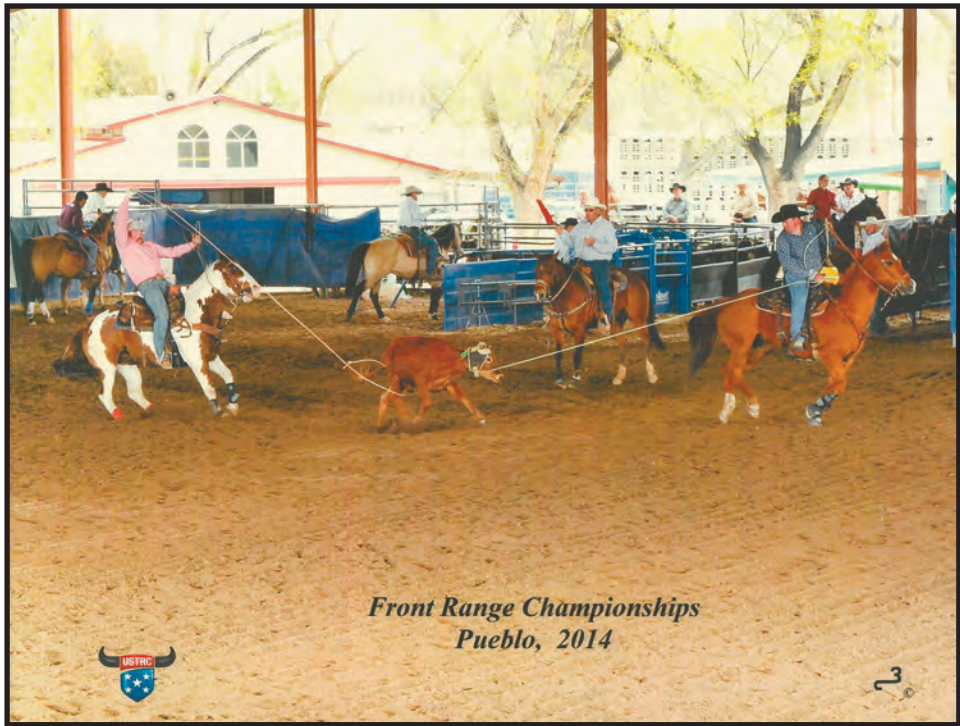




Goin' to the U.S. Finals!



Jake and Caleb won the Number 8 roping at the Front Range Championships in Pueblo. *courtesy photo*



Teammates Jake Shy and Caleb Oldendorf with their newly won saddles. *courtesy photo*

Sunday, April 20, at the Pueblo Fair Grounds, was the first big roping event of the year for Custer County residents Jake Shy (of Valley Feeds) and Caleb Oldendorf (of Caleb's Farrier Service). They won the number 8 roping which qualifies them for the U.S. Team Roping Cham-

pionship National Finals in Oklahoma City in November, in addition to over \$2,000 in cash, plus saddles, and 6,000 in flex earnings.

The World Series of Team Roping, U.S. Team Roping Championships, and the Colorado Pro Rodeo are coming up on their schedules for the

summer, along with local rodeos just about every weekend from now through August, including May 2 at the Blossom Festival in Cañon City, and possibly right here in Westcliffe for the Westcliffe Stampede on July 18-20.

Congratulations, Guys!!

Local Candidates Take The Stage At Chamber Forum *Citizen Objects to Opening Prayer*

by Paul Sage

While newly appointed Westcliffe Town Attorney Jay Prinz tried to steal the show with "where's the separation of church and state" and "I object" to the opening of the Chamber of Commerce's Candidates Forum with a prayer before the pledge of allegiance, the out of turn comments didn't deter the chamber or candidates from putting on a well-run and informative forum.

First up to answer questions from the chamber were the candidates for County Commissioner. Seeking the first district seat are incumbent Alan Butler, and challengers Bob Kattnig and Jack Canterbury. Each candidate was allowed an opening and closing comment and answered a series of seven questions from the Chamber. Most of the questions centered around economic development in

the county. Answering a question about the County Master Plan, candidate Canterbury said that "Frankly, people, I don't think the Master Plan has done anything. It hasn't worked to produce any kind of business in any part of the county. Most of what I've heard about the Master Plan was the excuse why a business couldn't come in because the Master Plan didn't allow it." To a round of applause, he further commented about the plan that "it's been used more to stunt business anywhere in the county than to promote any kind of business."

Incumbent Commissioner Allen Butler expressed his frustration about issues like this saying that "the Board of Commissioners meets three or four times a month... Sometimes I'm really shocked that we'll have something that we think is very important on the agenda, and nobody

shows up. You guys need to come and attend those Commissioners' meetings; and please let us know what you're thinking."

Commissioner Candidate Bob Kattnig used some of his closing comments to address the current Hospital District issues. He said, "I don't know what the answer is going to be, but I know it needs to be solved. It may end up being emergency services and then have a for-profit clinic over there. I don't know, but that is something, folks, we can't let go on for another six months. We have to have it solved."

The Candidates for Sheriff also answered a series of seven questions. Undersheriff Tony Supan, Deputy Eric Thompson, and Custer County resident and Cañon City Police Officer Shannon Byerly are vying for the position Sheriff Fred Jobe has held for twenty eight



The crowd listens closely as Deputy Eric Thompson answers a question. *Sentinel photo by Paul Sage*

years. One of the questions no one could have prepared for posed to the Sheriff Candidates was "If a situation similar to what is happening at the Bundy Ranch in Nevada were to unfold here in Custer County, how would you handle it?"

Deputy Thompson said that he definitely had an opinion on that because of his involvement with the Oklahoma City bombing which was retaliation for the bungled siege by federal agents

at Waco. Mr. Thompson said that "There's other ways to work that out. That is not a time to bring in federal armed troops and start a shoot-out with a lot of constitutionalists that believe exactly the opposite. There's civil ways to resolve that issue."

Undersheriff Tony Supan responded that "if that was to happen in Custer County,

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Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.
Proverbs 19:21
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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

PATRIOTS OR DOMESTIC TERRORISTS?

A very interesting thing happened to the Patriots on their way to the Bundy Ranch in Nevada a few weeks ago – they turned into Domestic Terrorists. That is according to one of the Democratic leaders in Congress – Senator Harry Reid (D-NV). Harry is not happy with Cliven Bundy and his family. We guess that if you are not a liberal progressive like him you cannot be a good American citizen. According to Harry, however, you can be un-American (like the Koch brothers exercising their 1st Amendment rights) or a liar (like the citizens that said they lost their health care coverage because of Obamacare) and now, according to him, if you love liberty and freedom and you don't like government tyranny you are a Domestic Terrorist. Funny how he didn't speak ill of the Occupy Wall Street thugs. This over the top trashing of his fellow citizens is coming from the leader of the U.S. Senate. He might be the greatest obstructionist our federal government has ever seen. This outrageous rant from Senator Reid late last week helps bring some things into focus. He not only rules the U.S. Senate but apparently Nevada also. He first went

before the cameras and told us all that America was a country of laws and that we couldn't tolerate citizens going around and breaking the law. He called the Bundy family lawbreakers and insisted they be dealt with. We would like to suggest to Harry Reid that he look in the mirror. He is one of America's biggest lawbreakers. He failed to develop and bring a budget to a vote in the U.S. Senate for 5 years, a clear violation of the Constitution and an act of breaking the law. He continues to supports the two biggest lawbreakers in America – Obama and Holder. If he wants to lecture someone about breaking the law he needs to visit the White House and the Department of Justice. These guys have actually put out written orders to not enforce America's laws. How has that gone unpunished? There's more. Senator Reid executed the "nuclear option" in changing the Senate rules. It no longer takes 60 votes to bring a presidential nomination to the floor. It only takes 51 votes and then 51 votes to confirm. What did that rule change? No longer does the U.S. Senate provide its advice and consent. It now becomes only

the advice and consent of the ruling party. They control the committees; they control the vote to bring a nominee to the floor, and then they control 51 votes on the floor. Works great, doesn't it? We'll see how the Democrats like that new rule when the Republicans are in control of the U.S. Senate. Why is that important now? Well, it seems Harry used this rule last year to push through the appointment of one of his aides to a very high level. Neil Kornze, a 34-year-old, inexperienced citizen, is now the Director of the Bureau of Land Management. Yes, that BLM. The very same BLM that was completely out of control and used excessive armed force to settle a legal matter that clearly belonged in the courts. Instead this young, inexperienced former aide to Senator Reid addressed it with maximum force and firepower. Did he get advice from his old boss Harry Reid? Sure seems plausible to us. One might wonder how Neil Kornze was selected by Obama to be is BLM Director. Was there a quid pro quo for all the support Harry's given the president over the last 5 years? Probably not, surely Neil was just the right

choice with all his land management experience and years of wisdom. After thousands of freedom and liberty-loving patriots came to the aid of the Bundy family the BLM finally realized their errors of stupidity and tyranny. Now they agree the situation of cows "illegally eating grass" will be handled administratively. This is the way it should have been handled in the first place. All the legal talking heads agreed that a lien on Bundy's property was all that needed to happen. Sort this out in the courts. Don't pull guns and tasers on American citizens over cows (maybe) being in the wrong place. The same place they have been since the late 1800s. We ask you to connect all the dots. Could all this be related somehow or is it just all coincidence? You decide. We believe this was not about grazing fees, turtles, or even solar fields. It was about control. Big government control of our lives. Control about everything from the size of sodas we can drink to the mandatory purchase of a government product we don't want. It's about a government big and powerful enough to take our property and our earnings to redistribute how-

ever it wants. This time Patriots came from all over and stood up to support one family being oppressed and threatened by our government. Many more need to stand up this November and vote these power hungry leaders out of office. The current U.S. Senate must be stopped. Harry Reid must be stopped. Freedom-loving Americans, wake up! Consider what just happened to the Bundy family in Nevada. Where might it happen next? We ask you – who are the real Domestic Terrorists? We must change the balance of power in Washington, D.C. this fall. We need a net gain of 6 seats. Let Colorado be one of these. Defeat Udall. Help elect Cory Gardner as one of our U.S. Senators. Our liberties and freedoms are at stake. Think about this quote from Ronald Reagan: "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." VOTE!



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C-1 School Spending and Responsibilities

Point: From Superintendent Selle

by Chris Selle,
C-1 Superintendent

At the regular Custer County School District Board of Education meeting on April 15, 2014, the CCSD School Board voted to continue employing two principals. The 3-2 vote at the board meeting is evidence that a variety of opinions exist regarding this issue. Additionally, I have heard comments from community members expressing curiosity about the need for two principals. The following list of reasons were my justification for making this recommendation to the school board. The list is lengthy, but hopefully it provides insight into the expectations placed on principals in small, rural school districts such as ours. Additionally, a few other reasons exist beyond the ones listed below. I would invite community members to contact me at the school should they wish to gather more information on this topic.

1. Most districts the size of CCSD employ one or two full time principals. Both principals in our district work on 140 day contracts, which are equivalent to less than 75% of a traditional principal contract and receive a reduced salary. Therefore, the salaries (excluding health benefits) of our principals equate to less than 1.5 full time administrative positions.

2. Combined with the superintendent as the other administrator, CCSD employs 3 administrators, representing approximately 5% of total staff.

3. In a school district the size of CCSD, the following support services do not exist but are still necessary and managed by the licensed administrators: dean of students (discipline), professional development, curriculum and instruction, instructional data, assessments and research, early childhood education, special education, educational technology, human resources, media rela-

tions, community relations, budget development and management, counseling and guidance, school innovation and effectiveness, crisis response and prevention, section 504, educator effectiveness, transportation, employee relations, facilities use and planning, energy management, gifted and talented programs, grant writing, Title I programs, transition services, and dropout prevention and recovery.

4. The above list outlines departments that are found in larger school districts, but does not include many day-to-day operations required to run a school such as: parent conferences, accountability committee meetings, classroom walk throughs, IEP meetings, administration coverage for extracurricular activities, conferences with teachers, and student discipline.

5. The responsibilities and services listed in bullet points 4 and 5 are those that are required for the day-to-day operation of a school. They are not inclusive of the reform initiatives that are currently underway in Colorado and legislative compliance required by those reforms. In the past five years, the following responsibilities have been added for school administrators:

- Alignment and Implementation of the new Colorado Academic Standards
- Movement from the Colorado Basic Literacy Act to the READ Act with new assessments and literacy plans
- Implementation of the new teacher evaluation metrics that have more than tripled the workload required to complete teacher evaluations
- Implementation of school readiness plans and assessments at the kindergarten level
- Transition to new state assessments
- Transition to the "Data Pipeline" for state reporting

g. Development of new graduation guidelines

h. Writing, Review, and Implement the Unified Improvement Plan on an annual basis

6. Should CCSD choose to eliminate one principal position the following losses will likely occur:

- A new principal would need to be hired. Neither of the current principals are willing to take on the additional responsibilities of a K-12 principal in a district our size.
- The superintendent will be required to pick up additional administrative responsibilities. In doing so the following activities, among others, will be eliminated or significantly reduced: legislative advocacy, strategic planning, policy oversight, public relations/communications, technology integration, crisis response and prevention planning, budget oversight, and evaluation of classified personnel
- The ability for the school principal to have a relationship with every child will be lost
- Classroom teachers would not receive the support they need to be successful educators. This would result in negative impacts on student learning.
- Losses listed in bullet points b, c, and d are not assumptions as they are based on past personal experience.

7. The cost savings associated with employing only one principal versus two is not significant.

Because of the items listed above, it was recommend to the Custer County School District Board of Education that CCSD continue to employ a secondary principal and an elementary principal. To eliminate one of the principal positions would result in negative impacts on student achievement, staff excellence, and community relations.

Counter-Point: From the Editor

Editor/GG:

I would like to thank Mr. Selle for his letter concerning the multiple principals issue, work load, etc. And note that the endless reports, tests, and reviews that Mr. Selle mentions in his letter are coming from and are products of HIS fellow education bureaucrats requiring more bureaucrats to complete them. No mention of teaching kids here, folks, it is all about administrative overhead. But let's just briefly examine the bigger picture, that of monopolies and their inevitable descent into inefficiency and bureaucratic malaise.

