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Westcliffe Trustees Seated, Items Tabled Until Future Meetings

by Paul Sage

In the wake of the tragic events of the day, Mayor Christie Veltrie suggested tabling until future dates many of the agenda items scheduled for the April 8th meeting. Before changing Board members, the existing Trustees reviewed two matters of old business. A grant of \$2,000 was approved for the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club for their advertising budget for the year. Spokesman J.D. Teague pointed out that the rodeo has a long history of successful events that bring people into the valley and this is the first time they have asked the town for anything. Donavan Baggett's Entertainment District proposal was tabled to give new town attorney Jay Prince time to review the plan as submitted.

Outgoing Trustees Art Nordyke and Joe Cascarelli were awarded service

plaques for their years of service to the town. Mr. Nordyke was recognized by the Mayor as the one they could always count on for historical perspective on the subjects brought to the Trustees because of his many years of public service to the town over two separate terms on the board.

Mr. Cascarelli was credited by the Mayor with bringing a new understanding to the board of things like the fiduciary responsibility of elected officials and their general responsibility to act responsibly with the revenue given to them by the people who elected them.

The Mayor, who was re-elected after running unopposed, and newly elected Trustees Paul Wenke and Rod Thornberg were then sworn in and seated. In the remainder of the abbreviated session, a special event permit was issued to the

San Isabel Land Protection Trust for an event at the Jones Theatre on May 1st. In addition, there was discussion about the annual town clean-up day being jointly conducted with the Town of Silver Cliff on May 10th.

Mike Hess from the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel and Dee Wilhite from the Wild West Cowboy Church asked for permission for road closures for three parades this year: the Spring into Summer (formerly Memorial Day) parade, the Independence Day parade and the Christmas parade. The board granted their request and the Cowboy Church will apply for the insurance policy to cover said parades.

A Special Meeting was scheduled on April 14th to discuss some of the items tabled from this meeting and to conduct other business.

Re-elected Silver Cliff Officials Get Down to Business

by Paul Sage

It's official in Silver Cliff. Last Tuesday's election has been certified and all six of the previously seated Town Trustees have been re-elected. Trustees Bob Hall, Richard Lowe and Danny Smith have been elected to two-year-terms. Trustees Lela Cravens, Marty Wolff, and Mary Berendt were elected to four-year-terms. The lone challenger for Town Trustee, Sheriff's Deputy Buck Wenzel, lost out in his bid for trustee by eight votes. Mayor Larry Webber was not up for election in this cycle. Also at the meeting, Trustee Lela Cravens was unanimously voted in as the Mayor-pro-tem for the town.

At the meeting Bill Colli- sion delivered an update on the Custer County Senior Center to the Trustees. He thanked the town for their support and reported that

the center is going strong and its finances are okay. He also announced that all of the activities of the center are open to everyone, not just the 60-plus crowd. All the activities of the center are on their Facebook page. Mr. Cullison said the center is planning more activities like the recent trip to Cripple Creek and reported to the trustees that their free and open-to-all Christmas dinner served over 100.

Mike Johnston brought a request from the board of Club America for a reduction in the permit fee for the upcoming furnace upgrade. After the cold winter and resulting high price of propane, an energy audit showed that the furnace replacement could save substantially on the heating costs for Club America. Mr. Johnston reported that the solar water heating system has been repaired and is saving significantly on

the cost of heating the pool.

With an already tight budget due to the cost of gas, Mr. Johnston explained that a break in the permit fee would help a great deal. The Trustees agreed to charge half the normal permit fee for the furnace replacement at the non-profit Club America.

In other business, Jim Bradburn from the Dark Skies organization gave a presentation on the benefit of the proposed new LED street lighting system over traditional systems. He offered the assistance of Dark Skies in finding the funding to make the transition. The company that first proposed the lighting transition to the town, ASG, along with a representative of Black Hills Energy, someone from Dark Skies, and Silver Cliff Trustees will meet to work out funding and other details to move forward with the project.

A Time to Draw Together



People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, **“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”** And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

~ Mark 10:13-16

We mourn the death of Tanner Wray, age 13, of Westcliffe.

When a tragedy strikes, there can be a tendency to place blame, point fingers, and become angry. In these days following the tragic loss of young Tanner, please set those impulses aside, and instead, rally together in support of his family, his friends, and all those most closely touched by this loss.

Jesus said to his disciples: **‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’** Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, **‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’**

~ John 14.1-6

Tax Day Tea Party

Once again Tax Time is upon us. Do you know how much of your earnings go to taxes every year at all levels of government from town to county to state and to the feds. Most don't ever add it all up. AND there are 14 new taxes related to Obamacare for 2014. AND the liberal progressive state legislature is working on some more taxes even though the voters told them last year enough was enough.

Come to the Courthouse flagpole next Tuesday, 15 April, at 5:30 p.m. and show your support for our cause and demand for less government and less taxes. This is a critical election

year. Come and join us as we ask God to have mercy on this country. We are doomed without His blessings. Come and lend your voice to why we MUST take the U.S. Senate out of Obama's and Reid's control. Come, renew your spirit and speak your concerns.

Renew your 2010 spirit. The Tea Party had a great effect across America in that election. We must rise up and do it again. Please pass this info on to as many as possible and let's get active again for this election season. Hope to see you there. This will be our 6th Tax Day Rally! Join us.

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For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39
NIV

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

And The Race Is On!



You may have heard that 2014 is an election year. And it's an important one. Colorado operates in a caucus system. Republican caucuses were held last month and delegates were elected. The delegates then attended a county assembly late in March and voted for their candidates of choice for the local elected positions in Custer County. They also voted for the delegates who will attend the state assembly today and tomorrow, April 11 and 12. This begins the process to select the primary ballot candidates for the state and national offices. This year the delegates will select candidates for our state representatives and senators, U.S. Representatives, a U.S. Senator and for the Colorado Governor. Each party will do the same thing or at least has the same opportunities. There is a lot of misunderstanding about how all this works. Mostly, of course, by those that are not active and don't participate. They leave it up to others to make all this happen and then complain about how and what happened. The caucus system is flawed, but it is not "rigged" as was suggested by one local citizen. A candidate can get on the primary ballot without participating in the caucuses

at all. Consider these facts in a breakdown how the local Republican process has gone so far. Candidates may go straight to the petition option. Two of our local candidates did just that – Canterbury and Thompson. Or they can participate in the caucus and receive at least 30% of the delegates and automatically earn a spot on the primary ballot. Four of our local candidates did just that – Butler, Supan, Nordyke, and Baltzly. If a caucus candidate earns less than 30% but at least 10% of the delegates they may then continue on by the petition route. Two of our locals did just that – Byerly and Kattnig. So we have three contested races in Custer County with a total of eight candidates who used all three methods. Yet the claims of wrongdoing and a "rigged" process persist. There was a claim that only 31 (it's 30 delegates actually) people in the county decided who is on the ballot. That is absolutely and totally wrong. By our account over 200 "Republican" citizens participated in the caucus process and at least another 500-800 signed the various petitions for the Republican candidates. Therefore, about 1,000 local citizens (not all Republicans by the way) had a hand in choosing

which local candidates will be on the Republican Primary Ballot. Doesn't sound "rigged" to us. That claim can come only from someone unfamiliar and unaware of just how the ballot process works. We've heard more complaints about married couples being elected as delegates and even delegates who vote for themselves. What in the world is wrong with either of those things? Are "married couples" not citizens, each with the right to serve and vote? If you don't like that then come out and vote for other people. Do you think Obama voted for Romney? Candidates vote for themselves all the time. Look, the caucus system is a numbers game. If you want delegates to support you, a candidate must organize and turn out his support base. If you don't like that part of the process then go another route. A few did that this time and many have done that in the past. But, when anyone chooses to play in a game, they must play by the rules. One doesn't use the rules for Bridge if one is playing Texas Hold'em. Everything was done properly here in the Republican primary process. There is one thing that isn't quite right however. That's when the registered Democrats

ocrats "re-affiliate" to participate in the Republican business of selecting their candidates. Yes, we know, it's legal, it's just wrong. We've heard all their cries of "we have the right to help pick our Sheriff" or "it's legal so there is nothing wrong with it." We suppose those conservatives that live in Boulder feel frustrated also, but that doesn't make it right for them to participate in the Democrats' process while they select their candidates. If the Republicans were to "crossover" and interfere in the Democratic primary selection process in this county there would be an outcry like you have never heard before. Democrats simply need to find and select their own candidates. One liberal in this county, responding to the claim of "Republican Rigging", actually suggested that a large group of "educated, agenda-free" thinkers get together and take over the Republican Caucus process next year. Did you catch the insult about uneducated and radically-biased conservatives? What arrogance, but that is not surprising at all. This is how liberal progressives think. They are smart and conservatives are stupid. They know best so Republicans should just sit back and let

the progressives show them how to do things. Wake up, Conservatives! It's time you get concerned, become aware, and then get involved. Here's a quick review of the important dates for the Primary Season. Affiliated voters must change over by May 23. We encourage those conservative like Libertarians or Constitutionalists to do so. Unaffiliated voters may re-affiliate at any time before and even on the primary election day, June 24. The County Clerk's office will mail out ballots on June 2, a full 22 days before the election date. An unregistered voter may come in and register in the clerk's office by June 16. Please encourage any young person who will be 18-years-old by June 24 to do so. You can actually vote as early as June 2nd or when you get your mailed ballot or you can go to the courthouse, surrender your mailed ballot, and vote in person beginning June 2nd through June 24th. This election season is very critical to the county, the state and the country. Don't be apathetic. Elections have serious consequences. Plan to vote in June and November. Every vote counts.

Candidates Forum: April 22

The Custer County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a candidate forum to give all local voters an opportunity to meet the candidates running for an elected office this political season, and to hear what they have to say regarding a number of issues. The forum will be held Tuesday, April 22,

beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Custer County School. Candidates running for County Commissioner: Allen Butler, Bob Kattnig, and Jack Canterbury; Sheriff: Tony Supan, Eric Thompson, Shannon Byerly; and Coroner: Art Nordyke and Brad Baltzy are invited.

The format is as follows: a three-minute introduction by each candidate; pre-selected questions asked by Chamber moderator; two-minute response to each question by each candidate; and three-minute closing remarks by each candidate. The pre-selected questions will come from

Chamber members and other local voters who submit them to the Chamber office prior to the forum. No questions will be taken from the audience that night.

To submit a question to the Chamber, e-mail it to info@custercountyco.com, mail to PO Box 81, Westcliffe, CO

81252, call the office at 719-783-9163 or stop by during normal office hours which are Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The office is located at 110 Rosita Avenue inside the All Aboard Westcliffe Interpretive Center.



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Correction:

The Town of Silver Cliff had three incumbents elected back to the town board: Lela Cravens, Mary Behrendt and Marty Wolff for four-year-terms, and three candidates elected for two-year-terms: Danny Smith, Bob Hall and Richard Lowe.

Candidate H.A."Buck" Wenzel did not get on the board.



Your Opinions... "We the People" Speak

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Resurrection Sunday or Easter?

by Audrey Slater
Oak Creek Grade

In Leviticus 23:5 God established Passover as a Feast of the Lord. It was to be observed every year on the 14th day of the first month of the year at twilight. This is in the spring of the year. As we Christians know that is the feast that Jesus and the apostles were observing at the Last Supper.

So Jesus took the place of the Passover sacrificial lamb and shed His blood on Passover, then He died, was buried, and rose again.

So why do we Christians call it Easter and not Resurrection Sunday? And why do we color eggs and have Easter bunnies hide the eggs?

A terrible false religion developed back in the time after the flood with Noah's talented but evil great-grandson, Nimrod (Gen 10:6-10) who rebelled against God. Jewish tradition indicates that Nimrod was a tyrant "who made all of the people rebellious against God." When he eventually died, his wife saw that the Babylonian religion he started continued on, with Nimrod as god (Baal) and herself as goddess (Ishatar).

The people worshipped the god (Baal) and goddess (Ishatar) of fertility with sexual rituals and human sacrifices so perverse that God knew something had

to be done to slow and frustrate this evil. So He confused their languages so they could not understand each other. Basically, every vile and profane practice originated at Babel with Queen Easter/Ishtar and Nimrod (Tammuz).

Ishtar (pronounced Easter) was also known as Eostre, Astarte, Ostera, Eastre, Ashtorah or Ash-toreth (1Kings 11:5), and Queen of Heaven (Jer. 7:18, 44:17). She was the goddess of spring and the fertility goddess.

The bunny rabbit is also known as a symbol of fertility probably due to its rapid reproduction rate. The Easter egg was a sacred symbol among the Babylonians. They believed a fable that a large egg supposedly fell from heaven into the Euphrates River and from that egg the goddess Astarte (Easter/Ishatar) was hatched. The egg is also a symbol of fertility.

So Easter is one of the names of a vile woman who deceived the world and who was truly an enemy of the true God. As a Christian I now find it hard to wish anyone a Happy Easter. However, I will still celebrate the Resurrection of my Lord and Savior by wishing everyone a Happy Resurrection Sunday.

Resources: christiananswers.net; last trumpet-ministries.org

America Needs to Know! A Message from Dave Roevers, of Eagles Summit Ranch

My dear friends,

In recent weeks, I have been more than honored to speak at many of the National Prayer Breakfasts and Luncheons across our nation — Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota, Ft. Meade Army Post, and the National Security Agency in Maryland. Then it was on to Dover Air Force Base where my life was changed forever! After that, I traveled to the West Coast for an event at Beale Air Force Base, California, followed by a Pacific tour to Ft. Shafter, Schofield Barracks, and U.S. Army Pacific Command (USARPAC). It was one of the most rewarding tours of my life!

Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, is the home of the port mortuary where the remains of our fallen heroes are tended. It is the first stop from the combat zones. I have never seen honor such as I saw there. It is hallowed ground. My legs gave way, and I staggered to keep from falling under the emotional weight of what I witnessed. The remains of our national treasures are treated with the highest imaginable respect, and the care shown in preparation for interment is stunning. Perfectly pressed garments with their ratings carefully sewn on await our

heroes. Flags to be draped are without spot or wrinkle. Military medals and awards are perfectly placed upon the chest of our valiant warriors. But what impacted me were the HUNDREDS of lined-up uniforms, perfectly suspended on hangers...shrouds to cover those yet to give the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

I was taken to the flight line where the giant C5A, the largest American aircraft ever built, would pull to a gentle stop. From the belly of this behemoth, a small but priceless treasure is transferred to an awaiting truck that is spotless and clean. In the distance, a barrier rope with golden hooks on each end is suspended on golden stands... it separates the families from their fallen loved ones. The families first lay eyes on the fallen loved one, takes place as perfect, precise movements of pallbearers transfer encased valor from the airplane to the truck. My eyes filled with tears as the Chaplain described these moments with tears in his own eyes. After witnessing thousands of heroes pass through this hallowed moment, his heart was not calloused but broken.

"Conducting this ceremony must be the most difficult requirement of your service

to our country," I said.

"No," he replied, "the most difficult time is when we have a runner. That is when a precious young wife, a mom, a dad, or another family member can't take the emotional anguish any longer and cannot be restrained. They jump the barrier and run after the truck as it pulls away from the airplane. They run with every ounce of strength in their body trying in vain, desperately reaching to touch the remains of their loved ones. They chase the truck down the road, and we run after them, hold them and offer comfort."

America needs to know the valor of our fallen heroes. America needs to know the honor and care for those who have fallen. America needs to know the incalculable pain of family members who have lost their most precious possessions. America needs to know a wife's broken heart, a mother's love, a dad's quivering chin.

America needs to know some things are still worth dying for!

Have you ever chased a truck down the road? Well, I have. I am chasing a truck that has the remains of an America I once knew; an America where you could pray in school; raise a cross

on a hill beside a freeway; and where spoken words of faith would not bring a lawsuit. I'm chasing a truck which carries the remains of liberty. Can I catch that truck?

Three days after a valiant death on a cross, his disciples could take it no longer. They chased the truck all the way to His tomb to happily discover that hope was not dead. Christ had arisen with healing in His wings.

There is still hope for America...Hope for a resurrection of the dying dream of freedom.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land...2 Chronicles 7:14

Will you run with me? Will you chase the truck of freedom? Will you help me to reach our emotionally broken warriors with hope? We CAN do this together. Your gift of love will allow me to bring the message of Christ to those who are in desperate need.

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A Community Divided

I recently attended the commissioner's meeting on Monday, March 31st, and left very disappointed. I witnessed naysayers and seemingly indifferent commissioners discussing our hospital district, i.e., the Custer County Clinic and EMS. Since December of 2012 a very dedicated group of VOLUNTEERS, led by Joe Arbuckle, have been trying to save the clinic from going under and are now trying to save the county EMS. The previous administration had been an absolute abomination in improving both pro-

vider-patient services and the financial status of the local clinic and the EMS. If it were not for the present board of all VOLUNTEERS working countless hours to resolve numerous ongoing problems and to improve the scope of medical care while directing the clinic toward solvency, we would not have a county health district, or an EMS, to serve our county residents. Perhaps there have been deviations from the original service plan of 1988 (25 years ago) but situations change and occasionally, past procedures

must be amended in order to meet present demands and concerns.

As a community let us not polarize ourselves and let's be part of the solution. Let's work together and resolve the issues as they occur. Let the Commissioners listen carefully to the problems at hand and... let us be appreciative of the efforts of volunteers who are serving their county. Thank you.

*Mike Whalen,
a concerned citizen,
Rural Custer County*

Recycling at Club America

Too much... that's what happened with plastic bag recycling at the Super Market. So many folks recycled their plastic bags and bubble wrap that it caused one too many overflow conditions. Sustainable Ways-High Country Recycling thanks all the Westcliffe Super Market employees and in particular, Lynn Lagree, for providing the space for our barrel and for putting up with the hassles it created.

Two barrels have been set

up inside the white metal shed on the west side of Club America's parking lot for plastic bags. The shed will be unlocked when Club America is open. If the shed is locked please come back another time and DO NOT leave anything on the ground or nearby. This will cause the removal of the barrels.

Plastic bags and bubble wrap can also be dropped off at the landfill in the metal bins marked 'Plastic Bags' next to the other re-

cycling bins when the landfill is open. .

We encourage everyone to use reusable canvas or other non-plastic shopping bags and ditch the plastic bag habit. Keep a few reusable bags in your car and truck and get in the habit of grabbing one or two before you get out of your vehicle. It's the simplest and easiest thing you can do to be a good steward of our planet.

*Sincerely,
Sustainable Ways - HCR*

The art of taxation consists in so plucking the goose as to obtain the largest amount of feathers with the least amount of hissing.

~ Jean-Baptist Colbert

Thanks for the Well-Researched Reports

I would like to thank, and compliment, the Sentinel reporter Paul Sage for his comprehensive and in-depth reporting, and in particular on the on-going saga of the health clinic's ambulance issues. It is obvious that Paul has spent untold hours doing research on the various historical and regulatory issues as his reporting shows a depth and breadth of knowledge that seems to be beyond the various elected officials he has encountered in the last few months. In retrospect, his possible ambulance service alternatives he offered in an op-ed piece a few months

ago are finally being recognized by our elected representatives, however, their failure to act in a timely manner when that article was published eliminated at least one possible path.

Paul's analysis of the ambulance situation is accurate: the Clinic should retain the ambulance and orient itself towards its original Service Plan agreement, that of providing 24/7 ambulance and emergency care. This "Taj Mahal", in-efficient, and doomed-to-fail approach the current Clinic board is taking will haunt the valley in a very short time. These

rural regional do-all health clinics will virtually all fail in the next few years as government and insurance company reimbursement rates drop, and everybody knows it. Paul's reporting has pegged this and we fail to heed his warnings at our own peril.

Thanks, Paul, for your great effort to educate us on these issues. I wish more citizens would take the time to inform themselves so they can make intelligent decisions.

*Sincerely,
Ray PoBlano,
Rural Custer County*

Thanks, from the Westcliffe Stampede Royalty Committee

Letter to Editors:

On behalf of the Westcliffe Stampede Royalty Committee, we send a big Thank You to all those that helped out and/or were sponsors for the 2014 Royalty Competition. Without your help and participation, our job would have been much harder. To Tres Rios Silver for the beautiful buckles; to Valley Ace Hardware for the great trophies; to Donna Hood of A Painted View Ranch for use of the facili-

ties, and for her donation of clothing; to the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club for our budget and support; to Gary Joseph for his donation; to Lynn Stock for her guidance & knowledge; to Ashten Hutton, Jane Thomas, Elin Ganschow, Monty Lee, and MacKenzie Huffman for their various areas of expertise; and to Terry, Tori, and Jackie as judges. Thank you to the parents of Nicole, Taylor, Kaya, and Brooke for the

encouragement and support of their daughters. Without their support the girls may not have had the opportunity to hold these positions of Royalty. We look forward to watching our Royalty represent Westcliffe at various rodeos and events throughout the coming year.

*Sandy Brown
Terry Lee
Stampede Royalty Committee*

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Ask a Pro: Keeping up on Pump Technology
Part of providing the best service that we can to our customers involves keeping up with the latest water system technology. In order to do this, we periodically attend classes put on by the pump manufacturers and suppliers. Recently our service personnel attended another very informative training session put on by one of our pump suppliers on Gould's pumps, motors and control systems. The class included hands on training for trouble-shooting these pumps and the electrical systems that run them. The training session also provided information on the latest types of electrical control systems available.
Our office staff has attended this training in the past so that they may be better prepare to answer any questions that our customers might have when they interface with them in the office or over the phone.
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Local Mountain News & Notices

Silver West Airport

by Carol Clemenson

There has been a lot going on at the Silver West Airport. Ever since the County Commissioners dissolved the Authority Board and changed the management structure of the airport to be run by the County, Robert Jolley was the only member that stayed on the new board. “I will not let this airport go under”, says Jolley. He is the airport manager and as such has continued to run the airport like a well-oiled machine.

There are five members on the board now. They are: Bob Jolley, Mary Seifert, Bob Koester, Johnny Smith (new), and Mead Gary (new). Dallas Anderson is resigning, so they would like volunteers to send in a letter of interest so they can have a seven-member board. In order to be on the board, a letter of interest needs to be submitted to the County Commissioners for approval. So far, Bob Jolley is the only letter that has been submitted as of January 1, 2014. If you don't want to be on the board but would like to help out at the airport, please contact Bob Jolley. Help is always needed. Wes Taylor does a lot of volunteering and so does Bob Koester.

Circle was installed in the center of the runway which indicates the proper traffic patterns to overhead aircraft. The Board has their meetings the 1st Wednesday of each month at 8:00 am.

There are more changes that are in the works for the Airport to make it safer and more flight friendly:

1. Crack seal the runway after the temperature warms up a lot more. “Probably sometime next Spring”, says Jolley.
2. An Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS). This tells the pilots about the weather in Westcliffe. A grant request has been submitted to C-DOT – Department of Aviation. Commissioner Butler has been working with C-DOT.
3. Dallas Anderson has put together a budget, so this will help everyone involved.



Playing in the sky above Silver West Airport.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

and the report goes to the State.”

Bill Geipel wants to set up a museum at the airport, and the advisory board hopes it can happen, “I think it would bring a lot more interest in the airport”, says Jolley, “However the Commissioners are still a little skeptical.”

Some folks in Westcliffe and Silver Cliff ask, “What is so important about the airport and how does it affect me when I don't use it?” “Well”, says Jolley “many of the folks that fly in have a second home here which they pay taxes. If they are just visitors, then they come in and either have a car in the lot or have someone pick them up. They need somewhere to stay, so they rent a room at



On the flightline, at Silver West Airport.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

A new security system was just installed as of December 30, 2013. It includes five cameras around the area that keep track of all the planes that land. Before, the only way the manager could have somewhat of an idea of who came and went was if they bought fuel. There has also been security gates installed by K-2 Concepts, so you can only get in with the use of the code. Also, a Segmented

“There always seems to be a lot of inspections like the above ground storage (SPCC) Spill Preventions Control and Containment, fuel line inspections, testing of fuel and many more. This is all State Regulated”, says Jolley, “And the compliances are always submitted on time. If I have a problem, I make a phone call and explain and I get a little extension and the problem gets taken care of

one of the Motels in town for a few days; the need food, so they go to the supermarket or eat at the restaurants in town.

“I am very proud to be a part of this Airport”, says Jolley. The board also has many events they would like to do in the interest of the Community. They would like to have the Gliders back and an Air Show fly in, just to mention a few.

EMS Study Committee: More Ambulance Discourse

by Paul Sage

At a meeting of the EMS study committee on April 1st just one day after citizens and Custer County Commissioners suggested that the most responsible solution to the EMS/Clinic financial dilemma was to better allocate the tax funds already collected from the citizens to perform the services agreed to, Hospital District Board Chairman Joe Arbuckle again expressed his concerns with regard to re-allocating funds within the Hospital District to fund the Ambulance Service.

Addressing Wet Mountain Fire Protection District Board Chairman Roger Camper, Joe Arbuckle said, “One of the things that

came up in the Commissioner's meeting yesterday among others that was very disturbing was this attitude of either/or in the Hospital District. Either you fund the Clinic or you fund the EMS, but you don't fund both with the available resources.”

“Some of the thinking yesterday was, well, you need to take the money away from the clinic and reduce services and shift it over to the EMS because that has priority. In fact, that's what (Commissioner) Lynn Attaberry said at the end of the meeting.”

“Well, that's not how we're approaching it, just for your information. We're trying to keep both of these things operational...We're

not looking at this thing as either/or, just for your information.”

The Hospital District collects about a half million dollars in tax revenues from the citizens every year and has been trying for some time to find a way to jettison the Ambulance Service while keeping all but forty to fifty thousand dollars of the tax revenue to operate the Clinic. The Hospital District Board is confident the citizens will be willing to pay several hundred thousand dollars more in property and now (newly proposed) sales taxes if the message can just be conveyed clearly to them, especially with the help of the Fire District and County Commissioners.

Eagles Summit Ranch: Dave Roevers Announces a New Team

by George Gramlich

During the Wounded Warrior dinner at last Friday's (April 4) graduation dinner, Pastor Dave Roevers announced that long-time associates Kathy and Dave Wampler, who managed Eagles Summit Ranch (ESR) since its inception, would be moving to Texas to assume new duties there. Pastor Dave was proud to announce that the new directors are Beverly and Jerry Schoemaker.



Jerry & Beverly Schoemaker and Kathy & Dave Wampler

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

Jerry and Bev were married three years ago after both having suffered terrible family tragedies. Bev graduated from the Eagles Summit Ranch program three years ago. They were chosen by Pastor Dave to be the liaisons at the Roevers Foundation's California wounded warrior ranch in April, 2013.

Bev has a son in the 10th Special Forces at Fort Carson.

After Pastor Dave chose to move the Wampler's to the Roevers Foundation's Texas operation last year, the Schoemakers moved back to Westcliffe in January of this year. To say that Bev and Jerry are excited about the opportunities at ESR is a great understatement. With each having a personal testimony of tragedy and faith, they hope to use that background in their working with our wounded soldiers.

The Wampers and the Schoemakers have been working together for the last few months to insure a smooth transition for the ranch.

Pastor Dave stated that Kathy and Dave Wampler, as well as Dave himself, would be at virtually every graduation. They all consider ESR and Westcliffe to be their wounded warrior home base.

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Westcliffe Trustee Says Goodbye

Commentary
by Katherine Camper

On the evening of April 8th, Joe Cascarelli attended his final meeting as Westcliffe Trustee. His tenure, five and one half years, ended when the Town Board completed their Old Business. At that point, the two new trustees and the one re-elected incumbent were sworn in for the final half of the meeting.

Joe has been an outspoken and oft criticized member of the Board of Trustees. He is a compulsive researcher and questions not only current issues that come before the board, but also past decisions that often expose the town to unforeseen risk or expense. Even Joe's critics admit that his primary motivation is the welfare of the town and its private citizen residents.

The first thing one would notice about Joe's tenure is his near perfect attendance record. He was often the only one to vote "no" on poorly presented requests

for money or requests that do not benefit Westcliffe residents. When people ask the board for money, even for a worthwhile cause, Joe will ask, "How many Westcliffe residents will benefit?" In a county with sixty plus non-profit organizations, worthwhile requests for donations are in abundance. But, when only a handful of Westcliffe residents benefit, it is time to reevaluate the request.

