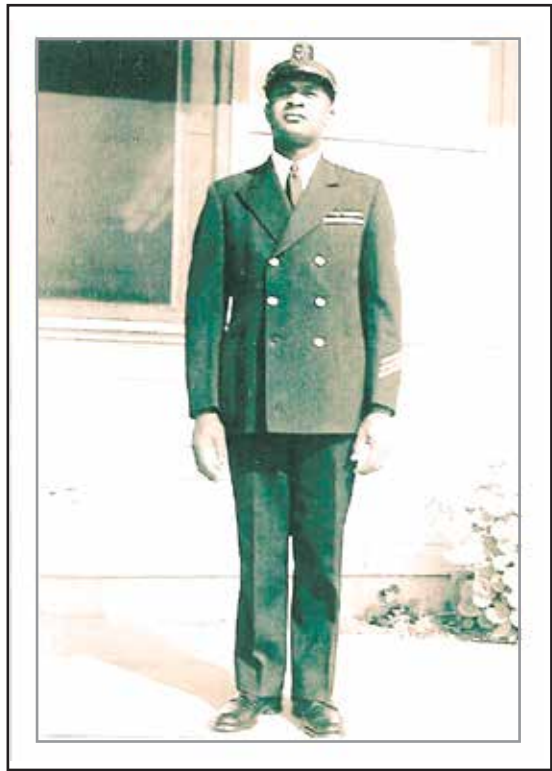




Chief Steward Curtis Brent Fitchpatrick (U.S. Navy Retired)
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Pearl Harbor Veteran Recognized

American Legion Post 170 recognized 100-year-old local resident, U.S. Navy Veteran, CB Fitchpatrick during the 2017 Memorial Service in Silver Cliff on Monday, May 29th.. His story is amazing and inspiring.

Below is his autobiography ;

CHIEF STEWARD CURTIS BRENT FITCHPATRICK
(U.S. Navy Retired)

Curtis Brent Fitchpatrick, affectionately known as “CB”, was born February 21, 1917, on his parent’s farm in Boley, Oklahoma. During his childhood, CB helped his parents by working on their farm and it is there that his stellar work

ethic was honed. When CB had time to play, his favorite sport was baseball.

After graduating high school, CB left his hometown of Boley, Oklahoma, on August 4, 1936, to be sworn into the United States Navy in Dallas, Texas. He was anxious to serve his country and experience the world he had only read about in books. CB entered a military that at the time was segregated by race. He believed if he served honorably, he could change this and ultimately, the way America treated Black men and women during this time. This too was a testament to CB’s drive and desire to achieve and make his country great.

CB received his basic Naval training in Norfolk, Virginia. After completing training, CB was assigned to the USS Holland, which was a submarine tender with a homeport of San Diego, California. He also served on the USS Bass, which was a large fleet submarine; the USS S22, a base-type submarine; and in 1939, CB was assigned to the USS Gamble, which was a minelayer destroyer. These last three assignments had a homeport at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

On Sunday, December 7, 1941, CB was at port in Pearl Harbor.

WWII VETERAN
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BOCC on Proposed Building Code: “If There’s a Compelling Reason... You Can Restrict or Take Away Someone’s Personal Rights”

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)

—May 17, 2017

WESTCLIFFE, Colo.

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. Introductions of the public in attendance followed.

Public comments:

One citizen brought a report to the Commissioners of the perceptions out in the public. While he personally had nothing against them, he did say that the community was in turmoil about the Board insisting that CSU fire Robin Young. He also stated that there was a firestorm in the blue collar and construction arena about the decision to require insurance for the perc-test techs and suggested that the Board, especially Commissioner Kattnig, would suffer the repercussions at the ballot box. Commissioner Printz told him that the insurance requirement would be addressed later in the meet-

ing. All three Commissioners continued their “we didn’t fire her” story and again stated that they didn’t insist on her removal. Mr. Kattnig also, again stated that they had already talked to Young’s supervisors (a “fact” still in question) before driving to Ft. Collins.

Another citizen commented on the incredible nature of the Board’s claims that they could drive to the CCI conference together and not talk county business. She told them there was another option aside from driving together or charging the county for mileage for all three of them: she suggested that they could all drive up separately and pay for their own gas. Mr. Kattnig jumped to the Board’s defense saying that the attorney had told them it was entirely legal for them to drive up together and that other county commissioners do it all the time.

Commissioner items:

Commissioner Hood thanked the American Legion Post 170 for the Memorial Day program.

On the topic of the Extension Office, she announced that both Beverly Goertz and Sara Shields had at-

tended 4-H training and had accepted the interim positions. The 4-H suspension has been lifted. She will be posting the job opening for the permanent position of CSU 4-H Youth Development Coordinator next week. The hiring committee will be made up of Commissioner Hood, Sara Shields, Beverly Goertz and HR Officer Dawna Hobby. The Board stated that Shields is interested in the Extension Agent position. Mr. Kattnig stated for the record that Shields would have to compete for the job just like anyone else, that she would not be given special consideration because she lives here. Kattnig talked at great length about the Extension Agent hiring process that CSU will do.

Mrs. Hood went on to say that Darin Redmond would be doing the outside landscaping and working the weigh station and doing miscellaneous maintenance in the county buildings. (This “hiring” was not advertised and it is unclear how it was done.) Hood has interviewed three cleaning services for the inside of the building. None

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Public Meeting

“About Those Building Codes...”

Thursday, June 15th
5:00 - 6:15 p.m.
Community Room
at Cliff Lanes

Let’s discuss the pros and cons of Custer County adopting a building code. Meeting will be held at the Community Room at Cliff Lanes.

We need citizens to speak about issues; inspectors, lenders, appraisers, builders and of course the public!

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Join your Fellow Americans in celebrating the birth of this great nation!

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I love those who love Me,
And those who seek Me diligently will find Me.

Proverbs 8:17 NKJV

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Local Mountain News & Notices

SECOM Purchases Vision Broadband, LLC

Press Release

SECOM announced closing the purchase of Penrose-based Vision Broadband, LLC in an all cash transaction on June 1st, 2017.

The acquisition boosts SECOM's strategic growth plan, having acquired Ark Valley Internet in 2015, DD Wireless in 2016, and grown organically, has more than tripled its customer base in the past 18 months.

The newly enhanced company will leverage their existing fiber optics and fixed wireless platforms into greater economies of scale and higher penetration in an overlapping market-

place which includes Pueblo West, Penrose, Cañon City, Florence and Fountain. SECOM already serves Trinidad, Walsenburg, Gardner, La Veta, Westcliffe, La Junta, Lamar, Springfield, Granada, Holly, Las Animas, Fowler, Manzanola, Rocky Ford and a number of other surrounding communities. This acquisition expands SECOM's footprint up the Highway 115 corridor towards Colorado Springs.

"We are excited to welcome Vision Broadband customers," said Rob Thayer, Chief Marketing Officer. "They will have access to some of the most advanced and reliable high-speed broadband technologies currently available."

As a result of the acquisition and accelerated growth curve it's experiencing due to quality products and customer focus, SECOM also announced the construction of a new sales, service and operations facility in Pueblo West. SECOM currently has two existing locations within the community and will consolidate them with the newly acquired Penrose staff. The building is expected to open in late fall.

"Service is a core mission and this new facility will enhance that pursuit to the benefit of all current and future customers," added Jon Saunders, Chief Operations Officer.

SECOM is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Southeast Colorado Power, an electric cooperative spanning all or part of 11 South-eastern Colorado counties, providing fiber optic and fixed wireless solutions to public and private sector clients along with residential consumers. It is headquartered in La Junta, Colorado, with additional facilities in Pueblo West and Westcliffe.

West Custer Library: Making Savings Count

Press Release

Anyone can save for retirement. Though the idea can be daunting, it is possible no matter the person's age or circumstance. That is why the West Custer County Library is providing a free class on saving for the future for everyday people on Thursday, June 22nd at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

"I want to put some common fears to rest," said Library Director Amy Moulton. "This is a library program, so no one is selling anything. Our volunteer instructor, Renee Tobin, will provide some excellent information you can take with you, and no one in the class shares their personal financial situation at any time. We just want to give everyone access to the financial know-how that can help them with decision making."

Retired valley resident Renee Tobin continues to lead the library's personal finance series bringing a background of Certified Financial Planning expe-

rience. She enjoys giving individuals and families the information they need to organize and meet their financial goals.

"How to Save for Retirement" will cover various options on how money can be invested, whether the goal is safe keeping, higher returns, receiving the best tax advantages, or a combination of those. For example, savings accounts, while safe, tend to offer low interest rates, so someone saving up for a financial goal might reach it faster with another type of investment. The seminar is also for people with little or no savings. The library can provide tools to assess one's financial situation and decide where changes can be made to make saving money possible. The class also can be helpful for planning a special vacation, saving for college or even buying a new boat.

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

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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.

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‘Hot-Air Balloon Glow’



Press Release

In support of Rock ‘N Soul Jam ‘17, KLZR 91.7 FM is proud to sponsor a ‘Hot-Air Balloon Glow’ On Friday night, June 16th before the Festival.

This family-friendly community event is free to the public.

The balloon glow will be from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Hermit Park on the SW corner of Hermit Road and 5th Street in Westcliffe. The three-balloon glow will start at dusk and last for approximately 45 minutes. Live music provided by “Silver Cliff Lights” starts at 7:30 p.m.

KLZR thanks Westcliffe Petroleum for providing after-hours propane service for the balloons.

The next morning at the crack of dawn the three balloon groups will launch again, also at Hermit Park.

Watch the skies over the valley throughout Saturday, June 17th to see the balloons from the Colorado Balloon Club in flight. Crews from the club are considering holding a Balloon Festival in the valley in the future.

On Saturday, A Painted View Ranch is hosting a benefit for the valley’s local, home-town, home-grown radio station, KLZR 91.7 FM.

RockNSoulJam ‘17 is a ‘first-of-its-kind’ event for the Wet Mountain Valley. Featuring four regional bands, it’s a musical excursion into the past with Classic Rock from the 50s and 60s, Contemporary Rock, Country Rock, 70s Disco/Dance, Motown and Soul. Bands for the event are RimFire, the PA Rockers, Boogie Machine and Biff Gore.

Obituary Mandy L. (Wood) Tryon

Mandy Lynene (Wood) Tryon, age 36, passed away suddenly but peacefully on May 26, 2017, in her home in Aurora, Colorado. She was born in Cañon City, Colorado, on August 27, 1980, to Larry and Amy (Davis) Wood.

Mandy grew up in rural Custer County and Westcliffe, Colorado, and was a 1999 graduate of Custer County High School where she was an academic leader and three-sport athlete. She became a member of Hope Lutheran Church in 1998 and was a 2003 graduate of the University of Southern Colorado - Pueblo with a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology. She worked as the Manager of Information Technology at Swanson Rink, Inc., an engineering firm in Denver, where she displayed an outstanding knack for solving problems on a daily basis.

Mandy absolutely loved fishing and her favorite spot was anywhere on the

Kenai River with family members in Alaska. She loved the outdoors, from camping to four-wheeling to simply soaking up the sun that shined so beautifully upon her face. She cherished spending her free time with her children, family, friends and dogs.

Mandy is survived by her stepfather and mother Rick and Amy Perschbacher; father Larry Wood; children Taylor Mae and Jack Ryan; brother Monty (Kara) Wood; sister Brittany (Aaron) Young; stepbrother Tate (Melani) Perschbacher; stepsister Charity Perschbacher; and the love of her life, Tom Hromada. She is also survived by her grandparents Allen (Ina) Davis and Bonnie Wood, a nephew, nieces, cousins, aunts and uncles. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Garry Wood and step-grandparents Kenneth and Mary Perschbacher. She was beloved by all and will be sorely missed.

Mandy’s Celebration of



Life service to share her wonderful spirit, joy and love will be held on Saturday, June 17th at 2 p.m. at Lange Memorial Hall adjacent to Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe, Colorado. It is requested that it be an informal service with colorful attire to reflect her infectious laugh and bright spirit. Flower donations for her celebration service may be sent to #8 Crestone Court in Westcliffe, Colorado, on June 16th or donations may be made to a memorial account for her children. Please contact First State Bank of Colorado, Colorado Mountain Branch in Westcliffe for more information.

Custer County Republicans Lincoln Day Dinner and Auction

Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 5 pm
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Pot luck. Bring a salad, side dish, or dessert.
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Weighing in on the Push for a Building Code

Dear Editor;

Liberals in Custer County have been pushing a building code for a long, long time. And now we have the latest iteration, a la Progressive Printz.

Apparently Printz has been holding secret meetings to implement a building code for the County. And as usual he shows a complete contempt for both the law and his subjects. Rather than discuss this major character flaw, I'd like to discuss his proposal. He starts with the unanimous consent of those secret conspirators and states that they are requesting, in their capacity as surrogates for the Board of County Commissioners, that the Planning and Zoning Committee, apparently another new group, write some building and fire codes that mirror the codes of the towns. It is unknown what building code has been adopted by the Town of Westcliffe. It might be the Uniform Building Code (UBC) or the International Building Code (IBC). It is also unknown when the building code was adopted. The reason that it is unknown is that there doesn't seem to be a record of this adoption.

Regardless, the secret cabal allegedly identified the pros and cons of adopting a building code. Obviously the pros outnumber the cons. That would be a foregone conclusion of such a secret meeting. Let's go through the pros and see if they are valid conclusions. *(See page 23 for the Pro and Cons list from the meeting.)*

First is "Better product produced". Of course there isn't any evidence cited but the truth is that this claim is false on its face. The reality is that all the good builders in the county build better than code and that a building code protects bad builders and fly-by-night builders. That is the main purpose of the code, to provide cover for builders from lawsuits. They can claim that the structure was "built to code" so they aren't responsible.

Second "Reduce/eliminate inappropriate or dangerous shortcuts and cost saving activities". This is just a ridiculous statement. Who is supposedly doing this? Hired builders or homeowners? And what are these alleged shortcuts? Building with straw bale or tires? As though any

responsible individual is actually going to take dangerous shortcuts. But even if a builder did, responsible homeowners and lenders inspect the work being performed.

Third "Higher resale value". A completely specious claim. What causes the higher resale value is the higher cost to build because of all the regulations and inspections. It also isn't a function of government to increase the monetary gain of select groups.

Fourth "Easier mortgage (lower debt/equity ratio)". See above, but also when someone builds their own house they either have sweat equity and don't need a mortgage or they manage costs so that their mortgage requirements are much lower.

Fifth "Lower insurance costs". Can't imagine where they pulled this from. Insurance is based on the value of the property. Perhaps what they mean is lower fire insurance but this is also not true. That insurance would be based on the likelihood of a fire destroying the structure and as we

have seen from fires like Black Forest experienced, the insurance companies required all trees and brush within 100 feet of a structure be removed.

Sixth "Health and safety of occupants" (including fire/construction) safety (sic). Stop laughing. We all know that where there is a building code, construction workers never get hurt and homeowners always are protected against the ravages of nature. When there is a building code, winds never drive debris through walls, trees never fall on homes, snow never crushes a structure, carbon monoxide never builds up. Well you get the picture.

