

Propane Shortage!

Huge Price Increase. Local Dealers in a Bind.

by George Gramlich

Local propane dealers have reported to the Sentinel that their wholesale prices for propane have increased dramatically in the last two weeks. Vernon Thompson of ENXX Propane in Cañon City stated that “his cost for propane from his supplier is the highest in the 20 years that he has been in business”. Another local dealer noted that his wholesale price for propane has risen from approximately \$1.80 per gallon to \$4.78 per gallon (as of January 27) over the last ten days!

Darrell Niles, General Manager of Norup Gas, Inc., in Westcliffe, says that he and his co-workers are extremely distraught over the impact of these prices on his customers. Darrell explained that there is a real shortage of the gas

due to multiple reasons. In late fall, there was a record corn harvest, and it being a wet harvest season, a lot of propane was used to dry the grain (before it can be stored). In addition, after last year’s fairly mild winter, the U.S. producers contracted to export to foreigners a record amount of propane this winter.

In January’s edition of BPN (Butane Propane News) Magazine, in its Newsfronts section, the magazine noted that the record corn harvest and drying of the corn by propane resulted in the highest November demand for propane in history. And along with record exports of the product, and high normal consumer demand, resulted in low regional inventories. This low inventory has continued throughout the winter.

The severe cold periods in

December and January in the midwest and northeast have caused record demand for propane in those areas. With already low regional propane inventories there, prices sky rocketed.

Also adding to the crisis are problems in the supply infrastructure. One of the major midwest propane pipelines was converted over to a different product two years ago, and, as there are only a few pipelines available for propane transport, this has caused some bottlenecks. And the main pipeline supplying the midwest suffered a breakdown in December causing some major supply issues.

Reuters reported on January 23, that the midwest stockpiles of propane were 46 percent lower than they were in 2013! They also reported that the propane price at the Conway, Kan-

sas hub was \$4.93 a gallon on that day compared to a price of \$1.75 just a week before.

Both Vernon Thompson of ENXX and Darrell Niles of Norup Gas stated that the propane we use in Colorado comes out of Conway, Kansas which is the terminal of the main propane pipeline out of Texas. The gas must then be trucked to us here. The two wholesalers there both have very low supplies due to high demand and difficulties in obtaining propane from Texas. Vernon and Darrell both have stated that they have kept their margins on the gas the same as it was before price increases in order to minimize the impact on their customers.

Darrell says they are calling their customers the day before a delivery and informing them of the price

problem and letting the customer decide if they want a delivery and if so, how many gallons. Another local company, San Isabel Services, has sent out a letter to all of its customers informing them of the situation.

So what of the future? Both Darrell and Vernon are pessimistic. With the predicted continuing extreme cold in the midwest, low inventories, high exports and a fragile supply infrastructure, both men warn of possible continuing high prices for the near future. They both want their customers to know that they are doing everything possible to minimize the hardship and encourage their customers to contact their local state and federal representatives to see if any action could be taken at that level.

Open Records Law Request Served on Westcliffe Town Board

by George Gramlich

On Tuesday, January 28, the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel served a Colorado Open Records request to Westcliffe Mayor Christie Veltrie and Town Clerk and Recorder Kathy Reis concerning information on the Parade Advisory Committee that was formed to study parade rules for the town. We requested:

1. The names and towns of residence of the parade advisory committee as authorized by the Town Board June 21, 2013.
2. Any meeting dates and business conducted as recorded in minutes as required by the above referenced statute.
3. Any schedule of dates and times of proposed future meetings.
4. Any record of town actions with regard to the appointment of this public

advisory committee.

The Sentinel has repeatedly requested the above information from the Mayor and Town Clerk with no response forthcoming. The committee was formed after the July 4th parade last year to look at rules in general but specifically the carrying of arms in the parade. This was initiated due to the criticism of some citizens over the Southern Colorado Patriots section of the parade which featured a celebration of our 2nd Amendment rights via the open carrying of arms. This section contained over 500 Patriots open carrying arms. There were no incidents of any kind and Westcliffe saw the largest spectator crowds in history with many local businesses doing record business.

As described in the notes

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Pay It Forward: Marine Amputee to Ride Through Westcliffe

Rob Jones, a decorated Marine who lost both of his legs in Afghanistan in 2010 by stepping on an explosive, began his epic cycling journey across the U.S. His goal? To pay it forward by raising money and awareness for Veterans’ causes. He hopes to raise \$1,000,000 for veterans’ charities: The Coalition to Salute America’s Heroes, The Semper Fi Fund, and Ride2Recovery. “It’s simple really,” he said. “I am committed to giving back to the organizations that were there for me in my darkest hours. They helped me stand back up on new legs, learn how to walk, run, ride a bike again, and become a world-class rower. Now, with the help of patriotic and generous Americans, I intend to pay it forward, so those organizations can help even more wounded soldiers, like me, in their time of greatest need.”

Rob began his epic journey on October 14, 2013, in Bar Harbor, Maine, and is ex-



Rob Jones, taking a quick break in the back of his brother’s support truck.

Courtesy photo

pected to be in Pueblo on February 3 for a reception and fundraiser. He plans to be in Westcliffe on February 6.

He cycles on average 35 miles a day, and his brother, Steve, follows behind in a support truck where they sleep on some nights.

Rob’s story is one of bravery and determination. After surviving the ex-

plosion, the combat engineer recovered and fought back. Awarded a Purple Heart, and honorably discharged in 2011, Rob took up rowing, and won a slot in the 2012 Paralympics in London. He brought home a Bronze Medal, instilling hope and inspiration in others for their own future.

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

The Sanctity of Life



January 22, 2014, was the 41st anniversary of what has to be the absolute worst decision by the Supreme Court of the United States ever. In their inexplicable and manufactured ruling of a woman's right to have an abortion based on privacy, they created the legal basis for the killing of an estimated 50 million babies since that ruling in 1973. That is over 3,000 babies a day aborted. Many of us find that abhorrent. Consider this cheery and supportive statement released on the 41st anniversary date: "Today as we reflect on the 41st anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, we recommit ourselves to the decision's guiding principle: that every woman should be able to make her own choices about her body and her health. We reaffirm our steadfast commitment to protecting a woman's access to safe, affordable health care and her constitutional right to privacy, including the right to reproductive freedom. And we resolve to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies, support maternal and child health, and continue to build safe and healthy communities for all our children. Because this is a country where everyone deserves the same freedom and opportunities to fulfill their dreams." One could believe these sentiments would be made by the leader of Planned Parenthood or the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL). These organizations exist to make sure that abortions are easy to have and

to convince young women especially that it's all about them and their rights. However, this statement was released by the President of the United States, Barack Hussein Obama. This from a man who calls himself a Christian. Many of us find this an inconsistency. Read the statement again very carefully and concentrate on the soft liberal language that is used to make the unjustified killing of human babies seem like a logical and harmless action which it is most certainly not. Consider what the reality of those carefully chosen words really is. We will break them down and discuss them in a different light. "We recommit ourselves to the decision's guiding principle: that every woman should be able to make her own choices about her body and her health." Who is this "we"? Obama refers to? "We" are not committed to Roe v. Wade and never will be. We also know many others that aren't either. Recent polling by Gallup in May 2013 shows 48 percent of Americans are pro-life while 45 percent are pro-choice. So who is he speaking for? He is certainly not speaking for the majority of Americans. The "guiding principle" can only be that it's okay to kill babies. And why should the women have the only right to make such a decision? Why doesn't the father have a say in the decision? We believe a lot of men are also not in the "we." And let's be clear. It's not only her body and her health either. Each baby has its own unique DNA. It's a small body in

side another body. Doesn't that mean the baby should be afforded its own right to life? Science now tells us that the babies can feel pain during these kinds of procedures. What is happening in this country? Should we not be concerned more about the suffering of millions of babies than one criminal who allegedly "suffered" for 26 minutes while being executed for a despicable and heinous crime? Much of our country's collective compassion is very misguided. Obama then reaffirms his "steadfast commitment to protecting a women's right to her privacy and her reproductive freedom." This is insane. Can anyone explain how privacy justifies killing a baby and exactly what does "reproductive freedom" mean? Reproduction isn't even part of abortion. In fact it seems to be the opposite as its purpose is to stop reproduction. And his use of the word "freedom" is mind-boggling. Freedom to do what - kill another human? He goes on to suggest this "freedom" will "help build safe and healthy communities for all our children." Abortion doesn't seem to be very safe or healthy for any of the 50 million that weren't allowed to be born. Obama then ends his support with this ridiculous sentence. "Because this is a country where everyone deserves the same freedom and opportunity to fulfill their dreams." Again this is another very nonsensical comment. The millions of aborted babies in this country certainly didn't get THEIR chance

or opportunity to fulfill THEIR dreams. We guess in Obama's world you are never a human, never a person, never a life unless someone decides to let you see the light of day. We find that a disgusting and very unchristian view. His statement is just a bunch of pretty words that make him, and those like him, feel better about themselves. His statement and his beliefs are sad and horrible.

Thankfully a lot of other citizens feel differently. On the same day he released his statement supporting the killing of babies, tens of thousands of Americans protested in the March for Life walk and activities in Washington, D.C. And Pope Francis joined in by encouraging all of us to respect life, especially those most vulnerable. Thank you, Pope. The leader of the March for Life remarked that those that attended and marched were making a quiet movement to respect life. More and more young people are joining the right to life movement. More and more states are limiting abortion. Every

day science is helping us understand better that these are babies, not just globs of tissue. New and better ultrasounds make that more and more clear. Immediately after conception they have their own unique DNA. In just a few short weeks the babies have fingerprints, facial features, arms and legs and they have their own heartbeat in 18 days. Wonder what it takes for a "pro-choicer" to decide life has started? If you believe that abortion is wrong there is a lot you can do locally. You can join in when Pat Schulze sponsors a "Life Chain" in front of our school, usually in April and October. You can support the Lighthouse Pregnancy Center and you can contribute to many fine pro-life organizations like the National Right to Life organization which is successfully sponsoring and promoting anti-abortion laws in all the states. Progress in respecting life is being made. We just hope and pray the liberal, activist judges will stop interfering with the will of the people to protect the unborn.

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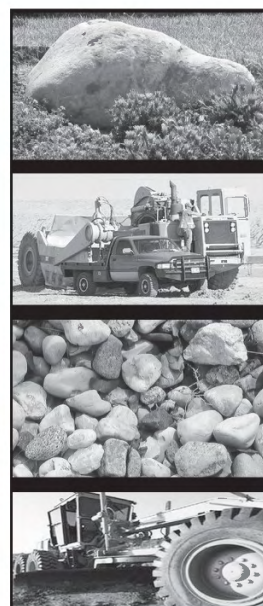
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The Board of Education: Roles, Relationships, Responsibilities

During my campaign for the school board, many persons asked me "Just what does a school board do?". I have written the following article to explain the basic roles, relationships, and responsibilities of the board of education, using the same information I have utilized in my consulting business with many boards of education.

There are four basic functions of the school board:

1. Provide a program of quality instruction. This includes the what, how, when, where, who, and with what materials. The board must approve the basic curriculum for the school district and any significant changes to the curriculum must have board approval.
2. Provide management and direction. The budget and curriculum are the two main areas for management and direction of the school system.
3. Provide guidance of the school system through policy development.
4. Provide communication between the employees of the school system and the community served by the schools.

ROLES: The Board of Education..

..Represents the community. Individual board members must represent all school district constituents honestly and equally.

..Represents education to the community. Educational programs must meet the individual needs of every student, regardless of ability, race, sex, creed or social standing.

..Establishes policy. School board policies provide direction for the operation of the schools and they delegate authority to the superintendent for their implementation. The board of education defines the "What" and the superintendent defines the "How".

..Provides oversight. The board of education must establish plans and goals, and systematically evaluate programs, staff performance, and board operations to ensure progress toward the established educational and fiscal goals..

..must develop sound business practices which ensure that every dollar spent produces maximum benefits.

..must develop systematic communication which ensures that the school board, administration, employees, students and community are fully informed and that the employees understand the community's aspirations for its schools.

..be involved and knowledgeable about local educational concerns as well as state and national issues.

..must model the outcomes it wants from students

RELATIONSHIPS:

The board of education establishes the policies of

the school district and the superintendent implements those policies. The board of education and the superintendent must work together to achieve the district goals. The superintendent is the ONLY employee responsible to the board of education. All other employees are responsible to the superintendent. If the board of education has a concern regarding any employee, it must direct the superintendent to investigate the concern, take action, and report back to the entire board. No one board member has authority to take action on any matter as a board member without consent from the rest of the board via a board vote. It takes a majority vote of board members to take any action.

When a board member receives a complaint/concern, he or she must direct the complainant to follow the chain of command—starting with the person directly involved. If the situation is not resolved then the complainant must go to the supervisor and if not yet resolved, the complainant must go to the superintendent before bringing the complaint/concern to the board of education. The board member who initially heard the complaint also has a responsibility to inform the superintendent so the superintendent is aware of the matter and may get involved.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The board of education responsibilities are as follows:

1. Development of policies that serve as guidance for all functions of the school district
2. Hire a superintendent to implement the board policies and oversee the function of the entire school system. Evaluate the superintendent annually
3. Use strategic planning to set educational goals and determine the means for accomplishing them
4. Procurement and allocation of funds—approve the budget
5. Establish broad curriculum goals
6. Find ways to involve the community in its schools
7. Ensure the State required UIP (Unified Improvement Plan) is developed according to State guidelines, review progress quarterly and approve the plan before submission to the State
8. Establish and maintain a professional and friendly environment in the district

The board of education has the responsibility to evaluate its superintendent on a yearly basis and has an obligation to evaluate its own performance as a board of education. A summary of both evaluations should be given to the public. After all, the public owns the schools and the board of education is the caretaker of the public's investment.

Dr. Terre Davis, C-1 Board Member and National Consultant to Boards of Education

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To Represent Colorado...

I'm not in the habit of writing letters to the editor, but I believe we desperately need change in the direction the country is going. I have had the opportunity to speak a couple of times to a republican candidate to take Mark Udall's seat. Owen Hill is a Colorado Senator looking to take that seat.

He has really impressed me with the strength of his conviction in our Constitution. Family is very important to him. He im-

pressed me also with his faith. These are all values that are very important to me. I firmly believe Owen is the person we need to represent us. He has indicated a willingness to come to Westcliffe and talk to us. He gave me permission to give out his cell phone number, 719-210-1086. He will call back anyone who calls.

In hopes and prayers of the future of our country,
Jim Shapland,
Rural Westcliffe

Visit with Shannon Byerly, Candidate for Custer County Sheriff

On February 15th, 2014, the Committee to Elect Shannon Byerly will host a meeting with interested citizens in the Rancher's Roost Banquet room from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Shannon invites you to come and visit with him about any questions or concerns you may have within the community. Snacks and beverages will be served. He looks forward to the opportunity to visit with you.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Brad Baltzly Announces Campaign for Coroner

Brad Baltzly has recently announced that he will be running for the office of the Coroner. Having moved to Custer County twenty years ago, Brad started his own business and has been offering services to the construction industry ever since. His seventeen-year-old daughter, Aspen, lives and works with him. He is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys snowmobiling in the winter and boating in the summer.