The public school system is a monopoly. With no competition and an essentially unlimited funding mechanism, it will, and has,

become the bureaucratic nightmare that all monopolies turn into.

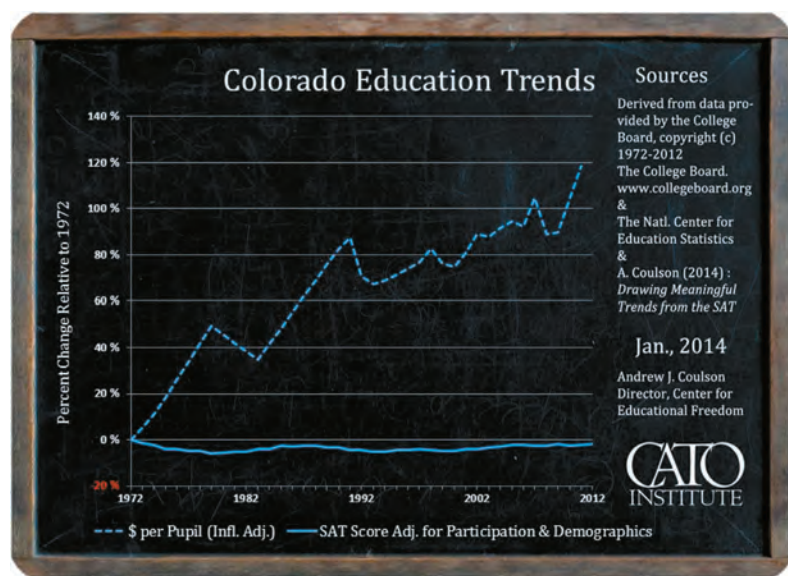
Just look at the two charts below, education spending has skyrocketed, test scores have remained essentially flat or have fallen. As pointed out in our series of articles on our Custer County School, more money has failed to improve our students' results. With ratings in the C or C+ range, we are below mediocre.

What we need in the local, state, and national education establishment is leadership, vision, innovation, and common sense. What we have to do locally is find people with those qualities for our school and school board. Every class that graduates from our school with mediocre test scores is a community failure, and

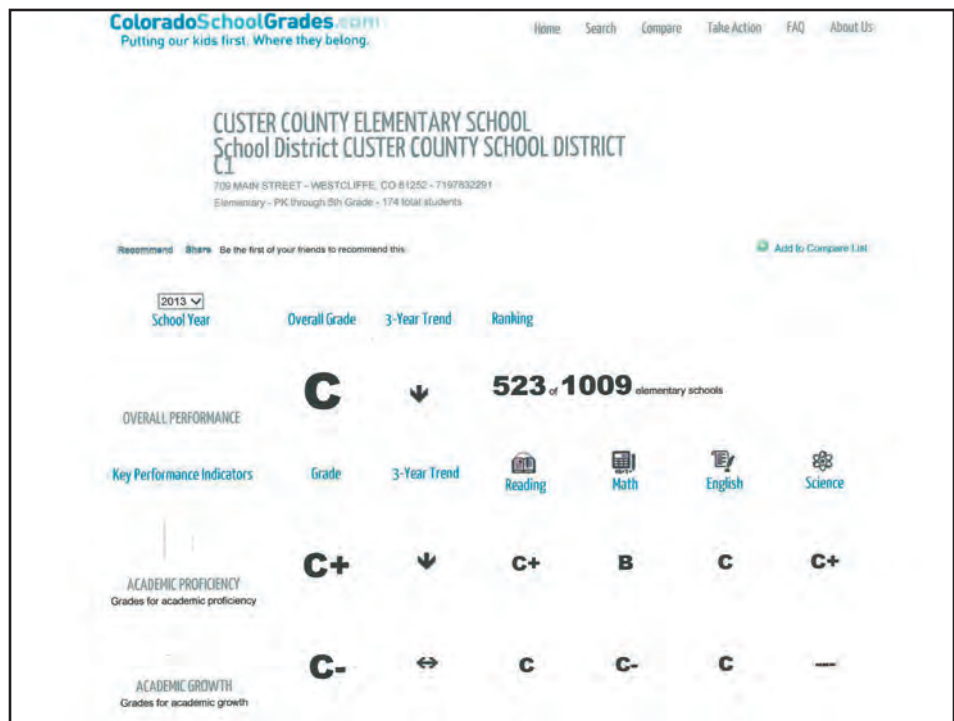
fundamentally unfair to these young people.

Just the other day, U.S. News and World Report released their evaluation of all high schools in the country. And they ranked them. Well, how do you think our high school did? Based on the Transitional Colorado Assessment Program (TCAP) test scores, only sixty percent (60%) of our kids are proficient in reading!!!! NOT ACCEPTABLE.

AND FOR MATHEMATICS, ONLY SEVENTEEN PERCENT (17%) OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL KIDS ARE PROFICIENT. ONLY 17%!!!! This is a complete and unacceptable failure by the school board, the superintendent, and the teachers involved. It is a disgrace.



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Canterbury - Does Not Tell Tales

The quality of a person's character cannot always be determined by what they say. Often candidates for public office profess certain ideas during a campaign and then ignore those ideas once elected. Jack Canterbury does not do that. He believes the County Commissioners should adopt more fiscal responsibility by taking a more pro - active interest in the operations of Custer County government.

He has stated and remains

committed to the idea of attracting businesses to Custer County providing full-time, year round employment without sacrificing the beauty of the Valley or the small town, rural lifestyle so important to all of us. As a local realtor, he is sensitive and informed concerning the issues important to Custer County voters.

Jack recognizes the need for better cooperation between all of the government agencies in the County. He

brings a can-do, get-it-done attitude of someone who has worked a ranch where issues are not debated to death but rather confronted and then solved.

He is a man who will bring needed change to the Custer County Commissioner's Office without destroying the life we all cherish here in the Valley. Please vote Canterbury.

*Larry and Monica Luikart
Westcliffe, CO*

Endorsement for Supan

To the fine people of Custer County,

My name is Bob Funk and I feel I need to comment about the upcoming Sheriff's election. My wife Janice, our granddaughter Violet and I moved to Custer County seven years ago after I retired from the Pueblo Police Department after twenty nine years. We checked out numerous areas of the state and this is where we were treated with kindness and like we were friends.

Shortly after moving here I went to work for the Custer County Sheriff's Office as a dispatcher. Coming from a larger organization I was astounded at the way the department was being run. At first I thought what a back woods place this is, good ole Mayberry with Andy at the helm and Barney his sidekick. I kept waiting for Otis to come turn himself in. The longer I was with the Sheriff's Office the more I realized that it was not being run poorly but in a way that I was not used to. Sheriff Jobe has done a fantastic job. He treats everyone fairly and with compassion and demands the same from his men. I have seen him go above and beyond just to please someone even though the matter had nothing at all to do with his job or duties as Sheriff now be-

lieve that if someone came in and tried to change it to be more like a large department that doesn't have time or care for the citizens of this community, not only would the deputies but the citizens rebel against the department. Now I can't see it being any other way.

I need to comment about the candidates for Sheriff. I have worked with three of them at the Sheriff's Office, Undersheriff Supan, Deputy Thompson, and Steve Trombley who at the time he resigned was a Sergeant. Unfortunately I don't know Mr. Byerly. All of the candidates are qualified to handle the position and I will not say anything negative about any of them. I would hope that the dirty slanderous politics isn't coming from anyone associated with the Sheriff's Office or even any of the candidates themselves.

I would like to tell you some things about Undersheriff Supan. I have seen Undersheriff Supan grow from a Detention Officer to Deputy, to Sergeant and now Undersheriff. As I mentioned earlier I spent twenty nine years on the Pueblo Police Department. I took supervisor training and was a training officer for years, Undersheriff Supan has shown to me that he is the one I want to be our next Sheriff. He goes

way beyond what is expected. He has come out at all hours of the day and night, even on his days off and from out of town to handle calls, I can't remember a time when he hasn't answered his phone no matter where he is or what time it was. He has never refused to take a call no matter how petty or serious. He has a lot of the same ideals as Sheriff Jobe and treats everyone fairly. He does more for the County than anyone I know and doesn't ask for anything in return. He supports the second amendment. He is a hunter and a firearms instructor and believes in the right of all citizens to be able to keep and legally use the weapon of their choice. Undersheriff Supan has my support and vote and I think he deserves your vote also.

I also support Art Nordyke for the office of Coroner. I have had the opportunity to be associated with Mr Nordyke since working for the Sheriff's Office. I have seen him on numerous call and he has always treated victims and family courteously and with respect. He has my support.

Come election time I hope everyone exercises their Constitutional right to vote for the candidate of their choice.

*Bob Funk
Rural Westcliffe*

Lies Cannot Be Untold

This is a story about a young lad that had told a story (lie) about a family in the local community. After a few days the young man comes to realize he had done a very bad thing. He decided to go to the pastor of the local church to seek guidance on what he could do to rectify the wrong that he had done. The pastor told the lad to go and get a sack of feathers and go around to each house in the neighborhood and place a feather on each doorstep. The boy had done just that

and the next day was back before the pastor asking if things were now okay. The pastor said "No, you are not finished, you now have to go and collect each and every feather that you placed on each doorstep". The young lad then realized the impossibility of accomplishing that task and knew that what he had done was set in stone (so to speak).

The story you have just read brings you to the point of this letter. In this community a certain person or persons decided to generate

an outrageous, untruth (lie) about one "Shelley Shelley". The lie was that Shelley was in jail. This was caused to be passed around the town and I believe we all know how lies travel without much help. This act of one or more persons has had the effect of causing some large problems concerning The Stage Stop's business relations with other businesses. Added to that are the personal relationships that are involved.

*Forrest Gompf
Rural Westcliffe*

Easter Sunday 2012: The Dangers of Marijuana in Foods

My husband and I were getting ready to attend service at the Lutheran Church here in Strasburg, Colorado. Before we left home we had a muffin and a cup of coffee. (The muffin had been given to us by a woman I work for, who did not realize it contained marijuana - it had been purchased by a visiting relative and left in the freezer.) We left for church, perhaps a five-minute drive, entered the church, and sat down. It did not take long for the marijuana to start effecting us. I looked over at my husband and he was sweating profusely. I told him we were leaving. When we stood up my legs felt like jelly. A couple seated behind us followed us home. I feel an angel had the steering wheel and we made it home.

My husband went directly to a chair in the living room and called 911. The rescue squad from Bennett came right away and took us to the emergency room. We were admitted and transferred to the 8th floor. Our family came and everyone was very upset, as no one

knew what was going on. Shortly, the doctor came and asked me if I smoked marijuana. I told him NO! NEVER! He stated that I had it in my system and so did my husband.

I was released later in the day, but they kept my husband overnight because he had had a stroke in March and they wanted to watch him. My husband told me later that he seen his legs leaving his body while he was sitting in the chair at home. He had been hallucinating, and it was very hard for him to realize this.

It took over a month to get the marijuana out of our system.

There is a reason I am sharing this with anyone who is concerned about using this 'legal' drug or thinks that there is no problem with legalizing marijuana. It is harmful to the body and the brain. I have been shown first hand that it inhibits the ability to reason, drive a car or function rationally. Anyone who uses it is putting themselves and everyone else in danger. Our police and other law

enforcement officers have enough on their hands, and now they will have to deal with consumption of marijuana products on top of everything else.

I am a mother, grandmother, and great grandmother and am concerned about our children. I am upset with the governor, mayors, and other politicians that allowed marijuana to become legal in our state. I love this state but am ashamed that we have allowed this to happen. We have many tourists coming to enjoy Colorado, and now also just to buy marijuana. I hope this is just a rumor, but now I've heard there are going to be vending machines dispensing marijuana without any control over who buys and uses it!

Shame! Shame!

This is such a sad time in this country and for more reasons than just this issue. All of us with any common sense need to start working to have this law repealed.

God bless this country.
*Ann Marie Alford,
Strasburg, CO*

Ask a Pro: Your Well and Landscaping

The first thing to remember about your well and the pump installed in it is; A pump is a mechanical device made by man and sooner or later it will fail. Thus the well should always be left accessible to a service truck. These trucks need to be driven to the well site and backed up to the well. Additionally we need to work around the well and access the toolboxes on the side of the truck. Given the truck is 8 ft. wide and the doors to the boxes are about 2 ft. when down and we need to squeeze next to them to get to the tools and parts, that's 15 -16 ft. wide.

When a pump fails and leaves your home without water the main priority is

getting it fixed. To access certain wells we have had to cut down trees, tear off decks, take down fences, take a sledge hammer to wishing wells, run over flower beds, bring in a crane, remove or tear down storage sheds, doze a road through beautifully terraced yards and many others I cannot recall.

To boot the customer was paying us by the hour to destroy their hard work and investment. Your money is best spent if we can do what we do best: Fix the pump and leave. -David J. Nequette /Lic. 1043

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The History of Tax and Spend in the Hospital District

by Paul Sage

When the West Custer County Hospital District was approved according to its proposed service plan in 1988, it was a humble beginning indeed, compared to its massive budget today. The service plan states that the "District would set a mill levy of 2.3 mills. Funds generated by the mill levy in 1989 shall not exceed \$75,000." Today that number is close to half a million dollars.

About that time in history, the citizens of the state of Colorado were expressing their frustration with runaway government spending and ever increasing taxes and passed what has become known as the TABOR Amendment to the state constitution. Basically, TABOR requires a vote of the citizens for any increase in taxes and requires that any excess revenues be returned to the voters.

This led to a 1993 ballot initiative to allow the district "to exceed fiscal year spending up to \$50,000 annually beginning in 1993

in excess of the base established by amendment one as long as medical service revenues are adequate to fund the spending and without an increase in debt or allowable taxes." In simple terms, the move allowed the District to spend \$50,000 over their budget as long as they could make the money. It passed by a margin of 517 to 62.

By 1996 this was no longer enough and the District proposed Referendum A which would allow the district to "expend the full proceeds of its medical services without any increase in debt or taxes." In other words, they could spend everything they made without being subject to the need to return excess revenues to the taxpayers. The measure passed by a margin of 361 to 34.

