



# Custer County Dems Encouraged To Switch to Republican To Participate in Republican Caucus and Primary

by Paul Sage

Democrat Jill Rowland introduced Sheriff Candidate Eric Thompson to the Democratic Party meeting on February 10th at the Library Community Room. Candidate Thompson explained the party affiliation woes he has faced since entering the race for Sheriff. He said that when he moved to the area recently and was told by everyone that he couldn't possibly win a race for Sheriff without running as a Republican, he decided to do so, though he has been an independent through about 80 percent of his career.

Republican ticket." Apparently with no measurable support on the Republican ticket – you need 30 percent of the caucus vote to go to the primary and 10 percent of the vote to even be allowed to petition for the primary – Mr. Thompson decided to forgo the caucus process entirely and opt for the petition way to get on the primary ballot. "If I don't get on the primary then I'm done," according to Deputy Thompson.

The purpose of the visit to the Democratic Party meeting became clear when Ms. Rowland explained that she "switched over to Republican the other day." Taking the Democratic Party being the party of change to a whole new level, Rowland wants to encourage other Democrats to change to Republican to be able to sign one of the ten petitions they are circulating to get Mr.

Thompson on the primary ballot. She pointed out that "a lot of Democrats don't know they can switch" back and forth between parties by simply filling out a form with the County Clerk. "A lot of demos that I've talked to are clueless," according to Ms. Rowland.

Deputy Thompson would like to rely on some of the 500 registered Democrats and 800 unaffiliated voters in the county to generate the at least 234 signatures he will need to be placed on the Republican primary ballot for Sheriff. Democratic Party Member Dale Mullen pointed out that if the Democrats change to Republicans too soon, they won't be able to participate in the Democratic Caucus proceedings, and Democratic Central Committee Chairman Roland Williams pointed out that as a party they can't endorse someone

other than a Democrat, but as individuals, they can do whatever they want.

Deputy Thompson pointed out that "this is a pivotal election," and that "it shouldn't be a party-driven race." He said that "the community shouldn't be afraid of their law enforcement," and gave an example of a business across the street from the library that was "afraid of putting my sign in their window," for fear of repercussions from the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Thompson said that a lot of things need to change inside the Sheriff's Department. He also stated there are issues with the relationship between the school and the Sheriff's Department that need to be addressed, and "that's why the Sheriff's Department doesn't have a better relationship with the school." He cited his years of experience

as a school resource officer, and indicated that this is why he is the right person to fix this.

Democratic party members instructed Mr. Thompson to spell out the process of changing parties clearly so they can help him out, and assured him that it would be fine for him to hand out this information at the February 11th Democratic Party sponsored showing of the movie, "Inequality for All," at the Library Community Room. He was also encouraged to share this information at his February 24th meet and greet at the bowling alley.

Mr. Thompson showed up for the February 11th meeting armed with campaign literature and a handout specifically designed to

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# Wounded Warrior on Fundraising Mission Rides Through Westcliffe

by Jim Silver

Rob Jones was featured in the Sentinel two weeks ago (Vol.1, Issue 30, Jan. 31): "Pay it Forward: Marine Amputee to Ride Through Westcliffe," an article on the front page of the newspaper. Highlights of that introduction to a remarkable "Wounded Warrior" include details about his service in the United States Marine Corps with deployment to both Iraq (2008) and Afghanistan (2010). It was during the second assignment that Rob lost both of his legs to an IED, an all-too-familiar term these days. Rob was awarded a Purple Heart. He was discharged honorably from the Marine Corps in 2011.

the fundraising goal of his cycling journey across the U.S. In Rob's words, "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... 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 hopes to raise \$1,000,000.

Rob has an excellent website which cannot be recommended too highly, if you want to become better acquainted with this man and his life story. He is just 28-years-old, graduating from high school in Lovettsville, Virginia, in 2003 and Virginia Tech in 2007. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves in 2006 and was trained as a Combat Engineer. One of the most enlightening



Rob Jones and Zach Harvey, getting ready to start their day, tackling Hardscrabble.

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

features is a video introduction to several of the Marines Rob served with in his combat deployments. It was meaningful to listen to these peers speak of their friend and fellow-soldier, before meeting Rob Jones in person on Saturday, February 8, on the roadside of Hardscrabble Pass. The website is [www.robjones-journey.com](http://www.robjones-journey.com), for tracking

all aspects of his trip. An e-mail address is also there, for a word of encouragement.

Rob picks up wherever he left off on the previous day, so Saturday's ride into Westcliffe began part-way up Hardscrabble, with an entourage of four vehicles: fore and aft were the Custer County Sheriff's

Department, and inside were Charles Bogle's SUV, next the bicyclists, and following behind, driving the support truck, was Rob's eighteen-year-old brother, Steven. Accompanying the Jones brothers in the truck cab for just this weekend's

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Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment.  
Matthew 22:37-38, NIV



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# Our Opinion...

## From the Editorial Board

### A TALE OF TWO LEADERS



One leader is strong, decisive, skilled and humble. He is a team member and a team leader. He has exceptional situational awareness and can deliver. He makes those around him better and achieves great things. He's in a risky business yet remains calm and focused on his mission. He earned his way and he earned his respect. He leads by example and produces on the field where it counts. His teammates and fans love him. He always moves forward and inspires millions of Americans. He wears orange and blue and yells "Omaha" a lot. Go Broncos!

The other leader is weak, indecisive, unskilled and arrogant. He rose to a position of great power and responsibility without earning it and without the proper skills and experience to lead others to great things. He used his minority status to gain many things like his education and training and he uses it to demand, not earn, respect. It didn't work in making him a great leader. He is not. Recently this powerful, yet feeble, leader conducted an interview in the The New Yorker magazine. He just played the race card once

again. The first to call him out on that tactic was Bill and Hillary Clinton in 2008 by the way. This leader is an ego maniac and needs to be loved by everyone. He cannot believe that everyone does not love him. He is an emperor with no clothes. Up to this point in his life those around him and those that support him have been unwilling to tell him the honest truth. Things are changing. His approval rating is around 39 percent. We cannot believe it's that high. In the The New Yorker interview this leader said, "There is no doubt that there's some folks who just really dislike me because they don't like the idea of a black president." Really? He just doesn't get it. Some folks didn't like the idea of a Catholic president, or a playboy president either. What this leader doesn't understand or won't accept is that, like Martin Luther King, Jr., so eloquently said, he is being judged by the content of his character not by the color of his skin. Most "folks" don't like him because of his bad policies, both foreign and domestic, and his ineffective leadership. This leader talks a great game plan but can't produce results. Five years

later and he hasn't improved much of anything. He's not loved by many because of his lack of respect for our Constitution or our laws. He has told his Attorney General to not enforce the laws he doesn't like. He has tried to interfere with the 2nd Amendment with his executive pen. He has even said he's tired of waiting on Congress to do things and plans to use his pen even more. He's not liked because of his naiveté about the world and all its dangers. He talks about Junior Varsity (JV) terrorists like they are not to be worried about. This type of thinking can only come from a leader who has been coddled, pampered and protected his whole life. He is a leader who has always been told he is better than he really is, and a leader who has obviously never placed himself in harm's way or danger. This leader is unqualified to be the quarterback for our great country or our Commander-in-Chief. Believe this, there is no such thing as a JV terrorist. This leader is not liked because of his dishonesty and his untrustworthiness. He is not liked because of his disrespect for those in the military and how they should be de-

ployed and protected. A real leader doesn't announce a "surge" and a "pullout" in the same breath. And this leader is disliked because of the unbelievably shameful manner in how he took responsibility for the killing of Osama Bin Laden. This leader exposed all those involved so he could take a victory lap. Shameful. This leader is also not liked because he doesn't believe in the greatness of America. His very first actions were to apologize for America. Shameful. This leader needs to grow up and get over his childish behavior that everyone should love him. They don't and for very good reasons. He undeservedly reached the big leagues, but he was not ready or skilled enough to be there. He said on the eve of his first inauguration that he wanted to fundamentally change America. Not make America better or move it forward like most presidents-elect have said, but fundamentally change it. America didn't need to be fundamentally changed. Fundamentally, it's the greatest country on earth, not perfect, but the greatest. It's why hundreds of millions of people want to come here. This leader doesn't understand that.

We urge him to get over his need to be liked and get on with doing his job. He needs to quit blaming everyone but himself and work with Congress to improve America's economy. It's a team game. Open the doors to America's resources and stop all this other nonsense. He needs to work with others instead of always going on TV and blaming those dirty Republicans for stopping everything he wants to do. He is the problem. All presidents have had to work with the other side. All except him. He must stop whining and do his job. We are not sure he can, but he should at least try. He is not a king. He is not a one-man team. Like the other leader we mentioned he needs to work with all those around him and make it better for everyone. There are lots of reasons so many "folks" dislike this leader and those reasons are not related to the color of his skin. Sadly, he wears Red, White, and Blue and yells out "it's not my fault. I didn't know" a lot. He needs to be humble and maybe he should yell out "Omaha" occasionally. It would be better than what he is yelling now. Go America!

## Propane Price Update

by George Gramlich

Things have improved a bit since last week, but not much. The midwest residential spot propane price (per Gallon) on 2/3/14 dropped from \$4.195 to \$3.827 from the

previous week.. Note that a year ago it was \$1.776!!! The wholesale price dropped a lot - from \$3.987 to \$2.758 - a significant drop hopefully indicating some retail price relief soon.

The Rocky Mountains/West Coast propane stockpile increased slightly from last week - from 1.624 million barrels to 1.452 million barrels. Note that this is only a 19.1 day supply for our market and that the supply infrastructure is thin and fragile.



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## WEED

First noxious weeds and now mind altering weed.

I have tried to suppress the temptation to write this letter to the editor.

We can't tell you how disappointed we are with the passing of the sale of recreational marijuana in the state of co. WHAT A WASTE OF A BEAUTIFUL STATE!

I have kept waiting to see any sign of Cañon City leaning towards banning the sale of marijuana and now that looks like a lost cause. It seems that anything goes when it comes to MONEY and VOTES.

On TV, we have watched these 'out of their minds', happy, users that can't wait to get pot for their 'ailment!!' What ailments??? They could always get medical mj, if in fact they have an ailment.

Oh yes, 'this will create tax dollars to help educate the

youth'—who ever thought that up???? CERTAINLY no one that cared about kids. There is pot in the schools all around and now it can be in every home ['but don't let the kids have it']—WHAT A JOKE!

Now the newest angle – 'it will draw tourist'---what kind of tourist would you rather have? Law abiding families or mind altered folks on our high ways. Our officers now seem to be overrun with the current crime-domestics-&- animal problems that can't seem to be kept under control. How do you expect the police force to take on much larger and more violent crimes that are being caused by pot all around here? I can see more robberies – break in—murders—home invasions--driving violations!--- I guess some folks in Cañon City seem to think we don't have enough yet.

Where is the money coming from for the purchase of pot?? Don't tell us that

they are ALL working folks --- are the tax payers supporting them also, through welfare—food stamps etc.???? They would be far ahead to take care of their families with the help that they get.

We recently moved here from the mid-west --- we could just as well have moved to Chicago, according to the crime rate. This state of Colorado certainly leaves nothing to be proud of.

We have met MANY wonderful folks in this area and all agree with us BUT where the heck you all are? Heads in the sand, hoping this will blow over?

We also heard on TV---that the pot sales will really help the housing sales. That is great news for me as I will be happy to unload our place and 'get the hell out of Dodge.'

Judy & Loren Stevens – Cañon city [temporarily, I hope]

## Endorsement for Supan

For months, after I made it public that I was going to retire at the end of this term as your sheriff, people have been asking who I would support for your next sheriff. I have enjoyed serving all of the citizens of Custer County. I will leave the sheriff's office with mixed emotions. Sad to leave but looking forward to what the future holds and what God's will is for Deloris and I.

As I leave the sheriff's office in January 2015, I have always said that I hope that my successor could build on what I've hopefully accomplished. My desire for the next sheriff is to be a person who cares for the people of Custer County the way I care for them. A sheriff that knows the people and who will serve unselfishly. A sheriff who has good common sense to deal with the type of crime and incidents that we experience in our rural community.

With three decades of serving Custer County, I do not take my endorsement of a candidate lightly. Like most sheriffs who are getting ready to retire, I have started grooming someone to take my place. This is someone who has been working with the budget, being involved in personnel issues and knowing all aspects of the sheriff's office. These aspects include, run-

ning the jail, dispatch and patrol. Sheriffs look for someone to replace them who can make a smooth transition between the old and the new. Someone from inside the agency who all of the other employees know and know what is expected. The citizens also should not have to worry about the changing of the guard if the right person is chosen to take over the reins of the office.

Of all of the candidates running for sheriff, I will be endorsing my Undersheriff, Tony Supan. As stated earlier, I have been working with Tony ever since he expressed an interest in becoming sheriff a year and a half ago. To name a few reasons for my endorsement is that Tony and his wife, Iris, have lived in Custer county most of their adult life. Tony knows the county and the people. He currently works in the sheriff's office and is current on cases, mandates from the State and Federal government.

Our counties most common natural disasters are wild land fires. Tony Supan was a captain for the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District and understands the delegation of authority during a wild land fire. Delegation of authority is critical when the fire is running out of control. This term means handing the fire off to state

authorities when the fire chief of a district says the fire is exceeding their capabilities. If this change is not done in a timely manner the results can be devastating.

I support Tony Supan because he believes that law enforcement in a rural county is far different than of a large community or county. He knows that most of the services that the sheriff's office renders would not be looked at or considered in larger agencies. The difference in large and small agency enforcement does not mean being soft on crime but having compassion for those we deal with on a daily basis. Tony is a self-starter, energetic, honest and he expects others to be the same. He is dedicated to his job and has a heart for serving others.

Tony has attended supervisor classes, active shooter classes, numerous incident command classes, he is the agencies certified firearms instructor and his agricultural back ground, makes him a natural for being our trained livestock liaison and inspector.

The above is only some of the reasons that I believe Tony Supan would be a great next sheriff to continue and take the sheriff's office to a new level.

Fred Jobe  
Custer County Sheriff

## OEM offers a Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) Course Updated Dates

This class covers basic emergency medical first aid, basic fire suppression & wild-fire mitigation, all-hazard preparedness, terrorism awareness, psychological first-aid, basic search and rescue and disaster organization. It will be held on Wednesday and Friday, February 19 and 21, from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. (no class on Thursday) and Saturday, February 22, from 8 a.m. - noon, with lunch provided. There is NO cost to attend. Class size limited to 20. Participants will receive a basic disaster kit upon course completion.

