



Primary Results are In: Sheriff: Byerly, Commissioner: Kattnig, Coroner: Nordyke

In a hard fought election campaign, Shannon Byerly, currently a Cañon City Police Sargent, defeated Custer County Undersheriff Tony Supan and Custer County Deputy Eric Thompson to win the Republican Primary for Custer County Sheriff. With a total of 1631 votes cast for the sheriff's race, Byerly received 705 votes (43%), Supan received 643 votes (39%) and Thompson got 283 votes (17%).

District 3: Scott R. Tipton received 860 votes (63%) while his lone challenger, David Cox, received 512 votes (37%). For Governor, Scott Gessler won a narrow victory in Custer County (384 votes) over Mike Kopp (335 votes), Tom Tancredo (327 votes) and Bob Beauprez (306 votes). In the State Board of Education, Congressional District 3, Barbara Ann Smith won by 52% over Marcia Neal with 48%.



Shannon and Lynette Byerly.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

In the County Commissioner District 1 race, recent Custer County "returnee" Robert (Bob) Kattnig won a close race over the current District 1 Commissioner Allen Butler and candidate Tesley Jack Canterbury. Kattnig won with 39%, versus Butler with 34% and Canterbury with 27%.

And in a race that shows that every vote counts, incumbent Coroner Arthur L. Nordyke won by only 9 votes over challenger Bradford L. Baltzly, with 1565 votes cast. Nordyke received 787 votes and Baltzly 778.

Other contested Republican Party contest results were: Representative to the 114th U.S. Congress,

Uncontested winners were: United States Senator, Cory Gardner; Secretary of State, Wayne W. Williams; State Treasurer, Walker Stapleton; Attorney General, Cynthia Coffman; State Representative, District 60, James D. "Jim" Wilson; County Treasurer, Virginia Trujillo; and County Assessor, J.D. Henrich.

In a Sentinel exclusive interview with American Constitution Party Sheriff Candidate Larry Sanders, he confirms that he will indeed be a candidate for Sheriff in November. Sanders stated that he is a strong 2nd Amendment supporter and believes in strict, conservative, constitutional principals. He won the American Constitution Party sheriff slot with one vote, his own.

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National Activist to Attend July 4th 2nd Amendment Parade

by George Gramlich

The Southern Colorado Patriots Club is pleased to announce that Mike Vanderboegh, award-winning, national 2nd Amendment activist, will be in attendance in their section of the Westcliffe July 4th Parade sponsored by the Wild West Cowboy Church. Mr. Vanderboegh has been a leader of the 2nd Amendment rights movement for more than 20 years and hosts the famous patriot website, www.sipseystreetirregulars.com. He is also the founder of the Three Percent Movement. He has traveled the country extensively in support of our 2nd Amendment rights and was one of the leading players at the recent Bundy Ranch incident with the federal government in Nevada, where the government backed down over grazing rights issues with the Bundy family when they were faced with hundreds of citizen protesters assisting the Bundy family.

Mr. Vanderboegh will march and deliver a speech at the end of the parade at the Southern Colorado Patriot's rally area (south of the Westcliffe SuperMarket). All are invited to attend.

The following is a short biography from Mr. Vanderboegh:

Mike Vanderboegh is an award-winning Internet citizen journalist who, with David Codrea of Guns Magazine and the War on Guns blog, broke the Fast & Furious scandal story at his own blog, Sipsey Street Irregulars, in December 2010. A 2nd Amendment activist for more than twenty years, he is the founder of the Three Percent Movement which has been denounced by former President Bill Clinton. He is a perennial "honorable mention" on the

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Governor Hickenlooper Swears at Colorado Sheriffs!!! A Disgrace to Our State

by George Gramlich

(Editor/GG: This man has got to go. Another radical left-wing democrat who posed as a "moderate" to gain election. Unmasked again. Time to flush the toilet and get rid of these democrats in Colorado. These cover-up lies are almost pathological.)

The Colorado County Sheriffs of Colorado association invited Governor Hickenlooper to their summer conference last week. As noted below in attendee Larimar County Sheriff Justin Smith's facebook account of the meeting, Hickenlooper addressed the sheriffs for about an hour and he was asked some questions by the sheriffs. The sheriffs asked several questions regarding the unconstitutional gun laws that Hickenlooper signed last year, including questions about the process itself. It didn't take long for the governor to start to get flustered in trying to explain pri-

or inconsistent statements he had made concerning why he signed these laws.

Finally, in a response to a question posed by Sheriff Smith, the Governor of Colorado, Mr. Hickenlooper, in a room filled with our sheriffs, answered the question by swearing at Sheriff Smith with the "f" word!!!!

Read Sheriff Smith's facebook post below. (It can be found at www.facebook.com/SheriffJustinSmith.)

"Where does our governor now stand on the gun control laws he signed in 2013?"

9 News reached out to me for this story, but I was on the road back from the conference, so I wasn't able to respond in time for their story.

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Behold, I am the Lord the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?
Jeremiah 32:27, NKJV

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

CONGRATS, THANK YOUs and a HEADS UP!

A long primary season just ended for some of our friends and neighbors running for local office. Anyone willing to serve today is due our respect and admiration. It is difficult to make the hard and necessary decisions and impossible to please everyone. Congratulations to Shannon Byerly and Bob Kattnig. They campaigned long and hard and we wish them well as they prepare for the General Election in November and then to serve our community to the best of their abilities. At press time we were told the coroner's race was too close to call and might need a recount. Because so many were involved, a great dialog happened. Thanks to all the others who were willing to serve. We also want to acknowledge and thank Allen Butler for his dedicated service to Custer County as our commissioner for the last 4 years. Congrats and thanks also to all those who will continue to serve us: Virginia Trujillo, J.D. Henrich, and Debbie Livengood. At the state level Bob Beauprez won the Republican Primary and will face Governor Hickenlooper for the right to govern Colorado. It is imperative that all conservatives get behind him and make sure we eliminate the liberal progressive governor we are now saddled with. Like many of his colleagues at the state and

federal level he is untrustworthy and dishonest. Just recently he tried to deny that he ever knew that the Colorado sheriffs wanted to talk to him before he signed the limited magazine law. That is simply a lie. He knew! So after that false claim didn't work he said he only signed it because one of his staff made a commitment that he didn't know about but that he felt obligated to honor. This man is not worthy or honorable and doesn't deserve to (mis)lead the state. He must be removed from office and Beauprez is clearly who we must support and elect as our next governor.

4th of JULY WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Next Friday is Independence Day and there will be a parade at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate our Nation's birth thanks to the Wild West Cowboy Church. We are grateful that this great and patriotic church has stepped up and is willing to take on the responsibilities and efforts necessary to organize and conduct such a great event. Last year's parade was a huge success for the community and the businesses of our area and there is no reason this year's activities won't be the same. Friday's parade will be followed by

the Classic Car show on Saturday and the flea market will be in full swing all three days through Sunday. There are plenty of other activities to be enjoyed as well, like the fireworks on Friday night. We hope you plan to spend a lot of your weekend celebrating our Nation's 238th birthday. The theme for the Independence Day Parade is to celebrate our liberties and rights that we enjoy from our Constitution. Many people around the world do not enjoy such freedom and it is important that we honor and celebrate such liberties simply because we can. We know it will be a great weekend. Plan to enjoy as many activities as you can.

COLORADO'S OBAMACARE

Colorado's health care exchange is doing just what was predicted. All these types of big government programs are designed and sold to the naive public based on lies. As reported many times before they always exceed projected budgets and manning. Once again that's what is at play here in Colorado. House Bill 13-1245 signed into law by Hickenlooper last year was projected to need a \$25 million operating budget in 2015. The Colorado Connect for Health board just approved a \$66

million operating budget for 2015. Who would have thought that could or would happen? Anyone besides our president surprised? Didn't think so. To help steal, we mean find, that extra money from the taxpayers they approved a new "fee" (aka tax) on nearly every health care policy in the state. Here's what their web site "fact sheet" had to say about the law. "Connect for Health Colorado's ongoing annual operating budget starting in 2015 is estimated to be about \$25 million." What happened we all wonder? We all know what happened. This is how all big, out-of-control, government programs operate. They don't have to worry about that silly old business plan or making money. They have all the operating capital they need. They just "whack" the taxpayers for more money anytime they are a little short. That is a 164% increase over their estimate when the state form of Obamacare was introduced to Coloradoans. The executive director, Patty Fonteneau, received a \$14,000 bonus and a 2.5 percent raise last month. Fits right in with the government's VA self-fulfilling prophecies and bonus plan. Who cares? It's not real money. It's taxpayer money and there is as much of it as they need as long as the Democrats are

in control. And remember friends and neighbors, Senator Udall voted for Obamacare and he calls this state-run, over-budget and under-performing program "pure Colorado common sense." More like "pure Colorado liberal progressive nonsense". Did I mention the board has also accepted less service and longer waiting periods? That should come as no surprise to any of us. Less service, more money. Stay tuned. This program can and will get worse. Our governments, state and federal, are not capable of running efficient and well-performing large programs of any nature and certainly not health care for everyone. Bureaucrats and politicians don't know what they are doing and have no skin in the game. Sound familiar? Our VA health care system is a perfect example. These lifelong bureaucrats have no incentive to succeed. It doesn't matter what the stakes are, even death is apparently acceptable as they continue to ignore the vets and cash their bonus checks. They self-manage their bonuses regardless of results and the politicians look the other way. SHAMEFUL! And if you like the VA health care system you are gonna love Obamacare. Wake up, friends. You can do something about all this in November. VOTE!

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Military Arms to Local Police Departments

by Joe Cascarelli

The Sentinel did a great job of alerting the valley residents about the effort to arm the nation's police departments with surplus military hardware. On one hand, it is good to know that military equipment is not being destroyed "in country" as American troops are being withdrawn. The articles I've been reading say that local law enforcement agencies are getting grants to pay for this equipment. "Grants," now there is a word that I hear to frequently in our community. Many believe that federal and state grants are "free money." Well, that is just nonsense. Grant money is taxpayer money. So, all those who believe that this equipment is free to the recipient police agencies should keep two things in mind: The taxpayer paid for the equipment when it was supplied to the military and now the taxpayer is paying for it once again with the federal grants being used by the departments in question.

One could also ask, why do police departments in small towns and cities need armored personnel vehicles and fully automatic weapons with millions of rounds of ammunition? Who would these weapons be used against? How will this equipment be maintained? Is training included for the police departments who receive this equipment? If I had to guess, the taxpayer will ultimately pay for maintenance, training, ammunition, fuel, and insurance. So, once again, the

hard working taxpayer will be bled white by taxes for questionable expenditures. Does anyone believe that conflicts requiring military solutions will never happen again? Frankly, I'd love to hear from local police agencies in the communities surrounding Custer County.

Some in America, a number that grows with each scandal, believe that these military pieces of equipment could be used against American citizens. To be honest, there are some in America who would like armed Americans to be disarmed by force if necessary. There are after all between 300,000,000 and 400,000,000 firearms of all kinds currently owned by Americans. It is estimated that 50% of American homes have legally owned firearms in them. That is quite an army if these citizens decide to say "no" to some of the more draconian laws and mandates currently being forced on the public. In my opinion, it is only a matter of time before American civilians take the matter of enforcing American immigration laws into their own hands.

The question that I keep asking myself is if the rank and file of the police departments, National Guard units, and reserve units around the country would actually take up arms against citizens who say "no." After all, the citizens who would be saying "no" are the mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, brothers, and sisters of the members of these groups. Personally, I

believe that if it came to an armed rebellion that many police, guardsmen, and reservists would join with the public. I have no way of knowing this for certain, but I do have natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina to reflect upon. Remember all those police, fire, and other first responders who left their posts when rioters were stealing basketball shoes and flat screen TVs from retail stores in downtown New Orleans? I think that those first responders had their priorities in order. Upon seeing the kinds of things that many private citizens were capable of doing in the aftermath of a disaster, they left their posts for their homes to protect their own families. This kind of clear thinking is just what I would expect from 50% or 60% of police, fire, guardsmen, and reservists if any kind of general rioting or rebellion took place irrespective of the cause.

Sure, there will be some emergency services personnel who will follow orders and kill Americans, but many will not. Some may even take the taxpayer purchased military equipment with them as they leave. One can only speculate on what will actually happen. I do not consider myself a revolutionary or a conspiracy theorist, but this letter was inspired by the actions of the feds and local police who are arming the "authorities" with military equipment for who knows what reasons.

I pray for my country.

Babylon in America Flourishing

by Candy Thompson

Just this week another major denomination made one more step towards denying the scriptures and condoning what God calls an abomination by redefining marriage as a union between two people and voting to marry homosexual couples. It doesn't seem to matter that thousands are leaving these denominations and that the majority may be against this stance. The elements bent on this are winning and these once great denominations are rapidly becoming more like the society around it rather than being light and salt to a world that calls good evil and evil good.

The Presbyterian Church USA changed their constitution and voted on June 19 to marry homosexuals even after losing 200,000 members since 2011 after their decision to ordain homosexuals and allow them in the pulpit. There are those who choose to stay to contend for the faith and it is said that the majority of members disagree, however, they have not been able to stay the abomination and desecration that has occurred. Whether out of duty to friends and relatives or just some kind of misled loyalty, many are having to make the decision as to whether to obey God or man.

Having grown up in this denomination and having relatives who continue to support this church with tithes and with their service, I have asked them what they think about or-

daining homosexuals. The answer is that since this isn't happening right there in their own services then it's not a problem because they personally don't agree. By remaining in an organization that is supporting the sin of sodomy, condoning those who openly practice it, even putting them in the pulpit and now marrying homosexuals, making profane the holy covenant of marriage instituted by God between a man and a woman, are they not condoning what they do?

More and more the church in America is becoming more secularized and more of a mixture, bringing in the world's ways and their solutions to problems to everything from marketing to counseling, being politically correct and non-offensive to anyone.

"The Purpose Driven Church", a book on how to grow churches through making them "seeker sensitive", tells how to attract the "unchurched" through making the church more like the world and being careful not to offend them. That's a lot different from having people hungry for God's word and wanting to grow in their commitment who want sound doctrine and more of Christ. The true gospel can be offensive and preachers need not be afraid to speak the truth. The problem is that not everyone will stay and hear the truth but want their "ears tickled".

So with the programs and all the bells and whistles, coffee bars and technol-

ogy-driven productions these seekers are demanding, the churches are trying to compete with the world and have become places devoid of the Holy Spirit and word of God and the power to save, deliver, and change lives. It's not just the denominations that have sold out but some of the huge non-denominational churches that have brought in the ways of the world to attract the unsaved, as if the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ is no longer adequate. Babylon in America is a mixture of the holy with the profane in the church and is an abomination.

The lost and broken do not need to be entertained nor do they need another 12 step program; they need the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ. They don't need psychologizing in a group or to be caught up in the frenzy of music that doesn't glorify God but man. They need the power of the Holy Spirit to change them, to convict them of their sin, and to supply the remedy to any problem they could ever have. They need to hear the truth that will set them free.

Pastors and leaders are going to be faced with decisions that may cause them to lose their jobs and possibly even face prison for standing up for the gospel of Jesus Christ and the many pastors in the denominations are at that place now. Hopefully, they will not forsake their faith and deny Christ by obeying their church or the government, but will obey God.



