is in compliance:

1. In order to be legally registered, the firearm has to have been legally acquired on or before December 31, 2016.
2. Each gun owner would have to establish an account under the California Firearms Application Reporting System (CFARS). The following information must be provided:
 - Full name
 - Address
 - Telephone number
 - Date of birth
 - Sex
 - Height
 - Weight
 - Eye color
 - Hair color
 - Military identification number (if applicable)
 - CA driver's license or identification card number
 - United States citizenship status
 - Place of birth
 - Country of citizenship

- Alien registration number (if applicable)

3. The following information would have to be provided on *each* firearm that falls under their definition of an "assault weapon":
 - Firearm type, make and model
 - Caliber
 - Firearm color
 - Barrel length
 - Serial number
 - All identification marks on firearm
 - Country of origin/manufacture
 - The date the firearm was acquired
 - The name and address of the individual from whom or business from which the firearm was acquired
 - Clear digital photos of firearms listed on the application.
- One photo shall depict the bullet-button style magazine release installed on the firearm.
- One photo shall depict the firearm from the end of the barrel to the end of the stock if it is a long gun or the point furthest from the end of the barrel if it is a pistol.

- The other two photos shall show the left side of the receiver/frame and right side of the receiver/frame.

4. If you're like most families, you probably share your firearms amongst yourselves. If that's the case, each family member who will be shooting the firearm must be registered as well. One person has to be identified as the "primary registrant," while others must register as "joint registrants." To be a "joint registrant" you must live at the same address as the primary registrant. Everyone who is registered must be 19 by December 31, 2017.
 - Only direct family members (parent to child, child to parent, spouses) are allowed to be joint registrants.
 - Joint registrants have to provide proof of address showing they live with the primary registrant.
5. You've gone through the above steps but *wait*. You're not done yet! The CA DoJ will provide each of your firearms with a specific serial number. You must then take your firearm and your new serial number and have an

Federal Firearms Licensed vendor (FFL) engrave it on your firearm.

6. Once the serial number is engraved on your firearm, you have to provide pictures to the DoJ showing the serial number was completed.
7. Pay a \$15 fee per firearm to register your gun. There are no limits to the number of firearms that can be registered in a single transaction but the DoJ can deny your application for any reason.

The silliest part of this whole thing? The CA DoJ isn't even ready for the registration process to begin.

Buckle up, kids – it's going to be a bumpy ride.

(Editor/GG: Note this, Coloradans: If the Colorado Senate wasn't Republican, we would have the same law here. The elected Democrats in this state are the same type of fascists we fought in WWII.)

Please see: <https://bearingarms.com/beth-b/2017/05/19/breaking-ca-assault-weapons/>

Training For School Personnel Who Are Armed First Responders Coloradans for Civil Liberties Launching Three-Day Training To Stop Active Shooters, Medically Save Lives

—May 15, 2017

DENVER, Colorado

Coloradans for Civil Liberties (CCL) —an organization committed to restoring the Second

Amendment freedoms of Colorado citizens— announces that advanced training for school staff members who are armed first responders, or who would like to be consid-

ered, is now available. The class is being organized by CCL, in partnership with Independence Institute.

"Colorado law currently allows K-12 school staff to carry a concealed firearm on campus, provided they are designated by their school board, or charter school board, as a school security officer," said Laura Carno, co-founder of Coloradans for Civil Liberties. "Dozens of school staff are already so designated. We want to bring them world-class training in stopping active shooters."

Faculty/Administrator Safety Training and Emergency Response (FASTER) has been taught in Ohio for the past five years, training nearly 900 school staff members. FASTER was the brainchild of Buckeye Firearms Foundation and Tactical Defense Institute, both in Ohio. The curriculum includes skills to stop active shooter situations, as well as advanced medical training to deal with related injuries such as gunshot wounds.

Application for registration for the first class in June is open to school staff who al-

ready have their Concealed Handgun Permit (CHL) and who have already been approved as a school security officer, or who are in the process of being approved, by their school board or charter school board.

Weld County Sheriff's Office is helping to facilitate this training by providing a local facility for class use.