Recently called a "naysayer" by a local newspaper publisher, Joe responds by saying, "Elected officials with fiduciary responsibilities should say 'no' more often." "Those who request public funds should have to sell their idea and offer a cost benefit analysis," he has been quoted as saying, "If someone requesting public funds can't deal with a little push-back, maybe the request isn't that worthwhile after all."

What advice does Joe offer to the new board? He says that a go-along-to-get-along decision making

method will spend Westcliffe into fiscal danger. He hopes that trustees will do their homework and question everything with vigor. A trap that many public officials find themselves in is to fail to consider unintended consequences. This is why the decision making process should be punctuated by self-imposed "time-outs" for critical thinking and debate. When competing forces for funds create artificial time lines or push for a quick answer...watch out.

He says to the citizens of Westcliffe, "Thank you for your trust. It has been my honor to represent your interests for the past five and a half years."

And to Joe, I say, "Thank you for your dedication to this community, and the courage to do the right thing for the Town of Westcliffe. Thank you for looking at the facts of the matter to make an informed business decision. You will be missed!"

Colorado Sheriff's Second Amendment Lawsuit

by George Gramlich

In an interview with the Sentinel, Custer County Sheriff Fred Jobe announced that the Federal lawsuit instituted by 55 Colorado Sheriffs and other pro second amendment groups last year against the new gun laws passed by the Colorado legislature and signed by Governor Hickenlooper, would commence April 1 in Denver.

The court had previously ruled that the 55 Colorado Sheriffs did not have legal "standing" to sue the Colorado government, but that 11 of the sheriffs who were retiring or leaving of-

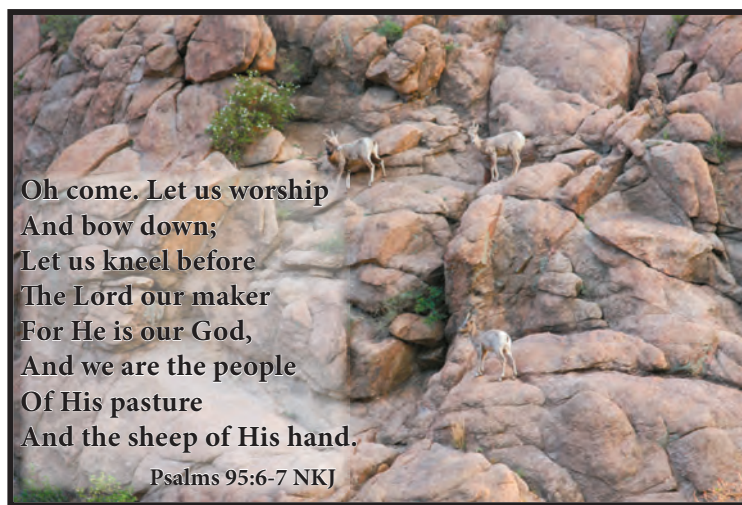
fice did as private citizens. Lead attorney for the sheriffs is the famous second amendment attorney David Kopel, who has donated his time to the effort.

Sheriff Jobe stated that there have been positive results even before the lawsuit has commenced as 1) the lawsuit has put pressure on the Democrats in the legislature (as well as the two successful recalls of two anti-second amendment democratic legislators last year), 2) the Colorado Attorney General compromised on the convertibility issue regarding H.B. 1224 (the new magazine law), 3)

the Colorado AG also compromised on the continuous possession requirements stated in the new laws, and 4) the ban on certain tube shotguns was dropped.

Also noted by Sheriff Jobe, even though the new law requires a background check for private sales, the number of private sale background checks performed by CBI was virtually the same as the previous year. This indicates that this particular law is being ignored by the public.

The Sentinel will post updates to this story as they are available.



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Your constitutional rights are of the utmost importance to me, particularly the second and fourth amendments. I will work beside you as a strong defender to make sure those rights are protected.

There is a difference between city and rural law enforcement. A sheriff does many jobs that a city policeman would never be asked to do. Just a few examples are Fire Marshal, Sheriff Sales, jail operation, inmate care and civil paper processes. Most of these jobs take time and experience to learn and carry out. I have spent the time and have the experience to fulfill these and all other duties of this office.

The most important difference between city and rural law enforcement is who holds us accountable. In the city, a manager who is directed by a Council that is elected by the people handles the accountability. As a sheriff, you are held accountable to your friends and neighbors because they are the people who elect you into office. I feel that this direct accountability to the electors makes it very personal and emphasizes the privilege and honor it is to serve.

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Teacher Feature Michelle Tillotson

Where were you raised?
Hornell, N.Y.

Education: M.A. in Literacy, Adams State College, Colorado; B.A. in English Education, Alfred University, New York

Hobbies: Spending time with my family, mission work, reading, & watching my kids in their activities.

Personal Info: (e.g. married, children) Married to John Tillotson for 21 years and counting; 3 children- Sarah (20), Rebecca (18), and Noah (16)

Currently teaching - Grade Level or Content Area: 6-8 Reading Workshop; College Literature and Composition for seniors

Why did you choose to work in Custer County? My husband's family camped in the Sangres all through his childhood, and when we began our own fami-

ly, the tradition continued. Our dream was to have the opportunity to raise our family here, and my husband received a job offer at the school in 1998. We have lived and worked here ever since!

What is your greatest motivation to be a teacher? Teachers have the opportunity every day to make a difference in a student's life. It doesn't get better than that!

What are your greatest challenges as a teacher? Teaching can be time-consuming between the hours you are at school and the hours spent at home planning and grading. It can be difficult finding a healthy balance.



What is the most important 'take away' you hope for your students at the end of the year?

I want my students to develop a passion for reading. Reading opens doors for students, improving their vocabulary and reading comprehension skills. When they walk out the doors on the last day of school, I want reading to be part of their summer plans!

Lifeguarding Course Offered at Club America

The American Red Cross Lifeguarding Course is to provide entry-level lifeguard participants with the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize and respond to aquatic emergencies and to provide care for breathing and cardiac emergencies, injuries and sudden illnesses until emergency medical services personnel take over.

Lifeguard candidates must be at least 15-years-old by May 4th. A prerequisite swim is required which includes continuous swim-

ming, treading water, and surface diving. The practice sessions require some strenuous physical activity. You are encouraged to check with your health care professional before participation. Certification requires attending the entire 26-hour course, demonstrating competency in all skill sessions/drills, activities and scenarios, and passing the final written exams with a minimum grade of 80 percent. Upon successful completion of the course, you will receive an American Red Cross certificate for Life-

guarding/First Aid/CPR/AED, valid for 2 years.

Swimming Skills Evaluation on: Wed, April 9 or Fri, April 11, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Class Dates are: Sat, April 12, 2:00 - 7:50 pm; Wed, April 16, 4:45 - 7:45 pm; Sat, April 19, 2:00 - 7:45 pm; Mon, April 28, 3:30 - 8:30 pm; Sat, May 3, 2:00 - 5:30 pm; Sun, May 4, 2:30 - 5:30 pm

For more information and course enrollment fees, contact Lisa Kaufman at Club America (719) 783-0750.

New Leadership at Paca Peace Ranch

Paca Peace Ranch will move forward in the next school year under new leadership. Beth Kolecke has been selected to manage the ranch and its youth programs.

Kolecke brings to the program a great deal of experience with animals and kids, having managed her own horse stable in Illinois. Her stable offered summer day camps for kids of various ages, and she worked with groups of Girl Scouts as they completed badges in horsemanship.

Kolecke says that she will be more comfortable having kids work with alpacas which have very little way to hurt anyone. She has completed preliminary training with alpacas and started as a youth mentor. According to Sue Hill, the current Program Manager, "Beth is intuitive and gentle with both animals and kids. She is a natural."

The Paca Peace Board of Directors approved Kolecke's appointment at a meeting on April 5th. "Beth is not only experienced, but also certified as a vet tech and EMT. The animals, kids, and program will be in excellent hands. We are thrilled to have her at the helm," says Board President Kristen Maher.

As of July, the Paca Peace program and animals will be housed out of Kolecke's ranch in Rosita. In the meantime, she has been elected to the board of directors and will be assisting as a mentor and volunteer.

Bob and Sue Hill will remain involved with the program serving as youth mentors and board members.



Beth Kolecke mentoring Mattie Ballard as she learns to handle her alpaca.

courtesy photo

Paca Peace Ranch is a nonprofit organization that works with local 5th graders to build confidence as well as skills in decision-making and peaceful conflict resolution. It teaches these skills in part by having each kid participating in the year-long program, bond with and train an alpaca. The program helps ensure that kids enter their teens ready to thrive. For more information, visit www.pacapeace.org.

Bobcats Baseball Update

Due to the timing of spring snowstorms this past week, the Bobcats missed out on a couple opportunities to show the hometown fans some baseball. On Thursday, April 3, Sargent was scheduled to come to town for a non-conference match-up.

Snowfall that day was measureable, in comparison to last Saturday, the 5th. With snow mostly just threatening on an otherwise pretty miserable day, the conference double-header with John Mall was cancelled. This week, the Bobcats play away games: On Tues-

day, April 8, the opponent is Sanford. On Saturday, April 12 the destination is Victor-Cripple Creek for a conference double-header at 11:00 am and 1:30 pm. The John Mall contest is rescheduled for Thursday, April 17 at home, 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm. Go Bobcats!

Bobcats Sport Schedule

BASEBALL

Saturday, April 12

11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.: Double Header - Cripple Creek at Cripple Creek

Thursday, April 17

2 p.m. and 4 p.m.: Double Header - John Mall at Home

Friday, April 18

Antonito at Adams State

Tuesday, April 22

4:30 p.m. Rocky Ford at Home

Friday, April 25

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.: Double Header - South Park at Home

TRACK

Friday, April 11

8 a.m.: Ray E. Choate Invitational at Primero

Saturday, April 12, 2014

8 a.m.: Salida at Salida

Saturday, April 19, 2014

8 a.m.: Rye at Rye

Thursday, April 24, 2014

2:30 p.m.: Primero Invitational at Primero

Saturday, April 26

Palmer Ridge at Monument

GO BOBCATS!



Bobcat Menu • April 14 - April 17, 2014

Monday breakfast
Blueberry or Banana Muffin Loaf, Ham
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Nachos
Mexican Rice
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Tuesday breakfast
Scrambled Eggs
W.W. Toast
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Chicken Egg Roll
Fried Rice
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Wednesday breakfast
Sausage-Pancake Wrap
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Cheese Pizza
Birthday Cake
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Thursday breakfast
Sausage Gravy, Biscuits
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Sloppy Jo
Choice of Vegetable
Choice of Fruit
Milk

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

KIDS

Friday, April 11, 2014

Freedom of Religion and Worship

The darkest hour is just before dawn. That makes the sunrise so spectacular as peace and awe is experienced. The Christian observance of sunrise on Resurrection Sunday is a remembrance and celebration of Christ rising from the grave. How blessed are we to enjoy this freedom of worship and freedom of religion!

There is a difference between freedom of worship and freedom of religion. Freedom of worship is an act of religious devotion toward a deity. Freedom of religion is a principle that supports the freedom to believe in a teaching which is a choice not an action. Many people and nations consider freedom of religion a fundamental right.

During Holy Week, there is a lot to reflect upon. One of those reflections could be the thanks to our founding fathers of our country to create a new nation away from religious persecution and the on-going battles by our military and grassroots organizations defending our rights. Believe. Stand up. Be involved.

information source: wikipedia

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Quilt Expo in Pueblo

by Carol Clemenson

Quilt and Stitch Expo presented by: Kibbie Balsick, Susie Cunningham, Becky Panariso, Nancy Piazza, and Julia Sandusky.

The Pueblo Quilt Exposition is a national quilt trade show that brings vendors from all over the country. Everything that is “quilt” is available at the show including materials, cutting tables, cabinets, notions, jewelry, thread, sewing machines, embroidery machines, and, of course, quilts themselves.

Westcliffe’s own Grammie Tammie’s had a booth at the show. She had so many people from New Mexico, Texas, Utah, Oklahoma, and Nevada that she was amazed these people would come so far for this show. They love the idea that they can buy from her quilt shop online. Many quilt shops have an online website.

The show itself is very interesting and exciting. People are very inspired by some of the beautiful quilts



The Olde Schoolhouse Quilter Raffle Quilt.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

they see. It is an inspiration for many to start quilting.

This show is the jumpstart for the spring season for all sewers or crafters. Custer County Quilters had a quilt at the show which they are raffling off with the winner being announced on September 1, 2014, at the Old Schoolhouse Museum. The money raised helps the club to make another quilt for next year and to keep teaching folks young and old to learn the art. Also, the funds help the Parks and

Recreation for the youth to keep doing things for the children in our community. Please stop into Grammie Tammie’s quilt shop after April 9th and get a good look of the raffle quilt and buy a raffle ticket to get the chance to win the quilt.

A lot of these people will come to Westcliffe on Labor Day weekend for The Olde Schoolhouse Quilters quilt show and many other activities that will be going on that weekend.

Easter Bake Sale

The Altar & Rosary Society of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church will hold its annual Easter Bake Sale on Saturday, April 19th, in the community center next to the library. The sale begins at 9:00 am and will end at noon. We will offer a selection of pies, cakes, cookies, breads, etc. We are raising funds for our scholarship program. We invite everyone to come join us.

Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program

Commodities will be distributed on April 23. New rule will require person show verification they live in Custer County. Types of valid verification would include ID, utility bill or mail received at your current address. Distribution to the eligible public will start shortly after 8:00 a.m. as soon as volunteer staff are prepared. Dis-

tribution will take place at the south end of the scale house behind the courthouse. Consumers should have access to freezer space as some of the items need to be kept frozen until used. Commodities will be handed out on a first come basis and include: canned apricots, canned peaches, canned green beans, canned peas, Rice Crisp Cereal,

Tasteeos Cereal, canned beef stew, UHT 1% milk, mixed vegetables, canned pear halves, whole grain spaghetti, frozen chicken leg quarters, frozen cooked turkey breast/frozen turkeys, frozen blueberries, and ground beef. Also, various breads, pastries and produce will be handed out if available.