In 1997 the Hospital District went to the voters once again. This time it was to fund the improved clinic building. Referendum 5-A asked that the district's "debt be increased \$500,000 with a repay-

ment cost not to exceed \$578,698, and shall West Custer County Hospital District taxes be increased up to \$115,739 annually for the purpose of financing the construction of an addition to the District's existing healthcare facilities... for a term not to exceed 5 years from the date of issue." The question generated more interest and the vote was a bit closer at 689 to 347.

At this point in history, as we can all remember, the economy was booming as a result of ever increasing real estate values and there was no end in sight. The District Board returned to the voters in 1998 with ballot issue 5-B which allowed the board to spend the \$500,000 approved the previous year basically for anything "as may be determined in the discretion of the District's Board of Directors." The voters resoundingly signed that blank check to the tune of 1056 to 274.

See HOSPITAL
on page 19

First State Bank is Relocating

First State Bank of Colorado's Westcliffe branch is moving to 102 South Adams Street in Westcliffe. According to Wendy Rusk, First State Bank's Market President, they need more room for their banking business and for safe deposit boxes. They have bought the Mor-

gan building on South Adams and the doors will be open for business on May 5. The last day to do business at the current location will on Friday, May 2. The bank will be closed on Saturday, May 3.

The Morgan building is more modern and offers considerably more space.

Also, instead of only one drive up window they will have two. The bank's loan department will stay where it is for right now, but in the future they will move into the basement of new location. The employees feel this move will be good and will serve their customers even better than they do no.

Senior Center Activities

by Carol Clemenson

The Senior Center is gearing up for Friday night potluck, line-dance lessons, and several other activities that will be coming in May. They still would like younger people participate in many of the activities they have to offer right now. There are pool tournaments, Wii games, chess, checkers, cards, and they will show the football games when the season starts again.

There are several things the seniors would like to start but they need participation from several others.

They are also planning an-

other trip to Cripple Creek in August. Anyone over 21-years-of-age can go with the group. The cost of the bus are is low, and they would like to fill up the bus because it comes from Cripple Creek to Silver Cliff, takes the group up and then brings them back around 4:00 in the afternoon. Trust me, folks, you will have the time of your life! These seniors are some of the most fun people that I have been with in a long time. They are a real hoot and crazy. Nothing stops them. They are all over the hill. A lot go to the Victor Mine for tours, and check out all the things in the museums there.

On the 17th of April the Leadership Class from the high school came to the center to help clean up and then they stayed and played pool. The Leadership Class helps out at the Light-house Pregnancy Center, the Care and Share Center, and several other places in the community. They are a great group of kids, and these centers really appreciate their help. Coach Troy Bomgardner would like to see more young people participate.

The Leadership Class consisted of Coach Troy Bomgardner, Ed Berry, Bridget Lotona, Joey Dryer, Weldon Rusher, and Rowen Bell.



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Local Mountain News & Notices

World Aviation Museum: New Location - Westcliffe?

Commentary,
by Katherine Camper

Bill Geipel, a Custer County resident and retired commercial pilot with a lifelong love of aviation, has proposed a very exciting idea for our mountain community. The World Aviation Museum at the SilverWest Airport would offer a real-life history of aviation from all over the world, including military training aircraft from Poland, Czechoslovakia, and the Soviet Union. In addition to the aircraft to look at, touch, and sit in, Bill's vision would also include free private pilot ground school to qualified high school students – including access to the equipment (such as chart, plotter, flight computer), an aviation library, and an educational area for children with movies and games. Bill would also like to offer flying lessons to qualified high school students at a rate approximately 75% less than the current rate at other airports. And a big draw for folks near and far would be fantasy flights in both prop-driven and jet planes.

Access to the museum would be free to all those interested, accepting donations if one desires to help support it. This museum would be a destination for aviation aficionados who want to see the airplanes, which are not widely accessible, and for the chance to fly or learn to fly themselves! Hosting fly-ins



TS-11 Iskra, the first jet aircraft designed in Poland, and used by the Polish aerobatics team. Now part of the World Aviation Museum's collection.

and pancake breakfasts for pilots and visitors, and offering a courtesy car for them to head into town to patronize local businesses would also give a boost to our community.

These are not only reasons to get airplane lovers excited, but to open up the world of flight to the children of our community, in a way most kids never get to experience. The World Aviation Museum will attract visitors no matter where it is built – the question is: Will Custer County work with Bill to bring this to our community?

Bill is asking for little else other than the support from the county. He would like some consideration given to permit fees and cost of the lease, given the cost of getting the museum up and running which other locations have already offered to him in hopes of bringing this exciting enterprise to their community. Bill is

asking for assistance with some excavation, essentially moving some dirt from a location where it is currently posing a safety hazard as it blocks the line of sight for pilots, and many pilots think this needs to be addressed anyway. This would be the only outlay of cash to the county. And the potential for an increase of visitors and commerce due to this endeavor would impact the county for years to come.

Bill will be speaking at the next Rotary Club meeting, on Monday, April 28th, at the Mining Company Restaurant. The meeting will begin with lunch at noon, and Bill will begin his address at 12:30. He is also on the agenda for the County Commissioners' Meeting at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 5th, at the Custer County Courthouse. Come out and hear the details for the museum, and add your support to this endeavor!

courtesy photo

Bobcat Baseball Triumphs over John Mall, Antonito

by Jim Silver

The Panthers were overpowered by the Bobcats on Tuesday, April 15. That is to say, our Custer County Bobcats beat John Mall twice in the double-header: 4-2 in game one, and 13-0 in the second 5-inning game!

At bat, the Bobcats stood up to the plate 29 times and produced 9 hits in game one. Facing a strong starting pitcher on the opposing team, the Bobcats struck out 8 times. Yet, they kept their poise to move from a 1 to 1 tie in the 3rd inning to score another run in the 4th and 2 more in the 6th inning. Hits included 2 doubles, and Rowan Bell hit a home run. Also, our home team showed good hustle in successfully stealing bases 5 times, getting caught only once.

Conner Rowley was in charge on the mound, facing a total of 32 batters. He struck out 14 and walked only 2. He was backed up by some pretty sharp defense on the part of his teammates, as 7 base-runners were put out including one long throw to second base by catcher Rowen Bell. Center fielder T.J. Flynn brought the game to an end with a running-forward fly-ball catch, retiring the side and ending the at-bat for the Panthers.

In game two, hitting the ball and scoring runs was a big part of what this game was about. The Bobcats were able to tally their 13 runs off 10 hits with 6 RBI's. Justin Walden is credited with 2 of those RBI's, as is Travis Stuart. At bat, Justin hit a double, Conner Rowley a triple, and Travis Stuart knocked a home run.

Hitting the ball and scoring runs isn't ALL that this

game was about, though. Lane Byerly was on the mound for those 5 innings, and he faced only 18 batters. This pitching game was far from ordinary. Lane threw 76 pitches and struck out 13 batters. He did walk 3 batters in the course of the game, but that's a moot point when we consider this: Lane pitched a no-hitter!

With these 2A - West Central wins, the Bobcats showed 4 conference wins and 2 losses for the season, and the overall record stood at 6 and 2, with a 5-game winning streak. With that being said, there's yet another win to report in this Sentinel issue: On Friday, April 18 the team played Antonito at the campus of Adams State College in Alamosa—on astroturf. The Bobcats won 5-4. This was another non-conference game for Custer County which brings season wins to 7 and a winning streak of 6 games. As an aside, the Bobcats traveled short-handed, with only 10 players pulling off this win.

The details of the game of the Bobcats versus the Trojans get interesting. The game went into extra innings because of a 4 to 4 tie at the end of 7 innings. Head Coach Jay Lont gives us his overview: The team hit well, with 39 At-Bats producing 12 hits, 5 RBI's, and 5 runs. It was timely hitting which made the difference, said the Coach. Specifically, and finally, it was Tyler Schlabach who came through when it was most needed. First at bat in the 9th, Tyler hit a triple into right field and went on to score the winning run, ending the game. Batters who made the difference at this point in the game were named "Co-Players of the Game." Tyler Schlabach

and Justin Walden shared the honors. Justin, a sophomore, is standing strong at the plate. Coach Lont noted that he was the only batter who didn't strike out against a very good fast-ball pitcher for the Trojans team. Justin hit 3 for 4 with the final RBI.

The Coach went on to say more about the outstanding batting of the Bobcats. With 9 games played, the team Batting Average is .424. This is explained by the fact that individual stats show that 5 players are currently batting above .500. The team has posted 10 homeruns and 31 stolen bases, as well.

Both Lane Byerly and Conner Rowley saw action on the pitchers mound, and the team backed them by playing sound defense. "The team needed a game like that, and I'm very proud of the boys," said the Coach. "They responded at the right time!"

By the time this issue of the Sentinel is in readers' hands the Bobcats will have played another non-conference game against Rocky Ford on Tuesday, the 22nd. Coach Lont expects a tough game, and calls this a game which will boost his team's standings if the Bobcats come out on top. Rocky Ford is ranked 9th. The Coach plans to once again use both Conner Rowley and Lane Byerly on the mound.

"Special Editions" could make reporting on our Bobcats teams more timely for Spring sports, for the baseball team will be playing a conference double-header against South Park on Friday the 25th. So, these games will also be in the record books for the following Sentinel issue on May 2nd. **GO BOBCATS!**

Bobcats Sport Schedule

BASEBALL
Friday, April 25
11 a.m. and 1 p.m.: Double Header - South Park at Home

Monday, April 28
4 p.m.: Center at Adams State

Saturday, May 10
Districts - To Be Announced

TRACK
Saturday, April 26
Palmer Ridge at Monument

Friday, May 2
12:30 p.m.: Pueblo Twilight at CSU - Pueblo

Saturday, May 10
8 a.m.: Regional Track Meet at ASU - Alamosa

GO BOBCATS!

We are Moving!

First State Bank of Colorado is pleased to announce that on Monday, May 5th, we will open our new office at 102 S. Adams Blvd.!

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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.

Local Mountain News & Notices

Bobcats Youth Wrestling

by Coach Mike Ham

The 2014 youth wrestling season came to an end this year with the Rocky Ford and Las Animas Youth Wrestling Tournaments. Custer County took five wrestlers to the Rocky Ford tournament and had a very good showing. The wrestlers really surprised me and their parents by wrestling their hearts out. I was very pleased with the outcome of this event with all the wrestlers placing as follows: Colt Moulton 1st, Blitz Coleman 2nd, Jack Doughty 2nd, Wyatt Aldrich 2nd, and Dalton Wommack 2nd. This tournament was a big challenge for the kids, most of whom have never competed in a wrestling tournament before.

The Las Animas tournament was even better. The kids were more relaxed and it showed. They were awesome with the following placers: Colt Moulton 2nd, Blitz Coleman 2nd, Jack Doughty 2nd, Wyatt Aldrich 1st, and Ian Aldrich 2nd.

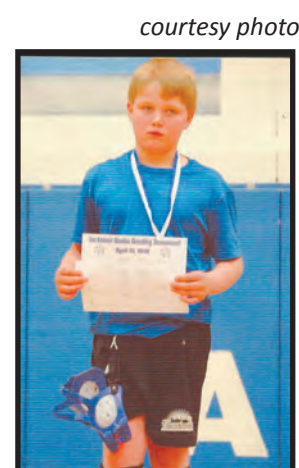
This season was short due to poor planning on my



Youth wrestlers, left to right: Wyatt Aldrich, Blitz Coleman, Ian Aldrich, Colt Moulton, Jack Doughty. Not pictured; Dalton Wommack

part but next season will start earlier giving the young wrestlers a longer and more productive season, helping them get prepared for the next level of competition, Jr. High and then High School. I would like to thank all the parents for bringing their children to practice and taking them to the wrestling events, this truly shows their commitment to seeing that their children grow into future champions.

My goal for the Custer County Wrestling Program is to get kids involved younger, keep them interested in sports, teach them



Wyatt Aldrich with his 1st place award.

to keep their grades up, and most of all have fun while learning lessons that they can use throughout their life.

Important Preschool and Kindergarten Screening

by Candi Sage

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Preschool and Kindergarten Screening to be held on Friday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Custer County School in the west gym. All families with preschool age children including homeschoolers are invited to come and have their child screened to determine their development and readiness for school and where they fit into academics.

The screening will give good information to parents and helps determine if their child is on track for development and progress. The screening is the 'Ages and Stages Questionnaire' and is interactive with the

child rather than a parent questionnaire and is leveled every six months from age 3 to age 5. The child is given a series of tasks, games and questions to answer, in the areas of; communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem solving and personal-social. Other screening opportunities include hearing and vision, information on safety with car seats and seatbelts, and an opportunity to visit with the Public Health Nurse to ask general questions about the preschool age child.

Elementary Principal, Holly Anderson, outlined the Preschool Program at Custer County School where the cutoff for entrance is the child is to be

three by June 1, four by June 1, and five by June 1 for Kindergarten. There are a total of sixteen 'slots' for the 3 year old class, and sixteen for the 4 year old class. Mrs. Anderson pointed out that out of the thirty two openings, seventeen are free for those who qualify under the Colorado Preschool Program (22-22-107(3)(CRS), and (22-28-105-C.R.S.). She indicated that it is important for parents or guardian families to get this screening to see that their child is on track in their development, learning and readiness for Kindergarten and also for entrance into the Preschool and Kindergarten Programs at Custer County School.



Bobcat Menu • April 28 - May 1, 2014

Monday breakfast
French Toast Sticks
Sausage Links
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Chicken Patty Sandwich
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Tuesday breakfast
Bagel w/ Cream Cheese
Ham
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Chili
Corn Bread
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Wednesday breakfast
Scrambled Eggs
W. W. Toast
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Mac 'n' Cheese
W. W. Roll
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Thursday breakfast
Sausage Gravy, Biscuits
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Cheese Pizza
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

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

KIDS

Friday, April 25, 2014

Social Security: A Welfare Program Taking Your Money

April 27, 1937, the United States Social Security system made its first benefit payment.

Social Security is primarily an Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance federal program funded through payroll taxes. The earliest age one may apply for benefits is age 62. The amount of your monthly benefit depends on your earnings record.

Keep in mind that these benefits are meant to be supplemental benefits to a person's savings.

Did you know that, currently, the Social Security Administration is using the Internal Revenue Service to withhold tax refunds from children whose parents have died because allegedly SSA overpaid their parents in their lifetime?