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Gun Free Zones... Now in Westcliffe/Silver Cliff?

Recently restaurants have begun to claim their establishments to be Gun Free Zones, ie., no guns allowed. Some of these participating restaurants are Sonic, Chipotle, Jack In The Box, Chilis, and Whataburger to name a few of the well-known restaurants. I guess criminals didn't hear that guns were not allowed... or did they? It seems several of the restaurants have had robberies, and even shootings during robberies, perpetrated by criminals in these unprotected "gun free zones".

Case in point: Sonic was robbed on the same day they announced their establishments as gun free. Jack In The Box was robbed three times, including one shooting, in less than two weeks after announcing their stores to have gun free status.

It seems Chipotle, Whataburger, and Chilis have been lucky so far. It should be noted that Chilis is the only one of their restaurants that still allows concealed carry. This only came after customer complaints and a reversal by their CEO of having a complete gun free

zone.

We all know what has happened at other gun free zones in the recent past... shootings at several schools, and even a Naval Base and an Army Base. Psychos and criminals do not follow the rules, or the laws. They like gun free zones!

Now, to the main point: It seems that the Senior Center in Silver Cliff has now decided to declare their meeting place a gun free zone. No, not just open carry is prohibited, but it is now totally gun free, concealed carry is not even allowed. Who authorized this gun free zone? Who decided that this new policy was even needed all of a sudden?

Here's the scene: The Senior Center is for SENIORS. Our fellow older citizens aged 60 and above meet there. They meet in the basement of the Town Hall where the meeting area has only two entrances and exits, one down a flight of stairs and one down a ramp. The center prepares lunch three times a week and these gatherings usual-

ly have approximately 30 to 50 participants. This newly designated gun free zone could be a disaster waiting to happen. What if one or more deranged persons decides to block off those exits after the meeting place is full. These seniors would be, and are, sitting ducks to any criminal that may want to rob or do bodily harm to them. Who will be responsible if this happens? I say it's the person, or persons, that has made this area a gun free zone.

Colorado is an open carry state, and also allows concealed carry of firearms by authorized persons after supervised training and licensing by the state. If any company or establishment desires, they can legally declare that no firearms be allowed. But, is this always prudent? If they do not want visible firearms (which are legal), then that is their prerogative, but in disallowing concealed firearms (which are legal), they may become instruments of, and therefore guilty of, the very crimes that may occur.

Bob Comer & Randy Hicks

Hope Lutheran's Vacation Bible School was a Great Success

Dear Editor:

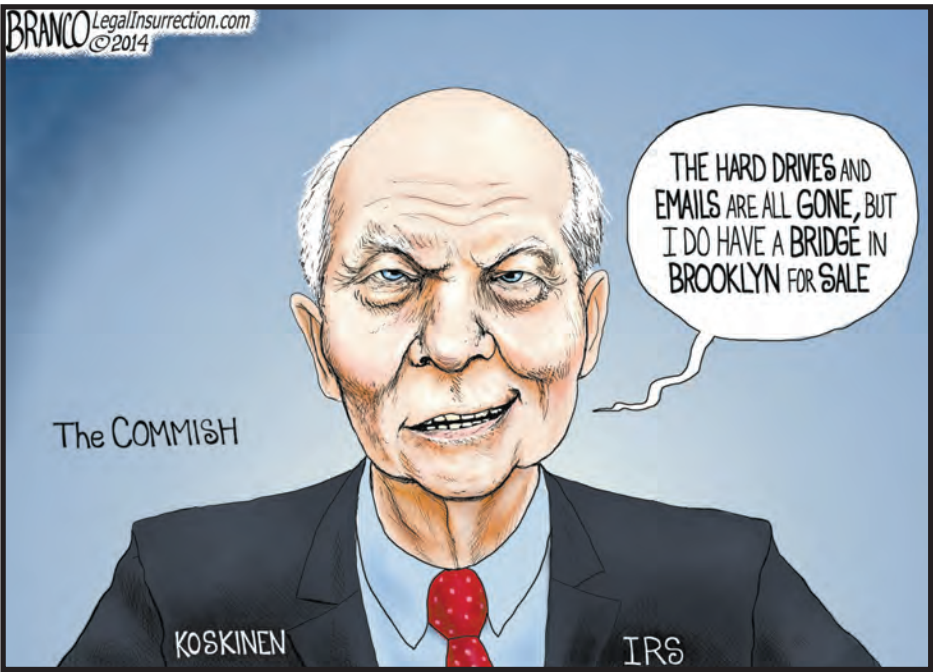
This past week Hope Lutheran had the joy of hosting their Summer Vacation Bible School. As a parent and a member of Hope Lutheran, I would like to say THANK YOU. This is the third summer I have lived here, and the third summer I volunteered in one way or another during this special week. I would like to send a special Thank you out to Tracy Ballard for all of her hard work, organization, and time that she spent as the director this summer. It is a thankless job and takes more time than most people know. We had a wonderful staff of volunteers this summer they made things run smoothly with so few glitches that our focus could be on the children and how we could serve them. So also a special thank you to everyone who helped make this day possible. Without our volunteers who come

from throughout the community this week could not happen.

We had the privilege of serving about 60 children this past week, they did crafts, songs, played games, had snacks, and learned about how through the many struggles and trials Moses would Trust God.

We are blessed that our local churches support each other and work with each other to help our community and especially welcome the children through their doors to help them learn about the saving Blood of Jesus Christ. It is so very important that our children are taught about this amazing gift. If it were not for the Saving Grace of Christ where would any of us be.

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Our theme is "God Dynasty - Happy, Happy, Happy".
See you on July 21st!

Ask a Pro: Well Witching, Dowsing, Divining???

This ancient practice goes by many names most locals refer to it as well witching. Although there is no scientific proof that it works there are untold numbers of believers and practitioners. As a young boy had my father seen me dowsing I may well have been struck upside the head. I had toyed with witching for many years secretly rechecking the work of many an old dowser. My experimentation left me finding many of the same spots as the old pros. Does it work??? Over 40 years of drilling experience says - 'maybe'. The dowsers' rods are definitely attracted to something. I do know for a fact that it is not always water that they are drawn toward. Regardless of how confident a witcher is

they 'all' have missed. In my observations the success rates between different witchers and or drilling without dowsing are fairly equal. That being said I continue to dowse all my wells as a way to fine tune an area I have chosen using my 'gut instinct' (always listen to your gut). One additional observation: The more you pay for a dowsing the less likely it is to work!?!? (Never brag upon a gift).
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certainly the choice of those
who didn’t want a Dan
Maes-like gubernatorial
candidate. The choice also
will benefit Cory Gardner’s
U.S. Senate race. Beauprez
entered the race late, but
Republicans rallied around
him. Democrats, on the other
hand, tried to prevent his
candidacy with attack ads,
which only attracted Re-
publican donors. Too bad
for you, Democrats. Major
misstep.

CD3

We heard a rumor that Rep.
Scott Tipton had a prima-
ry opponent, but we never
heard from him. Looks like
the voters in CD3 didn’t
either. Tipton strolled to a
victory.

CD4

Weld County District At-
torney Ken Buck prevailed
over Barbara Kirkmeyer,
Steve Laffey, and RMGO-
backed Scott Renfroe to-
night. He is likely headed
to Washington, D.C. come
January as CD4, Cory Gar-
dner’s seat, heavily favors
Republican candidates.

CD5

We’re just going to go ahead
and call this for Rep. Doug
Lamborn. Bentley Rayburn,
again, came up just short.
Better luck next time – we
assume there will be a next
time, right?

State Senate Races

In the State Senate prima-
ries, Laura Woods bested
Lang Sias and Tony Sanchez
beat Mario Nicolais. Woods
will run against Hudak cam-
paign manager appointee
Sen. Rachel Zenzinger. San-

chez will run against Sen.
Andy Kerr in the general.

State House Races

Incumbent Rep. Lori Saine
beat primary opponent
Bruce Sparrow for the Re-
publican nomination for
the HD63 seat. Fellow in-
cumbent Rep. Justin Everett
bested Loren Bauman to run
again for HD22. With Rep.
Mark Waller leaving his seat
to run for Attorney General,
Gordon Klingenschmitt will
be the Republican nominee
in HD15. Terri Carver edged
out her opponents to become
the Republican nominee for
HD20. Dan Thurlow beat
Steven Acquafresca to be-
come the Republican nomi-
nee in HD55.

Congratulations to all the
winners, and chin up to those
who didn’t win. Hopefully,
we can all come together
to take down on the tyrants
from the left in the general
election. Ready? Go Team!

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rn-sanchez-woods/

Results of the Chamber of Commerce EMS Survey

by Paul Sage

(Editor/GG: *The Peanut
Gallery has spoken!*)

The results of the Cham-
ber of Commerce EMS
survey conducted with
area business owners in
May were revealed at a
meeting of the EMS study
committee at the fire house
on Tuesday, June 24th,
by Chamber staff. Some
of the comments attached
to the surveys were more
telling than the statistical
results. Hospital District
Board Chairman Joe Ar-
buckle, who called citizens
in attendance at that meet-
ing the “peanut gallery”,
sat in silence, as did Clinic
Director Delwin Lester, as
the results and comments
were read.

While the Hospital Dis-
trict board claimed to have
discounted any results to
come out of the survey at
their recent Board meet-
ing because the discussion
clearly did not adhere to
their agenda, it appeared to
be a little more difficult to
dismiss, at least publicly,
when the results were actu-
ally read in the meeting.

By a margin of 30 to 1 busi-
ness owners responding to
the survey were highly in
favor of having a profes-
sional 24/7 ambulance ser-
vice in the county, and most
expressed a willingness
to work with the different
payment options outlined
in the survey to pay for this
service. Overwhelmingly
though, comments like
“Hospital District needs to
resolve this with the exist-
ing mill levy,” and “expose
the scandalous misuse of
funds appropriated for the
ambulance” showed a lack
of confidence in the current
management and business
plan of the Hospital Board
and clinic management.
One comment simplified
this down to “get rid of the
hospital board and manager
and EMS will get better.”

As to questions related to
different options for pay-
ing for the EMS service,
survey respondents were
evenly split on the mill
levy approach currently
in use. The results also
showed business owners
were overwhelmingly op-
posed to using a sales tax
or a combination of sales
tax and mill levy to pay the

EMS cost. Again, com-
ments like “give the money
to EMS and figure out how
to fix the clinic,” and “close
the clinic – for sale – mill
levy to the ambulance” re-
flected the priorities of the
survey respondents, being
completely different from
those expressed by clinic
management and the Hos-
pital Board.

The survey results also in-
dicated that the preference
of the respondents was that
the Custer County EMS be
housed in its own district
as opposed to being placed
in the Fire District or re-
maining in the Hospital
District. It was revealed at
this meeting by Wet Moun-
tain Fire Protection District
Chief Dave Tonsing that
an individual donor has of-
fered to pay for the cost of
setting up this district up to
\$25,000 and the EMS crew
themselves raised \$13,000
in their recent fundraiser to
support their cause. This
will still require the writ-
ing of a new service plan
appropriate to the services
actually proposed to be

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**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR VOTE
CUSTER COUNTY**

I would like to thank you for your confidence in
me to be the Republican Candidate for the Custer
County Sheriff’s Office. Your support will not be
taken lightly as I strive to improve the service to
you, the citizens.

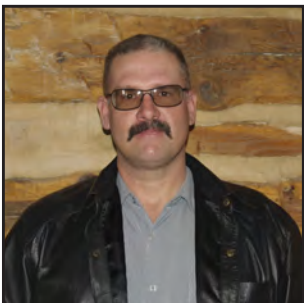
I offer you my sincere appreciation for your belief
in me and my vision for what Custer County can
be. I am humbled and honored to serve you, my
friends and neighbors. I look forward to visiting
with each of you as we move forward together.

Please join me for an Ice Cream Social to say
thank you on Sunday July 13th, 2:00 p.m. at
Schlabach’s Market.

Blessings,
Shannon Byerly
371-6678
shanbyerly@yahoo.com

Facebook Page: Facebook.com/Byerly for Custer County Sheriff

Brad
Baltzly



*I would like to thank
everyone who worked so
hard to help me in my
campaign. It was a long
and challenging time and
there are many people
I would like to thank.*

*I appreciate your
confidence and belief in me.*

Brad

Local Mountain News & Notices

Custer County Senior Center Creates Unarmed Victim Zone

by Paul Sage

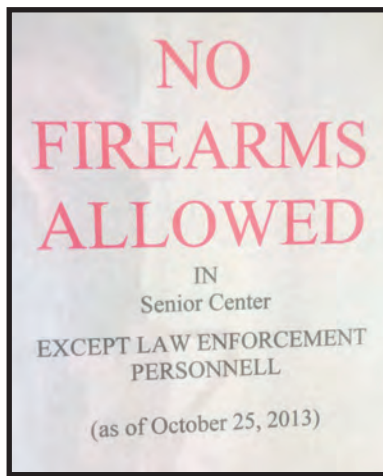
After a recent article appeared in the Sentinel touting the great work being accomplished by the Custer County Senior Center, a number of unhappy citizens reported to the paper that the center had become a weapon-free zone. Following up on this information on June 23rd, I spoke with center Director Bill Cullison.

Mr. Cullison stated that this was in fact true, and the move came in response to an incident when one of the patrons of the center "leaned over and his gun almost fell out on the floor." There were no reported threats or injuries associated with the alleged incident. The individual remained unnamed and the story unconfirmed. According to Mr. Cullison, after this alleged incident, the board of the Senior Center and "whoever was here" voted to ban weapons in the building.

A paper sign in a plastic sleeve in the hallway states, "NO

FIREARMS ALLOWED IN THE SENIOR CENTER EXCEPT LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL (as of October 25, 2013)". It does not indicate who the center identifies as "law enforcement" (Sheriff's Deputies, Posse, military, IRS, etc.) nor does it propose any enforcement or safety measures to those who attend the center (a metal detector, penalties, etc.) History has proven numerous times that places declared "gun free" become easy targets for predators and require additional security to ensure the safety of the patrons.

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and the "open carry" laws of the state of Colorado assure citizens of the right to possess and defend themselves with weapons within the jurisdictions of both. Many of the patrons of the Senior Center are veterans who risked their lives to ensure those rights remained intact. It is not a matter to be lightly changed



by "whoever was here". Individuals with concealed carry permits are regulated by the county sheriff and the laws of the state.

Mr. Cullison informed the Sentinel that there would be a Senior Center board meeting on July 3rd at 1 p.m. and they would be glad to hear public comment at that time. The Center is a public entity, funded in large part by public funds, to serve all of the citizens of the county. If you would like to have input on the weapon ban at the center, please come to the meeting on July 3rd and let your voice be heard.

Citizens' Initiative 111, Restoring Colorado Rural Voting Rights

A group of citizens is circulating petitions for Restoring Colorado, an initiative that would change the way representatives in our Colorado House of Representatives are elected by aligning district boundaries with county boundaries. This would result in one representative per county. Initiative 111 pragmatically targets the House for the change since it has 65 representatives and there are 64 counties, allowing for a drop of just one representative for the state.