Contact Christe Coleman to register at 719-371-5137 or [ccoem@custercountygov.com](mailto:ccoem@custercountygov.com)

A disaster can strike anytime anyplace! Custer County is not immune! Wildfires, floods, straight line winds, blizzards, stranded vehicles, multi-car accidents, even hazardous material spills can all happen right here in Custer County.

Also consider that most of us spend a certain amount of time in the cities, whether we like it or not. Would you know what to do if you were in a city during a tornado, earthquake or maybe even a terror attack? What if your cell phone doesn't work, your vehicle is smashed and all the emergency responders are overwhelmed with casualties?

**This is not that uncommon of a scenario – it happens! Would you know what to do?**

## Correction:

In last week's article announcing Art Nordyke's bid for re-election, we inadvertently gave incorrect information on the number of years Barb and Art have been married. They have actually been married for 54 years rather than 45.

## Stock Growers to Meet

Fred Berry, President of the Custer County Stock Growers Association, announces the annual meeting will be held Saturday, February 22, at 1:30 in the Cowboy Church on Hwy 69.

This year's meeting will highlight a number of current issues impacting land owners in Custer County. Emergency management, animal health, and water issues are headline topics.

Today's agricultural producers and landowners are facing increasing pressures from multiple regulatory agencies. The Custer County Stock Growers Association is a grass roots organization founded in May 1896. The primary purpose is to represent livestock and land owners interests. Membership in Colorado Cattleman's Association is made up of local affil-

iates who address statewide agricultural issues.

The Annual Stock Growers Banquet will be held at the Cowboy Church following the meeting. Meet and Greet and Chew the Fat will start at 5:30, with the meal at 6 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person, reservations are required. Call either Fred Berry @ 783-2337 or Bob Kattnig @ 783-0738.

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## Thank you, from the Geroux Family

Thank you.

It is with our heartfelt gratitude that we thank all our wonderful family and friends for their thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, food, visits and flowers during this difficult time of illness and passing of Harvey and Ginnie Geroux.

We are truly blessed to be surrounded by so many caring people.

Jack Geroux

Clarice and Bryon Dean and family,  
Nancy and Rober Tallent and family,  
Darell and Twila Geroux and family

## Endorsement for Thompson

I agree with Mr. Hickmon of Pueblo West's letter to the editor last week in that "experience is a terrible thing to waste". Unlike Mr. Hickmon, I actually am a resident of Custer County. So since we are focusing on experience and seeking to benefit from contemporary practices, I believe we need not stop with the logic that Shannon Byerly would be the right man for the job. We need to look at the experience of the more qualified candidates.

Eric Thompson has over 25 years in law enforcement. Nine of those years were served as an Administrative Director in Police Community Relations. He received a Medal of

Achievement for his success in that position for managing budgets, writing grants and general administration. He accomplished this in a large, nationally accredited police department. He also received the Medal of Valor for his actions in the Oklahoma City Bombing and went on to testify in both Federal trials. He has served in the Army National Guard, and has a Bachelor's Degree in Management of Human Resources. If this was a Police Chief's position in lieu of a Sheriff's Election, candidates would not even be able to apply without a masters degree much less a bachelors degree. This is standard practice at most Police Departments across

the nation. Eric Thompson has also been a Custer County Deputy now for almost two years and has a significant head start on having knowledge of the Sheriff's Department and where to start to make improvements.

So if we are comparing experience and resume's, Eric Thompson is clearly at the lead of the pack of the candidates. I see nothing but greater benefits to the Sheriff's Office of Custer County as well as the residents, business people, and visitors to this beautiful area with Eric Thompson as the Sheriff of Custer County.

Sincerely,  
Sandy Dodson

## Local Mountain News & Notices

### Jack Canterbury Announces Bid for County Commissioner



Jack Canterbury, candidate for County Commissioner

courtesy photo

Jack Canterbury, of United Country Wapiti Realty, and a 14-year resident of Custer County has announced his bid to run for County Commissioner for District 1.

"I want to see the county grow. I think we need to attract some commerce into the county." Mr. Canterbury

pointed out that our demographics show that the county's highest population density is over the age of 65. "We need to create some jobs to attract young people and keep our economy going."

Noting that while tourism is great, what would help the community most would be to bring businesses to town that don't have to depend on the local people to support them. We have some businesses in town who work with customers all over the country, and those businesses contribute to the community, the tax base and overall economy.

"We need to attract more like that."

Mr. Canterbury has served as the President of the Fair Board, Chairman of FFA/4-H Livestock Sale Committee, and been very active in the 14 years he has been a member of the Custer County community. He has been happily married to Jean Canterbury for 14 years.

Mr. Canterbury is in the process of collecting signatures for the Primary Designation Petition. He will not be participating in the caucus because of prior plans to be out of town that week. He invites anyone wishing to support him to stop by the office at 217 Main Street in Westcliffe or give him a call at 719-429-5411. Mr. Canterbury also plans on being at the Town Hall meeting hosted by the Patriots Club on Thursday, February 20, at 6 p.m. at the Lutheran Church's Lange Fellowship Hall at 312 S. 3rd Street in Westcliffe

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# Local Mountain News & Notices



## New Fire Chief Dons the White Hat

The Wet Mountain Fire Protection District welcomes new Fire Chief Dave Tonsing. Former Fire Chief Jerry Livengood passed the fire chief hat to Dave at the monthly fire department meeting and training session on February 5 pending approval by the board on February 12.

*Sentinel photo by Barbara Napolitan*

## Bobcats Sport Schedule

### BASKETBALL

**Monday, February 17, 2014**

4:30 p.m. - High School Varsity Girls Basketball at Home v. Crested Butte

6 p.m. - High School Varsity Boys Basketball at Home v. Crested Butte

**Tuesday, February 18, 2014**

4 p.m. - SIMLA @ Home

**Friday, February 21, 2014**

3:00 p.m. - High School Basketball at Sargent

**Saturday, February 22, 2014**

2:00 p.m. - High School Basketball at Home v. Antonito

### WRESTLING

**Friday - Saturday, February 14-15**

Regionals at Del Norte

**Thursday - Friday, February 20-22**

State Championship at Pepsi Center

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## SWITCH

From page 1

instruct the mostly Democrat crowd how to switch to Republican, vote, and then switch back, complete with dates and procedures. He said again that "all the candidates for Sheriff this year are Republicans. I tried to go independent, and I kinda got sidelined, but it is what it is..." He did not state

to this group that he chose to run on the Republican ticket and only got "sidelined" when he attempted to switch.

Deputy Thompson explained to the Democrat crowd of his qualifications that "if you add up the three other candidates I trump them still in experience and education." Again sharing his feelings about the Sheriff's Department where he

works he said, "I take pride in where I work and right now there's a lot of things that need to be changed for me to be able to do that." He made clear that he is counting on the Republican vote being split several ways and is hoping to take advantage of this by using Democrats and Independents changed to Republicans for the purpose of voting for him to gain ground in the election.

## TOWN HALL

**JOIN FELLOW PATRIOTS FOR A NIGHT TO MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF, CORONER, AND COMMISSIONER**

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## The Sentinel Celebrates Audubon Society's National Bird Count Weekend

The Audubon Society's National Bird Count Weekend is February 14 - 17 for 2014. This is the weekend when the bird lovers come out with their notebooks and binoculars and count the birds and send the results to the Audubon Society. The Sentinel has learned that the count went badly last year as there were way too many birds to count, and that the Audubon Society had adopted Common Core math as their counting tool. Since there are no large, liberal windmills (LLW's) in Custer County to kill birds and reduce the count, the Sentinel Staff and Associates decided to spend a pleasant morning helping the Society with their math issues. No bag limits were exceeded.

*Sentinel Photo by Sage Grouse*

## TROMBLEY 2014



Steve Trombley has the experience and values that Custer County needs in its Sheriff.

Having worked as a Posse Member, Sheriff's Deputy, Business Man, and Westcliffe Town Trustee, he understands the demands of the job. He has worked with hundreds of citizens and visitors in our community, and has proven himself to be a hard-worker with a sense of urgency and fairness in solving problems and addressing people's concerns.

If you've had an opportunity to talk with Steve, you know him to be a calm and reasonable individual, with an understanding of the big picture and what's important in life. These inherent traits are critical to the individual who will lead our community and our Sheriff's Department.

Our world is changing quickly.

We must elect a Sheriff who sees these changes for what they are, who has an understanding of right and wrong, relevant history and our Constitution.

Steve has that understanding, and the honor and courage to stand up to those who don't.

*"Serving the residents of Custer County is a top priority of mine. I will continue to do so, as I have in the past."*

*As Sheriff, I will be part of the first line of defense against those who would abuse the public trust and pass laws that will diminish our inalienable rights."*

*I ask all citizens of Custer County to entrust me with their vote and work with me to make Custer County a great place to live and raise families. I will not let you down."*

~ Steve Trombley

Join Steve at the Lamp Post Lodge this Sunday, February 16th, from 2 - 4 p.m. to talk about his vision for Custer County and why he is the right choice for Sheriff.

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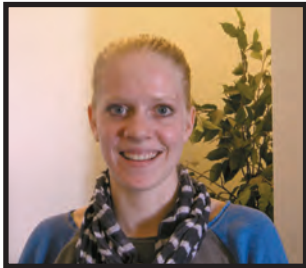
# Local Mountain News & Notices

## Daniels Scholarship Finalists in C-1

story and photo  
by Candi Sage

Two of CC-1's seniors, Rebecca Tillotson and Brian O'Connor, are finalists in the attempt to seek the prestigious Daniels Scholarship. Founder Bill Daniels held strong values in honesty, integrity, fairness, humaneness, reliability, loyalty, innovation, and community spirit. He maintained close friendships ranging from John F. Kennedy to George W. Bush and believed in giving back to those in need. Daniels Scholarships are awarded to students from Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming who demonstrate character, leadership, and a commitment to service.

Senior Rebecca Tillotson has been involved in service areas for several years. Outside of being an exemplary academic student, she cofounded 'Warm for Winter' in Custer County, has been on mission trips to the Navajo Nation in New Mexico where she likes getting to know the kids and giving them hope while in their difficult situation, is active in her



Rebecca Tillotson

church, volunteers in the 1st grade classroom, and plans on attending either Colorado Christian University in Denver or Western State in Gunnison. After college, Rebecca plans on returning to Westcliffe and teach in a CC-1 elementary classroom.

Senior Brian O'Connor is a member of the National Honor Society and volunteers in the community. He gives his service to the local share center and shovels snow and provides yard maintenance for the elderly. The youngest of four boys, he is now captain on the Bobcat basketball team and is active in track, cross country, and soccer. He is also involved with Student Council, has traveled to Ireland, and visited Spain in 2011 for World Youth Day, and plans to attend either the University of



Brian O'Connor

Denver, Colorado College in Colorado Springs, or Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

Both Rebecca and Brian will have the final 'interview' this month before the scholarship board.

The Daniels Scholarship Program does not offer "full-ride" scholarships; but instead, they are "last dollar" scholarships intended to cover the student's unmet financial need.

Rebecca is also a finalist to receive the Boettcher Scholarship, a prestigious, merit-based academic scholarship awarded to 40 Colorado seniors. On average, recipients rank in the top 2 percent of their graduating classes and have an average SAT score around 1400 (approximately the 97th percentile).

## Last Regular Season Tournament is Comfortable

by Michelle Pedigo

In the last tournament of the regular season, the small numbers at Crowley County proved to be a great place for four of the seven Bobcat grapplers to compete and hone their skills. Three of the four 'Cats walked away with place medals.

Titus Crawford, who came on strong at the beginning of the season and had high hopes for the upcoming State tournament, appears to be out for the season, while Kyle Rose and Tyler Watson were out in Crow-

ley County with injuries. Manager Cody Young did not attend with the team, so Rose and Watson competently kept the stats for the day.

In the 138-pound class, Weldon Rusher sandwiched a win by pin between two hard-fought losses, coming away 1-2 on the day. Cody Koble, 145-pounder, met with five opponents, ending up with 4th place. One hundred sixty pounder Kody Aldrich started fast and hard, taking his first two matches by pin in the first period, then dropped in his last match,

still claiming the 2nd place medal. Manny Pedigo, 182-pounder, also claimed a 2nd place medal after easily handling his first three matches, then dropping by decision at the last.

Although there have been some disappointing circumstances that kept a few off the mats from time to time, and though the numbers are small, the hearts are big, and it shows in the excitement this team has for their sport. The coaches have been short on words for the press, but they are clear in the their words of pride for their team and the accomplishments of each of the wrestlers when you catch them on the side. They will no doubt have more to say after the Regional and State tournaments coming up this weekend and next. Be sure to stay tuned for all the details. Watch next week's edition for full results when the 'Cats hit the mats in Del Norte for Regionals this weekend, where we find out who will be State-bound February 20-22.



Aldrich stacks it up for the win.

Sentinel photo by Michelle Pedigo

### Ask a Pro: Is a One Gallon Per Minute Well OK???

Depends how you look at it:

If you're Joe average looking to buy a house with a well, you may pass on homes with only 1 GPM.

If you're informed and can do the math, you know that's 1440 gallons per day (GPD). Check your water bill if you have city water to see how much you use.

How do you plan to use the water? Household use requires approximately 100 GPD per person. Standard calculation uses 2 people per bedroom. So a three bedroom home would require 600 GPD. That leaves about 800 GPD for other uses. Does your permit allow outside watering? If so what are your requirements?

The most important consideration is; does the well or system, contain enough water storage to meet the peak demands of the house? About 50% of water used daily is consumed in about one hour in the morning. That's the minimum water storage requirement! Storage comes two ways in the well (borehole) or cistern tank nothing else counts.