Seventh "Equitable - Level field - one code for everyone". So does that mean Kommissar Printz wants to regulate the minimum size of structures in the County and Silver Cliff like he has done in Westcliffe? Then it isn't about safety at all is it? And exactly which code has Westcliffe adopted? And when? And does the Town of Westcliffe follow the same regulations as Silver Cliff with regard to modular homes? And will

alternative building materials be disallowed?

Eighth "Eliminate property tax evasion schemes". I guess the Assessor's Office doesn't do their job and never check out structures. But a different government agency will do better than the existing one. Are there any County employees doing their job?

Ninth "Protect buyers not familiar with proper building standards and adherence thereto". Another way to say this is remove personal responsibility from people and protect them from being STUPID. Maybe that's too harsh. Still, if you don't know what you're doing, hire someone who does. There are lots of building inspection firms that guarantee their findings and warn of problems where a bureaucrat just stamp "built to the lowest common denominator".

And the final pro, and my all-time favorite, "Reasonable flood insurance availability". Flood insurance has nothing to do with adopting some arbitrary building code. It has to do with becoming a FEMA participating county and

producing flood maps. The HUD flood maps are not only half a century old, their scale is pathetic. The smallest amount of homework would have revealed this. And I personally know of residents that have flood insurance for about \$100 per year. And that's through Lloyd's of London.

My favorite con is #3. Restricting Class of people (tent dwellers, makeshift housing, etc)". Notice the wording - "class of people". We certainly don't want the riff-raff living here. How can we make this Vail or Aspen if those kind of people are allowed to live here?

The closing statements say that the 2006 International Building Code is "Not over restrictive". But that code is over 650 pages. How could that NOT be overly restrictive?

But government is here to protect us from our own decisions - right or wrong. And these current commissioners are the "class of people" who think they know what's best for us.

Dan Bubis
Rural Custer County

Local Man Dies in Highway Fatality

WESTCLIFFE, Colorado

An 80-year-old local man died as the result of a one-vehicle crash on Colorado 69 Monday morning.

According to the Colorado State Patrol, Leslie A. Babylon of Westcliffe, an 80-year-old local resident, died in a

one-vehicle crash on Hwy 69 N, Monday morning, May 5, 2017.

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Letter to the Editor; Discrimination-driven Agenda a Prior Motive?

In a letter to the BOCC dated June 2, 2017, which has been circulating on Facebook and can be seen at SangreDeCristoSentinel.com/Archives, Mark Howard summarizes why he is going to contact the ACLU. With his permission, we are printing an excerpt of the letter he wrote to the ACLU:

"...If Jay Printz had said nothing about unlawfully targeting and discriminating against those in cardboard boxes or using cardboard boxes and tent material, the notion of then later bringing into Custer County the IBC may have otherwise found a legitimate, lawful and legal approach and motive behind it. Yet, because the fashion, motive and intent he has already declared from his office as a Commissioner in his official capacity is for the purposes of taking aim against those otherwise already also prior and protected classes of people, he cannot and must not be allowed to have, or cause the IBC to be implemented and applied maliciously to cause harms that violate the US Constitution of the chosen ones he targets and will cause to target with harms and Constitutional deprivations and impingement. [...] The irony also being of course, Churches and the County Jail has issues not meeting the new IBC [that] Printz wants to apply against certain parties for purposes or targeting. Others in the past examined if Custer County needed the IBC, and concluded it does not.

I respectfully ask the ACLU to assess the Custer County BOCC plans stated, attempts stated, and consider the need of seeking to impose emergency [in]junction to bar and prevent the IBC from being implemented and enforced for the circumstantial and recorded evidence at hand showing or tending to show it will be used to cause and create harms and deprivations..."

*Respectfully,
Mark Howard
Cotopaxi, CO*

Annual Custer County SO "Senior Cookout"

Special thanks to Custer County Sheriff's Office for all the good eatin's at the annual BBQ for CCHS seniors and staff. The spread included hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, cupcakes and drinks. Our youth look forward to this event.



Top: SO Serving line. Bottom: A few of the seniors enjoying the BBQ.

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On this day at approximately 0800 hours, CB experienced an historical event that is still discussed and debated today. That event was the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. This was the official day that the United States entered World War II. As CB was on the deck of the USS Gamble early on the morning of December 7, 1941, he observed the Japanese Navy fighter planes attack the United States Navy Battleships. During the fight, CB also observed several Japanese two-man submarines come into Pearl Harbor. The small submarines had followed a battleship into the Harbor through an open underwater fence. As the battle continued, his ship, the USS Gamble, was able to shoot a Japanese aircraft down and depart safely from the harbor and head out to the open sea to join the USS Enterprise. CB's ship was not damaged by the gunfight and there were no casualties. Fortunately for his ship, the Japanese primarily focused their attack on the larger U.S. battleships and did not follow his ship out to sea.

In the days following the attack, CB had the opportunity to reflect on what had happened. The United States had underestimated the Japanese Military because they felt the Japanese were inferior. Because the United States Armed Forces was viewed as the most



CB Fitchpatrick on Memorial Day 2017.

Photo by Carol Clemenson

powerful military force in the world, they did not believe that the Japanese were capable of staging an attack that would create such mass destruction so far from Japan. The Japanese were considered a joke to the U.S. and CB often talks about the parallels between the U.S.'s underestimation of the Japanese and that of our underestimation of the terrorists that planned 9-11. On that day in 2001, he felt a similar sadness.

CB remained in the South Pacific until September 1944. CB came back to the United States for a new assignment to Navy construction. CB was assigned to the USS Yellowstone on the East Coast. The USS Yellowstone operated in the Mediterranean Sea. Eight years later, CB was assigned shore duty at Port Hueneme, California. CB was promoted

to Chief Steward in 1952. This was a great accomplishment since Blacks in the military were not given the same promotional and assignment opportunities as white naval personnel. At the time, it was expected that Blacks could only become cooks and servants in the Navy.

After serving on two submarines and six service ships, CB retired from the United States Navy in May of 1957, with over twenty years of distinguished service. He received the following awards during his tenure:

- NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE MEDAL (EUROPE)
- AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL
- AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL
- ASIATIC PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL
- WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

He remained in the reserves for several years. Because of his assignments to ships, CB learned many things, which later helped him in civilian life. Upon his retirement from the Navy, CB chose to live in Pacoima, California, where he lived for over 57 years.

CB was employed by the Veterans' Administration Hospital and the Los Angeles School Board. He developed an interest in understanding how automobiles functioned. As a result, he attended technical institutes in the San Fernando Valley to learn more about automobiles. He then decided to own and operate his own auto parts store in his community of Pacoima, California. It was very rare for a Black man to be able to own a business in the early 1960's, but he was able to succeed because of his experiences in the Navy where he had to work with different people and nationalities to get a job done.

In the twenty-eight years that he operated his auto parts store, he provided the community with quality service and parts. Even though he was shot during a botched robbery, he continued to operate his business because he believed in his community and knew that they needed a role model like him. Because of CB's integrity and courtesy, customers would often come to him first to obtain accurate information to help them properly repair their vehicles. To this day, although he is retired, former

customers of his auto parts store continue to seek him out for advice.

Since his retirement, CB faithfully worked as an Election Polling Place supervisor each election season for over 15 years in Pacoima, California. There is an irony in that, as a Black man, he risked his life to fight for his country while at the time being denied the right to vote and many other basic rights while he was fighting overseas for others – facilitated the election of the first African-American President of the United States.

CB has worked all his life to improve himself, his country, his family and his community. He had a successful career in the Navy, and owned his own business at a time when Blacks were not expected to achieve such accomplishments. CB's work ethic and dedication to his country and community continued to manifest itself through his son who is

a retired Sergeant II from the Los Angeles Police Department, and his daughter-in-law who is a retired Captain from the Los Angeles Airport Police; each having over 31 years of public safety service; and the latest offspring to wear a uniform, his granddaughter Britney Fitchpatrick, who is a Firefighter with the City of Raleigh, North Carolina. CB has two more granddaughters, LaNeisha Murphy, a family therapist, and Briana Fitchpatrick who works in corporate security. He instilled public service into his family as an honorable calling. CB also has one son-in law and one great-granddaughter who cherish his accomplishments and are very proud to call him Grandpa CB!

CB is now a resident of the Wet Mountain Valley of Colorado.

Special thanks to CB's son and daughter-in-law, Bernard and LaPonda Fitchpatrick for sharing CB's biography with us.



Wet Mountain Valley residents, Bernard and LaPonda Fitchpatrick attend local Memorial Day Service with CB.

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BOCC Sound Bite

"Am I a security risk?"

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*But the path of the just is like the shining sun,
That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.*

Proverbs 4:18 NKJV

Local Mountain News & Notices

Cotopaxi Students Receive John Philip Sousa Award

Aspen Serfoss, violin, and Nolan Dotter, piano, received the John Philip Sousa Award at the Cotopaxi Band Concert on May 8th. The Sousa Award is the pinnacle of achievement in a high school band. Introduced in 1955 to honor the top band students in the nation, the John Philip Sousa Band Award recognizes superior musicianship and outstanding dedication.

Ms. Fritz, Cotopaxi Band Director, said “Aspen and Nolan were both part of the seven-member band when I came to Cotopaxi in 2013. They have been an integral part of building our program over the past four years. Their enthusiasm and love for music have inspired many younger musicians to excel on their individual instruments.”



Pictured from left to right: Aspen Serfoss, Jennifer Fritz, Nolan Dotter

Photo courtesy of Cotopaxi School

Custer County Library Summer Events

Reading Program

This year’s Summer Reading Program, “Build a Better World,” is all about inspiring and motivating youth to get hands on and engage in the world around them. The West Custer County Library in Westcliffe will be offering a variety of free events for children, teens and caregivers of young children during the month of June. Also, youth can sign up to earn prizes by keeping up with their reading this summer from June 1st to July 28th. Kids ages 0-17 are eligible to participate whether they live here in the valley or are just staying for a while.

Registration for children and teens can be done in the library during normal business hours or anytime online at www.westcuster-library.org. For more information on summer reading, contact the library at 783-9138.

CHILDREN’S EVENT SCHEDULE (Birth – 10 years)

Thursday, June 15, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. PAINT IT!
Location: Custer County School Multi-Purpose Room, 709 Main Street, Westcliffe
An opportunity for kids to paint like the pros with their best imitation of famous works of art. Splats, stripes, dots, drops, drips...all make wonderful (and fun!) art.

Thursday, June 22, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. ESCAPE FROM LEMONCELLO’S PARK
Location: Hermit Park, Hermit Road and 4th Street, Westcliffe
Children can play games, solve puzzles and find clues in order to find the key to escape from the park. This event is based on the books *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library* and *Mr. Lemoncello’s Library Olympics* by Chris Grabenstein. The event is co-sponsored by the High Altitude Garden Club of Westcliffe.

TEEN EVENT SCHEDULE (ages 11-17)

Friday, June 16, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. BUILD A BETTER PARK
Location: The Bluff Park, west end of Main Street, Westcliffe
The theme of this year’s Summer Reading Program is “Build a Better World,” and teens will start in Westcliffe by building a better park. Specifically, they will help build a StoryWalk® for the community’s youngest residents. Participants will receive a community service certificate of appreciation. All building materials will be provided. It is recommended that participants wear old clothes and bring work gloves. This event is co-sponsored by the Town of Westcliffe and the Bluff Committee.

Friday, June 23, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. RIP, TEAR, CUT: CLOTHING REV’D UP
Location: West Custer County Library Community Room, 209 Main Street, Westcliffe
Teens to transform t-shirts into something they’ll want to use or wear again with up-cycling. Local costume and clothing guru, Rachael Simmons, will be teaching, hands-on, how to level up a wardrobe. T-shirts for workshop projects will be provided.

CAREGIVER EVENT SCHEDULE (For those who care for children under the age of 6)

Monday, June 19, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
GROWING READERS TOGETHER: GET READY TO READ
Location: West Custer County Library Community Room, 209 Main Street, Westcliffe
Caregivers can learn how to help their little ones grasp pre-reading skills in a fun way. This free workshop is geared for caregivers with children under the age of six. Childcare will be provided in the library’s kids area during the workshop.

KIDS

Friday, JUNE 9, 2017

The Science of Weather

What exactly is weather? According to dictionary.com, weather is the state of the atmosphere with respect to wind, temperature, cloudiness, moisture, pressure, etc. According to Wikipedia.org it is the state of the atmosphere, to the degree that it is hot or cold, wet or dry, calm or stormy, clear or cloudy.

So, during different times of the year we notice we have different kinds of weather. At Christmas time it will be cold and possibly snowy. At Easter time we will see flowers coming up, spring showers and warmer weather. In summer we expect it to be warm enough to go swimming and in the fall we have the beautiful colors and cool, crisp mornings.

What exactly causes these changes, you might ask? There are many factors that go into making our weather, like the shape of and tilt of the earth and its rotation around the sun. Let’s look into some of these things.

The earth as we all know is not flat, it is round, causing the rays of the sun to fall unevenly on lands and oceans. The equator which goes around the middle of the globe gets more direct sun causing those areas to be warmer. The polar caps at the top and the bottom of the earth get very little sunlight causing them to be colder. These temperature differences create a restless movement of air and water in swirling currents attempting to distribute the heat energy across the planet.

Because of the tilt of the earth’s axis we have more sunlight during the summer than in the winter. What is the earth’s axis? According to answers.com - the earth’s axis is the imaginary line which goes through the north and south poles and around which the earth spins, causing night and day. The earth is tilted on its axis at 23.5 degrees. As the earth spins on its axis it is also moving around the sun in its orbit causing the seasons.

So all of these things cause warm air or cool air, moist air or dry air, which in turn can produce wind, rain, snow, hail, tornadoes or hurricanes.

Over thousands of years, changes in the earth’s orbit can affect the amount and distribution of solar energy received by the earth, thus influencing long-term climate change.

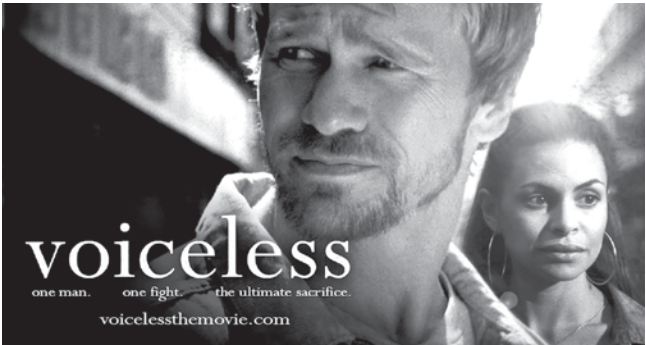
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has been selected yet. She stressed that there has not been a thorough cleaning in the courthouse for six years.

Regarding the high-speed internet for the County Building and Sheriff's Office, Chuck Ippolito is still contacting the three entities (Hillside, CenturyLink, and SECOM). A list of ten questions has been put together and whether the companies can attend a meeting in person or not, they will be required to answer the questions.

The Tourism Board met yesterday to review Request for proposals (RFP's) for the website. Mrs. Hood asked Mr. Smith if the Tourism Board could sell advertising on their website to raise revenue. (Revenue for the Tourism Board is limited at this time to the bed tax monies.) Mr. Smith advised that the Tourism Board could do that.