Back to the first benefit payment. On January 31, 1940, Ida May Fuller of Ludlow, Vermont, received the first monthly recurring social security retirement check but not the first social security payment. Ernest Ackerman retired one day after the social security program began. A nickel was withheld from his pay for social security, and upon retiring, he received a lump-sum payment of 17 cents.

information source: wikipedia

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Corner

Bobcats Track Team Place High at Rye Thunderbolt Invitational

by Jim Silver

On Saturday, April 19 the Bobcats traveled to Rye to compete in a field of 20 schools, up to Class 3-A. With first-place finishes in 3 events and several boys placing in multiple events, the boys placed third, behind Rye and Lamar (3-A). The girls placed well also-- 8th out of 20.

Brian O'Connor jumped in 3 events, and placed 1st in High Jump and Long Jump. His Long Jump was a Personal Best of 19'-9." Brian stretched his Triple Jump to 40'-10" (Personal Best), for a 2nd place finish in that event. The other 1st place finish was Corey Lewenkamp in the 1600-meter Run. Keeping his running program right on track, Corey also competed in the 3200-meter Run and finished in 2nd place.

With more about boys placing in multiple events, Denver Mullett placed 8th in the 100-meter Dash, 5th in the 200-meter, and 3rd in the Triple Jump. Dillon Wommack placed 6th in the 300-meter Hurdles

and 8th in the Triple Jump. Outside the main arena as usual, the throwers perform their events for the spectators who walk out to watch and encourage them on. Smokey Solis placed 2nd in Shot Put with a Personal Best of 44'-2.75." Then, in the last event of the day, he placed 6th in Discus.

At the Thunderbolt Invitational, the girl who showed up the most times--placed in the top 8 and therefore posted points-- was Kaitlyn Freeburg. She placed 5th in the 200-meter Dash, 8th in the 100-meter Hurdles, 5th in the 300-meter Hurdles, and 7th in the Triple Jump. Sarah Gerringer placed 7th in the 100-meter Dash. Later in the day, she took the challenge from Distance Coach Brandon Bass and entered the 800-meter Run for her first try at moving from a "dash" to a "run." Sarah pleased her coach and perhaps surprised herself, with a 5th place finish. Jessica Sturtevant showed her typical endurance and contended to gain her position for a 2nd -place finish in the 3200-meter Run. Her posted time was also a

"Personal Best" for the season.

What is not immediately obvious to the fans who are simply reading about the Bobcats track team and not following them to a track meet and spending the day as a spectator, is the significance of their placing high as a team. Track is mostly an individual sport, such that being competitive as a team means placing in the top 8 in a number of the various events. In a meet such as the Thunderbolt Invitational, some schools show up with a larger team and thus have an advantage in scoring more total points. This is all to say that with 3 meets to go before the Regional Track Meet on May 10, our Bobcats are doing their best to be in peak form by then and the next week--State!

By the April 25 Issue of the Sentinel, the Primero Invitational in Weston will be history--held on the previous day. On Saturday, April 26, the team goes to the Palmer Ridge Invitational, followed by the Pueblo Twilight on May 2.

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Native Woods to Open Under New Lease

by Candi Sage

Native Woods will open again this spring on or around May 1 with new management: Valley Ace Hardware. The grand opening celebration is scheduled for the weekend of May 17-18. Owner of Valley Ace, Paul Wenke, said they are busy purchasing plants and items from Brady's in Cañon City and Salida.

Mr. Wenke is planning to provide many organic items including soil amendments, herbs and fertilizer. He is also including many trees harvested locally from around the valley. Customers will also be able to purchase tomato plants of local

grower, Pen Parmeter. Inventory items will include deer and rabbit resistant products. Mr. Wenke reports that the greenhouse has been repaired and will be ready for the bedding plants. He also stated he will be open to input from customers.

Employees are now busy with inventory, pricing, and making the necessary



Matt Phillips and other Valley Ace employees get ready for the 2014 plant and gardening season.

Sentinel photo by Candi Sage

repairs and improvements to the grounds for the 2014 planting and gardening season. Matt Phillips, and other staff are busy preparing Native Woods to join the Valley Ace Family and for opening day.

Custer County School Hosts Thank-You Bash

Volunteers for Custer County School are all invited to the Annual Thank You Bash on Wednesday, May 7, at 4 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

The school, students, and staff all benefit magnificently from community members' and parents' time and talents. Whether it is tutoring, speaking to a class for a special topic or project, helping with sports events or baking cookies, all the people who have helped out during the year are invited to attend the Thank You Bash.

This is the time we take to thank all these folks for their generosity. There has been many an occasion

when a need arises and the good citizens of the community drop whatever they were doing and run over to school to help out. Mr. Bomgardner conducted mock interviews for scholarship hopefuls. We put together a couple panels of 3 or 4 people to give the kids a feel for the pressure they would face for the real deal. The sheriff's posse patrols the hallways. Parents come in to help teachers with special events. Business people speak to classes on various topics. Tutors keep kids on track. Nurses, realtors, insurance agents, engineers, architects and lawyers take the time to share a lifetime of skills with students. It's remarkable and heartwarming, said Jacque Keller the

VOICE4C1 coordinator.

VOICE, Volunteer Opportunities In Community Education, is one of the programs sponsored by Excellence in Education — a nonprofit organization that supports unfunded programs for the school.

No RSVP is needed to attend the thank you event. "The students and I just want you to come so we can express our gratitude," said Keller. There will be refreshments and entertainment.

For more information, call 783-4908, email jacque.keller@ccbobcats.net or visit www.exinedcommittee.org.



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Events Calendar

Friday, April 25, 2014 7:30 - 9 p.m.: High School Drama Musical at Jones Theater	9 a.m.: BOCC Meeting in Boardroom
Saturday, April 26, 2014 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Garage Sale at Cowboy Church 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.: High Country Recycling Paper Shred at Custer County School parking lot 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Senior Center Soup Cook-off and Potluck: Call Roxie at 371-7016 for details 7:30 - 9 p.m.: High School Drama Musical at Jones Theater	Thursday, May 1, 2014 All day: High School Knowledge Bowl League at Alamosa, Colorado 10 a.m.: Airport Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, April 28, 2014 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Confluence Saxophone Quartet Concert at Custer County Schools West Gym	Friday, May 2, 2014 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.: School Readiness Screening for all children ages 3 to 5 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.: First Friday Art Walk in Cañon City at The Artists' Gallery, 416 Main Street, Cañon City
Wednesday, April 30, 2014	Sunday, May 4, 2014 1 p.m.: Lincoln Day Potluck Dinner at Custer County School multi-purpose room

Recurring Events and Business Hours

Monday 6 p.m.: Closed step study 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 8 a.m. - 5 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 by 9:30 a.m.	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 p.m.: Awanas for kids ages three through sixth grade at First Baptist Church of Westcliffe	Friday 6 p.m.: Open discussion 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 till 5/3

West Central Mental Health Center is conducting a Mental Health First Aid Training

Thursday, May 8, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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What is Mental Health First Aid?

Mental Health First Aid is the help offered to a person developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The aims of Mental Health First Aid are to:

1. Preserve life when a person may be a danger to self or others
2. Provide help to prevent the problem from becoming more serious
3. Promote and enhance recovery
4. Provide comfort and support

Why Mental Health First Aid?

- Mental health and substance abuse problems are incredibly common.
- Stigma is associated with mental health problems.
- Many people are not well informed about mental health issues.
- People often do not know how to respond.
- People with mental health problems often do not seek help independently.

Who should attend a Mental Health First Aid training?

Mental Health First Aid training is for everybody, especially people who have a lot of contact with the general public — they are the most likely to encounter people who are suffering from emotional health problems. It's particularly helpful to police officers, primary care workers, teachers, faith communities, community leaders, human resource professionals, friends and family of people with mental illness or addiction. Mental Health First Aid Colorado leads the statewide effort to teach caring Colorado citizens how to recognize symptoms of mental health problems, how to offer and provide initial help, and how to guide a person toward appropriate treatments and other supportive help.

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TRACK

The Rye Thunderbolt Invitational was held at Rye on April 19. The Bobcat boys came in 3rd out of the 20 teams competing with 5 placing in multiple events. The girls placed 8th with 3 of them tallying all the points.



BOBCAT SPORTS

BASEBALL

On April 15 the Bobcats hosted a home game double header against John Mall (Walsenburg). The Bobcats won both games 4-2 and 13-0 with Lane Byerly pitching a no-hitter in the second game.



First Friday Art Walk in Cañon City

The Artists' Gallery, 416 Main St., Historic Downtown Cañon City, extends an invitation to our monthly "First Friday Art Walk" event on May 2nd, from 5-8 p.m. Featured artists for the month are Pat Wiles, nationally known transparent watercolor artist and illustrator; Priscilla (Penny) Leese, gifted photographer and mixed media artist; and Mary and John O'Brien of "Sweet Cakes", artisans of beautifully handcrafted goat's milk-based lotions and soaps. Live music will be performed by "Trio con

Brio" flute group, all members of the Southern Colorado Community Band.

Come support local art, meet the artists, and enjoy fabulous music and complimentary refreshments. The gallery showcases the works of 50 talented local artists and is open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 719-345-4070 or visit our website: www.theartistsgalleryonline.com.

Thank you for supporting the arts in Southern Colorado!

Sheriff's Report...

As of Tuesday, April 22, there were eight men in jail.

April 20 At 1:10 a.m., a 2008 Mitsubishi driven by Nathaniel Wiener, age 37, of Cañon City was northbound on County Road 255 near the intersection of Knoll Top Drive when he lost control on a left-hand curve as he was swerving to miss a deer. No personal injuries. The vehicle sustained heavy damage.

April 15 At 12:46 p.m., a 2005 Chrysler driven by Debra Liven-good was traveling westbound on Highway 96 near mile marker 10 when she went off of the right-hand side of the road. Upon hitting the berm covering a culvert, the vehicle went airborne and landed upright. The vehicle sustained heavy damage. She was transported to Parkview Hospital for possible back injuries.

AMBULANCE REPORT

Nine (9) ambulance calls.

April 22 At 9:56 a.m., the ambulance was dispatched to Kit Carson Ln. for a 68-year-old male with difficulty breathing. He was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.
April 21 At 1438 hours, the ambu-

lance was on stand-by for the fire department regarding a structure fire.

April 20 At 1625 hours, the ambulance was dispatched to the Cowboy Church for a 73-year-old male with a possible heart condition was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

April 20 At 9:26 a.m., the ambulance was dispatched to the Menno-nite Church for an 80-year-old male with a possible heart attack. Flight for Life was called and transported the male to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

April 19 At 2123 hours, the ambulance was dispatched to Highway 69 South near mile marker 1 for a 43-year-old female with possible chest pains. She was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

April 19 At 1947 hours, the ambulance was dispatched to Rubel Road for a 30-year-old female having possible seizures. She was transported to Parkview Hospital.

April 18 At 10:48 a.m., the ambulance was dispatched to County Road 66 in Fremont County for a 51-year-old female suffering from chills and vomiting. She was trans-

ported to St. Thomas More Hospital in Cañon City.

April 18 At 11:13 a.m., the ambulance was dispatched to Ridge Road for a 61-year-old female for a possible broken arm. She was transported by private vehicle. The ambulance was refused.

April 15 At 12:46 p.m., the ambulance was dispatched to mile marker 10 on Highway 96 to transport a female to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo for possible back injuries.

FIRE CALLS

Four (4) fire calls

April 21 A fire truck was dispatched to a trailer house on Boone Avenue where it is used for storage. The fire was extinguished. The cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

April 15 At 1900 hours, a fire truck was dispatched to Wykagyl for a smoke investigation. Someone had started a fire in the fireplace and the smoke from the chimney was low to the ground.

April 15 A fire truck was on stand-by regarding the accident on Highway 96 near mile marker 10.

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Court Report...

April 10: Camille Clough Southwick was arrested on March 31, 2014, for driving under FRA (Financial Responsibility Act) suspension. A Motion to Dismiss was granted.

Michael James Bayless, age 50, was arrested on February 14, 2014 in the 400 block of South Street in Silver Cliff. On April 10, Bayless plead guilty to disorderly conduct. The District Attorney dismissed the charge of obstructing a police officer.

Joshua Leon Ray, age 27, of Westcliffe plead guilty to the charge of improper mountain driving. Ray was fined \$149.50.

Patricia Elizabeth Lewis, age 55, of Westcliffe plead guilty to disorderly conduct. The other original charge of a pedestrian drunk on a highway was dismissed by the District Attorney. She was fined \$186 and ordered to perform 16-hours of community service.

Alan Bryce Olomon, age 23, of Westcliffe was granted a Motion to Dismiss regarding a charge of violation of a protective order. In another matter, he was charged with Assault in the Third Degree and Knowingly or Recklessly Caused Bodily Injury to Another Person on April 4. Olomon plead guilty and given a deferred sentence. On April 10, the deferred sentence was revoked, given one-year probation, and is to perform 40-hours of community service. He was fined \$1,260.50.

Frank Skinner, age 33, of Silver Cliff plead guilty

to the charge of misuse of plates. He was fined \$84.50.

Robert L. Yellico, age 54, of Wetmore was charged with menacing and domestic violence and ordered to relinquish firearms and ammunition on January 31, 2014. On April 10, 2014, a Motion to Dismiss was granted.

In the case of Carl Heck v John Sluder, the Plaintiff, Carl Heck, requested the matter dismissed. Sluder paid Heck \$574 for non-performance of work after pre-payment on June 6, 2012.

On February 13, 2014, Michelle Rae Nardin, age 46, of Cotopaxi, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs or both, and driving a vehicle with blood alcohol content of 0.08 or more. On April 10, 2014, Nardin plead guilty to driving under the influence. The charge regarding blood alcohol content was dismissed by the District Attorney. Nardin is to serve 5 days in jail, perform 24-hours of community service, and be under 2-years probation. Other conditions apply. She was fined \$2,064.50.

Zachary Pierre Meyer Lemoine, age 26, of Silver Cliff was charged on December 3, 2013, with Assault in the Third Degree and Domestic Violence. On April 10 Lemoine plead guilty and was given 1-year deferred sentence and to perform 24-hours of community service. Other conditions apply. Lemoine was fined \$841.50.

