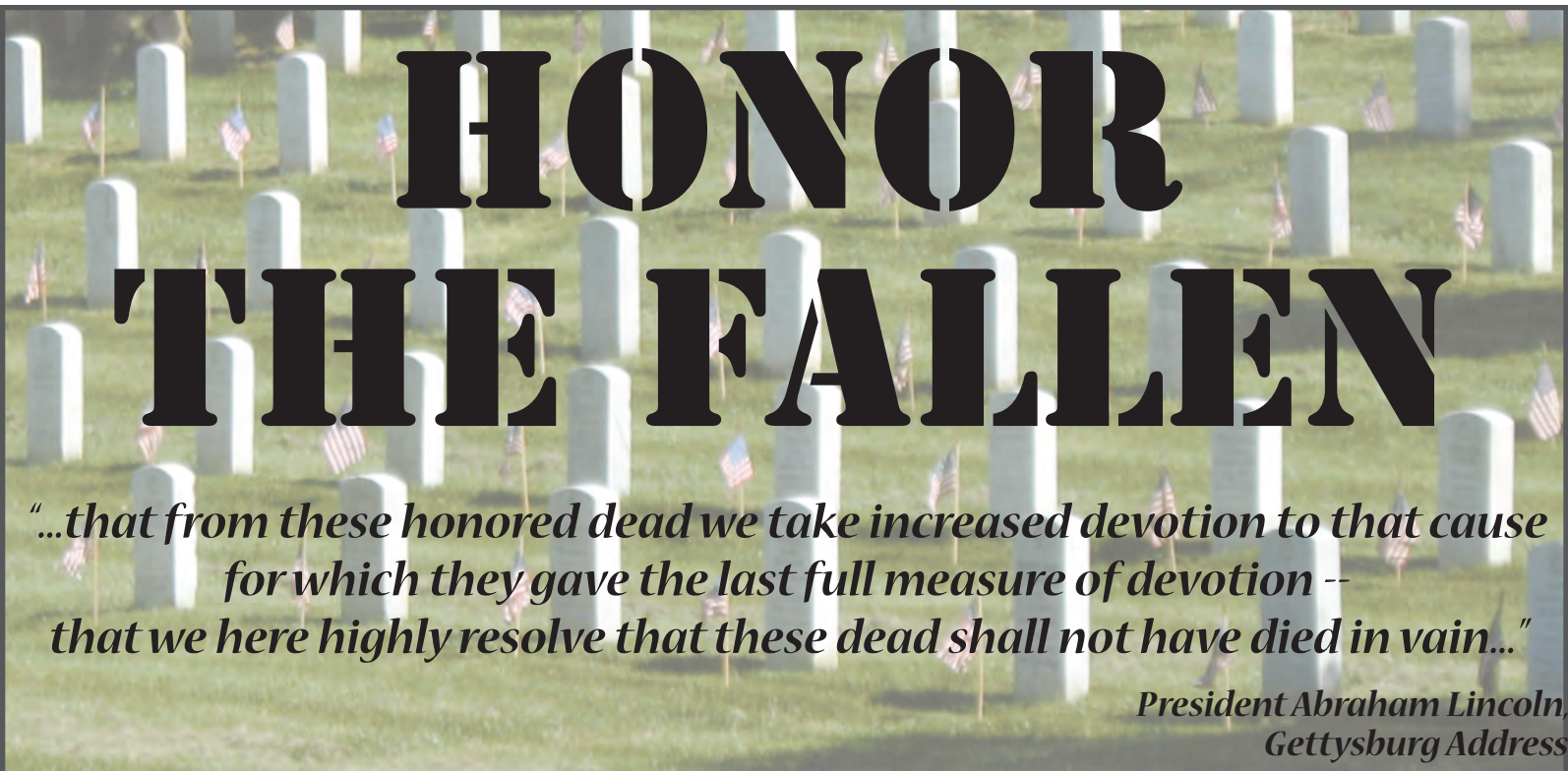




HONOR
THE FALLEN

“...that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain...”

President Abraham Lincoln,
Gettysburg Address

MEMORIAL DAY

Birth of the Observance

by Larry Luikart

The actual origin of Memorial Day remains shrouded in obscurity. During the late 1860’s two dozen cities and towns claimed to be the first to remember those who defended the nation with the ultimate sacrifice. Recorded evidence from Waterloo, New York, in 1866, suggest a druggist named Henry C. Welles thought it an honorable idea to decorate the graves of the Civil War dead as a way to honor and remember them. The Seneca County Clerk, John B. Murray, a General and Civil War hero seconded the idea. General Murray formed a committee and they chose May 5, as Decoration Day. Flags were flown at half-staff and graves of the Civil war dead were decorated with flowers, wreaths, and crosses. It would be remiss not to mention that the genteel women of the South began a similar practice as early as 1861 where they decorated the graves of their Confederate dead. In 1867, Nella A. Sweet wrote a hymn, Kneel Where Our Loved Ones Are Sleeping, and she dedicated it “To the Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead.”

Two years later, General

John Logan, of the Grand Army of the Republic introduced General Order 11, making Decoration Day official and changing the date to May 30th. This date was chosen because no major battle had been fought on this date during the Civil War. Order 11 said in part, “the day is specified for the purpose of strewing of flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their country during the late rebellion.....In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.”

Decoration Day quickly spread through the country with New York celebrating it first, (1873). In the South, those states refused to acknowledge the designated day instead observing it on different days. In 1882 it was suggested that ALL dead from any war be honored with a change in perception making “memory” the basis by changing the name to Memorial Day. The southern states agreed and began participating on May 30th from that year on.

In 1966, President Lyn-

don B. Johnson, officially named Waterloo, New York as the birthplace of Memorial Day and Arlington National Cemetery as the place for the national Memorial Day services. This service continues each Memorial Day with either the president or vice-president making a speech, followed by the placement of a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Memorial Day was remembered on May 30th until Congress passed the National Holiday Act of 1971 which changed the date of the celebration to the last Monday in May creating a three day weekend for the observance.

The Red Poppies

The custom of wearing red poppies came from Moina Michael who wrote a poem inspired from “In Flanders Field.” She wrote her own version:

We cherish too the poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies.

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

Understanding the Memorial Day Holiday

Monday, May 26, is “observed” Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a U.S. federal holiday where the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces are remembered. Many different types of ceremonies honoring the Civil War dead (over 600,000) began occurring all over America after the war ended. Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans – the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) – established “Decoration Day” as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers on May 30th. We are told that date was selected because it was not the anniversary of any particular battle and the optimal date for flowers to be in bloom. This tradition quickly grew and by 1882 Memorial Day was adopted and observed all over America. At first Memorial Day speeches became an occasion for veterans, politicians, and ministers to commemorate the Civil War and the “atrocities” of the “other side.” By 1870 much of the wartime rancor was gone and it became a time to praise the brave soldiers of both the North and the South. After WWII the theme changed and started to honor the sacrifice of all those who protected our freedoms. By the middle of the 20th Century, Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who had died while in military service. Many observe Memorial Day by visiting memorials and cemeteries. Graves of military veterans are usually marked with

an American flag. Locally the VFW and American Legion make sure that is done at all the cemeteries in Custer County. They deserve our thanks for that honorable and important gesture in properly memorializing our fallen heroes. In 1966 President Johnson signed a proclamation naming Waterloo, New York, as the birthplace of Memorial Day starting a hundred years before in 1866. Ironton, Ohio, lays claim to the nation’s oldest continually running Memorial Day Parade which it first held in May 1868. The official name of Memorial Day was declared by a federal law in 1967. In June 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act which moved four holidays, including Memorial Day, from their traditional date to a specific Monday in order to create three-day weekends. This Act moved Memorial Day from May 30th to the last Monday in May. There was an initial unwillingness to comply, but all 50 states finally adopted the change within a few years. Many believe that this has caused a significant loss of the sacred and solemn observance of our war dead to just a weekend to celebrate the beginning of summer. The three-day weekend act mentioned above was strongly supported by big business and the labor unions to promote business, recreation, and tourism. Several of the holiday date changes caused no concern and were welcomed. But many didn’t understand why a day to remember and honor our fallen war heroes would be included. In 2002 the

VFW stated, “Changing the date merely to create a three-day weekend has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed a lot to the general public’s nonchalant observance of Memorial Day.” Since 1987, and until his death in 2012, Hawaii’s Senator Daniel Inouye, a World War II veteran, introduced a measure every year to return Memorial Day to its traditional date. Congress has not seen fit to do that. So for too many Americans it has become just another day off and a day for the special sales, frolics at the beach and backyard BBQs. These are the Americans that wish each other a “Happy Memorial Day.” Thankfully many other Americans understand the meaning and attend the parades, Memorial ceremonies, and visit the many military and civilian cemeteries to honor the fallen. Locally, the Wild West Cowboy Church is sponsoring a parade dedicated to our fallen heroes and the freedoms that have endured because of their sacrifice. It will be held tomorrow, Saturday, May 24th at 10:00 a.m. One way to show your respect would be to march in or attend the parade. This remembrance can be done properly in many other ways however. The National Moment of Remembrance Act signed into law in 2000 encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation. As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada

states: “It’s a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day.” You can fly the American flag and if you do so please observe the following protocol: On Memorial Day the American flag should be raised briskly to the top of the staff and then solemnly lowered to half-staff until noon. It should then be raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day. You can also take the time to let young citizens know that their freedom has been paid for in over 60 military actions that have claimed over 1.2 million lives over our 239 years. You can attend the above mentioned parade and you can attend the local observance ceremony on Monday, May 26th, conducted by American Legion Post 170, its Auxiliary, its Squadron, and VFW Post 12063. It begins at 10:00 AM at Westcliffe’s Memorial Park. If you haven’t ever attended one of these you are missing a great chance to un-

derstand and observe the real meaning of Memorial Day. You could also take a few minutes to visit a local cemetery and pay your respects to the flag-adorned gravesites. Public display of patriotism are essential if we are to remember our history and honor those who died while serving our country. Memorial Day observances have come to include not only those that died in war but all those that previously served and risked their lives and those currently serving. We encourage all citizens to take some time this weekend to properly observe this sacred day in our Nation’s history. We all enjoy our freedoms because of the sacrifices made by the men and women who served or are serving in our Armed Forces. God Bless those that died in battle; God Bless those that have “faded away”; God Bless those actively serving; and God Bless America!

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The Custer County Peanut Gallery ?????

Letter to the Editor:

To all the taxpayers, citizens and businesses who were at the Chamber of Commerce sponsored meeting to hear the Hospital District/Clinic's proposal of their view of 3 ways to pay for the Ambulance service, what did you think of MR. Joe Arbuckle calling everyone in attendance, "the peanut gallery"? Did he not ask for the businesses to come? The lady representing the Sentinel asked the last question of the night why two previous questions by members of the audience weren't answered- why the current mill levy couldn't be used to fund the Ambulance and what's left go toward the clinic? She asked why it wasn't one of the options on their questionnaire; to which MR. Ar-

buckle then referred to all in attendance as the "peanut gallery". Yup, he sure did, and the entire room of business owners, Chamber of Commerce members, as well as other taxpaying citizens heard him! He was attempted to be saved by his buddy board member asking all to 'get along' and solve this easily (that buddy should be saying his speech to his friend and board member Arbuckle). Yes, let's get along nicely and continue to pay a mill levy down the drain of a clinic that thousands in the community don't use for numerous reasons including horror-stories, pay for them to continue to keep the mill levy they now have to pay high salaries and for services that ARE NOT the 24/7 emergency services

that their now illegal service plan states they will do. Yes, let's keep putting our hard earned business and taxpayer money into the clinic and still have our ambulance personnel underpaid or not paid. Seriously? No, No and No! Sorry, Mr. Nice Guy; some things are just plain wrong with our without taxpayer money! The hospital board needs to seriously cut services, cut the \$6700.00 administrator's salary and anyone else's that is extreme and pay the EMS - scaling the clinic down or closing it if they have to and reorganize. They have the gall to ask for more money? I agree with the guy who said this board needs to go away!

C. Reid
Custer County Resident

A Ban on Camping?? What's Next?

Dear Editor:

Isn't it interesting that the town board of Silver Cliff who continue to wonder why businesses can't survive in Silver Cliff decide to ban campers? After all, one of the major attractions of this small community is camping. Perhaps the next thing to do to take complete control of the population would be to limit the size of the soft drinks sold here. After all, people drink soda while camping. Maybe we could also ban the purchase of more than 4 fish worms - the limit of fish you can catch is 4

so you certainly need no more than 4 worms. Maybe I just don't get the crux of the situation. Does the town board own a storage park thus benefiting from banning campers in town or is it just the Zoning Officer trying to increase his hours thus generating extra income?

How many of us came here to pursue our desire to camp and enjoy the outdoors? It seems to me a supposed recreation destination would want to make the area friendly to the camping crowd. Almost half of the homeowners on

our block own campers. Oh, I forgot the old saying, "You think you own your property"? Well, just wait and the government will take it away one little bit at a time. There are communities that don't allow you to leave your car parked on your own driveway nor leave your garage doors open. Is this where we are headed?

Think about it people. Are we going to allow our rights to be eroded like this?

Don Bishop
Silver Cliff resident
since 1983

Fraternal Order of Police Endorse Byerly for Sheriff

To the Voters of Custer County:

Lodge 34 of the Fraternal Order of Police is the local/regional lodge of the State FOP. While we hold our meetings in Cañon City, we represent members from six (6) public safety agencies in the area. Our members reside in Pueblo, Fremont, and Custer counties. Thus, we have a strong sense of the needs of the county our members work and/or reside in.

Lodge 34 is the oldest most stable lodge south of Castle Rock. This says a lot about our involvement with our members and our concerns about the community as well. Part of this success is the concern we have with appointed or elected police officials and how the community is best served and by whom.

It is therefore not without intense discussion and evaluation we take seriously, our endorsement of those being considered for such high position. While most candidates have something to offer, we ask

ourselves who is the most likely to bring up-to-date training, experience, and overall knowledge to the office being sought, thus benefiting not only that department but the residents, businesses, and visitors to the community as well.

It was decided by all members in attendance at the last meeting of Lodge 34 FOP to unanimously support Shannon Byerly for Sheriff of Custer County, Colorado. Shannon Byerly is a Veteran of the Navy of the United States, a career lawman, a coach for sports in the community of Westcliffe and a dedicated father and husband. With Shannon Byerly's up-to-date experience and in-depth training, when merged with his current administrative duties in his department, it is a win-win situation for all which includes the staff of Custer County SO.

As a career lawman with two-thirds of said career in administration, I personally do not endorse or support a candidate without careful consideration. Based on my in-depth experience and

the knowledge and wisdom of those around me, it is without reservation that I, along with my fellow FOP members that participated in our discussion of this matter, vigorously endorse Shannon Byerly for Custer County Sheriff. He can bring the expertise and contacts to that office that few can. He understands rural policing and his leadership skills can add to the high standards those of us in police administration expect, and so should you.

The safety and security of the community is paramount in our time of crime increase. When necessary, the follow up investigations can enhance the opportunity of an arrest and prosecution of those that violate our laws. When one had resided in the general area for many years, that person has a vested interest in serving his family, neighbors, and friends, for, after all, he is one himself and has been.

Respectfully,
Russell A. Hickmon
Lodge 34 President
Colorado Fraternal Order of Police

Some Great Resources

I wanted to put a couple of web sites in this paper that I have found very informative when it comes to pre election information.