Sheriff Byerly suggested that someone from the Fair Board or Extension Advisory Board be included on the hiring committee for the 4-H coordinator. He also expressed hopes that the evaluation process for the county be similar to the one he is using.

Mr. Printz has been on vacation. He reported a slight issue with the installation of the fuel pump at the airport that has since been fixed. He reported meetings with Jackie Hobby of the Planning and Zoning Office and reported that there were some personnel issues that would require an Executive Session.

Silver Cliff Mayor Steve Lasswell has found possible funding for a community center in Westcliffe/Silver Cliff and Printz suggested that he meet with both towns to further investigate the possibility.

Mr. Kattinig apologized for missing the last meeting due to his wife's surgery. He reported on the Mountain Connect seminar. He also met with CDOT and discussed several local traffic issues with them. CDOT expressed a general unwillingness to take action on these issues so Kattinig will speak with Jim Wilson and Larry Crowder, our state representatives.

Under Attorney items, the cattle guard request by Dr. Hamilton is ongoing. He also met with Jackie Hobby, Vic Barnes and Jim Bradburn to put together a tentative Dark Skies plan to present to the public at a meeting tentatively set for June 22nd at Cliff Lanes.

The Board went into Executive Session so that Atty. Smith could give them information regarding security issues.

The Board resumed the pub-

lic meeting and approved the vouchers for the month.

After meetings he held privately, Mr. Printz brought a proposal to the Board to have Planning Commission explore putting in place a county building code like the Towns of Westcliffe and Silver Cliff have. He stated that every builder he talked to was in favor of a building code and that every realtor he talked to said a building code would lead to higher resale values. He presented a list of pros and cons that came from these private meetings. He admitted that it meant more government interference and talked about the Constitution insuring that people could "own land free and clear and do what they want." (It is unclear what provision in the Constitution he referred to.) He went on to say that you have to balance public safety over personal freedom. "If there's a compelling reason, not just a good reason, why we should do one versus the other, you can restrict or take away someone's personal rights." Mrs. Hood expressed that she was in favor of a building code. Mr. Kattinig was not completely on board but the Board approved the proposal going forward to the Planning Commission.

The Board renewed the school nurse agreement.

Mr. Printz addressed the issue of requiring insurance for the perc-test techs decided on in a previous meeting. After Attorney Smith spoke with County Surveyor Kit Shy, the suggestion was made to rescind that requirement (which the Board did) and to have Smith write a resolution requiring all future septic systems be engineer designed. That resolution will be on the agenda for the meeting on June 8th. That requirement will add \$800 to \$1000 to the cost of a septic system in the county.

Sheriff Byerly reported that one of the inmates at the jail had to be flown out on Flight for Life when the ambulance was on a call and no second crew could be raised. Since the inmate is housed for Alamosa County, the costs will likely be paid by them. But he raised the concern, both as Sheriff and as a citizen that the county passed a mill levy for the ambulance and where was the money going. There is a continuing and frequent problem with getting an ambulance when the first ambulance is out on a call.

Sheriff Byerly also discussed that there is no health service or mental health service at the jail and there is a need to explore options in the upcoming budget.

The Board went into Executive Session again to deal with a personnel issue at the Sheriff's Office.

The Executive Session was followed by the quarterly

staff meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

(Editor/GG: Individual liberty and freedom is a precious thing. It is easily lost. One of the freedoms we enjoy here in Custer County is the freedom to build what we want on our own property without government rules and officials lording over us. It is one of the most attractive features of the area for most of us who live here. Liberals hate not having a building code. For the usual liberal reasons including the main one: they thrive on telling people what to do cause they "know better". [Please note: Liberals "knowing better" has destroyed the U.S. economy over the last 50 years.]

We seem to have gotten by fine here for over two centuries without a draconian building code that will dramatically drive up cost not only for houses, but for additions, garages, barns, etc. and severely negatively impact our ranching community. With regards to who actually wants this outrageous government interference in our private property rights, Commissioner Printz, you can cherry-pick people to find those that want it [like asking building contractors and real estate agents. I mean really, duh] but THE PEOPLE want less regulation, not more [Do you know why Trump won, sir? Probably not].

This will dramatically hurt the poorer people in the county and especially the middle class. It also will devastate the ranching community. It will make it much harder for middle income people to move here. Plus, the current IBC code is a NIGHTMARE. It will virtually eliminate any regular person from building his own dream cabin or even a garage. Do you know, sir, what the price of lumber is today? And based on nightmares we have heard in Huerfano and Fremont Counties, the building inspectors can be difficult to "work" with. In the extreme.

I thought we elected "Republicans". What we apparently have here is very well off Commissioners who would not feel the impact of the cost of a building code, but want to impose that cost on those less fortunate. RINO's come to mind but it might be a lot worse. A couple of thousand bucks added to a simple garage project because of an onerous building code will KILL the project for many people. \$20k or \$30k more added onto a new cabin would destroy the dream for many middle class people. But maybe not for our Commissioners.

It seems all three Commissioners are out-of-touch with THE PEOPLE. Very similar to the RINO establishment and coastal lib

elites at the national level. Commissioners Printz and Hood both are wealthy new comers to the valley and seem hell-bent on bringing coastal lib control, regulation and rule, to a place, in middle America, that DOESN'T WANT IT. "Control Freaks" comes to mind. And Commissioner Kattinig: I am surprised if you support this. You grew up here and understand individual liberty and freedom. Hopefully your long sojourn away hasn't destroyed what you saw here in the old days: rugged, free, individualism and LIMITED government.

Commissioner Printz; Fully understand what "compelling" means before you apply that faulty test to our INDIVIDUAL, GOD GIVEN, LIBERTY to enjoy our lives and property free of government tyranny. The "Compelling" test is what liberals have used for the last 60 years to destroy our Constitutionally granted freedoms. You using this word is very troublesome as it is exactly the rationale that socialists have used since Lenin to enslave the people and rule over them like peasants.

Commissioner Printz also stated that it was his job to provide for the "safety" of Custer County. Wrong, sir. That is the Sheriff's Office job. "Safety" is synonymous with the libs favorite control freak phrase, "for the children". Just another scam to impose needless rules and regulations on a people who can take care of themselves. Another example of pathological liberal arrogance, deceit and disdain for individual responsibility and freedom.

Yes, as Zman so fondly writes about, the Cloud People love to rule the Dirt People and enjoy making the Dirt People's lives more miserable because they know better, and "care". How Hillary. How Obama. How Gore.

Most of us non-natives have moved to the Valley because we like the way it is. You folks want to turn this into Boulder. Next step it will be no smoking on Main Street and no plastic shopping bags. We know how this goes. This is a conservative county, Commissioners. We don't want to be Boulder. Leave us alone!

Any true "Republican" would be repelled by what you folks are proposing. Don't bring liberal control insanity here. Leave it back where you came from. Live Free or Die, my brothers and sisters. We've lost our Freedom inch-by-inch over the last hundred years. We don't need our own Commissioners adding another inch. The British Are Coming! The British Are Coming! Might now be, The Commissioners Are Coming! The Commissioners Are Coming! Time for a Tea Party, Dirt People.)

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Events Calendar

Friday June 9, 10 a.m.
Library Board Meeting
At the West Custer County Library
Community Room
209 Main St., Westcliffe

Friday, June 9, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Custer County Historical and Genealogical Society Summer Speaker Series:
Gary Ziegler, History of Bear Basin and the Ute Indian Sacred Grounds
Library Community Room
209 Main St., Westcliffe FREE

Friday, June 9, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Henna Tattoo Class
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Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sunday, June 11, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Tractor Pull - Arkansas Valley Wheelers
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Sunday, June 11 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Sangre de Cristo Community Band
At the Westcliffe Feed Store
116 N. 2nd St., Westcliffe FREE

Monday, June 12, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Silver Cliff/Westcliffe Public Information
Mtg. on Deer issue
CC School Multi-Purpose Room

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Wednesday June 14, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
BOCC Workshop, Boardroom

Wednesday, June 14, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Saddle Club – Gymkhana
90 CR 241, Westcliffe \$\$

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 15 – 17 6:30 p.m. and Sunday June 18, 2 p.m.
Shakespeare in the Park
“Romeo and Juliet”
At the Feed Store Park
116 N. 2nd St., Westcliffe \$\$

Friday, June 16, 4:30 p.m.
Garden Brothers Circus
At the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club
90 CR 241, Westcliffe \$\$

Saturday, June 17, 2:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Rock N Soul Jam ‘17 - KLZR 91.7 FM
At A Painted View Ranch
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Sunday, June 18, 1 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Saddle Club - **Jackpot Barrel Race Buckle Series**
90 CR 241, Westcliffe \$\$

Monday – Thursday June 19 – 22, 9 a.m. – 12 noon
Vacation Bible School
No pre-registration required
5 year olds – 6th Graders “BOOT” Camp
At the **First Baptist Church**
417 S. 6th St. Westcliffe FREE

Monday – Friday June 19 – 23, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Vacation Bible School
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At the **Wetmore Baptist Church**
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Fri. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Howard-Cotopaxi Christian Women’s Connection: June Luncheon Sandy Jackson Presents “Equine Assisted Psychotherapy”

Press Release

All ladies are invited to a catered luncheon in Coaldale. The June program “Give a Leg Up!” features Sandy Jackson, a licensed psychotherapist from Cañon City telling of her work using “Equine Assisted Psychotherapy”. Learn how horses can assist in healing mental and emotional health issues.

Inspirational speaker and

vocalist Adrian Miller, a young mother from Thornton, will sing and share her winning attitude and hope in dealing with struggles common to all as she suggests “Isn’t it amazing what we do for love?”

The date is June 21, 2017, from 12 to 1:45 p.m., at the Coaldale Community Building, a historic brick schoolhouse ¼ mile south of US Hwy 50 on Hayden Creek Rd., in Coaldale.

Ticket price of \$10 includes a delicious catered hot lunch. For reservations and information, call Kathryn 275-3588 or Teri at 942-3337, or email howardcotopaxicwc@gmail.com Please invite your neighbor, bring a friend. She’ll be glad you did!

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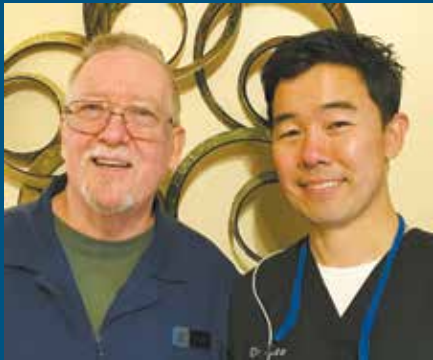
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Help Wanted

Help Wanted: Custer County Assessor’s office is seeking applicants for the **full-time position of Data Entry/Transfer Clerk.** Duties include filing, copying, computer work, and overseeing of property transfer records. Some lifting of up to 20 pounds may be required, and applicants must be able to climb stairs and remove record books from tall shelves. Ideal candidate would have a background in real property Title Work as well as familiarity with Microsoft Office. If not title work experience, knowledge and/or an understanding of legal descriptions would be extremely helpful. Applicants should be self-motivated and able to work with little supervision after an initial training period. Accuracy and ability to interact with the public are essential. A pre-employment physical and drug and alcohol screen (at County expense) are required. Custer County is an equal opportunity employer. Applications may be picked up at the Custer County Assessor’s Office in the County courthouse, and must be returned by the close of business June 16, 2017.

The Town of Silver Cliff is accepting applications for the position of a **seasonal Public Works Employee.** The applicant must be at least 17 years of age and possess a valid Colorado driver’s license.

A complete job description and applications are available at the Silver Cliff Town Hall, 612 E. Main Street, Silver Cliff, Monday – Thursday 7:00 – 5:00. The completed application and resume with references must be submitted by 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 20, 2017. Salary will be determined based on experience. For more information contact Town Clerk, Ileen Squire at 783-2615.

Silver Cliff is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Custer County Board of County Commissioners are seeking applicants for a full time (40 hours per week with benefits) position for

the **Extension Office Secretary/Office Manager.** Duties include all facets of secretarial/clerical support for the County Extension Office as well as extension programming and educational programs. The successful candidate must be self-motivated and able to work with little supervision after an initial training period. Accuracy and an ability to interact with the public are essential. A pre-employment drug and alcohol screening and background check (at county’s expense) are required.

Custer County is an equal opportunity employer.

Applications may be picked up at the Human Resource/Finance Office at 205 South 6th Street between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM and must be returned by the close of business on June 19, 2017.

Help Wanted: Detention Deputy.

Starting Salary: \$12.00 (Min) to \$17.00 (Max) Applications always accepted. Applications available at 702 Rosita Ave, Westcliffe, Co 81252 or send an email to: cbarr@custercountygov.com Applications can be emailed.

Detention deputy Job Description

A Detention Deputy with the Custer County Sheriff’s Office has many duties. A deputy for this office is responsible for the adhering to Statutory Requirements, supervises activities of offenders of an assigned unit, coordinates the handling of high risk, complex, or sensitive incidents or cases. Performs the full range of duties of detention deputies, such as offender management, booking, drug screening, intervening in disputes, cleaning and organizing detention areas, safety security of jail operations, writing reports, preparing legal paperwork and victim notification. Performs general jail operations such as cooking, cleaning and organization of jail, collection of fees, computer entry in record management system, supervision of offenders in court, and transporting offenders to court and to medical appointments.

A detention deputy for this agency will be expected to arrive to work on time, work shift work, work holidays, work assigned shifts, occasionally work overtime and maintain a pleasant atmosphere for the citizens and staff they are in contact with. This office is an emergency service agency and lunch breaks are a paid working lunch and at times you may be expected to work through your lunch

break. A detention deputy is required to stay alert to their surroundings and ready to respond to situations within a jail setting. Full Custer County Benefits are included in this job opening. These benefits include medical insurance, sick time accrual, vacation accrual and retirement.

Custer County School District C-1 has the following job openings:

- Para-Professional (Special Education, 2 positions open – F/T, begins school year 2017-18)
- Head Custodian Full Time Position Open Now
- .5 FTE HS Language Arts teaching position
- .5 HS Foreign Language teaching position
- .5 Learning Lab Paraprofessional
- All positions are open until filled
- Applications available at the District Office or online at custercountyschools.org (classified or certified applications)
- For more information contact Mark A. Payler during normal business hours (M-TH) at 783-4951.

In compliance with Titles VI & VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972,

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and Colorado law, Custer County School District C-1 does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, age, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, disability or need for special education services in admissions, access to, treatment or employment in educational programs or activities which it operates. Complaint procedures have been established for students, parents, employees and members of the public. The following person(s) have been identified as the compliance officer for the district: Secondary Principal, 709 Main Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252. (719)783-2291

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The only difference between death and taxes is that death doesn’t get worse every time Congress meets.

—Will Rogers

Local Mountain News & Notices



Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were **62** calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, **10** to EMS, and **3** to the Fire Department.

As of 6/5/17 there were eight males and no females in the county jail.

There were the following calls for service between 5/30/17 and 6/5/17:

5/30/17:

Theft: A deputy took a report of theft at Bishop's Castle.

5/31/17:

Theft: A deputy responded to Lake Isabel to take a report of theft from a campsite.