April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Drinking too much alcohol increases people’s risk of injuries, violence, drowning, liver disease, and some types of cancer. This April, during Alcohol Awareness Month, Custer County Public Health Agency encourages you to educate yourself and your loved ones about the dangers of drinking too much.

According to CDOT, each year in Colorado more than 26,000 people are arrested for DUI and over 150 people are killed in alcohol-related traffic crashes – representing more than one-third of Colorado’s total motor vehicle fatalities. Alcohol abuse and alcoholism can affect all aspects of your life. Long-term alcohol use can cause serious health complications affecting virtually every organ in your body, including your brain. To spread the word and

prevent alcohol abuse in our community, the Custer County Public Health Agency is joining other organizations across the country to honor Alcohol Awareness Month.

If you are drinking too much, you can improve your health by cutting back or quitting. Here are some strategies to help you cut back or stop drinking:

- Limit your drinking to no more than 1 drink a day for women or 2 drinks a day for men.
- Keep track of how much you drink.
- Don’t drink when you are upset.
- Avoid places where people drink a lot.
- Make a list of reasons not to drink.

If you are concerned about someone else’s drinking, of-

fer to help.

Visit the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) web site for more information.

• We especially want to remind parents, during this season of Prom and graduations, that teen alcohol use kills more people than all illegal drugs combined. Three out of four teens say their parents are the biggest influence on their decisions about alcohol. April 21st is Power Talk 21 Day – the national day for parents to talk with teens about alcohol. Parents are also reminded that social host laws in Colorado could make them liable if they willfully and knowingly provide alcohol to minors.

For more information, visit madd.org/PowerTalk21; ncadd.org; or call Custer County Public Health at 783-3369.

Holy Week Services

Christian Science
9:30 a.m. Worship
8 Bassick Place, Westcliffe
719/783-4601

Church of Christ
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
1:30 p.m. Worship
Wed., 6 p.m. Worship
818 Ohio Street, Silver Cliff
719/783-4601

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
10 a.m. Sacrament Mtg.
12:10 p.m. Sunday School
240 Ridgeline Drive, Westcliffe
719/783-9356
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Cody Park Community Church
4/17, 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday
4/20, 6 a.m. Sunrise Service
Followed by Potluck Breakfast
4/20, 10:30 a.m. Easter Service
517 County Rd. 27A, Cotopaxi
719/942-3462
719/942-3526

Community United Methodist Church
4/17, 6 p.m. Seder Dinner, Reservations Required
4/18, 6 p.m. Good Friday Service
8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Easter Services
202 S. 6th Street, Westcliffe
719/783-2511

Cotopaxi Community Church
4/17, 7 p.m. Maundy Thurs. Service
4/20, 6 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
Followed by Potluck Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Worship
20326 Hwy. 50, Cotopaxi
719/942-4185

First Baptist Church of Westcliffe
4/20, 8 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service, Followed by Pancake Breakfast
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
417 S. 6th Street, Westcliffe
719/783-2498

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

Hope Lutheran Church
4/16, 6 p.m. - Soup Supper
7 p.m. Service
4/17, 7 p.m. - Maundy Thursday
4/18, 7 p.m. - Good Friday
4/20 Easter Sunday
8 a.m. Brief Service w/ Communion
9 a.m. Breakfast, No Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
3rd & Powell Streets, Westcliffe
719/783-9773

Oak Creek Grade General Store
4 p.m. Worship
Followed by Potluck
12 miles north on Cty. Rd. 255
719/783-2245

Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church Diocese of Pueblo
Palm Sunday, 4/13, 11 a.m. Mass
Maundy Thurs., 4/17, 3 p.m. Mass
Good Friday, 4/18, 3 p.m. Holy Sat., 4/19, 7:45 p.m. Vigil Mass
Easter 4/20, 11 a.m. Mass
Sunday, 4/27, 11 a.m. Mass
109 S. 5th Street, Westcliffe
719/783-3507

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

Sangre de Cristo Mennonite Church
4/18, 7 p.m. Good Friday Service
4/20, 8 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9 a.m. Message of Hope by Pastor Dave Schlabach
120 Jerry Drive, Westcliffe
719/783-0903

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

St. Luke’s Episcopal Church
4/18, 10:30 a.m. Good Friday Service
4/20, 10:30 a.m. Eucharist
Easter Sunday
3rd & Rosita Streets, Westcliffe
719/783-2477

St. Patrick’s Anglican Church
11 a.m. Worship
401 2nd Street, Westcliffe
719/783-2500

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

Westcliffe Community Church
10 a.m. Worship
103 N. Adams St., Westcliffe
719/429-4256

Wetmore Baptist Church
9:30 a.m. Easter Brunch
10:45 a.m. Worship
Wetmore
719/784-4197

Wetmore Community Church
6 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service - Follow signs to Jackson Hill -
10 a.m. Easter Service at Church
County Rd. 395, Wetmore
719/784-0596

Wild West Cowboy Church
8 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
4 p.m. Easter Service Followed by Children’s Play and Potluck
60260 Hwy. 69 North, Westcliffe
719/783-2676



Jesus said to her,
“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me, will never die.”

John 11:25 - 26 NIV



Local Mountain News & Notices

Events Calendar

Friday, April 11, 2014 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Son of God"	Friday, April 18, 2014 7 p.m.: Gary Ziegler Extreme Archaeology Presentation at the library
Saturday, April 12, 2014 6 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.: American Legion BreaktheFast in School Ag Room and Kitchen 7 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Custer County Health Fair All day: High School Colorado ACT Testing - Library 5 - 7 p.m.: Rotary Van Service Chili Cook-Off: Cliff Lanes 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Son of God"	Saturday, April 19, 2014 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Easter Bake Sale for scholarship program by Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church at Community Center next to library.
Sunday, April 13, 2014 2 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Son of God"	Thursday, April 24, 2014 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.: High School Drama Musical at Jones Theater
Tuesday, April 15, 2014 9 a.m.: BOCC Meeting at Wetmore Fire Station	Friday, April 25, 2014 7:30 - 9 p.m.: High School Drama Musical at Jones Theater
	Saturday, April 26, 2014 7:30 - 9 p.m.: High School Drama Musical at Jones Theater

Recurring Events and Business Hours

Monday 6 p.m.: Closed discussion meeting Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Lisa at (719) 783-0809	Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Library in downtown Westcliffe
Monday through Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Custer County Public transit service available to everyone through Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343	Wednesday Line dancers meet at Community United Methodist Church from 9:30 to 11 a.m. thru the winter starting November 20. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Noon: Lunch served at Custer County Senior Center located on first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP	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 at (719) 783-0809
Monday and Thursday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff opens to assist young mothers and families in need. Services include free pregnancy tests, counseling to pregnant women and more. Call 783-4357	Thursday 5:30 p.m.: Weight Watchers meeting in the Hope Lutheran Church basement. Call 783-4144 6 p.m.: Celebrate Recovery program at First Baptist Church in Westcliffe. Call (719) 568-1060
Tuesday 12:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe. 4:30 p.m.: Awanas for kids ages three through sixth grade at First Baptist Church of Westcliffe	Friday 6 p.m.: Open topic Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Lisa (719) 783-0809
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Jammin' band at Mining Company restaurant in Silver Cliff	Friday and Saturday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.: Share Center adjacent to Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe
	Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Library in downtown Westcliffe 10:30 a.m.: Story time for kids at the library.

Camp Rocky Outdoor Environmental Adventure for Youth

Camp Rocky is an outdoor educational opportunity for youth ages 14 through 19 who are looking for an outdoors adventure. Camp Rocky, sponsored by the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts (CACD) and other natural resource agencies, will be held July 6 – 12, 2014, near Divide, Colorado. The camp, entering its 51st year, provides a great opportunity for teens that enjoy the outdoors and are interested in learning more about Colorado's natural resources. Camp Rocky staff members are professionals in their respective resource fields. These professionals help participants learn about the environment while working in teams and meeting other students from across Colorado. Each year, new and returning students choose one of the following resource fields for their area of focus: Forest Management, Soil and Water Conservation, Rangeland Science, Fish and Wildlife Management, and Recreation Management. Additional activities include volleyball, hiking, archery, fishing, campfires, and a dance. At the close of camp, students will receive a Camp Rocky Certificate of Achievement.

The cost is \$300, all inclusive (meals, lodging, tours, equipment, supplies are all included.) Scholarships are available through local conservation districts statewide. For detailed information and an application visit <http://www.coloradoacd.org/camp-rocky.html> or contact the Custer County Conservation District at 719-783-2481.

School Readiness Screening for all Children ages 3-5

Friday, May 2, 9:00-2:30pm

Located at the school in the Multipurpose Room

Parents of all children who will be between the ages of 3 and 5 by June 1 are requested to make an appointment to have your child screened for Preschool and/or Kindergarten. This is encouraged for parents who plan to home school as well. This screening will provide you with information on your child's readiness for school, their hearing and vision, and additional community resources.

Please call the school at 719-783-4891 to schedule an appointment.

*Truth will ultimately prevail
where there is pain taken to bring it to light.*
~ George Washington

Pueblo's 4th Annual Regional Veterans Resource Forum

Saturday, April 19th, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Pueblo Community College,
Fortino Ballroom on 900 W. Orman Ave.**

Information available:
Federal Benefits (Vietnam Era/ Desert Storm/ Post911) - State Benefits - Education Benefits - Mental Health/Medical Benefits - Pueblo Veterans Clinic - Jobs for Vets - Housing and Homeless Programs - Mortgage Loan Programs - Women Veterans
Vietnam Vets Panel - 30th Anniversary of Agent Orange Settlement

Silver Cliff Trustees/Employees Help Out After-Prom

by Paul Sage

At the April 7th regular meeting of the Silver Cliff Town Board, when asked to consider contributing to the Custer County High School After-Prom Fund, the Trustees and employees of the town opened their wallets and kicked in over \$100.00 of their own money to help out with the event and show their commitment to the success and safety of the young people

in the school. The Westcliffe Town Board will consider their participation at a special meeting on April 14th.

The After-Prom includes a full schedule of events that allow high school students a safe environment to enjoy their prom night and make memories with their friends and classmates that can last a lifetime.

Individuals interested in

donating or parents interested in helping out are encouraged to get involved. Call School Counselor and Head Football Coach Troy Bomgardner at the school for more information. He can be reached at 719-783-4927.

Custer County, this is our school, and the success of our students is largely dependent on our commitment to it. Get involved.

Annual Tree Sale

The Custer Conservation District Annual Spring Tree Sale fundraiser has begun. The District is offering six-to-seven foot trees and also three foot potted trees that are suitable as windbreaks, shade trees, or for landscaping. The potted species that are available include Colorado Blue Spruce, Austrian Pine, and Bristlecone. Examples of the potted trees may be viewed at the District Office. Our tall trees include Piñon Pine, White Fir, Ponderosa Pine, and

Engelmann Spruce. Ten-to-twelve foot Aspens are also available. The trees are dug locally; thereby the trees are already acclimated to the local conditions. To order trees, complete the order form on the following website www.custercountyconservationdistrict.org, or by visiting the District office at 10 Hermit Lane, Silver Cliff. If you have questions please call 783-2481. Discounts are available when larger numbers of trees are ordered. The deadline for ordering

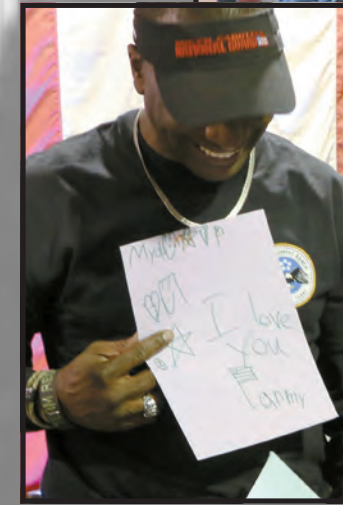
trees is Friday, May 2nd and the trees will be ready for pick-up by mid-May (this timeline is subject to change due to weather & snow conditions). The proceeds of the tree sale help the District provide workshops and conservation education programs to landowners and to the local school district. Custer County Conservation District is a nonprofit organization dedicated to conservation education and helping landowners manage their natural resources.

*"I was glad when they said unto me,
we will go into the house of the Lord".
Psalm 122:1*

*"This is the day that the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it!"
"He is risen, He is risen indeed!" Mark 15:6, Luke 24:34*

**St. Patrick Anglican Church
Holy Week Schedule
Good Friday service 7 p.m. April 18
Easter Holy Communion 11 a.m. April 20
Easter service will be followed by a
Fellowship Celebration Feast**
For information, please call Joanne at 371-3277
401 S. Second Street, Westcliffe
783-2500

Fort Bragg Soldiers Graduate from Eagles Summit Ranch Wounded Warrior Program on April 4, 2014



Sheriff's Report...

There are currently six men in jail.

April 3 At 9:15 a.m., a vehicle with New Mexico plates was driven by Matt McClure, age 19, of Gladstone, New Mexico. McClure was northbound on Highway 69 at about mile marker 67 when he lost control on a right-hand curve due to slick roads, and went off the left-hand side of the roadway hitting a guardrail. There was moderate damage to the side of the vehicle.

April 3 At 11:52 a.m., a 2001 GMC SUV driven by Marjorie Willson, age 83, of rural Westcliffe was northbound on County Road 131 at about mile marker 2. She slid off of the icy, right-hand side of the road and hit the end of a culvert. There was moderate damage to the vehicle.

April 3 David Robert, age 63, of Red Wing, Colorado, was arrested on the 100 block of Main Street in Westcliffe for driving under the influence of alcohol. Roberts was not booked into the Custer County Jail because he needed medical attention and, therefore, was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital.

April 2 A 14-year-old male juvenile from Silver Cliff was issued a summons in Silver Cliff for possession of drug paraphernalia. He will appear in Custer County juvenile court at a later date.

April 1 At 12:55, a 2000 Ford pickup truck driven

by Robert Heinz, age 64, of rural Westcliffe was southbound on County Road 255 at about mile marker 9 when he lost control of his vehicle at a cattle guard. The vehicle went off the right-hand side of the roadway, hit a power box and a tree. Heavy damage was sustained to the vehicle. Heinz was transported by a private driver for medical attention. He was issued a summons for careless driving.

AMBULANCE CALLS
There were 11 ambulance runs

April 7 At 1458, the ambulance was dispatched to the clinic to transport a 68-year-old male experiencing shortness of breath.