-David Nequette Lic. 1043

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**Come out and meet with Shannon  
on Saturday February 15th, at 1:00 pm  
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We can discuss what is important to you  
while he shares his ideas and goals for the  
Sheriff's Office.**

If you would like to contact Shannon Byerly:

Cell Phone: 371-6678

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*Thomas Paine - Founding Father*

# Local Mountain News & Notices

## Bobcat Teacher Feature: Vania Nameth

**Where were you raised?**  
Buena Vista, CO

**Education:**  
University of Northern Colorado: BA-Biology

**Hobbies:**  
hiking, swimming, quilting, reading

**Personal Info:**  
I will have been married for 20 years this June. Paul is a secondary math teacher in Cotopaxi and teaches online for Westwood College. We have two wonderful children, Haley and Logan. Haley is 8 and in the 3rd grade and Logan is 5 and in Kindergarten. They both attend Custer County Elementary.

**Currently teaching - Grade Level or Content Area:**  
I teach High School Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy, and AP Biology

**Why did you choose to work in Custer County?**  
I got my first teaching job at Cañon City High School, but I wanted to be somewhere smaller. When I first found a job opening



at Custer, I immediately applied. I love the small classes and the kids are great!

**What is your greatest motivation to be a teacher?**  
My greatest motivation comes when, almost every day, there are “ah-ha” moments where you can really feel the impact you are having on another human being.

**What are your greatest challenges as a teacher?**  
My greatest challenge is balancing the number of roles a teacher is expected

to fill.  
**What is the most important ‘take away’ you hope for your students at the end of the year?**  
My hope is that I can influence students to develop a respect for how science impacts their lives. There are so many ways that science and technology have changed and will change the way people live. Kids need to understand how these topics will influence them in order to make informed decisions and be responsible citizens.

## Preparing for College College Scholarships and Applications Info

The senior year of high school is filled with many events that are memorable for students. The preparation for post-secondary education is one of the more important events for Custer County seniors.  
“It is somewhat of an endurance test,” said CCHS Counselor Troy Bomgardner. “The senior year is a very busy year for students in many ways. It is really the first big life transition for most students and finding the energy to complete the college application process can be difficult.”  
Scholarship opportunities are available through many avenues including online sites such as [www.collegeincolorado.org](http://www.collegeincolorado.org), [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), and [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com).

In addition, the counselor’s office has many scholarship applications for local, state, and national scholarships. “This is the time of year that we begin to see many of the local scholarships arrive,” said Bomgardner. “We encourage seniors to make a habit of checking in for new scholarships on a weekly basis.”  
To help with the scholarship search, the Custer County PTSO will host a local scholarship night for seniors and their parents on February 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of Custer County School. Local agencies will have a time to meet and answer questions from students about the scholarships. There will be a drawing sponsored by PTSO

to equip students for college.  
Bomgardner also noted that seniors need to continue to focus on their academics. “The high school GPA is a key component of the college application and scholarship process, so students need to keep working to maintain their GPA’s in their final semester of high school.”  
Finally, students and parents need to continually be aware of deadlines. Deadlines for college admission requirements and scholarship applications are a critical part of the process.  
If you have any questions regarding the college application process or scholarship opportunities, please contact CCHS Counselor Troy Bomgardner at 783-4927.

## C-1 Board Work Session

by Candi Sage  
A total of seven items were on the agenda for the work session held on February 6. The board members spent the majority of the time discussing strategic planning which includes goal setting. It is the task of the Board of Education in any district to set district and educational goals that become part of their strategic plan for educational success and the guiding framework for the district personnel to follow.  
Typically, it is from the district strategic plan and goals set by the district that the superintendent implements and leads the administrators and teachers to follow. Each successive level then has more specified goals that facilitate leadership and/or drive instruction. The district strategic plan would not be outside of the job duties of the superintendent, nor would the superintendent’s job drive the district plan.  
In Custer County, the School Board of Education has not had a district strategic plan that guides the district personnel for many years (reportedly since 1998) and currently does not have one in place. When Dr. Terre Davis asked if there were any goals on record, Monty Lee answered that there were and Dr. Davis acknowledged she is asking for a second time to see them since none have been given

to her. At no time during this meeting were any of the stated goals already on record provided to the new board members or brought up in discussion.  
As with all goals set in any field of government, business, or other entity public or private, goals are set to be achievable, realistic/ believable, controllable, measurable, necessary, and facilitating change - and in the case of education that change is in academic growth and development. Dr. Davis handed out a guide listing reasons for the board to begin together to plan goals and an outline to use while writing each goal as a common place to begin.  
Dr. Davis presented five suggested district goals for the board to consider; 1) a zero based budget, 2) development of a strategic plan that cross-references the budget, 3) develop a PK-12 curriculum integrating the UIP (unified school improvement plan), graduation requirements, achievement objectives, technology and budget, 4) establish a district climate encouraging involvement from the public including expanding the district website with key documents and providing district transparency, 5) develop a maintenance and capital improvement plan.  
Monty Lee suggested a different approach, one supported by his work ex-

periences in various fields including the military, government programs, and that of a Custer County resident outside the field of education with regard to goal setting. While he did agree with some of the suggestions from Dr. Davis, there was much discussion and disagreement on how to proceed, how to organize the goals, who decides and directs the goal setting, prioritizing the goals and designating specific outcomes.  
Superintendent Selle indicated that the biggest need was resources and he will look into a budget policy. Mr. Selle offered to put together a format for the board that includes budget, a strategic plan, community involvement, and technology. Mr. Selle will also include his own superintendent goals and his goals for the teachers to the board for their review.  
Mr. Selle also provided the board with a rotating monthly plan for board members to review the financial statement and bills. More discussion surrounded the need for financial resources for National Board Certification funds and consideration of a Mill Levy Override. Mr. Selle will speak with a donor that has helped supplement the National Board Certification funds, and provided a chart indicating the need and uses for a Mill Levy Override should the district seek an increase to help relieve the financial pressure.

**Bobcat Menu • Feb. 17 - Feb. 20, 2014**

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| <p><b>Monday breakfast</b><br/>Waffles, Sausage Links<br/>Fruit, Milk</p> <p><b>lunch</b><br/>Corn Dogs<br/>Birthday Cake<br/>Choice of Veg. and Fruit<br/>Milk</p> | <p><b>Tuesday breakfast</b><br/>Bagels with Cream Cheese<br/>Fruit, Milk</p> <p><b>lunch</b><br/>Chicken Nuggets<br/>Banana Bread<br/>Choice of Veg. and Fruit<br/>Milk</p> | <p><b>Wednesday breakfast</b><br/>Scrambled Eggs, W.W. Toast<br/>Fruit, Milk</p> <p><b>lunch</b><br/>Spaghetti with Meat Sauce<br/>Garlic Roll<br/>Choice of Veg &amp; Fruit<br/>Milk</p> | <p><b>Thursday breakfast</b><br/>Sausage Gravy, Biscuits<br/>Fruit, Milk</p> <p><b>lunch</b><br/>Rib-B-Q Sandwich<br/>Choice of Vegetable<br/>Choice of Fruit<br/>Milk</p> |
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Elementary - Main dish, bread, milk, choice of 1 veg. & 1 fruit • Salad bar

# KIDS

Friday, February 14, 2014

## The Evolution of Washington’s Birthday to Presidents Day

President’s Day is the first federal holiday to honor an American president, George Washington, by an Act of Congress in 1879. This holiday honors the man known as “The Father of his Country” because of his leadership in the founding of this nation. Thus, we originally celebrated Washington’s Birthday. The Electoral College unanimously chose him to become the first president. By the way, the president is not elected by the voters but by an institution that officially elects the president and vice president.

The holiday is also a tribute to General Washington who created the first military badge of merit, the Purple Heart medal, for the common soldier injured in battle. It bears Washington’s image.

While Washington’s birthday was originally established to honor George Washington, the holiday is commonly known as Presidents Day to honor multiple presidents.

information source: [en.wikipedia.org](http://en.wikipedia.org)

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### NOTICE FOR GRAVEL BIDS

Custer County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Colorado (CC) is requesting sealed bids for the on-site crushing of a minimum of 80,000 tons of 1 inches minus aggregate base course. Operators will need to mobilize to the South Pit M-95-026 located on Rosita Road,

C.R. approximately 2 miles east of Highway 69 near Westcliffe, CO. The bid is to include mobilization, crushing, demobilization and stockpiling of material outlined in terms of price per ton based on the minimum gross tonnage above. The successful bidder must review and agree to meet CC basic safety policies and procedures as well as comply with Mine Safety & Health Administration (MSHA) Regulations 30 part 46. The awarded bid is subject to contractual obligations to be negotiated after acceptance. The receipt of safety policies, bid forms and a site walk-through may be arranged by contacting CC Road and Bridge, 413 N. 4th Street, PO Box 1669 Westcliffe, CO. 81252, phone 719-783-2281 or at rboffice@centurytel.net. Monday-Friday 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Sealed bids clearly marked "Crushing Bid" will be accepted at the CC Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) office, 205 S. 6th Street, PO Box 150, Westcliffe, CO. 81252 until 4:00 PM on February 27, 2014. The bids will be opened at the BOCC meeting on February 28, 2014. The BOCC reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Call (719) 783-3360 to place your ad

## Sheriff's Report...

There are currently 7 men in jail.

**February 8** 11:35 a.m., Elaine Culber, age 56, of rural Westcliffe lost control of her 2006 Kia, as she was headed northbound on Hwy 69 approximately at the 57 mile marker. She slid off the right-hand side and hit a delineator post causing minor damage to the car.

**February 8** Dustin Usina, age 28, of Silver Cliff was arrested in Silver Cliff for driving with a license under denial, no vehicle registration, and expired temporary tags. He was booked into Custer County jail under a \$2,000 bond. He later posted bond and was released. He will appear in Custer County Court at a later date.

#### Ambulance and Fire Calls

February 6 – 10 There were four ambulance calls and one fire call.

## Court report...

**February 7** Cody Dean McEwen, age 23, from Westcliffe was charged with a class 4 felony, vehicle theft, and aggravated assault. He plead guilty and was sentenced to 2 years to Department of Corrections, with a credit of 199 days served in Custer County followed by 3 years parole.

**February 7** Jose Edward Ninuahualpa, age 44, from Walsenburg was charged with a misdemeanor charge of criminal mischief. He plead guilty and was fined \$1478.50. He was ordered to complete substance abuse evaluation and treatment as recommended within 30 days and public service to be completed within 1 year.

## Notice to Creditors

Estate of Virginia M. Geroux, deceased, Case Number 14PR2

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Custer, County, Colorado on or before June 30, 2014, or the claims may be forever barred.

Justin D. Geroux  
12207 Hwy 96  
Westcliffe, CO 81252

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*Experience has shown, that even under the best forms of government those entrusted with power, in time, and by slow operations, perverted it into tyranny.*

~Thomas Jefferson

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

## A Call For Nominations (NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District of Custer County, Colorado.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 6TH day of May, 2014, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 3 directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms and 0 directors will be elected to serve 2-year\* terms. Eligible electors of the Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO): Tracey Garcia

Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District  
PO Box 86 -  
59000 Highway 69N  
Westcliffe, CO 81252;  
719-783-2604

The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday - Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If the DEO determines that a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is not sufficient, the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at any time, prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2014. The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on Friday, February 28, 2014 (not less than 67 days before the election). Earlier submission is encouraged as the

deadline will not permit curing an insufficient form. Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on Monday, March 3, 2014 (the sixty-fourth day before the election).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for a mail-in ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on Friday, May 2, 2014, except that, if the applicant wishes to receive the mail-in ballot by mail, the application shall be filed no later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 29, 2014. Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District

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PO Box 389,  
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Custer County Conservation District

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## Wilson Announces Re-election Bid

Jim Wilson recently announced that he will seek re-election on the Republican ticket as State Representative for House District 60. House District 60 encompasses Park County, Chaffee County, Custer County and Fremont County (minus the Penrose corner).

“It has been an honor and a privilege to serve HD 60 during my first term in the House,” Wilson stated. “Being a part of the State Legislature is truly an educational experience.” During Wilson’s first term, the Democrats have controlled the House (37-28), the Senate (18-17 following the two recalls), and the Governor’s office. All 65 representatives and half of the senators are up for election in November.

One of Wilson’s goals for his first term was to “Unify HD 60 for a Strong Voice in Denver”. A big step in that direction has been his weekly commentary: Takin’ It To The House... The weekly newsletter appears in newspapers in Chaffee, Custer and Fremont counties as well as going out in e-mail blasts in all four counties. In addition to the communication back to the counties, Wilson has worked hard to

develop relationships on both sides of the aisle in order to build a listening audience under the Golden Dome.

Wilson’s first bill, HB13-1086 (Preparation of Record County Court Appeals), was signed into law early last session. “It was a simple clean-up bill, but it was my first and that made it special!” he said. When asked what his biggest accomplishment was during the first session, Wilson quickly responded, “Getting HB13-1165 (Creation of a Manufacturing Career Pathway) passed. This law will allow people to gain access to the job market in a way never before available.” As a result of his work on HB13-1165, as well as SB13-165, Wilson was recognized as the Community Colleges of Colorado’s 2013 Legislator of the year.

When asked why he was running for re-election, Wilson cited three reasons. “First of all, I feel that HD 60 is developing a voice at the Capitol and I would like to help that



voice grow. Second, there is a lot of work to be done to bring common sense to the legislative process. And finally, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with and for the residents of HD 60 – making many new friends along the way. I would be honored to serve HD 60 for another term.”

Wilson currently serves on the Education, Finance and Public Health and Human Services committees. In addition, along with Rep. Young (D) and Senators Kerr (D) and Roberts (R), he heads up a task force to evaluate the success and quality of on-line learning in Colorado.

## Obituary

### Thomas Alden Young



Thomas Alden Young, 82, of Cotopaxi passed away February 9, 2014, in Colorado Springs from complications after surgery. Tom was born November 10, 1931 in Cañon City to Peter Allen and Anna Idell (McCrory) Young. He attended Cotopaxi School until his junior year where he transferred to Cañon City to play football graduating in 1950. He attended Colorado A & M (Colorado State University) in Ft. Collins on a football and ROTC scholarship. He graduated in 1954 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Husbandry and Agronomy and a minor in Economics. He married Bernadine Raye DeTata in Cañon City on January 12, 1957. Tom was a lifelong rancher spending all but his first 1 ½ years at Cotopaxi. He was a crop adjuster for over 40 years working in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and New Mexico. He was known for being a fair and honest adjuster and an expert in potatoes. He enjoyed talking to people and didn’t know a stranger. He was an avid hunter and loved shooting with his grandsons. He also enjoyed putting up hay, stacking well over one million bales. He also enjoyed Cotopaxi School sports, doing the books and running the clock for basketball games for over 50 years. He was dedicated to helping chil-

dren any way possible.