The first one is FREEDOM FIRST SOCIETY.org. This site has what

they call a SCORECARD where you can see how your House and Senate representatives vote with or against the Constitution. What an eye opener!

The second site is ROYAL GORGE TEA PARTY.com.

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I would hope you would be informed and get involved this upcoming election.

Scott Clemenson
Rural Custer County

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Sheriff / Police Chief Endorsements

For Supan

Candidate Supan Receives Full Support of Sheriff Jobe

I see a problem. It is with police unions where police officers and some deputies pay dues to belong. In return the officers get member benefits. I have never felt police unions have any place in law enforcement because they make it difficult to suspend bad officers and they attempt to get involved in collective bargaining. For years they have tried to get the statutes changed to limit the authority of the Sheriff. We have one sheriff's candidate that is being backed by a police union

and they run ads for him on 2/27/2014 and 3/7/2014. Another candidate is a member of a police union.

Secondly, I would like to speak about valid reasons for running. In two open public forms one candidate stated that he does not need the job of Sheriff, he makes plenty of money where he is, and he just doesn't want to drive to another community to work anymore. The other candidate personally stated to me that he was running to split the primary election votes. Valid?

You choose.

I would also like the citizens to compare the campaign that have been run, to see who has a positive clean campaign, and the other camps which have spread, rumors, lies and innuendos.

When you consider the above information you will see why I am fully supporting my Undersheriff, Tony Supan, to be the next Sheriff of Custer County.

Sheriff Fred Jobe

For Byerly

Candidate Byerly Receives High Marks From Cañon City Chief Schultz

by: Barbara Penezic, Cañon City

Election time is at hand and that means we must begin to take a good hard look at the men who are running for office. Sheriff candidate Shannon Byerly was able to gather nearly twice the required number of signatures in six short days. This certainly shows he is a man who can get things done in a timely manner. However, the best way to find out about someone's work ethic and personal character is to speak to their employer. This morning I had the privilege of speaking with just such a person, Cañon City Chief of Police, Paul Schultz.

Knowing the work load that our law enforcement people cope with I would first like to express my ap-

preciation to Chief Shultz for graciously giving his time. It is important that the citizens are given the opportunity to learn about their candidates from those who have personal experience. Shannon Byerly has been a valued member of the Cañon City Police Department for twelve years. He has a well - earned reputation of outstanding leadership, a good rapport with those who work for and with him.

Chief Shultz pointed out that Byerly has served in many capacities during his time with the force. "He is a fine Sargent, and has successfully filled the role of Acting Captain." Schultz continued, "Shannon has experience with Patrol, Budgeting, Records, Dispatch, Administrative, and Internal Affairs." He has shown a comprehen-

sive understanding in all of these areas. "Byerly has also coordinated the creation of New Policy Procedures and taken charge of training."

Chief Schultz ended our interview with this statement, "I would highly recommend Shannon Byerly for Custer County Sheriff. No reservations whatsoever, and please do quote me on that." The selection of County Sheriff is one of the most important choices we as citizens make on a local level. We all pray that we will never be the person who must make that desperate call for help. If that time ever comes for us, however, I would like to know that Shannon Byerly would be in charge. A man with the expertise and the know how to protect and defend those we love.

Endorsement for Thompson

To the Editor-

I've read, with interest, the numerous letters in support of candidates in the upcoming election; as regards the office of Sheriff, there seems to be a concerted effort by those in favor of one candidate to portray him as being the best able to preserve our local, rural interests and culture - the nuance is that he is the local, 'home-town boy', and that the other candidates are not. Some have gone so far as to suggest that one candidate in particular might bring a big-city mentality to the position, which could be detrimental to the office.

term 'old-timer' could be applicable, if you've lived here 10 years, or longer. We didn't move here to replicate the life-style of living in the city, but rather to embrace a friendlier, more laid-back and agrarian environment with all of the beauty (and, yes, some of Nature's challenges) that comes with living in Custer County. I know this was a principal motivation for Eric Thompson and his family to move here several years ago. While some trees are slow to take root, the Thompsons have clearly set theirs deep already and plan to be here a long time.

It is extremely important to understand, and best serve, the broader, collective interests of your constituents. A Sheriff must uphold the law, but doing so in a compassionate, appropriate way is almost an art-

form - I feel strongly that Eric possesses this unique capability. Equally important is the capacity to bring new ways of thinking about the problems and issues that face our community; looking for solutions, not because they are the way things have always been done, but because they offer a better, more efficient and fresher approach to dealing with them. Look at Eric's education, experience and endorsements and I think you will find, as I have, that he represents the best choice for Sheriff of Custer County - a person that is passionate about perserving what is unique, and important, about living in this community, but also one, who brings a background, skills and capacity to help our residents, and kids, face those challenges.

Steve Chandler, rural Custer County

I am for a government rigorously frugal and simple, applying all the possible savings of the public revenue to the discharge of the national debt.

~ Thomas Jefferson

Endorsement for Byerly by Former Colleague

To the good citizens of Custer County:

I recently retired from the Cañon City Police Department after over 30 years in law enforcement. It was my privilege to work with and then for Shannon Byerly. In my career with three departments I met many good officers, deputies, supervisors, and administrators none finer than Shannon Byerly.

Shannon took to law enforcement as a patrol officer exhibiting great skills in the field. He excelled as a supervisor in grasping and handling the needs of the

people under him and the department expectations. Shannon has become the "go-to-guy" and the "can-do-guy" for Cañon City Police today as the administrative professional standards coordinator, a fancy name for the guy who does everything.

Custer County has had the leadership of a favorite son for three decades and to take over from that heritage and lead the sheriff's office into the 21st century policing, they could not ask for a better qualified individual than Shannon Byerly.

Many of you know Shan-

non as a coach at Custer County High School. He instructs by leading by example and believes in education for his players, especially for those that have to go forth and protect his home county.

Please take a moment to check out this candidate for Custer County sheriff. If you have any questions, he will be more than happy to present his stand on any issue with you.

Good luck to you, citizens of Custer County.

Jim Martinez Formerly of the Cañon City Police Department

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Hospital District Board Chairman Calls Custer County Business Leaders "Peanut Gallery" Discounts Citizen Input on Hospital/EMS Direction

by Paul Sage

Addressing a large group of Custer County business and land owners on Tuesday, May 20th, at the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District headquarters, Hospital District Board Chairman Joe Arbuckle brought the crowd to near total disorder with his comment that "it's easy to take a look at some numbers and snipe at them from the peanut gallery – the audience..." The "peanut gallery" as defined by Wikipedia is "a nickname for the cheap seats," and "people whose criticisms are regarded as irrelevant or insignificant". Westcliffe resident Joe Cascarelli responded with "General, you have just crossed the line. There is no reason to insult the audience." Others chimed in with the likes of "We're taxpayers," and "There's no need to insult us."

The outburst followed an over hour long meeting called by the Custer County Chamber of Commerce at

the request of the Hospital Board and the EMS study committee to survey business owners on their preferences for taxing options to pay additional money for EMS service in the county.

Concerns were raised by numerous attendees that only limited options were being presented by the Hospital Board. Business owner and County Commissioner candidate Jack Canterbury pointed out that "It appears to me like the only options that are being presented to us for this funding is going to cost us all money." Larry Sanders added that "All of the tax revenue should be going to EMS. That was the first thing you cut and killed. What you need to do is figure out how to save the clinic and start spending your money where it's supposed to go." Candi Sage added to this line of questioning with "Why is the option of taking the 4.9 mills (nearly half a million dollars) that you already have and paying the EMS out of that and then use

what's left over to re-generate the clinic and all the services that you want to provide not an option on your sheet?"

Although he eluded the answer to this question, as in the past, Chairman Arbuckle did finally recognize that "if the citizens of this county – the majority – say 'take the 4.9 mills and give it all to EMS,' then that's a citizen decision, but right now we can't do that with the service plan. Besides that, the implications are pretty clear in what it's going to do to the clinic, so there's the choice."

The service plan Chairman Arbuckle referred to is the original business plan of the West Custer County Hospital District approved by the voters of the county, the District Court and the County Commissioners in 1988 under which the District is still mandated to operate and collect property taxes from the citizens of the county. That plan remains unmodified and calls for the operation of an am-

bulance service and a clinic which provides 24/7 emergency care as well as some basic clinic services, similar to what was provided prior to the District being created when Art Nordyke and his wife transported people to the hospital in a recycled ambulance held together with duct tape and bailing wire if the on call nurse and doctor couldn't provide the help needed when called.

In one sentence the Hospital District Board and Clinic Director will say that to run such an emergency care clinic is out of the question and not possible, while in the next they propose that to spend the current tax dollars largely on the EMS is a violation of the same service plan they claim to be unable to follow and use this as a reason not to consider doing so.

While this meeting was called to obtain feedback on proposed taxing options, other than former banker and Hospital District Board member Brent Bruiser's

comments about how we are "all one community," and proclaimed how we "don't all get along or worship the same god... but we do all live in this community and it's going to take all of us coming together..." speech calling for a "level of trust" in the Board, there was no feedback provided at the meeting that could be interpreted as supporting any of the District's proposals.

Larry Sanders proposed that "The Fair Labor Standards Act isn't the only thing you're in violation of." He further said of the Hospital Board that "you have been misallocating and misappropriating funds based on the ballot initiatives passed by the citizens of Custer County." He suggested that "maybe we should start a petition or ballot initiative to have a criminal investigation if you're not willing to examine this." Throughout his comments, Hospital Board member Bob Tobin sat near him laughing at his comments. To a large round

of applause from the audience, he commented that the Board has been "stonewalling the commissioner for months now and people are getting frustrated. The Clinic is nice; emergency medical services are essential!"

Jack Canterbury, having reviewed some current budget numbers provided by the Clinic Director, commented that his review showed that "between the hospital administrators, the office manager, the business manager, and the administrative assistants, the Hospital District has a salary liability of somewhere in the neighborhood of \$15,000 per month for management of an organization that only has 15 or 20 employees. That seems a little bit top heavy to me." He pointed out some areas where the clinic loses money and made suggestions about ways money could be cut from the budget and pointed out that he "would

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BYERLY FOR CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF

A VOTE FOR BYERLY IS A VOTE FOR THE COMMUNITY OF CUSTER COUNTY

When you look to a candidate for leadership and the knowledge of how to move the Custer County Sheriff's Office forward, I am the candidate to get the job done. My knowledge of the county, coupled with experience as a true law enforcement professional, make me the right choice for the sheriff's position. I have demonstrated care for our community over several years as a member of the county fair board, 4-H leader, and youth and high school coach. I want to make a difference in the community and that starts with treating people fairly.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 8 year NAVY Veteran, served in Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- 12 Years Law Enforcement Experience as a patrol officer, patrol sergeant, and current department supervisor.
- Associates of Science Degree in Criminal Justice.
- Graduate of the Denver University Public Safety Leadership Development Course.
- Department Head supervisor.
- Currently manages a 3.3 million dollar budget.
- Critical Incident and Command Center Management experience.
- Earned promotions through competitive testing process.

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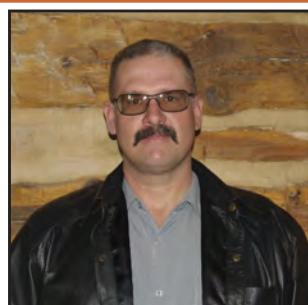
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Hello, I am Brad L. Baltzly and I would like to be your next Coroner.



Goals:

Inter-agency Training

If elected to be your Coroner I will bring in professionals in the field to offer training to our first responders in handling a death scene. This training will benefit our Deputy Coroners, EMS, Firefighters, Search and Rescue members and Law Enforcement in securing and protecting a death scene and possible evidence. It can also help them to identify what they encounter on a scene and better equip them to assist in a death investigation. Every first responder that enters into a death scene can have an impact on that investigation. It is important that they are trained and know how to have a positive impact, not a negative one.

Mass Fatality Plan

I will develop a mass fatality plan for the county. It is important to have processes thought out and in place ahead of time to deal with a horrible situation. A mass fatality means several people have died, overwhelming our regular processes. It is difficult to think about, but not improbable that a mass fatality could occur here. First responders have been working on an active shooter scenario at the school and a mass fatality plan should be part of that training. A bus accident, a plane crash, a building collapse or even an epidemic are all scenarios that would quickly overwhelm our capabilities and it is important to have a plan in place so we are not making it up as we go.

Brad
Baltzly

Custer County Coroner

Thank you
for entrusting me
with your vote
in the primary.

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Cliff Riders 2014 History Ride

by Candi Sage

The 2014 History ride of the Cliff Riders ATV club had about 26 participants and 22 machines touring the west side of Highway 69 on Saturday. Starting and ending at Silver Cliff Park, just over 50 miles was recorded for this year's ride.

Participants heard about the history of some of the first settlers and homesteaders in the area, learning the names of those in the 1870 German colony, now buried in the Lutheran Cemetery. Another stop was the historical Abbott Lodge which has since been torn down, but the west wall and floor of the foundation remains. It was built by the American Legion on land leased from the Forest Service.

Lunching with "Outdoor Buddies" at A Painted View Ranch was a special treat before heading out to San Isabel Ranch and hearing about the history of the Kettle family and Chief Ouray. Chief Ouray used to come and trade with Great-Grandpa Kettle. The two of them reportedly had a good friendship of mutu-

al respect, despite what the U.S. government thought at the time. Chief Ouray and his men had a particular liking to the home-made bread and cookies, frequently eating the cookies intended for the children.

The ULA cemetery was another area of historical interest, with the Kettle family donating the first five acres; the first recorded burial plot was in 1872. It has eighteen unknown graves and graves of more known family names such as; Beckwith, Kettle, Koch, Camper, Geroux, Hansen and others.

Next, it was off to the 1871 town of ULA, with the house wallpapered with newspapers going back over one hundred years.

Several different papers were found including an 1896 Chicago Ledger supplement, The Little Ledger, an April 1986 page from The Denver Times, and an 1894 page from The Portland Transcript; all indicating the town of ULA once thrived with travelers from around the United States.

The last stop was The Historic Pines Ranch and a quick walk-through some of the grounds where locals were surprised at the find, living in the county and not aware of this unique location and its offerings. The Pines Ranch has horseback riding, catch and release fishing, swimming, picnicking, and artifact hunting with old western town surroundings.



Cliff Riders get relief from the ride along with the history and a view of the valley from the Abbott Lodge ruins. Sentinel photo by Candi Sage



The Oak Creek Grade General Store is Re-opening!

"God has filled our well to over-flowing and we are now planning to reopen the Oak Creek Grade General Store on Friday June 6th," reports Audrey Slater.

They will be open on Friday and Saturday mornings for continental breakfasts from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and will be serving homemade muffins, bagels, cinnamon rolls, waffles, pancakes and oatmeal. Items also for sale homemade caramel candies, assorted crocheted items and Bibles and Christian Books.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

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As a commissioner, I will work to:
Keep our water in the valley
Tie the water to the land

*The H2O Ranch is the first step to
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Strengths:

- Close to the source
- Early water-right decrees
- Decree established by the courts

Weaknesses:

- Court decrees change water use
- Arkansas River has both ag. and municipal water rights
- Legislation may change trans-mountain diversions

Threats:

- Colorado's river-water demands exceed supplies
- Any change in river compacts can impact Custer County water
- Our water issues are a ticking time bomb

Opportunities:

- Secure Custer County Water to our land!