He has been Custer County's only active deputy coroner for the past five years, and in that time has dedicated himself to learning everything possible about forensics and the role of the coroner. In 2010, Brad was invited to train online with the National Forensic Science Technology Center. Upon completing the online training, Brad was selected from students across the country to be one of twenty-five coroners to attend a hands-on class at the national Forensics Lab in Florida.

Desiring to stay current and

learn as much as he can, Brad has attended all of the available training offered by the Colorado Coroners Association twice a year, as well as a class in forensic anthropology at Metro State College in Denver, to which the professor invited him back as a guest instructor, teaching excavating clandestine graves to the college students. In 2007, Brad was awarded a life-saving award by Sheriff Fred Jobe for his efforts aiding Search and Rescue.

Brad has identified some clear goals for Custer County's Coroner's Office, including modernizing death investigations by utilizing the latest forensic techniques. He intends to update and complete records keeping, bringing and keeping it up to state standards, and provide



Brad Baltzly, candidate for coroner.

Sentinel photo by Audrey Slater

inter-agency training to emergency responders on the correct handling of death and crime scenes.

"As coroner," Brad states, "I would be committed to investigating all deaths in Custer County utilizing all that science has available and in a manner sensitive to survivors. As the last advocate for the deceased, citizens of Custer County can be confident that I would competently carry out these duties."

Paonia Gives SIX-PACK With More Determination

by Michelle Pedigo

The SIX-PACK grapplers put a little extra wrestling into their longest road trip of the season last Friday when they stopped on their way to Paonia for a scrimmage practice in Salida. After some good warm-up competition, they were back on the road to Cedaredge where they enjoyed some fun and team time over dinner and relaxing in their hotel rooms.

Saturday morning found the 'Cats up before dawn to travel the few remaining miles to Paonia in time for weigh-ins and the opening of the tournament. With rosters of great competitors, the tournament progressed with each of The SIX-PACK gaining valuable experience, pushing them toward their quest of State qualification.

One hundred twenty pounder Titus Crawford was back on the mats after recovering from a shoulder injury. After a fall in his first match, he gained a decision win, posting a 1-2 record on the day. Tyler Watson, 132-pounder,

came out with a quick win by major decision over his 3A Cedaredge opponent, but found himself on the short end of the next two matches, ending 1-2. Despite wrestling with a wrist injury, Weldon Rusher, 138-pounder, came out strong in his first match with a win by fall. Rusher then elected to injury default to give his wrist time to heal before upcoming tournaments. All season Cody Koble, 145-pounder, has persevered against formidable opponents, coming out on the bottom of the ladder. Koble posted a 0-2 record but came off the mats eager to use new ideas and continue pushing forward towards the win. At 160 pounds, Kody Aldrich's first match was not to his liking, losing by decision, but he came back to drop his next opponent in a team record-tying fall at 14 seconds. Aldrich finished the day 1-2. In the 182-pound bracket, Manny Pedigo exchanged falls with his opponents until his third place match against 4A Palisade ended by decision, landing Pedigo in 4th place for the tournament.

Even though he had hoped for better placings, Coach Ham was pleased with the intensity The SIX-PACK put into every match. As a side note from this reporter, it has been fun to travel to each tournament this season and see the interactions and camaraderie of this team. Small in number but big in heart, they are not afraid of hard work, and willing to go the extra mile. The mutual respect among teammates and coaches shows, and they are obviously enjoying every minute. What can be better than having fun amidst hard work? The next few weeks should prove to bring even more excitement as they put everything they have into positioning for end of season contests.

This Saturday The SIX-PACK will hit the mats at Center. Then, instead of having a bye week, they have added a tournament in Crowley County on February 8, in yet more preparation for Regional and State competitions, February 14-15 and February 20-22 respectively.

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Sheriff Candidate Shannon Byerly Responds to Sentinel's Questionnaire

The following questions were sent to each of the Custer County Sheriff Candidates, and the responses will be printed as they are received:

1. Why do you want to be Sheriff of Custer County?

Having lived in Custer County for over 13 years, I believe my law enforcement management experience will benefit the community. I want to bring a high quality, professional Law Enforcement service to all citizens of the county, no matter what their political or social status may be.

2. How have your past law enforcement experiences prepared you for the role of sheriff in a rural community?

I have worked as a patrol supervisor and shift commander; professional standards supervisor and currently as a division commander for the Canon City Police Department. I have written policies, managed personnel, had the responsibility of developing and managing a budget. I have also been directly involved in critical incident management.

3. What do you know about the culture in rural Custer County?

I was raised in a small ranching community similar to Westcliffe. I have been involved in the schools and coaching kids since we moved to the valley. I understand the dynamics of a small community and the values generally held within our county. This is a culture I love or I would not choose to live here.

4. If elected Sheriff, what are your top three short-term priorities?

1) Budget evaluation audit to maximize the allocation of resources through a re-prioritization of internal

programs.

2) Provide training opportunities for all employees to assist them in developing and providing professional quality service to the community.

3) Developing and implementing new policies and procedures to eliminate the current liability to the county.

5. If elected Sheriff, what are your top three long-term priorities?

1) Build an atmosphere of trust between the sheriff's office and the community fostering the belief in equal treatment and fairness to everyone.

2) Create solid intergovernmental relationships for resource and experience sharing.

3) Implement a 5 year plan for training, personnel goals, and office direction.

6. What is your opinion of the posse and what are your plans (short- and long-term) for the posse?

The posse is an integral part of the law enforcement responsibilities in Custer County. The sheriff's office could not be effective without them. I will offer them training and will build a funding mechanism to assist them in training, uniforms and other expenses they pay for out of their own pocket. The posse members deserve respect and will be given the credit they deserve.

7. What is your philosophy regarding citizens carrying weapons, both concealed and open carry?

The Second Amendment to the Constitution clearly defines our right to own a firearm. Our responsibility is to carry the firearm in a safe and respectful manner. I encourage all responsible gun owners to obtain a

CCW permit. I also have no issue with a citizen open carrying as long as they do so responsibly.

8. What would your policy be as Sheriff regarding CCW requests from members of the community?

I am a strong proponent of the Second Amendment. I would make it as simple, timely, and affordable as possible for citizens to apply and obtain a Concealed Carry permit as long as they pass a background check and complete a weapons safety course. It is your right under the constitution.

9. What is your opinion on the universal background check and magazine round limit laws passed this year?

These laws are simply unenforceable. This is an example of the legislators failing to research and seek out factual information from qualified experts in this specific field. This was a knee jerk reaction to the tragedies occurring across the nation without regard for the reality of what they were creating.

10. What are your views on the lawsuit the County Sheriffs of Colorado has filed to overturn the new gun control laws?

They led from the front and addressed an issue they didn't believe in. As constituents of the counties where they were elected, the citizens really need to appreciate this type of leadership. We don't see it enough out of our elected officials anymore. They know it is wrong and they are standing against it.

11. Many Colorado Sheriffs have stated they will not enforce, or will not actively seek to enforce, the universal background check and

See BYERLY on page 8

Sheriff Candidate Eric Thompson Responds to Sentinel's Questionnaire

The following questions were sent to each of the Custer County Sheriff Candidates, and the responses will be printed as they are received:

1. Why do you want to be Sheriff of Custer County?

I desire to be the Sheriff of Custer County because I truly care about this community. I feel that a community and it's law enforcement agency should have a positive relationship that supports and embraces one another. I know my experience and knowledge can do just that. I will see that the Sheriff's Office will be a positive force for the community in every way.

2. How have your past law enforcement experiences prepared you for the role of sheriff in a rural community?

I grew up in a rural community outside of Oklahoma City, around farms and agriculture as part of everyday, small town life. I respect and appreciate the values and concerns associated with rural living. These values are exactly why my wife and I chose to move to here. As Sheriff, I would hold the people of Custer County in highest regard and keep their best interests and the interests of the community at the top of my priorities.

3. What do you know about the culture in rural Custer County?

Those of us living here in the valley today are blessed with knowledge of our local heritage that we must protect for future generations. The mountains, creeks, ranching, farming, and the very way of life in Custer County includes the long inheritance of good families who choose to live in the peacefulness and comfort of rural life. In return

for this rich culture and heritage, I plan to do my part to protect the legacy that generations before us have worked to achieve.

4. What are your top three short-term priorities?

My first priority as Sheriff would be to assemble a civilian advisory committee that would meet on a monthly basis establishing an awareness of concerns from the entire county. A second top priority would be to address staffing issues for the jail, deputies, and dispatch. These positions are imperative to providing the services that are the responsibilities of the Sheriff's office. Another item that I would address would be the budget. I have proven success with budgets and grant writing. I would find ways to improve the fiscal operation of the Sheriff's Office, improving the service that it provides to the community.

5. What are your top three long-term priorities?

One of my long term priorities would be to make sure all aspects of training and qualification issues are in compliance with current regulations. This is important as it can protect the Sheriff's Office and the County from issues of liability. A second long term issue would be to improve the public perception of the Sheriff's Office. It is imperative that the community trusts its law enforcement agency. Another long term issue would be to improve the relationship with the schools. I believe it is important that the Sheriff is involved in the school and establishes great rapport with the students and faculty.

6. What is your opinion of the posse and what are your plans for the posse?

The posse is an invaluable and irreplaceable asset to the Sheriff's Office and the County. They volunteer their time, energies and money to help with events, parades, and fill many other needs. They deserve recognition and praise for their dedication and commitment. I would locate funding for more training and bring it up to higher standards. I would also utilize the posse in different ways to benefit our community.

7. What is your philosophy regarding citizens carrying weapons, both concealed and open carry?

It is our constitutional right as Americans to have and own weapons. If a person meets the requirements to enable them to carry concealed or openly, then they definitely have the right to do so and I would support them in that endeavor.

8. What would your policy be as Sheriff regarding CCW requests from members of the community?

CCW permits and other concerns about firearms is a different situation here. We are a ranching and farming community and such most citizens have grown up with firearms as a part of their life. CCW permits are a privilege for those who are eligible. I would support CCW permits to those that meet the requirements. Instead of magazine limitations we should look at legislation requiring mandatory terms in jail for those who use their weapon in the commission of a crime.

9. What is your opinion on the universal background check and magazine round limit laws passed this year?

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Education in Custer County-Part 2

(Editor/GG: This was forwarded to School Superintendent Chris Selle, who declined to comment.)

by Joe Cascarelli

This is part two which will focus on the middle school rating as provided in the Colorado-SchoolGrades.com website as sponsored by Colorado Succeeds. If you recall from the earlier article, Colorado Succeeds is an organization founded by members of the Colorado business community who are committed to improving workforce readiness. Their motives are captured well in their Vision Statement: “Our vision is that every student in Colorado has access to a high performing school and graduates with knowledge, skills and behaviors necessary to succeed in a competitive global economy.” Remember, when a student graduates twelfth grade the business community’s job is just starting. They will have to underwrite the employee education effort for the next 40 years. What this organization is attempting to accomplish with their website is to rate each school using layman’s terms, i.e. letter grades A, B, C, D, and F just like those most people are accustomed to. Gone are the confusing terms like “partially proficient” which many, including the author, find confusing.

Middle school at C-1, grades 6th through 8th, gets an overall “C+,” with a three-year trend of

steady. This overall grade is the result of academic proficiency in reading of a “B,” a “B-” in math, a “C” in English, and a “B+” in science. The three-year trend is steady. My sense is that this is pretty good. If one wanted a comparative analysis, we would need to know how these students did in elementary school.

These are the grades when study habits and discipline, like doing homework, are forming. A few years ago, I worked with a seventh grade class for Junior Achievement. I spent six sessions over six weeks with the students and found them to be serious, polite, participative, and curious. I believe that these scores reflect well for middle school

grade and will have to be prepared for work. They will have to have the goods to get a job. Basics like reading, math, and science will enable high school graduates to acquire a good entry-level job.

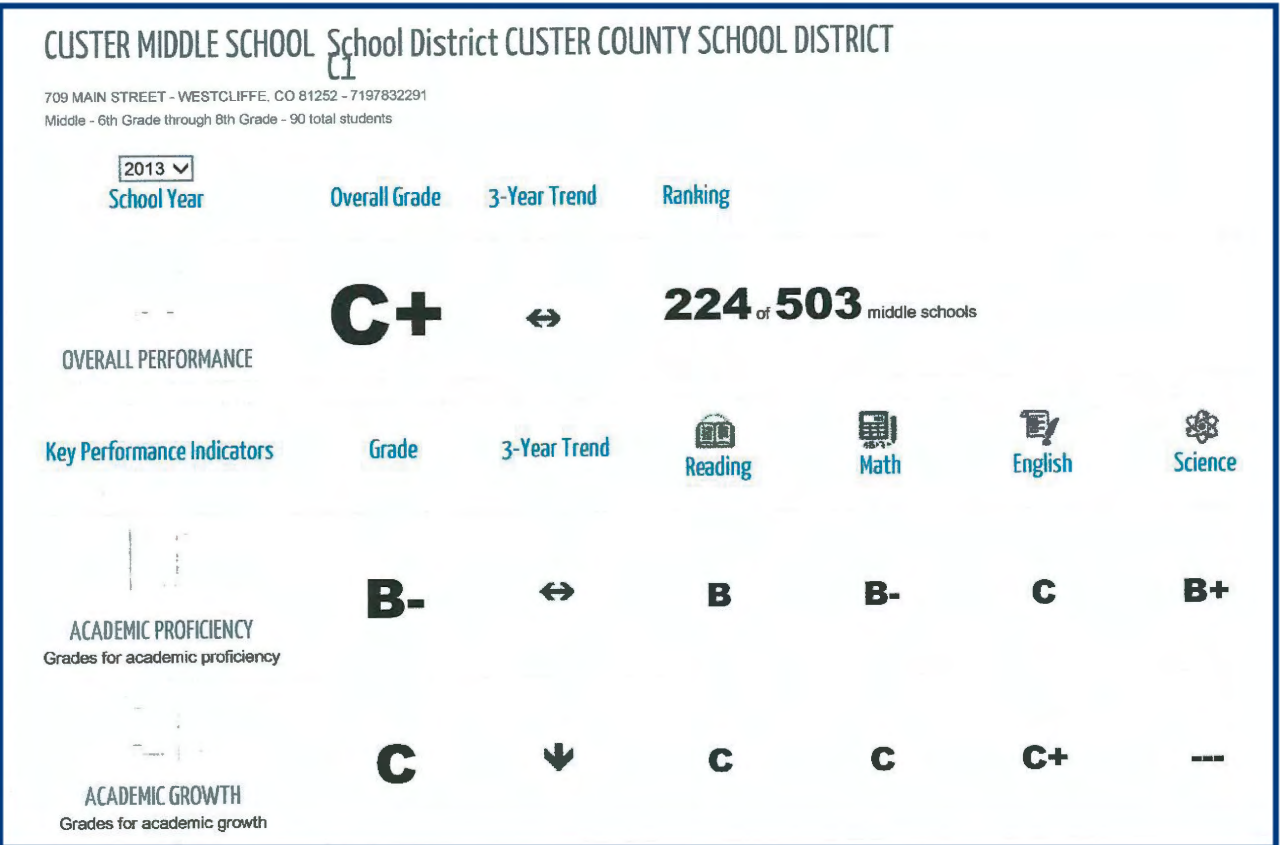
This might be a good time for readers to consider a dilemma that educators face. The Colorado Department

with what Colorado businesses want and need. Personally, it distresses me that 50 percent of 2013 college graduates can’t find jobs. This sad news made national headlines for weeks this summer. How can this happen? What can public schools do to increase a student’s employability? When should students

It could be that waiting until the eleventh or twelfth grade to think about life after public school is too late to make beneficial choices. Parents could help by discussing career life choices over dinner or as drive-time talk. Discussing careers during parent/teacher conferences would add a dimension to the interaction. Finally, encouraging the school to sponsor career days for eighth and ninth graders would be productive. Students could learn what subjects they will need to excel in if they want to start a business, take over the family business, become a geriatric nurse, or even become an engineer.