The tuition is \$1,000 per class member, and scholarships are available. According to Amy Cooke, Independence Institute's Executive VP, "We have raised schol-

arship money, because we never want lack of training budget money to keep any school personnel from having access to this lifesaving training. We are honored to partner with CCL to help save the lives of Colorado's school children."

For more information, or to register for the FASTER class, please go to FasterColorado.com. For media questions, or schedule an interview, please contact Laura Carno at lauracarno@gmail.com or 719-492-0211.

Honest Injun's Quip Pick



You don't shoot to kill;
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"The Constitution preserves the advantage of being armed which Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation... (where) the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms."

—James Madison, The Federalist, No. 46

Number of Carry Permits Tops 15 Million in 2017

by Dean Weingarten,
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In July, 2016, the number of concealed carry permits in the United States was over 14.5 million. The number was growing rapidly during the election year. It is now over 15 million, and likely much higher. A few states require a permit for both open and concealed carry.

Starting with the numbers from the Crime Prevention Research Center (CPRC), there have been increases in all states where numbers could be found. The dozen states listed below show actual figures and the increase from the numbers cited in the CPRC study.

Arizona: 272,622 to 315,107 as of May 18, 2017, an increase of 42,485.

Florida: 1,581,742 to 1,755,580

as of April 30, 2017, an increase of 173,838.

Indiana: 728,976, to 799,546 as of March 31, 2017, an increase of 70,570.

Michigan 556,136 to 613,387 as of May 1, 2017, an increase of 57,251.

Massachusetts: 360,263 to 412,369 as of December 2016, an increase of 52,106.

Ohio: 549,730 to 574,000 as of September 30th an increase of 24,270. It was a record year for Ohio and many states.

Louisiana: 154,707 to 173,881 as of 31 December, 2016, an increase of 19,174.

Minnesota: 221,712 to 265,728 as of 1 March, 2017, an increase of 44,016.

South Carolina: 276,084 to

308,406 as of December 31, 2016, an increase of 32,322.

Tennessee: 560,933 to 592,517 as of 1 May, 2017, an increase of 31,584.

Texas: 1,052,073 to 1,150,754 as of 31 December, 2016, an increase of 98,681.

Wisconsin: 300,000 to 321,200 as of 7 January, 2017, an increase of 21,200.

That is an increase of 624,625 permits for only those dozen states. That puts the number of carry permits over 15 million nationally.

Pennsylvania has over 1.2 million permits, but the current numbers were not found in Internet searches. The numbers for Ohio are valid through the third quarter of 2016. It is likely that another 50,000 permits were added in the

last two quarters in Ohio.

The rate of increase of permits continues to grow as reforms of the permitting process make the acquisition of permits easier. Texas is in the process of reducing permit fees from \$140, to \$40, for example. A modest counter current exists in the increase in Constitutional Carry states.

When a state converts to Constitutional carry, there is often a slight decrease in permits, followed by increases. In Arizona, there had been 156,000 permits issued by 2010. Not all of those permits would have been active. Arizona joined the Constitutional Carry Club in 2010, yet today, Arizona has over 315,00 permits, more than double what it had in 2010!

Vermont was the only Constitutional Carry state until 2003, when Alaska passed its modern-

ization bill. Arizona was next, in 2010. Since 2010, ten more states have modernized state law to reflect respect for the exercise of Second Amendment rights.

There are 13 current members of the Constitutional Carry Club. They are Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Vermont, Wyoming and West Virginia.

With over 15 million carry permits nationwide, and 13 Constitutional Carry states, the movement to restore the exercise of Second Amendment rights continues on the fast track.

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Please see: <http://gunwatch.blogspot.com/2017/05/number-of-concealed-carry-permits-tops.html>

Colonel John Boyd's OODA Loop

by Boethius,
Men of the West

Observe, Orient, Decide, Act

To call Colonel John Boyd just a “military strategist” is akin to calling Julius Caesar just a “Roman general”. Colonel Boyd redefined the concept we use in thinking about problems and how to deal with the opposing force. Colonel Boyd wasn’t big on putting things on paper, a lot of what we know about his theory is rooted in student notes from his training sessions and word of mouth.

OODA loop thinking applies to both tactical, in-the-moment, responses and strategy development and application.