I have 35 years experience in water issues and use.
My Word is my bond.
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I ask for your vote for County Commissioner in the June Primary.
To contact Bob, call 719-783-0738 or email 1drrdoc@gmail.com.

This ad is paid for by the committee to elect Bob Kattnig.



Tony Supan Candidate for Custer County Sheriff

Does knowing the people and the land where you live and serve make a difference? I believe it does, allow me to tell you why.

Lifetime residents and others who grew up here like myself, refer to many locations in the valley by name not address. GPS has brought us a long

way, but still isn't foolproof in Custer County. Calls come in to dispatch with locations such as "Katie's cabin", "at Bear Gulch", "the Cobble gate", "by Willow Creek", "at the Miller Place", "up by the Geneva Hunt place", or "Little Bad Hill" just to name a few.

It's during these calls that growing up here does make a difference. I know exactly where to go and how to get a response team into these places when precious time matters. Another instance is when dispatch gets a "welfare check" call and the caller gives only the name of the person they want checked on. I know the people in this community, where they live, what they drive, and places they like to go. So when they are not at their homes, many times I find them at their neighbors, or their favorite coffee shop, or restaurant.

The other candidates have said many times that how long I've lived here just doesn't matter. So I ask you to think about these things. After that lightning strike and the wind is high does knowing where to go matter? Does getting that ambulance to the scene a quicker way matter? Or does finding that loved one you couldn't get a hold of matter? It does to me and the family or friend that is waiting to hear about them.

Knowing you and where you live provides me with a unique knowledge base for serving you that no other candidate can offer. Along with Sheriff Jobe, I am the only one at our office that has this valuable background knowledge. I believe that losing this knowledge would be a big drawback because it is important to the safety of this community.

Serving as your sheriff would be a privilege to me because of the relationships we have built together over the years. I look forward to caring for and continuing to serve each of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Supan, Candidate for Sheriff

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Outdoor Buddies Community Appreciation Day Honors Veterans

by Carol Clemenson

On Saturday, May 17, 2014, Armed Forces Day, Outdoor Buddies hosted a Community Appreciation Day honoring disabled and other military service Veterans at the Painted View Ranch. Outdoor Buddies is a Westcliffe based all-volunteer nonprofit organization dedicated to helping disabled persons and youth find outdoor adventure opportunities.

One of the featured activities of the day was the Huey Helicopter brought in by Col. Bill McPherson and Lt. Col. Ken Overturf. This helicopter spent three years with the 9th Calvary unit in the Vietnam war. It has 28 bullet holes. After three years it was sent to the United States for refurbishing. It was used by the National Guard from 1971 until 1995 when the Army retired it. The mobile helicopter display participates in parades and static displays at events throughout Colorado. The unit is manned by a crew comprised of Vietnam Vet-

erans. All crew members are capable of explaining the operation and specifications of the helicopter. And as Vietnam veterans, they relate to other veterans and their stories with compassion and understanding. This helicopter is known as the "Helicopter War".

A beautiful flag ceremony was performed by the Fort Carson Mounted Color Guard and local American Legion Post 170. Before the flag ceremony, Charlie Tomsick, World War II veteran with the 25th infantry, was interviewed and honored.

Other events during the day included: a mechanical bull; The Blooming Bush Women (music and Samurai Sword Dance); a pack mule demonstration with mules (by our local U.S. Forest Service); mountain man demonstrations; archery demonstration and instruction (by local Colorado Parks & Wildlife); shooting game trailer (by local Colorado Parks & Wildlife); kids fishing (also by Colorado Parks &



Ft. Carson Mounted Color Guard.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

Wildlife); Paca Peace alpaca educational program; Mission Wolf's 30-minute educational program with wolves; stick horse barrel racing; bounce house; a Ducky race (using irrigation canal); Face painting; and last but not least several Raffle drawings. There was free roast pork, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, iced tea, lemonade and water.

It was a great day with wonderful food supplied by Leeann and Rob Adams. Thanks to Donna Hood and her husband, Dwaine, and Ann Robey, Boy Scout

Senior Center Asks for Community Help

by Carol Clemenson

The Custer County Senior Center is in the process of replacing a 30-year-old stove/oven with a new convection oven and induction cook top. The nutrition program is run by the State Health Department and requires them to have a commercial stove which is more expensive. At the present time the electric usage is always in the demand mode when the stove is in operation which costs more per kilowatt hr. With the new appliances, the usage could be cut by one third. The Center has started a kitchen upgrade fund and has \$1,700 in it now. Donations from anyone in the valley to help us reach \$5,000 would be greatly appreciated. They are non-profit and all donations/contributions are deductible. Receipts will be given upon request for tax purposes. When they reach that amount a foundation has agreed to match with a donation of \$5,000.

Donations/contributions can be made either in person at the Senior Center or

by putting it in the account we have at the First State Bank of Colorado. Please call Bill at 371-8852 if you have any questions or required information. There will also be a Memorial Day Parking Lot Sale at the Senior Center, Monday 26th, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. All proceeds will go towards their kitchen upgrade. If you have donations for the sale please contact Bill or Roxie Cullison at the Center.

The Senior Center Recycle Program: If a person would like to donate items for the recycle such as the things listed below, please contact Bill Cullison at 719-371-8852:

Stoves, washers, dryers, electric motors, toaster ovens, aluminum cans. (Anything aluminum) copper, brass, lead, car batteries, insulated wire old computer towers, water heaters, chain link fencing and all things metal. Please NO PAINT CANS, TV'S OR MICRO-WAVES. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE SENIOR CENTER.

Eric Thompson Candidate for Custer County Sheriff



What does my education, expertise and experience mean for Custer County? How would I apply my knowledge to serve as the sheriff for the entire community?

- I pledge to retain the unique lifestyle of the community. I respect the ranching history and the upright values that it has instilled in the community.
- I will conduct a full audit on the budget, itemizing and making expenditures transparent.
- I will apply my expertise in grant writing and fundraising to assist the Posse to achieve 501(3)(c) status. The Posse is a necessary and integral part of the Sheriff's Department and, by transforming it into a 501(3)(c) non-profit organization, not only will donations flow directly to it, but it could take full advantage of matching funds from the WMVCF.
- I will ensure 24-hour staffing in our detention facility which does not always exist and creates a liability danger.
- I will update our departmental policies and procedures, including our investigation techniques, to limit the susceptibility to lawsuits.
- My involvement with the OK City bombing and the 1998 tornado has taught me how to coordinate and work with other agencies to launch effective and timely responses to potential life and death situations. I will actively communicate and coordinate with the Office of Emergency Management, Fire Department, Search and Rescue, EMS, the medical center, the county commissioners, and town trustees to guarantee the health and well-being of all citizens.
- I will also work more closely with the school district to ensure the safety of our children, teachers, and administrators.
- My experience has also taught me the importance of a transparent administration with an open door policy with the community. To facilitate this, I will establish a community advisory committee to assist in understanding and responding to community issues. I will build strong, working relationships with the local media.

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VOTE Jack Canterbury FOR Custer County Commissioner

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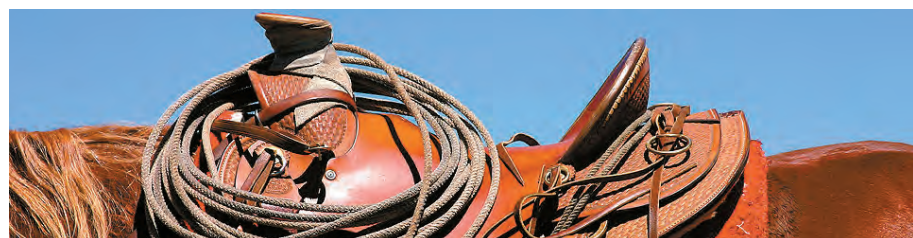
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"Takin' It To The House..."

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representative
Jim Wilson – HD 60
May 18, 2014

So...what happened in the 69th General Assembly? I am glad you asked! However, after more than 1,200 bills during the two-year session, I am not sure anyone can really answer the question. The session was definitely a "Part One/Part Two" scenario that featured a mixture of "the Good, the Bad and the Ugly. Part One of the session featured the Dems controlling all three branches of government and wielding that power to push through their partisan agenda. After a backlash of two senators being recalled, another being forced to resign, a lawsuit filed by the County Sheriffs, an uproar over energy bills skyrocketing, national media attention and general discontent over the "in your face" attitude, Part Two of the session began.

With Part Two of the 69th General Assembly came the realization that it was an election year. The left side of the aisle realized that they had better try to make the people of Colorado forget the radical agenda of Part One if they were to maintain the majority. Miraculously,

a migration began to take place as members from the left came over to the right side of the aisle to convince the R's to sign onto legislation carried by the left! The push was on to present a facade of a bipartisan love fest that would, hopefully, make the agenda from Part One disappear in the rearview mirror. Nice try...but not!

According to our Minority Leader DelGrosso (R-Loveland), the Republicans started Part Two with three main priorities: making significant investments in education within existing resources; improving public safety; and keeping our economy moving forward in all regions of Colorado. "Last year, we argued tirelessly against needing a \$1 billion tax increase for K-12 education. When Colorado voters overwhelmingly defeated Amendment 66 in November, we listened. We immediately announced education reforms we could implement within existing resources. We increased education funding by more than \$360 million, including restoring \$110 million in recessionary cuts to K-12 schools, an additional \$13 million to charter schools,

and an increase of over \$27 million in the English Language Proficiency Programs." I certainly agreed with Rep. DelGrosso, but it amazed me that we were arguing for more dollars to further reduce the recessionary cuts for schools while the Dems wanted to channel more money into their agenda items.

DelGrosso was also disappointed in the lack of support for public safety. He stated, "Surprisingly, when we ran bills to strengthen penalties for seriously hurting or killing someone while driving under the influence and to increase the penalties for habitual DUI offenders, Democrats refused to prioritize funding for these bills. It was very disappointing that they funded for their projects over increasing public safety. Public safety should not be a partisan issue; we all drive on Colorado's roadways."

One of the final items the R's remained focused upon was helping Colorado's economy. We often hear from business owners that the best thing the legislature can do is get out of the way and do no harm. This session we fought against



attempts to unnecessarily grow government and place more needless burdens on small businesses. Small businesses are the economic drivers throughout our state, yet the majority continually ignored their concerns and forced an urban agenda on all of Colorado. ("The war on rural Colorado") I am certain that House District 60 understands Colorado is more than just Denver and Boulder -- and, in order to serve Colorado, we must listen to constituents from every region of the state.

Since we are out of session, feel free to call my home number at 719-539-4452 or contact me through my regular e-mail: wilson-forhd60@gmail.com.

Yours for HD 60 --

Representative Jim Wilson

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rather have an ambulance to ride down the hill in an emergency, and when I've got a sniffly nose, I'll go down the hill and see a doctor." Mr. Canterbury concluded with: "I would like to see the Hospital District say 'we're willing to cut these things out before I'm willing to pay more taxes.'" The room broke out in another round of applause when he advised the Board, "Don't just keep asking me for more money."

In response to Mr. Canterbury's questions and comments, Clinic Director Delwin Lester further muddied the waters with his comments about the hospital administrator position which appears in the budget he provided, refers to himself, and is listed as paying a salary of \$6,734.40 per month not counting taxes and benefits. He claimed that "that position is gone. It went away in 2000 and has not been replaced. You talk about \$15,000 (monthly) in administrative costs. There's a lot of things that fall under that big umbrella

of administrative costs." He continued to explain that it included "the CFO, who is the accountant, Accounts Payable people, myself included, are all requirements in running this type of business."

Mr. Cascarelli questioned with all the budget shortfalls and losses due to bad debt whether the problem would be resolved with any additional amount of tax money allocated. He said, "If this is approved -- which I think is unlikely -- it seems that you'll be back to the community in a couple years." Hospital Board Treasurer Chuck Ippolito replied, "Hopefully not." Further following this line of questioning, Mr. Cascarelli inquired, "You have a different bad debt picture at the clinic (than the ambulance). How bad is that?" to which Mr. Ippolito replied, "It's pretty bad." Mr. Cascarelli concluded with a comment about there being "4000 people in this county. These numbers are overwhelming."

The Sentinel will be following up with a review of those budget numbers next week.



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Sen. Larry Crowder On The 2014 Legislative Session

ALAMOSA, Colorado
May 19, 2014
When the Colorado State Legislature finished its session on May 7, over 20 new measures had been enacted, thanks to legislation co-sponsored by Sen. Larry Crowder (R-Alamosa).

Sen. Crowder's legislative efforts focused on three key areas: job creation and economic revitalization, veterans' issues, healthcare, and education.

"I'm pleased that we addressed these vitally important issues during this legislative session. Governing isn't always easy, but by building consensus and working for the betterment of all Coloradans, we can move our state in a positive direction," Sen. Crowder said.

Sen. Crowder's efforts in the area of job creation and economic revitalization included measures to:

- Expand broadband Internet service in rural Colorado
- Provide various tax credits to individuals and businesses that invest in the preservation and rehabilitation of historical buildings.
- Offer tax credits for biogas systems.

Sen. Crowder said he is especially proud of bipartisan efforts to save the Southwest Chief rail line through South-east Colorado

The plan to reroute the rail line away from Colorado would have taken 50 jobs and countless tourist dollars. To prevent this from happening, Sen. Crowder met with stakeholders and devised a plan that brought the Amtrak route through Pueblo.

"I couldn't turn my back on Amtrak since the jobs and tourists it brings are vital to communities like Lamar, La Junta and Trinidad," Sen. Crowder said. The plan devised actually created new jobs by rerouting Amtrak's rail line through Pueblo. Financial impact studies show that by adding Pueblo, ridership may double and ultimately add 50 jobs to the local economy.

Sen. Crowder also worked to improve the health of Coloradans through legislation such as:

- A bill that provides funding for breast and cervical cancer treatment for at risk populations,
- A bill that calls for transparency in pharmaceutical costs and more competitive

pricing in rural areas. "It is important that citizens in southern Colorado receive fair and competitive prices when they fill prescriptions, especially in rural markets where there are few choices of pharmacies," Sen. Crowder said.

- A bill that requires durable medical equipment providers to be licensed with the Colorado Secretary of State before they can bill Medicare for products or services. The bill requires providers to be located within the state of Colorado. "Access to vital durable medical equipment is being jeopardized by suppliers outside the borders of Colorado who win contracts but do not have a physical location in Colorado, do not have inventory available, and do not have employees in Colorado to run the businesses," Sen. Crowder said.

In the realm of education, Sen. Crowder worked to pass the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative which provides higher education tuition assistance to eligible students. The program emphasizes student commitment to education and the Colorado workforce.

It will be funded equally between state, non-profit and private contributions.

Veterans' issues are always a priority for Sen. Crowder and this session, he worked to pass legislation that:

- Provides financial support to nonprofit organizations and government agencies that work to improve the health and wellbeing of veterans,
- Recognize and protect the honor of fallen veterans
- Extend the permanent and total disabled veterans property tax exemption to the spouse on their primary residence.

Sen. Crowder supported other legislation during this session as well. For a complete list of bills he cosponsored, please visit the Colorado General Assembly's website at www.leg.state.co.us.

"I'm pleased I had the opportunity to work on these important legislative initiatives during this session. I look forward to continuing to work on the behalf of the people and diverse interests of southern Colorado in upcoming sessions," Sen. Crowder said.



Congratulations, Captain!