Tom was a 50 year member of Silver Cliff Masonic Lodge, Salida Masonic Lodge, Salida Topaz Chapter of the Eastern Star, and The Hillside Grange. He was also a charter member of the Cotopaxi Lions Club. He was a member of Al Kaly Shrine Honda Patron, Salida Elks Lodge, Masonic York Rite, and Masonic Scottish Rite, National Rifle Association, and National Wild Turkey Federation.

He is preceded in death by his wife; parents; brothers, Peter A. Young and Charles B. Young; sister, Marilyn L. Young Knox; sons, Timothy A. Young and Barry T. Young; brother-in-law, Joseph DeTata; and nephew, Peter A. Young. He is survived by daughters, Elizabeth (Betsy) Denney and Tomalee Young of Cotopaxi; grandsons, Thomas (Jasmyne) Denney and Deric (Cassandra) Denney

of Meeker; great granddaughter, MacKenzie Denney of Meeker; step granddaughter, Annette Denney and family of Glenwood Springs; and numerous other cousins, nieces, and nephews, including special cousin Carolyn McCrory of Winston Salem, North Carolina.

Funeral services will be held at the Cotopaxi Community Church in Cotopaxi at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 17, 2014, with Masonic Graveside service immediately following at the Cotopaxi Cemetery. There will be a reception after the graveside at the Cotopaxi Church. Donations can be made to the Cotopaxi Reading Action Program of the Cotopaxi Lions Club or the Shrine Hospital.

Arrangements are under the care of Wilson Funeral Home. Online condolences @ [www.wilsonfuneral-home.org](http://www.wilsonfuneral-home.org)

## Events Calendar

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| <b>Friday, February 14, 2014</b><br>Valentine’s Day<br>6 p.m. - Eagle Summit Ranch Graduation<br>7:30 p.m. The Jones Theater: play: “Steel Magnolias” | <b>Thursday, February 20, 2014</b><br>12:30 p.m. - High Altitude Garden Club: Guest Speaker Jackie Barnes of CART<br>All day: Adams State Honor Choir at Adams State College<br>All day: High School State Wrestling at Pepsi Center                                             |
| <b>Saturday, February 15, 2014</b><br>2 p.m. - The Jones Theater: play: “Steel Magnolias”                                                             | <b>Friday, February 21, 2014</b><br>All day: Adams State Honor Choir at Adams State College<br>7:30 p.m. The Jones Theater: play: “Steel Magnolias”                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Sunday, February 16, 2014</b><br>2 p.m. - The Jones Theater: play: “Steel Magnolias”                                                               | <b>Saturday, February 22, 2014</b><br>1 p.m. - Sangre Shooting Club Safety Orientation<br>All day: Adams State Honor Choir at Adams State College<br>All day: Middle School Knowledge Bowl Optimist Brain Bowl at Denver<br>7:30 p.m. The Jones Theater: play: “Steel Magnolias” |
| <b>Monday, February 17, 2014</b><br>Courthouse Closed: Presidents Day<br>All week: National FFA Week                                                  | <b>Sunday, February 23, 2014</b><br>2 p.m. - The Jones Theater: play: “Steel Magnolias”                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## Recurring Events and Business Hours

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| <b>Monday</b><br>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.                                                                | <b>Tuesday through Friday</b><br>10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.: Library in downtown Westcliffe open.                                                                          |
| <b>Monday through Friday</b><br>10 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Custer County Public transit service available to everyone through Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343.                                                                            | <b>Wednesday</b><br>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.    |
| <b>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday</b><br>Noon: Lunch served at Custer County Senior Center located on first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP.                                                                                  | 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. |
| <b>Monday and Thursday</b><br>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. | <b>Thursday</b><br>5:30 p.m.: Weight Watchers meeting in the Hope Lutheran Church basement. Call 783-4144.                                                          |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>12:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe.                                                                                                                                           | 6 p.m.: Celebrate Recovery program at First Baptist Church in Westcliffe. Call 719/568-1060.                                                                        |
| 4:30 p.m.: Awanas for kids ages three through sixth grade at First Baptist Church of Westcliffe.                                                                                                                                                | <b>Friday</b><br>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.         |
| 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Jammin’ band at Mining Company restaurant in Silver Cliff.                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Friday and Saturday</b><br>1 p.m. – 4 p.m.: Share Center adjacent to Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe open.                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Saturday</b><br>10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Library in downtown Westcliffe open.<br>10:30 a.m.: Story time for kids at the library.                                        |

## Custer County Real Estate Statistics Comparisons: 2012-2013

by Jack Canterbury,  
*United Country Wapiti Realty, Westcliffe*

**2012 Residential Sales:**  
**97 Units,**  
**Total Sales: \$26,683,942,**  
**Average Price per sale: \$275,087.55**

**2013 Residential Sales:**  
**110 Units,**  
**Total Sales: \$25,657,934,**  
**Average Price per sale: \$233,253.95**

Although the number of residential sales increased the average sale price was down by 15%.

**2012 Vacant Land Sales:**  
**106 Units,**  
**Total Sales: \$7,874,977,**  
**Average Price per sale: \$74,292.24**

**2013 Vacant Land Sales:**  
**107 Units,**  
**Total Sales: \$5,653,970,**  
**Average Price per sale: \$52,840.84**

The number Vacant Land Sales remain static but the average sale price was down by 29%.

**2012 Commercial Sales:**  
**10 Units,**  
**Total Sales: \$3,598,187,**  
**Average Price per sale: \$359,818.00**

**2013 Commercial Sales:**  
**5 Units,**  
**Total Sales: \$1,779,000,**  
**Average Price per sale: \$355,800.00**

Commercial Sales were the only area where the average sales price remained fairly constant with only a 1% decrease. However, the sales volume in units was down by 50%.

Although these numbers may seem discouraging we are seeing increased activity in the market since the first of the year. Buyers appear to be realizing that prices, interest rates and inflation are in a position to increase

in the near future. With the economy starting to show some consistent growth and consumer confidence improving the future of real estate in the county appears positive. I expect to see significant increases in the residential market for both units sold and average sales prices. I believe vacant land market will take more time to recover and the residential inventory will need to be diminished before we see much increase in vacant land sales. As for the commercial market I think we will need to see an increase in population, better marketing of our area, availability of qualified work force and a friendlier environment from city and county rules, regulations and taxes before we see any significant growth in this area.

The figures used to compile this data were received from the Custer County Assessor.

# Rob Jones, A True American Hero

## A Double Amputee Cycling Across America

### Raising Money To Aid Veterans

Please see the full story on page 1.



Rob Jones and Zack Harvey starting the day part way up Hardscrabble. Rob's brother Steven Jones (right) will drive. Zach Harvey is a lead prosthetic surgeon at Walter Reed Hospital.



Rob with a lead, above McKenzie Junction.



Final leg. Sheriff Fred Jobe blocks at CR 271 intersection—windy, melted slush, cold!!



Rob Jones with USMC appreciation plaque.



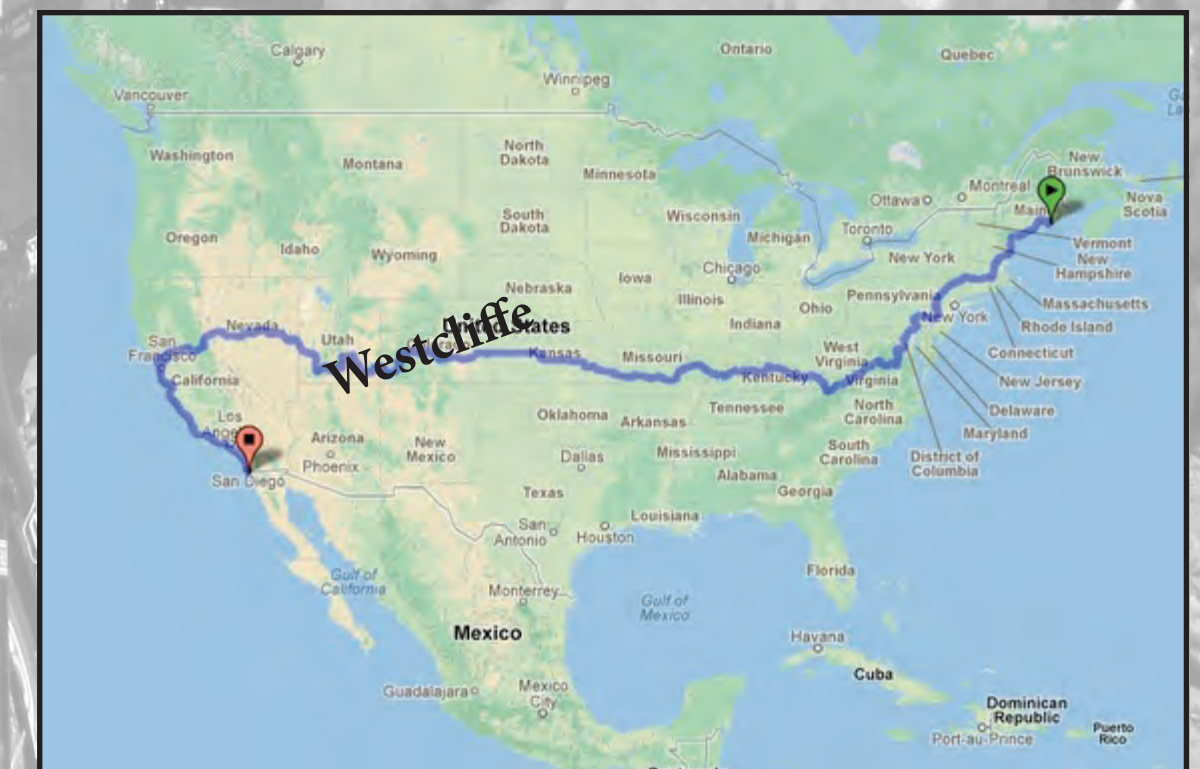
Hardscrabble just goes up,...and up.



Rob and Charles Bogle, MC of the reception and a support crew volunteer.



Some of the crowd at Some Where Saloon. It's bigger than it looks!



Just 2,200 miles to go! Track Rob's journey at [www.robjonesjourney.com](http://www.robjonesjourney.com).

## Spotlight on Business

### Boutique Off Main & Lady Unique Boutique



Owner/operator's Rene Smith and Terry Lee

At Boutique Off Main and Lady Unique Boutique on 103 N. Third Street in downtown Westcliffe, they sell a great selection of apparel and accessories for ladies over 40 years of age, as well as for younger women. The boutiques stock a great variety of colored jeans in a variety of styles. Terry and Rene agree that bright colors do draw attention, but there are things you can do to balance that allowing women of all ages to wear colored jeans. Terry and Rene tell us that a percentage of their sales goes to the Wounded Warriors Organization every year. They are both very proud to salute our wounded warriors' courage and honor, and most of all their great sacrifice to keep our nation free and safe.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson



Thanks for making  
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# Lightning Strikes Man in Home Kathy and Jay Neiman's Story

by Carol Clemenson

Jay and Kathy Neiman lived in Falcon, Colorado, almost all their married life, which has been 34 years. They had their own business. Jay was an over the road independent truck driver with his own truck.

One day, in the year 2000, Jay was laying in bed reading, when a streak of lighting hit a cottonwood tree outside their home and came through the electrical in their house. The bed had a metal headboard and as the lightening came through, Jay was leaning against the headboard, he felt a great buzz, but he felt fine. He went to work the next day, still feeling a little buzzed. This buzz lasted about two weeks.

After about a year, in 2001 Jay had a heart attack. By the time he got home he felt fine again so didn't go to the doctor for a while. When he did they told him that he had had what they call a "silent heart attack". He did okay for a while. Work here in Colorado was slow so they packed up their fifth wheel and went to Mesa, Arizona, and parked the fifth wheel on Jay's mother's property. Jay got a good driving contract in Arizona and things

were going really well. In 2002 (two years after the heart attack) one day Jay was trying to get home from work and could not seem to find his way. When he did get home Kathy said he looked really tired and his mother thought he had been drinking. After a while he felt better and again refused to see a doctor. At about 3:00 in the morning, Jay was having more problems. Kathy called 911 and was taken to the hospital, he was having a stroke. This left him virtually paralyzed on the left side. They did all the testing and wanted to do a clot buster, she said no. They found that the carotid artery had burst. If Kathy would have consented to the clot buster, it would have killed him instantly. Thru therapy they got him able to swallow again, so he could eat, but he did not respond to the therapy for him to walk, stand, or talk. He had no attention span. They started giving him Ritalin and this was like giving him a shoot of speed. He was so strung out he could not stay still. At one time they told Kathy he was going to die. This went on for about 2 weeks. Then they told her he would live. But they gave up on him and let him go home. All the time he



Kathy and Jay Neiman

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

was in Mesa, they never got him out of bed or moved him around and he could not move himself. The nurses were asked about why they didn't move him and they said, "You where just dead weight and we didn't want to hurt ourselves." Kathy brought Jay back to Colorado and went to Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs and asked if she could put him in therapy there. They agreed and he was there for almost four months. Between Kathy, the hospital, the home nurse, Kathy and Jay's brother, Irv, they got Jay going again. But Jay has taught himself a lot and where he is today says a lot about a very strong and determined man. In July of

2013 Jay and Kathy finally moved to Westcliffe after a lot of talking from Jay. When the weather is good, Jay will walk three to four hours a day. This gives him peace and comfort to walk in the fresh air and see the glory of the mountains. It makes him feel closer to God. He says, "That kind of beauty can only come from the Lord Himself." If you see him walking down Hwy 69, stop and say "Hi". He is a very determined man to keep himself going.

They go to the First Baptist Church of Westcliffe and are very happy living in this great valley. We are happy you are here in this valley also, Jay and Kathy. Never give up. God Bless you.

## JONES From page 1

segment was their sister, Alyson, who lives in Greeley with her husband. And, the second bicyclist, also just for the miles from Pueblo to Westcliffe, was Zach Harvey of Bulow Bio-Tech Prosthetics in Denver. Zach is the company's lead prosthetist at Walter Reed, according to their website. Rob's message to Zach on that website reads: "The best friends are the ones who endure alongside you. Thanks Zach!" following their two days together.

