



A Glorious Westcliffe Independence Day Parade!

by George Gramlich

On a beautiful summer day, the Wild West Cowboy Church sponsored July 4 Independence Day Parade provided a great spectacle for the large crowd. This was the first time the Cowboy Church sponsored the parade (with assistance from the Southern Colorado Patriots Club and the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel newspaper) and it drew a large number of entrants and thousands of spectators. Dee Wilhite, the head coordinator from the Cowboy Church, did an outstanding job of entry recruitment and organization.

Main Street was busy all day and local businesses reported excellent sales. The many restaurants and bars were busy from morning to early evening. Real estate agents also reported a large number of visitors.

The largest entry in the parade was the Southern Colorado Patriots Club who used their section to celebrate our country's 2nd Amendment. Over 325 marchers participated with many proudly open carrying firearms. Nationally respected 2nd Amendment activist Mike Vanderboegh from Alabama marched with the club and gave an inspiring speech at the rally at the end of the parade.

The lead entry in the parade was the American Legion Color Guard from American Legion Post 170, "The Best in the West". They marched with great pride and honor. Entries that followed included: Kit Rogers, Wild West Cowboy Church, Westcliffe Line Dancers, Paca Peace Ranch, Custer County Senior Center, First Baptist Church, Ron Thomason, Robin Schwarz, Custer County Cares About Cancer, Custer County Search and Rescue, the Music Meadows/Sangres Best Ranch, Saddle Club Royalty, C.A. Thomas, DAR, Wilderness Heights Fire, Wolf Springs Ranch, Lil

Bit Ranch, Bob Kattnig, Hartbauer Motors, Country Side Appliance, Shannon Byerly, Rocking K Society, 2nd Street Dancers, Wet Mountain Saddle Club, Ranch of Hope, Custer County Volley Ball, Representative Jim Wilson, Sangre de Cristo Sentinel, Sangre de Cristo Community Band, Southern Colorado Patriots Club, and the our great Wet Mountain Fire Protection District with their excellently maintained vehicles.

Attendance at this year's and last year's parade was



People from near and far turned out on Independence Day to show their support for the 2nd Amendment and the Colorado Sheriffs who are involved in the lawsuit against unconstitutional gun laws in the state.

Sentinel photos by Paul Sage

One local entrant, the Sangre de Cristo Community Band, was extremely well received by the crowds. Their band, seated on hay bales on a tractor trailer driven by valley resident Mary Seifert, wowed the crowd with beautiful patriotic music. Kudos to these fine local musicians and their new band leader, Andrew Straight.

up significantly over prior years due to the interest in the Southern Colorado Patriots Club 2nd Amendment Open Carry section. The Colorado Springs Gazette wrote an excellent article covering the club's entry in

their July 5 edition. And as strange as it may seem, the international news agency, Russia Today (<http://rt.com>), came and extensively filmed the marchers and their firearms. They will be doing a feature story on their site about

the march in the coming weeks. Last year, the news department of the Colorado Springs TV station, KOAA, produced a segment on the Southern Colorado Patriots Club section that eventually received national coverage.

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Joshua 24:15, NKJV

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

A TALE OF TWO FREEDOMS



America is certainly divided. Just last weekend we celebrated the birth of our nation which was conceived by people who longed for liberty and freedom from government oppression and who chose to take a stand at great risk to their lives. It seemed that for the first 150 or 175 years that Americans all felt the same about liberty and freedom and God's role in our country's development and greatness. The Founding Fathers knew what it would take to be successful. It was Providence. It meant being obedient to God in order to receive His blessings. It meant a virtuous and moral people. Last Friday, America was 238 years old. Somehow, in these last 75 years or so, things have gone very wrong. Freedom started to take on a new and different meaning to many Americans. Every decade the Pew Research Center takes a census and divides us into about 8 different categories ranging from far left liberalism to far right conservatism. One group is actually labeled "Bystanders" who are Americans totally disconnected from politics. But we can really boil ourselves down into 3 camps – Liberals, Independents, and Conservatives.

Since America is run by a two-party system those in the middle choose which way they are going to go and so either the Liberals (Democrats) or the Conservatives (Republicans) are elected and given the power to run the country. The "swing" votes by those that consider themselves neutral or moderate are extremely important. Why? Because the two parties which essentially control America seem to have very different views on what Freedom really means. Some of their guiding principles (aka planks in the platform) have changed over the years and in some cases may have even flip-flopped. But look at what is going on today. Liberals believe in a big, strong, powerful federal government, high taxes (mostly on the rich), huge spending, dependency, income equality, redistribution of wealth, lots of controls and regulations, a changing Constitution, and believe that government knows what is best for all of us. Conservatives believe in a constitutionally limited federal government, lower taxes and less spending, the free market, capitalism, limited regulation, more personal responsibility, less government control and regula-

tions, and an unchanging Constitution. In a liberal America you need not become educated and work hard because the government will take care of your every need by taking from those that achieved, worked hard, and succeeded. In a conservative America you need to take education seriously so you can take care of yourself and your family. Your success in life depends mostly on how hard you work and what you want but certainly not total government dependency. Does anyone believe our Founding Fathers ever believed that the federal government would provide for the citizens from cradle to grave? Or that some generations would live their entire lives on welfare and other government subsidy checks? Did the Founding Fathers believe this country should drive itself into massive debt so it could provide for everyone? Did they believe we should not develop and use our great natural resources for the people's benefit? No, they provided a land of opportunity. They would have never supported denying water and grazing land to farmers and ranchers to save a small fish, a mouse, or a turtle. They would have never approved of controlling the

citizens' lives from morning to night. They would never have created such crazy organizations like the EPA, the IRS, and the NLRB. We have two very different views of Freedom in America today. The real conservatives want more personal responsibility, less government intrusion, and less tax. Freedom is keeping most of what one works hard for. It's not so one can pay too many taxes so the government can contribute to more dependency. Real liberals believe in just the opposite. Take from the rich and give to the poor. They believe this will solve everything. It won't. A perfect example of this is found in the debate over whether an employer should pay for the sexual freedoms of their employees. The conservative believes that it is your right to use birth control but you should pay for it. The liberal believes that it is their "right" to have birth control, and not only have it, but have it paid for by their employers. Somehow that's freedom to a liberal. Which way do you think the Founding Fathers might go? You can "pigeon-hole" yourself in whatever group you want. The fact is, that when you vote in November, you will be selecting

one of two possible paths – liberal or conservative. You can help promote either philosophy and your vote will certainly help one overcome the other. Neither political party has the perfect platform but they are so different the choice between them is easy. It's not about the candidate, it's about which party they will affiliate and caucus with. The U.S. Senate has two Independents. They caucus with the Democrats. Enough said. In Colorado we will have a choice in November of who should represent us in the U.S. Senate. Udall's (D) kind of "Freedom" forces you to buy Obamacare. Corey Gardner's (R) kind of "Freedom" does not. Which type of freedom do you want; real freedom or false freedom? Your choice in November will make a significant difference in our state and our country. Your vote is extremely important. We encourage you to choose conservative Freedom. Ronald Reagan reminded us that our National Anthem ends in a question that each generation must answer. How do we answer that question in 2014? Yes or No?