Rural Custer County resident George Gramlich's son, Gunnar Gramlich was recently promoted to Captain at Fort Carson. Dad had the honor of pinning the Captain's Bars on his son at the ceremony. Gunnar is a 2010 ROTC graduate from Clarkson University. He is a member of the 4 Infantry Division, 3rd Brigade, 1-68 Armor Battalion, nicknamed the "Silver Lions". He is currently the S-4 Battalion Logistics Officer. Infantry All The Way!

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

My name is Arthur L. Nordyke, and am the Custer County Coroner. I have been married to my wife, Barbara for 54 years. We have 3 grown sons all of whom live in Colorado. We have 9 grandchildren, and 1 great grandson. I have worked in the construction field for approximately 40 years, and was a lineman for Sangre De Cristo Electric prior to that. I have lived in Custer County since 1977 when I moved my family here from Canon City. All three of my sons graduated from Custer County High School, and now 3 grandsons will also have graduated from CCHS.

I believe I am the best candidate for the job because I have 30 years' experience serving as this county's Coroner. I am a Colorado State Certified Death Investigator which is extremely important for the integrity of our county. I have at least 243 hours of continuing education in Death Investigation. I have taken and tested in classes in the following fields: Aero Forensics, Fetal Death Registration, Forensic Epidemiology, Incident Command Systems, Forensic Anthropology, and Law Endorsement and Forensic Analysis. Many people are unaware that it is required that each coroner complete at least 16 hrs. per year in continuing education in order to maintain his or her certification. It is also required that they have attended at least 5 autopsies in the time of their service. Not all Deputy Coroners are certified, but in order to serve as THE Coroner it is required. I have been a certified death investigator for 14 of my 30 years of service. I have served on the Colorado State Board of Coroners since 2000, which allows me to be well acquainted with coroners across the state and other agencies

Additionally, I believe I am the best candidate for this position because of my integrity, and my ability to contain a scene and maintain the respect of the other agencies involved at the scene. I have already established a great working relationship with the Sheriff's office, Search and Rescue, Hospice, and Colorado State Patrol. I am well accustomed to the need for confidentiality that must be maintained in order to provide this respect and integrity.

Lastly, I believe that one of the attributes that I bring to this position is that I have lost someone very dear to me in a difficult situation. My grandson C.J. passed away after battling cancer. He was 8 years old at the time. This has changed and equipped me to be helpful to families when they are in the grieving process. Whether dealing with the loss of an elderly or young person this is always a very difficult time. Beyond my certification, compassion, and integrity I have the experience of helping people in this their greatest time of need. These families have lost a loved one no matter what the circumstances. I believe that it is extremely important to treat the deceased and the family with the utmost respect at this time.

Recently I have become aware that many people do not know exactly what the job of the Coroner entails. It is my job to:

- Determine the time and manner of death
- Identify the deceased and take custody of the scene
- Handle the Investigation as needed
- Notify the next of kin

I also issue the death certificate and complete all reports required by the state. This job is often difficult, but interesting. I have attended at least 15 autopsies over the years. It has been very educational, and has better prepared me serve Custer County. I believe that it is of the utmost importance that I do my job with the greatest efficiency so that cases can be prosecuted properly when needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I would really appreciate your vote on June 24th.

Sincerely,

Arthur Nordyke, Custer County Coroner



Arthur Nordyke - Custer County Coroner

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Elementary Update and Changes for 2014

by Candi Sage

Elementary Principal Holly Anderson reported on the upcoming goals and changes for the next school year including Back to School Day instead of Back to School Night. The goal is to have students and parents attend together so parents can receive more information about the student expectations, grading and homework policies on the first day of school. The structure will include parents observing a math lesson and a reading lesson and learning about the curriculum. She stated that it takes “three of us to educate the child: the parent, the teacher, and the child.”

Mrs. Anderson also shared about the changed format for 2014-15 Elementary Report Card they will be piloting. Currently, single grades are given in each subject area. The new Pilot Report Card will show academic areas broken down more specifically to show the progress within the area’s components. As an example, reading will show grades/progress in phonics and comprehension as well. Math would

show more breakdown to include not just a computation grade but a problem solving grade as well. She reports more information will come out as they continue to refine the new report card and before the first reporting time in the fall.

The elementary staff has also been working on Curriculum Maps that identifies the curriculum and teaching standards for each grade level. Mrs. Anderson indicated another goal is to clearly spell out both the curriculum and the standards in a “parent friendly” format so they will be better informed of what students are learning throughout the year. She states that this would provide more communication as well as indicate the more authentic learning in better detail for the parents.

Another area the staff has been working on is revising the RtI process which is the Response to Intervention, as indicated following testing of a student and providing the intervention necessary to help the student with progress in learning and achieve grade level ex-

pectations. Mrs. Anderson stated their goal is to revise the process so they can identify students earlier in the year, draw the group of teachers and parent tighter and provide more meaningful follow-up throughout the year.

Professional Development for 2014-15 will include continuation of refining the reading and writing instruction. She indicated a closer look of analysis of student progress to determine curriculum and instructional changes will be made. More emphasis will be placed on mathematics as well to deepen instruction of complex problem solving and supporting students as they move in mathematical thinking from the concrete to the symbolic representations. They will investigate supplemental material and include NCTM (National Council for Teaching Mathematics) materials.

The 2014 third grade TCAP results indicated that there are both good results causing celebration and some results indicating that more work needs to be done. Mrs. Anderson stated she

would not stop until scores improve. At the beginning of the year eleven students were deemed at risk for failure and intervention began. Out of the initial eleven, five scored proficient on the TCAP, one qualified for a READ plan, three were within 10 points of scoring proficient and two have assessments results showing they are proficient, yet will need to be watched closely next year. She stated the student with the READ plan has specific goals over the summer including home goals. Deeper analysis will be made to determine the exact standards the students found most challenging as well as the ones where they had success to identify instructional methods and curriculum that needs to be changed. The TCAP did show the third graders were strong in the Fiction and Poetry area of the assessment. Overall 67% of the third grade or 16 students scored in the proficient/advanced category, seven scored partially proficient, and one student scored unsatisfactory. Mrs. Anderson pointed out that the numbers alone don’t tell the whole story of student learning.

FREE Physicals for Custer County Students

On Friday, May 30th, the Custer County Public Health Agency will be offering free health physicals to Middle and High School students. Physicals will be given at the clinic beginning at 9 a.m. Students with the last name beginning with A-M should arrive between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Students with last names beginning with N-Z should arrive between 1:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m. Physical packets are available in the main office of Custer County Schools. Parent signature is required for the physical and is included in the packet. This is a great opportunity to complete the physical that is required to participate in athletics during the 2014-15 year. Questions, please call Custer County Schools at 783-2291.

Pet Treat Alert! Chinese Made Jerky Killing Dogs

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has received more than 4,800 complaints from dog owners and has reported over 1,000 deaths of dogs who have eaten Chinese-made chicken, duck or sweet potato jerky treats.

Pet store chain Petco announced Tuesday that they will stop selling ALL Chinese-made dog and cat treats. Folks, check all your dog and cat treats to make sure they are NOT made in China. If so, throw them away. Note also that Petco will not sell any dog or cat food made in China. (Editor/GG)



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Swim Lessons and Discount Swim Punch Cards at Club America WMV

American Red Cross Session I youth swim lessons run from June 2 – June 12 at Club America. Fifty-minute classes are scheduled Monday through Thursday beginning at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. for students in Levels 1 through Level 6. The pre-school class schedule is 10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. Cost is \$48 per student and scholarships may be available. A pre-evaluation swim test for students (not holding a 2013 completion certificate) will determine which class the student will be placed. Pre-tests are scheduled for Sunday, June 1 from 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. Preschool students are not required to attend the pre-test. Club America strongly recommends pre registra-

tion for classes, as class sizes are limited.

Session II swim lessons run from July 28 – August 7 and will meet at the same times. Session II pre-test is scheduled for July 27, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.

If you would like the opportunity to swim all summer long, Club America is offering discounted swim punch cards for a limited time. Youth swim punch cards that regularly sell for \$35 are on sale for \$25 for 10 visits and adult swim punch cards that normally sell for \$80 are on sale for \$55 for ten visits. These discounted cards will only be on sale only until May 31st. Discounted swim punch cards are valid from June 1 to August 31. "We want to give families and

kids who are out of school all summer an opportunity to come in and swim as much as possible. Swimming with friends is a great way to have fun and stay fit. We hope to help make this possible by providing the discount," said Sarah Flynn, Club Manager.

Stop by Club America to discuss your interest in learning how to be safe in, on, and around water, no matter what your age or skill and experience level. Group and private swim lessons are available. Whether your interest is water aerobics, learning to swim, or becoming a certified Red Cross lifeguard or swim instructor, Club America can help you meet your needs. For more information call Club America at 783-0750.

Bobcats Track: The End of a Successful Season!

by Jim Silver

Four members of the track team and their three coaches left for Jefco Stadium in Lakewood very early last Thursday morning to compete in the State Track Meet from that day, the 15th, through Saturday. Much was said about these four in last week's Sentinel—about their accomplishments throughout the season which qualified them to compete at this level. Simply stated, each of these athletes were ranked in the top 18, Class 2-A state-wide, in each of their various events. There were 42 Class-2A schools to compete against (in the

midst of all schools state-wide, Class 1A-5A). Taking 4 of a team roster of 18 to State, Head Coach Bruce May calls this "a really successful season!" At the end of the 3 days of running, jumping, and throwing, the results for our Bobcats were as follows:

Brian O'Connor (senior): placed 3rd in Triple Jump, 10th in High Jump, and 15th in Long Jump

Smokey Solis (senior): placed 7th in Shot, and 15th in Discus

Corey Lewenkamp (junior): placed 4th in 1600m Run, 6th in

3200m Run, and 15th in 800m Run

Serenity Ham (freshman): placed 7th in 100m Hurdles, 10th in High Jump, 13th in Triple Jump, and 14th in 300m Hurdles

Throughout the season, Coach May has put it very simply—how proud he is of the whole team. To recognize the efforts of all, he and Assistant Coaches Joy Parrish and Brandon Bass will hold an Awards Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, at the school. More information will be available from the school office.



Bobcat Menu • May 26 - May 28, 2014

Monday
MEMORIAL DAY

NO
SCHOOL

Tuesday
breakfast

Scrambled Eggs
W. W. Toast
Juice, Milk

lunch

Corn Dog, Oven Fries
Watermelon
Oatmeal Cookie

Milk

Wednesday
breakfast

Muffin Loaf or
Cheese Quesadilla
Fruit, Milk

lunch

Deli Sandwich, Sun Chips
Applesauce Cup
Juice Bar

Milk

Thursday
SCHOOL'S OUT!

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



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KIDS

Friday, May 23, 2014

In Flanders Fields

By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD
(1872-1918)
Canadian Army

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep,
though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

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Corner

Like a Phoenix Rising from the Ashes Royal Gorge Bridge & Park - The Rebuilding



Damage to the antique carousel and water clock.

Courtesy Photo

On June 11, 2013 the Royal Gorge Bridge & Park grounds were damaged by the Royal Gorge Fire. This wildfire destroyed 48 of the 52 buildings including the aerial tram, antique carousel, and the visitor's center. The Royal Gorge Bridge was spared but suffered damage to some of the wooden planks. The park is being rebuilt and is scheduled to reopen in August. Guided tours are available weekends only as weather permits.



Some of the bridge planks that were scorched during the fire. Courtesy Photo



The Visitor Center still smoldering several days after the fire.

Courtesy Photo



The incline railway cable house after the fire.



The spectacular bridge sporting new planks.



The Plaza Theater still stands!



The new Visitor Center under construction.

Courtesy Photo



Aerial view of the reconstruction progress.

Courtesy Photo - Royal Gorge Helitours



The first weekend guided tour on park vehicles began March 15. Tours are \$10 per person with 3 and under free.

Courtesy Photo

Photo Feature by Barbara Napolitan

Local Mountain News & Notices

Pro Am Bike Race Canceled

The bike race that had been planned to take place in Westcliffe on June 21st has been canceled. After reviewing documents the Executive committee decided that CART’S involvement exceeded their volunteer and financial capabilities. There are no plans to reschedule the event.

Events Calendar

Friday, May 23, 2014 Entries due for Hardscrabble Mountain Trail Run. Register at www.hardscrabblerun.com 7:30 p.m.: The Westcliffe Center/Jones Theater: the play, “Harvey”	“Harvey”
Saturday, May 24, 2014 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.: All Aboard Westcliffe - Pancake breakfast 10 a.m.: Memorial Day Parade 11:30 a.m.: 12th annual “Wigglebutt King and Queen” title at Dundee Memorial and Walkabout Dog Park at Butler and Broadway Streets in Silver Cliff (719); 783-2153 7:30 p.m.: The Westcliffe Center/Jones Theater: “Harvey”	Monday, May 26, 2014 Courthouse closed: Memorial Day Observance 10 a.m.: 10th Annual Memorial Day Observance at Memorial Park (4th Street at Hermit Road) in Westcliffe. If bad weather, meet at Custer County School in west gym
Sunday, May 25, 2014 2 p.m.: The Westcliffe Center/Jones Theater: the play,	Wednesday, May 28, 2014 Last Day of School
	Friday, May 30, 2014 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.: Baccalaureate
	Saturday, May 31, 2014 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.: High School Graduation

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	6:45 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March-October).
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	Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.: Library open in downtown Westcliffe
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.	Wednesday Line dancers meet at Community United Methodist Church from 9:30 to 11 a.m. thru the winter starting November 20. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370 6 p.m.: Closed Big Book study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172, or Lisa at (719) 783-0809
Monday and Thursday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff open to assist young mothers and families in need. Free pregnancy tests and 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 Second Thursday of the Month: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., “Ask a Nurse” at the library
Tuesday 12:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Jammin’ band at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff First Tuesday of the Month: 6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting	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
	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 open in Westcliffe

Sheriff's Report...

As of Tuesday, May 20, there were currently seven men and one woman in jail.

OFFENSES

May 17 At approximately 10 a.m., Fred Dodd, age 59, reported an attempted burglary and criminal mischief at 706 Butler Street. There was damage to a lock valued at \$30.

May 15 At approximately 2200 hours, the sheriff’s office received a report of possible underage drinking at 115 Fourth Street. Dace Curtis, age 18, and Henry Watson, age 18, along with two other juveniles under the age of 18, were cited for illegal consumption of ethyl alcohol by the underage persons.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

May 10 At 5:50 a.m., a deputy came upon an accident on Highway 165, mile marker 7. Eddie Hoover, age 58, of Springfield, Colorado, was driving a 1987 Toyota pickup truck and crashed into a guardrail. He was cited for

careless driving. No injuries reported. There was moderate front-end damage to the vehicle.

AMBULANCE CALLS

Seven ambulance calls as of May 20.

May 19 At 1319 hours, the ambulance responded to 222 Titus Lane of an 85-year-old female who fell with possible hip or leg injuries. She was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

May 18 At 2344 hours, the ambulance responded to 3771 County Road 271 on a 10-year-old male who had difficulty breathing. He was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

May 18 At 4:33 a.m. the ambulance responded to Valley Assisted Living, Inc., to help with lifting a patient. There wasn’t any transport.

May 16 At 1315 hours, the ambulance responded to 10661 Good Hope. There was a deceased body at the

residence and the ambulance staff verified the person was not revivable.