The group states, "We may face constitutional challenges, but we're mirroring the exact model our Founding Fathers designed on the federal level but with a reverse of houses." This refers to the fact that

at a national level, each state elects two U.S. Senators, while the number of Representatives to the House is based on population.

"Can you imagine a Colorado where each county has a voice in the House of Representatives," giving Custer County's vote the same weight as Denver County's?

The citizens' group notes the daunting task of gathering 100,000 signatures by the deadline of August 1st in order to get this on the November ballot. Many people are working to circulate the petitions, but time is short. They ask for volunteers to visit their website for ways to help: www.RestoringColorado.org. There is a petition at the Sentinel office for those interested in signing.

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Southern Poverty Law Center's list of dangerous so-called "anti-government" people and the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence has declared him to be an "insurrectionist," because he believes in a literal interpretation of the Second Amendment as a bulwark of liberty against tyrants. He is despised with apparent equal intensity by the Anti-Defamation League, the Aryan Nations, Eric Holder, the Ku Klux

Klan, Rachel Maddow of MSNBC, the higher echelons of the ATF, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. Other than that, he has a few friends. He is proud to note that he is an equal opportunity gad-fly, having been on the enemies' lists of the past THREE White Houses. He describes himself as a "Christian libertarian," saying, "I believe in God, free men, free markets, the rule of law under the Founders' Republic and that the Constitution extends to everyone regardless of race, creed, color, or religion."

Thank you for your support.

I am looking forward to serving all the citizens of Custer County.

I had some super people who made this victory possible.

Thanks to each and every one.

My Word is my bond.

My handshake is my contract.

Thank you, Bob Kattnig.

To contact Bob, call 719-783-0738 or email 1drrdoc@gmail.com.
This ad is paid for by the committee to elect Bob Kattnig.



Thank You!!

I would like to take this opportunity to send out a heartfelt thank you for all the support I have received throughout my campaign.

Sincerely,

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Hospital District Covered by 'Governmental Immunity'; Not Accountable for Their Actions



**Analysis and
Commentary**

by Paul Sage

When Kris Lang woke up on the morning of January 6, 2013, she could not have known her entire world was about to change dramatically. Within several hours her husband of 25 years would be gone – the victim of a heart attack and a failed emergency medical system – and all of the expectations of safety and security she had assumed to be in place to protect her from such a tragedy would prove to be baseless.

When she woke up that morning she would have told you that it was not possible that such a chain of events as transpired in those next hours could be complicit in ripping her husband from her life. She could not have fathomed that a year-and-a-half later a court would cover over that chain of events with a blanket of governmental immunity which prevents anyone from being responsible in any way. But that

is how her future unfolded.

On that Sunday morning about 11:30 a.m. 67-year-old Bill Lang began showing signs of a heart attack. Mrs. Lang called the “24 hour a day, 7 day a week” emergency clinic to get help from the “on call” medical doctor and nurse. Instead she received a message about the clinic being closed and instructing her to call 911. When she did so, she was informed by the Custer County dispatcher that the ambulance was already dispatched to take someone else to the hospital. Following the 911 protocol, the dispatcher on duty attempted to call out a standby ambulance crew who were supposed to be available by radio if possible, but there was no response. She did not call for a mutual aid ambulance from another nearby area for reasons unknown. And she did not request a Flight for Life helicopter because, according to the communications supervisor for the county, “dispatch has always had to have medical direction to contact Flight for Life

services. Dispatch has always been trained that the call for Flight for Life must be made by medical en-route or on scene of an incident.”

Likewise, there had never been any information available to anyone that “on call” medical help was no longer available at the clinic, as had been the procedure since the inception of the hospital district service plan in 1988, until a January 8th memo was issued to that effect two days after Mr. Lang’s death.

No other ambulance service with which the county has a mutual aid agreement was contacted, and contrary to an August 7, 2010, directive issued by communications director Geroux which says that “if our ambulance is unavailable, call AMR (American Medical Response from Cañon City),” this was not done.

With no other options available to her, Mrs. Lang began driving her husband to the hospital with the flashers going on her car as instructed by the dispatcher down state highway 96. At

this time Mr. Lang was in great pain but talking and coherent.

As the clock was ticking, many things were going on behind the scenes, but no other ambulance was responding and Flight for Life had not been called out.

At 11:48 a.m. the first ambulance, already at St. Thomas More Hospital in Cañon City, was informed by the dispatcher that no second ambulance crew could be contacted and was asked to meet the Lang’s car on the way to the hospital. At 11:50 a.m. the first ambulance left the hospital code 3 (lights and siren) to meet the Lang’s car. At 12:04 p.m. Sheriff’s Deputy Eric Thompson was instructed by dispatch to also meet the Lang’s car on the highway. At 12:07 p.m. Flight for Life was finally put on standby by the first ambulance crew, about 19 minutes after the initial 911 call.

At 12:31 p.m. the ambulance met the Lang’s car at about mile marker 20 on highway 96, a short time

after Mr. Lang cried out in pain and lost consciousness, forcing Mrs. Lang to swerve off the highway and stop. They removed Mr. Lang from the car and began resuscitation efforts. At 12:38 p.m. the ambulance crew requested Wetmore Fire Department to assist with blocking the highway for Flight for Life landing. Flight for Life landed and attempted to assist with revival efforts. Deputy Thompson arrived on the scene at 12:50 p.m. and reported that CPR was in progress. At 1:00 p.m. Deputy Thompson reported that Wetmore Fire Engine 2 was on the scene.

At 1:37 p.m. Mr. Lang was pronounced deceased at the scene and at 1:47 p.m. the Flight for Life Helicopter lifted off from the scene. By this time two hours had elapsed since Mrs. Lang’s first call was reported on the dispatch log.

A year later Mrs. Lang filed suit in the District Court to address some of the issues of that day which she believes contributed to her husband’s death. Some of

these issues were the following:

That the Hospital District in their original service plan contracted with the voters to “provide regular and 24-hour medical services.” Again in a ballot issue in 2002 to raise more tax money stated that the “clinic providers and nurses are available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.” She also points out that to this day their website advertises “emergency medical service is available 24 hours a day.” This was clearly not the case on January 6, 2013, when she called the clinic and received a message that they were closed, and it is not the case today. In fact, the clinic, is open common banker’s hours, Monday through Friday, 8 to 5, and morning hours on Saturday.

Mrs. Lang further claimed in her legal action that proper procedures were not in place at the time to address these types of situations. In this she is

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An Old Fashioned Independence Day

- * Flea Market and Craft Fair
Fri., Sat., Sun., July 4, 5, 6
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- * All Aboard Westcliffe
Pancake Breakfast (7 - 10 a.m.)
Saturday, July 5
- * Other Food Vendors on Site
- * Fireworks over Lake DeWeese
July 4 at Dusk
- * Car Show
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Friday, July 4th, at 10 a.m.

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The application and \$5 entry fee must be turned in by June 30th at either location.

Call 719-783-0427 for more info.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Commissioners Meet at San Isabel Lodge, Debate Pre-Disaster Planning Process

by Paul Sage

A large group was in attendance for the mid-month meeting of the Custer County Board of County Commissioners, held at the San Isabel Lodge in Rye in the south-eastern corner of the county on June 18th. A wide range of topics from the ongoing re-surfacing of the airport runway to the updating of the county traffic ordinances to Title III funding disbursements were discussed.

County Attorney John Nailer discussed progress being made on the revision of county traffic ordinances and presented for approval a memorandum of understanding between the county and Bill Geipel to move forward with the proposed World Aviation Museum at the Silver West Airport. Although Mr. Geipel has seen the terms of this agreement, Commissioners agreed to allow him to review the final document before everyone signs off on it. The new Airport lease agreement was finalized and approved by the Commissioners so people coming due on their hangar lease agreements can begin using the new format of the agreement, which shortens the term of the leases and allows them to be reviewed annually.

New Road and Bridge Superintendent Rusty Christensen updated the commissioners on paving projects slated for the summer and brought a proposed outline for a request for bids for asphalt for them. The notice for bids has public posting requirements, and the

Commissioners agreed to move forward with that to get the process started.

The distribution of Title III funds was approved since the posting requirements for the disbursements have been met. Title III funds are federal funds distributed to counties to assist with fire mitigation and prevention in the counties. The Wetmore Fire Department got most of the county allocation of funds for the upgrading of a fire truck, firefighter personnel protective equipment, and fire mitigation education. Rye Fire, which serves the south-eastern corner of the county, was granted about three thousand dollars to construct and stock a wild-fire fighting tool cache in the area of the county they serve.

The longest and most contentious item on the agenda was County Office of Emergency Management Director Christie Coleman’s presentation on a proposed pre-disaster mitigation plan for the county. The county is currently operating under an expired multi-county pre-disaster mitigation plan, which no longer addresses county specific needs according to new federal standards. The pre-disaster mitigation plan involves assessing disaster risks to the county and developing plans to attempt to mitigate those risks before they become a reality. Laura Johnson, a representative of Tetra Tech, a company that works with counties to develop and implement these plans, made a presentation on her experiences

working with other counties.

One county resident testified that his subdivision was denied an \$86,000 fire mitigation grant because of the lack of this plan. Another resident who is proposing starting a fire mitigation business that would benefit from grant money made available by such a plan was very disappointed by her cool reception from the Commissioners.

The Commissioners for their part again made the point that there is no free money, and someone has to pay for all these projects. They voiced concern about who would pay the matching \$6,250 part of the grant request for the funds to conduct the risk assessment and develop the plan. Ms. Coleman countered that most, if not all, of this expense could be eliminated by “in kind” contributions to the process such as labor hours and other costs associated with plan development. Concern was also expressed over what strings might be attached to participating in the federal program and how much those strings might cost the county in money or unwanted regulation.

In the end of the discussion, the Commissioners agreed to let Ms. Coleman go forward with the grant request as long as whatever part of the \$6,250 match remained after the “in kind” contribution would come out of the Office of Emergency Management budget. More to come on this complicated story.



The 38th annual CCHS alumni banquet was held last Saturday at the west gym. Glen Livengood of the Class of '74 served as MC with the Class of '64 as special honors. Since the association was formed in 1976, 57 scholarships have been given out, for a total of \$6,495. Kylie Ruzanski and Kristine Henrich were the recipients this year.

Sentinel photo by Mary Seifert

Sangres Art Guild 2014 Summer Show Reception

Come to see new artist work: framed paintings, photographs, and drawings; also jewelry, ceramics, sculptures, clothing, and handmade boxes.

Reception is Saturday, July 5, 2014, from 4-6 p.m., at 3rd St. Gallery at 59000 N. Highway 69, Westcliffe, CO 81252. Sumptuous hors d’oeuvres will be served. Artist awards will be announced. The public is welcome!

Gallery hours are 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Thursday - Sunday, May - December. For more information, contact 783-0886 or www.sangresartguild.org.



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partially correct. In fact, some of the procedures were in place, but were not followed, and other issues were not addressed until after the fact. One procedure clearly in place but not followed since 2010 was “if our ambulance is unavailable, call AMR”. So some of the procedures were in place and some were not. Some were followed and others were not.

Mrs. Lang attempted to have these issues reviewed by the court, but attorneys for the Hospital District, paid with money from their “one pot” finances made up of fees and tax dollars, successfully argued that the Hospital District is covered

by “governmental immunity,” and is therefore not legally responsible for their actions or subject to such a civil action. The case was dismissed on these grounds without a hearing on the facts.

Going back to the timeline from January 6, 2013, in the 20 minutes or so it would have taken for Flight For Life to respond after the initial 911 call, had they been requested – while Mr. Lang was still coherent and talking with his wife as she valiantly attempted to get him help – the chances for his survival would have been greatly improved in the hands of the well-equipped and highly trained professionals of Flight For Life. Additionally, other citizens

driving in town or down the highway that day would not have been subject to the risk of another driver under great duress sharing the road with them while frantically trying to save her husband’s life.

Mrs. Lang intends to pursue a thorough investigation of county 911 dispatch protocols and is exploring her appeal options regarding this court’s dismissal on the grounds of “governmental immunity.”

It should be pointed out that while for now the West Custer County Hospital District has been protected by “governmental immunity” in this case, it has no such immunity from the citizens and voters of the county.

The Artists’ Gallery

416 Main St. in Historic Downtown Cañon City,

is presenting a very special “First Friday” art reception on July 4th from 5-8 p.m.

“Soliloquy: a Series of Unspoken Reflections”

This exhibit features six extraordinary artists from one family. Patriarch, George Douthit III, a renowned watercolorist, author and poet, and his wife, Alice, inspired in each of their children the love of art and music.

Also participating in the exhibit will be collage artist, Valorie Hornsby; mixed media artists, Veronica Haddock, Vickie Leigh Krudwig and Kathrine Douthit; and fiber artist, Benjamin Krudwig. Other members of the family will provide live musical performances with their group, “Flies with Buffalo”.

The exhibit will run the entire month of July.

We invite you to join us in supporting local art, meet this remarkable family, and enjoy live music and complimentary refreshments. The gallery showcases the works of 50 talented local artists and is open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 719-345-4070 or visit our website: www.theartistsgalleryonline.com.

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Bobcats Football Players Compete at Camp

by Coach Troy Bomgardner

The CCHS football team took advantage of the summer break to attend an 8-man football camp at Fort Hays University in Kansas. Seventeen players along with four coaches made the trip to prepare for the upcoming season. "I was very proud of the group we took to camp," commented Head Coach Troy Bomgardner. "It took a commitment of time, effort, and money to go to camp and we had a great representation of freshman through seniors. We even had enough to run a JV squad and allow the young players a chance to compete against other JV squads."

The camp ran for three days and included nine teams. The Bobcats were coached one practice by the college staff of Fort Hays University, a NCAA Division II program. The rest of the camp was scrimmaging against the other schools in attendance. "It was a great time to get some experience playing eight man which is new to our staff and many of our players," said Bomgardner. Senior C.J. Virden said, "We learned a lot about eight man football and we got to get started in full pads!" Senior Kody Aldrich commented that, "I enjoyed the full contact and the chance to improve my receiving skills. It was also fun to play against teams from Kansas and Nebraska." Freshman Edgar

Pedigo simply said, "The food!"

Bomgardner mentioned that the goal of the camp is to learn football skills but there is a lot of team building that takes place when a team gets in a bus and drives eight hours together and then sleeps in college dorms together. The football team will continue preparing for the upcoming season by lifting weights and working on their offense and defense. The weight room is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings with Middle School lifting at 5 p.m. and high school lifting at 6 p.m. The weight room is open to ALL middle school and high school athletes who want to improve for the upcoming season.



Pictured here: First Row- L to R- JJ Brady, Mikey Neal, Arlo Garner, Edgar Pedigo, Keith Stuart, Andy Feldmann, Kody Aldrich, Conner Rowley.
2nd Row- CJ Virden, David Kinsey, Andrew Tyler, Thomas Dryer, Casey Brandon, Cody Lyons, Taner Deener, Dylan Howard, Jordan Rhodes.

courtesy photo

Independence Day Fireworks

Once again, the Valley's Independence Day fireworks show is taking place July 4th at Lake DeWeese. As usual, the spectacular, multi-colored light show gets underway at dusk, which is around 9 p.m. Putting on the show each year is an enormous undertaking that takes volunteer time, talent, and money.