It is natural that students in an agricultural community might gravitate toward ag-oriented careers. Archers Daniels Midland was one of my clients before I retired. There are a whole host of jobs that are interesting, challenging, and well-paying in the agri-business industries. Maybe if we could get a student interested in a specific career while in middle school, it could provide motivation to study hard and get good grades. I urge the C-1 middle school staff to just think about different ways to stimulate motivation.

In a few weeks, I will give the readers a look at C-1’s high school students. This will then complete the Colorado Succeeds assessment of the C-1 public education offering.



Academic growth is another matter the middle schoolers receiving a “C” with a downward three year trend. For me this is difficult to interpret, but it looks like the students are building a sound foundation for high school.

teachers.

It is my hope that eighth grade students are excited about moving to high school. Good study habits will help students make the adjustment. After all, many will not go beyond twelfth

of Education provides academic standards for public schools to meet. School districts around the state attempt to meet those standards so that the state bureaucrats are kept happy. One would hope that these standards are in alignment

start thinking about a career? Maybe if students were encouraged to think about a career in seventh or eighth grade, they would make better choices when it comes to classes they take and the rigor with which they apply themselves.

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Ronald Reagan - 40th President of the United States

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Westcliffe's Own Places at National Western Stock Show

by Candi Sage

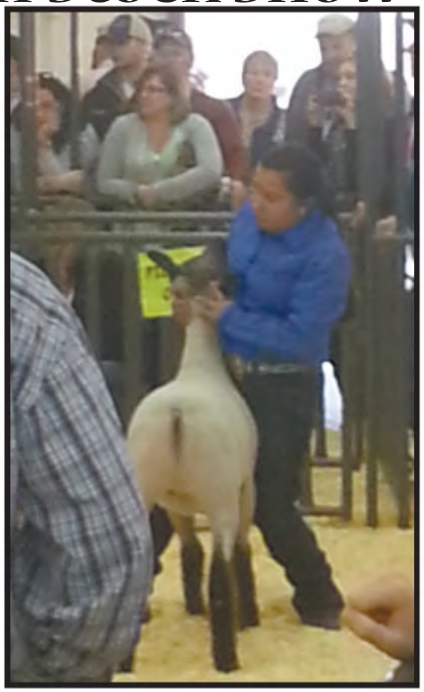
Home-schooled sixth grader, Grace Watkins, competed for the first time at this year's National Western Stock Show placing 6th in the Junior Market Sheep-speckled face. She also made it in the top 24 for Junior Showmanship. Her mother, Nancy, reports that over 500 lambs 'showed' this year with Grace show-casing four sheep.

Grace has been involved in 4H since she was eight and was also involved with the pre-4H group, the Clover Buds before that. She is working with national breeder James Duffey in Roswell, New Mexico. Grace wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up. Grace still plans on getting involved with county competitions again this year and competing at the Colorado State Fair.

She is considering the Arizona Nationals and her

plans for next year will include the 2015 National Western Stock Show.

Grace's home school education is unlike most of her 4H peers as she participates in an online public school. Now in her fourth year, she logs into a virtual public school called Colorado Connections Academy in Denver (<http://www.connectionsacademy.com/Colorado-online-school/>) where her online learning allows her to be more flexible with schoolwork and her 4H interests. She has regular communication with teachers and takes frequent online tests every 8-12 weeks.



Grace Watkins, showing her sheep at the National Western Stockshow.

Courtesy photo

Grace will participate in the state mandated T-CAP tests which she will have to travel to Cañon City and take with other homeschoolers.

Way to go, Grace!

Community Invited to Student-Led Fundraiser for Custer County Students

The Custer County High School Student Council and FFA will be sponsoring a fundraiser for Custer County students Daniel Brinkley and Michael Cessnum and their family. Daniel and Michael are the children of Yvonne Cessnum. The Cessnum residence was destroyed by a fire in early January. Daniel is a 9th grader and Michael is a 1st-grader in the Custer County School District.

This is their first year in Custer County Schools.

"The students have jumped on board in getting this fundraiser accomplished," stated Student Council sponsor Troy Bomgardner. "Our STUCO and FFA members have shown their leadership in volunteering to bring food or work at the event."

The chili supper with sides

and dessert will take place on January 31st from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the high school concession area. The supper will take place during the high school basketball games. Community members are invited to come eat chili and have a dessert and make a donation to help the family recover from their house fire. For more information, contact Troy Bomgardner at 783-4927.

Stampede Royalty Reminder

Royalty contestants for the Westcliffe Stampede are needed for the 2014 season. Applications must be handed in at the March 2 clinic being held at A Painted View Ranch. To obtain an application, please contact any of the people listed below. Contestants must be a member of the Wet

Mountain Valley Saddle Club and within the age limits for each position. Areas of competition are Horsemanship (including reining patterns), Speech, Modeling, and Personality. Ladies that do not own their own horse can arrange for the use of a horse. All horses must have a current health cer-

tificate and Coggins test. To date, the number of contestants are unknown, so please contact a committee member if you are interested in participating. Committee members are: Terry Lee 783-0204; Ashten Hutton 371-4542; Sandy Brown 783-2308; Lynn Stock 275-2646.

School Board Work Session

The Custer County School Board will be having a Work Session on Thursday, February 6, at 2 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room at 709 Main Street in Westcliffe.

Items on the agenda are:

1. Principal's mid-year

update

2. Need for additional Adopt-A-Class presentation?

3. Schedule to review bills by Board members

4. National Board Certification Funds

5. Strategic Planning/Goal Setting

6. Mill Levy Override Discussion

7. Items Introduced by Board Members

The public is invited to attend and observe.

Interested Parents / Community Members Invited to AFTER-PROM Informational Meeting

There will be an After-Prom informational meeting on Tuesday, February 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the library. The meeting will be to inform interested parents and community members of the needs for the After-Prom event and to establish an After-Prom committee.

After-Prom is a drug and alcohol-free event following Prom night on May 3rd. The party is supervised and if students leave early, their parents are informed. The After-Prom committee will

be responsible for the fundraising effort that purchases the prizes that are awarded during the evening.

"We had a super After-Prom last year that was well-supported by our community," noted STUCO sponsor Troy Bomgardner. "We had a great core group of parents who really helped out. We have already met with a student committee and there is lots of excitement to have an even bigger event this year! My hope is that we will

have another strong group of parents and community members to pull this event together to give our CCHS students a safe alternative to a night that can be very dangerous for them."

If interested in helping with After-Prom please attend the informational meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4th, in the high school library. If interested in donating to After-Prom or cannot attend the meeting, please contact Troy Bomgardner at 783-4927.

Bobcat Menu • Feb. 3 - Feb. 6, 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
breakfast French Toast Sticks, Sausage Links Fruit, Milk	breakfast Bagels, Cream Cheese Fruit, Milk	breakfast Scrambled Eggs, W.W. Toast Fruit, Milk	breakfast Sausage Gravy, Biscuits Fruit, Milk
lunch Hamburger on Bun Choice of Vegetable Choice of Veg. & Fruit Milk	lunch Beef Stroganoff over Mashed Potatoes Choice of Fruit Milk	lunch Chicken Fajita Cheesy Rice Choice of Veg & Fruit Milk	lunch Italian Dunks Bread Sticks Choice of Veg & Fruit Milk

Elementary - Main dish, bread, milk, choice of 1 veg. & 1 fruit • Salad bar

KIDS

Friday, January 31, 2014

United States Bill of Rights

The first ten amendments to the United States Constitution are known altogether as the Bill of Rights. They were ratified on December 15, 1791.

Amendment II.*

Created	Pre-dates Bill of Rights
Ratified*	December 15, 1791
Location	National Archives
Author(s)	James Madison

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Our right to keep and carry arms is based in part on English common law and influenced by the English Bill of Rights of 1689, ratified in the United States over 100 years later. This right recognizes the possibility of tyranny and oppression, therefore, limits are set on government action. The right to bear arms is our natural right to defend ourselves.

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Help Wanted

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magazine round limit laws. What is your position on this?

They are taking the correct position. It is unconstitutional, simply wrong and based off of emotion instead of sound principles. I want to be clear, these laws can't be enforced. No agency anywhere has the manpower or resources to do it. We need to be diligent about working to prevent a tragedy instead of feel good legislation.

12. What experience do you have with creating and managing a budget, managing a workforce, and operating as an elected official?

I managed military personnel for 4 years, managed a roofing company for 5 years, was a patrol shift supervisor and shift com-

THOMPSON

From page 5

I do not agree with the latest laws passed concerning gun control. It seems almost cyclical in that every time a school or mass shooting occurs somewhere, there follows an immediate public outcry for tighter gun control. These latest laws will not solve the issues that the people passing them believe they will. The guns are already out there. A background check will not keep guns out of the hands of a person if that person is determined enough.

10. What are your views on the lawsuit the County Sheriff of Colorado has filed to overturn the new gun control laws?

I believe that if Sheriffs can come together to make a united statement concerning the will of the people, then they should. As elected officials they owe it to represent them to state their case. I commend Sheriff Jobe for representing his community and their beliefs.

11. Many Colorado Sheriffs have stated they will not enforce, or will not actively seek to enforce, the universal background check and magazine round limit laws. What is your position on this?

We had background checks in place before this latest legislation. The only practical application I see of the 15 round magazine issue is that if someone commits a crime with a gun with an illegal capacity, then there is another charge readily

mander, and am currently a division supervisor at my department of 39 sworn officers and 14 civilian staff. I am currently managing the budget for our department. I was elected to be the President and represent the Canon City employees association and ran for Custer County Sheriff in 2010.

13. The Silver Cliff Town Board is still considering allowing the operation of retail marijuana stores within its borders. What is your opinion on this?

The reality is these businesses will bring money to the town. The problem is it will also bring crime and issues not currently present. I have seen this first hand in the community where I work. This venture will not be cost effective to Silver Cliff in the long run. It will cost more than money; it will affect your quality of life.

available to add to the initial crime. I do not see a practical, useful application of the new laws.

12. What experience do you have creating and managing a budget, managing a workforce, and operating as an elected official?

I have nine years of management experience as the Administrative Director for the Oklahoma City Police Community Relations Unit. I had success in writing grants and obtaining funding for programming, capital gains projects, and daily operations. I dealt with several City Department Heads on a variety of issues. I have a bachelors degree in Management of Human Resources. My experience and education have helped prepare me for managing budgets, personnel, and administration issues.

13. The Silver Cliff Town Board is still considering allowing the operation of retail marijuana stores within its borders. What is your opinion about this.

I believe that the funding this proposal would generate would not be worth the strain on our small community that it would create. When people do not have money to support addictive behavior, they sometimes steal in order to get what they need. When crime increases in our community as a result, a burden would be placed on the Sheriff's Office that it does not have the resources to address at this time. Therefore, I am not supportive of Silver Cliff passing the retail sales of marijuana.

Deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is Monday at Noon for that week's edition.

Call (719) 783-3360 to place your ad

Events Calendar

Friday, January 31, 2014

9 a.m. - BOCC Meeting in Courthouse Board Rm
3 p.m. - 7 p.m. - High School JV / V Girls / Boys Basketball @ Home v. Cripple Creek - Victor

Saturday, February 1, 2014

1 p.m. - Sangre Shooting Club Safety Orientation at Shooting Range Clubhouse
2 p.m. - At Jones Theater: Second Street Dance Studio's Debut Recital Presents "Music Through The Decades" Adults, \$10; Kids, 12 and under, \$5; at the door, \$15. Also available at Second Street Studio
3 p.m. - 7 p.m. - High School JV / V Girls / Boys Basketball at Sangre de Cristo H.S., Mosca, Colorado

Sunday, February 2, 2014

2 p.m.: At Jones Theater: 2nd Street Dance

Recital

Monday, February 3, 2014

4:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Accountability Committee Meeting in Library at Custer County School
9 a.m. BOCC Meeting in Courthouse Board Room

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

9 a.m. - BOCC Meeting in Courthouse Board Room
6 p.m.- 8 p.m. Ag Advisory Committee Meeting in Ag Room, Custer County FFA

Wednesday, February 5, 2014

10 a.m. Airport Advisory Board Meeting
4 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Middle School Knowledge Bowl in Room #116 at Custer County Middle School
6 p.m. - 7 p.m. - State Degree Review in Fowler for Custer County FFA

Thursday, February 6, 2014

All day: High School All State Choir at Denver

Friday, February 7, 2014

7:30 p.m. The Jones Theater: "American Hustle"
All day: High School All State Choir at Denver
National SAT Registration Deadline for test date 3/8/14

Saturday, February 8, 2014

All day: High School All State Choir at Denver
All day: Middle School Knowledge Bowl
Optimist Brain Bowl at Fort Carson, Colorado Springs
1 p.m. - 5 p.m. H.S. Basketball at Home v. Crested Butte
7:30 p.m. - The Jones Theater: "American Hustle"

Sunday, February 9, 2014

2 p.m. - The Jones Theater: "American Hustle"

Recurring Events and Business Hours

Monday

6 p.m.: Closed discussion meeting Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or 360/509-9172 or Lisa 719/783-0809.

Monday through Friday

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Custer County Public transit service available to everyone through Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Noon: Lunch served at Custer County Senior Center located on first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP.

Monday and Thursday

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff opens to assist young mothers and families in need. Services include free pregnancy tests, counseling to pregnant women and more. Call 783-4357.

Tuesday

12:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe.

4:30 p.m.: Awanas for kids ages three through sixth grade at First Baptist Church of Westcliffe.

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Jammin' band at Mining Company restaurant in Silver Cliff.

Tuesday through Friday

10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Library in downtown Westcliffe open.

Wednesday

Line dancers meet at Community United Methodist Church from 9:30 to 11 a.m. thru the winter starting November 20. Call Clem at 303/909-7370.