Charles Bogle, U.S. Army Retired, picked up the task of coordinating local support. His introduction to Rob was nearly a year ago, through the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes Foundation. He has been involved in the progress of the ride since Feb. 3, when Rob reached Colorado.

Riding conditions couldn't have been much worse than on Saturday's trip up and over Hardscrabble. The wind was fierce and of course, cold. At the top on the Flats, slush was a

welcome sight, thanks to the warm sun and in spite of the cold wind. There's nothing fun about riding a bicycle in the slush, but it's safer than if it had been frozen. The descent into Westcliffe went without incident, though with the wind (and the fact that it's February!) it was never the pleasure it will again be in a few months. Rob said at the reception a few hours later that these couple days were in the "top 5 worst" he has encountered, but other opportunities for that distinction lie ahead. Pray for Rob's (and Steven's) safety as the journey progresses. At the time of this article (Monday, Feb. 10, mid-morning), rider plus support are in Salida, where it's snowing and Monarch Pass lies ahead. Charles Bogle stated that he is going to continue in the support team on through Colorado, hoping that a network will take shape for the miles thereafter.

Rob states in his website that he wanted "to make this challenge as tough as I reasonably can," which answers many questions we all could ask. Since leaving Bar Harbor, Maine on Oct.

14, Rob has pedalled about 3,200 miles. This leaves around 2,200 to go in the next couple month, projecting this to be a 6-month adventure, as planned.

Younger brother Steven was a good source of some general information, getting a few minutes with him at the reception Sat. evening. He always drives the support truck right behind his brother on the bicycle, for the sake of his safety on the road. He never leaves him. Oftentimes, it's just the 2 of them out there. Steven says that only about a third of the time do they have a law enforcement escort, as provided by Sheriff Jobe and his team. At this stage of the journey, they use towns more often that not, rather than camping out in the support truck.

A great reception was held for Rob and his crew on Saturday night at the Some Where Saloon on Main Street. Thanks to the staff there! A good-sized crowd showed up, many of them local veterans. County Commissioners Lynn Attebery and Allen Butler and Silver Cliff Mayor Larry Weber spoke a few words

of welcome and encouragement, as did representatives more directly related to our military heroes: Commander Jim Qualey spoke on behalf of American Legion Post 170. Martha Davis welcomed Rob for "Eagle Summit Ranch." Bob Hollingsworth, USMC Retired, honored a fellow-Marine, representing "Show of Support" as well. Charles Bogle headed up this celebration, and he is representing the "Huey 091 Foundation." Rick -----, a veteran of the Marine Corps, presented Rob with a finely crafted insignia plaque he had made. Southern Colorado Patriots and the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel together presented Rob with over \$700 cash, to help defray trip expenses.

The veterans' charities which Rob Jones rides for and requests our donations to are the following:

Coalition to Support America's Heroes:  
<https://saluteheroes.org>

Semper Fi Fund:  
<https://semperfund.org>

Ride 2 Recovery:  
[ride2recovery.com](http://ride2recovery.com)

**We must reject the idea that every time a law is broken,  
society is guilty, rather than the law breaker.  
It is time to restore the American precept that each individual  
is responsible for his actions."**

~Ronald Reagan

# Fremont County Bulletin

## News, Opinion, Commentary

### Cañon City City Council Says Pot Now Legal

by: Barbara Penezic

Cañon City Mayor, Tony Greer, has previously stated that marijuana for recreational use should not be approved simply on financial merit. The mayor and city council members however seemingly blinded by the \$\$\$ sign did just that at a recent Cañon City General Committee meeting. I sat quietly and listened as the discussion moved around the table. Each member spoke of how not banning, (that sounds better than saying they approve) retail marijuana would increase tax revenue. Not one single council member suggested any other reason for allowing pot in our town.

Resident Gary Minor spoke in favor of marijuana again saying it would be a valuable tax commodity and a great tourist attraction. Look out Royal Gorge Bridge and Park and White Water Rafting Company! Cañon City is now hoping to attract tourists based on their need for weed. One lady thought we should be grateful that these folks want to come to our city and spend their money. She even suggested that we “thank” them. I wonder if she will still feel grateful when the user not only buys this noxious product in Cañon City but must also remain here to consume what is still an illegal narcotic in other jurisdictions.

The council has set another date, March 5th, to work out the details of zoning and other requirements. I hope some of our residents will plan to attend that meeting. I would question how they plan to deal with these particular ‘tour-

ists’ after the purchase. Will they be hanging out in “Historic Downtown Cañon City” decorating our street corners while they use this once illegal drug? What about the new park like area in front of the Library or public parks where our children play? There was a time when we as a people dotted our i’s and crossed our t’s before committing to a plan. Now it seems those in authority just throw the fox into the hen house and hope they can mitigate the damage.

When former councilman, Roger Parson, spoke questioning the wisdom of allowing pot he was admonished to keep his remarks brief. His concerns were given very little consideration. I also spoke out about concerns for the well-being of our residents. Mayor Greer did agree that the growing of marijuana in private residences could pose problems, such as the creation of deadly black mold and deterioration of electrical wires leading to possible fires. He further warned that these situations would likely be undetectable until a tragedy occurred. This possibility did not garner much interest around the table as the discussion once again turned to the tax dollars to be collected.

The many reasons for banning recreational marijuana are not hard to find. One need only look at the news from areas that have traveled this dubious path before us. Denver reports increased crime related to the drug and while traffic accidents have declined overall, accidents related solely to marijuana usage has increased more than 100%.

Look out council members, profits may not be as huge as we think. Unfortunately, legalizing pot will not alter the properties of this plant. It is still a dangerous mind altering drug, and consuming it is like putting a thief in your mouth to steal your brain. The user will then very likely be stumbling around our fair city making poor decisions that the Cañon City Police Dept. will have to cope with. The last I heard this Dept. and the Sheriff’s Office already have more on their plates than they can say grace over. Making Cañon City a mecca for marijuana will likely deter new companies and families from wanting to settle here and may well encourage some with young families to consider re-location. We have been admonished from youth that the use of marijuana opens the door to usage of other more dangerous drugs and was to be avoided. Now, because the drug is seen as having the ability to increase tax revenue, we are expected to overlook its inherent dangers to our community and our children. Many people still find that it is unwise to change gears before stopping. We need a more valid reason for sacrificing our values than financial gain. Hopefully, this new money maker will not turn our air blue and our highways red while it puts green in the city cash registers. Those who stand to profit from the sale of marijuana will be at the General Committee meeting scheduled for March 5th. If you are opposed, you need to be there as well. This is your town, it is up to you to take it back!

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### CCHS “Tiger Talkers” Host Speech and Debate Invitational

by Candy Thompson

Friday and Saturday, January 31 and February 1, nine high school teams traveled to Cañon City High School for two days of fierce competition in the South Central League’s Speech and Debate Invitational. Coach Bill Summers and his assistant coaches, Erica Koenig and Evan Yost, were led by Pauline Caroché who actually started the CCHS club 37 years ago and has been mentoring the coaches and club after her retirement from teaching.

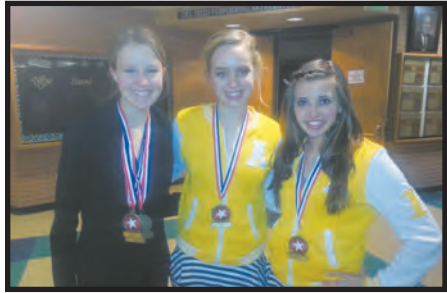
The “Tiger Talkers” meet after school four days a week and practice for the upcoming events. They research topics from reputable sources and are coached on their presentations. Coach Summers says that 60 percent of communication is with the face and the rest with body posture, eye contact, gestures, etc. Of course having factual content to convince someone of a particular point of view and having a passion for that belief in the delivery of a speech can make the difference in winning an argument or not.

Coach Summers said that judges are to put away their own values and political beliefs when asked if students voicing conservative arguments would be graded down. He emphatically declared that there would be no such bias.

I pointed out that the sources I heard quoted in speeches in the room where I observed were from liberal publications. I also had observed only a small sample of speeches. Coach Summers added that students choose which side of the argument they will defend and sometimes choose the one they personally do not believe.

For two days students competed in various categories of their choosing. The first day they debated bills in a mock congress having researched and analyzed information to create an argument either for or against. One such student-written bill to close Guantanamo Bay was argued and voted on after judging by coaches from the participating schools. Two minutes after every speech, questions were allowed for more points in the scoring.

On Saturday, the speeches and debates continued with



Invitational participants Bri Heifner, Hannah Bosisio, Sophia Nordell

Sentinel photo by Candy Thompson

students choosing from ten categories, ten minutes each, from everything to dramatic presentations, poetry interpretation, humor, and a Lincoln-Douglas values based debate.

Finally, after two full days, the enthusiasm was tangible in the auditorium as students were called up to receive awards. Cañon City “Tiger Talkers” fared very well with their team of 20 at the 6 p.m. Awards Ceremony. The following received awards in the categories listed:

**Humor Interpretation:** Rachel Lammon 4th, Bri Heifner 2nd

**Poetry Interpretation:** Bri Heifner 3rd

**Interpretation by teams (called Duo):** sister team Rachel and Claire Lamman 3rd, Hannah Bosisio and Sophia Nordell 2nd

**Public Forum Debate:** Team of Alex Knoedler and Ariana Garcia 3rd

**Original Oratory:** Claire Lamman 3rd

**Congressional Debate:** Alex Knoedler and Johnny Reiger elected presiding officers, Ariana Garcia and Bri Heifner selected as top speakers by their peers.

**Overall team winners (the hosting team cannot receive this award)** Air Academy HS 1st St Marys HS 2nd

The skills acquired in Speech and Debate will definitely prepare students for their future success. Assistant coach Erica Koenig said that the job she now holds as a Competitive Barista, (one who prepares coffee based drinks in competition) would never have been possible without the training she received at CCHS on the S & D team for three years in high school. She travels and speechmaking is an integral part of the competition.

The “Tiger Talkers” are working hard on their next competition which is a national qualifying event that will determine who goes on possibly to the national competition the 1st week in June. Best wishes to coach Summers and the “Tiger Talkers”!!

### 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

**Royal Gorge Tea Party**  
2nd & 4th Thursday  
of each month  
6:30 p.m.  
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### Scout Sunday

by: Barbara Penezic

Photos by: John Penezic Jr

United Presbyterian Church corner of 7th and Macon recently received a “Special Blessing.” Members of Boy Scout Troop 128, Girl Scout Troop 255, and Cub



Scout Pack 128 filled a leadership role in conducting the 11 o’clock service. Life Scouts, Walter and Fred Potter, were Co-Liturgists and Eagle Scout,

Chad Haunschild, led all past and current scouts in The Scout Oath. It was truly one of those ‘you have to be there moments.’ The candles were lit by Macen Shipman and Alan Dale. Scoutmaster Michael Abbott and Eagle Scouts, Alexander and Matthew

Knoedler fulfilled the duties of Usher. Katie Abbott honored the congregation with a beautiful solo rendition of



GOD BLESS AMERICA. The congregation left with a renewed sense of what they have to be grateful for. As Rev. Lois Goodman remarked, with young men and women like these, we have hope for the future. May God Bless our scouts and their hard working leaders. Let your light shine and fill the darkest corner of the place where you are.



# Religion, The Constitution & Culture

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

## The New America

I don't know if you get out much. I don't. I read a lot. Research a lot. But don't travel as much as I once did. But I can tell you first hand that if you want to see what America will look like in a few years by allowing amnesty to illegal aliens, you can see it today in New York City. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said on January 17, "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." He was right, it is no place for conservatives. In fact, not much of a place for Americans.

New York City dwellers long have been known for their lack of tact, but these days it goes to a new level. They are like zombies with an attitude. The "in" color is black. Everybody seems to be wearing black. Up and down the sidewalks, there are people dressed in black. They look straight ahead. No eye contact. No

smiles. No greeting. Just on their way. The people are generally rude. I think it is symbolic. Its all dark. It seems to lack the light of Christ. You see people walk into traffic and when a vehicle doesn't stop for them, they kick at it and curse in some foreign language. It does not seem like anyone foreign wants to be American, they just want what America has.

According to the New York Taxi Workers Alliance, Muslim cab drivers comprise over 50% of the city's driving community. It shows. A good part of the street venders are also from various Islamic parts of the Middle East. While many people find this charming, I find it very disturbing. It is not so much about foreigners coming to New York, or what religion they are, but rather that they bring their culture to New York and expect Americans to cater to it. When you come to America, you should simulate into American culture--become an American--you know, the melting pot. But what we are seeing is something different. These people are imposing

their beliefs and culture on America. They are colonizing. Pushing Americans out.

The result of this is a very hostile environment to any American. So much so that New York boasts approximately 46,000 police, auxiliary police, traffic police, and school police. This does not count DHS gestapo. There are two types of people who have guns--law enforcement and criminals. Conservatives have no place because New York City has become everything that "conservative" America would never be. Its like the judgment on Babylon in Jeremiah 51:14, "I will fill thee with men, as with locusts; and they shall lift up a shout against thee." In fact, I remember walking with my son past the Empire State building and the hawkers were selling tickets to go inside. Christian said, "This place is like the tower of Babel." Hmmm.....the New America?

*Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!*

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## ROTTEN APPLES: CEA Goes to Court to Force Bad Teachers on Students

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

*(Editor/GG: Teacher tenure is a crime against our children.)*

It turns out what most people thought was a cynical political move by the Colorado Education Association and Democrats to avoid a contentious divide right before the public voted on their precious baby Amendment 66 was, in fact, a cynical political move. Having extended the deadline to file a lawsuit from August, the start of campaign season, to February 1st, proponents of Amendment 66 hoped to avoid showing how the CEA does not really have students' best interest in their hearts. Yet, just days before the extended deadline expired on February 1st, the CEA did what was expected all along and filed a lawsuit over parts of the education

reform bill passed in 2010. Vince Carroll from The Denver Post writes:

The radioactive reform involves teacher tenure. Senate Bill 191, passed in 2010, ended the outrageous practice of "forced placement," under which tenured teachers were all but guaranteed jobs even when schools didn't want them. What's worse, those teachers in Denver typically were reassigned to the most troubled schools.

While the practice of tenure was started in the late 19th century with the lofty goals of protecting teachers from parents or administrators from dictating lesson plans or interfering with the teaching of controversial material like Huck Finn, it has quickly devolved to become the refuge of the lazy and incompetent. And like The Denver Post points out in their criticism of the

practice of "forced placement" above, it's not the well-off schools that usually suffer but the disadvantage ones who are most in need of exceptional teachers.