On February 28, 2014, Stephen Wayne Phillips was charged with driving a defective vehicle, owner-operated uninsured vehicle on a public roadway, and failure to obtain registration within 60 days of purchase of a vehicle. On April 10, he plead guilty to operating an uninsured vehicle. The other charges were dismissed by the District Attorney. Assessed fines and costs are \$509.50.

On January 3, 2013, Leonard M. Cordova, age 35, of Pueblo, Colorado, was originally charged, convicted, and plead guilty on January 3, 2013, to disorderly conduct (fighting in public). On April 10, 2014, probation was revoked and sentenced to 90 days in jail concurrent with three Pueblo cases. Work release was granted with permission from the Pueblo County jail.

April 8: On January 24, 2014, Michael Santiago, age 45, of Marshall, Texas, was charged with speeding 10-19 miles per hour over the posted limit and driving a vehicle without a valid license. He plead guilty to both charges and fined \$241.50.

April 4: On March 23, 2014, Michelle Marie Trinajstich, age 45, of Silver Cliff, Colorado, was charged with driving a vehicle when her license was under restraint and speeding (10-19 mph) over the posted limit. On April 4, 2014, she plead guilty to speeding. The charge driving under restraint was dismissed by the District Attorney. A fine of \$164.50 was assessed.

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Samuel Adams - Founding Father

Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

Royal Gorge Republican Women *Where I Come From* *We Call That A Lie*

by: Barbara Penezic

The Royal Gorge Republican Women's (RGRW) Luncheon meets the third Thursday of every month from 11:30 a.m. till 1 p.m. Be sure to bring a sandwich\salad, your sense of humor, and an inquisitive mind. The discussions may cover everything from who our next Governor should be to the making of dog biscuits. I won't try to explain that last remark, it was one of those 'you had to be there moments'. Men are encouraged to attend as well Come with an open mind; it will be filled; no charge.

The meeting begins like all conservative events with a blessing and the pledge. The speakers this month were Randy Keller and Laura Carno. Some of you may recall that Randy Keller, candidate for Fremont County Coroner, was rather rudely interrupted last month, cutting short his presentation. Therefore; Mr. Keller was given the opportunity to restate his qualifications for the office of Coroner. Randy has a two year law degree and is a professional photographer. He explained that photography is an important tool for a Coroner because death investigations often require photographic evidence. Mr. Keller was also pleased to announce that he has the endorsement of both Sheriff Beicker and Senator Kevin Grantham. Roxanne Hollabaugh and her committee from the Royal Gorge Tea Party was acknowledged for their efforts along with the RGRW in bringing about the recent Governor's Forum.

Ms. Laura Carno, of Col-

orado Springs, creator of UDALL LIED.COM and I AM CREATED EQUAL.COM spoke next. This vibrant woman held everyone's attention from her first word to her last. She was an informative and entertaining speaker. Laura expressed concern that "While a whole field of Republican Candidates for Governor might be out there beating each other up, Udall will be sitting on a pile of money, wearing cowboy boots and jeans, acting like Mr. Colorado." We may all be well advised to remember this line from an old country tune, 'Don't Call Him a Cowboy Till You've Seen Him Ride.' Laura says some may think that calling Udall a liar is a bit harsh but she continued, "When Senator Mark Udall said You'll be able to keep your Dr. or your plan on Fox 21 News, he knew that wasn't true. Where I come from we call that a lie. Colorado Senator Mark Udall cast the 60th and decisive vote for Obamacare. Without Mark Udall this horrible law wouldn't even exist. It is not acceptable for politicians to lie to us." Hence the lines LIAR, LIAR, PANTS ON FIRE, seem to adequately describe Senator Mark Udall.

Laura freely admits that she tripped and fell into politics after being laid off from her position in banking." Ms. Carno recalled sitting on her bed listening to campaign ads from the Obama team saying they wanted to 'make women equal.' Women conquered the whole equality issue a long time ago. "We've moved on," she said. Unfortunately, the Conservative side was just as bad portraying

women as little more than 'emotional lumps' who need to be taken care of. This led Laura to create I AM CREATED EQUAL.COM. Here she states, "I am equal to Government, You are not the Boss of Me." When asked about the concept of equal pay for women Laura said women already receive equal pay if they want to make the sacrifices that men make. Such as trading time with their families to carry out the demands of the oft times higher paying careers. "It is a matter of choice," she continued. The Obama administration thinks women need to be taken care of. In the 60's women rebelled against men telling them what to do, but now they are okay with the government telling them what to do. One of Ms. Carno's favorite lines standing with hands on hips is, "Don't tell me what to do and I'll get my own birth control, Thank You very much!"

Women of America it is time to show what you are made of. Stand tall and tell State and Federal Government, "Don't you dare tell me how many bullets I can have to stop a rapist, I am entitled to have and use as many bullets as I choose." Some food for thought, when listening to Obama team players be alert to the MIS words like misunderstood, misconception, misinformed, they all translate to "LIAR, LIAR, PANTS ON FIRE." Most importantly this election year let Senator Mark Udall know we want him to play golf full time. We don't want him to work for us anymore.

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Take Back the Night *and* Walk a Mile In My Shoes *Two Great Events* *in One Night*

by: Barbara Penezic

Approximately 200 Fremont County community members took to the street last Thursday evening to show support for two deserving events. The participants formed up at the City Market parking lot and marched down Royal Gorge Boulevard to the Depot Park on 9th Street. The Fremont County chapter of Biker's Against Child Abuse preceded the crowd on their motorcycles.

Event organizers had 150 t-shirts to give out and they were all gone by 6 p.m. Every participant did, however, receive a Teal Ribbon to pin on their shirt. The color teal we were told represents sexual violence awareness and prevention. What a simple and creative way to empower and show support for our fellow man. A way to love one another as Jesus loved us during Holy Week. Family Crisis Services Inc. hosted this 8th annual 'Take Back the Night' event and according to Executive Director Shantell Lynch this event gets larger every year.

High heels were worn by many participants including our own Sheriff Beicker! The high heels denote an event organized by Miss Fremont County, Baylee Marchiani, and her good friend Kenzie Clark, "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes." Baylee has chosen to support this event because she has a desire to be an advocate for persons who have survived sexual assault. According to Miss Clark, "sexual violence is a taboo subject," but when the men are wearing high heels as they come to 'Walk a Mile in Her Shoes,' suddenly we are able to speak the unspeakable. Baylee Marchiani plans to make this her platform for the state competition and the Miss America competition.

Determined voices filled the night air as the group marched down Royal Gorge Boulevard chanting, "We have the power, we have the right, the streets are ours, take back the night!" "Cañon City Rocks!" said Carole Bergemen, a Family Crisis volunteer. Take Back the Night event would not be possible without the support of so many Cañon City sponsors. Kelci Morber, former Family Crisis therapist, echoed that same sentiment saying, "We are incredibly appreciative and grateful for the wonderful people and organizations that have been imperative in making this event a success. At Depot Park victims of sexual violence were given the opportunity to speak and silent meditation was observed.

Jim White, Rocky Mountain Shito-Ryu Karate-Do Sensei, hopes that by walking that mile, the marchers looked every sexual predator in the eye and said, "We're not going to take it anymore." After a brief self-defense demo at the park some Tai Chi moves were presented by Kris Johansson and the program was rounded out by a local artist, Mary Shell, as she entertained the crowd with some speed painting. Hopefully, victim and supporter alike gained some strength by participating in these two healing events. The world can be a dark and scary place for all people. Both men and women, should be sure they have the needed skills and/or tools to ensure their own safety should the need arise. Kudo's to Cañon City for speaking out with a loud clear voice and letting the predator know they will not be tolerated in our community.

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IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

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**Cañon City
Fremont RE-1
2nd and 4th Mon
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2nd Mon. at 7 p.m.
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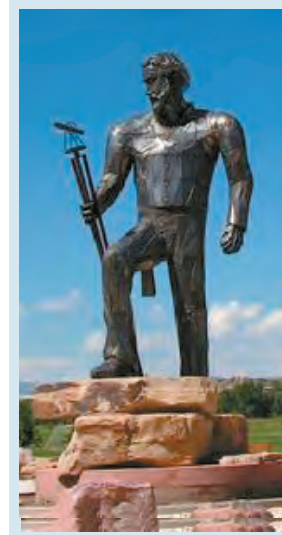
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Cañon City Music and Blossom Festival

by Edward Whitcraft
Royal Gorge Tea Party

The annual Music and Blossom Festival will be held the first weekend in May this year which is May 3&4. Cañon City comes alive during the weekend but the town is really buzzing for the entire week leading up to the actual events on the weekend. The carnival starts setting up on Monday or Tuesday so it can open on Wednesday. The city crews are busy preparing the streets with new markings, while the festival coordinators are out and about ensuring last minute details are not forgotten. The high school is also very much involved

with the Music and Blossom Festival as they will host a Battle of the Bands and an invitational track meet.

In addition to the carnival and high school events there will be a 5K walk/run event, crafts fairs at the Train Depot Park and Veterans Park and, of course, the famous Saturday Parade complete with royalty. There are over 110 spaces set up in the parks for vendors. Veterans Park will have live music throughout the day along with plenty of food vendors. As you partake of a morsel of food you can enjoy and relax to some top notch entertainment.

The theme for this year's Festival is "Still Standing Tall". Of course its referring to our devastating fire and floods from last year so there will be many floats in the parade that focus on those events. This will be an excellent opportunity for Cañon City residences to display just how much we have recovered from the flood and fire one year ago.

Folks, if you have nothing better to do on the first weekend in May please come to Cañon City-join in the many festivities and stop by the craft fair to see what the vendors are offering.

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~John F. Kennedy

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The Revived Threat of Communism to the U.S.

In the 1950s and '60s Americans understood the threat of communism. The mere association with it was considered treasonous. But the news media and Hollywood rewrote the narrative on communism - that it wasn't dangerous, that people who thought it was were right wing radicals, paranoid, essentially pay no attention to the man behind the (iron) curtain. But communism in the 20th Century was responsible for over 100 million deaths. Recent events are revealing and demonstrating that many of those who are in charge of the U.S. government are communistic in their viewpoints and in their administration of the government. Communism is a serious threat to America.

Long before his first election, the occupant of the Oval Office's association with known communists was questioned--from the mysterious Frank Marshall Davis of his childhood to Weatherman terrorist Bill Ayers to the community organization strategies of Saul Alinsky to the concept of rebuilding America, the "president's" leanings were communistic. Moreover, since taking office, his executive actions, policies, and messaging have also reflected a strong communistic leaning. Even his press secretary enshrines communist propaganda as artwork in his home. Americans need to understand that we have in the highest level of government something foreign to and the antithesis of everything that once was "American."

Not supporting traditional marriage, supporting abortion, supporting homosexuality, opening the borders, the welfare state, property

confiscation, militarization of agencies, spying on citizens, demonizing opposing political viewpoints, nationalized health care, the war on Christianity--are all extremely public evidences of the communist influence over America's leadership. The Communist Manifesto calls for the abolishing of morals, religion, property ownership to be replaced with statism--a political system in which the government has centralized control over social and economic affairs. How long, for example, can 86 million workers sustain 148 million who don't work? This is how communism controls the masses.

In 1963 Florida Congressman Albert Herlong, Jr., entered into the Congressional Record an excerpt from "The Naked Communist" summarizing 45 goals of the communists for America. Among them were: gain control of the press; gain control of the schools; gain control of entertainment; transfer powers of arrest from police to social agencies; total disarmament as a moral strength; eliminate obscenity laws; promote promiscuity and homosexuality as normal; replace "revealed" religion with "social" religion; enforce separation of church and state; discredit the American Constitution; discredit the Founding Fathers. As you can see, the current leadership has embraced this. Communism is an imminent threat to America. The antidote: Acts 5:29, "We ought to obey God rather than men."

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
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Liberty Movement Rising

by Brandon Smith
of Alt-Market.com,
via ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: A great summary of where we are. A little long but well worth the read. Some people are "standing up" folks.)

"Freedom had been hunted round the globe; reason was considered as rebellion; and the slavery of fear had made men afraid to think. But such is the irresistible nature of truth, that all it asks, and all it wants, is the liberty of appearing." - Thomas Paine

The label of "fringe" is a common one used by statist, bureaucrats, and paid shills in order to marginalize those who would stand against government corruption. The primary assertion being sold is that the "majority" joyously supports the establishment; and the majority, of course, is always right.

The liberty movement, which is a collection of numerous freedom organizations and political activists brought together by a shared philosophical bond, has been accused of "fringe" status for quite some time. With corporatist dominance over the mainstream media for decades backing an elitist machine in Washington and a global banking cartel footing the bill with money created from thin air, any such accusation can be made to seem "real" to those who are unaware.

The problem has always been a matter of physical action giving rise to an acknowledgment of numbers.

We have all heard the old story of the debate within the ancient Roman government over the idea of forcing the slave population to wear distinct armbands so that they could be more easily identified among the regular population. The concept was rejected on the realization that if the slaves were given a visual confirmation of their considerable numbers and strength, they would be encouraged to revolt against the Roman

tyrants. That is to say, as long as the slaves felt isolated, they would remain apathetic and powerless. Of course, that was not always the case. Sometimes, a small group would stand up despite their supposed isolation, and the rest of the world, wide-eyed and astonished, would take notice.

The liberty movement has just experienced one of its first great moments of realization and empowerment in Clark County, Nev., and millions of past naysayers have been shell-shocked.

I covered my views in detail on the Bundy Ranch saga in Nevada in my article "Real Americans Are Ready To Snap," amid the usual choir of disinformation agents and nihilists desperate to convince Web audiences that the liberty movement would do nothing to stop the Bureau of Land Management's militant assault on Cliven Bundy's cattle farm. This assault included hundreds of Federal agents, helicopters, contractors hired essentially as cattle rustlers, and even teams of snipers.

The statists and socialists were certainly out in force to misrepresent the Bundy issue and frighten anyone who might consider taking a stand for the family. The Southern Poverty Law Center, not surprisingly, was hard at work spreading lies and disinformation about the confrontation in Nevada, painting a picture of fractured patriot groups and militiamen with "little training" going to face unstoppable Federal BLM agents and likely "ending up dead." The SPLC insinuated that the movement was ineffective and in over its head.