At the heart of his theory lies ambiguity. Fog of war, what other people are thinking, what your opponent is thinking, a million details of ways things could fail and go wrong, the OODA loop is how to engage that ambiguity and succeed.

When we are in a situation, or planning for a situation, we create a mental model of what we believe is going on. We’re wrong, of course, since no one except God can have all the information, but we can build a model that is sufficient for our needs. We do it all the time and that model works. Mostly.

OODA loop is building the

mental skills needed to understand when that model is no longer working, make a new model, and act. The quicker you do this, the shorter the cycle, and your chances of success go up.

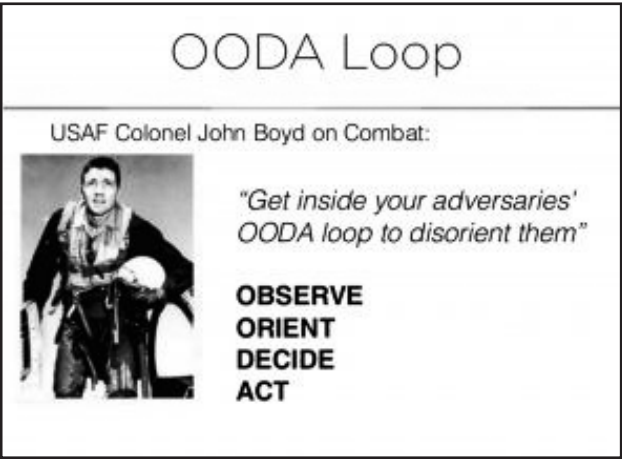
loop. Here’s where your mental model truly lives. Everything you are lays the groundwork. Where you are now influences the model. What you understand right now shapes the model.

ting the decision into action and seeing what happens.

The loop begins anew until you have completed your task or can’t make any progress.

As you can see, the OODA loop is more flexible and inclusive than what is normally presented. It has many applications, from combat to business. Understanding the OODA loop and how to apply it gives you another tool for your mental toolbox. Being able to act faster and more correctly can mean all the difference in the world.

Please see: <https://www.menofthewest.net/colonel-john-boyds-ooda-loop/>



The phrase “getting inside someone’s OODA loop” means your loop is tighter. You’re creating a new model of reality, making decisions and acting before your opponent does.

Observe is the start of the process. This is the intel gathering phase. You bring in as much information as you need to feed the next phase. But you have to do it quickly.

Orient. Taking the information you just gathered, you need to understand where you are in relationship to the important criteria. If you don’t understand where you are in relationship to what matters, you can’t feed that into the next phase. If you don’t have enough information, gather more by going back to Observe. Boyd named this the schwerpunkt of the entire

Decide (Hypothesis). If you don’t think you have enough information, go back to Observe. If you do, your mental model will be sufficient to show your next possible actions. You won’t ever have the perfect model. You won’t know if the model had produced the best possible actions, or even if any of those actions will succeed. But you have to make a choice. Later, Boyd started labeling this step as “Hypothesis” since you are really working on assumptions.

Act (Test). This is where the rubber hits the road. The other three stages all lead to this. If you aren’t getting here, you are doing it wrong and you will lose. Nothing is won by doing nothing. Boyd labeled this as “Test” which makes sense because you are put-



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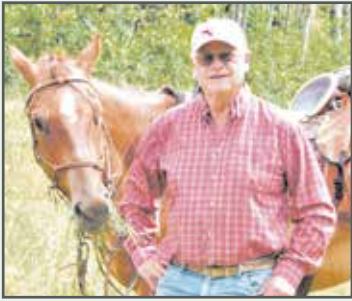
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Politics & The Bible From Pastor Jim



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

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



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

All Scripture taken from the King James Version.

The Need For Weed

On a recent vacation we travelled in Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and a corner of New Mexico. Soon after arriving home, necessity demanded a trip to Pueblo which instantly reminded us of something conspicuously absent in the neighboring states...panhandlers, beggars and deadbeats. In all fairness, these other areas probably host their share of bums, but Colorado has become a canvas of moochers which was not observed in our travels. Merchants are complaining from Durango to Denver about the indigents that are discouraging tourists from shopping. What's remarkable is that most are young and appear to be healthy enough to hold down a job.