This year, the Custer County Chamber of Commerce has teamed up with All Aboard Westcliffe and the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District to bring the pyrotechnics display to tourists and residents. As always, volunteers will be stationed at entrances to Lake DeWeese on July

4th to collect donations to help offset the cost of putting on the fireworks. This year's volunteers are Custer County High School students with a portion of the proceeds going to the Parents, Teachers, Students Organization (PTSO).

Additionally, donation canisters can be found at several local businesses within the towns of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe. Those businesses are Westcliffe Super Market, Cliff Lanes, Loan A Ranger, Sangrita, JR's Fuel Stop, Antler Liquor and General Store, Nacho Mama's Mexican Cantina, Liquor Cabinet, Tony's Pizzeria, Silver Cliff Mountain View Restaurant, Conoco/

Country Store, Valley Ace Hardware, Wine Mine, and Family Dollar.

Among the costs incurred for putting on the annual fireworks show are the purchase of the fireworks, liability insurance, permitting, advertising, and machinery to safely set the fireworks off. As always, volunteer firefighters with the local Wet Mountain Fire Protection District set off the fireworks display. The total annual cost of the show is around \$10,000.

For more information, call the Custer County Chamber of Commerce at 783-9163. Chamber office hours are Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Photo Feature next week: Bull Riding at the Saddle Club!

Sentinel photos by Tessa Brady

KIDS

Friday, June 27, 2014

THE WAR INEVITABLE, MARCH, 1775

PATRICK HENRY
(1736 - 1799)

They tell us, Sir, that we are weak--unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be the next week, or the next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed, and when a British guard shall be stationed in every house? Shall we gather strength by irresolution and inaction? Shall we acquire the means of effectual resistance by lying supinely on our backs, and hugging the delusive phantom of hope, until our enemies shall have bound us hand and foot? Sir, we are not weak, if we make a proper use of those means which the God of nature has placed in our power.

...It is in vain, Sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace!--but there is no peace. The war is actually begun!...Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!

information source: 101 Patriotic Poems

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Estate Sale

From the Estate of Terry Salter
4th and 5th of July
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club
90 County Road 241
Items include: Sleep Number bed; lift recliner; marble-top cabinet; wine cabinet
All proceeds dedicated to supporting local Veterans and Veterans Programs
For information, contact Anna Orgeron at 783-2721

For Sale

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price per ton for approximately 2300 tons of asphalt. The plant location is required for the bid. The cost per gallon for tack oil is requested, but not mandatory for the bid. The awarded bid is subject to contractual obligations to be negotiated after acceptance. The receipt of bid forms may be arranged by contacting CC Road and Bridge, 413 N. 4th Street, P.O. Box 1669, Westcliffe, CO, 81252, phone 719-783-2281, or at rboffice@centurytel.net. Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Sealed bids clearly marked "Asphalt Bid" will be accepted at the CC Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) office, 205 S. 6th Street, P.O. Box 150, Westcliffe, CO, 81252 until 4:00 PM on July 1, 2014. The bids will be opened at the BOCC meeting on July 2, 2014, at 11:00 AM. The BOCC reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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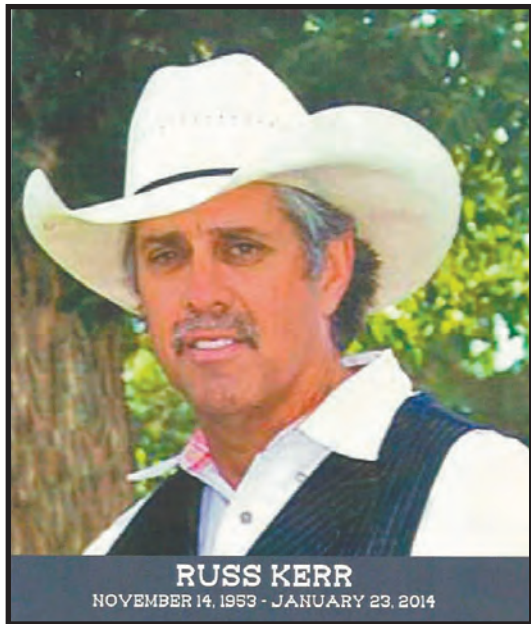
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Prayer For Our Country from the Book of Common Prayer

"Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage, we humbly ask thee to help us always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from pride and arrogance and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the Spirit of Wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN.

Local Mountain News & Notices

Memorial Service Russ Kerr



RUSS KERR
NOVEMBER 14, 1953 - JANUARY 23, 2014

A memorial service and Celebration of Life for Russ Kerr will be held on Thursday, July 3, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at Wild West Cowboy Church. Reverend Larry Smith will officiate.

Russ died January 23, 2014, at his property in Westcliffe.

You are invited to share your memories of Russ at the service.

Russ said he had two passions in life, and one of them was sitting on the side of a mountain in Colorado. His remains will be spread on the land he thought of as Heaven On Earth.



Custer County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, training at the Saddle Club.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

Events Calendar

Friday, June 27, 2014

6 p.m.: Eagles Summit Ranch Wounded Warrior Graduation. Bring side dish. Call for directions and RSVP at (719) 783-9729

6:30 p.m.: Shakespeare in the Sangres (Amphitheater): Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors"

Saturday, June 28, 2014

10 a.m.: Annual Westcliffe Consignment Auction at rodeo grounds, 90 C.R. 241

5 p.m.: The Ranch Rodeo at The Cowboy Church has been rescheduled for today. The participants need to be in teams of three or four to compete in team penning, roping, sorting, branding, and trailering. The entry fee is \$25 per person, with 70% payback. Contact Sherri Cayce at 512-308-7711 for details.

6:30 p.m.: Shakespeare in the Sangres (Amphitheater): Moliere's "The Imaginary Invalid"

Sunday, June 29, 2014

2 p.m.: Shakespeare in the Sangres (Amphitheater): Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors"

July 2, 2014

9 a.m.: BOCC meeting at courthouse

July 4, 2014

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Terry Salter Estate Sale held at Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club, 90 C.R. 241

9 a.m.: Parade entries line up at The Mining Co. Restaurant

10 a.m.: Independence Day Parade, Westcliffe. Join the Southern Colorado Patriots (Tea Party) in their section of the parade for the 2nd Amendment Rally and March, Westcliffe.

5 - 8 p.m.: "First Friday" Art Reception: The Artists' Gallery, 416 Main St., Historic Downtown Canon City. Live musical performances. Refreshments served.

6:30 p.m.: Shakespeare in the Sangres (Amphitheater)

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

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

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.

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

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

6:45 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March-October).

Tuesday through Friday

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

Wednesday

Line dancers meet at the Saddle Club Building from 9:30 to 11 a.m. thru the summer starting June 6. 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

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

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

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Philippians 4:13, NKJV

Custer County High School's Special Education Students

"On the Job Training Program"

School and Community Working Together



PARA Cheryl Leonard and Resource teacher Betty Heising

Custer County High School's Special Education students participated in the "On the Job Training Program" (OJT) throughout the past school year.

"The program was created so that special needs students would have an opportunity to practice life skills," said Resource Teacher Betty Heising. Students joined with local businesses and trained in valuable real-life lessons. Students also were assisted by life skills coach Cheryl Leonard.

Josh Carter trained with Julie Sperry at the Cliffs Veterinary Clinic where he learned how to assist in the care of animals. He became known as the "Dog Whisperer".

Haley Vieau trained at the office of Dr. Byron Beard Dental Office where she learned what it takes to assist a dentist.

Emma Reinke trained in Business Management at Grammie Tammie's Quilt Shop where she learned to greet customers and organize materials.

Tessa Brady is training in basic photography with volunteer Joe Roberts of Westcliffe. Her photos can be seen in the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel.

Kaya Garner has been training at the Custer County High School where she is learning the custodial trade. She hopes to be employed after graduation.

The goal is to graduate employable, productive, and competitive citizens from Custer County High School Special Education Program. The students have worked very hard and the staff is very proud of them.

"Principal Barbara Jones and Superintendent Chris Selle have been very supportive of this program, as have the local businesses," said a grateful Heising.

The future of this program looks very promising and we look forward to sharing more success stories with you!



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Local Mountain News & Notices

Sheriff's Report...

As of Tuesday, June 24, there were seven men in jail.

ACCIDENTS

June 23 At 1335 hours, a 2005 Harley Davidson was ridden by James Walsh, age 61, of Silverthorne, Colorado. He was eastbound on Highway 96 at about mile marker 17 when he struck a guard-rail and was thrown over it. The motorcycle sustained moderate damage. Walsh was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo for possible back and neck injuries.

June 23 At 12:15 p.m., a 2003 Dodge pickup truck driven by Joseph Cross, age 69, of rural Westcliffe had stopped at a stop sign at the intersection of Hermit Road and Highway 69. Cross backed up and hit a 2009 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Bruce Lind, age 62, of Cotopaxi who had stopped at the stop sign behind him. Minor damage was sustained to both vehicles.

June 19 At 2036 hours, a motorcycle accident occurred at Highway 69 and Main Street. A male and

female were riding from Pueblo. Both claimed to be the driver. One person was without a driver's license and the other had a revoked driver's license. Alcohol was believed to be a factor. The female was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital.

OFFENSES

June 20 Patrick Ratliff, age 60, of Pueblo was stopped on Highway 165 and Country Road 371 for speeding and failed to stop at a stop sign. He was arrested after the traffic stop for driving his vehicle while impaired by alcohol.

June 19 James Gair, age 50, previously of Westcliffe, was arrested in Eagle County and is being held on a \$500 bond. He is awaiting extradition back to Westcliffe. The original charges are trespassing and harassment.

June 19 William Klein, age 23, of La Junta, Colorado, was arrested in Otero County off of a Custer County bench warrant for failure to appear. He later posted a \$500 bond and released. Klein is scheduled to appear in Custer County

court at a later date. The original charges are failure to present insurance and violation of a driver's license permit.

June 19 At 10 a.m., Shelley Shelley, age 54, of Westcliffe was arrested in Westcliffe for reckless endangerment, reckless driving, and harassment. She was booked into the Custer County jail. Shelley was advised in court the following day and released on a personal recognizance bond. She is to appear in court at a later date.

June 17 Jeremy Vigil, age 34, from Craig, Colorado, was arrested in Mesa County off of a Custer County bench warrant for failure to appear. He is being held on a \$1,000 bond and will be extradited back to Custer County. The original charge was criminal mischief.

June 14 At 11:09 a.m., a 2001 Isuzu was driven by a minor of rural Westcliffe who was traveling eastbound on County Road 182 when she drove over a cattle guard and lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle went off of the left-

hand side of the roadway and turned over on its top. Heavy damage was sustained to the vehicle and she was ticketed for careless driving.

THEFT

June 19 Fred Dodd of Butler Street in Silver Cliff reported that someone burglarized his residence in the 700 block of Butler. A grow light and picture frames were taken.

AMBULANCE CALLS

There were ten ambulance calls as of June 24.

June 23 An ambulance was dispatched to the scene of a motorcycle accident on Highway 96 at about mile marker 17. Walsh was transported to Parkview Hospital.

June 23 At 1705 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a 70-year-old patient with chest pains. Patient transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

June 23 At 1525 hours, Flight for Life was called in for a female patient believed to be having cardiac problems. There wasn't

an ambulance available. She was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

June 22 At 1329 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Chalice Drive for a 67-year-old male with medical problems. He was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

June 21 At 2:25 a.m., an ambulance was dispatched to the sheriff's office for a male patient who was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo for medical evaluation.

June 21 At 1829 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the fairgrounds. A patient was transported to St. Thomas More Hospital.

June 20 At 9:52 a.m., an ambulance was dispatched to the 500 block of Main Street in Westcliffe to attend to a female patient who had fallen. She was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

June 19 An ambulance was dispatched to the scene of a motorcycle accident at the intersection of Highway 69 and Main Street in Westcliffe. A fe-

male rider was transported to Parkview Hospital.

June 18 At 7:27 a.m., an ambulance was dispatched to the 600 block of First Street in Silver Cliff for a 63-year-old male who was treated but not transported.

June 16 At 4:23 a.m., an ambulance was dispatched to the 500 block of Main Street where a female patient was having medical problems. She was transported to St. Thomas More Hospital.

FIRE CALLS

There were three fire calls as of Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

June 23 A fire truck was present at the landing of Flight for Life.

June 23 A fire truck was present at the accident on Highway 69 and Main Street in Westcliffe.

June 22 At 1545 hours, lightning struck a house at Highway 69 and Reed Road. The fire department responded and the fire extinguished by the application of foam.

Eateries

Alpine Lodge
6848 Cty. Rd. 140 • Westcliffe
719/783-2660
Thurs. - Sun. 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Sun. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Reservations recommended

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Mon. - Sat., 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sun., 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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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 Cafe
104 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-2313
Mon., Tues., Fri., & Sat.,
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Grill closes at 2 p.m.

Hunger Buster
824 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9228
Call for hours

Letter Drop Inn
6654 Cty. Rd. 328 • Rosita
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 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)
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719/783-3333
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Open Sundays after Memorial Day

Oak Creek Grade General Store
12 miles north on Cty. Rd. 255
719/783-2245
Fri. and 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.

St. Andrews Golf Course Café
801 Copper Gulch Rd. • Westcliffe
719/783-9410
May 16 - October
Lunch Daily 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Patio Happy Hours
Thurs. - Sat., 3 p.m. - 7 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.

Schlabach's Marketplace & Deli
120 N. 3rd St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9010
Monday - Friday
10 a.m. - 5 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
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Monday-Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. - Midnight

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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
719/783-9300
Tues.: 4 - 9 p.m.
Wed. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
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.



Come and Worship



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

Church of Christ
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
1:30 p.m. Worship
Wed., 6 p.m.
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.
I 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
4 p.m. Worship
Followed by Potluck
12 miles north on Cty. Rd. 255
719/783-2245

Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church
Diocese of Pueblo
11 a.m. Sunday Mass
10 a.m. Tuesday Mass
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday Adoration
109 S. 5th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-3507

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



Sangre de Cristo Mennonite Church
9 a.m. Worship
120 Jerry Drive
Westcliffe
719/783-0903

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

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
10:30 a.m. Worship & Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Fellowship
3rd & Rosita Streets
Westcliffe
719/783-2477

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

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

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

Wetmore Baptist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
Wetmore
719/784-4197

Wetmore Community Church
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
County Rd. 395
Wetmore
719/784-0596

Wild West Cowboy Church
4 p.m. Worship
Followed by Potluck
60260 Hwy. 69 North
Westcliffe
719/783-2676

Local Mountain News & Notices

Nominations are Now Being Accepted for Citizen of the Year

Once again, the Custer County Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for "Citizen of the Year."

The award, which is traditionally given every two years to a Custer County citizen, showcases someone who demonstrates a positive contribution to the community through civic, cultural, and/or religious endeavors. Commitment to community, community service, leadership, integrity and inspiration to others are among the criteria.

Nominations are currently being accepted through Sept. 15, with the award given during the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored

Fall Fest concert scheduled for Oct. 18 at A Painted View Ranch.