6/2/17:

Arrest: Deputies responded to Tony's Pizza on a report of a hit and run. Michael Conway of

Westcliffe was arrested at home for DUI, hit and run, and several other charges.

6/4/17:

Break-In: A deputy was dispatched to a call for service of a vehicle broken into at Bishop's Castle on Highway 165.

Theft: A deputy was dispatched to another reported theft from a vehicle

at San Isabel Lake.

6/5/17:

Burglary: A deputy was dispatched to the Custer County School to investigate a reported burglary that occurred at approximately midnight between June 3 and June 4. Surveillance camera in the school captured the image of two suspects.

CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF SILVER CLIFF
TOWN OF WESTCLIFFE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 12, 2017
5:30 PM

CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL
MULTI PURPOSE ROOM

Workshop
Deer Issue in Town with DOW

Arkansas Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Partnership

by Fred Hernandez

On May 31st, the Upper Arkansas Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Partnership held a meeting at Tony's Mountain Pizza. This, as yet, little known group is a coalition also known as a sector partnership for the purpose of promoting tourism. A sector partnership is an industry-specific regional partnership led by local businesses in partnership with economic development, education and work force development. Over 450 businesses are actively involved in sector partnerships across Colorado. The State of Colora-

do promotes and actively encourages these partnerships. Today, current sector partnerships in Colorado are in the following areas; eleven in healthcare; seven in advanced manufacturing; one in tourism and outdoor recreation; two in agriculture; one energy and natural resources; and one in construction. In this area, the partnership, formed over a year ago, includes four counties: Chaffee, Custer, Fremont and Lake. The purpose is to promote tourism in the four-county area which has in common much of the same attractions: trails for hiking, fishing,

rock climbing, bicycling, equine and other outdoor activities.

There is synergistic value in promoting the whole area as a team and by doing so, we can all become one defined region. The meeting held on May 31st was to update participants on the latest developments in regard to educating, marketing, on-going grants and other information relevant to the formation of the partnership. In the marketing effort a sample of a brochure was presented to the attendees. The well-designed piece is intended for mass distribution with

an initial order of about 60,000. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 29th at 11a.m.

While this is a very good program that could bring much needed tourism dollars it can only succeed if fully supported by local businesses. We look forward to a larger attendance by the business community and local merchants for the next meeting. For more information the local contacts are Mr. Charles Bogle of the Custer County Economic Development Office at (719) 315-6339.

Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Workshop

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14,
2017

11:00 AM
Location:
Commissioners Boardroom

Workshop with Jeffrey
Wood, CU Denver –
Custer County Building
Assessment

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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New Location -1112 CR 140, Westcliffe, CO
Hwy. 69 S. 3 1/2 mi. to CR 140 (Schoolfield) - West 1 mi. to the site

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BUILDINGS & MISC: 30"x40"x12' Pole Shed Erected Kit: includes 1-10x16 garage door; 3-40"x30" windows; 1 ft. overhang; and 1-30" walk-through door, 10'x16' Hunting or Weekend Cabin Kit: made with real logs with 10'x14' porch & loft, 6'x8' Skid Building, 16' Corn-pro Gooseneck Stock Trailer, 3500 watt Homelight Generator, 5600 watt Honda Generator (propane), 5000 watt Coleman Generator, Air Compressor, Kerosene space heater, 16 Preifert Round Pen Panels, Hay Feeder, Chain Saws, Skill Saws, Table Saw, 2 New Stihl Chain Saws, Lots of Hand Tools, Extension Ladder, Step Ladder, Boat Motor, Garden Tiller, Lawn Mower, Danuser 3 point Auger with 12" bit, 100 Laying Hens.

HORSES & TACK: Black/White Paint Pony Gelding, Mini Donkey Jenny, 7 Yr old Grade Buckskin Gelding-Good broke to ride, Load of new Tack, Pads, Halters, Leads, Headstalls, Breast Collars, Bits, Buckets, Stall Fork, Tack Hooks, Cinches, and Saddles, RT Freazer High Back Saddle, Saw Buck Pack Saddle w/panniers, Bumper Pull Stock Trailer, and Buck Board on Rubber Tire wheels.

GUNS: Winchester 30-06 Model 70 Bolt Action, Browning Medallion 270 Bolt Action w/Burris Scope, 300 Mag Weatherby Mark V 30-06 Savage Model 111, Rugar American 30-06, Winchester Model 70 Synthetic Stock Simmons Scope, Mossberg 500 12 Ga Wood Stock, Thompson Center Impact 50 Cal., Benelli Nova 12 Ga., Thompson Center Venture 22-250, Thompson Center Compass .223, Rugar American 17 HMR, Swarovski ATX 25-60x85MM Angled, Savage Model 99 358 Cal., Savage Model 99 22 High Power, Also 8 other guns consigned, Pellet Gun, LARGE VARIETY OF NEW SPORTING GOODS, 8'x10' New Davis Wall Tent & Stove, New Browning Cot, Turkey Decoy, Swarovski Spotting Scope, 2- new 2-Burner Camp Stoves, and 4-Wheeler.

FURNITURE: New and Used Furniture, New Hickory Rockers, Rustic Cedar Bench, Used Bedroom Suite, Sled Coffee Table, New Handicap Bathtub, New Fishing Well, Used Knee Hole Desk, China Hutch, Oak Table Top Showcases, Poly Lawn Furniture, Approx. 20 Handmade Quilts, Black & White Double Wedding Ring (King Size), Many Trips Around the World (Queen Size), Blks. Reds Quilt (Queen Size), Plain Top (Queen Size).

ANTIQUES & PRIMITIVES: Brass Locomotive Bell, Goat Wagon, Butter Churn, Daisy Butter Churn, Crocks: #6 Western, #5 Western, #2 Western, Wooden Barrels, Wooden Wheels, Steel Wheels, Buck Saws, Two-Man Saws, Old Scales, Sleds, Corn Sheller, Snow Shoes, Oil Lanterns, Hames, Old Wagon, Old Buggy, 2 Sleighs, Redwing Pottery, Stoneware Dishes, Dough Bowl, Wall Phone, Egg Basket, Wood Planes, Ox Yoke, Cream Cans, Cast Iron Bean Pots, Old Cultivators and Walking Plows, Metal Art.

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Statements made day of sale take precedence over all printed material.

Check In: Friday, June 24th All Day

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\$1,001.00 and up - 10%
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Bake Sale and Lunch Stand
by Amish Ladies

Memorial Week



End 2017 Parade



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Local Mountain News & Notices

CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



NOTICE

The following is a list of all bills presented, audited, and ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Custer County, Colorado, from their respective funds at the regular meeting on **May 31, 2017**.

Custer County Payments for Airport Fund
Payments From May 1, 2017
Through May 31, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ASCENT AVIATION GROUP INC	POS CHARGE	30.00
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERV	105.96
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	FUEL	18.08
MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING CO INC/THE	FUEL DISP BID	226.20
NORUP GAS INC	PROPANE	62.50
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC SERV	145.44
SECOM INC	INTERNET	60.00
	Final Totals...	648.18

Custer County Payments for Capital Improvement Fund
Payments From May 1, 2017
Through May 31, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
FIRST STATE BANK OF COLORADO	SHERIFF LEASE PYMNT	15,356.64
UNITED REPROGRAPHIC SUPPLY	ASSR COPIER SRV AGRMNT	90.00
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING	ASSR MAPPING COPIER	285.40
	Final Totals...	15,732.04

Custer County Payments for Conservation Fund
Payments From May 1, 2017
Through May 31, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
SQUIRE/ROGER	TRANSLATOR WORK	112.35
	Final Totals...	112.35

Custer County Payments for Emergency Fund
Payments From May 1, 2017
Through May 31, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AT & T MOBILITY	OEM CELL	85.66
CENTURYLINK	LANDLINE	107.30
CRESTONE GRAPHICS	BUS CARDS	42.00
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INS	4,640.60
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	FUEL	64.02
DIGITCOM ELECTRONICS	911 EQUIP	3,885.00
HOWARD/CINDY	VEH SERV	51.47
IPPOLITO/CHUCK	DISP CAMERAS	446.95
MCCARTHY/JOSEPH	TRAINING	65.29
MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING CO INC/THE	OEM AD	5.60
NICHOLS/MEREDITH	CONTRACT LABOR	132.00
SAGE/PAUL	FIRE WKSHIP LUNCH	197.34
SAM'S CLUB	SUPPLIES	186.98
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	DISP SUPPLIES	89.98
TASC PVR	FLEX PLAN W/H	75.00
US BANK	MAINT SUPPLIES	135.90
US POSTAL SERVICE	PO BOX RENT	52.00
WEST CUSTER CO HOSPITAL DIST	RETAC	611.50
	Final Totals...	10,874.59
	Payroll...	11,124.29

Custer County Payments for General Fund
Payments From May 1, 2017
Through May 31, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AB COURT REPORTING & VIDEO	COURT TRANSCRIPTION	67.50
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	129.58
AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE	CN W/H	98.20
AT & T MOBILITY	SRV	1,054.87
AXON ENTERPRISE INC.	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	863.02
BRENCHELY/KATHERINE	EVIDENCE TECH TRAINING	261.00
BUSINESS INK CO	LIQUOR LICENSE SIGNS	72.00
CCEDC	BROADBAND STUDY REIMB	3,688.45
CCI FOUNDATION	BOCC CONF REG X 3	1,050.00
CENTURYLINK	WCCL	706.63
CENTURYLINK	SERVICE	4,175.40
CHEMATOX LABORATORY	BA TESTING 17-0404	335.00
CITY AUTO PLAZA	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	322.15
CLUB AMERICA WMV	SHERIFF AGENCY DUES	400.00
CNC TECHNICAL SERVICES, LLC	RADIO UNIT INSTALLS	2,183.70
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	GARNISHMENT	16.00
CONDUENT BUSINESS SERVICES LLC	ASSR DATA PROCESSING	7,395.89

COUNTRYSIDE APPLIANCE	JAIL REPAIRS	298.06
COX/CHARLES	REIMBS	302.72
CRESTONE GRAPHICS	HEALTH DEPT	368.70
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INS W/H	29,996.31
CUSTER COUNTY EXTENSION	REIMBS	522.57
CUSTER COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC	INMATE APPTS	151.16
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	SHERIFF FUEL	2,178.89
CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL DIST C-1	CONTRACT LABOR	954.55
DISH NETWORK	JAIL SERVICE	9.78
DOI BLM	SHERIFF TRAINING SUPPLY	64.75
ENDPOINT DIRECT	ASSR NOV MAILINGS	415.86
EXPRESS TOLL	SHERIFF EXPENSE	16.10
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	GARNISHMENT	442.00
FREMONT COUNTY SHERIFF'S	FEMALE INMATE HOUSING	1,960.00
GAIDE/BRENDA	MILEAGE/LODGING	151.25
GOLDER ASSOCIATES INC	LANDFILL ENGINEERING	1,828.13
GREEN/ELIZABETH	IMUZ REIMBS	207.17
HENRICH/JAMES D	REIMBS	115.00
HIGH COUNTRY RECYCLING	SHERIFF RECORD SHREDDING	50.00
HOOD/DONNA	REIMB	75.00
IPPOLITO/CHUCK		1,107.19
JACKETTA/DYLAN	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	86.00
KATTNIG/ROBERT (BOB)	MTN CONNECT REIMBS	373.00
KEYSTONE LODGE HOTEL	BOCC SUMMER CONF X 3	1,064.64
KOESTER/ROBERT	CIVIL PROCESS REFUND	20.00
LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA	INMATE SRV	72.00
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	38.85
LEHN/LISA	REIMBS	109.21
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	INMATE FOOD	498.84
MAGNUSON/ELISA		154.94
MANKEL/PAULA		24.47
MARTIN/RHONDA K		735.85
MCFARLAND OIL	LANDFILL FUEL	3,389.37
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	SO NEW VEHICLE INSTALLS	10,970.10
MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING CO INC/THE	BOCC PUBS	122.18
MOUNTAIN VALLEY EXCAVATING	FRONTIER PTHWY OVERLOOK	1,030.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	SHERIFF PARTS	597.69
NATCORE HEALTHCARE IND., INC.	INMATE ASSESSMENT	1,105.00
NORUP GAS INC	SHERIFF COMPLEX SRV	569.51
OAK DISPOSAL SERVICE	COURTHOUSE DUMPSTER	94.00
ODLE/CARMALENE		197.22
OFFICE DEPOT		290.61
OFFICE OF THE DIST ATTORNEY	PROFESSIONAL SRV	9,175.00
PEELER MOBILE BOOK	BOOK RESTORATION	24,210.00
PIQUETTE ENTERPRISES LLC	MAY ACCOUNTING	826.42
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE MACHINE QRILY	775.89
POSTMASTER	TREASURER PO BOX RENTAL	116.00
PRI MANAGEMENT GROUP	SHERIFF EVIDENCE MTG	195.00
PRINTZ/JAY	REIMB	75.00
PROCESS SERVICE OF WYOMING INC	CIVIL PROCESS REFUND	40.00
PROPAC	CCPHNA	1,825.05
PUEBLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE	CCPHNA TRAINING	225.00
RADIO SERVICES LLC	SHERIFF RADIO INSTALL	580.00
REDMOND/JOANN	LAWN SERVICES	150.00
REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY	DETENTION	60.00
REEVES CO INC.	ENGRAVED NAME PIN	16.12
RICK'S PUMP SERVICE	FRGRNDS WATERLINE REPAIR	660.80
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	SHERIFF COMPLEX SRV	238.20
SALBATO/JASON	TRAINING REIMBS	379.65
SAM'S CLUB	SHERIFF EXP	286.99
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	LANDFILL SRV	91.84
SBA STRUCTURES LLC	SITE RENTAL	260.84
SCHOCH/BRANDON	TRAINING REIMBS	79.32
SMITH/CLINTON A	PROF SRV	2,200.00

SOUTH STREET AUTO REPAIR	SHERIFF TOW BILL 17-0414	350.00
SSR AUTO SUPPLY INC	SHERIFF REPAIRS	35.13
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	SHERIFF CHARGES	495.04
STATE OF COLORADO	MVR DELIVERABLES	255.31
SWARTZ/TIM	SUPPLIES REIMBS	54.67
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	1,266.66
TECHINICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	DRUG TESTING SUPPLIES	483.75
TOTAL OFFICE SOLUTIONS	CLERK SUPPLIES	266.45
U S POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE MACHINE POSTAGE	2,000.00
US BANK		2,778.50
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	124.92
WIGGIN/TED	MILEAGE	56.00
	Final Totals...	136,211.61
	Payroll...	115,809.06

Custer County Payments for Human Services Fund
Payments From May 1, 2017
Through May 31, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
	Final Totals...	13,951.99
	Payroll...	14,387.59

Custer County Payments for Road and Bridge Fund
Payments From May 1, 2017
Through May 31, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ACORN PETROLEUM INC	WETMORE FUEL	3,785.99
AFLAC	INS W/H	53.00
AIRGAS USA LLC	CYLINDER RENTALS	425.53
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	600.02
AT & T MOBILITY	SRV	202.44
BLUE FLAME GAS	SRV	187.50
CCOM	CDOT PHYSICAL	100.00
CENTURYLINK	WETMORE SHOP SRV	188.46
CENTURYLINK	WC SHOP SRV	333.31
CORPORATE BILLING LLC	PARTS	577.47
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	11,592.96
D & W SERVICES LLC	PARTS	43.84
DRIVE TRAIN INDUSTRIES	MISC PARTS	1,311.02
FLORENCE TRUE VALUE	MISC SHOP ITEMS	51.72
GCR TIRES & SERVICE	VALVE STEMS	100.00
GENERAL AIR	PARTS	624.20
KNECHT HOME CENTER OF CANON	LH SHOVEL	29.98
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	51.80
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	SUPPLIES	33.82
MARC SINDLER, MD	DOT PHYSICAL	80.00
MCCANDLESS TRUCK CENTER LLC	MISC PARTS	216.93
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	PARTS/MISC	451.87
NORUP GAS INC	SERVICE	337.28
NOVUS AUTO GLASS REPAIR	AUTO GLASS	400.00
PROCOM	PRE EMPLOY SCREEN	37.00
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	SRV	891.00
RUSK/RANDY	EQUIPT RENTAL	100.00
SNAP ON TOOLS	TOOLS	181.00
SSR AUTO SUPPLY INC	SUPPLIES	57.44
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	491.65
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	MISC SUPPLIES	1,012.54
WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO	REPAIRS	7,998.43
WESTCLIFFE PETROLEUM	FUEL	13,548.07
XEROX CORP	COPIER	124.16
4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	REPAIR/SRV CALL	8,445.40
	Final Totals...	54,665.83
	Payroll...	39,511.06

Custer County Payments for Tourism Fund
Payments From May 1, 2017
Through May 31, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING CO INC/THE	BID PUB	35.00
SMITH/GREG	REIMB	144.82
SMITH/RENE	REIMBS	202.76
	Final Totals...	382.58

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF CUSTER

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

Kelley S. Camper
County Clerk

Date published: June 9, 2017
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Westcliffe, Colorado

Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Eastern Fremont County CTC Meets at Papa's in Florence

by Barbara Penezic

Eastern Fremont County key-leaders and members met recently at Papa's in Florence to organize future work groups and discuss how best to move the Communities That Care (CTC) system forward in the diverse communities that are Eastern Fremont County.