Recent survey work indicates that almost without fail, this new influx of homeless is the result of our liberal marijuana laws. Colorado is a paradise for some...you can buy and smoke all the joints you want, providing you can leech enough change to support the habit. My wife and I have been approached several times at gas stations, restaurants and retail parking lots by parasites begging a buck which is generally accompanied by a tale of a broken-down vehicle, lack of fuel or a medical emergency.

If my attitude appears to lack compassion, I refer the reader to an end time prophesy that sheds significant light on the subject: "Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts." (Revelation 9:21) The Greek word for "sorceries" is φαρμακεία pharmakeia, the word for pharmacies or drugs. God does not obligate Himself to be benevolent to anyone who refuses to repent of their sins. The Scriptures indicate that drugs will be a large part of the social fabric in the last days, and the addiction to them is on par with murder and fornication. So much for the disease explanation!

Drug dependency has a side which is not usually examined to its full extent. An addict treats the substance as a god, for it is the one thing they cannot do without. They will go to any extreme, including forsaking all self-respect, begging if necessary, to pacify the demands of this form of idolatry. In essence, it is a religious experience, albeit a very destructive one. Why should this surprise us when people have been known to sacrifice their own young to pagan gods?

Any type of sorcery serves the purpose of controlling the masses and robbing people of the ability of individual thought. Acts 8 records an interesting adaptation of its use: "But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one; To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, 'This man is the great power of God.

And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.'" (Acts 8:9-11) Sorcery comes in a variety of forms including hypnotism, black magic, levitation, extrasensory perception, and transcendentalism or drugs. It is all intended to alter reasonable logic. Simon enjoyed the public perception of being god-like through one or more of these mediums.

The best instrument in the tool box was applied to break the spell: "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the Kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." Philip preached the same Jesus Christ that had previously introduced the subject of the "Kingdom of God" when He told Nicodemus, a religious heavyweight: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3) For two thousand years the new birth has been repairing broken lives and conditions of desperation. For the sake of doctrinal accuracy, it should be noted that baptism was a result of believing, not a vehicle to accommodate the faith in the Saviour.

In a fascinating turn of events, "Simon himself believed also; and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done." (Acts 8:12) Whether the sorcerer's profession was genuine or a cheap imitation is something only God knows, but his lust for power was unabated. After observing the might displayed through the Apostles, Simon requested to buy in. Peter's response was: "thy money perish with thee, because thou has thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money." Simon would have fit well into 21st century conventional thinking, trusting money to buy all influence and solve all problems.

There is a very real possibility that an eighteen-year-old woman who was killed in Times Square would still be alive if America hadn't thrown God out of our public schools in the early sixties. The man who barreled his car through a dense crowd on the sidewalks told police he had been smoking marijuana laced with the hallucinogenic drug PCP. The departure of God creates a vacuum that will be filled by some other "mind fulfilling experience." On the heel of the Lord's expulsion a hippie generation arose pursuing free love, free expression with no boundaries and free goodies from a burgeoning government all of which leads to increasing chaos.

The master sorcerer has been extremely effective. If you find yourself in the shackles of his bondage, turn to Jesus Christ; His hammer of salvation can break your chains.

A Sheepdog Barks!

Well I'm afraid the Republicans have played right into the hands of the much stronger party – the Democrats. Appointing a Special Counsel is/was a bad idea. Right after President Trump was elected I expressed a concern that the Republicans might harm themselves if they failed to rally around President Trump (PT) and support his agenda. Millions of Americans voted for him to accomplish many things while draining the swamp, the swamp of corruption and collusion in Washington D.C. I opined that if the Republicans had the courage to support his agenda, the people (aka the deplorables) would keep them in power for decades. However, if they cowered and failed to support him they would put the Democrats back in power starting in 2018. I now fear this is exactly what is happening. My sense is that, we deplorables, are sick of the feckless and cowardly Republicans who are part of what is known as "the establishment." These are politicians whose only real priority is to get reelected; so that they can get rich and powerful. This is what happens when you attack the swamp and the swamp creatures. The sad part of this story is that so many Republicans are part of the swamp creatures. The leader of that cowardly pack is Senator John McCain (R-AZ), a disgusting loser. The pack includes Kasich, Graham and now Jeb Bush, et al. I hope that the majority of "we, the deplorables" are not buying into this massive all-out attack on PT. The Democrats are NOT satisfied (and never will be) with the Special Counsel. They don't care about the findings at all. They want the story, the scandal and the horror of it all. Immediately after the announcement of former FBI Director Mueller, they shifted their efforts. They know full well there is no "collusion" so they've shifted their "concerns" to "the coverup." Really? How does one "cover-up" something that didn't happen? In other words, the Dems are now concerned that PT is trying to cover-up things he didn't do. It really takes a hatred of the country to go down that path. Elijah Cummings (D-GA) recently said on camera that he has three major concerns. None of his concerns included the leaking of classified information which are the crimes