April 6 At 3:52, the ambulance was dispatched to VALI Valley Assisted Living to assist with a female patient who had fallen.

April 4 At 2125, the ambulance was dispatched to the clinic to transport a 60-year-old male with a nose bleed to St. Thomas More Hospital.

April 4 At 12:28 p.m., the ambulance was dispatched to the clinic to transport an 85-year-old male to St. Mary Corwin Hospital for possible stroke.

April 4 The ambulance was dispatched to the scene to perform a blood draw for a DUI. The blood draw was refused.

April 3 At 11:17 a.m., the ambulance was dispatched to Ruble Road. Patient was

taken to the clinic where she was stabilized and treated.

April 2 The ambulance was on stand-by for a chimney fire.

April 1 At 2250, the ambulance was dispatched to Ruble Road to transport a 30-year-old female to Parkview Hospital for possible seizures.

April 1 At 1625, the ambulance was dispatched to County Road 255 for a 60-year-old female who was in and out of consciousness. She was transported to the Heart of the Rockies Hospital in Salida.

April 1 At 1425, the ambulance was dispatched to the clinic to transport a 64-year-old male to Parkview Hospital for possible pneumonia.

FIRE CALLS
There were 5 fire calls

April 7 At 11:30 a.m. a fire department was dispatched to Horn Creek for a power line smoldering on the ground. They stood by until the power company arrived.

April 4 At 7:59 a.m., the fire department was dispatched to mile marker 43 on Highway 69 to a structure fire. It was quickly taken care of shortly after arrival.

April 2 At 1957, the fire department was dispatched to a small structure fire at the intersection of Ohio Street and Dewalt in Silver Cliff. It was quickly extinguished.

April 1 Dispatched for traffic control on County Road 255.

I'm Your New BFF Until I Get Elected

by: Barbara Penezic

It seems that politicians are popping up everywhere this spring. Almost like weeds in your garden, you pull one out and two more are waiting to take root. Suddenly, you have become very popular with these smooth talking people, whom it seems, share all of your ideas and want nothing more from life than the opportunity to work for you. Yes!! At this point in time they know they work for you. Life would be so different if only these officials would remember this important piece of information after they are elected. For the very few who really do know who they work for, please accept my apology.

Fellow Fremont County residents we can no longer afford to be complacent. Our County, indeed our entire Country is at risk. We must be very sure that we get it right this time. We must go the extra mile and find out what our candidates truly have to offer behind the toothy white smiles, warm handshakes, and agreeable conversation. Most candidates I have spoken with readily agree that they are adamantly opposed to Agenda 21; but when asked, what in

their opinion, is Agenda 21, the smile disappears and they begin to stammer. One County Commissioner, not to mention any names, but ‘she’ states she is against Agenda 21 yet her voting record tells another story. We must look beyond the pleasantries and flowery phrases, we must pay attention to their actions not their words.

Dr. Gooldy was a guest recently on our local morning talk radio program. It seems the question still lingers in the minds of some, ‘Why would the voters turn down a tax increase that would have funded schools, after all, they voted in favor of the tax hike for the Sherriff’s Dept.?’ For many area residents the answer was clear, they do not want to fund Common Core. They don’t want any part of the federal governments attempted take – over of our public education system and their ‘No’ vote was a clear expression of their disapproval. Much like the proverbial ostrich our local school board members would prefer to stick their heads in the sand rather than accept the fact, that Common Core is not popular with the taxpayers of this county. You see they have already been elected

so your opinion has become just that, your opinion.

The word around Cañon City lately is that our District Attorney Thom LaDeaux is busy laying the ground work to take the death penalty off the table for the Phay Street murders. The talk is that a death penalty case would just be too costly. This killer found a way to take the lives of two children and their Mother. Was he wealthy? Yet he managed to do what our judicial system shrinks from. If it is so financially burdensome to invoke the death penalty then possibly we need to change the way we do business. An oak tree and a strong rope used to work just fine. We have plenty of fine sturdy oak trees and a good rope won’t break the bank. In fact, some fine upstanding citizen just might donate a rope for such a just cause. Tired of seeing these offender’s walk? Call the D.A. and let him know we demand justice for two of our youngest residents and their Mom. This election year as you decide how to vote ask yourself is this candidate for Choice or Control?

Be Informed

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9HealthFair

OWN YOUR HEALTH 9Health Fair Donors - 2014

Custer County Public Health Agency would like to thank the following people and organizations who donated to the 9Health Fair to be held on Saturday April 12 at Custer County School

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Custer County Medical Center
Custer County Realty
Custer County School District
Custer County Senior Citizens Ctr., Inc.
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The Liquor Cabinet
The Stage Stop
The Village Shop
Tonsing Enterprises
Town and Country Salon
United Country Wapiti Realty, LTD
United Methodist Women
Valley Ace Home Center
Westcliffe Petroleum
Westcliffe Supermarket
Westcliffe Wine Mine, LLC
Wet Mountain Storage
Wet Mountain Tribune
Wet Mtn RV Park & Cabins
Wild West Properties, LLC



Norup Gas Inc.

28 Rangeview Loop

(Rangeview Industrial Park)

Located

one mile north of Westcliffe
on Highway 69.

Office hours:

Monday through Friday
8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

719-783-9338

Republican Gubernatorial Candidate Forum

by Chandra Serfoss

At the Republican State Assembly this coming Saturday, delegates representing the 64 Colorado counties will journey to Boulder to select nominees for the upcoming November election. Wishing to receive a place on that ballot, gubernatorial contenders, Roni Sylvester, Mike Kopp, Steve House, Scott Gessler, Greg Brophy, and Bob Beauprez came to Fremont County and responded to citizens’ questions pertaining to the many important issues Colorado is facing. The Royal Gorge Tea Party and the Royal Gorge Republican Women joined together to host the April 5 forum. Of the seven candidates vying for the Republican nomination, only Tom Tancredo did not accept the invitation.

On a number of issues, all six candidates were in agreement: rejecting Common Core in our schools, repealing the Dems’ and Hickenlooper’s new gun legislation, and reducing the size of our out-of-control government, along with its burdensome taxation and regulation. Differences exist primarily in the candidates’ backgrounds, credentials, and platform priorities. And even in those areas, many commonalities are present. Alphabetical order was used in seating, in introductions, and in giving questions as a means to maintain fairness. Candidates drew questions (that were sent to them days beforehand so that they could be prepared with their answers) randomly from a hat. Final questions were submitted to specific candidates by audience participants in any order.

Bob Beauprez spoke fondly of Colorado roots, of his parents’ dairy farm near Boulder that had been in his family for generations, of purchasing and saving his hometown bank and turning it into a multi-million dollar success, and of being a buffalo rancher. Beauprez, a former U.S. Congressman for Colorado’s Congressional District 7, said that because of his past experiences he knows how to create jobs. He pointed to Hickenlooper’s failed policies in promoting only green energy as one of many reasons Colorado is “250,000 jobs short of where we should be.” He also noted that those policies are keeping us from tapping into our natural resources we have available to provide much-needed energy.

When asked about in-state tuition provided to illegal

aliens, Beauprez said that, “It’s a bad idea.” He would like to have the chance to sign legislation that repeals it.

Another question to Beauprez referred to the inequality of funding in prosecuting death penalty cases. While the defense has very deep pockets, the prosecution is limited to funds from local counties. Beauprez responded that the government’s responsibility is public safety and that we may need to reform some of our laws in order to better fulfill that responsibility. And when it comes to leading he’s up to the challenge, which led him to note that convicted murderer “Nathan Dunlap’s time was up, but Hickenlooper punted—left it for the next person in office. If Hickenlooper won’t lead, I will!”

State Senator Greg Brophy, who describes himself as a gun-toting, Prius-driving, cyclist farmer claims that he is typical of Colorado, but our current governor is “Denver-centric”. In fact, Brophy, who has spent most of his life working in agriculture, stated that he is the only Republican contestant who has truly represented rural Colorado; on the Second Amendment, Brophy is the only candidate endorsed by Rocky Mountain Gun Owners. He referred to bills he worked on in the state senate that would safeguard and restore gun rights to Coloradans only to have them defeated by the majority party. Also a native, from small town Wray, Brophy emphasized that we need to kick out Common Core and replace it with common sense education reforms, and that we need to “frack our way to prosperity.”

Questioned on how he would treat TABOR if elected, Brophy stated that he has always been a strong supporter of the law. He feels that we have a spending problem, not a revenue problem and he will always uphold Coloradans’ rights to vote on new taxation.

Brophy’s second question was, “What are three main issues facing Colorado that you can significantly impact?” His response: “Kick out Common Core—replace with common sense; roll back Obamacare expansion; restore your liberty. You should decide what kind of toilet you want or how many rounds your magazine can carry!”

Secretary of State Scott Gessler was born in Michigan and spent much of his childhood in Illinois. He attended Yale University,

Michigan Law School, and Northwestern University. His resume includes serving as a federal prosecutor and serving in the military, including a deployment to Bosnia. Seventeen years ago, he moved to Colorado in order to pursue a life of opportunity, but because of Hickenlooper’s big government agenda, “we’re losing that.” According to Gessler, Hickenlooper “has done everything on the liberal checklist.” He fears, like many conservative Coloradans, that we are heading in the same direction as the bankrupt state of California or the city of Detroit. Those areas of past prosperity serve as a warning to stop the liberal policies that are depressing our state’s economy. Gessler was ardent in his stance that he “will not submit to the worldview that big government is the answer.” In order to do this, however, he states that we must create a better message so that we can get those in our party elected.

Gessler was questioned as to whether he would support a constitutional convention to pass an amendment for term limits for all elected officials including judges. He responded that he believes term limits are a very good idea. “We should not have any government that is a professional class.” He would support such a measure, not forgetting judges, who, according to Gessler, “sometimes stay too long; they sometimes become imperious. And there are a lot of good people who would make good judges.”

On illegal immigrants, Gessler stated simply, “If they’re here illegally, they shouldn’t be here. Citizenship matters. If we have to defend citizenship, we have problems.” He said that he would stand “strong on this issue.”

Steve House, a healthcare businessman, who also grew up on a farm, introduced himself not as a politician, but as someone who sees the need to help clean up the mess in which Colorado finds itself and then go back home. House believes that in order for Colorado to prosper again, it needs three advantages: a great agricultural base, a well-educated workforce, and abundant and producible resources. Colorado has all three of these advantages, according to House, and under his leadership, we can turn the state around within two years.

House drew a question on the 10th Amendment (states’ rights) and how he would work to strengthen

the damage inflicted upon it by the Democrats. His reply was that we have to stop taking federally unfunded mandates. Moreover, he would take a strong stance against the EPA’s intrusion by refusing to recognize that that organization has the right to legislate for us.

House’s stance on the death penalty? Soon after his inauguration, claimed House, he will solve the Nathan Dunlap problem. He believes that the Constitution provides the rules that we must follow, and that we should hold people accountable for their behavior. He “will never waiver on justice being carried out.”

Former State Senator Mike Kopp, who represented Colorado Senate District 22, described himself as a Republican who grew up in the era of Ronald Reagan. After serving in the 82nd Airborne Division in the United States Army, at which time he fought in Operation Desert Storm in the Gulf War, he worked as a hotshot firefighter for the National Parks Service. He then became a minister having earned a bachelor’s degree in ministry from North Central University in Minnesota. Kopp believes that people don’t have an obligation to follow anyone; they choose to follow someone who will lead them in a direction that is helpful to them. He wants to empower the citizens of Colorado by giving them their rights back, the rights that the Democrats have been swiftly tearing away within recent years.

Kopp’s first question was “What kind of administration will you run in regards to special interests and the media, and what values and qualities will you seek in assembling your staff and making appointments? Kopp responded that, as opposed to Hickenlooper who has not set a clear agenda or a clear administrative culture, Kopp would set the tone immediately by making one of his first goals to cut his budget by 10% the first year. That culture would include functioning with the clear consent of the people; it would be limited; and it would push back on all overreaches, cronyism, regulations, and red tape that kills freedom.

How would Kopp tackle the challenge of getting Democrats and Republicans to work together? He pointed to experience in the state senate in which he was able to cross the aisle on a number of issues in order to achieve goals—all while

not increasing taxes! One example: the capitol dome in Denver that needed repairs because it had been crumbling. Kopp worked to find the funds to have the repairs done without caving to Dems’ demands to raise more revenues off the taxpayers’ backs.

Roni Sylvester grew up in Nebraska on a dairy farm milking cows. She explained that her teenage years didn’t afford her the time to do things such as cheerleading and other extracurricular activities because she was kept busy at home where she learned the value of hard work. Her life experiences as a water and property rights advocate, she believes, have made her the perfect gubernatorial candidate for Colorado. She has made it her life’s work to learn Colorado’s statutes well in order to fight well against the EPA and other government agencies that infringe on Coloradans’ property rights. In addition, she noted that her career included being a full-time mom and homemaker.

Sylvester’s first question asked her what life experiences she could use to benefit her position as governor if elected. She responded that having lived in both Denver and in rural Colorado, she was able to speak “both languages”. The commonalities between urban and rural citizens, according to Sylvester, are that they want to own property and have discretionary income. With her extensive knowledge of the statutes, she will work to defend property owners’ rights.

When asked how she would go about earning the women’s vote, Sylvester stated that she never worked in a paid position, but instead worked as a volunteer with people from all walks of life and that she works well with anyone. But she did not expect to get anyone’s vote simply because of her gender. She said that she would “have to earn your vote.”

Sylvester was also asked if she would work to have the other candidates team with her if she should win the nomination. And she replied, absolutely, the candidates on stage with her “are a marvelously talented group of individuals.”

Get to know your candidates, Voters. All seven have websites. Research!

Be informed
Get involved!

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

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

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

**Royal Gorge
Tea Party
2nd & 4th Thursday
of each month
6:30 p.m.
Core Knowledge
School Gymnasium,
890 Fields Ave.
Cañon City
www.royalgorgetea-party.com
or find them on
Facebook**

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Survivors
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Mugs
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Of Accountability and Discernment

The recent failed attempt by World Vision President Richard Stearns to allow the hiring of same-sex married people is indicative of why Christians must continuously discern and hold accountable those who claim to be serving in the name of Christ. World Vision obviously thought it could slip in this unbiblical policy and call it something that would provide unity among the churches. After being outed, Stearns said, "We shouldn't have been surprised (of the backlash), but we were a bit." Perhaps this is a reminder to Christian aristocracy that Christianity is based on the Word of God, not the word of man. When ministries stray from the Holy Scriptures, they must be reprimanded. World Vision isn't the only one.