For those readers who are scratching their heads and asking, "What the heck is CTC anyway?" The answer is at hand!

Communities That Care (CTC), is a community-wide prevention system. The goal is to reduce youth violence, delinquency and substance abuse by learning what the risk factors and predictors of these factors are and stopping the problem before it starts.

In CTC communities key-leaders and others are learning to use youth surveys to identify problematic levels of risk-factors. After identifying levels of risk factors, protective factors, and problem behaviors in their own communities, they will prioritize two to five risk and protective factors for improvement. Armed with these findings, the CTC members can begin to implement scientifically tested and effective prevention as a way

to address identified needs.

This system is not a miracle overnight cure for the ever-growing problem of youth drug abuse, violence, etc. these problems did not occur overnight and they will not be eliminated over-night. CTC is, however, a scientifically result-proven system to identify the problem areas and intervene with real help for those affected. Cost benefit analysis has shown significant intervention-related outcomes have long-term financial benefit to CTC participants, and taxpayers.

There is no need to bore our readers with statistics but it is worth knowing that Fremont County has seen a significant rise in deaths related to target risk factors. There were four heroin-related deaths, two meth-related deaths, three prescription drug overdoses and three prescription drug/ethanol-related deaths, add to that the troubling fact that five times as many Coloradans die by suicide than homicide and it paints a pretty clear picture of why Fremont County qualifies for CTC funding.

According to County Coroner Randy Keller, local communities are experiencing numbers that are nearly doubled in the past two years. Tradition has devel-

oped a program of treating an affected person and then putting them right back into the same environmental pool that led to the problem; it is time to treat the risk factors that caused the problem along with the victims that are ultimately produced. CTC believes in a 'Primary Prevention Approach'. An approach that focuses on the entire population. Simply stated, current protocol doesn't work; it is time for a proven change. That change is CTC; a five-phase scientifically proven system to identify problem behaviors before they start.

Eastern Fremont County Communities That Care is now entering Phase 3. The goal is to look at local data and determine what priority risk and protective factors need attention. Community leaders and residents from all over Eastern Fremont County are taking part in this system to save local youth and other members of this society that struggle with problem behaviors. If you would like to be part of this solution to change the trend of problematic behavior among increasingly large numbers of our population, please email jen.occonor@fremontco.com

Be Informed...Get Involved

Night Market Offers Unique Experience

by Charlotte Burrous

Imagine shopping for produce and other fun things at night under the stars.

This summer, The Future of Yesterday Foundation (a nonprofit 501c3) will host The Night Market from 5-10 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of June, July and August at The Carriage House at 840 S. 1st Street in Cañon City.

During the markets, shoppers will have an opportunity to browse through market stands, local merchants' booths while sipping on your favorite cocktail or trying one of the craft cocktails.

"People can grab dinner at one of the food trucks," said Maretta Characky. "And there are games for the kids."

One of the highlights include music performed by a variety of bands throughout the summer. The first market will feature "Abynormil" on June 8th, followed by "Lynette & Lefty" on June 22nd; "Full Impact", July 13th; "Rodney Garrett", July 27th; "The Arkansas River Dixie Band & Jazz Group", August 10th and "Brian Grace Band", August 24th.

"A portion of every dollar you spend at The Night Mar-



A portion of every dollar you spend at The Night Market goes toward the Hotel St. Cloud Restoration Fund.

ket goes toward the Hotel St. Cloud Restoration Fund," a press release said. "Join us this summer for family friendly fun at The Night Market at The Carriage House."

In conjunction, space is still available for other vendors to participate in the Night Market, sponsored by Trent Rundell at Allstate.

Originally built in 1878-1879 in Silver Cliff, the Hotel St. Cloud is one of the oldest hotels still in existence in Colorado, the website says. The owner dismantled the hotel, brick by brick and shipped the bricks to Cañon City, where it was constructed at Seventh and Main Streets. In 1892, an

elevator was added along with a bar and billiard room. The hotel was used for many things, including the offices of the Cripple Creek Stage, Mail and Express Company. It also was proclaimed as a first class hotel by a local newspaper, making it one of the popular destinations for visitors coming for the healing waters in the natural springs. It also served as a home away from home for silent film star Tom Mix and many other stars filming in Fremont County. Since then, many other changes have taken place. Today, the Future of Yesterday Foundation is restoring the hotel to its original glory days.

For more information, visit HotelStCloud.com.

Events June 9 — June 25

- **Tuesdays, Cañon City Farmers Market** will offer produce, crafts, arts and much more from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in Veterans Park.
- **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.
- **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 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.
- **Thursdays, Florence Farmers Market** will offer fresh produce, arts, fun, music, food and more from 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. in Pioneer Park.
- **Thursday, Get Your Game On** is offered from 4-5 p.m. in the Penrose Community Library at 35 Seventh Ave. in Penrose. Board games.
- **First Friday of every month, 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.
- **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.
- **Friends of the Penrose Community Library** hosts its weekly used book sales from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. every Wednesday in the shed behind the library at 35 Seventh Ave. in Penrose.

Central Colorado Housing is looking for crafters, food vendors and home party vendors to participate in its third Annual Summer Craft Fair. 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 Summer Craft Fair will be held from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. **July 8th** at Veterans Park at 211 S. Third St. in Cañon City.

The Florence Pioneer Museum is open Tuesday-Friday: 1-4 p.m., Saturday: 10 a.m. -3 p.m. A \$3 donation/admission is suggested..

June 9, "A Time to Remember" event will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Hildebrand Care Center at 1401 Phay Ave. Sponsored by Shadow Mountain Management and Hildebrand Care Center.

June 9-10, Royal Gorge Rodeo Association will present its 145th annual rodeo performances at 7 p.m. at the Royal Gorge Rodeo Grounds at the top of Ninth Street.

June 9-10, Cañon Car Club will host its **Annual Car Show** from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in Centennial Park.

June 21, Howard-Cotopaxi Christian Women's Connection Luncheon from 12 to 1:45 p.m., at the Coaldale Community Building, a historic brick schoolhouse ¼ mile south of US Hwy 50 on Hayden Creek Rd., in Coaldale.

June 23-24, Royal Gorge Whitewater Festival will begin at 1 p.m. June 23rd and continue with a plethora of events through 11:15 p.m. June 24th. Events include beer garden, food, fun zone, tube races, rafting challenges, music and much more in Centennial Park. Small admission fee will be charged.

June 24-25, Colorado Country Music Association will host its 17th annual statewide Talent Competition on the third floor of the Gibson Mansion at 907 Greenwood Ave. in Cañon City. For more information, call 372-6280 or check the website at www.coloradocountrymusicassociation.com.

June 25, Odd Fellows IOOF will host its **sixth annual Homecoming Concert**, featuring the Flying W Wranglers and Barry Ward from 5:30-8 p.m. at 1020 N. 15th St. in Cañon City. Crowning of King and Queen will also take place at the concert. For more information, call Rockey Wells at 429-0316 or Kathy Wells at 429-0317.



Colorado State News

The Damage Wolves Are Inflicting on America: Part 1

by Toby Bridges,
Bowhunting.net

(Editor/GG: We are running this series of four articles to highlight the impact that a wolf re-introduction program would have on the wildlife in Colorado.)

Part 1: Loss of Wildlife... Loss of Hunting Opportunities

Across the country, there are actually several **"Wolf Recovery Projects"** under way, all operating under the premise that **"wolves are needed"** to balance the different ecosystems ... and under the false assumption that each of these **"Projects"** have the overwhelming support of American citizens. In this harsh and all too real look at what's wrong about the **"Re-Wolfing of America"**, we will concentrate on the **"Northern Rockies Wolf Recovery Project"**. The lies, theft and deceit surrounding this very questionable "conservation success story" are much easier to showcase. But you can rest assured that the **"Eastern Red Wolf Recovery Project"** ... the **"Southwestern Mexican Gray Wolf Project"** ... and the rapidly spreading **"Great Lakes Wolf Project"** have all suffered from many of the same trials and tribulations, and are tainted by the same lies and deceit.

Robert Fanning, the founder of the organization and group known as the **Friends of the Northern Yellowstone Elk Herd** has, many times, openly stated that the Northern Rockies Wolf Recovery Project is... **"The greatest act of fraud ever committed against American citizens!"**

As you will see in the various parts of this article/report, there's a lot of truth in that statement.

During the early 1990s, **Congress** actually denied funding for this **"return of wolves"** into **Montana, Idaho and Wyoming**, so where did those millions of dollars come from to fund the trapping of

north-central Alberta wolves and transplanting them into the **Greater Yellowstone Area**? Under the guiding hand of then USFWS As-

funded illegally by money that was NEVER paid back by USFWS. Likewise, no one was ever held legally accountable.

several years before the first Canadian wolves were released in the U.S., are closely compared to what has actually happened since



Photo courtesy of LOBO WATCH

sistant Director **Jamie Rappaport Clark** (who became Director), the agency dipped into **Pitman-Robertson (P-R) Funds** — the sportsman dollars collected in the form of excise taxes on shooting, hunting and fishing equipment. By law, these funds are to be used exclusively for funding wildlife and fisheries habitat restoration.

According to whistleblower **Jim Beers** (former USFWS Chief of National Wildlife Refuge Operations), after Congress denied funding for the agency to carry out the Northern Rockies Wolf Recovery Project, Canadian wolves were **illegally** brought into the Yellowstone ecosystem by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Beers, a 32-year veteran of USFWS, maintains, "The General Accounting Office verified that at least **\$45 to \$60 million was taken, diverted, by USFWS from P-R Funds.**"

Wherever there are wolves in the Lower 48, big game populations are in serious decline.

Thus, the Northern Rockies Wolf Recovery Project was off to an extremely shaky and shady start...

From the very beginning, those involved with this project did their best to hide information that would lead to putting an actual cost figure for bringing in those wolves or for that matter the actual number of wolves eventually brought across an international border **without the proper paperwork filed**. Apparently Northern Rockies Wolf Recovery Project Coordinator **Ed Bangs** felt that, as a wildlife manager for USFWS, he was above the law. He failed to file the mandatory USFWS forms which would have established the number of wolves flown in from Alberta, the actual subspecies of wolf being transplanted outside of its native range nor the cost of each shipment of non-native wolves into the Greater Yellowstone Area.

Since there seems to be no identified source for funding of the **Northern Rockies Wolf Recovery Plan** or the **1994 Environmental Impact Study (EIS)**, it is very likely that millions of questionable **Pitman-Robertson** dollars were also used to finance these two studies — both of which are now known to be bogus. When the claims and predictions of both studies, which were conducted

those wolves were released and the impact that the wolves have had on big game populations, livestock production, as well as rural living and outdoor recreation in general ... it becomes evident that the "experts" writing the plan and study **DID NOT** know enough about wolves to be entrusted with such responsibility. It seems that most of what is found in both **"The Plan"** and **"The Study"** was simply fabricated.

Or...was their goal from day one simply to present page after page of lies, deceit and manipulated science...to sell the wolf as being beneficial...to win over the approval of the American public?

Former USFWS Wildlife Biologist and Division Chief **Jim Beers** says, **"The EIS was and remains a document of lies, misinformation and woefully incomplete coverage of the matter."**

One of those [experts] in the supposedly **"extensive"** field study to determine the need for bringing wolves in from north of the U.S.-Canada border was **Dr. Robert Ream** of the **University of Montana**. As a member of the Northern Rockies Wolf Recovery Team, he claimed to have spent many hours in the field, looking for evidence that the native wolf (*Canis lupus irremotus*) either still

existed...or no longer existed. He claimed that the native wolf of the **Northern U.S. Rockies** was nowhere to be found.

Many residents of Montana knew this was a lie from the very beginning, having witnessed the native wolf in its native **Montana, Idaho and Wyoming** habitat. A number of professional wildlife biologists with state and federal agencies also claimed that the native wolf still inhabited small pockets of the **Northern Rockies**, several pointing out that **Ream** never truly spent much time in the field, rather sending untrained college wildlife students out to do his research for him. What **Ream** handed USFWS was exactly what they wanted and the agency made the decision to transplant an invasive **non-indigenous** subspecies (*Canis lupus occidentalis*) right in on top of truly endangered native wolves — a direct and purposely orchestrated violation of the **Endangered Species Act**.

The Real Impact Wolves Are Having On Other Wildlife

The 18 head of elk cows and calves killed on one night (shown here) at the elk feeding grounds near Jackson Hole, WY, are proof that the pro-wolf organizations and wolf lovers who claim wolves only **"kill what they need to eat"** and **"only kill the sick and the weak"** are lying or are as ignorant about wolves as those who put together the **Northern Rockies Wolf Recovery Plan** and the **1994 Environmental Impact Statement** for that project. The elk shown here were healthy animals and the wolves that killed them ate close to nothing. These elk were nothing more than a **"sport kill"** for the wolves.