which have been committed. And not ONE member of the Trump-hating media asked him about that. And even though the IC has told us that the Russians have tried to interfere in our elections for the last 20-30 years, Cummings says we must make sure this "never happens again." Really? What trite and stupid words from a stupid Democrat. There is no doubt the Democrats have decided that their path to victory in 2018 is the Russian-Trump connection. D*n the facts! Just keep telling the LSPDs that our democracy is at stake and Trump must be impeached. Right up their alley. A false narrative, lots of fake news and the support of the conservative-hating main stream media (MSM). It is their only strategy back to power. And too many of the feckless and cowardly Republicans are helping them achieve their goals. MEW! The only hope for PT to keep draining the swamp is that real Americans don't get depressed and abandon the Trump Train. Hopefully, we are not that stupid. I know I'm not. Keep up the fight my fellow sheepdogs. The Democrats and LPSDs are the real danger to this country and our liberty and freedoms. Stand your ground. Fight back. WOOF!

I am so amused about how the Democrats didn't want to investigate anything while Obama was president. But now they want to investigate how many scoops of ice cream PT has after dinner. Two Scoops – that's impeachment stuff! How! They obstructed the investigations into the IRS and Lois Lerner, the Benghazi cover-up, HillARY's crimes on the handling of classified materials and the destruction of over 30,000 official government emails while she was SoS. But, as Obama once said, there was not a "smidgen" of wrong doing during his administration. Now everything, and I mean everything, that PT does needs a special prosecutor. PT has to prove his innocence rather than the courts having to prove his guilt. We heard countless intelligence officials and congressional leaders say there is NO evidence of collusion but the story lives and gets bigger every day. And the MSM is the gasoline throwing themselves on the embers. So now we have a roaring bonfire that's spreading out of



control and no firetruck in sight. What a mess. Stop the daily White House press briefings. They are the dishonest enemy. Nothing is accomplished. They don't ask questions. They make statements and then "argue" their liberal views by interrupting the briefer. They don't want an answer. They want the confrontation. Quit playing their game by their rules. PT and his staff need to pee on that bonfire and the flames will die out. Spicer is not up to the job. Neither is Kimberly Guilfoyle. We need Laura Ingraham or Michele Malkin. Tough conservative women that know how to debate and destroy liberal views and lies. Please, PT, your staff is letting you down. Make some changes now and get on top of these inconsistencies. WOOF!

So here's what we have. The establishment in Washington D.C. and that includes some of Trump's staff, release stuff every day to embarrass and demean him. PT is not smooth, he is not eloquent, he misuses words (like "honored" to meet with Kim Jong Un). He doesn't have a great vocabulary and can't speak extemporaneously very well. The last president was just the opposite. As the MSM liked to tell us, Obama had "swagga" and what did that get us? Colossal damage to our country. Obama bowed to Arab kings, praised the "holy Koran" and met with the Muslim Brotherhood in the White House. I'd much rather have Trump with all his faults and faux pas'. At least he is trying to Make America Great Again and put America First. Obama was a snake oil salesman. Trump is a New York tough guy. I'll take the latter. WOOF!