Apology

In the Sheepdog Barks opinion column in this paper on June 27th there was a reference and response to a comment made by a local citizen which might have caused some unintentional confusion. The issue being discussed was about an attack on Christmas and our religious freedoms, beliefs, and values. There was no intent to identify Ms. Sarah Thompson, the Elementary School music teacher, as gay or even suggest she might be. We sincerely apologize to Ms. Thompson for the problems this has caused her and very much regret this misunderstanding. This issue was not about Ms. Thompson and had nothing at all to do with her or anyone's sexual orientation.



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Some Thoughts on The Senior Center's Ban on Firearms

Custer County Senior Center, Incorporated, Regarding First and Second Amendments to the United States Constitution

Bill Cullison, president of the Board of the Custer County Senior Center, Inc., implemented a no firearms policy at the facility based upon a minor incident. Last Thursday some of us, as concerned citizens, attempted to attend the regular public business meeting at the Center. Mr. Cullison, rather than taking a pro-active approach to the issue took the low road and refused to add the Second Amendment question to the business meeting agenda. When asked how it might be possible to get the question on the agenda for a future meeting, he made a vague and incomprehensible commentary without answering the question. He did make a rather odd comment saying, "I don't understand the controversy?"

There are several layers to the issue. First, the United States Constitution in the Second Amendment guarantees as a right that every person may bear firearms. Of course, by legislative action some individuals may lose their right to do so. Certain convicted felons are not permitted to carry firearms as an example. Colorado is an open carry state and a conceal and carry state by permit.

Mr. Cullison and his Board decided, however, they are the legislative rulers of the Senior Center and they have the right by fiat to declare a restriction to the Second Amendment of the Constitution and the open carry and conceal and carry laws of the State of Colorado. Furthermore, it was decided the First Amendment could be ignored by hiding behind an arcane agenda rule.

Mr. Cullison and the Board seem to be confused about our most important document. The United States Constitution and the Amendments are not enforced on a pick and choose basis. It is an all or nothing situation. If he and the board are so opposed to guns they have every right to make a legislative proposal to eliminate the Second Amendment. If they are opposed to the free exchange of ideas in a public meeting, they are free to propose changes through legislative action in that regard to the First Amendment. Otherwise, they are required to honor the document in its current form.

The patrons who attend the various functions at the Senior Center have been accused of being so

irresponsible they might in some overmedicated state of paranoia begin blasting away for no apparent reason. It is an insult to patrons who are forty, fifty, or even sixty years past their twenty-first birthdays to even consider such a scenario.

The Custer County Senior Center receives federal, state, county, and towns of Westcliffe and Silver Cliff funding to support their operations. It is undetermined at this point if the First and Second Amendment restriction are permitted by these various governmental agencies while receiving funding to support their operations. The question becomes important for all of us since tax dollars are used from both gun opponents and gun supporters.

The loss of a constitutional right should never be taken lightly. If Mr. Cullison believes he can just dig in his heels and deny that right without a substantive argument or that he may tamp down debate by denying the issue, its time on an agenda he does not understand the people of Custer County.

by Larry Luikart,
Rural Custer County

An Open Letter to the Directors and Treasurer of the Senior Center:

John, Bill, and Roxanne,

First, I thank you for your willingness to discuss the issue of banning firearms at the Senior Center and I'd like to respond to you directly regarding your recent letters to us here at the Sentinel.

I find it terribly insulting that you seem to think the seniors in this community do not even have the wherewithal to determine if they should or should not be carrying a firearm. I know a great many seniors here who are in better condition than many people half their age - they work hard every day and they are intelligent and capable people that contribute significantly to this community. They certainly deserve to have their fundamental constitutionally guaranteed rights respected.

As to the single incident you have talked about, when a single, individual dropped his weapon, you have stated that he was being quite rude and belligerent before that happened. Why was he not asked to leave and escorted out of the center? Or why was the Sheriff's Office not called to handle the situation?

I find it sad and discouraging that because of a single poorly behaved individual, the decision was made to violate the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution for anyone wishing to patronize your center.

You also talk about the seniors who are on medications and may not be making the best choices. However, it is not your place to make personal decisions for anyone, including seniors. It is up to the

individual, their family and close friends to decide if a person's mental or physical state has changed to make it unwise for them to carry a firearm, drive a car, maintain their own bank account, or any other personal decision. It is simply not right for a blanket decision to be made, effecting everyone, based on such an idea.

Here is what this issue comes down to:

The Senior Center talks about being a community center, open to anyone who wishes to join you for lunch, play pool, learn to line dance - whatever. You do provide some great activities and I know a lot of folks love to come to your lunches. However, as John noted, your funding comes from federal and state tax dollars, and donations from the community. This is not a privately owned center. Every taxpayer, and every individual from whom you are asking for support, deserves to be informed about your policy to violate the Bill of Rights. And I believe every taxpayer deserves a voice regarding such a policy.

You may believe that Mr. Comer is the only person who regularly comes to the center, who is upset about this, but that is not at all the case. For some reason, which has become more clear to me in the past few weeks, people seem to feel intimidated, and are uncomfortable talking to you directly. Most especially at this time of government overreach and infringement on our liberties and freedoms, we must take a stand against decisions and policies that take away our

rights. My guess is that only a handful of regular visitors to the Senior Center carry firearms, and if you remove the signs, I do not believe you'll see an increase in that. (I have been told that the newly posted signs have been ignored by some of your members anyway.) And a sign or a policy is not going to change the behavior of a person who is rude and belligerent, such as the individual who dropped his handgun and was perhaps carrying concealed without a permit, thus violating the law to begin with. The only people you are effecting with this policy are the good, decent people, who deserve to have their rights respected. I must also add that by one individual choosing to carry a firearm, that does not infringe on anyone else's right.

I urge you to reconsider this policy to ban firearms. Give your members and people of this community the respect they deserve and have most certainly earned, by respecting their rights. I would dearly love to do a follow-up story in the Sentinel explaining why the policy was passed, reconsidered, and reversed, and resume our announcements and articles in support of what you do for the community.

I would also like to formally request that this matter be added to the agenda for your next board meeting.