The reality was much the opposite. Liberty groups arrived in droves and were staunchly unified — not by a centralized leadership, but in defense of the basic moral principles outlined in the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. Sources on the ground at the Bundy ranching operation relayed to me that at least 1,000 activists and militia members



It's time to play Cowboys and Communists

arrived over the weekend, with many more on the way. This one event proved certain points:

1. The liberty movement is not afraid to put itself in harm's way for the right cause — even if this means facing off against highly armed government thugs.
2. The liberty movement has the ability to field a response team or even an army anywhere in the country at any time within a couple of days.
3. The liberty movement has the ability to change the course of events, even to the point of removing Federal agents from a region who are acting in an unconstitutional manner.
4. The Federal government is not invincible, nor is it unfazed by liberty movement opposition. They worry about our strength and ability.

Over the past weekend, we witnessed the true influence of the liberty movement. As thousands of activists and militia arrived in the area, the BLM finally began to understand what it was facing. The government agency that has been terrorizing farming communities throughout the West for years, the agency armed with military-grade weaponry and hundreds of agents, ran away, as freedom fighters descended on the region.

Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval and Clark County Sheriff Doug Gillespie, two politicians who were death-

ly silent during the beginning of the Federal incursion on the Bundy ranch, have now suddenly become vocal in defense of Nevada ranchers against the BLM. It's amazing how "inspired" politicians can become to do the right thing when they see an army of liberty activists marching against tyranny in their own backyard.

Not only was the BLM forced to remove itself from the area, but it was also forced to relinquish all the cattle it had stolen from Bundy over the course of the past week. Here, liberty groups close in on the cattle holding pens of the BLM and take back Bundy's property.

Statists are indignant and furious over the surrender of the BLM. The same people who boasted that liberty activists would be slaughtered by Fed agents are now frothing at the mouth because they did not get their massacre. Not only that, but the bureaucracy they worship has shown itself to be impotent in the face of Constitutional champions. All I can say is nothing puts a bigger grin on my face than to see statists cry like babies when their delusions of grandeur are trampled on.

This was a major victory for the liberty movement. But let's be clear; the fight is just beginning.

I suspect that the Bundy event will be spun by news

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Shocking Census Numbers Show We're at the Tipping Point

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I am often asked if I believe our Republic is close to the tipping point. My answer is yes, I truly believe we are. There is a great quote often attributed to Scottish historian, Alexander Fraser Tytler, Alexis de Tocqueville or some other very astute person that sums it up nicely:

"A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the majority discovers it can vote itself largess out of the public treasury. After that, the majority always votes for the candidate promising the most benefits with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by a dictatorship."

Well, here we are on the brink, backed up by cold hard facts. According to analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data by Terence Jeffrey at cnsnews.com, in 2012 there were 86,429,000 people who got up every morning and went to work in the pri-

vate sector — but they were way outnumbered by those receiving "means-tested" government benefits including, Medicaid, food stamps, Supplemental Security Income (Social Security Disability), public housing, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

In the last quarter of 2011, according to the Census Bureau, approximately 82,457,000 people lived in households where one or more people were on Medicaid. 49,073,000 lived in households where someone got food stamps. 23,228,000 lived in households where one or more got WIC. 20,223,000 lived in households where one or more got SSI. 13,433,000 lived in public or government-subsidized housing. Of course, it stands to reason that some people lived in households that received more than one welfare benefit at a time. To account for this, the Census Bureau published a neat composite statistic: There were 108,592,000 people in the fourth quarter of 2011 who lived in a household that included people on "one

or more means-tested program."

That means there were more people receiving benefits in this country than working full-time in the private sector.

If you include the 49,901,000 people receiving Social Security in the fourth quarter of 2011, the 46,440,000 receiving Medicare and 5,098,000 getting unemployment compensation, you now have 147,802,000 receiving benefits. (I'm intentionally leaving out veterans and their benefits).

The 147,802,000 folks outnumbered the 86,429,000 full-time private sector workers 1.7 to 1.

What do we do now? Institute the fiscal policies (tax, regulatory, and monetary) that create private sector economic growth by way of individual entrepreneurial investment (not government), innovation and ingenuity — and get Americans back to work. As we get Americans back to work, we can increase receipts for Social Security — and it must be in a "lock box" so

politicians cannot spend it.

As we get more Americans back to work, we reduce the welfare rolls and those requiring unemployment benefits and Medicaid. Many fail to realize that Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare are part of the "mandatory spending side of our federal budget — along with net interest on the debt. That comprises some 62 percent of the federal budget.

As President Obama likes to say, "it is math," but this math does not bode well for the future of America. America now has more people on Medicaid than the population of England. We have more people on food stamps than the population of Spain. This is the result of the Obama economy, the growth of the welfare nanny-state, and the demonizing of hard working Americans. Clock is ticking...

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CREEPY: Colorado Exchange CEO Will Getcha One Way or Another

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(Editor/GG: Another democrat fascist at her finest. What will be next folks?)

Cue the Blondie lyrics: "One way or another I'm gonna find ya, I'm gonna getcha, getcha, getcha, getcha, One way or another I'm gonna win ya."

Connect for Health Colorado (the exchange) CEO Patty Fontneau is going to get young people to sign up one way or another, according to The Denver Post story about the March 31st Obamacare non-deadline deadline. Here's her creepy announcement:

"We still have lots of people who are uninsured. We know that," Fontneau said. "We'll reach them over time — through cultural influence, through peer pressure and, ultimately, though penalties."

While the enrollment numbers for the Colorado exchange have not yet been made public, her couching doesn't inspire much confidence in the efforts. Last we checked, the exchange hadn't even enrolled the number of people who lost their health insurance due to Obamacare yet, which means the program is still in the hole. And, Coloradans are still left uninsured.

No word on whether Fontneau will "drive past your house", "follow your bus downtown" or "find out who ya call". Wait. Actually, if they're using the Obamamachine, that last one might not be accurate.

Oh, and no charge for the earworm. We're generous like that.

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HICKENLOOPER'S EMBARRASSMENT: Hours After Hick Official Says No to GOP Bill, Nonpartisan Report Endorses It

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(Editor/GG: How out of touch with Colorado can Gov. Chickenlooper be? We desperately need these aircraft. The number of companies supplying these are in the single digits. Many times NONE can be obtained. We are in the middle of a great drought with several devastating fires recently. The Dems have a billion dollars in the state reserve. What is wrong with this guy?)

Governor John Hickenlooper's opposition to

Colorado having its own aerial fleet to fight wildfires has been well known with Hick stating back in January he was not in favor of one. But, last year, in light of the many devastating wildfires Colorado has had over the last few years, Republican Sen. Steve King initiated a report on the costs and benefits of Colorado having its own aerial fleet to rapidly respond to wildfires. Yet, just 24-hours before the report was to be released Alan Salazar, Hickenlooper's chief political strategist, had this to say to Eli Stokols at KDVR:

"There's no way his bill is going to pass," said Alan Salazar, Hickenlooper's chief strategy officer. "It's too prescriptive. We're glad to work with him, but it's going to have to be on something that makes sense fiscally and that draws on the information in the report that he himself commissioned."

This led many to believe the report contained nothing positive for King's position. Imagine the surprise when the report was finally released and not only did it recommend some sort of

aerial fleet for Colorado, but went even further and requested more planes and helicopters than even King himself was asking for (via The Durango Herald).

This year, King is sponsoring Senate Bill 164 which calls for the state to buy or lease three helicopters this year and four heavy air tankers next year — fewer aircraft than Cooke recommends in his report.

Not only does the report recommend more planes than King had envisioned, but the price of King's bill

looks downright spendthrift as \$8-12M in light of the report's figure of \$33.6M.

Even at \$33.6M, it seems a bargain as many long-term consequences beyond the immediacy of a family home burning down come more into focus. The fire in Waldo Canyon will keep the Flying W Ranch closed for yet another summer not because of fire danger, but because of flood danger.

Hick's pet project of reducing DMV wait times from 60 minutes to 15 minutes is certainly the cutesy thing

that he can tout in front of non-informed voters come election time, but at a price tag of \$90M, we would have more than enough to put Colorado in the best position possible going into this fire season.

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Local Appleseed Rifle Marksmanship Shoots

by George Gramlich

The Rivers Edge USA gun club holds Appleseed marksmanship courses year round.

They are located about 10 miles west of Pueblo, very easy to get to. I can't recommend these weekends highly enough. World class instructors, a great program, and everybody is welcome: men, women, and kids. I have seen them take a kid or woman who has never shot a rifle and by the end of the second day, turn them into a competent marksman. And for you "pros" who think they can shoot a semiautomatic rifle quickly and accurately, just try an Appleseed on for size.

The course is two days, but you can go for one if you desire. (Note: highly recommend that you go both days. A major part of the training is repetition, and normally you will shoot between 500 and 800 rounds over the two days. The second day really helps you work out issues found on the first day.)

You need a semiautomatic, magazine fed, rifle. Anything goes but with the ammo prices today, most people are using Ruger 10/22's or similar rifles with the ten round magazines. You need at least four magazines. Don't worry about not using your AR's (although we did years ago when the price of ammo was moral), the skills you learn are appropriate for any rifle, but if you want to have a LOT of fun, bring the AR, or just use it on the second day. You need a sling that can be adjusted.

You bench rest rats get ready. All shooting is done from standing, sitting and prone. It is always fun to see a bench rest pro come with his hyper tricked out rifle and get outshot by some newbie with a stone stock rifle who has done a little practice with the standing, sitting, and prone positions. And for you preppers, if somebody is shooting at you to steal your freeze dried can of spinach, you ain't going to be shooting back from a bench.

Prices are dirt cheap for the course. The guys who are behind the Project are all Patriots, and they aren't doing it for the money. In fact, the instructors are all volunteers, and are only occasionally paid for their travel expenses.

So, here is the place:
Rivers Edge USA
Address:
4960 44th. Lane
Avondale, CO 81022
Telephone: 719-948-4144
Website: <http://www.riversedge-usa.com>

And here are the dates of the upcoming Appleseed courses:

May 17, 18 2014

June 12, 13 2014

November 1, 2 2014

And here is a little background of the Appleseed Project: (from their website):



Appleseed Liberty Training Rifle. Slightly upgraded standard Ruger 10/22 with Tech Sights sights.

courtesy images

History and Heritage

Project Appleseed is an activity of The Revolutionary War Veterans Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, dedicated to teaching every American our shared heritage and history as well as traditional rifle marksmanship skills. Our volunteer instructors travel across the country teaching those who attend about the difficult choices, the heroic actions, and the sacrifices that the Founders made on behalf of modern Americans, all of whom are their "progeny."

Our heritage program vividly portrays the Battles of Lexington and Concord with the kind of care and immediacy that is absent from most formal schooling. Modern listeners are confronted with the danger, the fear, and the heart-breaking separations that arose out of the choices made on April 19th, 1775. They are also reminded of the marksmanship skills and masterful organization that ultimately helped set the colonists on the path to success. Those who attend gain a better understanding of the fundamental choices faced by our ancestors as they began to set the stage for the nation we now enjoy.

Marksmanship Clinic

Our rifle marksmanship program complements our history and heritage. We teach the traditional American marksmanship skills. There are, however, several aspects of our marksmanship program that deserve special mention. We are particularly proud of our younger attendees. In accordance with applicable local laws, young

people with sufficient maturity are welcome to the Appleseed line and can, with parental permission, join the cadre. The RWVA recognizes the importance of introducing a wide cross section of Americans to their marksmanship heritage. To encourage participation, we offer our program of instruction at a greatly reduced price to both women, and responsible persons under 21; Finally, an important aspect of our marksmanship program is called "Adaptive Appleseed." Project Appleseed is serious about bringing our heritage and marksmanship instruction to everyone so we've committed ourselves to adapting Appleseed to the special needs of those who have certain physical challenges.

Why teach marksmanship? Because good shooting requires learning positive traits such as patience, determination, focus, attention to detail, and persistence. Since these skills are likewise key elements of mature participation in civic activities, we urge our students to take what they have learned about themselves as marksmen and apply it to their participation in their communities and in the wider American society in accordance with their own choices about how Americans should govern themselves.

The Appleseed Project's website (appleseedinfo.org/) has tons of information on what to bring, types of rifles, etc. They even have some YouTube videos to help you out. Bring the whole family and have a great patriotic weekend.

Criminals Will ALWAYS Have Guns: A Testimony

(Editor/GG: The author of this letter, Scott D. Bailey, is doing a long sentence in the Florida state penal system for murder and robbery. His criminal history concerning gun possession shows exactly why we should never give up our God given right to self defense with firearms. The democrats wants to disarm all law abiding citizens which somehow will prevent guns from being obtained by criminals. Having spent considerable time in Australia and the United Kingdom, I can tell you that the criminals there can obtain firearms at will while the populace is disarmed and at their mercy. Violent gun crime is at all time highs in both countries.

We have published several letters from Mr. Bailey in our Letters to the Editor section over the last several months. After many years in prison, Mr. Bailey found the Lord and has become an exemplary prisoner. His main message below is loud and clear, fellow citizens, do NOT let the liberals disarm us. His secondary message, that district attorneys and judges plead down cases so that career criminals walk free is all too common - note his ending reference to "Phay Street" in Cañon City, where a woman and her children were recently massacred by a career criminal, who should have been in jail.)

Dear Mr. Gramlich,

Good day and God bless. My heart is broken for what I'm about to write. I am not proud of the mistakes of my past and I will never boast of what I did in the dark years of my youth. But I feel I have to speak out about how I came to be where I am in the hope of reaching that one young person who is about to fall off of the cliff I succumbed to.

I read the article from PoliceOne.com that was printed in the 3/21/14 issue of the "Sentinel" and I want to add my opinion to those of the 15,000 law enforcement officers that were surveyed.

In my experience as a young man bent on running the streets and raising hell, gun laws never crossed my mind. When I was 17, I broke into a truck and stole a pistol. I wound up pulling it in a fight and tried to end the fight with it. Somehow the gun didn't fire and we both at least walked away with little harm. No amount of gun laws would have stopped that incident from happening.