And wasn't it the Democrats who attacked Donald Trump about not accepting the election results? What a difference an unexpected loss causes. Hypocrites? You decide! WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH



Report: Public School Bloat Depressing Teacher Pay

by Joy Pullman,
The Federalist

From 1950 to 2015, for every new student they enrolled, U.S. public schools hired nearly four full-time staff, most of whom weren't teachers, according to a new EdChoice report from economist Ben Scafidi. While public schools hired teachers two and a half times as fast as they added students, they hired *more than seven times as many* non-teaching staff in that time.

Student achievement did not notably increase over the same period. In fact, it tanked in the 1960s and '70s and has never recovered. Graduation rates are also down since 1970.

Scafidi has been researching this trend since 2012. In a podcast, he said he got the idea to study it by talking with his kids' public school teachers, who expressed frustration about the ever-increasing bureaucracy they had to deal with. He decided to see if the stats bore out their frustrations. They do.

Scafidi also found that while taxpayer spending on public schools has increased 27 percent since 1992, teacher salaries overall have decreased two percent in that time in inflation-adjusted terms.

"It could be argued that this staffing surge was worth it in the 1950s, the 1960s, the 1970s, the 1980s and early 1990s because during those decades public schools began welcoming students with special needs and were allowed to integrate by race or were actively integrated by gov-

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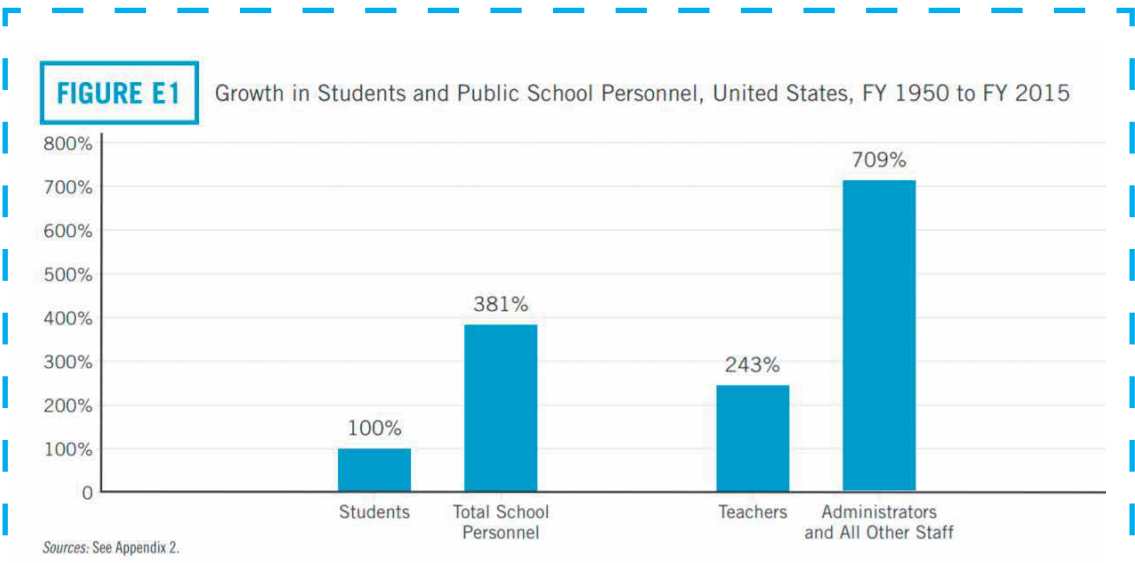
If U.S. public schools had hired staff proportional to student enrollment since 1992, they would have saved taxpayers \$35 billion every year, for a total \$805 billion wasted through 2015, the report says. It notes this money could

Public pension woes, besides squashing the economy for all of us, pinch another \$6,800 out of the average teacher's pay each year. Most teachers never see that money. It's filched because politicians over-promised benefits and chose to spend the money teachers needed reserved

public elementary school class size is 21 students (secondary schools have bigger class sizes), and U.S. taxpayers pay an average of \$12,300 per public school student per year. That's \$258,300 we're spending per classroom per year.

Now, salary plus benefits for the average elementary school teacher come to about \$80,000 per year. That's a pretty good take for folks whose usual competing job opportunities offer significantly lower compensation. Like millennials pitching part of their salaries into the abyss of an also-bankrupt Social Security and Medicare that has paid many baby boomers more than they contributed, not only are teachers punished through pension withholding, all the extra non-teaching staff depress their salary potential. In this hypothetical average classroom, \$178,300 remains to be spent after shelling out for the teacher's salary. That's 69 percent of classroom spending going outside the classroom.