In January 2012, there was a huge controversy surrounding Wycliffe, SIL International and Frontiers over changing the Word of God to appease Islamic concepts of the Bible. Exposed was that their translations varied according to the language being translated. Arabic translations of the familial terms "Son of God" or "God the Father" were changed to reflect the language. An Arabic version of the Gospel of Matthew changed Matthew 28:19 from "baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" to "cleanse them by water in the name of Allah, his Messiah and his Holy Spirit." This raised tremendous ire among Christians and Wycliffe reconsidered.

In March of 2008, Pope Benedict's staff met with Muslim representatives in response to a letter written

by some 200 Islamic leaders entitled "A Common Word Between Us and You." The Muslims were trying to get the Christian community to accept that there is one god, Allah, and that the Muslim, Catholic and Protestant Christian faiths share the "love of God and the love of neighbor." Over 300 deceived Christian leaders, including Jim Wallis of Sojourners, Bill Hybels of Willow Creek, Rick Warren of Saddleback Church and Richard Cizick of the National Association of Evangelicals, responded with a letter that implied several times that Allah and Jehovah were the same and that Christians and Muslims worship the same God.

Jesus warned in Matthew 7:15, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits." While websites and statements of faith are written, actions are the true validation of them. Changing the word of God or winking at its foundational principles in some lofty ambition to create unity with darkness is wrong. 2 Corinthians 6:14 asks, "What fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion has light with darkness?" Ephesians 5:11 says, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Some of these ministries are repentant, others not. But we must discern and hold accountable those who seek to change the Word of God.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
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He Admits to Doing Something Unthinkable to His 3-Year-Old Daughter ...But He Isn't Going to Jail

by Jason Howerton,
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(Editor/GG: Liberal judges at their best. Unthinkable. This guy is a DuPont heir. He doesn't even work. Lives in a huge mansion. And he is a big guy, around 6-foot-three inches, 230 pounds. Maybe it is just that liberals love other people's money. How this female judge can sleep is beyond me. There is a higher judge and his sentence will be just.)



Child rapist: Robert H. Richards IV

courtesy photo

considered the "unique circumstances" when settling on the man's punishment for fourth-degree rape. The maximum penalty would have been 15 years in prison.

A lawsuit filed by Richards' ex-wife accuses him of sexually abusing his infant son between 2005 and 2007, during the same time he was sexually abusing his daughter when she was only 3-years-old. Police said they investigated allegations about sexual abuse

of the boy but didn't find enough evidence to charge him with additional crimes.

More from the report:

According to the arrest warrant filed by a New Castle County Police Detective JoAnna Burton in December 2007, the girl, then 5, told her grandmother, Donna Burg, that Richards sexually abused her.

Burg said the child reported that her father told her it was "our little secret" but said she didn't want "my daddy touching me anymore." The girl said her father molested her in the bedrooms of her mother and brother in the mansion at 10 Summit Lane near Winterthur Museum, the arrest warrant said.

Tracy Richards, who confronted her then-husband, told police he admitted abusing his daughter but said "it was an accident and he would never do it again," the warrant said.

The judge's "observation

that prison life would adversely affect Richards was a rare and puzzling rationale, several criminal justice authorities in Delaware said," The News Journal reports. "Some also said her view that treatment was a better idea than prison is a justification typically used when sentencing drug addicts, not child rapists."

Many prosecutors and attorneys reportedly consider Jurden a tough sentencing judge.

Others have speculated that the case might make outside observers wary about "how a person with great wealth may be treated by the system," Delaware Public Defender Brendan J. O'Neill told the publication.

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Military Group Hits Back With Pro-Faith Billboard About God in the Air Force Oath

by Billy Hallowell,
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The Restore Military Religious Freedom coalition, a conservative umbrella group comprised of organizations that support faith in the armed forces, hopes a new billboard will inspire Air Force cadets to utter "So help me God" when taking their annual Honor Oath.

The billboard, which is strategically located near entrances to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, encourages cadets to exercise their religious freedom and takes aim at recent events that have been perceived by some critics as crack downs on the religious rights of cadets.

The ad, which will be posted for two months, features

an image of Mount Rushmore, with overlaying text that reads, "Are you free to say 'So help me God'? They did." The quote references the oath of office historically uttered by U.S. presidents, as Charisma News reported.

This same language was, until recently, traditionally uttered by cadets, though the Air Force Academy made the words "So help me God" optional last October after the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, a church-state watchdog, complained that the mandated language was unconstitutional.

Now, the Restore Military Religious Freedom coalition is hitting back and hoping that the billboard delivers an important message to the 4,000 cadets at the academy.

"The message is clear, our Founding Fathers said 'So help me God' on taking their oath of office; Air Force cadets have that same freedom," Ron Crews, executive director of the Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty and a member of the coalition, said in a statement. "Our billboard is a reminder that cadets can say the phrase, which is deeply rooted in American tradition."

Crews added that past presidents have uttered this oath and that Air Force cadets should be encouraged to do the same.

As TheBlaze has reported, the history behind and origins of the "So help me God" phrase are heavily debated, though modern-day presidents have consistently used the wording in uttering their oaths.



Image source: Restore Military Religious Freedom coalition

The decision to post the billboard comes just weeks after controversy surrounded a Bible verse that was removed from a whiteboard outside of a cadet's dorm room at the academy.

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Teacher's Alleged Response to 5-Year-Old's Endearing Act Has These Outraged Parents Strongly Considering Homeschooling

by Dave Urbanski,
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(Editor/GG: This is the liberal's education establishment at its finest. Indoctrinated teachers and administrators with no souls. Hammering God from our children. Be vigilant parents.)

When Marcos and Kathy Perez heard the words coming from their 5-year-old daughter's mouth, they were flabbergasted.

In fact, so unheard of and blatantly out of step with American values was the incident they were hearing about, that Marcos Perez pulled out his iPhone and started recording as they listened again to their kindergartner's story.

A story that soon would be posted online via a YouTube video and generate quite the groundswell of interest.

"I was at school, and I got my lunch, and I was about to pray and say something to Jesus," their daughter said.

Then this shocker: "My lunch teacher told me... you're not allowed to pray."

According to the girl's video description, the staff member in question is a female; Marcos Perez told TheBlaze on Friday that the exchange occurred the week of March 10 at a public school near their Orlando-area home. Perez said he's not prepared to release any more identifying facts — including his daughter's first name — until the incident has shaken out.

But their daughter had plenty more to add on video, as did Mom and Dad.

After their girl reportedly got the big nix on bowing her head, closing her eyes, and talking to Jesus, she reportedly retorted to the teacher, "It's good to pray!" recounting the action with a huge smile.

The teacher allegedly came back with, "It's not good."

"It is good," the girl insisted.

Most heartbreaking of all (and maybe a little scary) is the girl's explanation of what happened later in the lunch period: "I was trying to pray, but I just couldn't — because they caught me again."

Indeed Perez and his wife were more than a little

fumed over the alleged incident — but he saw the big picture, too: "No American should ever experience having their right to pray taken away," he told TheBlaze.

Perez — vice president of sales at Charisma House, a Christian book publisher — emailed and called the principal of his daughter's school, who in turn checked into the incident. "As expected, the staff denied everything," Perez told TheBlaze.

For now the Perezes are attempting to figure out the identity of the staff member in question by looking at photos online — and strongly considering homeschooling, quite apart from the difficult experience their little girl shared.

"We're concerned about Common Core," Perez said, adding that their daughter "doesn't need to be exposed to that and get harassed because of her faith."

Most of all, Perez and his wife told their daughter they're very proud of her and encourage her to keep praying whenever she wants "because Jesus loves it when you pray, and God loves it."

Here's the video of Perez's daughter explaining what she said happened during lunch at her school (and below the clip is the text of the email exchange between Perez and the school principal, with identifying data removed):

Dear —,

I'm am writing this email in shock and disbelief. Today, our daughter —, a kindergarten student at —, told us that during a recent lunch period at school, a staff person at (school name) saw her praying for her food — stopped her — and told her that she could not pray. Our daughter responded by saying "but it's good to pray," and she said the staff person said "it's not good." I asked her, "Did she just say 'No' or did she say 'it's not good'?" To which she responded with the same face and imitation of the staff person that said "it's not good." I asked her what she did next, and she said she tried praying but she couldn't because "they



Young Christian who wants to pray in school.

Image source: YouTube raw clip

caught me again." At this point, we affirmed her courageous attempt to stand up for her beliefs and we encouraged her to ensure she understood that according to our views and our family values — she did nothing wrong.

To say this was disturbing is a gross understatement. What is the school's position on this?

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely, Marcos Perez

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Mr. Perez, I received your email and your voice message this morning. I have spoken to each adult who was in the lunchroom at the time that your daughter had lunch yesterday. None of them recall having this conversation with your daughter.

Please know that students are permitted to pray during school. I will remind all staff members of this.

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Dear —

Thank you for your response. I'm pleased to know this is not a policy or position of the school. However, please note that this did not happen yesterday. As a matter of fact, my daughter was not at school yesterday as she is home with a stomach bug. This actually happened the week prior to Spring break, the week of March 10. She said something to my parents in passing on Friday, March 14 but we did not sit down and talk to her about it until last night in full detail.

So you are aware, during our discussion last night, I decided to whip out my iPhone and record my daughters story. I posted that video on social media for friends, family and other concerned parents to see what my daughter ex-

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UNSUSTAINABLE? Colorado Ranks #4 in Nation in Per Employee Pension Benefit Obligations

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

A landmark report published by the American Enterprise Institute on state pension obligations last week delivered some troubling news for taxpayers across the country. In particular, it was interesting to note that the retirement benefits of Colorado career state employees ranked fourth nationally, at \$60,420. The median household income in Colorado, according to the US Census Bureau's latest data, is \$58,244. That's right, the average career state government worker is pulling in more in retirement than the median family in our state does on an annual basis.

Another calculation that the AEI report evaluated was what the author called the "present value" of the retirement benefit. This calculation measures how much money an individual in the private sector would have to have saved up on the first day of retirement to replicate the annual benefit that he would receive as

a career state government retiree. That number: an eye popping \$1,250,000 for Coloradans, and this does not include the value of someone's house. Colorado also ranked #4 in the "present value" of the state retirement benefit.

Unquestionably, career state employees have a good deal. However, whether this system can be sustained is in question. The growth of the state government over the past generation, combined with improvements in medicine that are leading to longer retirement periods, has put taxpayers in a tricky situation. A 401(k) type retirement plan, ubiquitous in the productive sector, would be an alternative that could give more predictability to the pension liabilities that Colorado taxpayers are on the hook for, and it could also be beneficial for state employees as well.

A 401(k) style plan would have an actual cash balance that would belong to the worker, and be portable to

other jobs, making the state pension plan more fair to people who only work at the state for a few years. The ability to pass on the value built up in one's pension fund to their heirs is another attractive feature of this option. Finally, the transparency of a 401(k) style account, for both the employee and the taxpayer, would be beneficial in the long run.

Transitioning to a 401(k) system for new state employees could actually be a win-win. Colorado taxpayers can better understand what their actual pension liability is for their government workers, and new state employees will enjoy an asset that is theirs to invest, take to a new job, and pass on to their children.

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The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand



Corrupt Politicians, Organized Crime, and Citizen Disarmament

by Dean Weingarten,
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Corrupt politicians are much more of a factor in large urban centers than in rural communities and small towns. The same applies to organized crime, in that it is associated with urban areas. It is much harder for significant corruption to exist when the amounts are small, the people involved mostly know the politicians personally, and there are no large public works to play favorites with. A significant exception might be planning and zoning, where local elites have great power, little accountability, and where significant money is at stake.

It is also clear that corrupt politicians and organized crime figures hate the idea of an armed population. When you are stealing, cheating, and extorting people on a daily basis, some of them are bound to take exception to it. Push them far enough, and a few will decide to push back, even at the cost of their own lives. Do it enough, and it becomes a near certainty. It is much more difficult for corrupt politicians or organized crime to exist in the midst of an armed citizenry. From Vanity Fair, the Reluctant Don, Sammy "the bull" Gravano:

"Gun control? It's the best thing you can do for crooks and gangsters. I want you to have nothing. If I'm a bad guy, I'm always gonna have a gun. Safety locks? You pull the trigger with



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a lock on, and I'll pull the trigger. We'll see who wins."

In Arizona, a corrupt politician was protected by her politician buddies who had the case transferred to a friendly prosecutor, who dismissed it. This was after two grand juries found reasons to indict. She was shot in the rear end by a homeless citizen. He just got out of jail. She was and is a big proponent of gun control. She is still in office. From the phoenix-newtimes.com:

Did Wilcox, the county supervisor, deserve to get shot in the ass? Yes.

Among those in the know, Wilcox is noted not for her integrity but her arrogance. South Phoenix is considered by many to be controlled by the Wilcox political machine. Comparisons with old Chicago have been drawn.

Gun control in New York

was driven by corrupt politicians desire to protect their criminal gangs. Big Tim Sullivan, who pushed through the Sullivan law, did not want his gangsters to face armed resistance.

Senator Yee is one of the most strident proponents of gun control in California. He was recently indicted for corruption, including the facilitation of illegal gun trafficking.

Chicago fought for more and more gun control than almost any other part of the nation. Chicago is known as having some of the most corrupt politics in the country.

Nevada is generally gun friendly. The only county that requires registration of pistols is Clark County which contains Las Vegas. The statute was put into effect while Las Vegas had the reputation of a town run by the mob.

Cleveland is another example of corruption. The city government fought against reform of Ohio gun restrictions for years. It finally lost its court cases.

Corruption and citizen disarmament, or to use the current sophistry, "gun safety" legislation go together like organized crime and extortion.

Niccolo Machiavelli noted the problems with politicians disarming people:

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Here's What It Looks Like When a Gun Manufacturer Releases a 'New York Compliant' AR-15

by Becket Adams,
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(Editor/GG: Ahhh, capitalism's response to the leftists in New York. Take that Governor Cuomo.)