Thanks again for your willingness to discuss and consider this issue, and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Katherine Camper
Assistant Editor
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A Concerned Citizen, on the Hospital District

I was appalled to read about the Hospital District's latest effort at revisionist history. I am only surprised the edits weren't done in crayon. The author of the article was too kind in referring to the revised Hospital District plan as "a freshman effort at best." To the contrary, it was outright embarrassing and an insult to freshmen everywhere. This action should dispel any remaining doubts of the lack of leadership and professionalism at the helm of the Hospital District. Moreover, it leaves me with a question about the supervisory and leadership structure in place? Was this the misguided, unilateral action

of one person, or was it endorsed by the entire Hospital District Board? Either way, pick your poison. Actually, this is probably poor phrasing on my part since there wouldn't be an EMS service to render emergency care if the Hospital District has its way. On second thought, the leadership is beyond saving. It is time to take out the triage tags, address this emergency, and move on. Black tags (deceased or fatal injuries) for the Hospital District management and board. Emergency medical care guidelines state it shouldn't take more than 30 seconds per patient to complete the

triage process. This is the amount of time that should be spent considering the fate of those involved. The statements and actions of the Hospital District management and Board over the past several months have been cavalier, condescending, and clearly not in the best interest of the citizens of this community. The entire leadership team should resign or be removed their positions of trust.

Kieran O'Malley, Custer County

(Editor: Kieran O'Malley is a pen name. This author is known to the Sentinel staff, but wishes to remain anonymous.)

On Unarmed Lunatics and Freedom of Speech

Did you happen to see the unarmed and ignorant lunatic attending the Independence Parade? She had a cardboard sign stating that Not all of Westcliffe were "gun toting" lunatics. Obviously she understands that she is a lunatic and wanted everyone to know she was also unarmed. As I observed her attitude and demeanor, I was struck by the thought that everyone of us who served our country, had fought for her right to stand there with her sign. I was very glad I had brought a loaded side arm with me

and I realized this woman was ignorant of how she came to have the ability to wave her sign in a (so far) free country, and fortunately, I was close enough to be able to protect her if she had been attacked for her statement. Ignorance is not a sin, but it's nothing to brag about either. Fortunately, nobody threatened her nor caused her harm although several did ask her how she thought she had gained the right to her free speech. She had no clue about that, but still she was protected.

To all you other lunatics out there: just rest assured that those who have sworn to protect America, will be there to keep you safe even if you don't realize why they do it. The Bible states we must protect the "feeble-minded" and so even they are included. I know pride is a sin, but just the same, I was proud to be an American and protecting anybody's right to their free speech, even when I didn't agree with them GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Frank Searight, Silver Cliff

All Americans?

As visitors who have always loved Westcliffe, we were disturbed by the tone of the 4th of July parade. We have attended in the past and it has always been wonderful - a celebration for ALL Americans, not so much this year. My husband and I are of opposite political leanings but were both saddened that our nation's birthday was turned into a soapbox for a particular political party's agenda. Absolutely all Ameri-

cans have the right to express their views, after all, that is one of the many things that makes this country as great as it is. However, we need to remember that the 4th is for ALL Americans and it should be the one day when politics are set aside and all of us share in the celebration together.

Michelle Meyer Colorado

Local Mountain News & Notices

Nightmare on Hardscrabble! Motorcycle Gang Assaults Visitors!

by George Gramlich

A frantic 9-1-1 call was received by the Custer County Sheriff's Department at approximately 12:45 p.m., July 5, with the caller describing a nightmare scene with a group of motorcyclists encircling a stopped car on Highway 96 (Hardscrabble Road) and physically damaging the car and assaulting the occupants.

According to a report given by Sheriff Jobe to the Sentinel, the motorcyclists and their associates in vans, cars or trucks had left the scene by the time the deputies arrived. The victim of the assault was Travis Harter, age 25, of Lakewood, Colorado. Passengers in the car were his three-year-old son and Harter's girlfriend, Nicole Mikeletto, age 24, also of Lakewood.

Sheriff Jobe said that Harter had attempted to pass the motorcyclists around midnight on Highway 67 heading towards Wetmore from Florence. When attempting to pass, the motorcyclists would continually move out of their lane and block Harter. The situation escalated when they had turned onto Highway 67 in Wetmore and were heading for Westcliffe. Around mile marker 18 on Highway 96, contact was made between Harter and one of the five different vehicles traveling with the motorcyclists. Then an additional contact was made between Harter's Subaru and one of the motorcyclists.

At this time, one of the motorcyclists pulled along Harter's vehicle and pointed a small gun at the driver and demanded that he pull over. Harter complied and he and the vehicle were



Some of the damage to Mr. Harter's car in the attack was the driver's side window completely broken out and apparent knife damage to the door.

Sentinel photo by Audrey Slater

assaulted by several motorcyclists. The motorcyclists flattened all four tires of Harter's car, smashed all the front lights, punctured the driver's side door, apparently with knives, and smashed the driver's side window and assaulted Harter through the window. The interior of the car, where Harter's girlfriend and three-year-old child were, was also damaged, perhaps with knives.

There were multiple witnesses to the assault as people drove by on Highway 67 and also some coming from Highway 165.

Harter was transported by Florence First Aid to St. Thomas More Hospital in Cañon City for treatment of this injuries and was later released. His girlfriend and son were not injured.

Sheriff Jobe said that some time later one of the motorcyclists support vehicles drove by the crime scene. The GMC SUV, driven by a female with a male passenger, was identified as being involved in the assault as it had damage consistent with the previous collisions. It was pulled over, searched,

and evidence was found that tied it to the motorcyclists.

The motorcyclists involved are part of the Valiant MC (motorcycle club) which has its main headquarters in Denver. It has a website on the internet, www.valiantsmc.org. The website states that it is the second oldest motorcycle club in Colorado and are "old school and like to party". Their motto, located on the main page of their website is, "This motorcycle club is for life. A style of life. If you don't like the way we are, Then stay the hell away from us". From their website, it appears that there is also a local chapter in Florence. It is believed that the gang was in the area for a rally south of Florence. Some members were seen at the Westcliffe car show on Saturday.

The Colorado State Patrol is investigating the vehicle collisions and the Custer County Sheriff's Department is investigating the assault. There appears to be a video recording of the incident from a witness and photo line-up is planned.

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Tularemia Found in Southeast Custer County Area Rabbit

by Gail Stoltzfus

The preliminary diagnosis of tularemia in a wild rabbit in Southeast Custer County has prompted the Custer County Public Health Agency to alert county residents to take certain precautions. Residents are advised that tularemia-causing bacteria may be present in some of the mammals -- especially rabbits, rodents and hares -- in the area. Public Health would ask that if anyone notices a die-off of rodents to please notify our office.

Tularemia is a bacterial infection most commonly transmitted to humans by the handling of sick or dead animals infected with tularemia. Infection can also arise from the bite of infected insects (most commonly ticks and deer flies), by eating or drinking contaminated food or water, and by the inhalation of airborne bacteria.

Typical signs of infection in humans are fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, chest pain, and coughing. If tularemia is caused by the bite of an infected insect or from bacteria entering a cut or scratch, it usually causes a skin ulcer and swollen glands. Eating or drinking food or water containing the bacteria may produce a throat infection, stomach pain, diarrhea and vomiting. Tularemia can be effectively treated with antibiotics, therefore should you have any of these early signs, seek medical attention as soon as possible.