At 19, just thirteen days after

being released from prison, I was back in jail for being in possession of a 9mm pistol that one of my drug dealer (pot dealer!) buddies had given me. I was released from jail six weeks later on my own recognition; R.O.R. Just as the majority of the PoliceOne.com respondents claim, it was not the lack of a gun law but the lack of enforcement of already present laws.

Within a month of being let out of jail on nothing but my promise to show up at court, I had another gun in my hands. I didn't get it from a gun show or a pawn shop. I didn't get it from a private dealer or have to bother with any background checks. I broke into a bunch of cars and eventually found what I was looking for. I'm willing to bet that of all the men I've met in prison who have charges dealing with weapons not even ten percent had those weapons legally. Probably much less.

I've shared with you before how I ended up taking another's life during an armed robbery. No gun law would have prevented me that day. Florida's death penalty didn't stop me that day. I know that the only thing that would have stopped me from committing murder was if I were in prison where I should have been. Thirteen days after being released and while on parole I was arrested with a 9mm pistol and the judge and state attorney allowed me to be released on R.O.R. That is something I hope never happens in anybody else's life.

The politicians that are so bent on these illegal gun laws would do our country a much greater service if they would get in touch with the cops who are on the streets every day. Or if they would look at the broken court system that refuses to address its own faults. I don't lay any blame. My crime is 100% mine and I accept its penalty. The thing that hurts the most is that while "the system" crumbles from so many blatant faults, those with the power to find the problems, address the problems, and fix the problems are off playing golf or trying to fix some foreign war that's been raging for centuries.

Our country can be brought back from the course it's on. But it will take the leaders who are sickened by the story I just shared with you. I'm sure there are quite a few people who live on Phay Street in Cañon City who wish they had such a leader.

May God bless our children,
Scott D. Bailey

TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION:

Latest on Obamacare in Colorado

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

The Colorado legislature has been unable to audit the Colorado health exchanges, yet, at the same time the health exchange can raise a tax on all health insurance plans—including those plans bought through an employer and outside the exchange. We are quickly approaching a situation where the average Coloradan is getting taxed by an organization it cannot hold accountable. On top of this, Coloradans cannot opt out of health insurance without paying a penalty, meaning it's impossible to avoid paying a tax despite having no voice or representation with the organization levying it.

As reported by Health News Colorado:

A \$13 million tax on all Coloradans with health insurance would pay half the operating costs at the state health exchange next year and in 2016 under the new financial projections.

The proposed tax would affect at least 875,000 people and includes Coloradans who get their insurance

through their employers or outside the exchange.

Perhaps state Sen. Owen Hill said it best:

"Not only is this not fair. It really is against the law. We have a law here in Colorado that says you can't increase taxes without a vote of the people," said Sen. Owen Hill, R-Colorado Springs, who sits on the exchange's legislative oversight committee.

How do they justify such an outrageous tax? By vaguely saying all people are better off when people have insurance since emergency rooms will no longer have to pass the costs of treating the uninsured onto people with insurance. Yet, this ignores the fact that most of the expansion of health insurance has been gained through Medicaid, and Medicaid is notorious for such a low reimbursement rate to doctors that doctors either limit the number of Medicaid patients they have, or refuse them outright, saying they lose money on every Medicaid patient they see.

On top of this, a Harvard

study recently revealed people on Medicaid end up going to an Emergency Room (ER) 40% more than those without. If Medicaid doesn't pay enough to reimburse doctors, how are they going to cover ER expenses which are much higher? And since ERs can't refuse to treat Medicaid patients, who do you think will end up subsidizing their visits? Yep, looks like we're back in the same boat as before, if not worse off, and on top of that, we have a new tax that we have no say over.

It gets worse. Connect for Health Chief Financial Officer is expecting 20% of the 120,000 that allegedly enrolled to not pay, or opt out of their insurance in the coming year. Unfortunately for them, because of the bill liberal Sen. Udall passed (and would pass again) they'll have no ability to find other insurance until November.

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JUDGE BY ACTIONS NOT WORDS:

Udall's Own Words Doom his Campaign

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

When your opponents can bury you with your own words, your political career is not long for this world. Liberal Senator Mark Udall's campaign team thought it'd be smart to tweet out a link to an old story on how much Udall is such a mountain climber (new drinking game: drink every time Udall mentions mountain climbing or Hickenlooper mentions beer or geology... just kidding – alcohol poisoning sucks!). The problem with the story? When Udall utters this line we bet he'd now wished he didn't:

Udall said, "I'm much more inclined to look at what people do, as opposed to what they say."

Oh, the irony. Just this week Udall started a tour of Colorado, ironically called True to Colorado (from the man caught in "The Lie of

the Year"? where he hopes people pay attention to only his words and not his extremely liberal record of the past six years. From the heights of hypocrisy, Udall has repeatedly tried these past few days to make this his motto:

"At the heart of freedom is the freedom to be left alone."

First from his speech to the Democratic Assembly, to a campaign video, and finally in a tweet, Udall has been using this line. Pretty words Udall, but like you said yourself, let's examine your actions. You've voted 99% of the time with Obama. You want to pass more regulation on equal pay, when you yourself pay your female staff 84 cents to every male staff dollar. You said yourself you were proud to cast the deciding vote on a bill that stripped 337,000 Coloradans of

health insurance plans they liked, while making a drastic overhaul to an industry that is 1/6th of the entire United States economy:

"I look forward to casting that last vote."

If you believe the heart of freedom is the freedom to be left alone, why were you proud to be the deciding vote on such an intrusive bill into the most private matters of Coloradans?

You took our health plans, you took our doctors, and you took our freedom to choose. The only freedom you've left us is the freedom to be free of you. Come November we'll finally free ourselves to be left alone from you.

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DROPPING DOWN:

Colorado Slides in Multiple Economic Rankings

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

(Editor/GG: Wakeup Coloradans! Look at those rankings and numbers below. The democrats are destroying a once free and prosperous state. Get out an Vote! Especially against any local liberals running for office.)

Good ol' J.W. Hickenlooper the Second would like Coloradans to believe he's a business-friendly governor. Slick Hick says, "Come look at these nice statistics that tell you how fabulous

I am for businesses." But, like a man who has come by wealth through inheritance, Hick is only skating by on the great resources Colorado has to offer, and not enhancing them.

The American Legislative Exchange Council released its annual state economic outlook for 2014: Colorado has fallen to 22nd. After years of consistently ranking in the top ten (#2 in '09, #2 in '10, #6 in '11, #8 in '12) Colorado has dropped dramatically over the past two years, ranking 16th last year and fallen a further six

spots this year. The six spot drop from 2013 tied Colorado for the second worst drop of all fifty states.

With Slick Hick adding over 24,000 pages of regulations in 2012 and 2013 alone, along with the 10th highest tax increases among the all fifty states over the same period, this tumble in the rankings should come as no surprise. Luckily for El Deuce (get it? because Hick's the second) the conservative-bastion that is Douglas County—still considered business friendly—has the jobs rolling

in, while Weld County has been pumping out more gas and jobs to keep other traditional metrics of Colorado's economy afloat.

How much is Douglas County's 5.9% and Weld County's 5% growth rate compensating for other counties with lackluster growth across Colorado? Certainly Colorado's unemployment would be higher without the thousands of jobs those two counties have brought in.

But it's not just ALEC that has downgraded the

economic environment in Colorado. George Mason University's Mercatus Center economic and personal freedom rankings have Colorado falling steeply to 19th in the country when just back in 2007 we were 4th. Hell, even under former Democratic governor Bill Ritter we only slipped to 7th in 2009. Since then, and since having J.W. Hick in charge for the past four years, we have slipped a further twelve spots.

While Colorado continues to look pretty compared to the rust-belted states to the

East, and the impossibly over-regulated by hippies states to the West, we sure are the ugliest economic step-sister when it comes to the states most like us. If Slick Hick isn't replaced this November, we can resign ourselves to an economy more suited to Cleveland than Salt Lake City.

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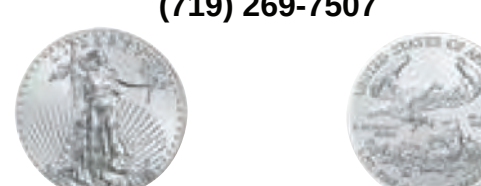
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Food Prices

Chase van der Rhoer at Bloomberg has noted the CRB spot price for the Foodstuff Index has risen 19% since the first of the year. Given the drought in California and southwestern states, the PED viral infection killing off piglets by the millions, the diversion of corn into fuel extender duty, the smallest cattle herd in more than sixty years, the decline in the bee population, et alia; it all adds up to a sound bet: food prices will continue to rise.

Since the first of the year pork is up 45%, corn and wheat are up 14%, coffee is up 42%, and cheese is up 21%. All grain-fed livestock, chicken included, are up and so are eggs and dairy products. Vegetables are taking out all time highs. Even the determinedly inattentive have to notice the weekly increase in their grocery bill. It's easy to miss while shopping, granted, the rise in prices is well disguised, commonly like this:

1. Smaller quantity but in the same size package and same price as before
2. Smaller quantity yet, in a smaller package, at same price
3. Same small quantity and package, but of lower quality, at same price
4. Same small quantity and package, same low quality, but higher price
5. Even smaller quantity and package, same or lower quality and same price
6. Repeat 4 and 5

Coffee is a one example. The standard three-pound can became a more or less two-pound can in small steps. Quality is being low-

ered by replacing Arabica with Robusta—the swill of coffeedom, but cheap and hardy. Less quantity is the only way out for some items, those where quality isn't a useful variable. The twelve-ounce package of bacon for example, which is gradually replacing the standard one-pound package. Perhaps there'll come a day when it's sold by the strip.

We've seen unaffordable food before. The SNAP program with their EBT debit cards, commonly used at some venues to buy snacks'n weed on the way to the strip show at the casino, formerly the Food Stamp Program, started out in the Depression as a scheme to buy and distribute surplus food to the truly destitute—"surplus" because it was unsalable, and unsalable because people didn't have the money to buy it. When we entered the war and young men were drafted in large numbers, the induction doctors were shocked at how serious and widespread malnutrition had been.

During the war the civilian population ate little better than during the Depression, rationing was calculated to keep the country's diet at prewar levels, i.e., Depression-era levels. Victory gardens and home canning helped considerably. After the war, food was so plentiful marketers had all they could do to sell it at a profit. This is the when and why of convenience foods—more sales and at "value added" prices. But in Europe real privation persisted for years after the war, eventually relieved by the Marshall Plan, another surplus food scheme that benefited the seller and the

consumer. Whether it benefited those who paid for it all is a matter of conjecture.

Even so, England was celebrating the end of rationing when the Beatles arrived for their first tour in America. Food still accounts for a much larger part of Europe's family budgets than here, in part to pay for generous farm subsidies put in place after the war and, like our Spanish-American War excise tax on telephone bills, left in place for reasons few could defend.

People in a position to know say we'll see a real food shortfall this year, perhaps "serious" by the standard we're used to. For those who have built up their home gardens, and livestock, and food preservation skills over the past years, it may make the difference between sort-of-getting-by and eating well. Staples like potatoes and beans may rival precious metals in appreciation year over year, salad decorations not so much.

We may not remember scarce calories, but scarce calories will remember us. We're learning a simple fact: abundance is abnormal. Conspicuous, wasteful consumption is abnormal. Food fads and bizarre diets are abnormal. Normal is scarce calories. Normal is spirited competition to get those calories. There is one bright spot. Low-calorie, low-fat, nutrition-free food, an insane notion to those with long memories, may be this year's worst marketing idea. We'll know sanity has been restored when butchers don't dare to trim the fat off meat.

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A Sheepdog Barks!

I guess we should just relax and not worry about what Obamacare will do to our country. Obama told us last week that it was working and that it was settled law and we should just embrace it. And then his buddy Eric Holder told us no one should be so mean to him and the president. He reminded us about the color of their skin. And here we thought it was about the content of their characters and their policies. Not according to Eric. He's being picked on because he's a black American not because of his lying and stonewalling on Fast and Furious and the IRS non-investigation. They just don't get it. Only in a Liberal Progressive America does the Race Card reverse standard work. When you make bad decisions, or no decisions at all, and the heat is turned up just change the subject. Playing the Race Card always works. Obama, of course, doesn't do it himself anymore. He has plenty of "friends" to do it for him. Representative Charlie Rangel (LPSD-NY) did it recently. And so did Reverend Al Sharpton. Sharpton actually used the Easter story analogy to describe Barack Hussein Obama. He actually said Obama had been "crucified" and is now politically "resurrected". That's way over the top for this sheepdog. That's one analogy I find insulting and upsetting. Obama deserves no such credit. Misplaced love the LPSDs have for this man is why he was elected two times. It was all about his charisma and his knack for campaign sweet talk. He has neither the skills or talents to govern the most powerful nation in the world nor lead the entire world because of the same reason. He has made a mess of everything since he was first elected. He is a great talker, if you like socialism, but not a very good governor. That is he campaigns a lot and does little governing. Since he was elected total employment in America has gone from 9% to 12%. The median income is down and housing prices are down. Obama's recovery has been a failure - the slowest

in our history. Democratic strategists have even put out a memo for the 2014 elections. In it they urge LPSD candidates to not talk about "the recovery." Why? Because there hasn't been one! Obama and his B Team promised us a quick and sure recovery if Congress would just give him his \$1 Trillion Stimulus money. Well, he got it and the LPSDs loaded it up with every pork bill project they had in their desk drawers and America spent a lot of money it didn't have. The promised results didn't happen. Obama's explanation is that we just didn't spend enough! HOWL! What would be enough for the LPSDs? I guess they would only be happy if they took 100% of our earnings and our property. Then they could dole it out the way they see fit. That might make them happy. Who knows where they would stop! Would forced labor be next? WOOF! Obama has tried to raise taxes 442 times in his 5 years. Fortunately most have been defeated by the Republicans. We can be very thankful that the Tea Party movement in 2010 swept the Republicans into power in the U.S. House. If Pelosi had still been in charge, all 442 tax increases would have happened! Let's hope another wave of freedom loving voting happens in 2014. Americans are not fooled by this lying president! WOOF! WOOF! A recent poll found that 6 in 10 citizens believe Obama lies some or most of the time. Is that incredible or what? HOWL! 37% believe he lies MOST of the time. 24% believe that he lies SOME of the time. That's 61% that know he's untrustworthy. And we are talking about the President of the United States. Is there something wrong here? Darn right there is! 20% believe he only lies NOW and THEN! Really, NOW and THEN! That means 81% of Americans know he is a liar but cannot agree on just how often he lies. Let me help bring us all together. If you see his lips moving there is a lie in there somewhere. By the way, 15% believe he NEVER lies. Who are these