Those honoring someone by submitting their name for consideration needs to include the address and phone number of the person being nominated; a written description (preferably typed but legible handwriting is acceptable) of the person being nominated which outlines the nominee's commitment to community, community service, leadership skills, integrity and inspiration to others, as well as a brief biography of the nominee. The name, address and phone number of the nominator must also be included.

A committee chosen by the Chamber of Commerce board of directors will make the final selection among the nominees. Previous recipients of the Chamber of Commerce's "Citizen of the Year" award include Arlie Riggs, Anne Relph, Tom Flower, Herb Weimer, and Fred Jobe.

Nominations can be mailed to the CCCC at P.O. Box 81, Westcliffe, Colo. 81252 or dropped off at the Chamber office/ Visitor Center located inside the All Aboard Westcliffe interpretive center at 110 Rosita Ave. in Westcliffe. Call the Chamber office at 783-9163 for more information.

New Equipment for Ark River EMS

Ark River EMS, headquartered at 25416 US Highway 50 in Texas Creek, is proud to announce that it has been awarded grant funds to purchase an auto-pulse CPR machine. This state-of-the-art ambulance equipment administers high-quality, uninterrupted chest compressions to a person after a sudden heart attack.

Since many western Fremont County patients live a significant distance from the hospital, this machine will take the heavy burden off the EMT who must administer high-quality CPR consistently for extended periods of time. Instead, the new auto-pulse machine

will give consistent chest compression across the entire chest causing improved blood flow throughout the body with every compression leaving the EMT free to focus on other life-saving activities.

Since Ark River EMS has set up its headquarters in Texas Creek, EMTs have been stationed there around the clock, significantly reducing their response times to medical emergencies. Team spirit and camaraderie have kept the schedule filled and the ambulances running. Because of this and other improvements in service, their license has been upgraded to Advanced Life Support helping them

qualify for grant funds for this wonderful life-saving auto-pulse CPR equipment.

Ark River EMS is a non-profit ambulance service. Board members serve their community by working tirelessly on a strictly volunteer basis. EMTs are paid per shift as money is available. Visit their website at ArkRiverEMS.org to learn more about their very popular, low-cost ambulance subscription program and the amazing auto-pulse CPR machine that will be available within the next few months to residents and travelers in western Fremont County.

Independence Day Activities

Independence Day in the Wet Mountain Valley is filled with lots of old-fashioned, family fun activities designed to celebrate our nation's birthday.

The annual flea market and craft fair sponsored by the Custer County Chamber of Commerce takes place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 4-6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at the event center on the west end of Main Street in downtown Westcliffe. In addition to a multitude of merchandise for sale, there will be food and drink available for purchase.

Also on July 4 is the Independence Day parade down Main Street. The parade

which is sponsored by Wild West Cowboy Church gets underway at 10 a.m. The parade theme is Celebrating Traditional American Values of Our Founding Fathers.

As always, the July 4 festivities conclude with the spectacular fireworks show over Lake DeWeese, beginning at dusk which is around 9 p.m. Sponsoring the fireworks show is All Aboard Westcliffe, Custer County School PTSO, The Wet Mountain Fire Protection District, and Custer County Chamber of Commerce.

The celebration continues Saturday, July 5, with the All Aboard Westcliffe fundraising pancake breakfast

from 7 to 10 a.m. at the flea market site on the west end of Main Street.

Additionally, an antique and classic car show is taking place in the 200 block of Main Street in downtown Westcliffe soon after 8 a.m. on July 5. The newly formed Entertainment District is sponsoring the car show. The Entertainment District will also have a band playing in downtown immediately following the car show.

Lastly, the local fire department's annual fundraising dance takes place July 5, from 8 p.m. to midnight in the building on the corner of South Third and Main streets in Westcliffe.

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Court Report Correction

In last week's Court Report, we mistakenly printed that upon reconsideration, the jail time was suspended for Richard F. Posadas. That is not accurate, and he remains on work release.

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Independence Day

by: Edward Whitcraft

The 4th of July is just one week away. I know that most Americans are really looking forward to this special event because for many it will be a 3- or 4-day weekend in which to go camping or just relax around the old homestead. Some will use it as a long weekend to get some of those special projects done or just simply relax and enjoy the grilled hotdogs, brats, or hamburgers. Of course all will enjoy the fireworks that will be plentiful this year. It is a wonderful holiday for America and it absolutely needs to be celebrated but this begs the question, how many know the real reason for celebrating the 4th of July? How many folks really understand the meaning of liberty, freedom, or independence? How many know what the real cost was for our founding fathers who established this very special day in American history?

At one time in our educational system a subject called American History was taught. Students were taught that in 1776 a group of patriots gathered in Philadelphia to draft the Declaration of Independence which dissolved all ties with American people to Great Britain. Thus, the United States of America was born. After the Revolutionary War in 1787 a group of men met, many were the same men who signed the Declaration of Independence, to draft what would become our governing document for running our country, the Constitution of the United States. After ratification by the 13 colonies our government was established. So history uses the 4th of July, 1776, as the United States independence from England and the beginning of America.

This nation of ours was held in high esteem all over our globe as an example of what a free people should look like. We were a “shining city on the hill” that President Reagan talked about and the world was envious of this place called America.

No Village Required

by: Barbara Penezic

What a great neighborly sounding phrase, “It takes a village to raise a child.” Another of those sweet sounding sayings the liberal-leaning leftists are so prolific with. Takes us back to yesterday when children could ride their bikes and play throughout the community. These kiddos knew full well if they broke the rules of proper behavior, some kindly neighbor would ‘swat them on the backside’ and send them home to Mom and Dad for a full dose of discipline. Now thanks to government overreach even parents are fearful of applying the ‘board of education’ no matter how desperately the child needs it. Our children are now free not only to push the envelope off the table, but to then tear it into pieces and throw it in our faces. Thanks to the “it takes a village” approach, this generation of young people does not have that loving feeling of security we enjoyed as kids when we knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that our parents were in control and disrespect and out of control behavior was not an option!

We knew and understood that our nation was founded on Godly principles. Our Constitution and Declaration of Independence reflected those principles. But slowly over the course of 200 plus years this nation has lost some of the grit that liberty and freedom bred. We have also given up on biblical principles that guided and directed us in becoming the envy of all the world. We have stood by and watched the very liberties and freedoms our founding fathers’ and military have fought and died for fade.

Right here in Fremont County we see our freedoms and liberties being eroded each day. We have allowed an International Building Code to be the guide for construction. We have let many aspects of UN Agenda 21 become part of our codes for development and environmental issues. What about Common Core for educating our children? Does the federal government really know more about education than the teachers and parents right here in Fremont County? We have allowed the city, county, and state government to dictate more and more of our lives thus eliminating one freedom after another. Each time a new program is introduced it comes with strings attached and you can be assured it will affect some aspect of your life.

In establishing a new government the Constitution gave the federal government limited power and everything else was to be done at the state and local level. In other words, less government is better government. So, as you celebrate the 4th of July this year, I urge you to reflect what our forefathers envisioned for a free and liberated people. It is time to take our country back and find God-fearing individuals to run for office that believe in Biblical principles and the Constitution.

I ask that you Be Informed and Get Involved.

“It takes a village” translates to “Let the government raise your children.” Before you begin to question the validity of that statement, I would ask you to take a long hard look at how our school system has changed over the past ten/twenty years. Many schools no longer teach typing, or cursive writing. Literature, English, Math, and American History are no longer taught to the standards we were expected to meet. Few high school students will have been afforded the opportunity to take advanced geometry or algebra and few of them have even heard the term calculus. While all of these necessary skills are being trimmed back, the public education system has been back filling with subjects like Alternate Life Styles, Gender Diversity, and way more sexual content than the parents are aware of.

While they are systematically working to remove all traces of ‘GOD’ from our schools and would like to substitute the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United

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England's Royal Navy Loses

American Revolution

By: Steve Barton

From the 1750’s through the 1850’s, the Royal Navy reigned supreme, scarcely challenged by anyone in fleet strength – save for losing the American Revolution at the battles of Grenada July 6, 1779, and The Chesapeake September 5, 1781. The Battle of Grenada allowed the French fleet to meet many Caribbean objectives, including capture of the Spice Islands, and allowed French naval forays north to the U.S. coast; during one such foray north, the Battle of the Chesapeake doomed Cornwallis at Yorktown on October 19, 1781.

During the Revolution, the Colonies who adopted the name, “The United States of America” under the Articles of Confederation, operated a few blockade runners, and some scattered privateers and commerce raiders, but its few small vessels (with no “ships of the line”) could not challenge even a small British squadron. For most of the war, the Royal Navy

dominated the sea and colonial coast, blockading many harbors, and able to carry troops (including German troops) and supplies anywhere they pleased along the coast. As an example, they evacuated Boston, and, in amphibious operations, captured Charleston, South Carolina; Savannah, Georgia; and New York City. Since land transport was slow and difficult, control of the colonial coast gave British forces a huge advantage for most of the war.

U.S. emissary Benjamin Franklin succeeded in enticing France into the war after Burgoyne surrendered at Saratoga. France, and later Spain and Mysore, allied with Americans gave the war global scope with combat as far away as India (Mysore). France sent much of her navy to seize the Spice Islands of the Caribbean – islands then considered to be worth more than those rebellious colonies. These forces, under D’Estaing,

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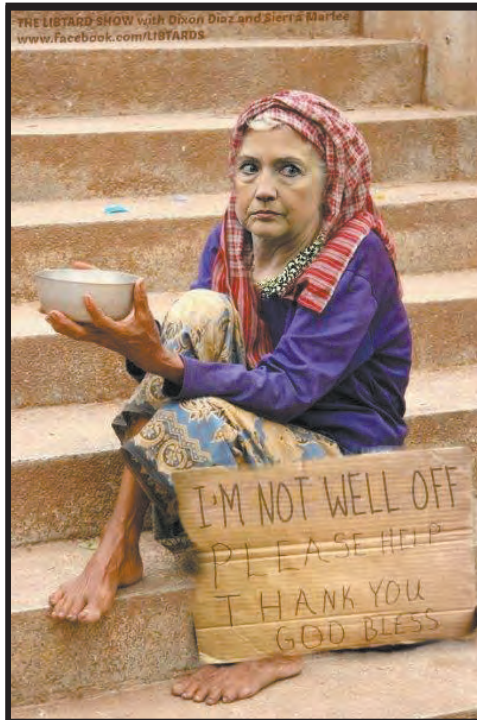
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NOTE: When writing about God and Jesus, The Daily Jot means YHVH as God and Yeshua Ha Mashiach as Jesus--the actual original names and the true nature and character of them.

The Prophetic Trouble of America

America is in deep trouble. Informed Americans know it. The current regime is in its sixth year of systematically destroying the nation. Governors try to fix some of the problems at the state level, but federal courts overturn them. The people try to fix some of the problems at the state level through referenda and the courts overturn them. There are laws on the books and the occupant of the Oval Office refuses to enforce them. Congress, the Senate controlled by the "president's" party, and the House by ineffectual back-boneless Republicans, either use empty words and convoluted logic to support the "president" or use empty words to appease Americans while pointing out problems without solutions. We are in trouble.

There is a huge list of axe swipes at the tree of liberty perpetrated by the courts, the White House and the Congress. Domestic issues such as marriage, spying on citizens, harassing citizens, border security, unemployment, deficit spending, and out right tyranny are in the news almost everyday. International issues such as support of the Muslim Brotherhood, al Qaeda, the Taliban, funneling taxpayer dollars to those who kill our soldiers, sending badly needed jobs overseas, allowing nuclear weapons that can destroy our nation to be developed and held by madmen also adorn the news like the earrings worn by the Ishmaelites and the crescents on their camels in the time of Gideon. We are in trouble.

Americans appear like as Jesus

said in Matthew 24:38-39, "For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away..." Our people, our nation, our leaders seem so self-indulged with life, the games of life, the symptoms rather than the cause, that we are unable to begin to understand what is befalling us. Perhaps we have to suspend our disbelief or step outside the powers of persuasion surrounding us to see the truth that is fallen in the streets. People, we have entered a captivity that seems like freedom, but it is so far from God it cannot be free. We are in trouble.

In the wisdom of Christ in Matthew 15:14, we have leaders as the Pharisees of old who are "blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Our courts, our congress, our presidency is blind to the principles of God; to the natural consequences of abandoning God's word; to the flood of judgment that may be gathering like a storm cloud over the nation. We have depended too much on hirelings who do not care about you and me and they are deceiving and being deceived. We are in trouble and it will take the full measure of prayer, repentance, and bold action to lift this nation up from the pit of destruction and set it back on the rock of salvation.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
www.dailyjot.com

Why Is Lying Not Impeachable?

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.org

Impeachment is a political process.

Washington, D.C., takes our tax money and spends it according to how we direct; that's why they're called representatives.

So, when you have an administration that is proved to have intentionally lied, why is that not sufficient cause to remove all of the responsible parties -- including the president?

A targeting memo sent to the State Department by the De-

fense Department's Africa Command two days after the Benghazi attack listed 11 suspects with ties to Al Qaeda and other groups, counter-terrorism and congressional sources confirmed to Fox News.

This is significant because it arrived two days before then-UN Ambassador Susan Rice appeared on television shows blaming the assault on an inflammatory video. It also came nearly a day before presidential aide Ben Rhodes sent an email

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Sitting on the Sidelines is Not Going to Cut It Anymore, America – It Never Has

by Dave Daubenmire,
FreedomOutPost.com

**"God so loved the world
that HE DID
SOMETHING!!"**

That is what it said on the bumper sticker I used to have on my car. The car is gone and so is the bumper sticker. But I think it makes a very valid point.

Our faith should call Christians to get off of their behinds. I am sick and tired of spectator-Christianity. The Holy Spirit of God should inspire us to action. Everywhere we look, the enemies of the cross are advancing their agenda. Christians, on the other hand, leave everything up to God.

Pews were never meant to be padded. A session at "church" should make you uncomfortable. Our football players hated practice. Church should be like practice. That's where the fat gets worked off and the skills get honed. The job of the "pastor" is to "equip the saints for the work of the ministry."

"What...works? Are you kidding me? I thought Jesus delivered us from works," the average pew-sitter says. "That's why we pay the pastor...he is the 'professional Christian' and has been trained to share the Gospel. I have to earn a living and don't have time to do it."

Yeah pal, and that is why you have bed sores...er...pew sores on your butt. Faith is the breath of action.

The Apostle Paul exhorted us to "show" our faith. Today's pastors have taught us to "share" it. Christianity is a "go ye" faith. We have turned it into a "come ye" faith. No wonder so little work is getting done. While the enemy works, Christians only pray.

The Bible is full of action verbs. Go, stand, speak, exhort, oppose, occupy, contend...why do so few Christians obey those exhortations?

The idea that "God is in control of everything" has paralyzed Christians. My friend, Tom, told me one time that God is in control of everything but He does not control everything. Instead, He empowers His people for the work of the ministry."

Empowering us is His way of controlling things. We are His ambassadors, His emissaries, His soldiers. It is His people that He sends to speak for Him.

Why is this so hard to understand?

What are works and what do they have to do with me? Well, works are the evidence of your faith. That's why Paul told us to "show" it.