6 p.m.: Closed Big Book study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or 360/509-9172 or Lisa 719/783-0809.

Thursday

5:30 p.m.: Weight Watchers meeting in the Hope Lutheran Church basement. Call 783-4144.

6 p.m.: Celebrate Recovery program at First Baptist Church in Westcliffe. Call 719/568-1060.

Friday

6 p.m.: Open topic Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or 360/509-9172 or Lisa 719/783-0809.

Friday and Saturday

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.: Share Center adjacent to Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe open.

Saturday

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Library in downtown Westcliffe open.

10:30 a.m.: Story time for kids at the library.

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Westcliffe & Silver Cliff Elections

Mayoral and Trustee candidate packets are now available for both towns of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe for the regular municipal election, which will be held Tuesday, April 1, 2014. Included are a summary of the basic requirements associated with the election, a listing of critical election dates, and all forms required for participation in the election.

The two town's regular municipal election will be conducted as a regular paper ballot election. The designated polling place for Silver Cliff will be the Silver Cliff Town Hall (612 Main Street) with voting hours from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The ballot will ask voters to

consider candidates for six Trustee positions.

The official polling place for Westcliffe will be the Westcliffe Town Hall (located at 305 Main Street), with voting hours from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The ballot will ask voters to consider candidates for the mayoral position and three Trustee positions.

Nomination petitions may be picked up at the prospective Town Halls on Monday, February 10, 2014 and circulated that same day. A minimum of ten signatures from registered voters residing within the Town limits is required in order to establish candidacy. Completed nomina-

tion petitions, along with a signed Affidavit of Circulator form and Acceptance of Nomination form are due in my office on Friday, February 28, 2014, by 5:00 p.m. A drawing by lot will be held at each prospective Town Hall at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7, 2014, to determine the order candidates will be listed on the official ballot. Either the candidate or a representative appointed by the candidate may be present.

If you have any questions after reading the enclosed materials, for Silver Cliff please call Ileen at 719-783-2615 and for Westcliffe please call Kathy at 719-783-2282. Good luck!

Family Drama for Custer County's Drama Club

by Candi Sage

Custer County High School Drama Club performed a 1950 comedy, "The Curious Savage", written by John Patrick. Although written in 1950, it could easily happen today, proving times may change but people remain the same.

Stepmother and wealthy widow, Ethel Savage, is sent to "The Cloisters", a psychiatric hospital, where her sneaky stepchildren hope her detainment will ultimately reward them with the knowledge of where their inheritance is and how much they are getting. Each time they visit,

it is more apparent that they only care for the money they believe she can provide and not for her nor her preferences of how she decides to spend her money.

Greedy that they are, they cannot hold a candle to the welcome she receives by other residents of "The Cloisters". Each resident with their own "quirk" doesn't bother Ethel, but she finds new friends and encourages each one to use their own personal "quirk" to find their real self and not hide behind it. Her stepchildren don't get what they want as the residents join together to hide Ethel's money from the greedy stepchildren.

Director Lissa Miller reports that this comedy is a "staple" within high school drama clubs due to the variety of characters. She reports a nearly full house on Friday. Ironically, the Runyon theatre in Pueblo performed this same comedy this same weekend. Lissa and husband, Steve, are adult members of the International Thespian Society and for this comedy seven C1 students actors are also designated members.

The spring production has just been named and changed from The Mystery of Edwin Drood to the musical, Fiddler on the Roof. Students will be notified of the change this week.



Pictured actors L-R: Alysha Benoit (Miss Willy), Michael Batson (Judge Samuel Savage), Amanda Schmutzler (Lilly Belle Savage), Adam Koudsi (Hannibal), Jessica Reitz (Florence), Danny (John Thomas), Rylie Rinks (Mrs. Ethel Savage), Madisen Heinich (Fairy Mae), Colin Rafferty (Jeff), Skylor Smith (Mrs. Paddy), Wesley Kagan (Titus Savage), Tyler Havens (Dr. Emmett).

Sentinel photo by Paul Sage

SUPPORT A WOUNDED VET!

Rob Jones, a U. S. Marine and double amputee bicycling across America for Veteran's awareness and charities that support wounded veterans, will pass through Westcliffe around February 6. See more details in "Pay It Forward" beginning on page 1 of the paper. We believe the American Legion will be hosting some type of Welcome Ceremony.

Rob and his 18 year old brother are self-funding their trip. The Southern Colorado Patriots Club is collecting cash to present to them to help fund their personal travel expenses. Any size cash donation will be welcome and can be dropped off at the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel office at 610 Main Street from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays or 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays.

Thanks for helping this courageous and determined young citizen, patriot and veteran.

Obituary

Virginia (Ginnie) Marie Geroux

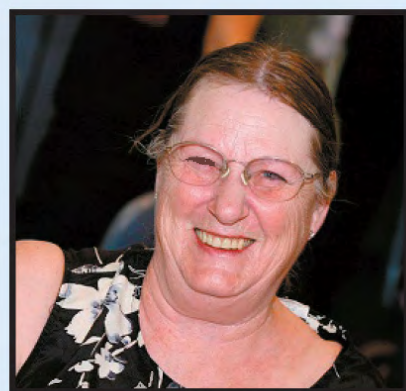
Virginia (Ginnie) Marie Geroux, 65, passed away on 28 January 2014 at her home.

Ginnie was born January 22, 1949 in Winfield, Kansas, to Verle and Sally (McClelland) Pomeroy. Clara Reida and Margaret Lockernini played a very important role in her life as surrogate mothers.

She married the 'Love of her life' - Harvey Geroux on May 25, 1969. During her life, Ginnie had many 'jobs'. The most important to her was as wife and mother. Ginnie enjoyed many things in life: crafting, horses, cats, being in the mountains, reading and most of all being with her husband, family, and friends.

She is survived by her four children: Elizabeth 'Beth' (John) Kilpatrick of Melbourne, FL, Juliette 'Jet' (Dan) Mankle of Sargent, NE, Justin (Kristi) Geroux of Westcliffe, CO, and Erin (Jeremiah) Geroux of Mid-

land, TX. She also had six grandchildren: Christopher, Amanda, Logan, Cordel, Layne and Koltien. She is also survived by father-in-law, Chester (Jack) Geroux; brother-in-law, Darell (Twila) Geroux; and sisters-in-law Clarice (Byron) Dean, and Nancy (Robert) Tallent. Ginnie was preceded in death by her



husband, Harvey; parents, Verle and Sally Pomeroy; brother, Steve Pomeroy; and Mother-in-Law, Ruby Geroux.

Memorial service will be held at the Saddle Club on Friday, January 31, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. Any memorials contributions are suggested by the family to go to Fremont Regional Hospice.

REQUEST

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to the Colorado Open Meetings Law, "all boards, committees, commissions, authorities or other advisory, policy-making, rule-making or other formally constituted bodies and any public or private entity which has been del-

egated governmental decision-making function by a body or official are included under the law." The activities of this advisory committee, delegated by the Town Trustees, are subject to the open records law.

The Colorado Open Meetings Law requires that the

town respond within 3 working days or they will be in violation of the law.

Update: As we re going to press, Town Clerk Kathy Reis has informed us to make another request and then they will supply us the information. We will keep you posted on the results in next week's edition.

MARINE

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That is his motto - Survive, Recover, Live.

His decision to cycle 5,400 miles stems from his unwavering desire to help other U.S. servicemen, and, because he CAN! After intense training, Rob learned to ride a bike - no easy task when both of his legs are prosthetic. "Most people don't understand just how difficult it is to ride a bike with prostheses." It is extremely challenging, as he has no knees or quads, and

he has overcome broken prosthetic parts, bike parts, and truck parts to cycle on, one rotation at a time.

A reception will be hosted for Rob at the *Some Where Saloon*, at 215 Main Street in Westcliffe. The event is planned for 5:30 p.m. (This is subject to change based on numerous reasons that might delay Rob's progress). This event is sponsored by Donovan Baggett, the owner of *Some Where Saloon* and a fellow U.S. Marine Corps veteran, as well as the members of American Legion Post

170, The Custer County Chamber of Commerce, All-Aboard Westcliffe, and other residents of Custer County that appreciate the sacrifice of Rob and others that have serviced our country.

To track Rob's travels, visit <http://www.robjones-journey.com/> or call the Sentinel for any changes in the date and time of the reception.

You can also stop by the Sentinel office to drop off a donation for Rob.

The Wet Mountain Quilt Shop

GRAMMIE TAMMIE'S

Grammie Tammie's Wet Mountain Quilt Shop's new location is now open and will be open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through the winter months. Located at 414 Main Street in Westcliffe, "We have so much more fabric and products to carry and have added a gift shop to meet the needs of all who enter!"

Long Arm Quilting Services are now offered and online shopping will be coming soon at www.grammietetammies.com. You can also sign up for their newsletter to receive the latest news and participate in

many drawings for prizes.

Carol Clemenson says, "As a quilter, the fabric in this shop is of the highest quality that I have ever experienced. I have worked with lots of different fabric that say is really good, and had nothing but trouble with it. Gammie Tammie's is wonderful and reasonably



Grammie Tammie, in the shop's new location.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

priced. Stop in and meet the delightful Grammie Tammie and learn how you, too, can 'Create with Altitude'."

Custer County Bobcat Girls Win Big



Driving hard for the layup.



Back row from left Brandi Platcek, Nicole Lorenzen, Madeleine Woods, Ashley Schlabach, Athena Wisecup, and Taylor Staton. Front row from left Serenity Ham, Sarah Gerringer, Latisha Schlabach, and Ashley Gillium.



Coach cheering for her team.



Getting good air on a driving layup. Other Bobcats getting ready to crash the boards.



A perfect Bobcat free throw.

Girls Varsity Roster		
#	Name	Grade
50	Sarah Gerringer	Sophomore
20	Brandi Platcek	Junior
21	Madeleine Woods	Junior
11	Serenity Ham	Freshman
23	Ashley Schlabach	Senior
32	Nicole Lorenzen	Sophomore
10	Taylor Staton	Sophomore
22	Latisha Schlabach	Freshman
44	Athena Wisecup	Freshman
30	Ashley Gillium	Freshman

Total Points					
#	Name	Points	Assists (high)	Rebounds (high)	Fouls
50	Sarah Gerringer	2			0
21	Madeleine Woods	15		12	2
23	Ashley Schlabach	16			5
10	Taylor Staton	4			4
22	Latisha Schlabach	6	7		0
30	Ashley Gillium	4			0

The team started strong and played good basketball all four quarters. The Bobcats were short-handed because of injuries (4 players) and ineligibility. They made up for having only one substitute on the bench by outrunning and outscoring the Panthers, especially in the 3rd quarter. Coach Parish stated that the girls came together and played as a team and they had fun. The team is graduating only one valuable senior, Ashley Schlabach, so they are building for some good years ahead. Ashley will be missed as a leader.

The season win/loss record is 3/9 with 7 games left. This week the Bobcats play Victor-Cripple Creek on Friday at home (games starting at 3:00), and they play Sangre de Cristo away on Saturday.



Bobcats getting ready for the rebound



Good looking jump shot from the foul line.



Bobcat getting ready to sky over opponent for two points.

Book & Film Review

Lone Survivor

by Marcus Luttrell

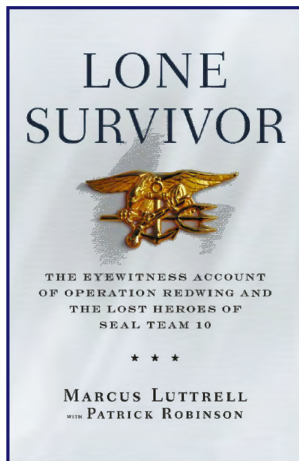
On The Book...

by Joe Cascarelli

I just finished reading Lone Survivor by Marcus Luttrell. I read it because it was made into a successful movie. My habit of reading books which were made into movies dates back to tenth grade for me when I read "On the Beach" after seeing the movie. In the fifty-five years since, I've read dozens of book/motion picture combinations. The story told in the book is not for the faint of heart. I could understand if media reporters, editors, publishers, general and flag officers and politicians would be reluctant to like Lone Survivor or even read it for that matter.

Luttrell spends three chapters describing SEAL training. Reading it made me feel uncomfortable because the training is so tough, so demanding, and so brutal that one must ask if all this is really necessary. Once the book starts to describe what happened in Afghanistan during Operation Red Wings, it is a simple matter to understand why the almost merciless and often cruel training is necessary. The author leaves no doubt that everything that SEAL training has come to mean is an actual dress rehearsal for real missions. The dedication, determination, and commitment of all these young men are never in doubt.

Unlike Chris Kyle, author of American Sniper, another SEAL bestseller, Lut-



trell is overtly critical of American politicians and the world press in general. There is an unforgettable series of opinion and analyses of how the American military's rules of engagement have been shaped by the deadly collaboration of the media, the left-leaning members of Congress and cultural elite. Once the reader sees how these combat rules of engagement have been forced on the men who are charged with defending Americans, it is difficult to ever look at these collaborators in the same way again.

At a defining moment during the mission, Operation Red Wings, we can see just how foolish and naïve that the current rules of engagement are. Readers will be clear that the three unnecessary deaths of our Navy SEALs (along with the sixteen men aboard a Chinook Helicopter attempting to provide air support) will not be the last as America tries to protect itself from the forces

of terrorism over the next several decades. After the battle, the survival of Marcus Luttrell is even more amazing. Luttrell believes that God wanted him to survive so that there would be someone to tell the tale of bravery that his teammates displayed. It doesn't ruin the book to know that there was a lone survivor; after all we have all seen Luttrell on numerous cable TV interviews.

By the time you read this review, you will know that the Academy passed over the movie. One must wonder how something like Lone Survivor actually gets made. If any reporters take the time to read the book, they will see that they have had a hand in the deaths of SEALs, Dietz (a Colorado), Murphy, and Axelson. Politicians will also see in bloody detail how their "politically correct" decisions have resulted in hundreds of unnecessary deaths of brave GIs. For some of us, this insight will make you want to beat the crap out of the gutless policy makers who have been stacking the deck against American servicemen in combat since the Vietnam War. A reasonable question is, "When will we ever learn?"

This is a must read for all those who love and respect the committed few who have put their lives on the line to keep our country safe. *I will never forget them...never.*

Marcus has devoted his life to honoring and assisting his brothers-in-arms by telling this amazing story, and by establishing the Lone Survivor Foundation. "The LSF restores, empowers, and renews hope for our wounded service members and their families through health, wellness, and therapeutic support." Like the work of Westcliffe's own Eagles Summit Ranch, LSF goes beyond the standard government assistance, and offers a place where the service members and their families can heal together as they all work through the consequences of war.

The Lone Survivor story is real. It is far more than just a book and a movie, and I encourage every American to read Marcus' book, see the film, and support the Lone Survivor Foundation.

<http://lonesurvivorfoundation.org>



will put on a story – than the lives of Americans.

Marcus worked very closely with director Peter Berg to ensure that the story was depicted accurately. However the movie is less than two hours long. There is so much information, and so many details for Operation Red Wings that are only covered in Marcus' book, that I strongly encourage you to read it as well as seeing the movie.