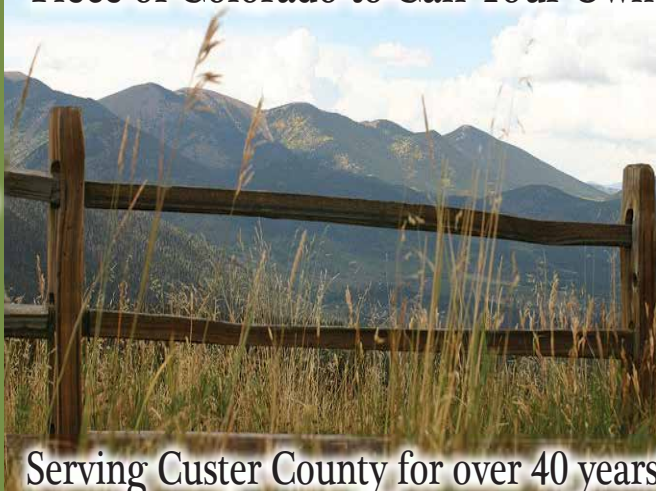
The **Wolf Recovery EIS** proclaimed that the **"average"** wolf would only take around 14 head of big game each year for sustenance. By the mid-2000s, wildlife biologists had established that the number would be more like 22 to 26 animals each year and that **EACH** wolf will kill about the same number just for sport. With more than 1,500 wolves likely in the state of Montana alone, it's easy to see why herds have been

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Governor Signs Omnibus Rural Colorado Bill

*by Marianne Goodland,
The Colorado Independent*

Governor John Hickenlooper signed into law a bill that is expected to help save up to a dozen rural hospitals and provide much-needed dollars for rural schools and roads.

But the signing ceremony was skipped by the bill's Republican sponsors, who say the governor ignored their suggestions for the ceremony, instead holding it hundreds of miles away from their districts.

The measure, which reclassifies the state's hospital provider fee program, was signed in a morning event at Fowler High School, about a half-hour east of Pueblo along Highway 50.

The provider fee program requires hospitals to pay a fee, based on the number of overnight patient stays and outpatient visits. That money is pooled, matched

with federal dollars and then redistributed to the hospitals to cover health care for low-income Coloradans, either for Medicaid or for unreimbursed patient visits. The program brings in about \$1 billion per year, which has pushed the state over its revenue limits twice in the last two years.

The program became the bank of last resort for Hickenlooper when he submitted his 2017-18 budget last November, seeking to cover a half-billion-dollar shortfall in the budget. Eventually, the General Assembly came up with a reduction in the program's revenue of \$264 million, and when the federal match is included, turned into a cut to hospitals of around \$528 million.

The Colorado Hospital Association pointed out that a cut of this magnitude could result in the closure of up to a dozen rural hospitals and millions of dollars in cuts to urban ones that could lead to fewer services and staff for

programs that serve low-income patients.

Reclassifying the fee would take it out from under the state revenue limit established by the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights and reverses that half-billion dollar cut. The measure also includes revisions to Medicaid copays, and a tax break under the state's business personal property tax program.

The new law puts just under \$1.9 billion into roads, with 25 percent going to rural counties with populations of 50,000 or less; another \$30 million from the bill will go to rural schools with enrollments of 6,500 or less.

The bill was a major bipartisan effort, sponsored in the Senate by Senate Minority Leader Lucia Guzman, a Denver Democrat; and Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Sonnenberg of Sterling. In the House, Republican Rep. Jon Becker of Fort Morgan and House Majority Leader KC Beck-

er of Boulder moved the bill to the finish line. In addition to its bipartisan sponsorship, the bill also earned “yes” votes from 20 Republicans – a dozen from the House’s 27 Republican members and eight out of the 18 Republicans in the Senate – in addition to unanimous support from Democrats in both chambers.

“I want to thank my fellow sponsors, Senator Sonnenberg, Majority Leader K.C. Becker, and Representative Jon Becker, for putting Colorado first, and party second, as we worked to finish this bill” Guzman said in a statement Tuesday. “With SB267, we have not only protected rural hospitals, but have also provided funding opportunities for rural schools and transportation as well...It is my hope the bipartisanship we displayed will carry over in future sessions, and that Democrats and Republicans will continue to come together to collaborate on solutions that benefit

all of Colorado.”

Despite the bipartisan tone, Tuesday's ceremony was notably absent three of the bill's four sponsors. Rep. KC Becker was the only one of the sponsors in attendance, along with Senate President Kevin Grantham of Cañon City and Sen. Larry Crowder of Alamosa, the first Republican to publicly support reclassifying the provider fee, and in whose district Fowler is located. In a statement, KC Becker later said that "It took a lot of work to get to where we are today, but it was time well spent because all Coloradans will benefit. It will literally save lives by preventing dangerous cuts in health care services. It will also allow us to tackle some of our most badly needed transportation projects and help seniors and small businesses."

Please see: <http://www.coloradoindependent.com/165680/governor-signs-provider-fee>

Grandstanding: *Colorado Mayors Think They Are the Federal Government*

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

More politicians are committing to enforce the unenforceable Paris Agreement by pledging to use more clean energy they hope will reduce greenhouse gases across the planet.

That's not exactly abiding by the agreement, but the mayors who are making the fake pledge are hoping their voters won't notice in Aspen, Boulder, Breckenridge, Denver, Edgewater, Lakewood, Lafayette, Longmont and Vail.

Dr. Benjamin Sanderson, a project scientist with the National Center for Atmospheric Research, says the pledge is a message of solidarity, because any action they take won't do much, and cities don't have the power to uphold the agreement.

Meanwhile, the acting U.S. ambas-

sador to China is throwing a hissy fit that we have pulled the plug, which is funny considering China is/has done nothing to abide by the agreement anyway.



China's emissions are expected to grow nearly 32 percent through 2040, according to projections from the Energy Information Administration. The Global Commission on the Economy and Climate projected Chinese emissions increasing 34 percent over 2012 levels by 2030.

Most of this increase will come from coal-fired electricity. China pledged to use more natural gas, renewables and nuclear power, but coal is expected to provide the lion's share of electricity in the country for decades to come.

We suggest that those mayors, along with Paris Agreement supporters Gov. Hickenlooper, Denver Mayor Michael Hancock, and U.S. Reps. Ed Perlmutter, Jared Polis and Diane DeGette take French President Emmanuel Macron's offer.

He's willing to make Paris a second homeland for those who wish to continue the fight, and there's still plenty of direct flights available out of DIA.

Please see: <https://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2017/06/06/grandstanding-mayors-think-they-are-the-federal-government/>



But we're responsible for all the carbon dioxide greenhouse effect? Gracious no! Humans can only claim responsibility, if that's the word, for about 3.4% of carbon dioxide emitted to the atmosphere annually, the rest of it is all natural...

— Steven Milloy

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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.

Trump Removes U.S. From Climate Change Scam

World leaders and Democrats are enraged that President Donald Trump pulled the US out of the Paris Climate Accord. Trump says, “It was a terrible deal that crushed hardworking Americans and handed over our country’s future to global power brokers. Now those very same special interests—the fake news media, Hollywood lobbyists, and the entire corrupt establishment—is attacking us from all fronts.” Climate change is a globalist money laundering scheme to redistribute wealth using scare tactics of unproven and fraudulent “science.” Trump is putting an end to it and the fallout is immense. In 2008 the very scientists working on climate change denounced it. But the lie was repeated. Here is the truth.

Scientists at the University of East Anglia’s Climate Research Unit (CRU), the official source of global warming/climate change data, fabricated the data. It is a lie perpetuated by politicians. The *UK Telegraph*, once an advocate of global warming, had a turn about in 2008. Environmentalist reporter James Delingpole blew the whistle on scientists after he obtained 1079 emails and 72 documents from the CRU. He wrote in 2009 that scientists were practicing “Conspiracy, collusion in exaggerating warming data, possibly illegal destruction of embarrassing information, organized resistance to disclosure, manipulation of data, private admissions of flaws in their public claims and much more.”

Also in December of 2008, some 650 scientists refuted the concept of global warming. Nobel Prize winner for physics Ivar Giaever said, “I am a skeptic. . . . Global

warming has become a new religion.” One of the UN’s own (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) scientists from Japan, Dr. Kiminori Itoh, said in the report that global warming fears are “the worst scientific scandal in the history...When people come to know what the truth is, they will feel deceived by science and scientists.” Environmental scientist Delgado Domingos of Portugal says, “The present alarm on climate change is an instrument of social control, a pretext for major businesses and political battle.” These are the earthly facts behind the climate change fraud, but there is also Biblical truth.

Genesis 1:28 defines man’s role in the environment, “And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion . . . over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” And after the great flood of Noah’s time, God promised in Genesis 8:22, “While the earth remains, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.” Jesus said in Matthew 24:4, “Take heed that no man deceive you.” We should not be deceived by those using fear of the earth’s destruction to create a new religion and a new social order. We should use these earthly facts and the Biblical truth to educate others about this political scam.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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The Price of Delegitimization

by Jesse James,
The Virginia Freeman’s Society

*What’s in a name?
that which we call a rose;
By any other name would
smell as sweet...*

– William Shakespeare

The internet has been rife with controversy and frantic keyboard banging, the most cogent and memorable being Zman’s post about the nature of the Neojacobins inside the beltway and on the coasts. Having been around more than my fair share of that class of people, I have a working knowledge of the very different Americas that exist within the same borders. The perception the media cultivates is one of competence and informed gravitas. Well dressed men posses secret knowledge and are 21st century sophists, deciphering hidden meanings and teasing the future out of press releases, appointments, firings and now ice cream. The truth is, most are horribly isolated. Much of America, including the liberty movement, is the same way but few have the bully pulpit of CNN, MSNBC and Fox News. I went to school with many of the Neojacobins; you graduated from the right private school and went to the right college and then post-grad. The place you lived, restaurants you ate at, where you shopped for clothes and even the grocery stores you went to all reflected this isolation. Whole Foods, Trader Joe’s and Fresh Market don’t expose you to the ‘others,’ nor are you going to ever come in contact with someone who has a Massey Ferguson or Case in their barn getting fitted for a Brooks Brothers or a Michael Andrew’s Bespoke. People living in such a world have more in common with their peers shopping on Saville Row or in Avenue des Champs Elysées than their countrymen from Galax, VA, or New Braunfels, TX. Within this resplendent isolation, they have not a clue how the hinterlands think, act or what defines them culturally. Only disdain exists for such far off places, as if outside the major cities there exists a sub-human class whose only use is to deliver and produce good for ‘the people who count.’

Up until the last decade or so, most people were content to bear the ever-increasing burden of taxation,

regulation and censorship the Neojacobins had incrementally begun to impose on those outside their little worlds. The incompetence of Obama coupled with systemic problems beginning to manifest themselves in the national economy and social fabric of the country started to radiate outward from the cities and affect the more rural areas. The balance that had been struck thus far, namely ‘as

returns. Virtually no one in these locations is privy to the conversations going on in mills, churches, bars and barbecues all throughout the country and the level of hatred that has been engendered. I was speaking with a rather well-informed friend recently and his estimation of the undercurrent of rage was even higher than my own. The media and bureaucrats continue to play games of intrigue,

gambit did not work, but the hobbling and bureaucratic coup by Obama appointees and now disloyal Republicans from Never-Trumper Johnny DeStefano. Turning Trump into a lame-duck president does not make the anger that elected him go away, it merely intensifies it. Conversely, if Trump succeeds with his agenda, it also intensifies the anger of the Neojacobins. The zero-sum nature of this conflict must be understood and there seems [to be] increasing evidence that traditional America has finally grasped that point. What remains to be seen is when and who will cross the Rubicon first.

“If you...don’t recognize the deity of government then you are excess humanity to the Neojacobins and have no right to life.”

long as I can feed my family and maintain a reasonable standard of living I’ll play along with your silly games’, was now turned on its head. The Neojacobins didn’t even know that traditional America was being crushed and stripped of their wealth by their policies, and they didn’t bother to ask. Nobody who matters lives there anyway. The Trump backlash was a slap in the face to most, utterly unexpected because they simply don’t acknowledge that a world exists outside of their gated communities, the suburban soccer moms and Whole Foods customers have no clue that they just destroyed the entire coal industry or put people out of work as they hurry to Pilates. Given that ignorance, Trump was a political asteroid impact, the most unlikely and devastating thing many of them had ever seen as he crashed into their world. The anger from them is one of class, the upending of their perceived social status by someone so beneath them as to not even warrant an opinion.

The anger is palpable within the Beltway and its coastal fiefdoms, which is understandable. The idea that someone who shakes parmesan from a can contravened the wishes of those who can taste the difference between Serrano and Iberico Jamón is simply unacceptable. Maxine Waters, Nancy Pelosi, Barbra Boxer and Al Green, are so far removed from traditional America as to be alien life forms. Outside of the six to seven major media/political centers in the U.S., the rest of the population simply do not factor into the equation until election time

woefully ignorant that the sole bulwark against a very ugly chapter in American history has been motive. The Trump presidency confirms that motive now exists. Rather than recognize the election for what it is, the Neojacobins have doubled down and attempted to browbeat the rest of the country. Still ignorant there exists a separate culture and nation outside the DC fiefdoms, they flail about looking for bogeymen, conjuring up Russians and people like Richard Spencer and ignoring the tens of millions who willingly voted for Trump.

Most of you understand the frustration and anger of the Trump supporters, particularly the Millennials who voted for him. What gets overlooked in this paradigm is much the same thing as the Neojacobins fail to understand. Both sides feel as if their way of life, country and values are under attack. Both sides are correct. War is about the only way to describe this political and social environment as two competing ideologies that are utterly incompatible are being advanced.

The unspoken assumption within the DC fiefdoms is that rural America cannot be allowed to rule the country. We are too naive, too close-minded, too backward, too intolerant...we are retrograde savages with no place in their 21st century world. The truth may be a different matter, but the meme persists and has for decades. The election didn’t work because of a weak candidate, the economy and a charismatic dark horse Republican.

The Hamilton electors’

The motive for the forcible removal and...resolution... of the Neojacobins within the United States now exists. As does the converse. A very real hatred exists on both sides with one side buying arms at an astonishing rate and the other openly calling for an impeachment and the stripping of voting rights from their greatest enemy. This is not a facile emotion based on external features, but an utter abhorrence of who that person is at their very core. Existence has become an act of war to those inside the Beltway. Zman is correct in his characterization of the left and establishment right, more accurately described as communist revolutionaries at this point. The last vestige of legitimacy resides in the ballot box. I would like nothing better than the Neojacobins to take that away from the public through an impeachment, showing the true nature of their ideology. It is time we say what the situation has become. If you are a traditional American, a Christian, or don’t recognize the deity of government then you are excess humanity to the Neojacobins and have no right to life. The communists have never given quarter so why expect it now? I am confident many inside the Beltway and the large coastal cities understand the price of delegitimization and are willing to pay that price to usher in their ideology. What remains to be seen is whether traditional America is as well. Time to grow up and learn to hate.

Please see: <https://virginiafreemen.com/2017/05/22/the-price-of-delegitimization/>

Per Capita Taxes More Than Doubled Since JFK

by Terrence P. Jeffrey,
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Real federal taxes per capita have more than doubled since John F. Kennedy served as president — and argued for lower taxes.