A Missouri-based gun manufacturer announced this week that it will release a line of "New York Compliant" rifles, a market-based response to the Empire State's strict new gun laws.

"With the continual trampling of the 2nd Amendment in New York, Black Rain Ordnance is proud to announce their 'New York Compliant' rifles," the group said in a statement on its website. "These rifles feature all of the quality and craftsmanship of the standard BRO-lines, but with the added features that allow for legal possession."

Features that make Black Rain Ordnance's new rifles compliant with New York's guns laws include: No pistol grip, a non-threaded muzzle fixed stock, 10-round low capacity approved magazine, and a Lo-Pro gas block "without the evil bayonet lug."

And if Black Rain's move to create rifles that comply with New York's new gun laws, which have been described as some of the "nation's toughest," sounds familiar, it should: They're not the only company to move in this direction, and stories of such guns have been popping up since May 2013.

In fact, several New York-based gun shops have, for



Image source: Black Rain Ordnance

example, offered to replace the grip on non-complaint rifles so that they're square with state's laws.

"The modified gun still fires at the same rate and with the same power; the shooter just holds it slightly differently," the Guardian reported. "These modified weapons do not have to be registered with the state."

One gun maker in Rochester, N.Y., Just Right Carabines, manufactures modified semi-automatic rifles that comply with the New York's Safe Act which was signed into law by Gov. Andrew Cuomo in January 2013.

Just Right Carabines' General Manager, Anthony Testa, told the Guardian that New York authorities signed off on the modified rifles, telling him that his products complied with the law.

The Safe Act, which was the result of the 2012 mass shooting in Newtown, Conn., that claimed the life of 27 people, bans the sale of so-called "assault weapons" and requires that everyone who already owns a rifle categorized as such



Image source: Black Rain Ordnance's Facebook page.

to register them with the state by 15 April 2014.

The Safe Act singles out add-on features, including bayonet mounts, grenade launchers and, of course, "protruding pistol grips."

Another New York company, H&H Firearms, has been working on modifying its semi-automatic rifles to meet state law.

"It's basically an AR-15 without the features," a lawyer representing H&H Firearms told the Times Union.

"People are champng at the bit" for a legal version of the popular rifle, said the company's manager Justin Reickart, adding that the modified rifles look "like a paintball gun."

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Man Finds 'Dream Job' in Teaching Others How to Build AK-47s

by Elizabeth Kreft,
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Jim Fuller is a retired electrician. He spent years wiring, welding, and learning the high art of attention to detail in his craft. But for years he dreamed of a different line of work; he wanted to open up a company to build and sell reliable firearms. And in 2007, he and his wife, Karen, did just that.

"In my lifetime, we've gone from seeing people have large, nice, walnut cases where they displayed their firearms; it was a status

symbol," Fuller, the president of Rifle Dynamics, told TheBlaze. "Nowadays people have to hide them in a locked case under the bed."

Fuller has a passion for weapons, but he especially



Jim Fuller, the 68-year-old (and bearded) president of Rifle Dynamics, instructs an AK-47 build class.

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Egyptian Islamists Drag Christian Woman from Her Car and Beat Her to Death

by Allen West,
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And here we go again, a prime example of the religion of peace and their concept of “coexistence” — courtesy of pro-Morsi (Muslim Brotherhood) Egyptian Islamists in Egypt. According to a report in CNSnews.com, “Eyewitnesses have given a harrowing account of the murder in Cairo of a young Coptic Christian woman, hauled out of her car and beaten and stabbed to death by a Muslim mob, apparently targeted because of a cross hanging from her rear-view mirror.”

The heinous murder occurred in the Cairo suburb of Ain Shams after mosque prayer services on Friday, when police clashed with Muslim Brotherhood supporters angered by army chief Abdel Fattah al-Sisi’s decision to run for president.

An eyewitness appearing on “90 Minutes,” a program on the al-Mehwar satellite network, said 25-year-old Mary Sameh George was attacked in her car near a church, where she planned to deliver medicine to an ill and elderly woman. Protestors climbed onto her car, collapsing the roof, then hauled her from the vehicle, beating and mauling her — to the extent, he said, that portions of her scalp were torn off. She was stabbed multiple times, her throat was slit and when she was dead, the

mob torched her car.

The death of Mary Sameh George received little coverage in Egyptian newspapers. A wire service report quoted an Interior Ministry spokesman as saying protesters had “stabbed a Christian woman to death,” and blamed the Muslim Brotherhood.

Can it be that the horrific killing of this young woman is just considered “normal?” Simply because she had a cross displayed in her car?

So, for all of you who have a “coexist” bumper sticker displayed on your car (probably a Prius), is this your idea of coexistence? All through the Middle East, Islamists are persecuting and murdering Christians. The objective is region-wide genocide to eradicate the existence of age-old groups of Christians. And most of the Christian communities, like the Copts, existed before the scourge known as Muhammad and Islam came onto the scene.

CNS News reports that the Coptic community was seen to be supportive of the military takeover, and some Morsi supporters vented their anger on Christians, with many churches coming under Islamist attack in an apparently coordinated campaign. We have seen this before in history: Christians becoming scapegoats and therefore targeted and persecuted.

The Australian Coptic Movement Association condemned what it called the “callous, vicious, and unprovoked” killing. Mary George was targeted for her faith in what is becoming an increasingly intolerable and inhospitable region for Christians. The Association also urged Western governments “to pay due attention to the extreme and violent agenda of the Muslim Brotherhood.”

The documentary “Honor Diaries” depicts how these barbaric savages treat their own women — this incident reflects how they treat non-Muslim women. The Egyptian government has declared the Muslim Brotherhood a terrorist organization. The Obama administration has failed to do so. We should outlaw the Muslim Brotherhood and all its affiliated groups who operate freely here in America.

There is only one means to confront the issue of radical Islamists, and it certainly isn’t the solution of the Obama administration to embrace them. When — WHEN will we awake and stop making excuses for this theocratic-political totalitarian ideology that has brought nothing but violence and terror to the world since the year 622?

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Mozilla CEO Resignation is Another Example of Gay Bullying

by Allen West,
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And here we go again with the oh-so-tolerant Left displaying its level of tolerance — just ask resigned Mozilla CEO Brendan Eich about that. As reported by Breitbart.com, “Mozilla co-founder Brendan Eich is stepping down as CEO after protests of his support of a gay marriage ban in California. The Mountain View-based non-profit maker of the Firefox browser had promoted him last week. At issue was Eich’s \$1,000 donation in 2008 to the campaign to pass California’s Proposition 8, a constitutional amendment that outlawed same-sex marriages. The ban was overturned when the U.S. Supreme Court last year left in place a lower-court ruling striking down the ballot measure.”

Let’s not forget Proposition 8 was passed by the electorate who came out in force during the 2008 Obama-wave election, and said THEY wanted marriage defined as between one man and one woman. Subsequently a gay special interest lobby took the case to the courts, and activist judges overruled the electorate.

So not only is the radical gay Left intolerant of opposing opinions, they do not respect the decision of the voting electorate and will demand that their way be the law of the land. This is simply a case of bullying.

Of greater concern however, is the serious threat to the rule of law in America and the results of judicial

activism and legislating from the bench by unelected black-robed judges who are forcing their values upon this Republic.

Spare me the histrionics and screeching about “homophobia.” It is a very serious problem when the majority of this country is being attacked by intimidation, force, and coercion. These are the tools that radical progressive socialists must use in order to enact their agenda because taken as it is, it is most often rejected.

When the referendum of the people, such as Proposition 8, can be dismissed based upon the whims and protests of a small minority, it is in danger of spiraling out of control. The Declaration of Independence states that every individual is endowed with certain unalienable rights: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

If someone deems their pursuit of happiness must include loving someone of the same sex, that is their right. But their sexual behavior does not grant them any more rights than anyone else. Marriage is an issue decided at the state level, as the states issues marriage licenses. It should be decided by the electorate of the states, not by judges or attorneys general.

I want someone to explain to me what is a gay right? What additional rights does one have based upon sexual preference? And don’t give me the argument that gayness is a civil right, like race. Skin color

is not a behavior.

Furthermore, Americans possess a First Amendment right to free speech and if one certain special interest group decides to punish someone based on his or her right to freedom of expression — we have a problem in America.

Mozilla Chairwoman Mitchell Baker apologized for the company’s actions in an open letter online Thursday. She says Eich is stepping down for the company’s sake. She says Mozilla believes in equality and freedom of speech. Her words ring hollow based upon acquiescing to these protests.

One thing is for certain, the black civil rights movement was not about intolerance and intimidation. It didn’t have to be because it was rooted in Judeo-Christian principles. Black leaders petitioned God to enable the cause, and it was just and right by the principles of liberty and freedom enshrined in the fundamental values of America. Because the radical gay Leftists are operating without moral conviction, but with coercion, force, intimidation, intolerance, and anger are their modus operandi to achieve their ends.

You can call me whatever you want, but I, like many Americans, refuse to be bullied.

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NO JOKE: Democrats Becoming American Version of the Old Tory Party

by ColoradoPeakPolitics,
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In a new story by The Associated Press the wealth of various Congressional districts are explored. And, what will come as shock to no one paying close attention it’s the Democratic Party that represents the wealthy.

In Congress, the wealthiest among us are more likely to be represented by a Democrat than a Republican. Of the 10 richest House districts, only two have Republican congressmen. Democrats claim the top six, sprinkled along the East and West coasts. Most are in overwhelmingly Democratic states like New York and California.

Not only are the wealthy represented by some of the most liberal democrats (Nancy Pelosi’s district is the 8th wealthiest; Henry Waxman’s is the 2nd), but they are almost among the safest Democratic seats out there.

One of the perpetual myths that the old British aristocracy told themselves to justify their monopoly on power was that the masses were not smart enough to know what was good for themselves; that a benevolent paternalism was needed from the upper-echelon to save those who couldn’t save themselves. Sound familiar?

Another article this week by Investor’s Business Dai-

ly illustrates how eco-activism has become a luxury good:

The dirty little secret of the modern green movement is that it’s become a luxury good for the uber-rich who espouse policies — from carbon taxes to renewable energy standards to closing down coal plants — that impose high costs on poor people who can least afford to pay the green tab.

...A Pew Research Center poll released last... found that only two major voting groups oppose construction of the Keystone XL pipeline: Democrats who make more than \$100,000 annually and Democrats with college or advanced degrees.

A wealthy Democrat who opposes Keystone? No wonder Udall thinks his anti-Keystone position is moderate; it is for the group he hangs out with! Former Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, who is looking wiser and wiser by the day, probably said it the best about the current Republican party, “We’re not the party of the rich. We’re the party of the people who want to get rich.”

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When the Sheep Dog is Not Around

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Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote!

~Benjamin Franklin

Commandment #1: Never Trust Republicrats

by Steve Deace,
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Re-pub-li-crat noun, plural Republicrats: Segment of the American ruling class pretending to be conservatives by paying lip service to conservative principles, and camouflaging themselves in patriotic imagery. Often confused with RINOs (Republicans in Name Only), but Republicrats are far more dangerous because they've learned how to campaign on conservative talking points. Unlike the RINO who campaigns and governs from the middle-left, the Republicrat campaigns as a conservative and then governs middle-left. Once in office the record of the Republicrat is virtually indistinguishable from the Democrats regardless of the rhetoric, either because of cowardice, deception, or a combination of both.

Cicero, one of ancient Rome's most famous orators and philosophers, might as well have been talking about Republicrats when he said:

A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and carries his banner openly. But the traitor moves amongst those within the gate freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself. For the traitor appears not a traitor; he speaks in accents familiar to his victims, and he wears their face and their arguments, he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He rots the soul of a nation (or movement), he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of the city, he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murderer is less to fear.

Conservatives have spent decades fighting to purge RINOs (Republicans in Name Only) from the Republican Party, but it turns out the Arlen Specters of the world were little more than a diversion. To a lesser extent the same could be said of the Left. While it is true they would love nothing more than to shred whatever is left of our beloved Constitution and transform our republic into a Western European-style socialist mobocracy, they cannot do it alone. Culprits always need collaborators, especially when they hold minority views in a majority rules country:

1. Twice as many Americans describe themselves as ideologically conservative rather than liberal.

2. Three times more Americans believe in some variant of the Biblical account of creation as the origin of the human species than do atheistic evolution (humans evolved from natural means alone).

3. Less than 2% of the American population identifies themselves as homosexual.

4. 74% of Americans want the government to cut deficits, only 8% of Americans want tax increases to be the focus of deficit reduction, and a majority of Americans favor scrapping the federal income tax.

5. 75% of Americans oppose funding the killing of children (abortion) with taxpayer dollars.

I could continue citing public opinion data that is similarly favorable to conservatives on a wide swath of issues, but by now you get the picture. Yet, despite widespread public approval for many basic conservative principles, the statists still maintain widespread control of the government schools, the ruling class routinely caves to the moral depravity lobby, the government continues to grow regardless of who's in power, and the child killers at Planned Parenthood continue to pick the taxpayers' pocket.

To understand why this is the case, you must first understand how a Republicrat operates.

Republicrats like Karl Rove, and the generation of bratty technocrats he's currently spawning within the GOP, believe you win to lead. Those of us in the grassroots believe you lead to win, and there is a difference.

If you begin with the premise you win to lead, then you base your campaign on the technique or craftsmanship of the messaging (i.e. fundraising, polls, focus groups, talking points, etc.) rather than the merits of the message. This brings us to my definition of a technocrat: someone who is only or primarily concerned with the political process itself and not the principles at stake.

To paraphrase former NBA all-star Allen Iverson, "We talking about process, man. Not the principles...not the principles, but the process." All Rove and his technocrats talk and care about is the process.

It's not that the techniques and the craftsmanship (process) aren't important, but these aren't student body elections we're talking about here. This is

the real world, and we're electing politicians who make life-or-death, prosperity-or-poverty decisions daily. Without a solid moral basis for these decisions, we end up on shifting sands at best or a ditch at worst.

Patriots believe you lead to win, otherwise what's the point of winning if it's not actually to do something once we get there? The overwhelming victory of Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker in his 2012 recall election is an excellent example of this. Walker stood firm on principle in a traditionally blue state and got more votes in his recall election than he got when he originally won the office.