Dogs and cats also get tularemia by eating infected rabbits or other rodents and through tick and deer fly bites. If your pet shows

symptoms of illness including fever, nasal and eye discharge, and skin sores, take it to the veterinarian promptly. As in humans, tularemia is easily treated if diagnosed early in dogs and cats.

To prevent contracting tularemia, the following is strongly advised:

- Avoid handling dead animals;
- Leash your pets when outdoors and keep them away from dead animals.
- If a dead animal must be moved, avoid direct contact with it. Put on a repellent to protect yourself from its fleas or ticks, and use a shovel to scoop it up. Place it in a plastic bag and dispose in an outdoor trash receptacle. Wash your hands well afterwards.
- When outdoors near places where rabbits or rodents are present, wear an insect repellent containing DEET.
- Keep pets confined and away from dead animals.
- Routinely use a tick and flea preventative on pets. Read the label and consult your veterinarian if you are unsure what to use.

For more information on Tularemia, see <http://www.cdc.gov/Tularemia>.

Please contact Gail Stoltzfus RN at the Custer County Public Health office 719-783-3369 with any questions or information related to the above. The local veterinarians and clinic personnel have also been notified of the possibility of tularemia infection.

ATTENTION RED HATTERS!

The Custer County Cuties next luncheon is scheduled for July 15th at 11:30 a.m. and will be held at the Mt. Princeton Hot Springs Resort (15870 County Road 162, Nathrop, CO 81236. Phone number: 719-395-2447). WE WILL ORDER FROM THE MENU. Please RSVP to Judy by July 13 at 719-783-3750 or email at quilter482@yahoo.com. Come join us and have a great time.

Mike Vanderboegh Soldier of Liberty In A Cold War

by Candy Thompson

Mike Vanderboegh, a national activist and 2nd Amendment rights advocate who classifies himself as a Christian Libertarian, spoke to a group of patriots at Veterans Park in Cañon City on Saturday morning, July 5. His bio includes credit for helping break the Fast and Furious scandal at his own blog, Sipsey Street Irregulars, and lists him as the founder of the 3% Movement.

He was at the Bundy Ranch when armed BLM employees backed down over grazing rights and also was at Waco when 80 men, women, and children were killed. He explained how the first thing the feds did was demonize the people they killed as "child molesters". The issue wasn't the morality of those involved but whether the federal government had the right to kill them. When he heard of the situation the Bundys faced, he said, "No more free Wacos. It wasn't going to happen again."

"I've been a soldier of liberty in a cold war with my own government for 20 years now. This was not my choice. I would rather have been left alone to attend to the truly important things like life, love, family, faith, opportunity... those wonderful gifts of God that the founders expected would be secured by a government of limited and counterbalanced powers..."

Vanderboegh, who was on the enemies' list of the last three White Houses, says he is equally despised by liberal groups and far right groups such as KKK and Aryan Nations. "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."

"The last three administrations run by the elites of both corrupt political parties have not left me alone, just as they have not left you alone. They have smashed flat the rule of law in service to their own power and furtherance to their own insatiable hunger for other people's liberty and property and lives."

"From Ruby Ridge to Waco, to the 1994 assault weapons ban,



Mike Vanderboegh addressed a group of patriots in Cañon City on Saturday after marching in the Westcliffe 4th of July parade.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

to the deliberate failure to secure our borders, to the Patriot Act, to Obamacare, to NSA spying, for use of the IRS against political opponents, to the creation and sustaining of a Frankenstein monster of a vertically integrated militarized police state, the appetites of the elites of both parties have put themselves in a continual war."

Vanderboegh says that this war has been cold until now but could turn hot at any moment, just ask the Bundys. Like it or not we are all soldiers in that war. He says that we haven't declared war on them, but they have on us because of their continued degradation of our liberty, property, and looting of the public purse.

Mike was at the Bundy Ranch when the two sides faced each other and said it would have taken one stupid act to set off a shooting war, but that we are not there and pray to God we never will be. When Harry Reid says, "This isn't over." He is right. It will never be over till one side wins.

When asked about an economic collapse he said it would be attributed to the huge debt that we have that is the product of these two evil sides. When this does happen we must be there to save what must be saved. There is no one else. He did say that the places that would fare best in an economic collapse would be those towns that are best connected and

that the churches would be an integral part of the distribution of help.

When asked how Colorado fits into the national picture, Mike listed us as one of three battlefields: Connecticut, where 85% of the citizens have refused to comply to the gun law; Nevada, in Las Vegas where there is a corrupt machine from top to bottom; and the Bundys. Colorado is the third where all we've got to do is turn out this corrupt Mr. Hickenlooper and send him back to selling beer.

One way we do that is to keep the issue of firearms, registration, and confiscation in front of the voters. The key is staying focused. It's an issue that cuts across all lines, economic and class. Ask people, "Do you have a right to defend yourself against a criminal on the streets or a criminal government?" They will tell you "yes". Keep this issue in front and you can make a difference in Colorado.

A national activist who believes that the founders would have already rebelled and done away with most of the government agencies including EPS, IRS, and NSA, Mike Vanderboegh continues his fight in a war that he didn't start. He understands the design of the socialists and communists to take down our country firsthand as he himself was both in the 70's. The fight for liberty continues in a war that he hopes will not turn hot.

Ask a Pro: My Well is Going Dry, what do I do?

Again we are receiving calls from folks that believe their wells are drying up. Upon inspection many of these wells were steel cased to the bottom of the well. A lot have only 20 ft. of torch perforated steel to let the water in. The Problem: As the well is pumped the water level in the well goes down, then it rises after the pump stops. This process causes erosion of the bore hole and deposits sediment in the bottom of the well. Thus it is easy to visualize how the perforations can get covered up sealing the water off. For certain drillers this is a recurring problem that gets extremely expensive for the well owner. It must be frustrating.

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Rex and Jeanne Hoffman: Happy Anniversary of 65 years

Rex was born in Dodge City, Kansas and Jeanne was born in Elizabeth, Colorado. She came to Denver during WWII then moved to Kiowa, Colorado. Rex followed his brother around and in 1945 followed him to Kiowa, Colorado. and became a cowboy. His father owned a livestock sales barn and also drove the school bus that Jeanne used to ride. One day Rex's father couldn't drive the bus, so he had Rex substitute for him. Jeanne got on the bus and Rex thought she was beautiful, and he says he fell in love with her right

then. Jeanne had heard about Rex a year prior from her teacher who was also Rex's sister. On their first date, New Years Eve, they watched the fireworks off Pikes Peak. When they married on June 11, 1949, Rex was 21 and Jeanne was 17, fresh out of high school, just six months short of being 18. They had 3 sons, John, Ron, and Vern.

John passed away two years ago because of cancer. Vern and his wife, Kathy, live in Fort Collins and Ron and his wife, Cathy, live here in Westcliffe. They have seven grandkids, and four of them are married. They

have eight great grandkids ranging from newborn to high school ages.