(Editor/GG: For the whole article please see: <http://thefederalist.com/2017/05/16/report-public-school-bloat-depressing-teacher-pay-wasted-805-billion-since-1992/>)



ernment policies," the report says. "But, the staffing surge has continued even after its first 42-year period that ended in 1992.

The modern staffing surge, which began in 1992, has been expensive for taxpayers and has posed a tremendous opportunity cost on teachers and parents."

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have funded any number of things, including a \$11,100 raise for every American teacher, granting four million students school choice, or backfilling the \$500 billion in pension debt currently accrued on teachers' behalf. That's the current gap between what politicians promised to pay teachers after retirement, and what projections say will be available to fulfill those promises.

for fully funded pensions. That's how public schools' hiring bloat is "burning the candle at both ends," Scafidi noted in the podcast. Not only did schools waste money in hiring extra staff, but all the extra staff tap pension systems that are already set to go bankrupt. Here's some back-of-the-envelope math using federal statistics to further illustrate what has been going on in classrooms. The average U.S.

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he faces. Like upright dominos as one falls, others go with it. He is waiting on resignations, outcome of federal and state grants, and further word about funding from the state legislature. All of these factors are critical in the determination of the operating budget for the year.

Colorado ranks forty-seventh at best in the various evaluation and funding categories for education. Mr. Payler indicated in his seventeen years as a Superinten-

dent every year the Legislature talks about fixing the problem and every year nothing changes. There are band-aide fixes such as the supplemental funding grant discussed above but there is no real desire in state government to solve the issue of proper school funding. While all school districts feel the funding pinch, rural school districts suffer more acutely from the lack of funding. He indicated if the state would simply stop the practice of negative funding, (the negative deduction of approximately \$500,000 a year.) Custer County would be in surprisingly good shape. This

negative funding formula was put in effect during the economic downturn yet it continues even though the economy recovered years ago. *(Reporter's note: The politicians in Denver are very calculating. They know eventually, the fiscal crisis for the local school districts will become so serious the citizens will be forced to relieve some of the problem by approving a mill levy increase. This frees them from the burden of funding the schools in the state budget.*

The tax payer continues to pay the state tax rate and a new

higher local rate to support the schools. Don't let them get away with this shell game. The major problem with funding our schools is in Denver! Our State Representative Jim Wilson and our State Senator Larry Crowder recognize the issue and they want to change the funding formula but they get overruled by the other party, special interests and wasteful spending practices time and time again.)

The issues presented here are only going to get worse. Our District teachers, staff, administrators, board and volunteers work

diligently within the confines of the budget restraints and bureaucratic hoopla generated from Denver. They work with diligence and dedication to provide a quality education for the students in Custer County. They cannot however, be expected to continue that work without proper resources. Rural schools need voters demanding the Legislature and the Governor provide proper funding for schools. You cannot make silk from a sow's ear and you cannot have quality education without adequate funding. That's the message from this meeting!

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May 17th BOCC Meeting: Interim 4-H Solution, CCEDC Makes Broadband Progress

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)

—May 17, 2017

WETMORE, Colorado

by Jackie Bubis

The meeting was held in the Wetmore Community Center despite the ongoing work. The meeting started at 9 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. Commissioner Kattnig was not in attendance so the meeting was chaired by Commissioner Hood. Introductions of the public in attendance followed.

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Printz reported on a recent Custer County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) meeting.

Mrs. Hood reported that she contacted Lisa Rowe with the Underfunded Courthouse project to see if the County could spend grant money on investigating and planning a new judicial building. Rowe is passing the question up the line as she doesn't have the authority to say yes to that request. She also reported ongoing issues getting CenturyLink service for the Wetmore Community Center phone lines. The process has been ongoing for over six weeks and still there are no answers from CenturyLink.

Extension Office update; both Sara Shields and Beverly Go-

ertz have signed contracts and have attended training in Fort Collins with CSU. The contracts were given the thumbs-up from CSU after minor changes to the job titles. Both are termed "interim" positions and both are paid at the \$20/hour wage without benefits.