Standing for conservative principles unites conservatives. People like me all over the country that detest the Republican Party establishment and their milquetoast presidential candidates were strongly united behind Walker. Why? Because he gave us something to vote for and not just against. With his base united, Walker was free to play offense and try to pick off soft Democrat voters, and according to Fox News' exit polling he got 18% of the Obama voters in his recall.

A RINO runs Left and governs that way. A Republicrat runs as a conservative, and may even do some conservative things when it's easy. But when push comes to shove a Republicrat puts his own comfort ahead of his country.

RINOs are almost always native to traditional blue states, so they're easily identifiable. Republicrats are more versatile, which makes them more dangerous and more prevalent. Since they offer no real threat to the liberal power structure they can win in blue states, and since they know what conservatives want to hear they can win in red states.

Republicrats are a cancer that is metastasizing and eating away at the conservative movement, and taking the country down with them. They act as human shields between us and the statists, because when we take a stand it reveals their own cowardice and duplicity.

Don't waste time wondering what the motivation for their treachery is, because whether it's gutlessness or corruption the end game is the same.

We should never listen to these Republicrats. Whether it's Bob Dole or John "little ball of hate" McCain,

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A Sheepdog Barks!

Living in a Liberal Progressive America. WHIMPER! I never thought it would be so tough. As a pup my sheepdog dad taught me that the world didn't owe me a living. I think that was a popular phrase from the generation of pups growing up in the depression. He repeated over and over that if you want something you have to earn it. Back then it was impossible to imagine the America we live in now – the Liberal Progressive America (LPA). Only in a Liberal Progressive America do you have to bake a cake for someone you don't want to. What is that about? If it was a government bakery that would be one thing but a privately owned one! Where does one man's rights end? When it tramples or infringes on the rights of another, that's when! Which right trumps another? Go find another baker. Can you imagine the Founding Fathers living in this Liberal Progressive America? They would wonder where their freedom had gone. They would wonder if their breaking away from that dominating King was for nothing. Only in a Liberal Progressive America would a man be forced to resign as a CEO because of his political and personal beliefs of traditional marriage. Can you even imagine how we have reached this point? LPSDs force the CEO of a company to resign because he contributed money to support Proposition 8 in California in 2008. He supported a gay marriage ban and for that he lost his job. The LPSDs targeted him and caused him to be removed. This is America? No, it's a Liberal Progressive America. Only in a Liberal Progressive America does the Attorney General use the Department of Justice to advance social justice. That's right, not enforces our laws or prosecute criminals that violate our freedoms, but rather protect them. Our current Attorney General has been found in Contempt of Congress because he won't uphold his sworn duties. Only in a Liberal Progressive America would we be forced to pay for birth control for promiscuous college women. What has this world come to? There have always been and al-

ways will be promiscuous young people. But now I'm forced to support them. This is America? Not MY America. It's a Liberal Progressive America and I DON'T LIKE IT. WOOF! Only in a Liberal Progressive America would you hear this from a parent of a 1st grader: "Today the teacher read the class a book telling them humans are in the same family as APES because we don't have tails, have the same organs, climb trees, and swing from vines." This is where our public schools have gone to in a Liberal Progressive America. In the same social media exchange between several friends a young teacher said this: "When I taught last year in Virginia they started 'Family Life' (early sex education) in kindergarten, teaching homosexuality is normal. In the 4th grade they had text books teaching kids how to use condoms (with cartoon pictures) and with other things I won't mention...." This is not MY America. This is a Liberal Progressive America and I DON'T LIKE IT. WOOF! Only in a Liberal Progressive America would we (the taxpayers) provide a heart transplant to a prisoner on death row. Only in a Liberal Progressive America would we (the taxpayers) provide a sex change operation to a prisoner. Only in a Liberal America would we (the taxpayers) give prisoners cell phones, register them to vote, and sign them up for Obamacare. This is not MY America – this is a Liberal Progressive America. Where are our freedoms? What about our rights? Only in a Liberal Progressive America could I be told I can't buy a large soda pop or I can't smoke here or there or that I have to buy insurance whether I want it or not. Only in a Liberal Progressive America are there "gun free zones" where evil happens because free and good men are not allowed to protect themselves. Only in a Liberal Progressive America am I told I make too much money and the government will take it and redistribute it as they see fit. Only in a Liberal Progressive America does a president tell his administration to NOT enforce our immigration laws. This is not MY



America. This is a Liberal Progressive America and I DON'T LIKE IT. WOOF! It's an America that no longer prides itself in its uniqueness. It's an America that thinks it should be controlled by the United Nations. It's an America that believes a vote from the country of Burkina Faso is equal to a vote of the most powerful nation on earth. It's a Liberal Progressive America, where the president would deny the use of our national resources and destroy our economy over claims of "man-made" climate change. Of course there is climate change. It's been going on for thousands of years. There is no proof that it's "man-made". But in a Liberal Progressive America they want to charge us for our individual "carbon footprint." Really? Consider this quote a few weeks ago from Brian Williams, the NBC News anchor after the UN released its climate report: "We have never been warned like this before. Unless we change course quickly and dramatically, the fundamental systems that support human civilization are doomed." WOW, are you getting this? These Liberal Progressives are insane. And they are in control of our country right now! This is not MY America. It is a Liberal Progressive America and I DON'T LIKE IT! WOOF! WOOF! These examples are just the tip of the iceberg. There are thousands more and it will get worse unless we stop it. Our opportunity to stop this tsunami wave of stupidity and infringement on the rights and liberties comes this November. Will you get off the couch, away from the TV and become active in taking America back from the Liberal Progressive Socialist Democrats (LPSDs)? PLEASE, it's time to do it now. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH



AK-47s

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longs to see people learn to care for and develop a personal connection with their firearms. So in addition to teaching classes on rifle safety and familiarity in Las Vegas, he decided to offer classes where people can learn to build their own weapons.

“It is absolutely legal and possible to buy all the items you need to build your own rifle at home,” Fuller said. He’s right, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives states on its website, “per provisions of the Gun Control Act (GCA) of 1968, 18 U.S.C. Chapter 44, an unlicensed individual may make a “firearm” as defined in the GCA for his own personal use, but not for sale or distribution.”

Granted, you could look it all up online, order the parts yourself and take on the task of building a rifle in your basement. But if you want to build an AK-47 that will actually operate safely and reliably, you may want to hire a professional.

“We specialize in the Kalashnikov, and I’ve been working with these weapons for more than 30 years,” Fuller said. “Some

people can be intimidated by the idea of building their own weapon, but we carefully walk through the entire process and inspect everything.”

Fuller said he and Karen take careful steps to ensure everything is done legally and above board.

“It is a hefty process to get the permits to be able to distribute weapons,” he said. But they “really believe” in making sure gun owners have reliable products to use when needed.

But Fuller also said his dream job is about much more than just building operational firearms. It’s about honoring a nearly lost art form.

“These weapons are 1940s technology, and the construction method for the AK was stamp sheet metal instead of milled parts ... this is the right way to build it,” he said. “Over the years people have tried to build them different ways but it doesn’t really capture what the weapon is famous for, especially the reliability and work in nearly any environment, going nearly 300,000 rounds and still going strong.”

Fuller even developed a rear sight modification to the AK because so many people have complained that the sights were too small. He got creative and consulted with his optometrist — also an avid shooter — to develop the new sights.

“By widening the rear sight notch and rounding the corners it makes the eye naturally align with the sight notch,



Fuller said he enjoys seeing people build a connection with their weapon as they build it themselves. These two rifles were assembled by Rifle Dynamics class participants.

Image via Rifle Dynamics

allowing a much improved sight picture,” the Rifle Dynamics site explains. “The meter marking and battle zero are still to spec, it’s a HUGE improvement using the stock sights.”

“To me it’s all about the Second Amendment,” the 58-year-old licensed gunsmith said. “This is an American tradition and we want to uphold that heritage and respect. We started this business out of our garage and grew it from there, and now all of our build classes are sold out for this year already.”

“This is my dream job,” Fuller said. “If I could have started doing this 30 years ago, I would have.”

Fuller said he meets amazing people in his line of work, especially special operators who often favor their hand-built AK-47s even to their military-issued weapons. “We know plenty of guys who switch over to their personal weapons when the fighting gets really tough, because they know they want them to work,” he said.

Rifle Dynamics hosts build classes in cities around the nation, and Fuller said they are already selling into classes for 2015.

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PRAYER

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perienced. My 5-year-old should not feel conflicted about prayer with respect to trying to follow rules or authority. We remain speechless that our daughter had to experience from an individual with an agenda. Please [visit] the following link so you can see for yourself: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-JiorW8vhTM>

There are two issues here. The first is the violation of my daughter’s right to pray during lunch by the individual who said this to her and prevented her from praying. The second is the school’s position on this, which is now settled and I’m clear on – and satisfied

with. But the first issue — the violation of my daughters right to pray — by the rogue individual in authority at that time, is still a major concern.

Are the same staff in the lunch room every day? Could there have been someone else in her lunch period the week of March 10?

Thanks again for your help with this.

Marcos

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Mr. Perez,

Typically the same staff members are in the cafeteria each day. I checked with any possible person who may have been there, as well our food service

personnel. No one recalls having this conversation with your daughter the week prior to spring break or ever.

Again, I will reiterate to the entire staff, that students are permitted to pray.

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At the end of it, it could be true that the incident in question truly didn’t happen — or was recalled differently. Regardless we’ll continue to update this developing story.

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CORRUPTION

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When you disarm [the people] you commence to offend them and show that you distrust them either through cowardice or lack of confidence, and both of these opinions generate hatred against you. - Niccoló Machiavelli, The Prince. 1537.

“Progressives” use stale and discredited Marxist concepts to describe the motives of the gun culture. They claim that Second

Amendment supporters are being duped by the NRA to prevent “gun safety” in order to increase the profits of “big business” who are anxious to trade children’s blood for a few dollars more.

They ignore what happens to gun manufacturers such as Smith & Wesson or Ruger when they give in to political pressure to side with politicians who want to gut the Second Amendment. Smith & Wesson went under new ownership. Ruger suffered for years

until it reversed its policies. When one actually examines the numbers, the concept becomes ridiculous. It is those who wish to disarm the public that have driven gun sales through the roof.

The motivations for corrupt politicians and organized crime, often working in concert, are simple and clear. They do not want to get shot.

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several past GOP (Republican) nominees have come out of the woodwork recently to provide their unsolicited, un-sage advice on why the GOP has lost the

popular vote in 5 of the last 6 presidential elections.

And what do these guys all have in common?

They’re all losers. So here’s a simple question: If the “advice” these guys are giving is so good, then why

didn’t they win?

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Fuller instructs a class attendee at the gun rivets machine

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Office of Emergency Management and KWMV

by Christe Coleman

On March 13, 2014, Christe Coleman and Steve Chandler had the first of what we all hope will be many meetings. The purpose is to enlist the local radio station in future efforts to protect the community's citizens and their property. Any of the community's first responders who have helped during a wild lands fires can tell you how much help an active effort by the KWMV team would be during any number of local emergencies.

The radio station can broadcast evacuation orders, road closures, alternate routes, emergency shelter/evacuation center locations, emergency status, and all clear notices. Most of us know that the current broadcast range of the station is limited, but permission to offer stronger signals has been requested and is winding its way through the normal bureaucratic process. Even the current broadcast range would be of great help.

Once local residents learn that important, up-to-date information is available from KWMV, valley radios will set permanently to the station during emergencies. One of the things that I learned at the meeting was that the station at this point is set up for primarily recorded messages and not live broadcasts. In future sessions, the OEM and the KWMV board will consider a remedy for this issue.

It is no secret that the county is aging. This means that home-bound and infirmed elderly will need as much advance warning as possible. The ability for special needs citizens to get an accurate assessment of risk will help them get to the required local resources that will get them out of harm's way. This ability will save lives and help first responders with priority setting and resource allocation. We at OEM look forward to on-going discussions before the dry summer weather increases danger.

From: Representative
Jim Wilson – HD 60
April 6, 2014

It's a little too early for the spring run-off, but the dam has broken at the Capitol! The House Appropriations Committee rained down enough bills this week that it made the Calendar look like the Arkansas River at flood stage... The House Calendar on Friday listed 24 bills for 2nd reading in addition to the regular calendar! Needless to say, the pace of the session will continue to pick up now that bills are clearing Appropriations.

We had another one of those "Are you kidding?" bills in the House. SB14-103 (Phase In High-Efficiency Water Fixture Options) was passed on 3rd reading Friday, following two days of debate. This bill essentially lets government tell you what toilet to use – sponsored and supported by the Dems. If it is not an EPA approved toilet or bathroom fixture, it will be illegal after Sept. 2016.

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

The bill passed on a potty, excuse me, party line vote. Don't be surprised if "Potty Patrol Police" stop by and ask to use your bathroom!

One of the areas I have been trying to work on here at the Capitol is better broadband access for our rural counties. There is a package of bills coming up that address the broadband access issues. Unfortunately, there is a lot of conflicting information surrounding the bills. AARP is putting out the word that people will "lose their landlines" while their AARP brochures advertise cell phones for sale! Confused yet? Let me briefly cover the bills and then I will tell you what my plan is. The bills are:

- HB14-1327 – provides for a sales tax exemption on broadband equipment and expedited right-of-way permitting
- HB14-1328 – creates a State Broadband Fund using the savings from the High Cost Fund at no additional cost to consumers

- HB14-1329 – ensures continued investment and deployment related to Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and IP enabled services

- HB14-1330 – updates terms and definitions related to telecommunications

- HB14-1331 – reflects the revolutionary change in the voice marketplace since the 1995 State Telecommunications Act. Intended to protect consumers, deliver the benefits of competition, protects 911, protects competition, and protects rural Colorado.

As is always the case, the devil is in the details. With my rural background, and representing an area where cell service is often undependable, I want to be sure that we have access to emergency as well as continuous phone service. However, I am also acutely aware that HD 60 is in dire need of expanded broadband service. My approach to this package of bills is "keeping what we have while moving towards



what we need". Please stay informed on these critical concerns for our area.

And now for breaking news: this is not a joke, it is true – the Governor actually vetoed two bills! After three and one-half years, Gov. Hickenlooper finally found a couple of bills he did not like. It is amazing what a difference an election year makes...

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