We don't know about you PeakNation™ but if a teacher is so bad at their job that after working in a school district long enough to acquire tenure no other school in their district wants them, well, we guess the proof is in the pudding. Kids at disadvantaged schools should not be punished for the sake of upholding an outdated measure.

When will Coloradans see the CEA as the destructive force that it is?

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## The Obama Administration is Deliberately Targeting Veterans

by Lauren Price,  
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The deliberate targeting of Veterans rights and benefits by the current administration must end. There is only one way to do so...DO NOT RE-ELECT these backstabbing, lying miscreants.

Step back for a moment... think about all the things that have been stripped off or reduced for Veterans under this President:

1. Post 9/11 GI Bill... (Very quietly)...break pay instituted. This "policy" did not grandfather anyone already enrolled in college and using the benefit. For 99% of the veterans using this benefit, this was their only source of income. They returned from war to a country whose economy had tanked. They were not eligible for unemployment. So they went to school, because they were promised a set dollar amount if they went full time. Then came along this policy change. Under it, when school is closed, the VA reduces the benefit by the number of days it's closed. Over the winter, this can mean a Veteran loses up to 50% of the benefit. Finding a temporary, part-time job is nearly impossible. If they are supporting a family, this is devastating.

2. COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) – Each budget session, the very first discussion is on COLA increases. Whether or not to even grant them, and if so how little it will be. For four years, Active Duty and Veterans got NO COLA increase. This year, Congress finally granted one...1.5% – for a 100% disabled Veteran, which meant an increase of approximately \$40 a month. But since Medicare also increased, the COLA increase ended up being about \$18 a month. Cost of Living in

the US went up 2.7% as 2014 opened.

3. Tricare - increase in premiums for "working age retirees" – What a misdirected line of garbage! Congress saw this "saving the taxpayers \$59 Billion" as a great pre-election method to save themselves. They used the term "working age retirees" because it doesn't match up to Google searches for veteran. What Congress also is being deceptive about is that these "working age retirees" have already earned their benefits by serving at least 20 years in the military. Unlike Congress, who gets a full free ride after only serving for 4 years, a service member must put in at least 20 years to get a 50% pension and still pay premiums for their Tricare. A "working age retiree", aka veteran with 20 years in, currently pays approximately \$46 a month. But Congress pays nothing toward theirs.

4. The VA stomping on Veterans Second Amendment rights – In 2012, stories began circulating (with documentary evidence supporting them), that the VA was making "Competency Evaluations" of Veterans and in the letters to the Veteran, advising them that since they were found mentally "incompetent" by some VA bureaucrat (not a Court of Law), the Veteran was no longer allowed to own weapons. Worse yet, the VA claims it has the right to seize the Veterans weapons and/or imprison the Veteran if found with weapons. Those of us who have served our country honorably and own weapons – remember this at the next election!

I could continue on, but I think you are getting the point.

The time has passed that the American Taxpayers

stop being led around by the nose. You are being distracted by misleading titles, false promises of better financial management and being lied to as to who are the real drains on our nations' resources. It doesn't matter what side of the aisle you sit on; you, the taxpayer are being lied to every single day. Veterans make up 7% of the voting population. It is the other 93% I am writing to. You have the free will to think this through. Veterans are not freeloaders. We are not asking for welfare, a hand-out or any benefit or service we did not earn with blood, sweat and tears.

Veterans signed a contract with our government to perform certain skills, for a period of time, in exchange for set compensation and benefits. Since President Obama took office, his administration has purposefully, deliberately and with malice, denigrated veterans' service, cut away their rightfully earned benefits and portrayed them as the cause of our dismal economy and even blamed us for acts of violence by mentally disturbed individuals – using those peoples actions to strip yet more Constitutionally granted rights away from veterans. This has occurred all in the name of making his idea of "Change" become a reality.

It is time that we Americans, stand up together, put away ideological and political differences and agree to honor the contracts we made with our soldiers, sailors, airman and marines, in exchange for their services in defense of our liberty and freedom.

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# The Comment Made by Jay Carney That Charles Krauthammer Says Will Be 'Emblazoned on the Tombstone of Liberalism'

by Jason Howerton,  
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(Editor/GG: The quote below by the Obama Administration is all you need to know about democrats and liberalism. It is a game that ends badly for everybody. And don't forget when you vote, our local Dems believe in this completely.)

Conservative columnist Charles Krauthammer made the bold proclamation on Wednesday that the comments White House press secretary Jay Carney made in response to the recently-released CBO report on Obamacare will be "emblazoned on the tombstone of liberalism."

Here's the statement made by Carney that he is referring to:

**"Opportunity created by affordable, quality health**

**insurance allows families in America to make a decision about how they will work, or if they will work."**

"He says opportunity. This is what he's heralding in this achievement, that the government is giving opportunity for people to decide if they want to work. This is the liberals' ideal of the opportunity society," Krauthammer said. "Of course, in a free society, you can decide if you want to work, but what Obamacare does, and so the essence of liberalism, is you can choose not to work, and the people who do work end up subsidizing you."

In other words, he explained, the people who work "have to send their money to the government" so they can redistribute it to the people who choose, "in

this ideal new opportunity society," not to work.

Krauthammer also echoed the words of CBO director Douglas Elmendorf, who admitted Obamacare creates a disincentive for people to work.

"Now, you can argue it's an inevitable side effect kind of benefit of this sort, but that's not the argument the administration is making," he added. "This is a benefit, a wonderful thing that we're giving people the opportunity not to work and to live off the sweat and the work of other people. Is that the American way? That sounds odd to me."

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# BAD NUMBERS FOR AN INCUMBENT: Less Than Half of Coloradans Believe Hickenlooper Deserves Re-Election

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

The just-released Quinnipiac University poll shows what we have known all along. While Coloradans may like Hickenlooper on a quirky, personal level, less than half believe that, with his progressive record, he deserves a second term.

After experiencing Hickenlooper and his liberal record as Governor over the past couple of years, only 45% of Coloradans believe he deserves to be re-elected. This is a dangerous number for any incumbent, as people who go into election day undecided about who they'd vote for often will break against the incumbent. The thinking being, "if you had four years to win me over and I'm still not sure I want to vote for you, I should probably just go with the other guy."

Among the myriad reasons Coloradans are unsure if

Hickenlooper deserves a second term are how he has handled education, the death penalty, and gun laws. Hickenlooper's push for a billion dollar tax increase last November was soundly rejected by Coloradans and may be behind the disapproval (47-39) of his handling of education. This will become more important as we get closer to November as education is the third most important issue for Coloradans.

Similarly, Colorado has been none too pleased with Hickenlooper's refusal to lead on the death penalty. While 66% of Coloradans are in favor of it, Hickenlooper showed his craven political side last year when, instead of taking a stance one way or another, he punted on convicted Chuck E. Cheese killer Nathan Dunlap. Seeing Coloradans' approval of the death penalty, this move looks especially bad, as it

appears Hickenlooper is against the death penalty, but didn't want to suffer the wrath of the far left by standing up for his beliefs. Cynical – and unfair to the victims' families who spoke out against his decision.

Finally, it should come as no surprise with three senators unemployed due to the extreme gun reform bills jammed through last session, but Coloradans are against the new stricter gun reform bills (52-43).

Perhaps, come November, it will be at least three state Senators, and a Governor who receive pink slips because of liberals' overreach.

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## Winning

They're doing it again. The moribund Progressives-Lite are warning of lost seats in Congress if tea party activists won't support Republican candidates. You know the drill, "the perfect is the enemy of the good," they say. "We all have to compromise," they say. No, we don't. Compromise is sometimes part of governance, but never part of principle. When a candidate compromises on principle, especially before they're elected, the voter can't know who he represents. Almost certainly not the voter. The idea is stunningly simple: if a candidate doesn't represent the voter, the voter shouldn't support the candidate. It's not the House of Misrepresentatives. But wait, there's more.

Former senator John Warner of Virginia, a Republican, is backing former Governor and Democratic senator Mark Warner for reelection. You'll recall he opposed John Warner in the famous Warner-vs-Warner election. John Warner also endorsed the candidacy of Democrat Michelle Nunn of Georgia, as is former

senator Richard Lugar of Indiana, another brand-name Republican. And they're insisting tea party activists support their party? There is no party to support, how plain do they have to make it?

Current politics amounts to the Republican-Democrat Party versus—we'll use a catch-all phrase here—the tea party. The tea party isn't an upstart, it isn't even a party, it's part of a counterinsurgency. Gains must come at somebody's expense. That somebody is the Republican wing of The Party, and why not, they're giving away the high ground with both hands. They may be content to be the progressive's cleanup crew and tax collector but the people have higher aspirations. Liberty, mainly.

Liberty is winning. DC is losing. DC knows it and DC fears it. With their street barricades and check points and retread military equipment, the place looks like Berlin in the Reich's last days of 1945. They're violating and assaulting and even murdering people for petty or imagined offenses, or for no reason at

all. Then there's the steady drip-drip of purges and unexplained deaths and puzzling resignations, the conflicting laws and regulations enforced by dozens of overlapping agencies. Some write their own warrants as they swing through the doors and windows. The place ought to be tested for rabies.

DC's secret police watch for the insufficiently servile, their paunchy goon squads harass honest trade and raid self-supplied tangibles and leak tidbits about gulags. Their paymasters owe trillions in unpayable debt yet they flood the market with more, all the while repressing real money—it's un-American you see. News outlets purr over handouts from the propaganda ministry and fawn over their ever-more reclusive masters—it's all there but the lunacy in the Fuhrerbunker when it all comes down on their heads.

The place grows ever more desperate. Gloom and despair have taken hold. Last week, Valerie Jarrett was demoted and David Plouffe was canned. George Soros's personal hatchet men,

David Simas and John Podesta, are now running the show. In other words, if it ain't working, do more of it. Obama tells us he'll govern by announcing their commands to a grateful America. What could possibly go wrong?

"Now does he feel his title hang loose about him, like a giant's robe upon a dwarfish thief." Angus, Scene II, Macbeth

Meanwhile, everywhere but DC, liberation from fascist servitude is going from success to success. Many states are remembering they're states, not administrative subdivisions. Yes, others still cling to their vassalage, staving off their Hindenberg moment with hysterical decrees, but still others are breaking up like slave ships on the rocks. The worm is turning, the last ditch holdouts are faltering. A historic era is beginning. For citizen journalists and bloggers who've grown accustomed to life under siege: mount up. It's time.

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# The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand

2014



## Colorado Concealed Carry Renewal Reform

by Dean Weingarten,  
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A small but significant reform has made it out of committee in Colorado. In many states, in order to pass “shall issue” concealed carry permit laws, irrational restrictions were included in the law to obtain the votes necessary. Colorado was one of these states. In Colorado, once you had obtained a permit to carry a gun under your coat or in a pocket, you could only renew your permit in the county where you originally applied for the permit. If you changed your residence from Moffat county in the north-west, to Baca county in the south-east, you would have to travel back to Moffat to renew your permit, in person, or go through the entire

permit process from the beginning in your new county. This modest reform would allow you to renew in either county.

Douglas County is an example of how difficult it is to go through the original application process, which must be done in person, between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The timing seems designed to force people with regular jobs to take time off from work to apply for a permit. The combined fee for the permit, non-refundable, is \$152.50. The renewal fee is \$63.

While it may seem ridiculous to have to renew your permit in person, that is what is required in Colorado at this time. The modest

reform now in the Colorado legislature, HB14-1166, simply allows residents to renew their permit in the county of their new residence, as well as the county of issuance.

In contrast, South Carolina's Governor Nikki Haley just signed into law CCW reform that allows people to renew their permit over the Internet.

Both Colorado and South Carolina have bills pending to restore constitutional (permitless) carry. Colorado's bill has been shot down (postponed indefinitely) in committee, while South Carolina's bill is still pending.

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## Two New GLOCK Pistols

by George Gramlich

GLOCK introduced two new semiautomatic pistols at the recent SHOT Show in Las Vegas. One a full size .45 Auto and the other one a single stack, compact .380 Auto. The .380 is GLOCK's first .380 in this country.

The GLOCK 41 Gen4 .45

smaller circumference and with a standard magazine capacity of 13 rounds of .45 ACP ammo, it has got the rounds to get the job done. Would make a pretty good “woods” gun for you .45 fans. M.S.R.P. is \$785.

The other new GLOCK is the model 42, GLOCK's first civilian .380 Auto pis-

tol for the U.S. market. It is quite small with a length of 5.94 inches and a width of .94 inches. Comparable to the S&W Shield, Beretta Nano type pistols. Weight loaded is 14.36 oz.

It has a single stack magazine with a capacity of 6 rounds. Although it will sell well, many fans were looking for this gun to be a 9mm. Hopefully, that will be coming soon. A brief scan of some early reviews on the internet indicate a very soft shooting gun with a good grip. Some complaints of heavy trigger pull however. Hard to see how this would beat out a S&W Shield in 9mm, as the size is similar and the Smith sports a standard 7 round magazine and also comes with an 8 round magazine (which gives it a very nice grip size). M.S.R.P. for this gun is \$459.



Glock model 41 Gen4

courtesy image

Auto sports a new long 5.31 inch barrel with an overall pistol length of 8.90 inches. It has a nice, long site radius of 7.56 inches. The long slide gives us less muzzle flip and the increased site radius provides better accuracy. Note that a standard government size 1911 has a 5.0 inch barrel. The GLOCK 41's long barrel length should give that +p ammo some additional velocity. The gun has the old Gen3 SF grip for a



Glock model 42

courtesy image

## Zero Tolerance: Chicago School Officials Suspend 11-Year-Old Boy Under 'Dangerous Weapons' Policy for Voluntarily Turning in Non-Firing Toy Gun

by The Rutherford Institute

Criticizing Chicago school officials for being overzealous, misguided and incapable of distinguishing between an impotent toy and a dangerous weapon, The Rutherford Institute has come to the defense of an 11-year-old boy who was suspended from school after he voluntarily turned in a non-firing plastic toy gun that had been forgotten in his jacket pocket. Caden Cook, a sixth grader at Fredrick Funston Elementary School, was suspended for allegedly violating the school's weapons policy against dangerous objects, in addition to being ordered to undergo counseling, and subjected to intimidation tactics, interrogation, and dire threats by school officials—all without his mother being present. Rutherford Institute attorneys have asked that the suspension be rescinded and all references to the incident be removed

from Caden's permanent school record.