The secret to a long and happy marriage: "Letting God control your life with His wisdom. Trust, faith, and lots of love, and put God in your life FIRST. Have fun." To celebrate their anniversary, they went to Red Lobster in Pueblo. Rex had taken a little bud vase from the house. On the way to dinner, he stopped and bought one red rose and they had it on the table while they ate. The staff at Red Lobster treated them very special for their anniversary.



3...2...1... Blast off!

Eighteen children came out on Saturday to build and launch rockets at Hermit Park. Steve Janssen, of the Southern Colorado Air and Space Museum in Pueblo organized the event, with his crew on hand to assist. The kids and their parents had a great time, and Steve hopes to turn this into an annual event.

Sentinel photo by Brenda Janssen

Westcliffe Town Update

by Carol Clemenson

On Tuesday, July 1st, the Westcliffe Town Board approved the liquor license for Chappy's Bar & Grill, LLC, at 213 Main Street. They also approved the Custer County Cross Country Team 5K run on August 9th, 2014. This is a fundraiser for the Cross Country Team. The entry fee is \$25. Jack Swartz is the coach and they still have to finalize the course. He would like this to be an annual event.

Donovan Baggett has asked the town for financial help for the Westcliffe Entertainment District. He said he would like to get some big names in for a band to

help bring in more people for the events which would bring more revenue into the county.

Christy Veltrie said that this issue should have been discussed at the budget meeting and, at this time, it would be impossible to donate any funds.

The board considered a request to amend an existing ordinance to prohibit the use of Jake Brakes. This request was denied.

There was consideration of the town exercising its option to purchase Block 4, Adams Additions, Filing #1, which is currently owned by Marty Frick. Af-

ter discussion, the board did not see the purpose of buying this lot if the new owner will continue to let the town rent it for campers and RVs during three-day events, such as the Stampede and the Blue Grass Festival.

Also, a pay increase was approved for the deputy clerk.

Also last week, in a Planning and Zoning meeting, it was recommended that the Westcliffe Town Board approve the request to rezone an area on Highway 69 South from agricultural to heavy industry. There will be a special meeting of the board on July 28 to review this and hear public comments.

Silver Cliff Town Update

by Larry Luikart

The regular scheduled board meeting of the Silver Cliff Town Board got under way promptly at 5:30 p.m. All members and the mayor were present with one exception. Richard Lowe was absent but excused.

The first item of business was a public hearing on the application to transfer the liquor license from R's to Tony's Mountain Pizza, LLC. Since no public comments were requested the Board returned immediately to regular session approving the license transfer.

A request for approval for a 5K run fundraiser sponsored by the Custer County Cross Country teams was heard and approved. The run will take place on August 11, 2014.

Mr. Charles Bogle, chairman of the Custer County Development Corporation, gave a presentation regarding the benefits of Silver Cliff participating as one of the eleven taxing entities in the county. The CCDC purpose is to promote the development of business in the county while attempting to maintain the current tax base for home owners

and businesses. Eventually, the town would be asked to contribute some dollars to support the development plan. The Board, after several questions, agreed to participate withholding monetary consideration until a more precise amount is determined.

Roger Camper presented a proposed name change for the Silver Cliff Town Park asking the Board to consider it and then to submit any names they might have for the park at the next meeting. This discussion led into an analysis of the long - term goals and projects for the park. Mr. Camper emphasized the fiscal control of making the improvements in increments that would fit into the current and future budgets. Several exciting additions were discussed including a barbecue area, two restrooms, and a horse-shoe-shaped flag pole area with visibility from the highway. It was noted some generous members of the community have agreed to supply either labor or materials to partially defray the costs involved. The ultimate goal is to create a superb venue that will attract local and outside groups to increasing town revenue and

show casing the town.

Ileen Squire presented a request for support from The Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club for the 2014 Wet Mountain Stampede. After some debate regarding the availability of funds, the board passed a motion to donate a thousand dollars to support the event.

The parking ordinances are still being refined by the two town attorneys. Ms. Squire indicated both towns want the regulations to be uniform and enforceable which required some more tweaking. Hopefully they will be ready for approval in September.

Please note the following two items. A special Town Board meeting has been scheduled to consider the 2013 audit report on August 11, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. at the town hall. Roger Camper noted some of lawns in the town are not up to standard. Please get them mowed or you will be receiving a visit from the lawn police.

The routine items of bill paying, approval of minutes, renewal of the CD's at First State Bank, and financial reports were approved followed by adjournment.