In 1961, the fiscal year Kennedy was elected, the federal government collected about \$94.388 billion in taxes, according to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The population that year was about 183,691,481,

according to the Census Bureau. That meant federal tax revenues equaled

Lyndon Johnson beat Barry Goldwater, the federal government collected

about \$601 per capita — or \$4,578 in 2016 dollars.

In fiscal 2016, according to the OMB, the federal government collected about \$3.268 trillion in taxes. That equaled about \$10,114 for each of the 323,127,513 people in the country.

Per capita federal taxation in fiscal year 2016 was 121 percent more than it was in 1965 and 145 percent

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“Is \$21,629 too little — or too much — for the federal government to collect in taxes per each working person in this nation?”

about \$514 per capita — or \$4,121 in 2016 dollars.

By 1965, the fiscal year

about \$116.817 billion in taxes from a population of about 194,302,963. That year federal taxes equaled

Christians Killed After Refusing to Renounce Their Christian Faith

by Patrick Goodenough,
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The death toll in the latest terrorist atrocity targeting Egyptian Christians rose to 30 on Monday, after a victim succumbed to his wounds three days after Islamist gunmen opened fire on a group of travelers whom they had identified as Christians.

The number of dead, who included children, makes it one of the deadliest single attacks against members of Egypt’s beleaguered Coptic minority in decades. More than 20 people were injured in the eve-of-Ramadan attack, according to the Interior Ministry.

Gunmen in three pickup trucks

opened fire on a bus and other vehicles carrying Christians heading for a monastery in Minya province south of Cairo. Unconfirmed reports said the gunmen were dressed in military-type uniforms and that male victims were asked their religion before being gunned down.

“The victims, amongst which were also children, were killed after having refused to renounce their Christian faith,” Pope Francis told pilgrims in St. Peter’s Square in Rome on Sunday, describing the attack as “another act of ferocious violence” against Egyptian Christians.

He prayed that God would “welcome these courageous witnesses, these

martyrs, in his peace and convert the hearts of the terrorists.”

Just last month, suicide bombers killed 29 people in a church in Tanta in northern Egypt on Palm Sunday and hours later, another 18 people in a cathedral in Alexandria, about 50 miles away. A bombing in a Cairo church last December cost 30 lives.

Through its propaganda mouthpiece Amaq, ISIS claimed responsibility for the latest attack, as it has done for previous ones.

Please see: <http://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/patrick-goodenough/pope-says-copts-were-killed-after-refusing-renounce-their-christian>

At Supreme Court, Search for Police Accountability Continues

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The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that Angel Mendez and his girlfriend cannot sue the officers who riddled their bodies with bullets, and vacated a \$4 million reward Mendez recovered from a lower court.

The precipitating incident occurred in October 2010, when deputies were searching for a missing parolee in Lancaster, California. Acting on a tip, officers surrounded the home of Paula Hughes, and a shack in Hughes’ backyard, occupied by Mendez and his pregnant girlfriend. Two deputies entered the shack, where Mendez and his girlfriend were napping. As he awoke, Mendez grabbed his BB gun, which officers say resembled a small-bore rifle. Seeing the gun, the officer discharged their weapons, firing 15 rounds which gravely wounded Mendez and his girlfriend. Both survived, although Mendez’s leg was amputated

below the knee.

Generally, police officers enjoy immunity from lawsuits when they are acting in their official capacities as cops. However, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, using its so-called provocation rule, allowed Mendez to recover damages from Los Angeles County because of the officer’s actions.

The 9th Circuit’s provocation rule operates as follows: if a police officer lawfully seizes an individual, but commits some action separate from that seizure that is unconstitutional and precipitates violence, then the officer no longer enjoys immunity. In this instance, the officers that entered Mendez’s shack entered without a warrant and failed to announce their presence. The lower court, using the rule, found that the officers’ warrantless entry and failure to “knock and announce” created the circumstances that resulted in the shooting.

A unanimous Supreme Court disagreed, however, and announced the end of the 9th

Circuit’s broad theory of provocation. Writing for the Court, Justice Samuel Alito explained that the rule essentially blurred the important distinction between an excessive force claim and other Fourth Amendment claims. Though the warrantless entry violated the Fourth Amendment, the use of force against Mendez was lawful because the officers had legitimate reason to believe he was holding a deadly weapon.

These two instances, the Court stressed, cannot be conflated, nor is it clear that initial entry foreseeably resulted in the subsequent shooting.

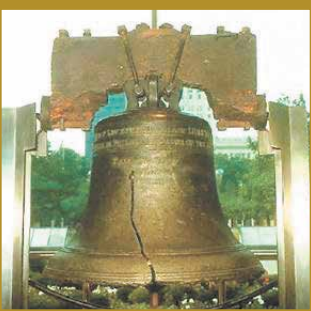
“A different Fourth Amendment violation cannot transform a later, reasonable use of force into an unreasonable seizure,” Alito wrote.

“The rule’s fundamental flaw is that it uses another constitutional violation to manufacture an excessive force claim where one would not otherwise exist,” he added.

The case will now return to the 9th Circuit for further proceedings.

Please see: <http://daily-callernewsfoundation.org/2017/05/30/at-supreme-court-search-for-police-accountability-continues/>

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It’s fascinating that the left and radical Islamic terrorists recruit “converts” by the exact same identical means and methods. A free Obama-phone or other useless free stuff at the cost of others, who we are going to tell you to blame versus 72 virgins for your soul. Obviously you don’t think much of your soul if you are willing to sell it so cheap because neither the phone nor the virgin’s cost the promiser much at all. Jesus paid the ultimate price for 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

Sale of the Century: Police Announce Sale of Vintage Tommy Guns

by Beth Baumann
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The St. Louis Police Department is selling 27 Thompson submachine guns, some of which date back to the 1920s. The Thompson submachine guns, known as Tommy guns, were decommissioned by the police department in the 1950s and have been stored in the police academy's basement ever since. During the 1920s and early 30s, the Tommy gun was the weapon of choice for the gangsters. Down the road, the FBI eventually carried the firearms.

Money raised from the vintage firearms' sale will be used to help purchase a handful of AR-15s and 1,525 new 9mm Beretta handguns. In 2014, the department's collection was appraised at \$777,000.

The funds from these 27 firearms will cover the first shipment of firearms, which are expected to arrive in August. The second shipment will be paid for by selling the Beretta handguns and other firearms the department is currently using.

"The original reason to sell the weapons was to purchase new duty weapons, and we did so well on the sale, we will be able to purchase rifles as well, by our own actions without using any budget money," Carol Shepard, the police department's purchasing procurement manager, told the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. "That was the most important thing for us. We made our own money to take care of our own problem."

Midwest Distributors is purchasing each of the 27 Tommy guns for \$22,000 apiece, for a total of \$618,500. Bill Hicks & Co. is purchasing 1,748 Beretta handguns for \$221 apiece, for a total of around \$597,000.

The St. Louis Police Department is keeping two of the Tommy guns to display in their crime lab.

Please see: <https://bearingarms.com/beth-b/2017/05/30/st-louis-vintage-tommy-guns/>

Don't Bring Cherry-Picked Data to a Gun Fight

by Rachel Lawrence,
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Don't bring cherry-picked data to a gun fight.

If there's one thing all who propose strong gun restriction laws should realize, it's that Second Amendment supporters know their stuff, and we're not afraid to call you out on misinformation.

In a *Newsweek* opinion article masquerading as a news, a Boston University professor and a BU researcher argued for stricter gun control laws by using a new public database they created regarding state firearm laws. While the database itself is quite interesting, their arguments, presented with fancy diagrams and statistics about rising gun death rates, became low-hanging fodder for Second Amendment supporters within hours of its publication.

Readers quickly picked up on problems with the "study", most specifically that the authors were not taking into consideration historical trends and instead merely considering data that filled their pre-formed opinions towards guns. The ensuing comments on *Newsweek* alone are worth reading.

The first sentence of the article states:

"From 2014 to 2015, the United States experienced its largest annual increase in firearm deaths over the past 35 years, a 7.8 percent

upturn in a single year."

Scary, right? Only if you're intentionally avoiding data that doesn't fit into your worldview. This "upturn in a single year" doesn't take into account the years that firearms deaths dropped or the years that they steadily increased. According to *The Conservative Firing Line*:

It is true that the number of homicides did go up in 2015 (9,616) from the previous year (8,124), but those figures are below the 10,225 logged in 2006, according to the FBI Uniform Crime Report. A further check of FBI data, all the way back to 1996 – which was not 35 years ago – showed there were 11,453 gun-related homicides in 1996, followed in 1997 by 10,729 gun homicides, 9,257 slayings in 1998 and 8,480 firearms-involved murders in 1999.

It's a numbers game, and the numbers bounce up and down.

The misinformation continued from there to show how the authors firmly believe that closing the "gun show loophole" will effectively end crime. There's only one small problem with that:

- 39.6% of criminals obtained a gun from a friend or family member
- 39.2% of criminals obtained a gun on the street or from an illegal source
- 8.3% of criminals actually bought their guns from

retail outlets

- 3.8% of criminals purchased a gun from a pawn shop
- 1% of criminals purchased a gun at a flea market
- 0.7% of criminals purchased a gun at a gun show

Based on the facts, their "loophole" looks a bit more like a speck now, doesn't it? 78.8% of criminals admit they either obtained the gun illegally or from a friend or family member.

The authors then came around to states that have "stand your ground" laws, chastising them by stating,

States are increasingly enacting laws that allow people to shoot other people as a first resort in public, instead of retreating when threatened. If a person perceives a threat of serious bodily harm, so-called "stand your ground" laws allow them to fire their gun with immunity from prosecution, as long as they are in a place they have a legal right to be.

This is a gross oversimplification of what "stand your ground" laws actually allow, which is not a free pass to shoot any "perceived" threat. Like everything in life, actions have consequences. "Stand your ground" laws allow individuals to protect themselves without having to deal with the life-changing consequences that may otherwise come with protecting oneself against

deadly force, not just the "perception" of it.

As commenter David P. Johnson told *Newsweek*:

Have you ever tried to run away from someone without turning your back on them? Do you really want to turn your back on someone threatening you? And face it, not everyone can run. Old people, handicapped people, etc cannot run. But that is what those opposed to "stand your ground" want you to do.

Though the anti-gun bias that runs through this article is laughably apparent, there are two good things that can be gleaned from it:

1. The database itself, if correctly interpreted, could actually be used to show the benefits of legally-owned firearms
2. The comments left by astute Second Amendment supporters are pure gold and show that Second Amendment supporters are some of the most well-informed individuals out there

It is imperative that we Second Amendment supporters continue to make our voices heard when misleading articles, such as this one, are presented to an increasingly ignorant crowd.

Please see: <https://bearingarms.com/rachel-l/2017/05/25/dont-bring-cherry-picked-data-to-a-gun-fight-2a-supporters-blitz-biased-newsweek-article/>

Judge Rules For Open Carry Organization, Enforces State Law

by Dean Weingarten,
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In March of 2016, members of Michigan Gun Owners and Michigan Open Carry were illegally expelled from a booth they had rented at the DeVos Place Convention center. They were expelled because they were openly carrying holstered pistols.

The organizations filed a lawsuit against the DeVos Place Convention Center and its management company for violation of Michigan state law. On Friday, May 26, 2017, Judge Joseph Rossi of the Kent County Circuit found

for Michigan Open Carry (MOC) and Michigan Gun Owners (MGO). It did not take long. The Judge listened to the arguments for about an hour and reviewed the lawsuit. He issued a summary judgment for the plaintiffs. From mlive.com:

On Friday, Attorney Dean Greenblatt, who represents Michigan Open Carry, said a no-concealed carry policy contradicts state law.

He argued that the properties are public and, while organizations leasing them could choose who they invite to a private event, they

can't implement firearm regulations, and public entities cannot enforce them.

After hearing an hour of arguments and reviewing both sides of the lawsuit, Judge Rossi sided with the open-carry advocates. The judge advised that the wording of the venues' weapons policy should be updated to properly align with Michigan's state gun laws.

The case is an example of the requirement to be willing to fight to enforce the law. The law may be on your side, but if the local

powers that be are willing to flout it, they can succeed in destroying your rights with little effort.

Second Amendment supporters have had the Constitution on their side since the beginning. Then supporters built the organizations and communications networks to elect responsive politicians, pass laws and strengthen state Constitutions. Now supporters are in the process of enforcing the laws that have been passed.

Suppressing open carry is primarily aimed at suppressing strong, symbolic, political, speech. Peo-

ple who see a person unapologetically carrying a firearm learn an important visual lesson. The right to arms exists, is exercised, and is enforced. The state has limits to its power.

Those are powerful messages in Michigan, and over all of the country.

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Concealed Carry Soars 215%, Violent Crime Drops 21%

by David Lombardo, [BearingArms.com](#)

In addition to being history's greatest gun salesman, Barack Obama did the best job of convincing John Q. Public there really is a need for concealed carry. John Q. paid attention and turned out by the thousands. Also under Obama's watch the last two concealed carry hold-out states – Wisconsin and Illinois – passed laws permitting residents to carry a concealed firearm.

Of course the Birkenstock Brigade fought it in both states warning of dire consequences, casually ignoring the other 48 states not experiencing any problem with concealed carry permit holders. So far, no blood running in the streets, no concealed carry permit holder shooting someone over a parking space or any of the other dire warnings that were issued by Democrats prior to the law's implementation. What did happen is John Q. turned out in droves and signed up for concealed carry.

According to a recent article in Breitbart, concealed carry permits rose 215 percent between 2007 and 2015, and the murder rate dropped 14 percent during that same time period. Crime Prevention Research Center (CPRC) data shows there were 14.5 million permit holders in May 2016 and approximately 15.7 million in May 2017.

In the CPRC's latest annual report which covers 2015, it notes the number

of concealed handgun permits issued that year set another record, an increase of 1.73 million permits issued, slightly higher than the previous record of 1.69 million. Currently about 6.06 percent of the approximately 248 million adults in the U.S., have a concealed carry permit.



Ten states have more than 10 percent of the adults registered as concealed carry holders with Indiana the highest at 15 percent and South Dakota coming in at number two with 14.7 percent. Three states, Florida, Pennsylvania and Texas have over a million residents each who are concealed carry permit holders. It is also safe to say that these numbers do not reflect the true number of concealed carry holders because there are eleven states that do not require any licensing.

One interesting side note is between 2012 and 2016, in states that provide data by gender, the number of women with permits has increased at double the rate of men.

As always, the Birkenstock Brigade produces endless talking points all aimed at making people believe

36 percent above the national average to 4% below. Similarly, the Texas murder rates fell 50 percent faster than the national average, rape rates dropped 93 percent faster in the first year after enactment and 500 percent faster in the second year.

Conversely, cities such as Chicago, New York and Los Angeles with the most restrictive gun ownership laws, have shockingly high violent crime rates.

So what does the Birkenstock Brigade do in response? Double down on what doesn't work best. Liberal politicians, third-rate movie stars and the Belle of the Ball Gabby Giffords are all lobbying hard to stop the enactment of concealed carry national reciprocity. They talk about all the gun violence and saving the children.

The one thing they don't talk about is while the dramatic influx of concealed permit holders was happening, the murder rate dropped by 14 percent and the overall violent crime rate dropped by 21 percent.