May 15 At 2 p.m., the ambulance responded to Golden Corner Hotel regarding an intoxicated male party of unknown age. He was awake but not responsive and transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

May 13 At 1310 hours, the ambulance responded to the clinic for stable transport of a 24-year-old female for post cardiac ablation. She was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

May 12 At 1724 hours, the ambulance responded to the clinic for stable transport of a 68-year-old male for pneumonia to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

FIRE CALLS

One fire call as of May 20.

May 18 The Wetmore Fire Department responded to County Road 293 to investigate an unreported control burn.

Classifieds

Help Wanted

Like to greet people and share our community with them? Then consider volunteering one day a week in the **Custer County Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center.** Training is provided. Call 783-9163



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Livestock

Does your horse need a summer job? Call Elin at Music Meadows, (719) 783-2222



FOR SALE: 10 acres with utilities across from Oak Creek Grade General Store. Electric, well, septic & phone. \$50,000 firm. Call Jack & Audrey, 783-2245



*The deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is **Tuesday at Noon** for that week's edition. Call (719) 783-3360 to place your ad.*

Come and Worship

Christian Science
9:30 a.m. Worship
8 Bassick Place
Westcliffe

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

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
10 a.m. Sacrament Mtg.
12:10 p.m. Sunday School
240 Ridgeline Drive
Westcliffe
719/783-9356
719/404-4585

Community United Methodist Church
8 a.m. Worship
10 a.m. Worship
202 S. 6th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2511

Cody Park Community Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
517 County Rd. 27A
Cotopaxi
719/942-3462
719/942-3526

Cotopaxi Community Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
20326 Hwy. 50
Cotopaxi
719/942-4185

Don't love the world and what it offers.

Those who love the world don't have the Father's love in them. Not everything that the world offers--

physical gratification, greed, and extravagant lifestyles--comes from the Father.

1 John 2:15 - 16 GW

First Baptist Church of Westcliffe
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
417 S. 6th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2498

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

Hope Lutheran Church
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship
3rd & Powell Streets
Westcliffe
719/783-9773

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

Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church
Diocese of Pueblo
11 a.m. Sunday Mass
10 a.m. Tuesday Mass
109 S. 5th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-3507

Our Lady of Mt. Zion Catholic Church
11 a.m. Mass
3rd Sunday of each month
210 S. 2nd Street
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Darell Geroux Ranch, 1100 CR 160. Saturday, May 24, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., unless sold out.

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MEMORIAL

From page 1

She began wearing red poppies on Memorial Day. Eventually, she sold poppies to friends and co-workers donating the proceeds to needy servicemen. Madam Guerin, a French woman visiting the United States, took the idea home making artificial red poppies and, like Moina Michaels, she sold them giving the proceeds to needy people. The idea caught on with other countries who soon began selling poppies. In 1922, Madam Guerin took her idea to the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) who immediately adopted it selling poppies to commemorate Memorial Day. The VFW expanded the program having disabled veterans make artificial poppies, sell them, using the proceeds to benefit veterans.

Observing the Day

To properly display a United States flag, on the morning of Memorial Day raise it to the top of the flagpole then lower it to half-staff until noon. At noon, raise it to its full height.

The half-staff position remembers the more than one million men and women who gave the last full measure for their country. Putting it back to its full height at noon indicates the living have resolved not to let the sacrifice of those lost to be in vain, but rather, the living stand in their place to continue the struggle for liberty and justice for all. Memorial Day is not a day of mourning rather it is a day of celebration. While you enjoy the benefits of sharing Memorial Day with family and friends take a moment sometime during the day, to offer a prayer of thanks, for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we may live as a free people.



Jerry lived and died on a Westcliffe, CO hillside. He loved the mountains, pursued his dream, and got by with a little help from his friends.

He was a four-year Vietnam veteran (Air Force), Agent Orange poisoned, and, some might say, eccentric individual. He had been the proud owner of a 1986 Gold Wing motorcycle, 1972 Cadillac Coupe DeVille, army-green Toyota truck, and too many broken-down vehicles that he had a knack for fixing. He liked cats, guinea pigs, photography, working with his hands, cigarettes, breakfast sausage from Jennings Market, mountain excursions with brother Dave, hanging out at Aunt Betty's along the Mississippi River, and giving his opinion whether it was wanted or not. He valued his neighbors and friends in town

Obituary

Remembering A Veteran

Jerald Wayne Finley

October 6, 1945 – May 15, 2014



even if he didn't tell them.

Although the Finley home base was Moline, IL, Jerry was born in Dallas, TX where his parents relocated after WWII. They returned to the Quad City area, and two younger brothers joined the family. His parents, Ed and Ruth Finley, preceded him in death, his mother less than two weeks before Jerry died. Due to deteriorating health from a recent stroke, he was unable to attend her Illinois funeral.

Jerry is survived by two brothers, David (Nancy) in Colorado Springs, CO and Daniel (Jackie) in Madison, WI, and two children, Eric (Kristine) and Jennifer (Larry,) in the Moline, IL area. Family also includes grandchildren Andrew, Evan, and Emily; niece Hayley; nephew Connor; ex-wife Marcia; and many fond aunts, uncles, and cousins in the

Quad Cities.

Special recognition goes out to Westcliffe friends, especially Brad Barber, Cheri Trujillo at the bank, Katherine Camper at The Sentinel, and so many others who are unnamed but greatly appreciated. Jerry could seem gruff and uncaring, but he wasn't. His family remembers the twinkle in his eye, his beautiful hair, humorous storytelling, salty language, denim overalls, showing up unannounced and staying way too long, entertaining our young children, smoking on the front porch wearing his green bathrobe, and taking excellent care of Fred G. Pig. Rest in peace, Jerry.



If desired, donations may be given in his name to a veteran's organization or animal shelter.

A memorial service is planned for Tuesday, June 3rd at 4 p.m. at the West Mountain Valley Saddle Club.

Eateries

Alpine Lodge

6848 Cty. Rd. 140 • Westcliffe
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Thurs. - Sun. 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Sun. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Reservations recommended

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719/783-0533
Mon. - Sat., 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sun. 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sun. Brunch & Omelet Bar

Candy's Coffee

106 S. 2nd St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9516
Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Chappy's Mountain View Bar & Grill

213 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-0813
Mon. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sundays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Have a Nice Day Café

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719/783-9430
MAY: Thur. - Sun., Open at 5 p.m.
JUNE: Wed. - Sun., Open at 5 p.m.

The Lodge at San Isabel

59 Cty. Rd. 371 • San Isabel
719/489-2280
May 1 - Memorial Day
Wed. - Mon., 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
May 26 - Oct. 15
Wed. - Mon., 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Mining Company Restaurant

60 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9144
Daily 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tues. 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Nacho Mama's

(Formerly Mavericks)
404 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719/783-3333
Mon. - Thurs., 11:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri. & Sat., 11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Open Sundays after Memorial Day

Oak Creek Grade General Store

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Fri. & Sat. 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Opening June 6

Rancher's Roost at Cliff Lanes

25 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-2147
Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sun. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sangrita

212 Main • Westcliffe
719/783-4054
Reservations recommended
Thurs. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sun., 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday Brunch 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

St. Andrews Golf Course Café

801 Copper Gulch Rd. • Westcliffe
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Mon. - Wed., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Thurs. & Fri. - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Silver Cliff Mountain Inn

700 Ohio Street • Silver Cliff
719/783-2688
Wed. - Sat., 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sun. - Tues., 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Silver Cliff Pizza Company upstairs in the Silver Dome Saloon

110 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719/783-9499
Call for hours

SomeWhere Saloon

215 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-4900
Monday-Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. - Midnight

Subway

(inside JR's Fuel Stop)
425 S. 6th St. • Westcliffe
719/783-2748
Mon.-Sat., 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sundays 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sugar & Spice Mtn. Bakery

411 Main St. B • Westcliffe
719/783-4045
Mon. - Sat., 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tony's Mountain Pizza

630 Main St. • Silver Cliff
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Tues.: 4 - 9 p.m.
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Sunday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Westcliffe Wine Mine

109 N. 3rd St. • Westcliffe
719/783-2490
Fri. - Sat., 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Free BBQ Celebration at Ark River EMS May 31st

Ark River EMS invites the public to their Saturday, May 31st, Celebration BBQ for free hot dogs, hamburgers, and fixings. Lunch will be served from 11:00 to 3:00 at their headquarters at 25416 US Highway 50, located at mile marker 251 in Texas Creek. There will also be a bake sale and silent auction.

The event marks the all-time record of 500 days of continual around-the-clock emergency medical ambulance service in western Fremont County and the renewal of their Advanced Life Support License. Free blood pressure tests and information about the very affordable and popular Ark Ambulance Subscription Program will also be available.

Ark River EMS staff would like to thank all those who helped make this 500-day landmark possible and for participating their World-Wide Land Raffle. The winner, Robert Boyd Gist, lives in Texas and now owns a beautifully wooded 2.5 acres in the Copper Gulch area.

For more information, call Elaine at 942-3423.



Wild West Cowboy Church Barrel Races

Adults and kids raced the wind last Saturday at Wild West Cowboy Church Barrel Races. Top three finishers were: First: Hailey Widger (pictured above), Second, Stephanie Miller, and third, Marci Wommack. Sunday's Mutton Bust'n winner was Danny Cain.

Courtesy photo by Gary Carter

**IMPORTANT
DATES
IN FREMONT**

**School Board
Meetings:**

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

**Florence-Penrose
Fremont RE-2
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Crossroads Zoning Change is Approved But No Pot Allowed

By Barbara Penezic

Marijuana is the buzz word in most areas of Fremont County these days. In favor of, or opposed to, emotions are running high on this controversial issue. Last week at Cañon City’s General Government Meeting council members debated the options open to them in regards to recreational marijuana within city limits. With a ‘SRO’ crowd of concerned constituents looking on they decided to tread slowly and allow voters to decide in November. Fremont County Commissioners found themselves caught in the cross hairs of this marijuana debate at the Commissioners meeting, Tuesday morning May 13, 2014.

people and they know how quickly an unwatched weed can spread.

Clare Shipman, a Penrose resident, shared with the Commissioners that she is all for new business in this area but she does not see a need for the zone change at present. When a decision is made as to what exactly the diverse options might be they (the owners) should then apply for a change if necessary to meet a specific need. Stephanie Luck also a Penrose resident spoke next citing Resolution 40, Right to Farm she said, “We are an agricultural community our heritage is linked to that, people live here because of that reason. When we look at chang-

a hard spot, made clear their position, pot in any form may not be a part of the Crossroads business. Susan Hilderbrand and Tina Heffner of Penrose Concerned Citizens (PCC) are working to form an alliance with Sharon Scott and Mary McPheeters of Pueblo for Positive Impact (PFPI) as well as several groups from Cañon City. They are very much aware that the high dollar pot industry people are not going to fade into the background and go away. The ‘pot of gold’ so many people seem to think is waiting at the end of the pot rainbow is unfortunately going to wind up in the bank accounts of a very few shrewd operators.



Fremont County Commissioners Board

The topic of discussion was Request: ZC 14-001 Crossroads Business Center Zone Change. WHP Crossroads, LLC (William Peetz), represented by Dr. Angela Bellantoni, Environmental Alternatives, Inc., asked the Commissioners to approve a change from the Agricultural Living Zone District to Business Zone District for his property. The proposed zone change is to allow a restaurant, event center, and other diverse marketing. This particular area is already zoned for all of these uses with the exception of the rather sketchy “other diverse marketing.” It is the other Diverse Marketing, as you have probably guessed, that has the Penrose Concerned Citizens and rural residents in general attending the County Commissioners meeting to voice their adamant disapproval. Penrose residents have been dealing with the down side of pot for some time and they simply do not want any diverse operations that may lead to more marijuana in their neck of the woods. They are, after all, agricultural

ing that culture a higher degree of scrutiny should be applied. I would like to see this board do that seeing that this applicant could operate under current zoning.” The last speaker was the only person to speak in favor of the zoning change. Phillip Flanders stated that the zone change must be approved if we wish to see economic development in the Penrose area. I was unable to catch Phillip after the meeting for his comments but Susan Hilderbrand of Penrose Concerned Citizens tells me that Phillip resides in Colorado Springs and owns a greenhouse in Penrose. This could certainly explain his pro stance on the subject.

Fremont County Commissioners voted to approve the Crossroads Zone Change. Looking like the proverbial ‘long tail cat in room full of rockers being propelled by angry grannies’ they added this caveat; NO MARIJUANA IN ANY FORM EVER! The commissioners, very much caught between a rock and

Marijuana - TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES: The Truth:

by Richard L. Hilderbrand, Ph.D.

Despite the assertions of “harmless” by the pro-marijuana groups:

Marijuana is a gateway drug: A recent paper presented at a meeting of the American Society of Addiction Medicine indicated that about 50% of youth abusing prescription opioids started with marijuana.

Marijuana is associated with addiction, respiratory illness, and impaired cognition (understanding): www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/marijuanainfo under Public Health Consequences of Marijuana Legalization.

Marijuana use is dangerous for teens and young adults: Recent evidence shows that even casual use of marijuana by teens results in brain abnormalities. The widespread use of hash, wax, and very high potency THC preparations creates tremendous hazards to health and safety.

Marijuana increases the auto accident rate: Recent studies have clearly shown that the blood level of the active drug (THC) immediately following use is the determining factor in impairment. Colorado has set 5 nanograms per milliliter (ng/mL) as the blood level of THC to be called impaired. The blood level of THC decreases with time and blood is often drawn several hours after an accident, as a result, the chance the driver will exceed the 5 ng/mL level will be quite small. This level will miss a large percentage (perhaps as high as 80%) of the impaired drivers. In Australia it is illegal to drive with any detectable THC in the blood. Germany enforces

a limit of 0.5 ng/mL, Belgium has adopted a 2 ng/mL level, and Switzerland has set a THC level of 2.2 ng/mL as the level at which a driver may be considered impaired.

There may be a significant impact on Colorado industry: Many industries may not be willing to move to a state where marijuana is “legal”. Many of the industries in Southern Colorado have restrictions on drug use because of rules by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Department of Defense, International Olympic Committee and any industry involved with security clearances. Drug abuse reduction costs for those industries currently in the state will certainly increase.

The irony and hypocrisy of the tough current Colorado anti-tobacco smoking campaign that targets cigarettes but allows the destructive legalization of marijuana is more than apparent. This effort against tobacco smoke is apparently based on the carcinogenicity of the smoke produced; however, the same effects of marijuana smoke seem to be ignored in the discussion. I expect the day will come when a person that develops lung cancer or emphysema or other respiratory disease from “medical marijuana” will sue someone – perhaps the grower if they can find them and perhaps the state, for deep pockets.

Colorado is a “drug tourist” and a “drug producer” state. Unfortunately, we have already seen that the state of Colorado has written rules that cannot be enforced and other rules that the state does not have the knowledge or the resources to enforce.

Photo by: John Penezic Jr.

The rest of us will likely be left with a city and county full of pot heads to go along with our potholes.

The citizens I spoke with after the meeting were saddened that Fremont County Commissioners approved this zone change. They did, however, express gratitude for the message sent to Mr. Peetz.; No Marijuana!

Most feel this simply kicked the can down the road and we will be seeing the marijuana issue up for debate again in the not so distant future. The termite has nibbled a hole in the wall and it will keep nibbling until the wall comes tumbling down unless the citizens of this county (those of us who truly reside here) make it clear to mostly outside speculators that we will not allow our rural Colorado to be exploited for their gain. We will fight back with everything we have to safeguard our way of life, and the safety of our children.