Jesus showed it. He spent a lonely night in the garden praying before He went to His death. None of us know the struggle He had as He "wrestled" with the will of His Father, but we do know that He prayed so hard that blood came out of His pores. At the end of his "prayer meeting," He got up and walked the rocky road to Golgotha.

Jesus so loved the world that He did something. He obeyed and He went. It was no walk in the park. He was beaten and broken. He put legs to His prayers.

Did He do what He did so we can sit on our hind end and watch His children surrender to evil?

I just returned from a powerful event hosted by Steve Quayle in Bozeman, Montana. There were nearly 500 people in attendance from all over the country. There are millions who understand that something is seriously wrong in America and they are frustrated that, for the most part, America's pastors will not speak up. A show of hands revealed that nearly 90% of the attendees are no longer actively involved in a "local church." They are believers who believe in standing up and they can't find a church that will.

I was having breakfast with a local business man the other day who is trying hard to understand what I do. He loves my "confrontational" approach to sin, but struggles with the conflict my actions seem to cause. He believes that "showing love" is a more effective way of reaching the lost.

"Let me ask you a question," I said to him. "You are a successful businessman who certainly faces a great deal of competition in the market place. Are you successful because you 'love' your competition or is it because you work harder and smarter? According to your logic, wouldn't you be more effective if you gave all of your business and business secrets to your competition? If you merely want to show the love of Jesus to them, why would you ever fight them for business? How long would you be in business if you never stood up and fought your competition?"

"I assume you pray for your business. If 'God is in control'

and all that it takes is prayer, why do you bother with all of the work? Just get in your prayer closet and let God make the business grow."

"That's crazy," He responded. "While I am praying, my competition is working."

I didn't have to say any more. He got my point.

Look friends, we are expecting God to intervene in every part of our life, but that is not the way He works. God's intervention is called a miracle. God's empowerment is called works. He asked Moses, "What's in your hand?" Prayer is the Air Force that softens up the ground for the ground troops. Neither branch is effective without the other. At some point we must put boots on the ground.

John Adams said, "Duty belongs to me, but the results belong to God."

Works are a good thing. Works are the fruit of belief. What if John Adams and the boys only held meetings and never wrote the Declaration of Independence? What if missionaries only prayed about going overseas, but never went? What if football players only prayed about winning, but never took the field? What if Donald Trump had only prayed he had money, but never executed any transactions? What if our churches only prayed to end abortion and never went to an abortion clinic? What if parents only prayed their children would follow the Lord, but you never did anything to train them? What if we read that "with God all things are possible," yet no one ever tested to see if it was true? What if Jesus prayed about going to the cross, but never went?

Jesus said it this way. "All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore unto all nations baptizing them in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all the things that I have commanded you and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the age. Amen."

The only reason we are losing this country is because "works" has become a five-letter word in the Christian vernacular. Without a corresponding action, prayer is wasted ammunition.

It is time to pray with our legs.

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Data Shows Millions of Americans Falling Out of the Workforce

by Neil Munro,
DailyCaller.com

The number of native-born, working-age Americans who aren't working has shot up by almost 9 million since 2007, and by almost 15 million since 2000, according to a new report by the Center for Immigration Studies, an anti-immigration group.

By late 2012, roughly 50 million native-born, working-age Americans weren't working, up from 40 million in 2000, according to the March 13 report, titled "Still No Evidence of a Labor Shortage."

The army of idle Americans is important for the immigration debate because advocates for greater immigration say foreign workers are needed to fill slots that can't be taken by Americans.

The 50 million idle Americans include many who are studying, have chosen

not to work, or have retired early.

But the government data shows that 16.7 million native-born Americans wanted — but did not have — full-time work in 2013, up from 10.5 million in late 2007, and 7.8 million in 2000.

These unemployment and underemployment numbers include all native-born Americans who sought work in the last few weeks, are working part-time while seeking full-time jobs, and those who are "marginally attached" to the workforce .

The rise in the number of unemployed Americans was accompanied by increased employment of immigrants.

The data shows that 23.8 million immigrants had jobs in 2013, up slightly from 23 million in 2007, and up sharply from 18.8 million in 2000.

The shift in employment patterns underlies the numerous polls that show rising opposition to any amnesty for illegal immigrants, and that show lopsided opposition to further inflow of immigrants and guest-workers.

A March 13 report by Gallup showed that only 4 percent of Americans regard immigration as the top problem facing the United States. The poll did not say if the four percent want more or less immigration. Unemployment and the economy was deemed most important by 36 percent of the 1,048 adult respondents.

The opposition to increased immigration may have played a role in the March 11 win by Republican Rep. David Jolly, who slammed his opponent after she supported greater use of migrant workers.

"We have a lot of employers over on the beaches

that rely upon workers and especially in this high-growth environment, where are you going to get people to work to clean our hotel rooms or do our landscaping?" Sink told her audience Feb. 25.

Subsequently, Jolly ran a TV ad in the district, saying "on illegal immigration, I favor stronger borders. Not amnesty." He won the district, even though he was outspent and 50.7 percent of the district's voters pulled the lever for President Barack Obama in 2012.

The opposition to amnesty gives the GOP an opportunity to leapfrog over the Democrats, according to Sen. Jeff Sessions.

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Dad Refuses to Take His Son for Psych Evaluation After Harmless School Incident Then He Received a Letter That Left Him in Disbelief

by Jason Howerton,
TheBlaze.com

A New Jersey father defended his son, Ethan, after a simple pencil-swirling incident nearly resulted in the boy's suspension earlier this year because a classmate claimed he was spinning it like a "gun." Following intense media scrutiny, school officials reportedly backed off and it looked like the situation would just blow over.

Then Michael Chaplin says he received a stunning letter from New Jersey's Department of Child Protection and Permanency and Department of Children and Families. Despite the

fact that the superintendent of the Vernon Township School District decided not to take any disciplinary action, the state reportedly claimed to have found "an incident of abuse or neglect."

"I received a letter from them saying they had found an incident of abuse or neglect regarding Ethan because I refused to take him for psychological evaluation," Chaplin told WPIX-TV.

Though he disagreed, Chaplin agreed to take his son for the evaluation. In addition to having his blood and urine being taken for testing, Ethan also

spoke to a social worker.

Officials apparently found no behavioral problems with Ethan.

However, the father now claims that the state is demanding further evaluation and even threatening to terminate his parental rights and put Ethan up for adoption if he refuses to comply.

Chaplin admitted that he is "scared" because state agencies "have a habit of running away with things unchecked and that's exactly what's going on."

"All I can do is keep fighting, keep telling the truth and (keep) presenting the

evidence. That is all I can do and hopefully the state does the right thing," he added.

DCPP and NJ Department of Children and Families are refusing to comment on the case.

Chaplin says he contacted the office of New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie which promised to contact the agencies to investigate.

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also suggesting the video — and not a policy failure — was to blame for the September 11, 2012, attack that claimed four American lives.

In other words the DOD and State Department -- that is, the Administration -- knew full well that Benghazi was an Al Qaeda attack before anyone went on Tee Vee and blamed it on "an evil video" produced by

someone in the U.S.

That wasn't an error in analysis; it was a lie.

In her new book, "Hard Choices," then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton claimed the administration made new information available as soon as it was received.

"Every step of the way, whenever something new was learned, it was quickly shared with Congress and the American people," she wrote. "There is a difference between get-

ting something wrong, and committing wrong."

That's a lie, too.

Hillary ought to be barred on a permanent basis from ever serving in public office -- anywhere and everywhere.

She, like her husband, simply are incapable of telling the truth.

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The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand

2014



When Seconds Count, Police Are Minutes Away... Or Your 911 Call Goes to Voicemail

by Lily Dane,
FreedomOutPost.com

Last week, four armed men broke into a home in Florida and demanded money and prescription drugs.

The homeowner did what people are usually told to do in the event of a home invasion – he called 911. But when the dispatcher tried to move the call from the fire department to law enforcement, the call was transferred to a voicemail message that said “hang up and dial 911.”

The Huffington Post reported on the story:

The four thugs reportedly injured the caller and two women who were in the home, and were said to have even threatened an INFANT with a gun.

By the time the 911 call went through, the caller had already taken matters into his own hands – he grabbed his own gun and shot one

of the intruders in the back.

The county released a timeline which showed deputies were dispatched more than three-and-a-half minutes after the original call. Yet, they claim the transfer issues didn't slow down their response.

If that is true, and the problems with the call transfer really didn't slow down the response, what does that tell us?

As this case shows, a lot can happen in 4 minutes.

Here are some scary statistics from the Women's Self-Defense Institute:

According to American Police Beat, the average response time for an emergency call is 10 minutes. Atlanta has the worst response time with 11 to 12 minutes and Nashville comes in at a lightning speed of 9 minutes.

The Department of Justice, with their statistical prowess, reports that the best response time is 4 minutes and the worst over 1 hour. Inter-

pretation? If you live in an upper income area you probably are privy to the 4 minute response time, while middle to rural areas will see a much longer response time.

So, we have a “best response time” of 4 minutes.

The average interaction time between criminal and victim is 90 seconds:

That translates to you being robbed/injured/maimed/raped/murdered and waiting for an additional 2-and-a-half minutes for the police to arrive. The truth of the matter is that the police will almost always arrive AFTER the crime has happened and the criminal has gone.

The reality is that you are on your own for at least 4 minutes or more. Anyone who has been in any type of altercation knows that it only takes seconds to inflict serious injury.

On April 14 of this year, Kristine Kirk called Denver police after her husband, Richard, began behaving

strangely. He was allegedly hallucinating, talking about the end of the world, and threatening to shoot his wife – which he did, while she was on the phone with 911 dispatchers.

An investigation into the response time revealed that in the death of Kristine Kirk, the first officer arrived in approximately 13 minutes.

Distance between the police station and the Kirks' home wasn't the issue:

A police station is only a short distance away from the Kirks' home on St. Paul Street near the DU campus; the station notes that officers were less than a mile away at the time of the fatal shooting. If they'd been dispatched immediately, some observers believe a tragedy might have been averted. (blogs.westword.com/latestword/2014/04/kristine_kirk_murder_911_dispatcher_complaints.php)

In many cities across America, financial issues have led to reductions

in police forces. In Detroit, a city that has experienced serious cutbacks in law enforcement staffing in recent years, self-defense shootings have increased to 2200% above the national average. More than 300 legally armed citizens defended themselves there last year.

Detroit's police chief James Craig said the following about armed citizens:

“There's a number of CPL (concealed pistol license) holders running around the city of Detroit. I think it acts as a deterrent. Good Americans with CPLs translates into crime reduction.”

Yet, the anti-gun folks would like all of us to be disarmed, and rely on law enforcement to protect us.

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Robber Makes Monumental Mistake of Threatening a Military Vet With a .380 Hidden Behind His Back The Vet's Reaction Is Perfect

by Jason Howerton,
TheBlaze.com

As a knife-wielding would-be robber made his way to the check-out counter at a Rutland, Vermont, convenience store, he had no idea the clerk he was about to target happened to be a Vietnam veteran with a .380-caliber handgun hidden behind his back.

Don Pitaniello, 58, said he was about to close the store just before 9:30 p.m. on Sunday when a man wearing a hoodie and a bandana

over his face entered holding a 5-inch blade and a bag, likely for cash. The clerk says he knew exactly what was going on as soon as the man entered.

“Empty the register,” the suspect reportedly demanded.

Pitaniello says he cocked his head and replied, “Really?”

In an attempt to intimidate the clerk, the thug reportedly responded by waving his knife in Pitaniello's face.

That's when Pitaniello raised his .380 and pointed

it directly at the robber's head. He then ordered him to “get the (expletive) out of here.”

And he did. In fact, the suspect reportedly took off running without saying a word.

The Vietnam veteran later told the Rutland Herald that he has been suspended from his job after violating several store policies, including a no-gun policy. Even though he could lose his job, Pitaniello says he has no regrets about how he handled the situation.

“That store has been robbed eight or nine times and I always work nights,” he told the Herald. “I'm a firm believer in having a gun and not needing it rather than the other way around. I can always find a new job.”

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Man With Knife Approaches Father And Daughter — Father Pulls Gun

by Chuck Ross,
DailyCaller.com

An Idaho man says he is glad he recently obtained a concealed weapons permit after he said he was forced to pull his gun when a man wielding a knife approached him and his two-year-old daughter on Wednesday.

“Me and my daughter were parked here and I was standing by the vehicle on the rail,” Anthony Broyles told KREM.

The father and daughter were spending the day together at Lake Coeur d'Alene.

“There was a van that was parked in that direction with two gentlemen sitting in it,” he said.

“I turned around and there was a guy that was sneaking up on me ... probably about 15 feet behind me and he asked me if I had any money,” said Broyles who also told KREM that he thought the man wanted to kidnap his daughter.

“I pushed my daughter back, pulled out my weapon, cocked it, and aimed it at him,” said Broyles whose .380 LCP Ruger forced the man to flee.

“I believe in carrying weapons,” said Broyles, a former Marine who obtained his Idaho concealed weapons permit earlier this year.

“If I didn't have my pistol today I'm pretty sure I would have been dead,” Broyles said.

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New HK VP9 Pistol

by George
Gramlich

HKs ain't cheap, but they are one of the most reliable and rugged pistols made today. This new one is ergonomically identical to their current P30 offering which is hammer fired. Initial reviews are very good with the trigger getting excellent grades. It uses the same magazines as the P30; comes in 9mm. They are coming in at a price point that is low for HK, around \$700 list price. Most HKs are over \$1,000 with a fifteen round magazine so it is good to go for Colorado (thanks so much, Hickenlooper).

From HK's press release:

“Under development for more than four years, the HK VP9 has been subject to just about every test imaginable — NATO AC/225 and U.S. NIJ drop tests, water, dust, mud, and sand tests that duplicate the most extreme environments and harshest operational conditions in the world.

VP pistol function and abuse tests included firing more than 10,000 rounds of a wide variety of international ammunition types through sample pistols. During these tests — accuracy, wear, and tolerance readings are taken to



VP9 Pistol
9 mm x 19



establish the capabilities, performance, and realistic service life of the new VP9 pistol in all environments. Unlike some manufacturers, HK test fires all VP9 pistols for accuracy, function, and proofing (for international and German industrial certification) before they leave the factory. This passion for testing is just one more part of what separates HK from the pack.”

“In development for more than four years, the VP9 is Heckler & Koch's latest handgun and the first striker fired HK since the renowned P7 series pistols were introduced in the 1980s. Experience gained by HK engineers with the recent P30 pistol had a direct influence on the design of the VP9, but the VP9 breaks new ground with its integration of a unique striker firing system with an enhanced HK “light pull” trigger. The net result is trigger quality unequaled in any production striker fired handgun.”

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CREDIBILITY CANYON: Hickenlooper Loses All Credibility With Double Talk

by ColoradoPeakPolitics,
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(Editor/GG: This man is a disgrace. “Oh, shucks” ain’t cutt’n it anymore...)

In the end, the videos brought to us by Revealing Politics will not be remembered for Gov. John Hickenlooper dropping a WTF on the sheriffs, but rather the destruction the videos did to Hickenlooper’s credibility. It’s the moment when Hickenlooper’s greatest strength became his biggest weakness. In his need for everyone to love him, Hickenlooper reveals he will tell any lie to achieve it.