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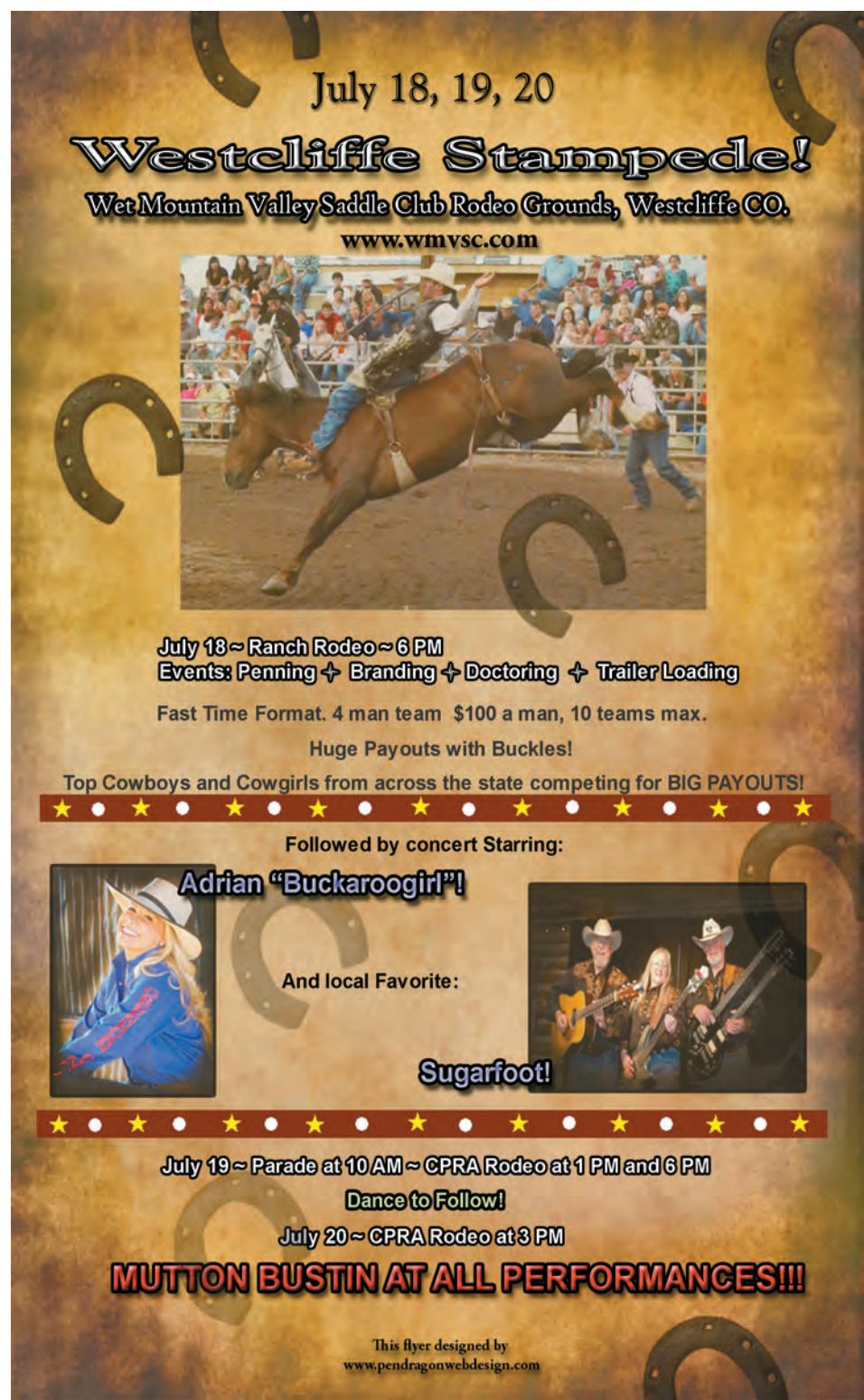
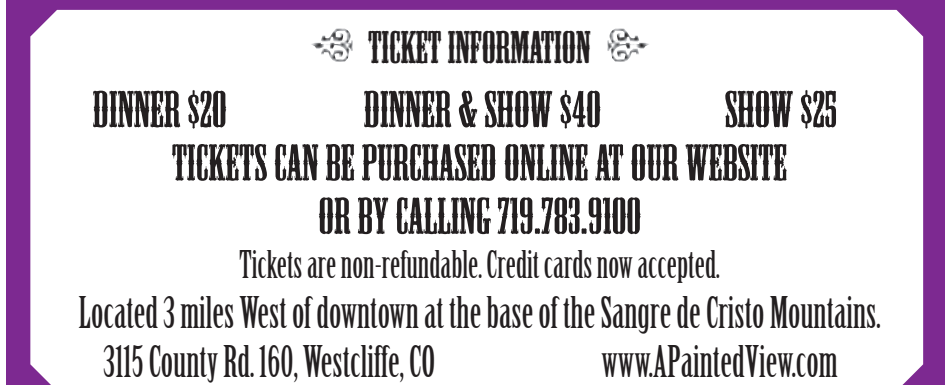
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Westcliffe Merchant's Comments on Independence Day Weekend

Schlabach's Marketplace: "After the parade, it was packed in here. People would put in an order and then have to wait outside until a table opened up. It went on like that until we closed at 2:00 p.m. We were not open on Saturday while the car show was going on. Sold a lot of ice cream Friday."



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Obituary Johnny Dale Walker

Johnny Dale Walker passed away at the age of 64 on June 20th, 2014. Johnny was born in Hazard, Kentucky, on September 7th, 1949. He was a patriot who served honorable from 1968 to 1970 in the Vietnam War as a helicopter door gunner. In 1965 he moved to Middletown, Ohio, where he was an instrument technician at Jefferson Smurfit Corporation for 21 Years. On December 1st of 1990 he met his soul mate, Joyce, and in August of 1991 the two moved to the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee, where he logged, ran a saw mill, raised horses, and kids. Johnny was diagnosed in 2005 with stage 4 cancer and was given 6 months to live. After numerous surgeries and chemo treatments, Johnny and Joyce turned to alternative medicine and 6 months turned to 9 wonderful years. In September of 2005 the two lovers sold their 100-acre farm in Tennessee and moved to Westcliffe, Colorado. Johnny loved Colorado and could be found playing music, shooting archery, trail riding, or enjoying the company of his best friend, Joyce.



Johnny is survived by his longtime companion and best friend, Joyce Walker; daughter Kimberly Dale Walker; son, Jared Walker; granddaughter, Skylar; granddaughter, Danielle Cameron; great-grand children, Konner and Kyree; and nephew, James Brittingham; his wife, Sabrina; and their three children Alexis, Allyson, and Brooke.

A celebration of life will be held Sunday July 13th, 2014 at the Saddle Club in Westcliffe, Colorado. The event will start a 2:00 p.m. There will be food and libations. Din-

ner will be provided by Campstyle Cookin' and there will be alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Guest are encouraged to contribute with a dish or drinks but is not required.

Memories and stories about Johnny are welcomed. If you would rather have somebody else read them, you may email them to Joyce Walker at stormyleekennels@yahoo.com. This is a horse-friendly event so feel free to bring your horses and ride. Johnny and Joyce's horses will be there as well.

Charles Cox Addresses Critics

by Paul Sage

Custer County resident Charles Cox was not driving the semi-tractor pulling a trailer loaded with 12 veterans, their spouses, and two sponsors in the Hunt for Heroes parade in Midland, Texas. He was not driving the Union Pacific train that hit that trailer at 4:40 p.m. on November 15th, 2012. But like so many others, his life was changed dramatically that day.

Mr. Cox's long-time friend and fellow soldier, Shane Ladner, and his wife, Meg, were on the parade float that day when it was hit by the freight train traveling at 60 mph. Mrs. Ladner lost her left leg in the crash. She and her husband Shane were among the 17 injured and 4 killed in the tragic incident.

Mr. Cox, his wife, Betty, and Custer County resident Major General Bob Hollingsworth witnessed this tragedy unfold that day and over the next several days.

A local investigative reporter looking into the crash turned up what appeared to be discrepancies in the military record of Mr. Ladner and his receiving a Purple Heart. Mr. Ladner explained the discrepancy by saying the medal was awarded for injuries received during a covert anti-drug operation in an unnamed South American country. Mr. Ladner was even arrested and charged with lying to obtain tax-exempt Purple Heart license plates at one point. Among the other documents Mr. Ladner produced to prove his side of the story was an original DD-214 (discharge order) which listed the Purple Heart award. It was authenticated by a Georgia Bureau of Investigation document expert as the real thing. The National Archives could not produce the same document, possibly due to a record keeping error. The case has yet to come to a final resolution.

Questions persisted and Mr. Cox was drawn into the controversy because of questions raised by the same investigative reporter about how he received his service related injuries and what he admits was a poor choice of wording on his hastily prepared biography submitted to the Hunt for Heroes two years earlier which did not specify that his injuries occurred in a pre-deployment exercise for Desert Storm and not in theater. The injuries were nonetheless serious and occurred while in the service of the military, as evidenced by the medical retirement and partial disability evaluation provided

by the military.