Work is ongoing on the Employee Personnel Policies.

Attorney Items:

Attorney Smith again stressed that neither Bill Nobles from CSU or Jean Glowacki from 4-H were trying to thwart our 4-H program and that they had no choice but to suspend the program when Carlan Cardenas left. He brought the Resolution 17-10 that created the two interim positions to be amended with the new job titles – this passed unanimously.

Mrs. Hood addressed the ongoing bid process for the high-speed internet for the Courthouse and Sheriff's Office. She is not comfortable with the information she's been given so far and wants to get all parties together in a workshop to get answers. Sheriff Byerly expressed doubt as to whether the three entities (SECOM, Hilltop and CenturyLink) would be available for this get together and stressed again how crippled his office is. With the new e-Discovery program, his office has to transmit vast amounts

of information which takes 12-16 hours for each case. This means his office internet is virtually useless during these transmission times. He stressed that it will take six to eight weeks once the decision is made to get the service online. Mrs. Hood answered by saying she'd try to get this meeting scheduled within the next few weeks.

Regarding the SIPA Streaming Video Proposal – Mrs. Hood said they'd had a great work session. They are moving forward with a \$6K funding grant (County's match is half) to get the software and set-up for streaming video. The equipment will be extra and range from \$1,500 to \$5,000.

Charles Bogle of the CCEDC said that they have accepted the report on the six-tower solution (despite the math inconsistencies) and restated the report's "findings" that this will increase broadband coverage from 40% to 80%. *(Editor/ly: Recall that in our March 31st issue, these numbers were disputed in a letter to the editor. Dan Bubis calculated that six towers and millions of dollars from now, 870 more addresses will have internet access in the county, hardly a doubling of new access.)* Mr. Bogle was officially authorized by the Board to move forward with putting together a funding package for this proposal.

Road & Bridge got approval for scraper rental. They also discussed the washout conditions to the Ophir Creek Road. The County has a contract to grade that road once a year. But currently the road needs to be nearly completely rebuilt. The consensus was that this was not the County's responsibility but fell to the Forest Service.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Sheriff Byerly reported on the recent washouts on the road to Beulah and gave kudos to the Road & Bridge department for their work during the recent snow storm.

Cindy Howard gave a brief OEM report. She again has Meredith Nichols as an intern in her office this summer.

When asked about the Wetmore Community Center open house – to be held on June 21st from 2 to 6 p.m., Mrs. Hood stated that the affair was not invitation only. The invitation referred to in public meetings were special invites to the Grantors, to individuals from the Governor's Office, and to those who helped with the building. But it will be open to the public as well. More information to follow.

The meeting went extremely smooth and quick and was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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on May 30th. We are told that date was selected because it was not the anniversary of any particular battle and the optimal date for flowers to be in bloom. This tradition quickly grew and by 1882 Memorial Day was adopted and observed all over America. Many observe Memorial Day by visiting memorials and cemeteries. Graves of military veterans are usually marked with an American flag. Locally, the VFW and American Legion make sure that is done at all the cemeteries in Custer County. They deserve our thanks for that honorable and important gesture in properly memorializing our fallen heroes. In 1966, President Johnson signed a proclamation naming Waterloo, New York, as the birthplace of Memorial Day starting a hundred years before in 1866. Ironton, Ohio, lays claim to the nation's oldest continually running Memorial Day Parade which it first held in May of 1868. The official name of Memorial Day was declared by a federal law in 1967. In June 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act which moved four holidays, including Memorial Day, from their traditional date to a specific Monday in order to create three-day weekends. This Act moved Memorial Day from May 30th to the last Monday in May.

Public displays of patriotism are essential if we are to remember our history and honor those who died while serving our country. Memorial Day observances have come to include not only those that died in war but all those that previously served and risked their lives and those currently serving. We encourage all citizens to take some time this weekend to properly observe this sacred day in our nation's history. We all enjoy our freedoms because of the sacrifices made by the men and women who served or are serving in our Armed Forces. God Bless those that died in battle; God Bless those that have "faded away"; God Bless those actively serving and God Bless America!

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