Let’s breakdown some of the biggest ones:

I didn’t find out the sheriffs were trying to talk to me until a week afterwards...10 days afterwards.

Um, Governor, you might consider reading your own political rag. From ColoradoPols:

Bottom line: it’s just laughable—absolutely laughable—to suggest that opponents of the 2013 gun safety bills were not heard. The sheriffs testified at the hearings. Opponents flooded to the capitol by the hundreds. They held rallies outside. They circled the capitol blaring their car horns for hours on end. They flew a banner over the capitol saying “Gov. Hickenlooper, don’t take our guns.” The sheriffs were in front of news cameras on a

more or less daily basis.

Do you want to revise that statement?

I didn’t think...this is how bright I am, I didn’t think it was gonna be that controversial.

Is Hickenlooper that out of touch with Colorado? We know how much he can’t stand us talking about his war on rural Colorado, but we never considered it might be a completely accidental war on his part. It makes sense though. A man who has been synonymous with LoDo for over 20 years has probably never given another thought to how people might live outside his Denver bubble. He probably thought if something works for Denver, it works for the rest of Colorado. For him, being Governor was the same as being the Mayor of Denver, just with an occasional visit to Aspen or Vail tossed in.

*So we were forming legislation without basic facts which I think is a bad idea in every case...and took almost a month to get all the facts. By that time I p***** you guys off...you know...they already passed legislation...that I said I was gonna sign...*

Failed leadership 101: never own up to your mistakes. Given the chance to say the buck stops here, Hickenlooper instead tosses a unknown, nameless staffer under the bus. We’re sure when he gets back from

Mexico, the Colorado press will most definitely want to know the identity of said staffer. This also brings up the interesting question of what other legislation has been formed without basic facts. Does the Left always try to decimate an entire industry without facts?

You know we made the decision without having that discussion and without having that information.

What’s interesting is that Hick’s spokesperson, Eric Brown, told The Denver Post that the Montezuma County sheriff misquoted Hick when he wrote that the Governor admitted his office did not fully research gun legislation before committing to it. Maybe we’re slow. Can someone else help us interpret this statement?

Brown also said the governor, while admitting he was surprised by the controversy, did not say as the sheriff maintains that “had he known, he would not have endorsed the new gun laws without more research.”

Man, it stinks when there is video proving you’re full of it. But Brown didn’t want to stop there. He had this to say to KRDO:

“For starters, the governor (and staff) researched plenty about guns before the legislation was signed.”

Brown also commented on KRDO NewsChannel 13’s coverage of the story.

“It’s too bad that your standards for verifying and reporting facts (not just regurgitating what a partisan sheriff posts on Facebook) are so low,” said Brown by email.

While Brown said there was ‘plenty’ of research done before the legislation was signed, Hickenlooper said in the YouTube video that he did not see the “basic facts” until the bills were signed into law.

“We were forming legislation without the basic facts, which I think is a bad idea in every case. It took almost a month to get the facts. By that time, I had already pissed you guys (sheriffs) off. I’d, you know, they had passed legislation,” said Hickenlooper.

Eric, you should really stop digging now.

Let’s stick to the facts. I never talked to Mayor Bloomberg.

Blatant lie!

I apologize. I don’t think we did a good job on any of that stuff.

Is this a blatant lie as well? The problem for Hickenlooper now is we can’t quite be sure one way or the other.

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Obamacare Exchange Now Asks for Fee on all Insurance Policies

by Greg Campbell,
FreedomOutPost.com

The fee would pay for half of the annual operating costs of Connect for Health Colorado, the state Obamacare exchange, according to Health News Colorado.

The exchange’s latest financial plan comes soon after its oversight board rejected a proposal to hike fees on those who use the website from 1.4 percent to 1.7 percent. Connect for Health Colorado staff has said the increase was needed to keep it solvent.

Board members said staff should look at cutting expenses before raising fees, and many had the same reaction to the proposed \$13 million fee which is being called a “general market health insurer assessment.”

Others call it an illegal tax.

“Not only is this not fair,” Republican Sen. Owen Hill is quoted as saying by Health News Colorado, “It really is against the law. We have a law here in Colorado that says you can’t increase taxes without a vote of the people.”

Hill sits on the exchange’s legislative oversight committee which will hold a hearing about the exchange’s financials on Thursday.

Questions about how exchange spends its money were raised from nearly the moment it opened for business last year. CEO Patty Fontneau — who is paid more than \$190,000 per year — raised eyebrows by asking for a raise and a bonus even as the exchange failed to meet even worse case projections for enrollment. Board members were also concerned to learn that

the exchange hired outside lawyers — some for up to \$575 per hour – rather than use lawyers with the state Attorney General’s office.

Democrats killed a bill authorizing an expanded audit of the exchange earlier this session.

“They’ve carved out this special protection for themselves by limiting themselves from an audit and limiting themselves from the oversight of elected representatives,” Hill told Health News Colorado. “Obviously, I’ll keep fighting to get more transparency.”

By law, the exchange must be self-sufficient by January and legislation passed last year allows for a per-customer fee to be imposed on insurance carriers, which would then be passed on to the consumer. To collect the additional

\$13 million would mean all 875,000 insured Coloradans would see an increase of \$1.25 per month on their health insurance bill.

The exchange board will vote on the fee in May, Health News Colorado reported, but not many members seem eager to approve it.

“I’m personally against any increased assessment against anybody,” said board member Dr. Mike Fallon. “It’s another tax. It’s another way of redistributing costs across the entire Colorado marketplace.”

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I'm Sick of Being Labeled an Islamophobe for Stating the Truth

by Allen West,
AllenBWest.com

A week ago Barack Hussein Obama stated that the “world is less violent” during a Tumblr interview session – as his acolytes lapped it up. Is he really that clueless?

Islamic terrorist group al-Shabab proves it so. According to Yahoo News, dozens of extremists (i.e. Islamic terrorists) attacked a Kenyan coastal town for hours, killing those who couldn't answer questions about Islam and those who didn't know the Somali language, officials and witnesses said Monday.

At least 48 people were killed and two hotels were set on fire. The assault in Mpeketoni began Sunday night as residents watched World Cup matches on TV and lasted until early Monday with little resistance put up by Kenya's security forces. Cars and buildings still smoldered at daybreak.

Just as a reminder, this violence is brought to you by

the same jihadists who attacked Nairobi's Westgate Mall last year — 67 people were killed last September when four al-Shabab gunmen attacked the upscale mall in the Kenyan capital.

And just like those barbaric savages then, the Mpeketoni attackers gave life-or-death religious tests, a witness said, killing those who were not Muslim.

“They came to our house at around 8 p.m. and asked us in Swahili whether we were Muslims. My husband told them we were Christians and they shot him in the head and chest,” said Anne Gathigi. Another resident, John Waweru, said his two brothers were killed because the attackers did not like that the brothers did not speak Somali.

At the Breeze View Hotel, the gunmen pulled the men aside and ordered the women to watch as they killed them, saying it was what Kenyan troops are doing to Somali men inside Somalia, a police commander said.

The Interior Ministry said that at about 8 p.m., Sunday, two minivans entered the town. Militants disembarked and began shooting. Kenya's National Disaster Operations Center said military surveillance planes were launched shortly afterward.

It's come to a certain point where I don't blame these animals anymore. I blame us. They sense weakness and only respect strength, power, and might.

You know what I'm sick of? I am sick of the apologists, weaklings, and co-exist bumper sticker crowd who sit back and allow this to happen.

I am sick of people telling us to not offend Muslims and that these are just the actions of those who are perverting Islam. I'm sick of Barack Hussein Obama supporting Islamists. I'm sick of us allowing this theocratic-political totalitarian ideology to infiltrate Western Civilization and turn our laws against us as they masquerade as a reli-

gion. I'm sick of tolerance becoming a one-way street leading to our cultural suicide.

I'm sick of being labeled as an “Islamophobe” for speaking the truth. I am sick of hearing we are not at war with Islam, yet their actions tell me that it has been and continues to be at war with us — Dar al Islam and Dar al Harb.

I am sick of an American pastor, Saeed Abedini being held in Iran for being a Christian. I am sick of a Sudanese Christian woman, Meriam Ibrahim, who is married to a naturalized American citizen and mother of two American children being held in a Sudanese prison because of her faith — sentenced to 100 lashes and death. I'm sick of hashtag diplomacy and empty rhetoric as a response to Islamic terrorists kidnapping Christian Nigerian girls and burning boys to death.

I'm sick of reading about Christians, Assyrians, Chaldeans, Copts, being

slaughtered by the so called “religion of peace” — what utter bovine excrement.

I'm sick of the Muslim Brotherhood and its affiliated groups operating freely in America and U.S. political officials allowing if not encouraging it. I'm sick of CAIR being able to wield political influence in our country and censor women like Ayaan Hirsi Ali or Brigitte Gabriel who have suffered under the intolerant hands of Islamism — and hearing nothing from liberal progressives who tout a “War on Women.”

I'm sick of people worrying about jihadists taken off the battlefield and held at a freakin' five-star facility like GITMO with top notch medical treatment and cable TV while Americans captured by the enemy are brutally tortured, and ritually beheaded. I'm sick of cowards who release the enemy's leadership and try to convince the American people they are not a threat.

I'm sick of these b***** believing they can taunt

and threaten our nation while we sit back and fools like John Kerry talk about climate change being a global threat — and want to ask Iran for assistance in Iraq. Iran is the number one state sponsor of terrorism and has the blood of American troops on its hands.

Yep, I've had it and will be relentless in defeating Islamic totalitarianism. Sir Winston Churchill tried to warn England of the threat of Naziism — of course the country initially sided with Chamberlain. And so history is repeating itself. Warning to liberal progressive socialists: stand clear lest you find yourself declared an ally with these barbarians. I am looking for brave Americans to join this battle. This is not about killing them all, just killing the ones who need killing — since that is all they understand.

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VILLAGE

From page 16

God, your child's reading material may be laced with pornographic passages. Content so vile that I have personally seen our own Cañon City School Superintendent and Colorado Senator Kevin Grantham turn the materials face down on the table, indicating they did not wish to read such vulgar works. Still this material remains on the suggested reading list for our children. It seems that (the village) government led Common Core curriculum is on a mission to change education to indoctrination. Our children our being taught that the Gay/Lesbian lifestyle is normal. They are working to change the core values we as Christian parents have taught our children.

A book entitled, The Naked Communist, published in 1948 speaks of goals that would need to be accomplished to infiltrate and destroy our great nation. Goal #28 was to eliminate prayer in school, goal #17 and #25, involve gaining control of the schools and

using them as transmission belts for socialism. Soften the curriculum and gain control of Teachers Associations. Sounds a lot like Common Core! What has all this to do with Fremont County, you ask? Look no further than our Fremont County Schools where Common Core has already been implemented; without parental consent or knowledge. Goal #25 and #26: Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting porn in books, magazines, movies, and television. Promote homosexuality, degeneracy, and promiscuity as “Normal, Natural, and Healthy.” Again, this is already being taught in our schools. Legislation is being enacted to make it a ‘Hate Crime’ should this agenda clash with our Conservative\Christian views.

We have indeed, as the author indicated, gone from a Norman Rockwell Society to a Hugh Heffner Society.

Cultural changes are being used to promote a socialist agenda. America has a powerful enemy that would detach us from our moral anchors and destroy the American family. They are

patient and persevering in their effort to ‘Grind America Down.’ They promote co-habitation not marriage, making government dependents of our young people not teaching the life skills needed to become tomorrow's leaders. Exceptionalism is seen as a bad quality. Conformity, is the shiny red apple to be valued. Every day these enemies of freedom are working diligently to move our great nation in a direction that will eventually destroy the American Dream.

It is time to say NO VILLAGE REQUIRED; we will parent our own offspring without input from an over-reaching government. Right here in Fremont County where our citizens have recently stood against intrusive government, reminding our elected officials that, ‘We the people’ are in charge. Let those who would manipulate us know that we stand in the light of the Word. We have no need of a village; we have a Father in Heaven who will protect his children.

**Be Informed,
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Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

1Peter 5:8, NKJV

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Any questions email the Southern Colorado Patriots at SCPatriotsClub@aol.com or see the SCP website at scpatriotsclub.com.



The WoodPileReport.com
by Ol' Remus

Boundaries

(Editor/GG: Ol' Remus is on the money here, folks. The clock is ticking.)

It's said that the composers of the Constitution intended to constrain the central government by charging it with protecting the rights of the citizen. This was clearly a lapse in judgement, a pratfall actually, the kind requiring many tankards of the previous autumn's cider. Since those wonderful days of yesteryear, generations of our best and brightest have not merely alienated our inalienable rights, they've criminalized most of them. The work has been exacting and exhausting but it's yielded a dark parallel to the Constitution worthy of the veneration it receives in learned circles.

But alas, we're told an emergency is at hand. The populace is showing signs of self-awareness. They're alarmed. The tattered and discredited remnants of free speech are suspected. Team USGov says decisive action is required to turn this thing around lest it be a serious inconvenience later on. Dismantling the remains of the First Amendment has been more trying than anticipated. They ask our understanding. Freedom of expression was supposed to hold the line; what more could we want than nude dancing and flag burning? To hear them tell it, actual free speech is a violation of an arrangement they thought was in place, namely, we'd keep our mouths shut and they'd do as they please. Worse, the soporifics are proving ineffective and may not hold until the job is done. It ain't fair. They've worked so hard.

The citizenry could "reign in inflammatory rhetoric" until our civil discourse is as antiseptic as they'd like. Upon arising in the morning, we'd review the boundaries for the day lest we unknowingly push some otherwise blissful yeoman over the edge. We'd also find itemized consequences for our words and check for updates. Occasionally we'd risk a medium-value word as a reckless thrill.

Raised eyebrows and furtive glances would affirm our status as wicked bon vivants. But in the main we'd spend our days "reaching out" and pondering "the broader implications" and "raising awareness" and so forth.

Our betters would appoint experts to draw the boundaries. CAIR would decide exactly where to place yet another apostrophe in Qur'an, it's become a free-for-all rather than a reliable measure of tolerance for the intolerable. The National Association of Black Journalists would attend to a replacement for African-American, partly to overcome the difficulties the phrase presents when traveling abroad, partly because of the scandalous need for more syllables. We'd reel it off like the list of Big Mac ingredients. The Associated Press would be charged with finding a replacement for homicide having no possibility of offence to same-sex activists. Perhaps in the far future we would communicate by hymns of praise, we'd be issued a little box and pull out the sheet music like facial tissue. Never mind it'd be the sort of drivel a maudlin drunk would croak out between pukes.

Or the citizenry could set aside the foppish mewlings of self-selected referees and give no weight to how inflammatory they think our rhetoric is. Thomas Paine isn't revered for his ash cake recipe. And it was the Royalists who denounced him as inflammatory, no coincidence. Our conversations are intended for each other, not to please uninvited dandies who imagine they have a cosmic writ to license what we say and how we say it. We needn't answer to them, nor explain ourselves to them, nor excuse ourselves, nor apologize to them. Nor are we obliged to observe the ever-contracting boundaries they set for us. They conflate dissent with hate and terrorism. Their intent is to discredit dissent itself so we may be dismissed entirely and trouble them no more. We're expected to

capitulate and withdraw in shame. We decline, to their rage. Now they threaten us. We're unmoved.