The organization Hunt for Heroes provides these all expenses paid hunting trips for veterans as a way of honoring them and helping them recover from trauma incurred while in the service. The organization has no issues with either Mr. Cox or Mr. Ladner having participated in the hunts. Both are honorably discharged members of the United States Armed Forces and both had sustained injuries during their service to the country.

Still questions surrounding this issue have plagued Mr. Cox for the past two years in Westcliffe, some 600 miles from the scene of the train crash in Midland. Mr. Cox, who never claimed to have received a Purple Heart, attributes the original misunderstanding and accusations of wrongdoing to the previously mentioned biography. He has humbly taken personal responsibility for this misstep and apologized to the local American Legion Post and to any of his accusers who would hear him. Anyone who would ask for more probably wouldn't be satisfied with it.

As a result of the chain of accusations begun by a reporter in Atlanta, Mr. Cox's entire military career has been challenged to the point of questioning his service. His career with the Army and Army National Guard and Reserve spans 28 years according to records reviewed by this reporter. During this time of service Mr. Cox served in a number of capacities and collected enough decorations to tip over a smaller man.

Among his many service awards were the Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Army Service Ribbon, the Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and was twice awarded the Global War on Terrorism Service Awards and Overseas Service Ribbons. He was also three times awarded the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M device, as well as five times awarded the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, to name a few. In addition there were Excellence in Competition Badges in Rifle and Pistol, the National Defense Service Medal with a Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medals,



Charles Cox with a few of the marksmanship awards, including the Bisley Match.

Sentinel photo by Paul Sage

and the Meritorious Unit Award. The List goes on. Mr. Cox has had extensive training as a sniper and counter-sniper as well as training as a certified rescue diver.

His list of awards specifically related to shooting is impressive as well. He is a member of the Army Marksmanship Unit and the Military Marksmanship Association. He received the Queen's Medal, and the British Army 100. In addition, in 1999 he competed against 700 fellow shooters at the Winston P. Wilson match to become one of only eight to serve on the All Guard International Shooting Team. On this team he traveled to Bisley, England in July of 2000 to compete in the Territorial Army Skills Match and the NRA World Championship. Here Mr. Cox helped his team win numerous team trophies competing against elite teams from 54 countries.

Individually he placed 15th out of over 300 shooters winning a number of gold, silver and bronze medals in the Joint Services Shooting Matches, the NRA World Championships, the Bargrave Deane Challenge Cup, and the H. Whitehead Match.

These are no small achievements to be lightly discounted by others, and this barely touches the collection of service and shooting awards Mr. Cox displays in the office in his Custer County home. Despite this impressive record and outstanding credentials, Mr. Cox's main interest is in being of service to this community where he lives with his wife of 35 years. He serves on the Custer County Sheriff's Posse and the Custer County EMS. He has recently taken a leave from both for knee surgery. He has also served on Search and Rescue and is a Deacon at his church.

Library Craft Show

Hurry to be one of the first artisans to pick up an application to participate in the "Summer Arts and Crafts Fair" presented by the West Custer County Library Friends. Applications are now available at the front desk of the library, so stop by, pick one up, and fill it out!

The deadline to return the applications is July 25th, and the show will run from Thursday evening, July 31st, through Saturday evening, August 2nd. The show will be held at the Hope Lutheran Church's Lang Memorial Hall, 312 South Third Street. With the excep-

tion of food items, all arts and crafts are welcome as long as they have been created by the crafter entering them. The Friends are always happy to welcome new crafters to the show, as shoppers love to see different wares at each show.



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Bobcat Football Camps Coming Up

The Custer County football coaching staff will be holding instructional football camps for 3rd grade through high school age students on July 28th-July 31st. The 3rd grade-8th grade youth camp will be conducted in the mornings from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Monday, July 28th-Thursdays

July 31st. Cost for the camp will be \$10 which includes a T-shirt. Campers will receive instruction from high school coaches and high school football players. Information and parental release forms may be picked up at the school office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Questions or for more information, please call head

coach Troy Bomgardner at 783-2687.

The high school camp will take place from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Monday, July 28th - July 31st on the football practice field. There is no cost to the high school camp and any student interested in playing football this year should attend the camp.

4-H Robotics Camp Offered in July

Did you know that the Wet Mountain Valley has a robotics team? Custer County Robotics Team has been meeting since January and is gearing up for the 2014 - 2015 competition season. The first event is the 2014 4-H Robotics Camp for youth 9 to 16-years-old. (Older students and adults can participate as volunteers.) The team is co-sponsored by Custer County Schools.

Participants will use engineering processes and LEGO NXT Mindstorms

components to meet increasingly difficult design challenges. Skills practiced include critical thinking, teamwork, and decision-making within requirements and constraints. Participants will learn to control their own mechanical designs with sensors and computer programs they write. Introduction to robots used for exploration, medicine, industry, defense, convenience, and entertainment will also be discussed.

The camp will be held

July 14 - 18, at the Courthouse Annex (615 Rosita Ave) from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. There will be a Final Challenge Competition on Friday from 4 - 5. Projects will be on display in the exhibition building at the county fair on Saturday, July 19. Cost for the camp is \$15 which includes T-shirt and notebook. Volunteer opportunities for the camp and regular competition season are still available. Contact Betsy Banks at chipbuffalo@icloud.com or 719-330-7127 for more information.

Bobcat Football Golf Benefit to Include Million-Dollar Contest

The annual "Pigskin Classic" Golf Tournament is set for Saturday, July 26th, at the local St. Andrews Golf Course. The yearly golf scramble is popular with locals and helps raise money for the Custer County football program. This year's tournament which begins at 8:30 a.m., will add a new twist with a hole-in-one contest that includes winning an ATV from Stanwood Motorsports and a hole-in-one chance for a

million dollars!

"This tournament which Coach May started over 10 years ago is a great fundraiser for our football program and a really fun tournament," stated head coach Troy Bomgardner. "Our local businesses do an incredible job in sponsorship and we usually get a full flight of teams to compete for the title of "Pigskin" champion. This year we've added the big hole-in-one prizes. Everyone gets a shot at the ATV from Stanwood and

our closest to the pin winner and one other golfer chosen randomly will get a shot at a million bucks if they can sink a hole-in-one on the 9th hole. It should make for an exciting day!

If interested in competing in the 11th Annual Pigskin Classic, entry fees are \$50 which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, BBQ lunch, and contests. Entry forms are available at St. Andrews or by calling Coach Bomgardner at 783-2687.



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Open House at Paca Peace Ranch

Paca Peace Ranch will be holding a Community Open House in its new location on Saturday, July 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Some of the youth in the program will give a demonstration of their alpaca handling skills on an obstacle course at 11:00 a.m. Visitors can also feed the alpacas and meet some miniature goats and friendly chickens.

Beth and John Kolecke began hosting the nonprofit

program at their Rosita ranch in May, shortly after Beth Kolecke was selected as the new program manager.

To attend the open house, take Route 96 east out of Westcliffe. Turn south (right) on Rosita Road. Paca Peace Ranch is the first left turn after the Trout Ranch at 435 County Road 356.