“This case speaks volumes about what's wrong with our public schools and public officials: rather than school officials showing they are capable of exercising good judgment, distinguishing between what is and is not a true threat, and preserving safety while steering clear of a lockdown mindset better suited to a prison environment, they instead opted to exhibit poor judgment, embrace heavy handed tactics, and treat a toy gun like a dangerous weapon,” said John W. Whitehead, president of The Rutherford Institute and author of A Government of Wolves: The Emerging American Police State. “In the process, school officials sent a strong, chilling message to this child and his classmates that they have no rights in the American police state.”

Frederick Funston Ele-

mentary School introduced a random “pat down” to its security and screening procedures at the beginning of this school year. All students are physically separated from their bags and randomly chosen for a manual “pat down” before going through the metal detectors. Students' bags are also separately searched at random. On Friday, January 31, 2014, sixth grader Caden Cook was waiting in the school line to be pat-downed when he realized that he had mistakenly left in his sweater pocket a toy plastic gun which he had played with the previous night while he was out with friends and family. Realizing his error and that the toy was a prohibited item on school grounds, Caden alerted the security personnel to his predicament, explaining that he had accidentally brought the plastic toy to school and relin-

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## A Robbery Stopped and Two Criminals Killed by an Armed Good Samaritan

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| DATE: 11/4/13                  | TIME: 2:00 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | LOCATION: Reading, PA |
| CRIME(S)<br>PREVENTED          | Armed Robbery, Assault, Murder                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| TYPE OF GUN<br>USED:           | Handgun                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| DESCRIPTION OF<br>BAD GUY(S):  | William Medina, 24, and Robert DeCarr, 18, robbed a local convenience store while armed. The getaway driver, Alexander Bialek, 21, waited close by                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| DESCRIPTION OF<br>GOOD GUY(S): | An armed citizen, who was in the basement of the same building the store was in, heard the commotion and came out onto the street to see the two robbers in the store, pointing guns at the owner and a female customer. As they exited, one looked at the armed citizen and started to point his gun at him, prompting the armed citizen to raise his gun quickly and fire, killing him. The second began to run, but turned to point his gun at the armed citizen, causing the same result. |                       |
| OUTCOME:                       | Both robbers were pronounced dead at the scene. No one else was injured by the gunfire. Bialek sped off, but was caught by police with the help of eyewitness testimony. The armed citizen will not be charged with any crime.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| SOURCE(S):                     | Reported by the Reading Eagle                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |

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# More Racial Protectionism from Holder, and a Message to White Americans

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When the concept of doing a website was presented to me, initially I scoffed thinking there wouldn't be enough critical material daily to comment on — boy was I wrong. Every day I am amazed at the insanity I witness in our America and here is another example.

According to a report in The Hill, Attorney General Eric Holder is at it again with his racial preference policies,

Attorney General Eric Holder called upon the nation's school districts Wednesday to rethink "zero tolerance" disciplinary policies that he said disproportionately punish minorities and push too many students into the justice system. Alarming numbers of young people are suspended, expelled or even arrested for relatively minor transgressions like school uniform violations, schoolyard fights or showing 'disrespect' by laughing in class," Holder said during a speech in Baltimore.

What did his remarks really mean? They accompanied the release of new federal guidance from the departments of Justice and Education encouraging (i.e. threatening) schools to adopt disciplinary policies that are "fair, nondiscriminatory, and effective." The guidance offers parameters for punishment as governed by federal civil rights protections, alternatives to exclusionary discipline and a comprehensive list of regulations on the books in every state.

So now the US Department of Justice under Eric Holder will use its power to enforce "civil rights protections" in school disciplinary actions. In fact, the DoJ and DoEd are putting schools on notice that they are prepared to use their authority to investigate the

claims of racial disparity in the punishment of students.

And of course the American Civil Liberties union (ACLU) is thrilled with this policy. The ACLU offered research showing that black students make up 36 percent of those expelled, though they represent only 15 percent of students."

Not to be outdone by Holder in the "stuck on stupid" category, Education Secretary Arne Duncan stated, "Positive discipline policies" can actually foster safer school environments, without a heavy reliance on suspensions and expulsions. Schools also must understand their civil rights obligations and avoid unfair disciplinary practices.

I taught high school for one year in Deerfield Beach, Fla and in the end, it was such an enjoyable experience breaking up fights daily, that I decided to return to the combat zone of Afghanistan.

Teachers are already disrespected and attacked, not feared. There were students at Deerfield Beach who steered clear of the lunchroom for fear of being picked on or engaged in a fight. A kid was stabbed while I was on the faculty there.

Yes, this violence on campus was perpetrated 8 out of 10 times by black students, male and female, but it had nothing to do with racial disparity. It had everything to do with a lack of discipline and control.

When a young man took a swing at me while I broke up a beat down that he and three others were giving a young man already on the ground, it had nothing to do with civil rights. It had everything to do with a criminal behavior which does not belong in a learning environment — and he was expelled. Now imagine under these new guidelines and rules, DoJ and DoEd would initiate an investigation.

Liberal progressives don't want to tackle the problem they created, the decimation of the black family. Fifty years ago only six percent of births in America were out of wedlock. Today the number is 72 percent in the black community. There was a time when "acting out" at school resulted in having to stay after school and worse, a call home to mom and dad — talk about a beat down.

Common core — now this — the progressive socialist dream of state-run education is coming to fruition. But what is even more heinous is the message being sent that race is an excuse for bad behavior in our kids, an acceptable excuse at that. It means the death spiral for education in the black community will increase as we overlook or reward the most abhorrent conduct.

Perhaps this is why Holder and Obama want Debo Adegbile as the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division considering his defense of Black Panther and cop killer Mumia Abu-Jamal, when he was leader of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. There is no doubt that someone skilled enough to defend Abu-Jamal would be perfect to institute this policy of racial protectionism of juvenile criminal behavior.

This is my clear and succinct message to white Americans. How long will it be before "you people" realize you have elevated someone to the office of president who abjectly despises you — not to mention his henchman Holder. Combined they are the most vile and disgusting racists — not you.

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# Wisconsin: Somali Muslim Gangs Involved In Deadly Liquor Store Shooting

by Janna Brock,  
FreedomOutpost.com

(Editor/GG: Folks, this is in MINNESOTA and WISCONSIN!!!!)

Minneapolis's Somali Muslim gangs are waging deadly war against each other. The violence is spreading to neighboring Wisconsin. Last Sunday, there was a shooting at a liquor store in Hudson, Wisconsin. The Somali Outlaw gangs have been wreaking havoc in Minnesota for years. Somali Muslims have been immigrating to Minnesota since the early 1990's, and now the state has the largest population of Somali immigrants in the nation. Is there any coincidence why Al-Qaeda has so much success recruiting in Minnesota? They have a ready made army of Islamic thugs at their disposal. Minnesota has created its own hell hole, tailor made for Islamic tyranny; all the while the media is silent. It's just "gang" warfare.

Somali Muslim gangs in Minnesota are following the playbook of the UK's Sharia gangs, who terrorize the streets of London. They paint the streets with leaflets declaring 'You are entering a Sharia controlled zone. Islamic rules enforced.' This is what happens when sharia takes over. Somali Muslim gangs are overtaking Minnesota, and the violence spreads, encompassing all neighboring areas. This is exactly what happened last weekend as recounted by the Wisconsin Radio Network.

Investigators say the weekend shootings of three men at a Hudson liquor store involved members of rival gangs from Minneapolis. Saint Croix County prosecutors filed a total of 30 felony charges Tuesday against 22-year-old Guled Abdi and 26-year-old Ahmed Hirsi. Both men remain in the Hennepin County jail awaiting extradition to Wisconsin, where they will each face

six charges of attempted first-degree intentional homicide, six counts of reckless endangerment, and three counts of reckless injury.

The shootings occurred Sunday morning outside Spirit Seller Liquor in downtown Hudson. Investigators said six members of the Somali Outlaws gang were partying Saturday night, and drove their SUV to Hudson in the morning because liquor stores in Minnesota are closed on Sundays. Two people went in the store to buy the liquor, but their credit card was rejected. Outside, two men in a car approached and offered the group alcohol and cigarettes. A derogatory remark was apparently said during the exchange, and shots were fired at all six in the SUV. Three were wounded and one woman, 28-year-old Fartun Aidid, remained in critical condition at last word at a Saint Paul hospital.

Lawlessness is rearing its ugly head, but this is the picture of diversity in Minnesota. Somali Muslim gangs attacking each other and killing each other. It is not known if the 28-year-old victim listed in critical condition is alive or dead, but with three people suffering from gunshot wounds in this incident, it is a wonder only one ended up in critical care.

What does the media in Minneapolis and Wisconsin have to say about this? Twincities.com's headline read "Hudson shooting involved gang members, charges say." Another read, "Police say Hudson shooting gang-related." No mention of Muslim Somali gangs, no mention of their past atrocities. The word "Muslim" or "Islamic" gang members are never mentioned. It's like it doesn't exist. In Minnesota, the Muslim Somali problem is past the point of no return. They're too far gone.

The victims and suspects were in cars with Minnesota license plates, said Hudson Police Chief Marty Jensen. He said police have noticed disorderly conduct and shoplifting on Sundays, sometimes by inebriated Minnesotans, but never a shooting.

"It is unbelievable that we have this shooting stuff going on here," he said. "I was just getting ready for church when the call came in." He said the city's last shooting, in August 2007, was not related to alcohol sales.

Yes, it is amazing that this is going on, but the Islamic virus is fast spreading. Somali Muslim gangs were welcomed into Minnesota. This is but one result; it's guaranteed chaos, disorder, and death.

Hirsi was previously involved in a May 2010 assault at a St. Paul gas station that left a man with a severe head injury. In that case, which involved several men beating a Good Samaritan with baseball bats, Hirsi was convicted of aiding and abetting second-degree assault and sentenced in December 2010 to 3 1/2 years in prison.

Ahmed Hirsi didn't serve his full prison term for this crime, and it's a certainty he'll be back. In May 2013, Somali Muslims gang members attacked Minnesota joggers, in a "Knockout" style attack. Sex slavery, rape, murder are an integral part of gang life. Somali Muslim gangs are not going away. Minnesota let them in, and they're taking over. The Islamic plague is spreading and it's out of control. But the media will never report it.

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# More on Why Obamacare May Ultimately Destroy our Republic... As Planned.

by Allen West,  
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(Editor/GG: Please, please read Colonel West's last paragraph here, "I shall be a slave to no man and those of you who choose to be sadly threaten the American DNA....".)

The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) reports that Obamacare will reduce the size of America's labor force by some 2.5 million full time equivalent (FTE) workers by 2024.

The response from the White House and its propaganda mouthpiece, the New York Times, that this is a good thing is simply appalling. I am reminded of the Superman comic book Bizarro world where everything is in reverse. And so it seems in the Obama administration, where work is bad, staying at home for government subsidies is good, and the "fundamental transformation" advances.

Why work when you can just stay at home and receive your guaranteed government income? Every day we move closer to the end goal of the Cloward-Piven strategy.

Avik Roy of Forbes provides his take on this bizarre assertion emanating from the White House,

The CBO wasn't responsible for the most amazing thing that happened yesterday. That title belongs to the Obama White House, where Press Secretary Jay Carney claimed that 2.5 million Americans leaving the workforce was a good thing, because they would no longer be "trapped in a job."

Trapped in a job? So now President Obama will liberate us from the toils of actually earning a living by just paying us to stay home and produce nothing. And exactly how, more impor-

tantly who, will be generating the resources to free us from being trapped in a job?

Shall we just borrow more money ad nauseum, ad infinitum? Apparently yes, which is why Obama will go down as the president who doubled the nation's debt on his watch. Remember, it was \$10.67 trillion upon his arrival, it's now \$17.3 trillion — and for those low information voters, \$10.67 trillion was the total amount accrued by every previous president. The other option is that we shall just tax those who work, build, create and innovate in order to meet the progressive socialist utopian dream.

So what will be the incentive to work?

On one hand, the government, aka "Uncle Sugar," will pay you to stay at home and be free. On the other hand the government, by force and coercion, will tax those still possessing a work ethic — those who actually make an economy work, in order to feed the beast of the welfare nanny-state and the dependency society. It is the seminal battle between the opportunity and dependency society, pitting the producers against the takers, and if the percentage of takers grows beyond the producers, then the society collapses. There is no incentive to work. There is no incentive to produce. The society collapses.

Alexis de Tocqueville summed it up in the 1830s, in his book, Democracy in America, but the original quote came from Alexander Fraser Tytler:

*"A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse from the public treasury. From that moment on, the ma-*

*jority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through this sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith; From spiritual faith to great courage; From courage to liberty; From liberty to abundance; From abundance to selfishness; From selfishness to apathy; From apathy to dependence; From dependence back into bondage."*

The grand experiment in liberty, freedom, and democracy known as the American Republic stands at 237 years since its Declaration of Independence. It seems that we are on the path described by Tytler. His words certainly seem prescient and disconcerting for these times.

So what is the true purpose of Obamacare? Apparently according to White House spokesperson Jay Carney, it's to destroy the foundation upon which America is built — a hearty work ethic — and usher in economic bondage to the central government.

I shall be a slave to no man and those of you who choose to be sadly threaten the American DNA, which until now, flowed with liberty and freedom for future generations. I will not live in Obama's bizarre world. I will fight liberal progressive socialism and ensure our nation thrives with courage and liberty. Who will join me to say, "Molon Labe!"

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## A Sheepdog Barks!