Much has gone unsaid as yet, but the times they are a-changin'. When we're unemployed, when our education and experience count for nothing, when our savings are confiscated and our retirements stolen, when federal drones are paid twice what productive people are paid, when legitimate public services are cut but taxes are raised, when it's a choice between food stamps or dumpster-diving, now we see who thinks it important we tone down inflammatory rhetoric. The classic question is: who benefits? Not us. Excessive civility has benefited only the uncivil. Nor is "healing" a fitting response to the loudmouths hogging the microphone, it's not our part to tidy up after them and begone. Civility is admirable but honesty is a necessity. It's time for plain talk and lots of it. They couldn't make it more clear why.

It comes down to this: we know what we are to them, enemies to be punished. Their words. They say they don't want to quell anger. They say they're itching for a fight. They say they'll hit back twice as hard. These are their terms. They believe, actually believe, their insults and libel and threats should go unanswered. If treating the people as enemies is proper, then punishing the people is proper. And so they do. They believe these things because resistance is what they fear, so resistance is what they see. But something far tougher than resistance is emerging. It's everywhere and nowhere, it's self-assembling, it's committed to restoring a legitimate Constitutional republic and therefore every bit the enemy they imagine it to be. They're looking for noise and drama. They're fools. They merely need to look around. It's already upon them.

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A Sheepdog Barks!

My fellow sheepdogs, I am under personal attack and am not sure I can keep up my efforts to help protect our Constitutional rights, our Christian values and heritage and to help warn and protect the sheep from the wolves. Several local wolves are "howling" at me and now I feel so bad I might have to retire or quit. My feelings have been hurt and I might have to become a poodle. NOT! The very intolerant liberal progressives don't have a problem howling about any conservative or Christian view they may not agree with. However, sheepdogs must not cower or whimper or tuck their tails. They must keep barking and that's exactly what I plan to do. Last December when the school Christmas Program included inappropriate parodies of several hymns I helped organize a petition to let the school leadership know that many of us in the community didn't like that. Over 250 local Christians signed that petition and a few Churches spoke directly to the school authorities. Because of our efforts during a meeting in the school parking lot a local liberal progressive told me the following: You are a mean man, you are scaring the whole community and all you really want to do is get the music teacher fired because she is gay.

WOW! That really hurt. I thought I was speaking out against the ongoing war on Christmas and Christians. All across America the liberals love to attack our religious freedoms and beliefs. When the opportunity presents itself it is imperative to react and so I did. WOOF! By the way, I never ever mentioned the music teacher in any of my comments, didn't even know her name, didn't care and certainly didn't know she was gay. My concerns were with the school authorities that allowed such a program to happen. We have been silent far too long and all sheepdogs need to bark out whenever our Christian values are attacked or when the Liberal Progressive Socialist Democrats (LPSDs) step on the freedoms and liberties and rights we enjoy as defined in our Constitution. This leads me to the most recent attack on me. The following comments are ones I received recently from a local liberal progressive "friend" of mine. I will paraphrase but not distort: You inviting a bunch of non-local open carry advocates to bring those 'evil black guns' to our parade is

beyond standing up for the 2nd Amendment.

Actually, that is exactly standing up for the 2nd Amendment and was caused by the liberal progressive state legislature's overreaching and attacking our 2nd Amendment rights. BTW, I have NEVER used the term 'evil black guns'.

My friend continues: You and your group are the town bullies taking delight in scaring 'weaker men' and 'delicate ladies'. REALLY!

The real bullies are the LPSDs pushing their socialist, anti-constitutional beliefs on us all. I'm offended. My wife and granddaughters don't think I'm a bully and they are the most important 'delicate ladies' I know. WOOF!

Continuing: What is your problem? Amusing pictures come to mind about you...

Ouch, that really hurts. My problem, by the way, is Obama, his entire administration and all the LPSDs from Washington, D.C., to Custer County. They keep messing with our gun rights and keep passing all these meaningless gun control laws instead of dealing with the real problems of mental illness, gangs, criminals, and miscellaneous thugs.

Continuing: You should have a gun show so only those that WANT to see your guns HAVE to see your guns.

Actually we have a lot of those and they are very, very nice. One of the greatest gun shows is the annual NRA Convention. I recommend everyone go to at least one.

Continuing: I miss what you have taken away from our small community.

She fails to realize that I didn't take anything away from our community. I'm trying to make sure we let the LPSDs know that we won't tolerate them messing with our gun rights.

Continuing: This used to be a wonderful time (4th of July) when people left their houses and came to town. It was fun to say hello after the long winter...

I can only guess she wasn't in town last year. I saw a lot of my friends and said hello to thousands along the parade route which, by the way, gave our marching group thunderous supporting ovations as we passed by.



Continuing: Spirits were high and water balloons were the only thing to fear...

I saw no one without high spirits except for those in front of the other paper in town. And one more point here. There were no terrified children to be seen in the entire town. Why should anyone be afraid of law-abiding patriots walking peacefully in a parade with their firearms of choice in a very non-threatening manner? I mean the LPSDs really miss a great teaching point and moment when they don't help their children understand that those patriots are the very reason we enjoy the liberties and freedoms we still have. Once their guns are gone the government will be even more tyrannical than it is now. WOOF!

Continuing: You have single-handedly changed that feeling. My fear is that you are proud of yourself.

ABSOLUTELY! She got that point right. I am proud, very proud. But she gives me way too much credit. Single-handedly? That's a little much don't you think? There are a whole lot of sheepdogs in the county that feel the same way I do. From what I can tell they are all proud. Tail waggin', spinning around, jumpin' up and down, Woofin' proud. WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!

The problem with LPSDs is they think everyone has to think like they do and if you don't or are conservative you are uneducated, unenlightened and stupid – among other things. Remember all the names they called us last year. They just don't get it. They are so delusional they believe that taking guns out of the hands of law abiding citizens and creating gun-free zones will cause all the bad guys to quit committing crimes and shooting people. In the Army I learned a phrase – You can't fix stupid.

See ya' at the Parade. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6, NKJV

REVOLUTION

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and later under the Comte de Grasse, were given orders that permitted them to venture north after meeting their Caribbean objectives. Their primary objectives included the Spice Islands of Grenada (later invaded by US forces in 1983) and Saint Vincent.

Britain contested these French moves by diverting part of her fleet to the Caribbean. Under Lord Byron, they found the French fleet at Grenada, but, in a rare defeat for the Royal Navy, were damaged and beaten off without significant damage to the French; the French fleet survived, landing troops, and capturing both Grenada and Saint Vincent. After a foray north where they failed to recapture Savannah, the French fleet returned to the Caribbean through 1780 and early 1781, successfully defending their new possessions. As the 1781 hurricane season began, the French fleet, by now under the Comte De Grasse, headed north. The British divided their forces, part of the British Caribbean fleet under Hood sailed north also, stopping briefly in Yorktown before joining Thomas Graves in New York; more of the British Caribbean fleet headed home to Europe.

Meanwhile, Cornwallis struck out from Charleston to “pacify” North and South Carolina, then moved into Virginia with orders to fortify a coastal port (Yorktown) to receive reinforcements and supplies, his force engaging in multiple battles. A small American army moved to block the landward side of Yorktown, but, with no fleet, could do little to interfere with Cornwallis’ reinforcements and resupply; Washington drew part of his army from positions facing the British in New York and marched south to join the small army before Yorktown. Meanwhile, a fleet, with 19 ships of the line under Thomas Graves and including Hood’s force, loaded supplies and reinforcements in New York for Cornwallis, and sailed south towards Yorktown.

The French fleet arrived off Yorktown a few days before the British, and detached some ships to a close blockade of the York and

James rivers. The remainder, 24 ships of the line with depleted crews (sailors and guns had been landed to help Washington entrench), sailed to engage Graves. Fortunately for both Americans and French, Graves was not in the same class as Nelson, who, when facing similar odds at Trafalgar, aggressively closed with the French to destroy a larger fleet. The primary Battle of the Chesapeake (2 hours of gunfire) took place on September 5, with some maneuvering over the following week before siege guns arrived on transports escorted by 8 more French ships of the line. The British fleet then returned to New York to organize a larger relief expedition.

While the actual damage inflicted during the Battle of the Chesapeake was relatively minor, with 5 ships British ships damaged and one scuttled, and damage to 2 French ships; repulse of the British fleet meant Cornwallis’s army was trapped with neither reinforcements nor supplies able to make it past the French fleet. A minor French naval tactical victory became a decisive strategic victory when Cornwallis’ supplies ran out; he had no choice but to surrender to Washington and Rochambeau—the surrender ended most land fighting in what was becoming the US. While capture hurt Cornwallis’ career for a time, he remained well respected in the British Army, spending another 20 years in active service, becoming Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and Governor General of India (twice).

The following year, while peace negotiations dragged on, was less successful for the French fleet; the Comte de Grasse being captured on April 12, 1782, at the Battle of the Saintes. The war ended in the Treaty of Paris and simultaneous agreements between England, France, Spain, and the Netherlands on September 3, 1783. England lost the Colonies to the United States, then still years away from abandoning the Articles of Confederation for the Constitution. Florida and Minorca went to Spain. Grenada, Saint Vincent, Montserrat, and the Bahamas were returned to England; France kept newly-captured Tobago and Senegal; and some islands were returned to the Netherlands.

FOLLOWING MONEY: Under Seige IRS Chief Donor to Bennet

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As IRS chief John Koskinen sits in front of a committee arrogantly asserting that the American people are not owed an apology for the targeting of the president’s political opponents, media outlets across the country are reminding Americans that Koskinen is a major Democratic donor. We’ll do our part – Not only is Koskinen a Democratic donor, but he’s a donor to U.S. Senator Michael Bennet, head of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and a named party in an ethics lawsuit for the targeting of conservative groups via the IRS. Small world.

From FoxNews:

IRS Commissioner John Koskinen is in the spotlight as he is set to further testify to Congress regarding the IRS targeting of conservative groups. It is important to remember that Koskinen has shelled out nearly \$100,000 to Democratic candidates and groups.

Koskinen has been contributing

to Democrats for four decades, starting with a \$1000 contribution to Democratic candidate for Colorado Senate candidate Gary Hart in 1979.

From OpenSecrets.org:

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Earlier this month, Bennet was named to an ethics complaint filed with the Senate Select Committee on Ethics by the Center for Competitive Politics. The complaint charges the following:

“The complaint documents how the senators improperly interfered with IRS adjudications to further their party’s electoral prospects. They pressured the IRS to undertake income-tax investigations of specific organizations, to find that specific organizations were in violation of the law, to reach predetermined results pertaining to pending applications by individual organizations for nonprofit status, and

to adopt specific regulatory interpretations and policies to further their campaign goals.”

As we noted earlier this month:

“This is an issue that we have been harping on for at least

year. On May 14th, we published a letter that Bennet wrote to IRS Commissioner Shulman and a press release from his office specifically calling out conservative operative Karl Rove.”

Given Koskinen’s clear existing admiration for Bennet, should Coloradans (and America) really trust him to turn over emails that might indict his precious investment, Sen. Bennet? We didn’t think so, either.

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DISGRACE From page 1

of Colorado extended the offer to the governor to come address the gathering of sheriffs at our summer conference. This portion of the event was open to the press and was attended by both the Aspen daily newspapers and a press outlet from Grand Junction.

The governor spent about an hour with us. He made remarks then invited questions from the sheriffs. Rather than beat around the bush, Sheriff John Cooke posed the first question about the gun control measures. Sheriff Cooke framed his question around statements that Governor Hickenlooper made at an event in Weld County about being a better listener. His question was simple and direct, why didn't you listen to the Colorado Sheriffs when we attempted to share our concerns about this legislation with you? The governor extended an apology for not being a better listener during this time. He told us things were very busy for him.

I wasn't taking notes, but my recollection was that he didn't apologize for his actions, but apologized for not listening and claimed he really didn't understand the issue until afterwards.

When Sheriff Cooke pressed him about why he supported the legislation without fully understanding it,

the governor explained that one of his staff members made a public commitment that he would sign it, so he was obligated to keep the promise of this staff member. I found it shocking that the Colorado governor felt more beholden to honoring the promise of a staff member over honoring his duty to represent the citizens of Colorado.

In finishing his response to Sheriff Cooke's questions, the governor claimed that he was unaware of the opposition of the Colorado Sheriffs until days AFTER he signed the bills. The governor explained he knew of the position of the Denver Police Chief, supporting the magazine ban bill and the governor used that as his justification for believing that law enforcement officials supported the bills.

He essentially staked his apology on a claim not knowing of our position and concerns until after he signed the bills.

I hadn't planned on asking a follow up to that same topic until I heard that part of his response. So I followed up by reiterating to the governor the extensive press coverage about our opposition and the fact that somewhere around 40 Colorado Sheriffs showed up at the Capitol building to testify in opposition while only one or two police chiefs testified in favor of them. I further explained that our associ-

ation president had sent a letter to the governor's office expressing our concerns and requesting a meeting. I also told him that I had personally hand delivered a letter expressing my concerns to his office in the Capitol. Given these facts, I simply found it incomprehensible that he claimed he didn't know of our opposition.

I have to tell you that I was utterly flabbergasted at the response he made. From about 10 feet away, the governor looked me in the eye and snapped, "I've already apologized, what the f*** else do you want?" Now, I'm a big boy and won't pretend for a moment that it's language that's not foreign to me, but I found that type of attitude and response to be well below the dignity of the office of governor. This was a sitting governor, in a public meeting, responding to another elected official.

From what I've seen, you won't find any reports of that exchange from any of the reporters who attended. That's a shame because I believe it's newsworthy for the voters to know the attitude and demeanor of their governor during this public event.

The important thing to know is that our governor does not apologize for his support of the gun control bills, rather he incredulously denies understanding the bills and blames his staff for committing his support- obliging him to sign the bills."

EMS From page 5

actually proposed to be provided, and the establishment of an oversight board for the new district.

In order for the existing 4.9 mill levy to be used to fund the new district, as indicated by this survey, the voters would have to remove the funding from the existing district and appropriate it to the new district, or the existing district would need to be completely dissolved and the funding necessary to operate the new Ambulance District would need to be approved by the voters.

Fire Board Chairman Roger Camper assigned the task of reviewing the survey results to each of the groups present - Fire, EMS, and clinic - before their next meeting together which will be scheduled for after the next fire board meeting on July 9th.

At the same meeting EMT Ron Terry shared the good news about the successful EMS fundraiser held at the ambulance barn on June 14th. As reported previously in the Sentinel, over \$13,000 was raised from a grateful community by the dedicated members of the Custer County EMS to support their future endeavors.

Fire Chief Dave Tonsing also reported on the approval of a grant request to fund a state study of the needs of the EMS in Custer County. It is hoped that the study will begin soon and be completed by the fall. These studies have been conducted in numerous locations around the state and utilize professionals in the various areas in question to assess the emergency services provided in the county. Upon completion, the study proposes various options for the county to consider for the improvement of the emergency services provided.

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