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for American’s if they can
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from wasting the labors
of the people under
the pretense of
taking care of them.*

~Thomas Jefferson

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

Persecution

The Daily Jot receives hundreds of emails each week. Many of them proclaim that Christian persecution has come to America. They cite as evidence the political correctness movement that limits free speech, the government cracking down on home schooling, the news media ridiculing Christians who speak about God in the public square, how the government has taken God out of public schools, how abortion is costing millions of lives each year, and the list goes on and on. These, my brothers and sisters, are legitimate concerns and most likely the signs of what is coming in the future if we do not get united and stand against them. But persecution. No. Not when you see what is going on in other countries.

Years ago, I watched a cell phone video of a woman in a Muslim village who was tried and convicted of adultery. In reality, she was raped by her husband's brother. But there were not four male witnesses to collaborate her claim. She was placed in a white bag and dragged out to a hole and buried up to her waist. Then all the men at the trial stoned her to death. They yelled profanity to her as they killed her. This is the type of justice we see in Islamic countries. While it is not Christian persecution, it is what comes with Islam everywhere this evil system is allowed. It has anchored in America. There are places in Minnesota and Michigan where Sharia law is only a City Council or County Commissioner vote away.

Sudan is a bloodthirsty Islamic country. The Muslims there have killed most

of the Christians. When they ran out of Christians to kill, the Arab Muslims started killing the African Muslims. Meriam Ibrahim is a 27-year-old mother of a 20-month-old and is pregnant with her second child. She was raised Christian by her mother as her Muslim father was "absent." Her husband is also a Christian. Under sharia law, she is considered Muslim because her father was Muslim. Therefore, her marriage to a Christian is not only void, but constitutes adultery. A court sentenced her to 100 lashes. Additionally, unless she denounced her Christian faith, she faced death by stoning.

At the Court's deadline, she stood and told the court, "I am Christian." She was sentenced to death by stoning. This is Christian persecution. This is Islam, the religion which the occupant of the Oval Office says its call to prayer "is one of the prettiest sounds on earth." In his 2010 Ramadan greeting he said the rituals of Ramadan "remind us of the principles that we hold in common and Islam's role in advancing justice, progress, tolerance and the dignity of all human beings." Christians have nothing in common with Islam. As 2 Corinthians 6:14 asks, "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" The same holds true for Christians and those politicians who advocate godlessness. They need to be stopped before they bring destruction upon us all.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
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your country
all of the time,
and your government
when it deserves it.**

~Mark Twain

ICE Document Details 36,000 Criminal Alien Releases in 2013

By Jessica M. Vaughan
May 2014, Center for
Immigration Studies, CIS.org

(Editor/GG: Why? Why would any sane man release these dangerous, illegal aliens into our society when they could easily have been deported (like we have been doing for decades and decades)? Murderers, rapists, pedophiles, kidnappers - hundreds and thousands of them turned loose in our neighborhoods. Why? My answer: Obama and the democrats hate this country so much that they are intentionally destroying it. No other answer folks. And not too long ago, this would have been called treason. This is part of the democrats end game. It's time to stand up folks.)

Summary

In 2013, ICE freed 36,007 convicted criminal aliens from detention who were awaiting the outcome of deportation proceedings, according to a document obtained by the Center for Immigration Studies. This group included aliens convicted of hundreds of violent and serious crimes, including homicide, sexual assault, kidnapping, and aggravated assault. The list of crimes also includes more than 16,000 drunk or drugged driving convictions. The vast majority of these releases from ICE custody were discretionary, not required by law (in fact, in some instances, apparently contrary to law), nor the result of local sanctuary policies.

The document reveals that the 36,007 convicted criminal aliens freed from ICE custody in many instances had multiple convictions. Among them, the 36,007 had nearly 88,000 convictions, including:

- 193 homicide convictions (including one willful killing of a public official with gun)
- 426 sexual assault convictions
- 303 kidnapping convictions
- 1,075 aggravated assault convictions
- 1,160 stolen vehicle convictions
- 9,187 dangerous drug convictions
- 16,070 drunk or drugged driving convictions

- 303 flight escape convictions

Background

This enumeration of FY 2013 criminal aliens freed and the criminal convictions tied to these individuals was prepared by ICE in response to congressional inquiries following a report published by the Center for Immigration Studies. That report, "Catch and Release", showed that ICE officers declined to bring immigration charges in 68,000 cases of criminal aliens they encountered in 2013.

It is important to recognize that the 36,007 criminal aliens counted in this document are a different set of cases from the 68,000 releases reported earlier. The 36,007 criminal aliens counted here are aliens who were being processed for deportation and were freed while awaiting the final disposition of their cases, or afterwards. The 68,000 releases were cases of alien criminals encountered by ICE officers, usually in jails, but who were let go in lieu of processing them for immigration removal charges in that year.

The 36,007 criminal aliens itemized in this document were released by means of bond; order of recognizance (unsupervised); order of supervision (which can consist of nothing more than a periodic telephone call to a designated ICE telephone number); an alternative to detention (such as an electronic ankle bracelet, or other form of tracking device); or parole (a form of legal status). The ICE document does not specify the number or type of criminal aliens released according to the form of release.

Separate information obtained by the Center for Immigration Studies reveals that the vast majority of these releases were discretionary, or even contrary to the requirements of various provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Only a small share of these criminal aliens (fewer than 3,000) were released in accordance with a 2001 Supreme Court decision, *Zadvydas v. Davis*, which prevents ICE from indefinitely detaining certain aliens whose countries will not accept them back. (See "Reining in *Zadvydas v. Davis*".) Another small number may have been offered parole or legal sta-

tus, either in exchange for their cooperation with ICE or another law enforcement agency in connection with a criminal prosecution, or because of another compelling public interest.

Analysis

This document raises questions about the Obama administration's management of enforcement resources, as well as its enforcement plans and priorities. For instance, a series of directives to ICE agents and officers known as "prosecutorial discretion", and the implementation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, have made certain broad categories of illegal aliens off-limits for enforcement. These policies have forced ICE officers in the field to avoid or cease deportation action in thousands of cases, even in cases of aliens charged with or convicted of crimes. ICE officers have testified in federal court that some arrested aliens have claimed to be eligible for DACA knowing that they likely will be released from custody and from immigration charges without verification of their claims. ICE should be asked to disclose how many and which of the 36,007 criminal alien releases occurred due to these recent policy changes.

In addition, over the last year certain advocacy groups have called for the Obama administration to scale back the number of deportations or halt them altogether. A number of criminal aliens in detention while awaiting completion of deportation proceedings have been the subject of petition campaigns, prayer vigils, demonstrations, and other forms of protest against enforcement. Typically, these protests occur on behalf of a criminal alien who has family members in the United States. ICE should be asked to disclose how many of these releases came after such appeals were made on behalf of criminal aliens.

These figures call into question President Obama's request to Congress for permission to reduce immigration detention capacity by 10 percent in favor of permission to make wider use of experimental alternatives to detention. These alternatives already are subject to serious questions about their efficacy and cost, and ICE's methodology for evaluating the re-

sults needs to be carefully scrutinized. The reduced detention bed-space request, submitted as part of the executive branch's budget plan, comes at a time in which ICE's detention space needs are expanding due to rapidly increasing illegal arrivals along parts of the southwest border and continued high numbers of criminal aliens encountered by agents in the interior. The news that ICE released so many criminal aliens convicted of so many serious and violent crimes suggests that ICE could use more detention capacity, not less, in order to prevent further harm to the public from these individuals. ICE should be asked to track and disclose what additional crimes may have been committed by these individuals after their release.

ICE devotes very few resources to victim assistance and notification programs, and these meager efforts are focused primarily on helping victims of human trafficking rather than those who have been harmed by alien criminals. In fact, the only "ombudsman" type of position ICE has established — and maintained even in the face of specific congressional de-funding of the position — focuses on aiding illegal aliens, not their victims. ICE should establish a notification system, modeled on the most successful federal, state, or local victim-witness assistance programs, to alert the victims of alien criminals, local law enforcement agencies, and the public when violent or dangerous criminal aliens are released from its custody.

The criminal aliens released in 2013 had more than 300 convictions for "flight escape," indicating that they had a prior history of fleeing from authorities. Experience (and common sense) suggests that such individuals would be poor candidates for release while awaiting possible deportation. Studies have shown that fewer than a quarter of aliens who are released from custody while awaiting the outcome of immigration proceedings will show up for immigration court to finish their case. The Departments of Homeland Security and Justice should be asked to disclose how many of these criminal aliens became fugitives after their release from ICE custody.

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DHS Obeys ACLU's Order to Stop Arresting Illegal Aliens

by JudicialWatch.org

Caving into the demands of a leftist civil rights group, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has terminated an enforcement program that apprehends illegal immigrants in California's central valley. The unbelievable story comes out of Kern County in Bakersfield which is considered the heart of the nation's most populous state. The increasingly powerful American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) didn't like that the DHS agency, responsible for deporting illegal aliens, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was doing its job. So the ACLU, which has repeatedly shown to wield tremendous power in the Obama administration, fired off a letter demanding that the "abusive" arrests

cease immediately because they were creating a "culture of fear" among the undocumented. Evidently, ICE was arresting illegal immigrants who conducted state business at the Kern County Courthouse. Some were paying fines, appearing for court hearings, or getting married, the ACLU writes in its letter. One Mexican illegal alien (Hector Esquivel Chavez) arrested by ICE had shown up at the Bakersfield courthouse to pay a ticket for driving without a license. This really bothered the ACLU, which expresses anger in its letter that the 19-year-old man got deported even though he produced a Mexican document called "matricula consular," which is meaningless in the U.S. "Mr. Esquivel Chavez has now been separated from his family for

nearly a month and may never be able to reunite with them – all because he attempted to pay his ticket as the law demands," the ACLU writes. Ironically, the civil rights group also blasts DHS for impeding residents from complying with the law—even though their presence in the U.S. violates federal law—and accessing essential court services by arresting them. This undermines the public health and safety of the entire Kern County community, according to the ACLU. The courthouse roundups demonstrate the "need for ICE to alter its policies and trainings nationwide," the ACLU writes in the letter to DHS. Like an obedient lapdog, the agency has obliged. In a letter to the ACLU, ICE Executive Associate Di-

rector for Enforcement and Removal, Thomas Homan, thanks the group for writing and says the agency has "reviewed its standard operating procedures for the Kern County Courthouse (KCSC)." After the so-called review ICE has "decided to refrain from taking enforcement actions at the KCSC, except in exigent circumstances," Homan writes. He thanks the ACLU again for its interest in the matter and encourages the group to contact ICE if it continues to have "case-specific concerns regarding any immigration enforcement action." This likely means that whenever the ACLU snaps its fingers, ICE will act. We've seen this over and over again throughout the Obama administration. The Obama Department of Justice (DOJ) has colluded

with the ACLU on a number of immigration-related cases, including mounting legal challenges to Arizona's get-tough illegal alien law. In 2011 Judicial Watch uncovered DOJ documents that actually show the DOJ worked hand-in-hand with the ACLU to fight Arizona's measure to curb illegal immigration. The ACLU has also blocked the deportation of a number of illegal aliens on the verge of deportation, indicating that it's calling the shots at the Obama DHS. A recent example is the case of a California farm worker arrested by police. When local authorities ran her fingerprints, the woman was identified as an illegal immigrant and ICE was notified. As per federal law the agency placed a detainer on the woman, Ruth Montano, and started the deportation

process. The ACLU intervened and Montano was allowed to remain in the U.S. The ACLU has also teamed up with the Obama administration to get rid of Secure Communities, a program that orders federal detainees for illegal immigrants arrested by local police. The ACLU has for years fought to stop placing the holds (which ultimately result in deportation) on illegal aliens who don't have serious criminal convictions. Because California has the nation's highest illegal immigrant population the ACLU has been especially active in the state. Reprinted with Permission. Please see: www.judicial-watch.org/blog/2014/02/dhs-obeys-aclus-order-to-stop-arresting-illegal-aliens/

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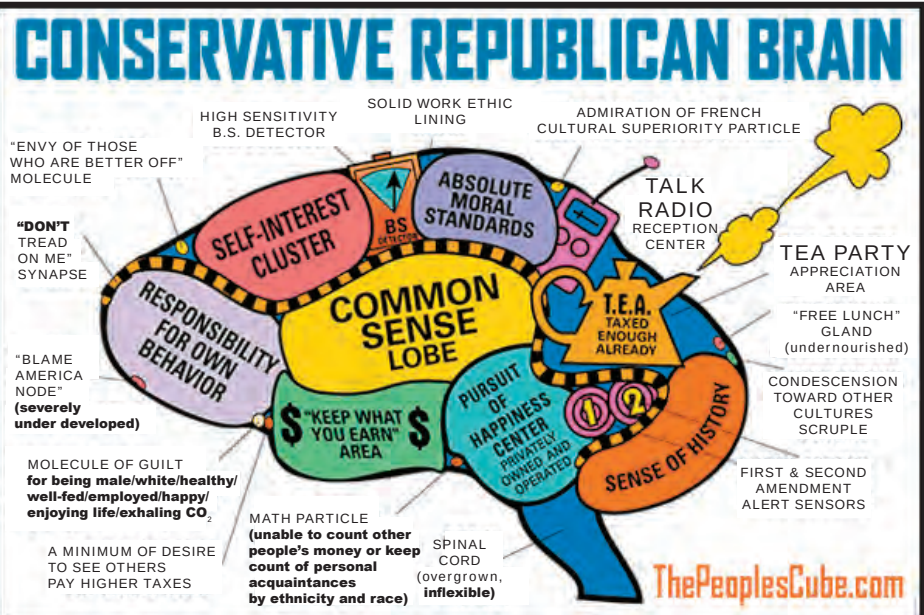
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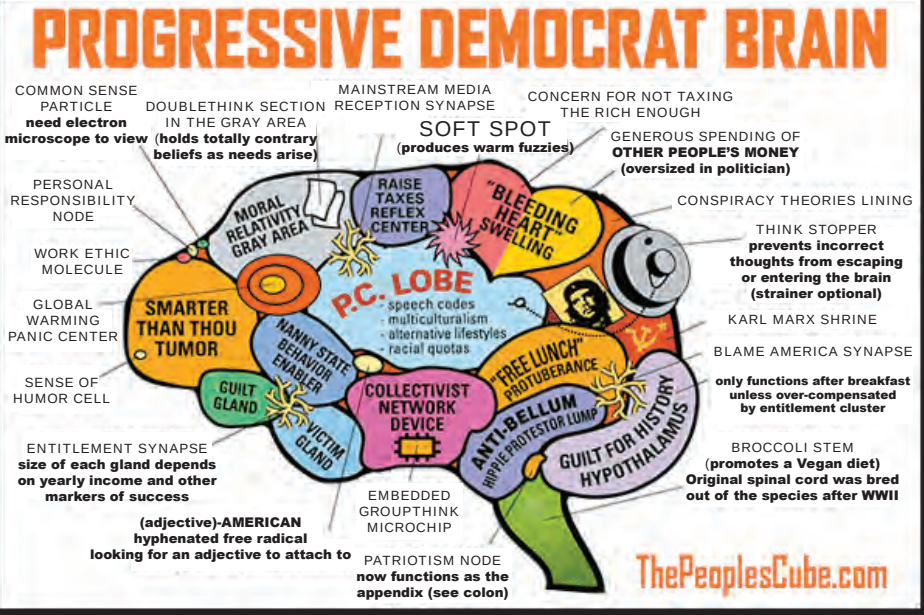
Democrat and Conservative Brain Scans Revealed!