On The Film...

by Katherine Camper

Having read Lone Survivor and following Marcus Luttrell's story ever since, I very much wanted to lend my support to his life's mission of telling the story of the brothers-in-arms he lost in this brutal battle against the Taliban. In the back of my mind as the movie began were the words of Marcus Luttrell after he watched the premier screening of the film, "It's right. It's exactly how I see it in my head every night."

This is an incredibly intense, heart-wrenching film about what these men went through and the integrity and honor with which they lived and died. It may make you cry for them – for the loved ones they left behind, and it should also make you angry that those calling the shots seem to care more about the 'optics' of an issue – the spin the media

Officer of the Year:
Mark O'Brien

At the Custer County Sheriff's Christmas party of 2013, Sheriff Fred Jobe honored Mark O'Brien with an award for his 3 years as a Detention officer. Officer O'Brien has gone above and beyond his call of duty. He sees something that needs to be done whether it is lawn work, or other maintenance around the Sheriff's office and helping so many people. If he sees something that needs to be done, he simply gets the job done.

He has lived in Custer County for 11 years, and has one son that is 22-years-old and a one-year-old grandson that lives in Alaska. He came here from Southern California and worked at Valley Electric. His lifelong dream was always to

be in law enforcement ever since he was in high school. It has always been in his blood. His brother is in law enforcement in Orange County California and a brother-in-law in law enforcement in Ontario, California. He is now following his dream since high school.



Sheriff Jobe presents Officer O'Brien with the Officer of the Year award.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

Congratulations, Officer O'Brien, and thank you for all you do for this community. Good job.



BYERLY FOR CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF

Shannon and his wife Lynette have resided in Custer County for 12 years. His oldest son, Ryan, is a 2011 graduate of Custer County and his youngest son, Lane, will graduate in May. Shannon served 8 years in the US NAVY and is a Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran.

QUALIFICATIONS: Associates of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. Graduate of the Denver University Public Safety Leadership Development Course. Eleven years Law Enforcement Experience at Canon City PD as a patrol officer, patrol sergeant, and current department supervisor. Shannon has budget development and management experience as he currently manages the Canon City Police Department's budget.

GOALS: A thorough budget evaluation to maximize the use of assets through re-prioritization, increase training opportunities for all department personnel, and review, develop, and update policies to eliminate current liability to the county.

Shannon strongly believes in the fair and equal treatment of all citizens no matter what your political, religious, or social status may be. He would like the opportunity to serve you as the next Custer County Sheriff.

Come visit with Shannon on February 15th, at 1:00 pm at the Rancher's Roost Banquet room.

If you would like to contact Shannon Byerly:

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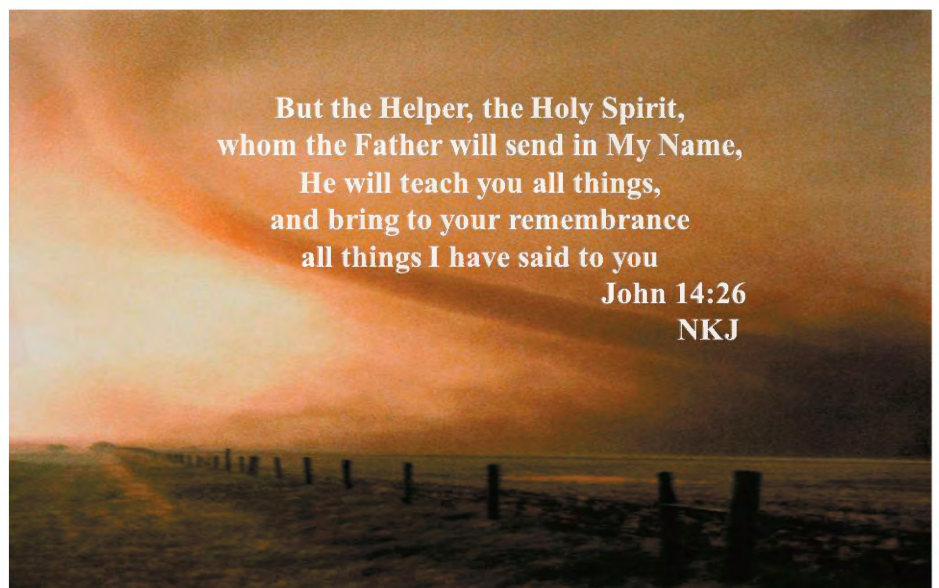
Facebook Page at:

Facebook.com/Byerly for Custer County Sheriff

Paid for by the committee to elect Byerly for Custer County Sheriff.

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in My Name,
He will teach you all things,
and bring to your remembrance
all things I have said to you

John 14:26
NKJ



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HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101

by: Barbara Penezic

Annie Shomaker is a professional social worker who has worked in Chicago and currently resides with her husband in Greenville Illinois. She is book-learned and street-wise. Not only that, Annie was raised on 15th Street right here in Cañon City. Don't you just love it when a hometown kid steps out and makes their mark in the world? If you missed this presentation you missed a wonderful fact-filled afternoon. Both classes were well attended which bodes well for the young people of Fremont County. SET FREE is a modern-day abolitionist movement that hopes to end modern day slavery and create new futures. Pretty lofty ideals you might say, and you would be right. Guess what? The success of this program depends 100 percent upon 'We the People'. We must learn how to understand the realities of victims, be able to identify victims, and then be able to offer meaningful solutions.

Human Trafficking is modern day slavery. It is the exploitation of a person for use of labor or sex. This is a \$32 plus billion dollar industry that targets the weak and the innocent. One thing we must be sure to understand is that a person under the age of 18 who has been induced by force, fraud, or coercion to perform illegal sex or other acts is "not a criminal, this person is the victim." Colorado is behind in laws to prevent under 18 year old victims from being charged as criminals. Would you come forward seeking help if you knew getting caught could mean being severely beaten? Knowing that if you actually reached authorities who could rescue you from your abuser you would probably be arrested for the crime of prostitution or worse?

Annie tells us that there are many signs to look for to help us identify possible trafficking in our area. We hate to admit that here in our beautiful little town this unspeakable trade could be happening. However, Ms. Shomaker told us that she had been informed that an arrest had been made in Fremont County recently. While Annie reminds us we should never give in to paranoia we must always



Annie Shomaker and Sheriff Beicker

Photo by Barbara Penezic

be aware. Nail salons, truck stops, beauty parlors and even restaurants can be potential sites for traffickers. The victims are usually well-controlled or chaperoned. Maybe the boss gives them a ride to work and then back home, maybe they even live with the boss. "How many of you live with your boss?" Annie asked, and only one hand was raised, that of Sheriff Beicker. Wise is the man who knows how to keep the welcome mat out at home. No wonder the intelligent citizens of Fremont County elected this man sheriff and will no doubt re-elect him in 2014. On a more serious note however, what Annie was telling us was that if something (especially something involving a child) doesn't look right, call the National Hot Line this may be the only chance the child will ever have.

Stranger danger is something we speak of often with our children but did you know that 70 percent of these children are endangered by a friend? When there is a national disaster, traffickers are often among the first responders. One of the audience members at our meeting was actually a victim of trafficking as a child. Just sitting there and hearing the stories being told was visibly traumatic for this lady. Several times she had to leave the classroom and seek the solace of the empty entry way to regain her composure. She spoke with me at length about her past but was not ready to be identified. She is still working through the layers of hurt she has experienced and told me that most children who run away from home have been picked up by the trafficking community within 48

hours. Their life expectancy at this point is roughly 7 years. Those who don't commit suicide or become murder victims usually die of sexually transmitted diseases.

Why don't these victims simply run away you ask? There are many reasons. Some of these children have simply become convinced that they deserve what has happened to them. Some aren't even aware that there is a better life. Some are afraid of retaliation against family members. Whatever the reason I would remind you that most of these children were indoctrinated to the lifestyle at 7- or 8-years-old. They deserve our compassion, our understanding and most of all they deserve our HELP. Looking around the room at my fellow classmates I was struck with a feeling of great pride for our community. The room was filled with parents, grandparents, nurses, teachers, James Berg, and others from the Fremont County Department of Human Services, Family Crisis Center, Sheriff Beicker, Sheri Warnok, from the Cañon City Police Department Victim Assistance Coordinator, St. Thomas More Emergency Room techs, and so many others who might be the one to see these victims if only for a short period of time. The few hours these people added to their already busy schedules may help save a life, so to them I say a most sincere Thank you for going the extra mile for our community. If you think someone is a victim of Human Trafficking please call the National Hotline at: 1-888-373-7888

BE INFORMED
GET INVOLVED

Government and Land

by Edward Whitcraft,
Royal Gorge Tea Party

Most of the farms and ranches where I grew up started out as homesteads. Way back when the government encouraged people to move west into Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, and I'm sure many other states, by giving them land that could be improved, worked and lived on for a period of time allowing them to become the lawful owners. My maternal grandfather and many uncles actually homesteaded in eastern and central Montana. I had the privilege as a boy visiting and working on these homesteads. What a novel idea letting folks improve land, raise their families, raise crops, raise animals and should I say it? Pay taxes. Of course while taking care of their own families they also raised produce, dairy products and animals to provide food for the general populace.

One would think that with all the open land here in the West the Homestead Act would still be available for us today. But I'm finding more and more the cities, states and federal government want this land. One must ask the question why? Well our cities and to some extent the county wants this property so they can build parks, miles and miles of recreation trails, and just plain open land for whatever. The state and federal government want it for much the same reason but they just keep requiring more. They tell us its necessary to protect this land for prosperity and for future generations to enjoy. I have some heartburn with all this land grab and its for good reason. Let's look at the cities first. All this recreation, parks and open area cost you and

me money as the city has to maintain it which costs tax dollars. Then we lose tax dollars because private owners can't develop this property for making money. I think the land grab at the state and federal level might have a greater reason. Of course it still takes usable land that could be used for private use thus generating taxes away from the citizen but I believe Agenda 21 is the real reason. Sustainable Development is an integral part of Agenda 21. Sustainablists insist that every societal decision be based on global land use, global education, and global population control and reduction. In 1992 at the Earth Summit President George H. W. Bush signed the document for the United States. In 1995 President Bill Clinton in compliance with Agenda 21 signed Executive Order #12858 to create the Presidents Council on Sustainable Development in order to harmonize U.S. environmental policy with the UN directive.

This is just one more area that our out of control government has violated the Constitution by using power not granted to them. We were asleep at the wheel and believe me not any of our representatives really want to tackle this problem.

I'm not sure they really understand it or have even heard about it. Two years ago at a mayor and city council forum sponsored by the Royal Gorge Tea Party not one candidate acknowledged knowing about Agenda 21. This is something we need to ask our candidates about during this election cycle especially at the state and federal level. It's our country. How bad do you want to keep it? Be informed. Get involved.

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

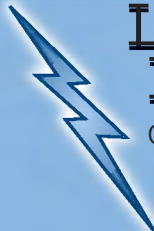
**Cañon City
City Council
1st and 3rd
Mondays at 6 p.m.
City Hall
128 Main St
Cañon City**

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

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of each month
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or find them on
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***I can do all things
through Christ
who strengthens me.***

Phil 4:13, NKJ

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The Daily Jot

Daily reporting and analysis of current events from a biblical and prophetic perspective.
NOTE: When writing about God and Jesus, The Daily Jot means YHWH as God and Yeshua Ha Mashiach as Jesus—the actual original names and the true nature and character of them.

Islamic Persecution Doubles Christian Deaths in 2013

Open Doors USA has published its 2013 list of the 50 top countries that persecute Christians. Of the top 10, all are Islamic nations except number one ranking North Korea. Somalia, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Maldives, Pakistan, Iran and Yemen round out the top ten. Some 36 of the 50 are Muslim countries. It is evident from these numbers that U.S. foreign policy of spreading democracy is having virtually no impact on religious freedom, and that favoring Muslims as a “peaceful” religion is a ridiculously naive and dangerous course. Syria, for example, where the White House is spending taxpayer money to support al Qaeda factions against the government, killed the most Christians last year--1,213.

Reuters reports that Open Doors documented 2,123 martyr killings of Christians in 2013, almost double those in 2012. Raymond Ibrahim, the son of Coptic Christians in Egypt and a news contributor for Christian Broadcasting Network says, “The one glaring fact that emerges from this report is that the

overwhelming majority of Christian persecution around the globe today is being committed at the hands of Muslims of all races, languages, cultures, and socio-political circumstances.” The other group that persecutes Christians the most is communism. Ibrahim says, however, this is temporal because communist regimes change hands. Islam is permanent because it persecutes as a religion.

Ibrahim wrote in an analysis on the CBN website: “Muslim persecution of Christians exists in 41 nations today as part of a continuum that started nearly 14 centuries ago...the very same patterns of Christian persecution prevalent throughout the Muslim world today are often identical to those from centuries past. The facts speak for themselves...Unfortunately, however, while some are willing to point out that Christians are being persecuted around the Muslim world--why that is the case, why 82 percent of the world’s persecution is committed by Muslims from a variety of backgrounds and circumstance--is the great

elephant in the room that few wish to address.”

This is the modern convergence of prophecy. Jesus said in Matthew 24:9, “...you shall be hated of all nations for my names sake.” The nations Ezekiel listed that come against Israel in “that day” are all Islamic. 2 John 7 says “For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an anti-christ.” The Koran says in Sura 19:29, “Allah forbid that He Himself should beget a son!” Sura 2:190-193, speaking of Christians and Jews, says, “And slay them wherever ye find them, and drive them out of the places whence they drove you out, for persecution is worse than slaughter.” Islamic persecution of Christians will not stop. It is part of Islam’s DNA and it is prophecy as it is lived out each day since Islam’s beginning.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
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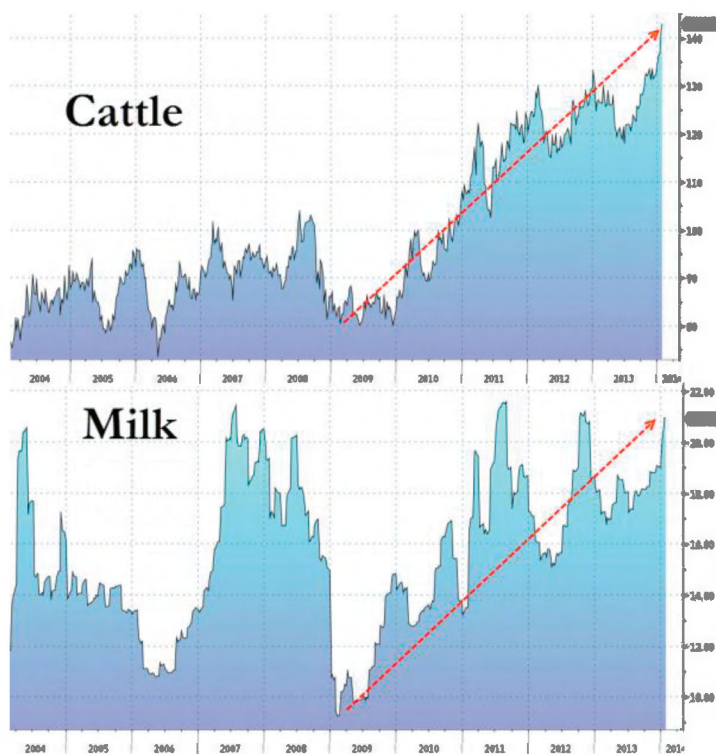
Moo-ar Inflation

by Tyler Durden,
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With the world awash in liquidity and yet every one of the world’s leaders spreading the “ogre of deflation” myth to ensure the administration of moo-ar free money; we thought it interesting that with government identified inflation statistics entirely benign that the prices of U.S. cattle and milk have reached record highs (and show no sign of stopping as Cattle is limit-up today again). The rise has been almost non-stop beginning in early 2009... now what else began to rise in an almost straight line then?