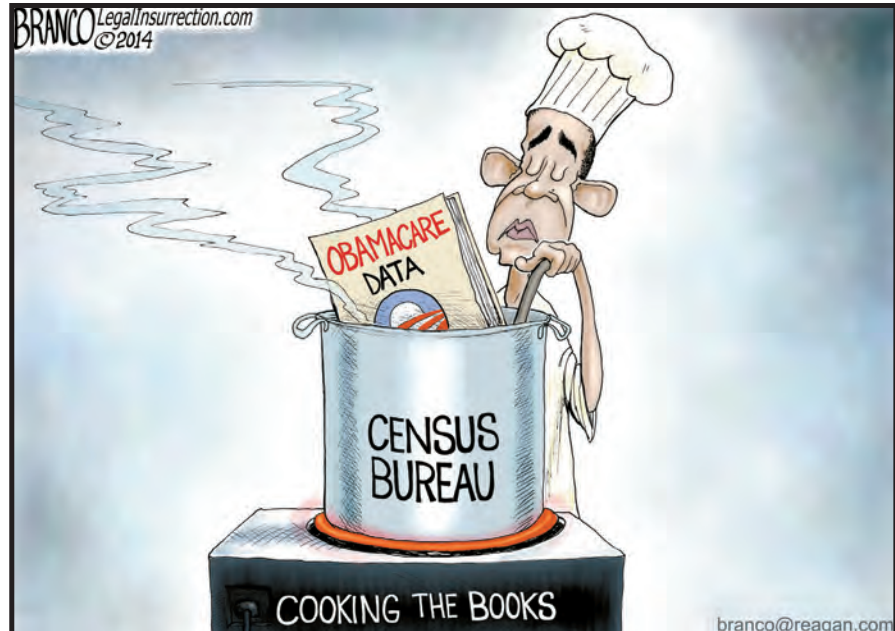
people? WOOF! Obama's latest lies, of course, are heard when blowing his trumpet on the great successes of Obamacare. 8 million he says. It's working, he says. Get over it, he says. Americans love it, he says. Are you convinced? I'm not. This is classic Obama. George Will, a great conservative columnist, calls it the Obama 4-step process: 1-Attack a strawman; 2-Declare the debate over & settled; 3-Tell everyone it is working; 4-Insist there can be no disagreement, no honorable or intelligent argument. Watch for this process closely when Obama is howling (aka lying) about the economy, healthcare, jobs, green energy, climate change, or foreign policy. See his lips move? It's a lie. WOOF! Here's my latest Only in Liberal Progressive America (OIALPA) story. I love this one! The LPSDs, fearing that they might lose the U.S. Senate, want Ruth Bader Ginsberg to step down early from the Supreme Court. This is so Obama and Reid can get a younger, far left-wing judge on the court before they lose control. If Obama has to nominate a replacement for her (she is 81-years-old) in his last two years with a Republican Senate, he won't get a far left winger. He would have to settle for far less. The LPSDs want an extreme liberal progressive to maintain the court's 5-4 or 4-5 splits on almost everything. It's amazing. They would throw her under the bus for their own perverted agenda. WOW! Who's waging war on women AND the elderly! Only in a Liberal Progressive America! WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



*When injustice becomes law,
resistance becomes duty.*

~Thomas Jefferson



CANDIDATES

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I would stand up for the citizens of our county. The feds – if they came in and they tried to bully people – they can’t do that. I believe if they had let the Sheriff go and talk to Mr. Bundy, this situation would have been handled a lot more peacefully. All I can say is that we just need to stand up against them if they come up here to do that.”

Candidate Shannon Byerly had a different take on the same problem. He said that “the reason that happened is that the Sheriff was asleep at the wheel in that county. That’s the reason that it happened. That Sheriff should have known what the heck was going on, because he should have been communicating with the feds and the BLM managers in that county and in that region and he should have known what was going on, if there was going to be a problem. Don’t kid yourself; he was asleep at the wheel.”

There was discussion of the differ-

ences between small town and big city law enforcement, and all of the candidates had slightly differing views on this, but basically saw that law enforcement is law enforcement no matter what the location. Applying these skills in a small setting just involved certain nuances and judgments unique to the small town setting.

The race for County Coroner finds incumbent Art Nordyke challenged by Deputy Coroner Brad Baltzy. It is a classic case of Mr. Nordyke’s thirty years of experience as Custer County’s Coroner against five-year Deputy Coroner Baltzy’s impressive resume of technical training and education. The one thing both candidates share is a dedication to the position they are competing for.

If you are reading this to form an opinion about any of the candidates, then you have missed a great opportunity to meet and hear from them for yourself. Thanks to the Chamber for that. There are more candidate forums to come. Please attend them yourself and cast an educated vote in June.

LIBERTY

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agencies and the government until it is unrecognizable. They will claim that the BLM left not because they were wrong, but because they were trying to keep people safe. They will claim that liberty movement protesters were the aggressors and the poor BLM agents were just trying to do their jobs. They will play the race card as they always do, much like this pathetically lazy and unprofessional article from Slate which asserts that if the Bundy’s had been black, the Liberty Movement would have never supported them. They will argue the so-called Federal legality of the raid itself, and paint Bundy as a “free-loader” who refuses to pay taxes and who is living off the American people. They will do everything in their power to destroy the image of the victory and soil the name of the Bundy family.

What they don’t seem to

understand, though, is that the liberty movement does not care what the federal government deems “legal” or “illegal.” Our only interest is what is Constitutional and what is moral. The dispute was never about the “legality” of Bundy’s use of the land, which his family used for grazing without interference for generations — until 1993, when the BLM used the absurd endangered species protection racket to put all of his neighbors out of business and threaten his ranch with invasion. Add to this the recently discovered fact that Senator Harry Reid’s former assistant and friend Neil Kornze is now head of the BLM due to Reid’s influence, and the fact that Harry Reid and his family are reaping financial rewards by driving farmers from all over the region where Cliven Bundy’s ranch sits while arranging land deals with Chinese solar companies, and one has to ask, why should Bundy pay any of his hard earned money to the federal gov-

ernment when they are just going to use it to bulldoze his cattle and make Harry Reid more rich?

Disinformation websites like Snopes contend that Reid’s “projects” are not being established anywhere near the Bundy Ranch, yet, one such project has already been launched only 35 miles south of Bundy, and, the BLM has erased a page from its website specifically mentioning the Bundy Ranch and it’s “interference” with Dry Lake Solar Energy Zone Projects, the same projects Harry Reid and his son are heavily involved in.

What is amazing to me is that in light of this information hardcore socialists are still willing to defend Reid and the BLM. My question is, if the BLM is so innocent, then why are they erasing such data from their website at all? What were they trying to hide?

Harry Reid has not responded to the facts behind his financial involvement

HOSPITAL

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Since they had gotten used to spending these amounts of money, the Hospital District returned to the voters after the five-year term of the bond issue expired in 2002 and asked to keep “the current mill levy of 2.113 mills adopted in 1998 to fund a construction bond commencing January 1, 2003, and continuing thereafter at this rate for the purpose of paying for the employment of an additional medical provider and any other lawful purpose as determined by the Board of Directors of the District.” This meant that the “Hospital District taxes (would) be increased \$116,000 annually in the first full fiscal year and thereafter by whatever amount future collections total from the continuation...” The measure passed by a margin of 324 to 269.

Between this time and the failed 2013 mill levy increase request, there was one more increase of .495 mills to bring the District to the current 4.908 mill levy rate. At some point it ceases to matter. As Clinic Director Delwin Lester likes to say, “The world changed around us.” Unfortunately, when the falsely inflated real estate values crashed back to earth and the economy crumbled, that was part of that change, and no adjustments were made by the Hospital District in recognition of these facts. Everyone has had to cut back and sacrifice. The Hospital District Board will tell you they have had to do the same. The “cutting back” at the clinic has not been commensurate with the economic crash.

In 2013 they sought a \$278,339 tax increase to fund the EMS they have been responsible for operating since 1988. With

the voters failing to approve this request, they have sought to off-load the EMS service or get someone else to pay for it, rather than exercise the necessary fiscal responsibility everyone else has had to exercise to cut budgets and services as necessary to reflect the current economic realities. They have expressed no interest in budgetary adjustments and to date have pursued numerous ways to increase taxes on the citizens of the county to pay for their continued unprofitable growth. As County Commissioner candidate Jack Canterbury pointed out at the most recent candidate’s forum, the citizens of the county are at a point of “tax saturation”, and there simply is no more money. Commissioner candidate Bob Kattnig added that “this is something, folks, that we can’t let go on for another six months. We have to have it solved.”

in the BLM’s attacks on Nevada farmers, except to say that they are “conspiracy theories”. He added when asked about the status of the confrontation:

“Well, it’s not over. We can’t have an American people that violate the law and then just walk away from it. So it’s not over...”

Yes, Harry, it won’t be over until men like you are thrown behind bars.

Note that he says “an American people”; as if he is separate, as if he is referring to all of us as a subservient organism, or servant class. What Reid is saying is, the elites can’t have “an American people” openly exposing their criminality and defying their tyranny, and then just walking away. I’m sorry to break it to Reid, but that is exactly how all of this is going to end.

Statists and bureaucrats like Reid continually attempt to argue this issue from the standpoint of Federal legal-

ity, obviously because the federal government has the legislative and bureaucratic power to make any despicable action legal (at least on paper) if it wishes. However, the liberty movement has no interest whatsoever in federal interpretations of legal precedence. We are only concerned with what is right. As the old saying goes, when injustice becomes law, rebellion becomes duty.

The liberty movement also fully understands that the Bundy victory was only one battle at the beginning of a long war.

The BLM may very well be waiting for activists to leave the area before attacking again. And even if that is not the case, tyrannical systems have a way of attempting to make up for signs of weakness by escalating violence during the next siege. That is to say, we should expect the next event involving the BLM or other government agencies to be even more vi-

cious than the Bundy incident. It is simply the natural inclination of totalitarian systems to exaggerate their power when their failings have been exposed.

That said, it should be noted that corrupt leadership often crumbles in the face of steadfast resolve and courage. We have a long way to go before this Nation is once again truly free, but the liberty movement has proven its invaluable worth over the course of the past several days. We arrived at a crossroads, and we are now moving forward in the right direction — without fear and without regret. It is in these moments when history is made — when common men and women thwart the odds, defy the darkness, and make good on their beliefs by risking everything in the name of freedom.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

2014 Westcliffe Parades

Dee Wilhite of the Westcliffe Wild West Cowboy Church announced today that the Cowboy Church will be sponsoring the Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Christmas parades. The Sangre de Cristo Sentinel and the Southern Colorado Patriots Club are assisting the Cowboy Church by providing volunteers for the parades. The dates for these events are May 24, July 4, and December 6, respectively. Previously, the parades

had been sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce but the organization withdrew its support based on liability concerns. "We believe that our annual parades are an important part of the culture of Custer County," said Wilhite. "We are pleased that the Patriots and the Sentinel have joined with us to continue a special tradition"

(Editor/GG: Please see the display ad on page 8 to apply to be in the Memorial Weekend Parade.)

Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect every one who approaches that jewel. Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force. Whenever you give up that force, you are ruined.

~ Patrick Henry

From: Representative Jim Wilson – HD 60 April 20, 2014

The May 7th adjournment date of the Colorado 69th General Assembly is fast approaching and the bill count keeps moving up – 588 and counting! I thought the mark of 619 bills from last year was safe. However, with the avalanche of bills over the last two weeks, that number could show up in the rear view mirror any day... One of the things I have learned being in the minority is that you have to build relationships with the other side of the aisle if you are to have a snowball's chance of getting your bills through. I have been fortunate to have two bills signed into law at this point and four others moving through committees.

Several times in the past I have shared the fact that a bill may appear simple on the surface, but underneath there is more to the story. I would like to follow up on one of those from last week: SB14-123 – the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) bill. The premise of the bill is that peace officers need more training. I

do not think anyone would disagree with that statement. I visited with several peace officers in HD60 who supported the bill and wanted me to vote for it. The increased training was to be funded by an increase in automobile registration fees. I did not believe that was a popular idea in my district. As you may recall from last week's column, I had visited with one of my sheriffs and he mentioned perhaps we could use the Marijuana Tax Fund to fund the training. I thought that was a great idea and drafted an amendment to that effect. Long story short – the Dem bill sponsor argued that there was no connection between marijuana and additional peace officer training! With automobile registration fees having increased an average of 136% over the past 4 years, the people I have talked to in HD 60 think we should find an alternative funding source (like marijuana taxes?).

Remember the FASTER fees? Some of my Republican colleagues (with tongue in cheek) ran an amendment to the funding of the POST bill advocating for

SLOWER fees (Stop Leaning On my Wallet for Every Reason you can find). It is tough for me to vote to raise fees when the state has a huge increase in unbudgeted revenue and the Marijuana Tax Fund has millions! My colleagues on our side of the aisle are in complete agreement – we need to fund additional training for our peace officers. We also agree that we do not need to raise registration fees when we already have funding sources available. We lost the vote...

The increasing number of bills I mentioned at the beginning of this article contains some more "winners" worth mentioning from this past week. In a suspected anti-fracking effort, Rep. Ginal (D) ran HB14-1297 – Analyze Health Data Regarding Front Range Oil Gas. Presenting the issue as a "study for health and quality of life", Ginal refused to allow all the Front Range counties into the study – limiting it to just 4 counties. In addition, she could not (or would not) define what "quality of life" meant in the bill. All amendments to address these concerns were voted down by the



majority. A second government regulation (and fee) coming your way is SB14-029 – Architectural Paint Stewardship Program. All architectural paint will have a fee charged for recycling paint. I found it interesting that a firm mentioned during the discussion of the bill (Paint Care) seems to have a multi-state monopoly on running the recycling program – H-m-m? Oh, and I wonder who the paint companies will pass on the new fees to...could it be us? Just a thought...

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