Editor/GG: No surprises here, folks. Suggestion: Cut out the Socialist brain diagram, put it in your wallet or purse, and when in the proximity of a talking liberal, check off the brain sectors as he/she blithers about their socialist nirvana (created and sustained with, or course, with YOUR money).



CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN BRAIN

Labels include: SELF-INTEREST CLUSTER, COMMON SENSE LOBE, RESPONSIBILITY FOR OWN BEHAVIOR, "DON'T TREAD ON ME" SYNAPSE, "BLAME AMERICA NODE" (severely under developed), MOLECULE OF GUILT for being male/white/healthy/well-fed/employed/happy/enjoying life/exhaling CO2, A MINIMUM OF DESIRE TO SEE OTHERS PAY HIGHER TAXES, MATH PARTICLE (unable to count other people's money or keep count of personal acquaintances by ethnicity and race), SPINAL CORD (overgrown, inflexible), SOLID WORK ETHIC LINING, ADMIRATION OF FRENCH CULTURAL SUPERIORITY PARTICLE, TALK RADIO RECEPTION CENTER, TEA PARTY APPRECIATION AREA, "FREE LUNCH" GLAND (undernourished), CONDESCENSION TOWARD OTHER CULTURES SCRUPLE, FIRST & SECOND AMENDMENT ALERT SENSORS, T.E.A. TAXED ENOUGH ALREADY.



PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRAT BRAIN

Labels include: COMMON SENSE PARTICLE need electron microscope to view, DOUBLETHINK SECTION IN THE GRAY AREA (holds totally contrary beliefs as needs arise), MAINSTREAM MEDIA RECEPTION SYNAPSE, SOFT SPOT (produces warm fuzzies), CONCERN FOR NOT TAXING THE RICH ENOUGH, GENEROUS SPENDING OF OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY (oversized in politician), CONSPIRACY THEORIES LINING, THINK STOPPER prevents incorrect thoughts from escaping or entering the brain (strainer optional), KARL MARX SHRINE, BLAME AMERICA SYNAPSE only functions after breakfast unless over-compensated by entitlement cluster, BROCCOLI STEM (promotes a Vegan diet) Original spinal cord was bred out of the species after WWII, GUILT FOR HISTORY HYPOTHALAMUS, ANTI-BELLUM HIPPIE PROTESTOR LUMP, FREE LUNCH PROTUBERANCE, COLLECTIVIST NETWORK DEVICE, VICTIM GLAND, NANNY STATE BEHAVIOR CHAMBER, PC LOBE speech codes multiculturalism alternative lifestyles racial quotas, RAISE TAXES REFLEX CENTER, MORAL RELATIVITY GRAY AREA, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY NODE, WORK ETHIC MOLECULE, GLOBAL WARMING PANIC CENTER, SENSE OF HUMOR CELL, ENTITLEMENT SYNAPSE size of each gland depends on yearly income and other markers of success (adjective)-AMERICAN hyphenated free radical looking for an adjective to attach to, PATRIOTISM NODE now functions as the appendix (see colon), EMBEDDED GROUPTHINK MICROCHIP.

We on this continent should never forget that men first crossed the Atlantic not to find soil for their ploughs but to secure liberty for their souls.

~ Robert J. McCracken

Will Michelle Obama Create a Hashtag for 27-Year-Old Pregnant Christian Facing the Death Penalty in Sudan?

by Allen West,
AllenBWest.com

The plight of the kidnapped Nigerian girls has garnered mainstream media and Hollywood elite attention – why, even First Lady Michelle Obama delivered a weekend address and began a hashtag social media campaign. I wonder if they’ll feel the same outrage about the plight of 27-year-old Meriam Yahia Ibrahim?

Raised as a Christian in Sudan, the pregnant mother now faces the death penalty for “leaving Islam” because her father was Muslim.

As reported by Morning Star News, Ibrahim and her Christian husband also have a toddler son. As marriage to a Christian man is prohibited for a Muslim woman in Sudan, Ibrahim also could be given 100 lashes for “adultery.” If convicted of “apostasy” and “adultery,” the whipping and execution would be administered soon after giving birth to her second child, due next month, according to a rights worker for Justice Center Sudan in Khartoum. She was formally charged in March.

How many more stories of this nature will we have to hear until CAIR supporters will stop saying this is just an isolated incident and not reflective of Islam as a whole?

As Morning Star News re-

ported, Ibrahim was born in a small town in western Sudan to an Ethiopian Orthodox mother and a Muslim Sudanese father. Her father disappeared from her life when she was 6 years old, and her Ethiopian Orthodox mother raised her in the Christian faith. When life became hard for her and her mother, they decided to move to Khartoum in search of better school opportunities for Ibrahim and employment for her mother. Finding refuge in a neighborhood in Khartoum, they connected with a small church, and their lives moved on, according to Justice Center Sudan. Ms. Ibrahim progressed in school and graduated from the prestigious School of Medicine at Khartoum University. Her mother died in 2011, leaving Ibrahim with a small but supportive community.

Ibrahim’s husband, Daniel Wani, is a South Sudanese Christian who obtained U.S. citizenship several years ago.

Ibrahim’ has been denied bail, insufficient medical care for both her and her unborn child, endured beatings in prison and received little help from the U.S. Embassy.

The couple’s 20-month-old son, Martin Wani, is staying in prison with his mother, as Sudanese authorities have prohibited the boy’s father from caring for him

because he is a Christian. But the toddler is the son of a naturalized American citizen. What right do these barbarians have to incarcerate him and keep him from his father?

And to that point, Ms. Ibrahim is married to a naturalized American citizen, so why is the U.S. Embassy, our venerable State Department, not demanding her release and the family’s immediate exit from Sudan?

Justice Center Sudan is fighting the court’s charges of apostasy and adultery, and trying to pressure the government to give Ibrahim fair treatment in prison and allow the baby to be with his father.

Authorities in Sudan have accused Wani of converting a Muslim woman to another religion and marrying her – although Sudanese law does not explicitly ban proselytism –and have taken his passport and forbidden him to travel – although he is a naturalized American citizen.

While the couple’s son is a U.S. citizen by virtue of his father’s U.S. citizenship, Wani said U.S. Embassy officials in Khartoum have told him he must prove he is the father with a DNA test before they would try to help.

“I have tried to apply for papers to travel to the USA with my wife and child, but

the American Embassy in Sudan did not help me,” Wani said. “My son is an American citizen living in a difficult situation in prison.” U.S. Embassy personnel declined to comment to Morning Star News.

So will this get Michelle Obama’s attention? I’ll be watching to see how long it takes for the mainstream media and all the Hollywood celebrities to get on board. We’re talking about Americans here, but then again perhaps, “what difference at this point does it make?”

So are we going to sit back and allow a pregnant Christian woman, married to a naturalized American, and her 20-month-old American child, to be held in Sudan’s Omdurman prison by these monsters who live under the archaic and savage code of law called Sharia?

Let’s see who rallies to this woman’s plight and what type of outrage results – and perhaps those same folks will stop apologizing for “isolated incidents” and see the truth about the religion of peace.

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HEY LADIES: Are You Ready For Some Pandering?

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

According to the Colorado Springs Gazette, Sen. Mark Udall announced today that he is establishing a “women empowerment group.” Because obviously women need the help of an old white guy to feel empowered.

As the Gazette notes,

Udall’s campaign launched this new group to keep women’s issues at the forefront of the campaign. Except, we can’t help but wonder if this new group is actually meant as reparations for underpaying his female staffers?

Udall recently landed in hot water when his push for

equal pay resulted in the revelation that his female staffers are only making \$0.84 for every dollar one of his male staffers earns. The episode became even more embarrassing for Udall, when it was revealed his Republican opponent, Cory Gardner, pays his female staffers an average of \$1.04 to every dollar that

his male staffers earn.

If Udall really wants to empower women, he could start by giving the ones who work for him raises.

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Conclusion

The revelation that 36,007 criminal aliens were released from ICE custody in 2013, an average of nearly 100 per day, is shocking, and could further shake public faith in the effectiveness of current immigration enforcement policies. This information is

sure to raise concerns that, despite professions of a focus on removal of criminal aliens, Obama administration policies frequently have allowed political considerations to trump public safety factors and, as a result, aliens with serious criminal convictions have been allowed to return to the streets instead of being removed to their home countries.

DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson is on the verge of announcing the results of a review of deportation policies, ordered by the president in response to immigrant advocacy group protests. Most observers believe this review will result in policy changes to further expand the number and categories of illegal aliens who effectively are exempt from immigration enforcement and, if experience is a guide,

will further increase the number of criminal aliens who are released instead of deported. Lawmakers and the public must insist that DHS fully disclose and be held accountable for the public safety impact of any additional deportation policy changes.

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Gun Control in the Third Reich: Disarming the Jews and "Enemies of the State"

by Stephen P. Halbrook, Independent Institute, 2014, 364 pp.

(Editor/GG: Old story, folks. Happened over and over, when they (and here in the USA, it is the democrats, nationally AND locally) start restricting the citizens' ownership and use of weapons, the next step is that they are coming for YOU. Got to stop it, start here in Custer County. VOTE.)

There is no shortage of theories or writings related to the rise of the Third Reich and the subsequent Holocaust. Stephen Halbrook's 2013 book, *Gun Control in the Third Reich* offers a compelling and important account of the role of gun prohibition in aiding Hitler's goals of exterminating the Jews and other "enemies of the state." While much of the early gun prohibition was created with supposedly good intent, Halbrook carefully and meticulously details how a change in political regime facilitated manipulating some well-intentioned gun registration laws and other gun prohibition to be used in inconceivable ways.

Students of history as well as Second Amendment enthusiasts will find this a fascinating book and will find parallels between gun prohibition in pre-Nazi and Nazi Germany, and attempts to prohibit types of gun ownership and implement other forms of gun prohibition in the United States today. The current climate in the United States surrounding gun prohibition combined with a president who uses his office to impose executive order in ways not historically common gives many citizens pause, especially when looking at the era of the Third Reich. While certain states have imposed gun registration laws recently, enforcement of the laws remains unclear.

While Halbrook is careful to point out that a combination of factors led to the events of the Holocaust, there is no denying that many of the pre-war activities contributed to Hitler's ability to disarm targeted groups, particularly the Jews. The rapid pace with which Hitler disarmed the populace in Germany is startling. Halbrook's account is gripping, thorough, and full of legal documentation, leading the reader through the sometimes-daily changes in gun prohibitions that furthered Hitler's agenda. Ultimately, the prohibitions enacted by the Nazi regime led to monopoly control of the firearms by the Nazis and eliminated the ability of many groups in society to defend themselves. A similar progression in contemporary society related to government control of firearms and the firearms industry is a concern of many gun owners in the United States today.

In Part I of the book, a chaotic post-WWI Germany is the

backdrop, a time when there were no established policies or laws pertaining to firearm ownership. Concern about firearms not being turned in after the war and conflict between extremist groups and the government led to the implementation of gun control laws. However, well-meaning clauses in the laws were subsequently used to provide the government with complete control over gun ownership, creating registries of gun and ammunition ownership which ultimately fell into the hands of the Nazis. These lists were methodically used to disarm citizens. Through the first three chapters of the book, Halbrook does a masterful job of detailing the ever-changing gun control policies, ranging from the most extreme (execution on the spot) to the postured 'relaxation' of gun control laws that allowed possession of very expensive long arms that would not be affordable for the majority of the population.

Part II of the book opens with the naming of Hitler as chancellor of Germany at the end of January 1933, and the immediate utilization of the Weimar gun control policies to begin the Nazi campaign to seize arms and eradicate the so-called "enemies of the state" (all of whom were tagged as Communists). As a result, less than a month later, Hitler and Göring convinced President Hindenburg that an emergency decree was needed, which ultimately gave the Nazis the ability to eliminate constitutional assurances of liberty and free speech, a free press, the ability to assemble, and the right to privacy in personal communications. Furthermore, search and seizure of homes was authorized. This carte blanche for search and seizure essentially became the modus operandi of the Third Reich.

By the end of March, Hitler had succeeded in passing the "Enabling Law" which gave him the ability to create laws as he wished, with no requirement for consultation. Following this, the confiscation of weapons escalated. Municipal governments were informed that military weapons and ammunition had to be surrendered by the end of March. The Jews were targeted next, with a large raid in East Berlin on April 4, 1933. Jews were not forbidden to own firearms until 1938, but the raid led to confiscations and arrests. The 1928 Firearms Law was utilized to identify the so-called enemies of the state, locate them, interview them, and subsequently confiscate their weapons, thereby increasing Nazi control and eliminating private ownership of firearms from the majority of society.

Part III of the book details episodes of enforcement

and expansion of gun prohibition by Hitler's regime. To mark the one-year anniversary of Hitler's power, the Law for the Reconstruction of the Reich was passed in January 1934, which centralized control over police and led to the replacement of the SA (Sturm Abteilung or Brown-shirts) with the SS. Upon President Hindenburg's death, Hitler assumed the presidency as well, allowing him the ability to rule by decree. Hitler could now declare laws at will and there was no right of appeal for those arrested. The military pledged allegiance to Hitler and the citizenry was instructed to follow Hitler's decrees.

Confiscated firearms were redistributed to the police and concentration camp guards. The number of searches and arrests continued to escalate, and with the adoption of the Nürnberg Laws in September 1935, Germans or those with 'kindred blood' were decreed as citizens, leaving the Jews without citizenship and consequently, without civil rights. A new weapons law was drafted in November that would also forbid Jews from operating in the firearms industry. Though not yet enacted, the draft opened the door for the stealing of the gun manufacturing company, Simson & Co., by Hitler, who claimed that the Jewish owners were guilty of fraud. Additional accounts are given of exploitation of various incidents to further the Nazi campaign against the Jews.

Nazi Party control of the use and ownership of firearms was quickly implemented and far-reaching, with refinements to the Weapons Law continuing over the next few years. Eventually, in April 1938, Jews were required to register their personal assets if valued at over 5,000 marks. Just a few months later, Jews were required to register at local police stations to receive identification cards. Jews began to flee Berlin and other parts of Germany, as they were able.

In the concluding section of the book, Reichskristallnacht (Night of the Broken Glass) is detailed. Jews had been systematically disarmed, and their identity and locations were now on file with local police. It was simply a matter of time before the full shift into deportation and extermination of the Jews

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By the Time Armed Thug Saw Quick-Thinking Homeowner Crouching and Holding an AR-15, It Was Too Late

by Jason Howerton,
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Jonathan Haith says he was sleeping in his Henderson, North Carolina, home on Monday morning when he heard a light knock on his backdoor. He ignored the noise at first — but a second louder noise coming from the "laundry room area" got his attention in a hurry.

The loud bang was the sound of an armed thug kicking in his door.

Haith quickly grabbed his AR-15 semi-automatic rifle from under his bed and prepared to confront the unwelcome intruder.

"I crouched down, grabbed the firearm, and was walking up the hallway," he recalled in an interview with WRAL-TV. "As soon as I poked my head around the corner, I saw a tall male standing there with a gun."

The thug was apparently surprised to see the homeowner holding an



AR15

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AR-15. The panicked criminal reportedly shot at Haith first.

"He missed and I reckon I connected," Haith said.

The homeowner reportedly hit the intruder in the stomach causing him to flee the home before collapsing in a nearby daycare. His condition was unclear on Tuesday though he was reportedly once listed in critical condition. Police also arrested a man who was allegedly waiting for the suspect in a car outside the home.