Nope, no inflation here... as long as you are Vegan.

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ANTI-FRACKING PROTESTERS GLUE AND LOCK THEMSELVES TO THE WRONG GAS PUMPS!!!

by Dave Urbanski,
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After four anti-fracking activists glued their hands and locked themselves to pumps at a gas station being protested, their stunt managed to close down the business for nearly six hours, reportedly costing it significant revenue.

There was only one problem: It was the wrong gas station.

The Total station outside of Manchester in the United Kingdom isn’t owned anymore by Total, which the protesters were targeting; according to station owner Reezwan Patel, it’s owned by Certas Energy...but the signs hadn’t been switched out.

“With the loss of custom(ers) and the damage to the pumps, it could be a couple of thousand pounds we have lost,” Patel told

The Bolton News regarding Saturday’s incident.

“The peaceful protesters were very polite and actually apologized for what happened, but the others were very stupid and have cost us a lot of money.”

Indeed Bolton Green Party chairman Alan Johnson, whose group was peacefully protesting next to the station, told the Bolton News he was “very annoyed” at the four activists — three men and one woman — who closed it down and were later arrested for criminal damage and criminal trespass.

“I have to stress that these people have nothing to do with our protest,” Johnson told the Bolton News. “We were there to protest peacefully and warn people about the dangers of fracking and these people have put themselves and others in danger with what they did.”

According to an earlier report from The Bolton News, Frack Free Greater Manchester had called for the protest outside the Total station after the announcement that the French firm would invest at least 12.7 million pounds in the UK’s shale gas industry.

Frack Free member Sophie Baxter had this to say, presumably before the revelation that the targeted station wasn’t actually owned anymore by Total: “Every company that is going to invest in fracking needs to expect these kind of actions. We were very proud of the guys who did this today and were cheering when he heard about it.”

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Taxpayer-Funded Food Stamps for Pot? What is Colorado Smoking?

by Allen West,
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In a recent interview with The New Yorker magazine, President Barack Obama said he doesn’t think marijuana is more dangerous than alcohol, “in terms of its impact on the individual consumer.” He even went so far as to remind us of his own drug use (a disqualifier for Top Secret security clearance, by the way),

“As has been well-documented, I smoked pot as a kid, and I view it as a bad habit and a vice, not very different from the cigarettes that I smoked as a young person up through a big chunk of my adult life. I don’t think it is more dangerous than alcohol,” the president said.

Well, guess what, the liberal progressives out in Colorado share his assessment. Since pot is no different from cigarettes and no more dangerous than alcohol, as part of the welfare nanny-state expansion, Colorado lawmakers have decided Electronic Bene-

fits Transfer (EBT) cards, aka Food Stamps, can be used for withdrawals at pot shops. Unbelievable.

As reported by Fox News, Colorado pot shops currently have ATMs where welfare recipients can withdraw cash using their EBT cards.

A Democrat-controlled State Senate committee rejected the Republicans’ proposal to close this loophole. Sen. Vicki Marble, R-Fort Collins, said Colorado’s new legal pot industry needs to make sure not to invite federal scrutiny through improper cash withdrawals at recreational or medical marijuana stores. “Already we are operating an industry which is not allowed under federal law,” said Marble, one of the chief lawmakers involved with Colorado’s marijuana regulation bills.

However, the opposing liberal progressive perspective is always centered on victimization:

“I’m not comfortable lim-

iting that access until I’m certain we’ve done that due diligence to make sure people can access their benefits when they need to,” Sen. Irene Aguilar, D-Denver, said.

I think State Senator Aguilar should go back and read the original intent for the U.S. Food Stamp program, which was to provide healthy nutritious foods — American grown — for lower income families.

This whole matter is completely political and part of the grand design for progressives, where there are no boundaries, no moral standards, and the government — ultimately the American taxpayer — will pick up the tab.

And to think the federal government, under Obama, has produced ads to get even more people on food stamps, including ads appearing in Mexico. Is this just another example of what Alexis de Tocqueville

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A Life Long American Warrior for Freedom: Tom Kravis, *Part II*

by George Gramlich

(Tom Kravis is a valley resident.)

We left Air America Captain, Tom Kravis, off in Part I of his military and CIA journey in Thailand, April 20, 1975. He had just flown one of the last evacuation flights out of Tan Son Nhut airport, Saigon, Vietnam, before the country finally fell to the communists. (Please see our Veterans Issue, Vol. I, Issue 18, November 15, 2013 for the story.)

Air America, his CIA employer, went out of business a few days later leaving Tommy without a job. Tom went back to his home in the Adirondack Mountains of northern New York to relax, but shortly after arriving home, a friend of his called up and asked if he wanted to be his copilot on a C130 flying cargo in Alaska. Up he goes, and flew there all summer and returned home in October.

And guess who called him when he got home? Yup, the CIA. The parent company of the expired Air America was Southern Air Transport (SAT), a CIA owned and operated "freight" hauler and they wanted Tom to start flying for them again. And, of course, the definition of "freight" was pretty loose! They wanted him down in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, to

fly a C46 for them. Sounded good, St. Croix, beach, women, fun. Guess what his first flight for them was when he got there?

Remember the infamous George Town Kool-Aide massacre in Guyana in 1975? That was when the insane cult leader, Jim Jones, poisoned 500 of his followers in his jungle camp with Kool-Aide laced with deadly poison. Most of them were American followers of his. The U.S. had to get the bodies back to the U.S. and no commercial carrier wanted to fly 500 badly decomposed bodies, so who got the job? SAT and their newly hired C46 Captain, Tom Kravis. Oh, joy. When Tommy got there with his C46, the bodies had already lied in the sun for over a week. He had to fly the bodies to San Juan, Puerto Rico. He kept the cockpit windows and the rear cargo doors open the whole way. The stench was so bad that the copilot puked his guts out all the way there. What was even worse was that they had to go back and make a second trip! Welcome back to the CIA Tom.

In the spring of 1976, SAT sent Tommy to Angola where he flew the huge C130 Hercules supporting the Angolan government against the Cuban supported communist rebels trying to take control of the coun-

try. It was very dangerous as they were landing the C130's on roads and primitive gravel strips in the middle of nowhere. They lost several aircraft. In the end, the communists won the battle for the country.

After Angola, the CIA sent Tommy to Uganda to help train the Ugandan Air Force. You might remember the President For Life there, Idi Amin. He was one of the century's worst murdering dictators, but he was "our guy". Tommy helped train the Uganda Air Force pilots with their U.S. supplied Bell helicopters only to see many of the pilots killed later by President Amin who suspected them of attempting a coup. And if you remember, old President Idi Amin was later ousted and convicted of cannibalism during his murderous reign. One of our more moral allies.

Leaving darkest Africa, SAT then sent Tommy to Iran, where the Shah of Iran was a U.S. ally (at least for awhile). There Tommy trained the Shah's pilots to fly their new, U.S. bought Boeing 707's. While there, Tommy made friends with the Shah's son, who was a pilot and even met the Shah himself. Tommy notes that even though the U.S. was their ally and supplied most of the equipment, the Iranians were very hostile to all the Americans trying to help them. Should have been a clue, folks. Eventually, the Shah's friend, the CIA, turned on him, orchestrated a coup, and in the end the radical Islamists took over giving us the situation we are facing today. Notice a losing trend here?

In the spring of 1980, Tommy was back in San Juan, Puerto Rico, flying the LC-100 (which is the "civilian" model of the C-130 Hercules). These planes were all black with no markings what-so-ever. The huge black planes was one of the reasons SAT were called "The Spook Airlines".

One of the missions for the blacked out LC-100's was supplying the infamous "Contras" in El Salvador and Nicaragua. The CIA's golden boy of the moment was Daniel Ortega, who was fighting the communists in Nicaragua with bases in Nicaragua and El Salvador. Tommy would load up with supplies (food, ammo, guns, etc.) in the USA and elsewhere, and fly down at night, land at extremely hot landing strips, unload and get the heck out. He made over 24 runs that winter in very difficult circumstances. The CIA lost several aircraft during this operation and the famous one was the C123 that was shot down by a missile with the commies capturing one of our guys, Eugene Hasenfus, who parachuted into enemy territory. That eventually blew the lid off of the entire operation resulting in the famous Iran/Contra hearings and congressional trial with LTC Oliver North taking the fall for the administration. Tommy knew Eugene Hasenfus quite well as they often worked together. Tommy also met General Dick Secord and LTC Oliver North, who ran the operation, many times. It did not end well for those two guys, or the mission.

Tommy was also involved in Grenada, flying freight in on SAT planes, while observing the Cubans building their fighter base there. It took years before the U.S. acted resulting in the Grenada invasion, that we won, but it wasn't pretty.

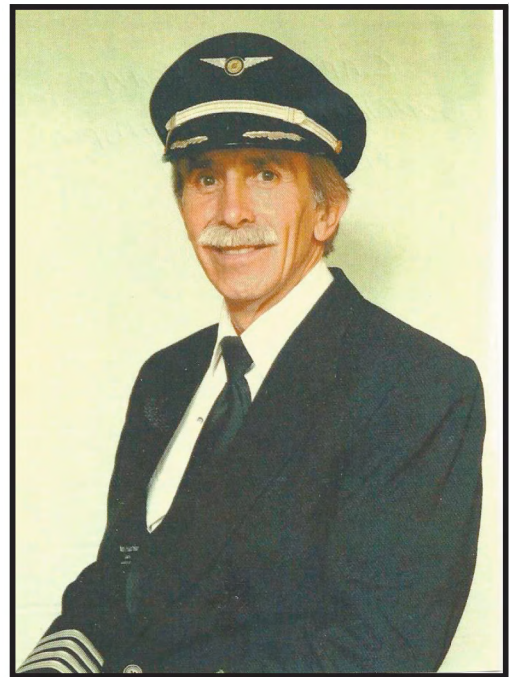
Another dictator that the CIA supported was President Noriega of Panama. Millions of dollars of "aid" was flown to him and his henchmen by SAT until, whooops, the CIA decided we didn't like him anymore. Thus, we needed another invasion by U.S. troops to clear that mess up.

Remember the Falklands War between Argentina and Great Britain over the Falkland Islands off the coast of

Argentina. The British have owned them for 100's of years, but the smell of possible oil deposits, and a need to have a boogie guy because the Argentine socialist regime's economy had tanked, caused the Argentinians to invade and occupy the islands. The Brits were not happy and sent a fleet and troops down there to take them back which they did (even though the Brits were badly outnumbered). So what was the CIA involvement? Tommy says they supplied both sides!!! They would fly military supplies to Argentina (now don't forget, we were officially supporting our long-term allies, the Brits, but what is a friend for anyway?) via Brazil. They fly to a landing strip in Brazil, about 60 miles from the Argentine border and unload there into Argentine military trucks which would then drive down into Argentina. They would use the same no markings, blacked-out planes to fly supplies to the Brits in Port Stanley, Falklands! Tommy says you can't beat those unmarked planes!

During the late 1980's Tommy flew SAT "relief" missions all over the world, including the Bosnia war where he was staged out of Frankfurt, Germany. When the U.S. didn't want a military presence shown, they simply hired SAT, with their "spooky" planes to do the job. Tommy also spent a lot of time flying "relief" flights to the Sudan and Ethiopia, which were a little "hairy". At that time he was based out of Nevis, West Indies.

One of the more exciting



missions in the late 1980's was a little trip to an island in the Bahamas. It seems that a small island had been taken over by one of the big drug cartels, who had built an airstrip on it, and was using it to fly drugs to the U.S. So the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), hired SAT to fly a dozen or so, heavily armed, ex-special forces type guys to the island to do a "look see". Ol' Captain Tommy Kravis was chosen as the pilot and a Beechcraft King Air was the plane. They landed on the airstrip, in broad day light, and as they were taxiing to a stop they came under intense automatic weapons fire with the plane taking dozens of hits. Tommy slams on the brakes and our DEA hard hitters exit the plane with guns blazing! Tommy does what any seasoned CIA pilot does in situations like this, he disappears into his seat and makes the already diminutive Tommy look a lot smaller than he is. The wild-ass firefight lasted about a half an hour with a total victory by our boys, and a bunch of bad guy drug dealers not feeling too good, if you know what I mean. The plane was so shot up it couldn't fly so they had to wait a long time for an emergency relief flight to come and get them. Another day, another paycheck for CIA Captain Tom Kravis.

During the 1990's, SAT

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Utah: Concealed Carry in Schools; Zero School Shootings. Coincidence?

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There are many likely contributors to the fact that Utah has zero school-related shootings. Utah is one of the states that has the least restrictions on second amendment rights in the nation. It is one of the few that do not forbid concealed carry permit holders from carrying their personal defensive firearms in schools. Utah has very little crime, with one of the lowest homicide rates in the country. As stated in this article from ksl.com, the odds that when you are in Utah, someone near you has a concealed carry per-

mit, are very good. Pedersen believes the fact the state has so many gun-friendly laws and concealed weapons permit holders may actually be a deterrent to these types of rampages. The shooter doesn't know what he's up against. "Odds are your neighbor, your person that you work with or your best friend, maybe, has a concealed weapons permit," he said. It's that kind of logic that has Pedersen involved in an effort to train and arm teachers. By law, concealed weap-

ons permit holders can be armed inside Utah schools. School shootings shot up after the passage of the federal gun free school zone law in 1996. The law was re-instated that year after heavy lobbying by President Clinton and Janet Reno. The law had been struck down by the Supreme Court as unconstitutional in early 1995. ©2013 by Dean Weingarten: Permission to share is granted when this notice is included. Please see: gunwatch.blogspot.com/2014/01/utah-concealed-carry-in-schools-zero.html

California Gun Regulations Drives Smith & Wesson, Ruger From 'Gun-Shy' State

by Kim Paxton,
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Gun control advocates in California are high-fiving each other, as the ridiculous regulation requiring "microstamping" has driven Sturm Ruger and now Smith & Wesson, two of the biggest manufacturers of handguns in the United States, out of the state. The newly enforced legislation is little more than a stealth ban on semi-auto handguns, dressed up to look like a simple crime-solving technology.