Hillary, and her wandering husband Bill, seem to be back in the news lately. It's not hard to imagine why. There are some Liberal Progressive Socialist Democrats (LPSDs) that are "not sure she is running in 2016." HOWLING funny! You can bet your last worthless dollar she's running. There's nothing in the Constitution, unfortunately, that says a Co-President can't serve for 2 more terms. WOW! We really do need Term Limits that cover every possible scenario. I've barked before about the fickle Americans of today. Six years ago it was all about electing the first black (well half black) president. It didn't matter about his qualifications or experience or even his socialist ideology. It didn't matter that he had never run anything bigger than his state senator's office or that he had a habit of talking a lot and voting seldom. It didn't matter he was a Saul Alinsky pupil and a devotee of a radical preacher. No, it only mattered that America could feel good about itself because our racist past was over. See, we elected a black president. We all know how that has turned out for us. Remember that Hope and Change? There's been a lot of bad change and not much hope. Obama's arrogance prohibits him from accepting any other views. Hence, the only significant legislation (Obamacare) in American history with zero bipartisanship — not one vote by any Republican in either House of Congress. Why is all this important you might wonder. It's because this ole sheepdog fears America is, once again, focused on electing the "first woman" to our most critical office. And for the same reason we have Obama. It's a FIRST. HOWL! We can again show the world how "enlightened" we are. Never mind Hillary's character and ideology. It's another FIRST! Hooray, we can be like the Europeans. Look there is nothing wrong with a woman president as long as it's the right woman. She would need to be elected because of her qualifications and ideology, not her gender. Hillary is not the right woman. Her past

is fraught with questionable activities. I lived in Arkansas when Bill was Governor. Most of the natives there wanted Bill to win just to get him and Hillary out of Arkansas. He was a known philanderer and Hillary looked the other way. Reportedly she made a lot of money on questionable investments and financial transactions and walked away clean. It was reported that she made 1000 percent on cattle futures in a year. And almost everyone around Bill and Hillary went to jail over a real estate deal known as White Water. The Clintons walked. Bill pardoned Puerto Rican terrorists so Hillary could get elected as one of New York's Senators. Then she and Bill ran a presidential campaign for her which failed because the liberals in America were more in tune with the "first black" concept than the "first woman" idea. It was quite a shocker in the LPD community as Obama won out and they lovingly became the LPSDs. Remember Bill accused Obama of playing the "race card" against Hillary. Oh well, no matter, according to Barack's and Hillary's TV interview not long ago. They adore each other and have each other's backs. HOWL! Obama is a clever guy. He made Hillary the Secretary of State (SOS). Helped her resume' and kept her from sniping at him. Smart move! So Hillary traveled a great deal but accomplished almost nothing. Her major accomplishment as the SOS is her despicable leadership before, during, and after the "Phony" Benghazi terrorist attack. This is a stain that she will never be able to wash off her hands. The Benghazi cover-up is an event that should prevent her from ever serving in office again. She knew instantly what happened, knew the record would reflect she hadn't properly secured that consulate and she knew she had to get as far away as possible as quickly as possible. So she threw her planned successor Susan Rice under the bus immediately. Hillary knew it was a no win situation to go on the Sunday shows, I mean,



come on, she had a future presidential campaign to run. Wash those hands. WASH, WASH, WASH! She then appointed her own State Department Accountability Review Board (ARB) to investigate her own wrongdoing and lack of leadership. And after doing so made sure she and her deputy weren't even interviewed. Are you paying attention America? This is shameful. Supposedly she bumped her head and needed weeks to recover before she had to testify. When she did testify she let her true feelings slip out. Happens occasionally. Politicians call it a "gaffe." Sheepdogs call it an "accidental blurring out of the truth." Hillary showed no concern for what happened. Wanted to blame a video hoax for the whole attack, promised justice to the victim's families and then promptly uttered "what difference, at this point, does it make!" It makes a lot of difference to most of us, Hillary. She proved beyond a doubt she isn't the one to answer that 3:00 a.m. phone call in the White House. With her you get a busy signal. She doesn't want her "fingerprints" on anything related to something like protecting Americans serving in dangerous places. You keep on washing your hands Hillary, but the stain of Benghazi will never wash off. WASH, WASH, WASH! She doesn't deserve to be the first woman president in America. She's already done enough damage. She is not the right leader for us and it has nothing to do with her being a woman. As MLK, Jr., taught us, it's all about the content of one's character. More about her lack of that will come out as we learn more about the details in the Diane Blair journals. America deserves better. Stay tuned. Happy Valentine's Day! WOOF!

## TOY GUN

From page 16

quishing the toy to school security personnel. Instead of recognizing that Caden was attempting to do the right thing and acknowledging the mistake, school officials allegedly subjected the 11-year-old to intimidation tactics, interrogation, accusations of lying, and threats. All of this was done in the absence of Caden's mother and without

her having been informed of the incident. Upon her arrival, Caden's mother was berated and criticized for allowing her son to use toy guns.

In coming to Caden's defense, Rutherford Institute attorneys point out that Caden's conduct does not rise to the level of serious disruptive behavior, given that he immediately alerted school officials to his accidental transgression and voluntarily turned in

the toy once he realized his mistake, even prior to entering the screening area, nor does the plastic toy gun constitute a dangerous object by the school's standards or anyone else's.

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# USA Falls, Again, to 12th Place in Index of Economic Freedom Report

January 15, 2014  
By Ali Meyer,  
CNSNews.com

(Editor/GG: Any correlation here with the Dems running the country the last 6 years?)

America's economic freedom ranking declined again this year, matching a 15-year-low and making the USA the only country to record a loss of economic freedom each of the past seven years, according to data from the Heritage Foundation's 2014 Index of Economic Freedom.

The Index rates economic freedom for countries on ten quantitative and qualitative factors that are based on four pillars of freedom: rule of law, limited government, regulatory efficiency and open markets. "Each of the ten economic freedoms within these categories is graded on a scale of 0 to 100. A country's overall score is derived by averaging these ten economic freedoms, with equal weight being given to each," according to the Index.

This year, the United States' rank fell below the top ten countries that were awarded highest economic freedom rankings.

When President Obama took office in 2009, the United States ranked sixth for economic freedom. Now in 2014, the United States has fallen by six to twelfth place.

The top 11 countries in the Index respectively are: Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, Switzerland, New Zealand, Canada, Chile, Mauritius, Ireland, Denmark and Estonia.

"The United States continues to lose ground to its competitors in the global race to advance economic freedom and prosperity," reads the report. "Registering a decline in economic freedom for the seventh year in a row, the U.S. tumbled from the ranks of the top 10 freest economies, falling two spots in the rankings to 12th place. The U.S. score has declined almost 6 points since 2007, placing the U.S. among those countries considered to be only 'mostly free.' In the 2014 Index, the U.S. recorded notable declines in fiscal freedom, business freedom, and property rights."

over of health care is a significant loss of freedom," said the senator. "In fact, I would argue that Obamacare involves the largest loss of freedom of choice in 50 years."

Not only does the Index illustrate the growth of government over the past years, but it is indicative that the United States is losing its reputation as a model for economic freedom.

"As the U.S. score is going down, global economic freedom is going up. The global average score in 2014 is the highest average in the 20-year history of the Index. So this essentially

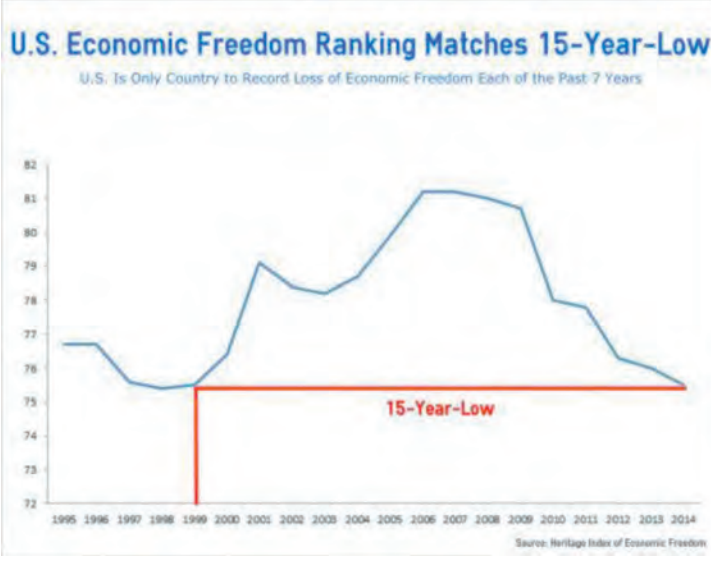
the economy has not been successful, said Stephen Moore, a senior economics writer at The Wall Street Journal.

"Incomes have also stagnated in this recovery, which is really unusual," he said. "We're in the fifth year of recovery and the average middle-class family in America today has \$2,000-less purchasing power than they did when the recovery began. I'm not talking about the incomes of people lost during the recession, I'm saying people lost income even as the recovery has transpired. That's really terrible news."

"I call this a half-sized recovery because that's essentially the pace of the recovery," said Moore. "And then the question, of course, is why? Why aren't we seeing anything like in this recovery like we would normally expect in what the American people demand? And I would make the case that the answer is contained right in this Index."

"Looking at just the job numbers that came out on Friday, 75,000 jobs or something in the 70,000 range -- you know, in the Reagan recovery we had months where the U.S. economy created one million jobs in one month," said Moore. "So we are so far behind our potential where we should be."

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"You know, if you like your freedom, you can keep it. Or maybe not," said Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) at an Index panel hosted by the Heritage Foundation on Tuesday in Washington, D.C. "This year the United States slips in a ranking for economic freedom. Why? Because economic freedom is inversely proportional to the size of your government. And government continues to grow at an alarming pace."

"The government take-

is showing that we are no longer the model, that others are the model for what makes economies prosperous. We are, as you will see in the Index, now in the category of declining countries, including Greece, Italy, Spain and others," said Kim Holmes, a distinguished fellow at the Heritage Foundation and one of the authors of the Index.

That decline in economic freedom has been happening for seven years now, and the recovery of

## Who said it?

Six trivia questions to see how much history you really know. (And no, the answer to all of these questions isn't 'Barack Obama'.)

1) "We're going to take things away from you on behalf of the common good."

A. Karl Marx - B. Adolph Hitler - C. Joseph Stalin - D. Barack Obama - E. None of the above

2) "It's time for a new beginning, for an end to government of the few, by the few, and for the few..... And to replace it with shared responsibility, for shared prosperity."

A. Lenin - B. Mussolini - C. Idi Amin - D. Barack Obama - E. None of the above

3) "(We).....can't just let business as usual go on, and that means something has to be taken away from some people."

A. Nikita Khrushchev - B. Josef Goebbels - C. Boris Yeltsin - D. Barack Obama - E. None of the above

4) "We have to build a political consensus and that requires people to give up a little bit of their own ... in order to create this common ground."

A. Mao Tse Tung - B. Hugo Chavez - C. Kim Jong Il - D. Barack Obama - E. None of the above

5) "I certainly think the free-market has failed."

A. Karl Marx - B. Lenin - C. Molotov - D. Barack Obama - E. None of the above

6) "I think it's time to send a clear message to what has become the most profitable sector in (the) entire economy that they are being watched."

A. Pinochet - B. Milosevic - C. Saddam Hussein - D. Barack Obama - E. None of the above

### Answers

- (1) E. None of the above. Statement was made by Hillary Clinton 6/29/2004
- (2) E. None of the above. Statement was made by Hillary Clinton 5/29/2007
- (3) E. None of the above. Statement was made by Hillary Clinton 6/4/2007
- (4) E. None of the above. Statement was made by Hillary Clinton 6/4/2007
- (5) E. None of the above. Statement was made by Hillary Clinton 6/4/2007
- (6) E. None of the above. Statement was made by Hillary Clinton 9/2/2005

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# Local Mountain News & Notices



## Rowan Meets Rowena

The C-1 Leadership class with six students attending went to Vali Assisted Living on Thursday, February 6. Students Ed Sandoval, Joe Dyar, Weldon Rusher, Rowan Bell, Alysha Benoit, and CJ Virden accompanied by Mr. Bomgardner went to assist residents in making a craft. Not only did the students help the residents, but nearing the end of making paper hearts into a flower shape, a pair found something in common forming a unique bond: Rowan met Rowena.

*Sentinel photo by Candi Sage*



## Building Trades Update

The Building Trades Students setting a post for the porch.

*Sentinel photo by Candi Sage*

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

From: Representative  
Jim Wilson – HD 60  
February 9, 2014

Just like snowflakes falling in the high country, Republican bills continue to fall in committees at the Capitol. Whether it is the House or the Senate, if a bill carries only "R's" as sponsors chances are it is going down in committee. On the other hand, if the bills carry "D's" as sponsors, they are probably going to become law. It is true at both the Federal and State levels: "Those who control the gavel control the agenda". Make no mistake about it – elections matter!

If you visit the Golden Dome and happen to see a Republican doing a "Happy Dance" you can probably bet they got a bill through a committee! I was able to put down a few "steps" of my own this past week as my Advanced Placement bill cleared the House Education Committee on a 12-1 vote. (The only no vote was cast by a colleague I call "Dr. No" because he votes no on nearly every bill that comes across his desk!) Now my

next challenge is to convince the members of the Appropriations Committee to buy into the "Bipartisan Boogie" to send the bill on to the House for debate...

Speaking of appropriations, remember the "one point something" billion dollars in new money that the state has to work with this year? Well, I need to let you know that according to the word in the halls of the Capitol, all of that money has already been promised 2 ½ times! I would not look for too many happy dances when over-promised legislators find a big "0" on their dance cards. I am thinking that the much-anticipated "dances" will turn into mud wrestling...

If you recall from last week, the battle over funding for education was heating up. Well, heating up was an understatement – the temperature is starting to soar! Please understand that the battle is not over the annual education bill (which is yet to come) but rather over a second funding bill to get additional funding for schools. Remember last year when I said that

we did not need Amendment 66 when we already had additional money in the budget? Miraculously, others evidently discovered that fact as the sponsors of 66 are now trying to spend that money! Sen. Johnston (D-Denver) was the brains behind 66 and has created his own omnibus bill for the additional monies. CASB – school boards, CASE – administrators, and CEA – teachers have joined forces (politics makes for strange bedfellows...) to fight the omnibus bill and any other bills that would take money away from refunding the "negative factor". (The simple explanation of the negative factor would be the difference between the amount of money school districts should have received by statute less what they did receive after the state had to cut funding to balance the budget when the recession hit.)

It appears to be another classic case of drawing a line in the sand – members of the education lobby seem to be saying, "We want the money back with no strings attached". The battle between "we need re-



form" and "just give us the money" reminds me of the Alamo. Col. Travis drew a line in the sand knowing that the defenders of the Alamo had no chance to win the battle. The cause was a good one, but that particular battle did not work out too well for Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie and the others that crossed the line... Come up and see us at the Capitol – epic battles are always better on the big screen than on TV at home!

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