"Once-in-a-lifetime incident that I hope doesn't happen again," Haith told WTVD-TV.

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Arizona: Gunfight, Two Permit Holders, Two Off- Duty Police, One Attacker

by Dean Weingarten, GunWatch.
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It is commonly said by those opposed to the Second Amendment, that police will not be able to discern armed citizens who are legally carrying guns from criminals, and that armed confrontations will then result in widespread carnage.

Here is an example where it did not happen. From fox16.com:

Investigators said Qandil confronted his estranged wife, Tabitha Qandil, 31, Grayson Herrera, 23, and Dustin O'Conner, 27, as the three were headed to the movie theater.

"The victim raised his shirt and showed a weapon within his waistband, began to pull the weapon. The other two were concealed handgun weapon carriers and they pulled their weapons, and there was an exchange of gunfire," said Grubbs.

An off-duty officer was working security inside the Malco, another off-duty officer was attending a movie, when both heard the shots and ran to the parking lot, according to Grubbs. The officers were able to disarm Herrera and O'Conner.

Note that there were two legal firearms carriers, one attacker, and two off duty police officers. The officers arrived very quickly, and they were not in uniform. The defenders did not shoot the officers. The officers did not shoot the defenders. The attacker was killed, and one defender

was wounded. The wounded defender was expected to be released from the hospital the next day. No one else was hit.

Consider the implications. You have all the potential for chaotic gunfire causing mass casualties imagined by those who want the public disarmed. More than one defender. The attacker starting with surprise. More than one police officer. Officers that are not in uniform. Yet only the attacker was killed, and one defender was wounded by the attacker. The situation simply refuses to fit the anti-second amendment template, because the template does not fit reality.

When five bank robbers attempted to rob a bank in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, in 1922, dozens of shots were fired by numerous citizens. Three bank robbers were killed and two seriously wounded. Not one innocent citizen was shot. The idea of multiple people being shot by citizen defenders in such a confrontation is simply a myth. It, like most arguments used by those opposed to the Second Amendment, is simply a figment of the imagination of people who are proudly ignorant about firearms and self defense, and who want to insure that most citizens are disarmed.

Legally armed citizens are not gang-bangers who fire indiscriminately at houses to enforce their "turf". Sometimes innocents are hit, but ordinary armed citizens have a better record of hitting the people that need to be stopped, and no others, than police do.

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The Southern Manifesto: The Truth About Democrats

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(Editor/GG: Want to have some fun? Run this by a local democrat and watch their heads implode with indignation, and, of course, foam coming out of their mouth denial. Oh man, it doesn't get any better. Then move on to affirmative action.....)

The Liberal Democrats take credit for civil rights and blame Republicans for obstructing these rights among minorities. But their claim is a lie. In fact, Democrats fought against any form of civil rights for minorities and only conceded when they knew that their obstructionism would fail. History proves without question that Republicans have consistently fought racism while Democrats proved that they were racists.

In 1954, the United States Supreme Court handed down a landmark decision known as Brown v. Board of Education. This decision overturned a prior decision from 1896, known as Plessy v. Ferguson which enabled states to establish schools that segregated black students from white students on the basis of what was known as the "separate, but equal doctrine" under already established Jim Crow Laws. Brown v. Board of Education effectively put an end to Jim Crow laws as they applied to public education. It outlawed school segregation and declared that "separate but equal" policies in public schools, were a violation of the

Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution's Fourteenth Amendment. Plessy v. Ferguson enshrined the principle that, in our free America, black students had the legal right to attend schools side-by-side with white students. It led the way to more sweeping civil rights legislation which came years later.

Democrats constantly remind us that they have always been champions of civil rights and equality among races. But, the truth proves otherwise. The fact is that the Plessy v. Ferguson decision was made by a Republican led Supreme Court, in which Earl Warren was Chief Justice, and was supported, encouraged, and enthusiastically enforced by a Republican President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, who had appointed Warren. It is hailed as perhaps the most important domestic political event in one of the most highly praised and most consequential periods of American 20th Century history. But the incontrovertible truth is that Democrats despised Brown v. Board of Education and did all they could to obstruct, and to reinstitute Jim Crow laws which had made second-class citizens of black Americans. Their vehicle for this disgraceful affront to freedom was known as The Southern Manifesto. It claimed that the Supreme Court had abused its power and promised to use all lawful means to bring about the reversal of the decision and to prevent the government (i.e., President Eisenhower) from imple-

menting it. The Southern Manifesto was drafted and presented by 99 members of both houses of Congress, of whom two were Republicans and 97 were Democrats.

Obstruction to freedom and civil rights for black people was nothing new for the Democrats. The KKK was largely populated by Southern Democrats. Ralph Byrd famously admitted he had belonged to the KKK and was curiously praised for using the term "white -----" on a television interview. Lyndon Johnson, who has gone down in the Democrats' revisionist history as the white knight of Civil Rights, was known to have used the N-word freely to describe black people and, according to Kevin Jackson's splendidly vivid article, Civil Wrongs: Lyndon Johnson, favored enacting Civil Rights legislation only to placate "uppity negroes" and "...to give them a little something, just enough to quiet them down, not enough to make a difference." This "little something" started with welfare legislation that he thought would favor blacks "just enough" to grab them as a permanent voting bloc for Democrats.

Well, it may have gotten the Democrats black votes, but in the decades since the days of Lyndon Johnson's Great Society, Democrat policies, with the aid of liberal Republicans, have led the so-called black community to untold social instability, generational welfare and indigence, disintegra-

tion of families, illegitimacy, and astonishing rates of crime and imprisonment among black men which have led them away from prosperity, their families and responsible behavior in the community. It has also led many black people to segregate themselves from whites according to attitude. Through the words and deeds of Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, Louis Farrakhan, Eric Holder and Barack Obama, to name only a few of the race-baiters among us, black people have too often been encouraged to develop and expect racist attitudes toward and from white people.

None of this was part of the dream spoken of in 1963 by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. King's dream was that black people would be free to work and achieve according to their ethics and honesty and to take their place as free people side by side with people of all races. In fact, under King's sane leadership, black people were already on the way to achieving freedom from past injustices, and were experiencing prosperity and growth. But, remember that Martin Luther King Jr. was a Republican, who had opposed the unfair treatment of black people by Democrats. One wonders if this is the real reason he was murdered.

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The Failed 50-Year War on Poverty

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Today marks the 50th anniversary of President Lyndon Baines Johnson’s “War on Poverty,” a war that morphed into the expansion of the welfare nanny-state.

For the record, conservatives believe strongly in a safety net to help those who are truly deserving. However, liberals have no problem with the safety net becoming a hammock, and a very expensive one at that.

In the past 50 years America has spent some \$20 trillion on this war, but what has it achieved? Unfortunately, precious little, as David Boyer of the Washington Times writes,

Fifty years after President Johnson started a \$20 trillion taxpayer-funded war on poverty, the overall percentage of impoverished people in the U.S. has declined only slightly and the poor have lost ground under President Obama.

Programs such as Medicaid and Medicare are necessary, but they cannot become mandatory entitlement programs that run the risk of bankrupting our entire economy.

Our goal should be to enact policies that enable Americans to climb from dependency to independence. As Boyer points out,

Although the president often rails against income inequality in America, his policies have had little impact overall on poverty. A record 47 million Americans receive food stamps, about 13 million more than when he took office. The poverty rate has stood at 15 percent for three consecutive

years, the first time that has happened since the mid-1960s. The poverty rate in 1965 was 17.3 percent; it was 12.5 percent in 2007, before the Great Recession. About 50 million Americans live below the poverty line which the federal government defined in 2012 as an annual income of \$23,492 for a family of four.

However, as Boyer reports, the president’s advisers defend his policies by saying they rescued the nation from the deep recession in 2009, saved the auto industry and reduced the jobless rate to 7 percent from a high of 10 percent four years ago. Gene Sperling, the president’s top economic adviser, said Mr. Obama has pulled as many as 9 million people out of poverty with policies such as, extending the earned income tax credit for parents with three or more children and reducing the “marriage penalty.”

So, why do we need unemployment benefits extended even further? Our workforce participation rate has decreased, meaning if we had the same amount of individuals in the workforce as in 2009, the U.S. unemployment rate would be closer to 11-12 percent.

The truth is, in spite of the administration’s anti-poverty efforts, poverty has by some measures worsened under President Obama compared to President George W. Bush. The U.S. Census Bureau reported that 31.6 percent of Americans were in poverty for at least two months from 2009 to 2011, a 4.5 percentage point increase over the pre-recession period of 2005 to 2007. Of the

37.6 million people who were poor at the beginning of 2009, 26.4 percent remained in poverty throughout the next 34 months.

One of the most disturbing results of this 50-year war was articulated by Robert Rector, a specialist on welfare and poverty at the conservative Heritage Foundation, “When the war on poverty started, about 6 percent of children were born outside of marriage,” he said. “Today that’s 42 percent — catastrophe.”

It was President Johnson’s policy of rewarding women who had children out of wedlock, and kept a father out of the home, with government largesse — it has caused an epidemic of single parent homes in the black community at nearly 72 percent.

After all these years and trillions of dollars, poverty has decreased only two percent, while increased spending on welfare programs has grown into the stratosphere — some return on the “government investment, hm?

Under progressive socialists, America is becoming a dependency state, not an opportunity state. It is immoral and anti-American. And no wonder President Obama will not be making any remarks celebrating this 50th anniversary — it’s another war we are losing, terribly. Al-Qaida isn’t decimated or on the run, but the American dream certainly is.

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would begin. Records support that a campaign to arrest legally registered Jewish owners of firearms was now underway, along with the push by the Nazis to pressure Jews to flee Germany.

The complete confiscation of weapons held by Jews at this point was sparked by the November 7, 1938, assassination attempt of a German diplomat, supposedly by a Polish-Jewish teenager at the embassy in Paris. The Night of the Broken Glass came in the following few days. All Jewish weapons (including such things as letter openers) were confiscated, and all Jewish organizations were deemed illegal. With the Jews disarmed, Hitler’s plans could proceed with a defenseless populace. The majority of the non-Jewish German population was stunned by what had transpired but too afraid to protest. Isolated cases of resistance remained, such as the now well-known case of Oskar Schindler. When deportations commenced in October 1941, the possessions of the Jews were searched by the Gestapo for anything of value, and completed the disarming of the Jews. The dangers of silent witness are now well known.

As has been well documented, Jews were methodically attacked, their homes, busi-

nesses, and synagogues ransacked and burned. Upward of 30,000 Jews were arrested. Any Jews resisting arrest were ordered shot on the spot. Attacks on the Jews were to be carried out by the SA with no interference by police. Jews arrested were to be sent to concentration camps for up to 20 years. The pogrom was so thorough that nearly all age-appropriate, Jewish adult males in Stuttgart had been arrested. With the population afraid and disarmed, Hitler could proceed with little worry about resistance. The Court reinforced that there was no judicial review needed for activities of the Gestapo.

Halbrook concludes by noting that less government regulation and a tradition of rejecting tyranny could have led to a different outcome in Germany. Instead, systematic creation and manipulation of firearms registration and regulations, coupled with the decimation of individual citizen’s rights, enabled Hitler’s dictatorship and the slaughter of millions of innocent Jews and citizens of Nazi-occupied countries, as well as tens of thousands of Germans. It remains for all of us to wonder what might have been had people refused to register their firearms. Indeed, we should all take note and never forget.

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A Sheepdog Barks!

WOOF! There he goes again. Obama talks big, does nothing. Now he is in full lying mode about the treatment of our veterans by the VA. Actually it’s the non-treatment. We are told he is “madder than hell” and he’s going to get to the bottom of it and hold those responsible accountable, blah, blah, blah. HOWL! We have heard all this many times before. He talks (Howls) a great game then goes back to sleep. His staff tells us how involved he is. They tell us he is being briefed daily and is very concerned. RIGHT! We all believe that – NOT! Obama is a master at the “appearance” of doing something. He goes on TV, tells us he just learned about the issue, that he is outraged and announces some kind of investigation. This allows him to go back to campaigning and fundraising and hoping time and his media sycophants will help make it all go away. Obama and his staff don’t work on fixing anything or holding anyone accountable. They just work on getting through it with the least amount of political damage. We are told by Jay Carney that the president learned of this problem when the news broke a few weeks ago. That is a big, bald-face LIE! WOOF! He has known about the VA problem which is not new, since he was a Senator. When he began his presidential campaign in 2007 he began to speak out about how he would solve the problem in order to woo the vets. He made a big deal about no vet should have to fill out a 23-page claim and wait 6-8 months or even years for help. Elect me, he said, and I’ll fix that. After he was elected he made several more false promises (actually all his promises have been false) to the veteran organizations that “America will not let you down, we will take care of our own.” He also told them that “I know you’ve heard all this before but this time we are putting the resources and people to it that will solve it this time.” Trust him he said. All this in 2009 and we are being told he just found out? We now know that he was told in

the White House transition briefings that the problem existed, that it was getting worse and that the VA reports could not be trusted. So he knew. Like he does in most cases he appointed someone to head the department, in this case the former Army Chief of Staff General Shinseki, and then completely forgot about the vets. He didn’t speak again until it was time to woo them again for his reelection and after that was accomplished he completely forgot about them once again. Since he promised all these fixes, things have gotten worse. More vets from our two wars need help and care. Did Obama and Shinseki fail to understand that? We guess so. They have both been asleep at the switch while career VA leaders and employees have cooked the books to cover up their non-care. Are we really fooled out here in America? Our big leviathan government is too big and totally incapable of taking care of 300+ million Americans. The president, his Administration, and Congress are all at fault here. However, the president is the leader, the Commander in Chief, the CEO, so to speak, and it was up to him to solve these problems. This VA debacle is a national shame. It has been bad for many years but is getting worse. Ok, previous administrations should have done more but they didn’t. Throwing more money at the situation has not been the answer. Caring leadership is what is lacking and Obama has had 5½ years to improve things. Once again he has failed big! This is what big government nationalized health care looks like, my fellow sheepdogs. Obamacare is headed to the same mismanagement only it will be 10 times worse. It will be bureaucratic second rate care. The Commander of the American Legion has said it best. He reminded us there have been over 50 Inspectors General reports and countless other investigations. The problems are well documented. The solutions are non-existent. Shinseki is a feckless leader who has accomplished little in his 5 years. Why do we think he will solve



it now? The American Legion Commander has it right – all the top leaders need to go. Real, caring and determined leaders need installed. Once again NO Accountability by Obama and his Administration. They want us to believe they have done something by having the Deputy Secretary resign. Big deal! He was retiring next month anyway. They are doing nothing but starting another investigation. Really? There is nothing new to learn. Solutions are what are needed. Where are the solutions? I love the quote of a Governor’s Chief of Staff on a popular TV drama. When talking about political damage control he said, “It’s not about the facts. It’s about how you can make the facts appear.” WOOF! This is exactly what Obama does when dealing with all the scandals of his administration. So here are a couple of solutions. A former congressman on Fox News suggested that to solve this problem every vet should be given a health care card which gives them the same health care coverage that every member of Congress has. He said then they would get the care they deserve. Everyone thought that was a great idea. Not me. Wouldn’t work. My solution would be similar but flips it around. They only way the VA health care system can be fixed is to have all the members of Congress, their staff members, and their families receive their health care from the VA. That’s right; put them in the same system the vets have to deal with. That is very doable and the quality and level of health care for veterans would be improved immediately! WOOF!

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