Ballistic imprinting, or "microstamping" is a technology that engraves a marking onto the firing pin of a gun. When the weapon is fired, the imprint of this marking is left on the bullet casings. The avowed purpose of this mark is to allow investigators to identify the registered owner of a gun used in a crime.

However, some manufacturers refuse to comply, saying the technology is unworkable and can actually impair the performance of the gun.

Smith & Wesson made the following statement in a press release:

"Smith & Wesson does not and will not include microstamping in its firearms. A number of studies have indicated that microstamping is unreliable, serves no safety purpose, is cost prohibitive and, most importantly, is not proven to aid in preventing or solving crimes."

The CEO of Ruger agrees, stating that the company is being "forced out" of California.

There are several reasons that microstamping isn't all it's cracked up to be.

For one, if the gun has been stolen, as often happens (because criminals are the ones committing crimes) then obviously this technology won't really help to solve those mysteries. Furthermore, the technology is new and has not been proven. Even the patent holder admits that it's not ready for mandatory implementation.

The patent holder of microstamping tech, Todd Lizotte, was part of a Department of Justice study team which concluded that, "legitimate questions exist related to both the technical aspects, production costs, and database management associated with microstamping that should be addressed before wide-scale implementation is legislatively mandated," according to the study which was published in the Association of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners (AFTE) Journal.

Of course, this didn't stop the legislators in California from forcing this law through anyway.

Opponents say that this has less to do with solving crimes than it does with being a sneaky way to ban semi-automatic handguns without actually... you know... banning semi-automatic handguns. Because of that pesky Constitution and all.

"This is the latest attempt to undermine the Second Amendment in California by politicians with little to no knowledge of firearms, who seek to impose their liberal values upon those

who choose to protect their families with the constitutional right to own a handgun," said Chuck Michel, West Coast Counsel for the National Rifle Association, an Adjunct Professor at Chapman University and author of the book "California Gun Laws."

The gun-shy state is quickly becoming notorious for its clueless legislators who give impassioned speeches against the guns that they know nothing about. Who can forget this hilarious video from earlier in the week of California Senator Kevin de Leon making ridiculous and semi-literate claims about a "ghost gun"?

In reality, though, this is no laughing matter. This is the 2nd Amendment we're talking about. Gun control advocates can't ban the guns outright, but they can limit the ability to buy ammunition, they can make ridiculous requirements that are impossible for manufacturers to meet and they can make the process of purchasing firearms onerous and burdensome on law-abiding citizens.

Whatever the method, the end result is the same — good people who follow the rules will have difficulty defending themselves while criminals, whether they be street thugs or thugs in uniform, won't be held to the same restrictions.

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Integrity: Desert Tactical Arms Refuses Sale to Pakistan – Turns Down Millions

Posted By Dean Garrison,
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(Editor/GG: Just like those patriots at MagPul. Honor before profit.)

Desert Tactical Arms chooses people over profit. Desert Tactical Arms of Utah has made a decision to turn down millions of dollars in business and not sell guns to Pakistan.

The company's management originally decided to throw their hat into the ring when an open-bid situation became available. However, after they learned that they were the front runner to win the contract they changed their mind. Desert Tactical Arms decided to make a decision that was based on morals and not on dollars.

KSL.com reports:

Desert Tech was approached with the opportunity to sell precision rifles to Pakistan in November. The company turned the deal down this week because of fears the guns could eventually be used against U.S. troops.

"The company was founded on the principle of keeping Americans and our allied forces safe," said sales manager Mike Davis. "We're not saying that Pakistan would get the weapons and do anything bad with them, but there's just

a heavy set of unrest over there."

The contract would have been lucrative and the current United States administration supports foreign military arms sales to Pakistan forces, but Davis said after internal discussion they decided it wouldn't be a good fit for their company. Some of the employees are veterans who have been to the Middle East and seen the situation first hand. Other employees have family members and friends currently serving in military engagements in the region.

"As a business owner you always want to be successful, but I think ethically and morally you want to go about it the right way and stick behind your founding principles," Davis said.

A post by founder Nick Young on the company's Facebook page on Tuesday has gone viral, with more than 2,000 likes and 1,000 shares so far. In the post Young asked readers if they thought the company's concerns about selling rifles to Pakistan were legitimate.

Even though Young and other employees felt turning down the deal was the right thing for the company, Davis said it was a difficult decision to make because of the amount of money involved. Kudos to Desert Tacti-

cal Arms for standing on principle. This is part of the problem in America — companies don't do that anymore. I grew up being very pro-business but have changed that stance considerably in my adult life. I am no longer pro-business. I am anti-big business and pro-small business.

Big businesses, more often than not, put dollars before people. But for all of those big businesses without social conscience, there are many smaller companies who struggle to keep the doors open, partly because they choose people over profits.

I think that most Americans would agree that these are the types of companies that deserve government bailouts when things get tough. As my friend, FJ Rocca recently discussed, capitalism only works when it is supported by a society which is rooted in morality.

My hope is that Desert Tactical Arms stays the course and can someday rival the big manufacturers without losing that social conscience.

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Thomas Jefferson Would Be Considered A Tea Party Extremist If He Were Around Today

by Michael Snyder,
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Thomas Jefferson was radically anti-tax, pro-gun, and anti-central bank. He loved precious metals, he openly acknowledged a "Creator" and he wanted to add an amendment to the Constitution which would ban the federal government from going into debt. If he was around today, he would be considered a "nutjob", an "extremist", a "fascist" and even a "potential terrorist". But of course Jefferson was none of those things. Rather, Jefferson was a great thinker, the primary author of the Declaration of Independence, and our third President. Below, I have shared a list of 13 famous Jefferson quotes (13 for the 13 colonies that originally founded America) that show just how far America has fallen away from our founding principles. I think that most of you will be very shocked when you read this list...

#1 "It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world."

#2 "If we can but prevent the government from wasting the labours of the people, under the pretence of taking care of them, they must become happy."

#3 "No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms."

#4 "I think our governments will remain virtuous for many centuries; as long as they are chiefly agricultural; and this will be as long as there shall be vacant lands in any part of America. When they get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, they will become corrupt as in Europe."

#5 "To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors, is sinful and tyrannical."

#6 "And I sincerely believe, with you, that banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies; and that the principle of spending money to be paid by posterity in the name of funding, is but swindling futurity on a large scale."

#7 "Paper is poverty,... it is only the ghost of money, and not money itself."

#8 "It is said that our paper is as good as silver, because we may have silver for it at the bank where it issues. This is not true. One, two, or three persons might have it; but a general application would soon exhaust their vaults, and leave a ruinous proportion of their paper in its intrinsic worthless

form."

#9 "The incorporation of a bank and the powers assumed [by legislation doing so] have not, in my opinion, been delegated to the United States by the Constitution. They are not among the powers specially enumerated."

#10 "That we are overdone with banking institutions which have banished the precious metals and substituted a more fluctuating and unsafe medium, that these have withdrawn capital from useful improvements and employments to nourish idleness, that the wars of the world have swollen our commerce beyond the wholesome limits of exchanging our own productions for our own wants, and that, for the emolument of a small proportion of our society who prefer these demoralizing pursuits to labors useful to the whole, the peace of the whole is endangered and all our present difficulties produced, are evils more easily to be deplored than remedied."

#11 "Certainly no nation ever before abandoned to the avarice and jugglings of private individuals to regulate according to their own interests, the quantum of circulating medium for

the nation — to inflate, by deluges of paper, the nominal prices of property, and then to buy up that property at 1s. in the pound, having first withdrawn the floating medium which might endanger a competition in purchase. Yet this is what has been done, and will be done, unless stayed by the protecting hand of the legislature. The evil has been produced by the error of their sanction of this ruinous machinery of banks; and justice, wisdom, duty, all require that they should interpose and arrest it before the schemes of plunder and spoliation desolate the country."

#12 "I wish it were possible to obtain a single amendment to our Constitution. I would be willing to depend on that alone for the reduction of the administration of our government to the genuine principles of its Constitution; I mean an additional article, taking from the federal government the power of borrowing."

#13 "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with inherent and inalienable Rights; that among these, are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness; that to se-

cure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

Sadly, great statesmen like Thomas Jefferson are in very short supply today.

At this point, most of our politicians are millionaires that have totally sold out to the elite.

And if "another Thomas Jefferson" did show up on the national political stage today, he would be treated like garbage. The amount of abuse that is heaped on those considered to be "Tea Party extremists" these days is absolutely staggering. The following are just a few recent examples that demonstrate this...

-New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said the following during a radio interview last Friday: "Who are they? Are they these extreme conservatives who are right-to-life, pro-assault-weapon, anti-gay? Is that who they are? Because if that's who they are and they're the extreme conservatives, they have no place

in the state of New York, because that's not who New Yorkers are."

-An article that recently appeared on a prominent liberal news websites had this striking headline: "Frankly, Koch Brothers Deserve the Death Penalty".

-Professor Terrence Moore recently explained that it is now common practice for textbooks across the United States to use the term "fascist" for all "right-wing extremist groups": "In the margin of the teachers edition, the teacher is instructed to explain the term 'fascist' to the students and to point out that the term 'fascist' is now applied to all right-wing extremist groups."

The sad truth is that Thomas Jefferson wouldn't have a prayer of making it to the White House today.

In fact, he would probably be blackballed by both major political parties.

America is in decline, and it is not because the principles that this nation was founded upon have failed.

Rather, one of the primary reasons why America is falling apart is because we have rejected the principles that were handed down to us by men like Jefferson.

Shame on us.

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KRAVIS

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started taking on a lot more "legitimate" air freight. Tommy switched to a B-747 and flew long-range cargo all over the world for them, flying to Taipei, Hong Kong, Ascension Island, and Diego Garcia. It was mostly standard freight jobs with the occasional "spook" job thrown in.

Tommy did his last SAT/CIA flight on Easter Sunday, 1998. And I can see why it was his last flight. The CIA was tasked with evacuating the U.S. Embassy in Monrovia, Liberia (and that is in Africa for you Common Core students). The Russians had basically taken over Liberia cause they wanted the minerals there and made the Liberians tell the Americans to get out, and get out fast. As they say, the situation was tense. So Tommy flies his spook C-130 out to Monrovia, and takes on a full load

of U.S. embassy personnel and other "assets", and is ready for take-off at the airport. But there appears to a problem!

The Russian backed Liberian Air Force had a couple of Russian MI-24 attack helicopters there with all kinds of missiles aimed at Tommy and his C-130. The Russians/Liberians were telling him on the radio NOT to take off or they would shoot him down. Tommy is on the radio with the "company" (which is what the spooks called the CIA) and they were saying it was all a bluff, take off, and it will be OK. If you have ever seen a Russian MI-24 attack helicopter, fully loaded with missiles, etc., aiming its arsenal at your sorry person, you know what fear is. So here is Tommy, in the middle of Africa, in a huge C-130 loaded with State Department personnel, no military support of any kind, and time is winding down. So

what did Tommy do? He alleges he "searched his soul" (which, I can tell you from personal observation, would have been hard to find), crossed his fingers, and TOOK OFF. It was a bluff. He flew to Freetown, Sierra Leone. Landed. Got out of that big old Hercules C-130, said "enough of this s***, and headed for his home in the Adirondack Mountains of New York. Tommy told me that he only took that flight because he wanted to fly the C-130 one more time, and that SAT was giving him a huge bonus to do the flight. I think he earned his money. That was the end of his career with the CIA. Tommy retired from SAT/CIA with 30 years of service and 29,700 death-defying flight hours!

But Tommy kept flying. He delivered Piper airplanes from the factory to Vero Beach, Florida, to dealers in Central and South America. And even to Fairbanks,

Alaska.

He was hired by the North Carolina Forest Service to be a fire patrol pilot, flying the L19 Bird Dog. When he found a fire, he would be the forward air controller managing the air tankers and ground crews. He did that for two years and then moved on to being a pilot of an actual fire bomber. Tommy said it was extremely challenging work especially when the winds were up.

He then got a job as bush pilot up in Alaska. Tommy's task was to fly guests from a fancy, high-end, fishing resort out to the boonies to fish. He flew either a Havilland Beaver on amphibious floats or a Cessna 180 or a Super Cub on wheels (with big tundra tires). Often difficult work, with rain and 200-foot ceilings. Two weeks after the season was over, his boss, who had been flying there for twenty years, augered into a mountain side with

two guests. All dead.

Tommy then was hired on by Hawkins and Powers, a company that provided pilots and air tankers to fight forest fires. States like Colorado would hire them when the fires hit. He spent several summers out west fighting fires, flying either a C130 or a PB4Y (a modified B24). Tommy fought several fires right here in Colorado. After the deaths of four pilots and the loss of two aircraft, Hawkins and Powers ceased operations in 2003.

Honestly folks, we really just skimmed his air career. When I met Tommy a few years ago, he still owned a few planes, was a flight instructor, and an FAA airplane inspector.

But now, finally, at 70 years of age, he actually has slowed down a bit. He still flies occasionally and does a little training (he is one of only two FAA certified, civilian flight instructors

for C123's in the country!), but he is more comfortable now behind one of his beloved National Match M1A's than a pilot's seat, or just chasing women.

But the old goat ain't done yet. Last year he spent dozens of trips around southern Colorado getting out the fliers for the July 4th Independence Day Parade/2nd Amendment march by our local tea party, the Southern Colorado Patriots. You can see him at EVERY 2nd Amendment march/protest in central or southern Colorado. He is an Appleseed Rifle Instructor who travels to dozens of Appleseed events in Colorado. And it goes on and on....

Captain Tom Kravis, a life long patriot. How many men could have walked in his footsteps for our country? Thank you for your service. God Bless you Tommy.

And folks, he ain't done yet!



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Madness

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It's a short while into the future. The Common Sense Firearm and Domestic Terrorist Act was passed months ago, without a reading in either house, hand-delivered to the White House and signed into law upon arrival. It wasn't so much legislation as an announcement, initiated and passed along like a low level memo. Elapsed time from first proposal: two hours and ten minutes flat, a record at the time. Rural America, along with everybody else, heard on the morning news how DC soiled itself again during an as-yet undiagnosed night convulsion.

As sense goes, it's as common as it gets. There was confetti on Rodeo Drive, should calibration of its merit be wanted. Crime involving guns was predicted to fall to zero, perhaps less, some notable victims were expected to be resurrected by the sheer majesty of this Act. There were vigils. But you have a different experience down on the ol' homestead, viz:

There's a rabid raccoon circling your livestock.

You go to your gun safe and enter your sixty-digit code, press the fingerprint-verification pad, put your eye to the retina reader, wait for the Instant Background Check, open the safe and get out the .22 single shot rifle, unlock the child safety lock and remove it, install the bolt in the rifle, take two rounds of ammo from your legal nine round supply, chamber the legal maximum of one round, enter the serial numbers of both rounds and their removal time on your web-based log. You close the gun safe, reactivate all the security

and run out the door.

You dispatch said rabid raccoon. He was moving slow.