While it is difficult to come up with hard evidence of an inverse relationship between the two, there is substantial anecdotal information from inmates saying one of the prime concerns in the commission of a crime is the vulnerability of the potential victim; bad guys don't want to get shot.

For all the gun control exhortations by the Birkenstock Brigade about "common sense," novelist and science fiction author Robert Heinlein best illustrated a common sense explanation when he wrote in *Beyond This Horizon*, "An armed society is a polite society. Manners are good when one may have to back up his acts with his life."

Please see: <https://bearingarms.com/david-l/2017/05/27/concealed-carry-violent-crime-common-sense/>

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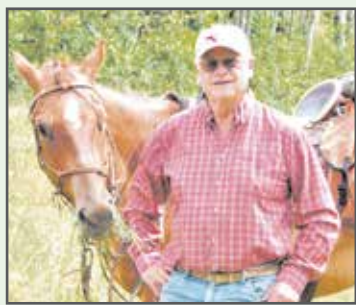
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Politics & The Bible From Pastor Jim



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.



Inconvenient Truth For The Left

President Trump has determined that the U.S. will have no part in the Paris Climate agreement; therefore, I feel compelled to prepare my flock for disastrous consequences. The rivers, ponds and pools shall turn to blood; we shall be covered up with frogs; the dust of the earth will morph into lice; flies will descend upon us by the bazillions; large animals will be affected by a "very grievous murrain;" mankind can anticipate an affliction of boils and abscesses; hailstones are expected to pummel our crops into oblivion; locusts are projected to darken the sky with insatiable appetites for all that is green, and finally, your babies are going to die. (see Exodus 7-12) If the fear mongers have left a few of these prophecies out, it's only a matter of time before they shall be included. When it comes to doom and destruction the Bible is the final authority on the description of such. The Left finds great difficulty in separating themselves from a Book they hold in such disregard. God truly does have an unusual sense of humor.

The major difficulty with this and all other climate agreements is that the U.S. is expected to implement further regulations that continue to cripple our economy while China and India are given the liberty to implement rules of their own making. Gene Edward Veith has well written: "A big part of the problem is that the current environmental movement has been hijacked by the far left." Doomsayers use ad hominem arguments against those who disagree with them – a sign of a weak case and a refusal to enter into reasonable dialog. Those who believe we must act now dominate public discussion and are served by a biased media. Any objectors are ignored or shouted down, being described as ignorant of science.

Michael J. Oard, holder of two degrees in Atmospheric Science from the University of Washington and who worked as a meteorologist for the U.S. National Weather Service for thirty years has offered the following: 20,000 scientists, of whom about 2700 are physicists, geophysicists, climatologists, meteorologists, oceanographers, or environmental scientists, and who are in a position to understand the global warming issues, have signed the following statement: "There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gasses is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the earth's atmosphere and disruption of the earth's climate. Moreover, there is substantial scientific evidence that increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the earth." Quite often accurate science can be rendered by ordinary folks who have

a keen eye of observation. A friend of mine who lives in the Northeast and is in a position to know told me the most sought after maple syrup trees are along the roadside. It seems these trees that are regularly exposed to carbon dioxide produce more syrup per gallon of sap than those in the deep woods.

The Bible holds God Almighty responsible for all hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, famines, typhoons, floods, and necessary weather conditions such as sunshine, rain and snow. (Psalms 147:8; 65:6-13) All Bible writers are "creationists." Not one is an "evolutionist." All human authors of Scripture (as directed by the Holy Ghost...II Peter 1:21) knew that evolution was just a fairytale for grownups, invented by immoral intellectuals who had an emotional panic attack at the thought of facing God in judgment.

Iben Browning, a nationally known scientist and climatologist, stated: "Man is not important to climate, but only to himself!" He went on to suggest that the termite is more significant in that termite flatus produces 260 percent as much carbon dioxide as all the burning fuel in the world. When Dr. Browning was asked about the trees that are being cut down in the Amazon (contributing to the alleged greenhouse effect), he reminded us that they are being replaced by grass which produces six times as much photosynthesis and six times as much chlorophyll as hardwood trees which greatly increases the carbon dioxide-oxygen turnover.

The more discerning scientists have pointed out that chlorine is produced by fluorocarbons. When Mt. St. Augustine erupted in Alaska, it was shown to put out 35 times as much chlorine as produced in the entire world...there are on average about thirty volcanoes per year. Perhaps Al Gore, the man who invented the internet, can figure out a way to plug them up.

It is difficult for man to resign himself to his total insignificance. "What is man, that thou are mindful of him?" (Psalm 8:4) King David was amazed that God was interested in mankind---modern man would be amazed if He wasn't.

God would have us to be good stewards of the environment in which He has placed us, but a great deal of the present humanistic movement exceeds common sense and good science. As a Bible believer I find great comfort in Genesis 8:22: "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." These are the words of the Creator Himself. (Hebrews 1:2) I am going to stick with the high probability that He knows more than anyone on the lunatic left!

A Sheepdog Barks!

So the liberal sheep are running around "demanding the truth." They wouldn't know the truth if it smacked them in the face. BAAA! March for Truth rallies were held all over America last weekend. Seems to have something to do with Russia. Maybe they want the truth about Obama being "more flexible." Maybe they want the truth about HilLIARy selling our uranium. Or maybe they want the truth about all the money the Russian's paid Bill Clinton or maybe even about Podesta's business deals. Oh NO! They want only their "pre-determined" truths about what they think President Trump did with the Russians. The whole Russian collusion thing is a fake scandal to smear and derail the Trump Train. The sheep aren't fooled by the LPSD wolves and all their fraudulent claims. HOWL! None of us sheepdogs are that stupid. Let the investigations bring out the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. WOOF!

And speaking of truth let me say, ONCE AGAIN, the authorities are not doing enough to stop Radical Islamic Terrorism. Political Correctness and Cultural Diversity are driving the train of safety and security instead of common sense. Even the United States is guilty, as Congress won't modify existing immigrant laws and the liberal activist judges are stopping President Trump (PT) at every turn. PT speaks the truth but the LPSDs cannot understand or won't understand. Holding hands and singing Kumbaya is their solution. BAAA! Once again the three London attackers were known to the police. One had actually been reported for suspicious activity. NOTHING was done, ONCE AGAIN, until they killed British citizens. "See something, say something" sounds good but is worthless because of feckless and cowardly politicians in All countries. And the best the UK law enforcement authorities can do is tell the UNARMED citizens to Run, Hide, and Tell! What a BS policy! The citizens in Britain need to wake up and arm themselves. It's the only way to ensure personal protection. The Islamic terrorists are, in many cases, bringing knives to what should be a gun fight. The same goes for U.S. citizens that think the govern-

ment will protect them. One's safety in the first few minutes is up to oneself. Arm yourself and be prepared. WOOF!

Have you caught a bit of HilLIARy lately? She's come out of the woods to do an "Excuses Tour." It's fascinating to watch. Everyone, every organization, the Right, the Russians and even the DNC are responsible for her loss instead of her. HOWL! I had a real chuckle (yes sheepdogs can chuckle) when she said the private server and mishandling of classified emails was a "nothing burger." Attorney General Sessions should take that as a challenge and get on with putting her in an orange pantsuit. HilLIARy has proved she is really very "sick." Thank God she's not the president. Even the Democrats want her to shut up and go back into the woods. WOOF!

I want to return to the Climate Change debate. Thank you PT, for getting us out of that horrible Paris Climate Accord. No one citizen, not even a POTUS, should be able to put America in any such agreement, feckless or otherwise. The Paris deal was laughable at best. Only the U.S. was going to do anything. Nothing was binding and China and India skated. It's all a political scam. Our CO₂ emissions are already at 1992 levels because of natural gas and other technologies. Let the rest of the world catch up to that, baby! WOOF! Any agreement like this must be a treaty so the elected representatives are involved. Obama violated the Constitution when he signed this piece of Paris crap and the cowardly Republicans in Congress let him do it. SHAME on them! The LPSDs call us Climate Deniers or Science Deniers. HOWL! I call them Truth Deniers or Reality Deniers. WOOF!

How about this? Many colleges and universities are considering or already conducting separate "minority" graduations. Can you believe that? What a difference 50 or 60 years make. This was a huge problem contributing to the Civil Rights movement. "Separate but equal" was not good enough then. It violated the Constitution. But it's okay now because it's their idea? What a load of horse poop. Our institutions are being taken over by anarchists which



are "home-grown" thanks to what the liberal progressives are teaching them. What a mess. Parents really need to watch where they send their kids. They are being "radicalized" and "brainwashed" right before our eyes. Wake up Moms and Dads of our country. Your kids are at stake. WOOF!

I'm just about completely done with Fox News Channel except for Carlson and Hannity. It has lost its way as the liberal Murdoch sons are moving it to the left. I will no longer take the snide liberal remarks from most of the talking heads like Chris Wallace, Shepard Smith, John Roberts, Jon Scott, Jenna Lee and many others. There is an alternative – One America News, OAN. It's great. Straight conservative and truthful news without the "balance" of the stupid liberal idiots. They have two great shows in the evening, The Daily Ledger and the Tipping Point. You should check it out, Channel 347 on DIRECTV. Search for it on your cable. It's worth it. WOOF!

I am also leaving USAA after 49 years. I cannot tolerate their lying after they pulled advertising from Hannity's show. The "explanation" of their advertising policy was a big fat lie and an insult to our intelligence while they initially continued to advertise on Rachel Maddow and Chris Matthews. Going back to Hannity doesn't work for me. It's too late. I'm moving on. I no longer trust them and will not stay to save a few bucks. WOOF!

The attacks on our Constitutional rights continue. They haven't ended because a "Republican" is in the White House. Be vigilant and demanding of the Republicans. President Trump's greatest achievements so far have been destroying Obama's socialist legacy and the Clinton and Bush dynasties. Thanks Prez! WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



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and remain, in collapse.

Factoring in the impact of mountain lions, grizzlies and black bears, the state is losing upwards of 35,000 to 40,000 elk and as many as 15,000 to 20,000 moose, deer and other big game animals combined, to predators every year – with wolves making the greatest impact. And to make matters worse, the incredible pressure that winter wolf packs put on pregnant cow elk is resulting in a high percentage of fetus abortions. So, do you really believe that all of this has come as a surprise to the wildlife managers and biologists – or is it all a part of the big plan to eliminate the human hunter’s role in wildlife management?

– Toby Bridges, LOBO WATCH

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Proof that Wolves
Kill for Sport



In one night, wolves killed these 18 elk cows and calves...and ate nothing.

Photo courtesy of LOBO WATCH

Outline from County Building /Fire Code
Evaluation Meeting

May 11, 2017

Present:

Jackie Hobby
Dave Tonsing
Mike Carter
Larry Weber
Jay Printz

By unanimous concurrence of those present and with concurrence by Roger Camper, the members agreed that the Custer County Planning and Zoning Committee will be requested by the County Board of Commissioners to explore and write a proposal for building codes and fire codes in the county to mirror those codes currently established in the Town of Silver Cliff and the Town of Westcliffe.

The attendees of the meeting identified the Pros and Cons of having a Building/Fire Code in the county as follows:

PROS	CONS
1. Better product produced 2. Reduce/eliminate inappropriate or dangerous shortcuts and cost saving activities 3. Higher resale value 4. Easier mortgage (lower debt/equity ratio) 5. Lower insurance costs 6. Health and safety of occupants (including fire/construction) safety 7. Equitable –Level field – 1 code for everyone 8. Eliminate property tax evasion schemes 9. Protect buyers not familiar with proper building standards and adherence thereto. 10. Reasonable flood insurance availability	1. More Government interference 2. Additional Construction Costs (Inspection Fees/Permits) 3. Restricting Class of people (tent dwellers, makeshift housing, etc) 4. Extending building times

Additional discussion items:

1. County inspector added (total of 3 inspectors), with ultimate goal of one inspector for the county and towns, after current Town inspectors retire.
2. Incorporate the 2006 IBC (International Building Code) and 2006 IFC (International Fire Code) as the standard

a. Not over restrictive

b. Currently followed by Silver Cliff and Westcliffe

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more than it was in 1961.

In 1961, when Kennedy took office, federal taxes consumed 17.2 percent of gross domestic product, according to the OMB. By 1965, they were down to 16.4 percent.

In 2012, then President Barack Obama was seeking re-election, and federal taxes consumed 15.3 percent of GDP. But by 2016, they had climbed to 17.8 percent. This year, according to OMB, they will hit 18.1 percent.

Is that a good deal for America?

Fifty-five years ago, when taxes were less than half what they are now per capita and consumed a smaller share of the economy, President Kennedy, a Democrat, believed Americans deserved a

better deal.

In 1961, the economy grew at 2.6 percent — the same as it did in 2016. But Kennedy did not think that was good enough. He wanted more growth. He believed lower taxes was the path to it.

“The final and best means of strengthening demand among consumers and business is to reduce the burden on private income and the deterrents to private initiative which are imposed by our present tax system,” Kennedy said in a December 14, 1962 speech to the Economic Club of New York.

“I am not talking about a ‘quickie’ or a temporary tax cut, which would be more appropriate if a recession were imminent,” Kennedy said. “Nor am I talking about giving the economy a mere shot in the arm, to ease some temporary complaint.”

The then-current tax system, he

said, “siphons out of the private economy too large a share of personal and business purchasing power” and “reduces the financial incentives for personal effort, investment and risk taking.”

“In short,” Kennedy said, “to increase demand and lift the economy, the federal government’s most useful role is not to rush into a program of excessive increases in public expenditures, but to expand the incentives and opportunities for private expenditures.”

“For all these reasons,” he said, “next year’s tax bill should reduce personal as well as corporate income taxes, for those in the lower brackets, who are certain to spend their additional take-home pay, and for those in the middle and upper brackets, who can thereby be encouraged to undertake additional efforts and enabled to invest more capital.”

Kennedy’s vision for the tax code

did not aim at taxing the rich so the federal government could redistribute wealth to the poor. It was about keeping America great — rather than putting us in a position from which we would need to make her great again.

“There is no need for us to be satisfied with a rate of growth that keeps good men out of work and good capacity out of use,” Kennedy said.

“America’s rise to world leadership in the century since the Civil War has reflected more than anything else our unprecedented economic growth,” he said.

The year Kennedy gave this speech, growth in real GDP rebounded to 6.1 percent. The last time America saw growth at that level or better was 1984, when Ronald Reagan was president, and it grew by 7.3 percent.

We have now seen an unprecedented 11 straight years in which

the economy has not grown by even three percent.

The federal tax burden is greater per worker, of course, than it is per capita. Back in 1965, federal tax revenues equaled about \$12,524 (in 2016 dollars) for each of the approximately 71,025,000 who had a job that June. In 2016, the \$3,267,961,000,000 the federal government collected in taxes equaled approximately \$21,629 for each of the approximately 151,090,000 who had a job in June.

Is \$21,629 too little — or too much — for the federal government to collect in taxes per each working person in this nation?

America has too much government and too much taxation. We need to cut them both.

Please see: <http://www.cnn.com/commentary/terence-p-jeffrey/capita-taxes-have-more-doubled-jfk>

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