Back to the gun safe, enter your code, fingerprint pad, retina reader, open the safe, remove the bolt and store it, reinstall the child safety lock and replace the rifle, log the replacement time, verify the serial numbers of the expended rounds and close the gun safe. Then down to the State Police to turn in the fired cases, get fingerprinted, get a blood test and have an ankle bracelet installed.

Next day an official container arrives. You take the required raccoon parts from your freezer and the twelve-page notarized incident report, attach photos, an annotated map, your blood test results, the standard request for two rounds to be credited to your ammo allotment, and send it all in. Your ankle bracelet won't be removed and your gun safe won't be reopened until the incident report is approved. It's just common sense.

Your case involves the taking of a cute animal for non-game purposes and so it wends its way through local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies. A hearing is scheduled requiring your presence at a city three hundred and eighty miles away. Your name is now on the no-fly list so you drive. You make your case to the review board.

Lovable Moms Against the Murder of Nature's Children also makes a presentation to the board. There are tears. It's replayed on on all the News At Tens, in its entirety, along with the original graphics. One of them depicts Rambo in a hillbilly costume mowing down

dewey-eyed fawns with a belt-fed machine gun. "When will this madness stop?" the prompter-reader asks nobody in particular. Awkward silence. Grimacing heads nod. Footage from the Rwanda genocide runs in the background.

When you return someone has punctured all the tires on your truck and spray-painted threats on your house. But weeks later your incident report is approved. The decision cheerfully informs you your gun safe will be re-activated upon payment of administrative expenses in the amount of nineteen hundred and eighty-four dollars and zero-zero cents. The State Police remove your ankle bracelet, download and analyze your movements.

The News At Tens remind us a fair reading of the Second Amendment protects government's right to keep and bear arms, then intimate you got away with something for reasons no one can fathom, madness perhaps, or its metric equivalent: pressure from some shadowy fat cat right-wing outfit. Mini-shrugs and knowing looks. Riefenstahl's Nuremburg footage runs in the background.

Later, the head mom of Lovable Moms Against the Murder of Nature's Children is arrested when several kilos of alleged cocaine, an alleged corpse and an alleged belt-fed machine gun are found in the trunk of her alleged Lexus during an otherwise trivial drunk-driving hit and run bust. Lovable Moms is outraged. A setup, surely. Someone fire-bombs your house. Fanatics, you muse. When will they learn? You worked within the system. And you won.

tual food is flat out wrong. The state of Colorado conducted a recall vote against several Colorado Democrat State Senators over the issue of gun rights — perhaps lightning will strike twice in the same place?

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A Sheepdog Barks!

Tuesday night I listened to this untrustworthy president as he gave another rah, rah campaign speech full of Bull Stuff. I couldn't help but be reminded of how Buzz Lightyear thought of Woody. Buzz would always say, "Woody, you're a sad, strange little man!" I'm beginning to wonder if Obama understands what America stands for at all. He is absolutely clueless in how to restore this country's broken economy or how to guide our foreign policy. WOOF!

Okay, here's a rapid, fast-forwarded recap of the State of the Union (SOTU) address from Obama in case you missed his 65-minute version. It went something like this: "Blah, blah, blah, my administration has been great and done wonderful things, added some feel good words, words, words, here a platitude, there a platitude, the economy is great, inserted a few old, tired, meaningless phrases, more blah, blah, blah, Michele is a wonderful first lady, recycled some more old crazy ideas like "close Gitmo", jabbed the Republicans in the eye, talked about more money for education, mentioned two dozen or more of his support groups, bragged a little about the good things he had nothing to do with like the production of domestic oil, push solar energy, blamed the Republicans some more, told us what America really stands for while he promoted more big government ideas and programs to take care of everyone, threatened to use his pen and phone, tried to convince us Climate Change is a FACT, spoke more lies and distortions about the great successes of Obamacare while remaining silent on its many shortfalls and then ended with praising our soldiers so everyone could stand and cheer in order to present a false image that everyone loves him and we are all happy, happy, happy and finally, at last, closed with God Bless America." HOWL! There you have it. A condensed version of over one hour of the clueless leader (who has no ideas on how to really help America and all our citizens that need jobs) promoting himself, blaming the Republicans, telling

ing one little anecdote after another and threatening to violate the Constitution by using his mighty pen and phone. He truly is a sad, strange little man. WOOF!

I have to agree with most of the post-speech commentary. No big ideas, small ball stuff, harmless talk, delivered in the tone of a bully, damned his own economy by admitting the rich are getting richer and the middle class is struggling, as all this inequality has happened during the last 5 years of his bad policies and the printing and spending of all his phony money. He continued to distort the "whole" truth by telling the uninformed citizens that he cut the deficit in half and that millions and millions of Americans are benefiting from Obamacare, not bothering to mention the millions more that have lost their coverage and their doctors. This was a very boring speech from a man not fit for the office. This is the same man that in 2008 and 2009 had such grandiose plans about all the things he was going to accomplish. So many great plans in fact that he won a Nobel Peace Prize based on talk and false promises. Remember, Obama told us he was a citizen of the world and that everyone would love us; that he was going to "fix" Washington, D.C., and "heal" the planet. HOWL! HOGWASH! He's done none of those things. He's made Washington and the world worse. He even had the audacity to tell us that the deal with Iran was going great and then lied when he said they have stopped their enriched uranium production. Totally false, but it will fool a lot of uninformed LPSDs. In the end I agree with George Will, a great columnist and contributor on Fox News. He said, "The State of the Union address has become a ridiculous and undignified pep rally." Even Bret couldn't wait to tell us that Obama was interrupted 87 times with applause. Why? Who cares? George went on to say that it is inappropriate for the Supreme Court to be there and also for the Joint Chief-of-Staffs. I agree. The over-the-top use of the "plants" in the chamber, some sitting with the First Lady, to tell an anecdote in support



of the President and his policies, has become unbearable. It's truly a circus. It's not a real "State" of the Union. It's a "Here's all the cool things I'm going to do" to the Union. Let's go back to a letter to Congress and spare us all! And I really find it disgusting to use a severely wounded warrior as a prop for Obama's failed commander in chief actions. George is right, this has become a terrible display of patting oneself on one's back and a partisan pep rally at best while not really talking about the real intent, the true STATE of the Union. It's not good! More on this spectacle later.

And speaking of spectacles, another one happened earlier in the week. It seems Hillary now says her biggest regret as Secretary of State is Benghazi. HOWL! Please! If she means she's sorry it happened because it exposed how badly she acted in providing security and then how horribly she acted by remaining away from the Sunday shows and how it has exposed her lies about the video, etc., I'll buy that. I'm sure she regrets all of that because she wants to be president. If she is trying to tell us she regrets the loss of life and her lack of action during the crisis and that she lied to the American public and the victim's families, I don't buy it. She simply regrets another stain on her already poor legacy. And besides what difference, at this point, does it make? She's running for the presidency and she wants to "clean the deck" sooner than later. She is a despicable and corrupt woman who wants to follow in Obama's shoes. She rates right up there with "Hanoi" Jane Fonda in my book. WOOF! I pray enough Americans aren't stupid enough to vote for her. BAAA!

May God Have Mercy on

POT STAMPS

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described in the 1800s in his book, Democracy in America: The American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers that it can bribe the public with the public's money.

Is this just another case of political bribery by lawmakers for the return of electoral support, i.e. votes?

Do you think American taxpayers should subsidize the "legal" use of drugs for Coloradans? Of course, if you seek to establish some parameters or restraints on EBT card usage, you're just a mean, bad, evil, nasty, intolerant, hater Republican.

Well, call me whatever names you wish, but this is wrong and anyone supporting EBT card use at pot shops, strip clubs, and anything not related to ac-

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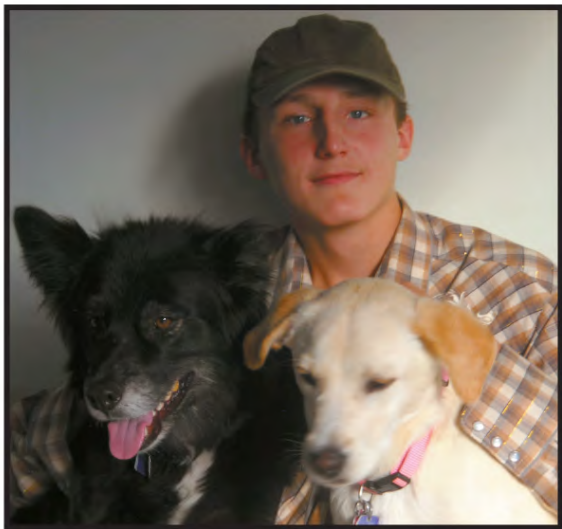
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PREPPER'S CORNER



By Jeremy Carr

Let's get to the root of the subject, shall we?

Westcliffe, Colorado, has a rare commodity, OSHA ROOT.

Also called bear Root, OSHA Root is native to the Rocky Mountains and has the distinction of growing primarily above 9000 feet in moist, loamy soil in Aspen Groves.

OSHA Root has also been used for centuries by Native Americans for upper respiratory infections due to its anti-viral, anti-bacterial, anti-fungal, anti-in-

flammatory and mucolytic properties.

OSHA is a Native American word for bear and is referred to as bear medicine.

It was historically chewed by Native American runners to ease their breathing while running.

It was also hung over babies and worn as a necklace by adults to purify the air around them. Native Americans also tie OSHA Root to their shoes as a snake repellent because snakes are said to dislike its scent.



Native Americans observed that bears would seek out OSHA ROOT after emerging from hibernation and it has been seen being consumed by sick bears also.

Roots are placed in irrigation ditches by the Taos and many other Northern New Mexico pueblo people to inhibit cutworms and other insect larva.

OSHA is in high demand by commercial markets and defies domestication and cultivation.

Tips on identification and harvesting: OSHA ROOT - REALLY stinks where as Hemlock has very little scent. The BEST identification is to purchase a small amount of OSHA Root from a reliable source take a good smell and taste... The smell is VERY Pungent, specific and identifiable. All other possible similar looking plants do not have a smell even close to OSHA. The funny thing is EVERYONE smells something different. It is said to have a taste like celery, yet I taste a bitter taste while my mom says it has a rather nutty flavor to her.

It can only be lo-

cated from Early June to the end of July during the flowering season.

When harvesting it is almost impossible to use a shovel as the roots twist and turn and break off. The best method is using ones fingers to dig it out. The roots will need to be thoroughly washed and dried, before use, but NEVER taste anything in the field unless you know absolutely what you are tasting.

Its best to store whole and use a nut rasp or coffee grinder just before use.

While Mullen Tea is great for upper respiratory, when it is combined with OSHA it becomes a FAR Superior Healing Tea. I have been drinking OSHA Root and Mullen Tea for many years. Mom always has some on hand and regularly makes us tea for allergies and before and during cold and flu season. Friends often come over and have a cup when they feel like they are catching a cold. It's a regular fixture in our home; why not make it one in yours?

Here is mom's secret recipe for her tea..... Don't worry I'll just use some more tea to heal up after she gets through with me.

OSHA Root and Mullen Tea

- 1 C. distilled water
- 1 Tbsp. Mullen
- 1 Tsp. ground OSHA Root
- ½ Tsp. lemon juice

Bring to a boil and remove from heat (**never microwave**)

Steep for 5 minutes

Drink HOT ONLY

May use more Honey to taste

Scientific Name: Ligusticum porteri for best web searching

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<http://www.globalhealing-center.com/natural-health/lung-cleansing-benefits-of-osha-root/>

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Rotary Van Service

The Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club is pleased to announce a new chairman sits on the board that operates the organization's public transit service. Dave Cruickshank took over as van service chairman earlier this month. He replaces Julie Olomon who stepped down from the position after three years. Olomon remains on the van board as do Steve Allen, Jim Jones, and Corb Griffith. Shelly Penkoff is the van service administrator/dispatcher.

The Custer County public transit service that is operated by the local Rotary Club is open to everyone Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteer drivers take folks who need transporta-



Dave Cruickshank and Julie Olomon.

Courtesy photo
tion assistance to medical appointments, shopping, and more within a 100-mile radius of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe. At least 24-hours notice is needed to schedule a ride. Additionally, a cash donation is suggested for each ride to help keep the van service operational. Call 783-2343 to schedule a ride.

From: Representative
Jim Wilson – HD 60
January 26, 2014

Excitement over the Super Bowl continues to be the news story in Denver and Colorado. However, woven into the “Orange Fabric” under the Golden Dome are bits and pieces of legislation that will hit the floor running once the Super Bowl question is decided. Please keep in mind that the “playoffs” at the Capitol last through the first week of May...

Two bills that have received some attention this week were open carry of firearms (known as Constitutional Carry) and a late bill being carried by Senator Marble to delay the implementation of Common Core for a year. This delay would allow for a more in-depth study of the implications of the Common Core curriculum. I signed on as a House sponsor on Sen. Marble's bill. I continue to remind constituents that their local school districts can “opt out” of Common Core as long as they “meet or exceed” the standards. However, I believe that the Common Core curriculum needs to be reviewed in

depth by our state before it is adopted.

One of the big issues that both chambers are dealing with is education funding. As you may recall, right after the defeat of Amendment 66 (the billion dollar tax question on last fall's ballot), the Republicans came out with their education agenda. The Reps said all along that many of the reforms in SB13-213 (the bill that Amendment 66 was supposed to fund) could be initiated without the tax increase. The Dems were not happy that the Reps had “beaten them to the punch” as they released their education agenda this month. Now the plot thickens...the Dems want the Reps to join them in an omnibus bill (in addition to the school finance bill) that would include items from both agendas. Since the Republican agenda does not stand a “snowballs chance” of passing without the blessing of the Dems, the Reps are over a barrel. However, since the Dems need in the worst way to appear bipartisan, the Reps have a bargaining chip.

The omnibus bill will have to be an “all-or-none” prop-

osition – all of the included items will have to be agreed to before inclusion and, if any of the items are altered, all bets are off! Two of the omnibus items deal directly with bills I have filed – my transparency bill and my funding all-day kindergarten bill. There will be much wailing and gnashing of teeth during the omnibus negotiations! In a nutshell, the omnibus package may include the following items: approximately \$100 M in one-time discretionary funds for districts; a new transparency plan addressing how schools spend their funds; a new process of counting students on a daily basis; additional funding for English Language Learners; raising the funding for kindergarten from .58 to .80; setting aside approximately \$20 M for charter school capital construction.

A neat thing that the Legislature does each year is to collect money from Senators and Representatives to purchase a steer at the National Western Junior Livestock Sale. I was fortunate to be asked to attend and see the process last Friday as we purchased a steer



from Pueblo for \$7,000. Rep. Sonneburg has coordinated the process on the House side for many years, but he is term limited. He would like for me to take the process over next year. I noted from how difficult it was to collect contributions that legislators are far more willing to spend other people's money than they are to “cough up” some of their own...!

If you would like to see things up close and personal, or just need a question answered, please call (303-866-2747) or e-mail me at wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us.

Yours for HD 60 -- Representative Jim Wilson

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