Call 719-783-0734 if you have questions.

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

CSI Murder Mystery Party and Swim, Slide, Splash Pool Party

The West Custer County Library's free Summer Reading Program for all ages will be ending with a bit of intrigue and a final splash.

At the "CSI Murder Mystery Party" teens will do some amateur sleuthing to find out which of their friends is the murderer. However, mayhem will not bring this party down as there will be a light dinner, snacks and games throughout the evening. Space is limited and advanced registration is required. This event takes place on Wednesday, July 16, and will begin at 6 p.m. The location will remain a

mystery being revealed by mail only to those teens that have registered for the event. It is open to teens entering grades 6-12. If interested, contact the library to see if there is still space available.

"Swim, Slide, Splash Pool Party" will be held on Thursday, July 17, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This event is free to kids entering 5th grade and under who are officially signed up for the Summer Reading Program and no advanced sign-up is required.

The Summer Reading Program ends for children and teens on Friday, July 18,

2014. All reading logs and timesheets must be turned in by 5:30 p.m. on that date in order to be eligible for prizes and drawings. Children, teens, and adults who have not already signed up to earn prizes for keeping up with their reading and experiencing new things this summer can register at the library Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Summer Reading Program and all its events are free.

For more information, please call the library at 783-9138 or visit www.westcusterlibrary.org.

KIDS

Friday, July 11, 2014

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Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
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Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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information source: Presbyterian Hymnal, from Psalm 46

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tute Teacher. These positions will remain open until filled. Interested applicants may contact Chris Selle at chris.selle@ccbobcats.net or 783-2357 to request application materials, pick up applications at the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe, or download an application from the school district's website at www.custercountyschools.org. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in employment.

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Events Calendar

Friday, July 11, 2014
Bluegrass Festival: The Bluff.
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Saturday, July 12, 2014
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Sunday, July 13, 2014
Bluegrass Festival: The Bluff

Tuesday, July 15 - 20, 2014
Custer County Fair **all week**

Wednesday, July 16, 2014
6 - 9 p.m.: CSI Murder Mystery Party for Teens. Call library 783-9138. Ltd space.

Thursday, July 17, 2014
1 - 3 p.m.: Pool Party at Club America for children's

summer reading program.
6 - 8 p.m.: Wetmore Library:
"A Tribute to the American Cowboy"

Friday, July 18, 2014
6 p.m.: Ranch Rodeo

Saturday, July 19, 2014
10 a.m.: Parade
1 p.m. & 6 p.m.: Rodeo; Dance after evening performance

Sunday, July 20, 2014
NOON: 4-H & FFA Livestock Auction at Fairgrounds
3 p.m.: CPRA Rodeo

Monday, July 21, 2014
First Baptist Church VBS, all week; 783-2498

Recurring Events and Business

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

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE



WESTCLIFFE JULY 4TH PARADE: A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

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Photo Feature by Barbara Napolitan

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For more information or to send a message, donate money or hear more of this car's story, please visit www.thebabescar.com.



Story and photos by Barbara Napolitan

Local Mountain News & Notices

Sheriff's Report...

As of Tuesday, July 8, there were eight males in jail.

July 6 William Mercer, age 30, of Westcliffe was issued a summons for a dog running at large. Mercer will appear in Westcliffe Municipal Court at a later date.

July 5 Clinton Sanchez, age 25, was arrested at Lake DeWeese off of a Pueblo County arrest warrant for failure to appear. Sanchez is being held in the Custer County jail under a \$2,500 bond. The original charge is Pueblo traffic-related offenses.

July 5 At 2348 hours in the 200 block of Main Street at the Firemen's Dance, a 51-year-old keyboard player, a member of the band, from Amarillo, Texas, was allegedly assaulted by a man identified as Clyde Walden, age 45, of Silver Cliff. The victim was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo with possible head injuries. At that time, charges were not pressed. Charges could possibly be filed at a later date. The assault allegedly occurred when allegedly the band member became too friendly with Walden's wife.

July 5 Constance Christner of Elton Lane reported that someone used a knife to scratch paint on the rear end of her 2014 Kia while parked at her residence. No suspects at this time.

July 5 While parked at Bishop's Castle on Highway 165, someone broke the windows on two separate vehicles. One vehicle was from Pueblo West and the other one from the state of Ohio. Purses were taken from each vehicle. Use of a credit card for fuel was attempted at a fast-food place in Colorado City. Usage was denied shortly after fueling. An iP-

hone was also stolen.

July 5 At 2130 hours, a 2002 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Jeffrey Kessler, age 23, of rural Westcliffe was north-bound on County Road 241 when it hit a deer. The deer was killed. Moderate damage was sustained to the front fender of the truck.

July 5 The first 911 call came in at approximately 12:45 p.m. regarding the incident with motorcyclists assaulting a motorist. Please see the article on page 5 for details of this incident.

July 4 It was reported that a summer home on Kankakee Lane owned by Vernon Cochran from Grand Junction, Colorado, had windows broken. Nothing is believed to have been taken from inside the residence.

July 4 A summons was issued to Roy Dickens for a dog running at large and accumulation of rubbish at the residence's property and city street.

Numerous contacts regarding offenses of illegal fireworks use. Warnings and summons were issued depending on the aggravated incident.

July 1 At 3:38 p.m., a 2003 Ford pickup truck driven by Gail Terry, age 75, from Gardner, Colorado, was pulling into a parking spot near Third and Main Streets in Westcliffe when she hit the gas pedal instead of the brake. The vehicle jumped the curb and hit a rock wall and knocked it over then hit a propane tank and it rolled. Minor damage was sustained by the truck. The propane company was called to secure the tank.

AMBULANCE CALLS
There were six ambulance calls as of July 8.

July 7 At 1534, an ambulance was dispatched

to Horn Creek Recreation Center where a 15-year-old male had injured his elbow. He was treated at the scene.

July 6 At 1431 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic regarding a 61-year-old male with chest pains and transported him to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

July 5 An ambulance transported a band member from the Firemen's dance to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

July 5 At 1929 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic to transport a 28-year-old male to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo. He had been riding a dirt bike when he had an accident on private property.

July 2 At 11:43 a.m., an ambulance was dispatched to 25 Main Street in Westcliffe where a 31-year-old female had passed out. She was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

July 2 At 2244 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Aspen Trail for an 86-year-old male with a nosebleed. He was treated and not transported. The male had been involved in a car accident on Oak Creek Grade at about mile marker 6 and had driven himself home.

FIRE CALLS

There were three fire calls as of Tuesday, July 8.

July 6 At 0900 hours, a fire truck was dispatched to County Road 131 for a possible brush fire. It was a control burn and had failed to call it into the Sheriff's office.

July 2 A fire truck was dispatched to the accident on Oak Creek Grade.

July 1 A fire truck was dispatched to the scene involving the propane tank and stood by.

Court Report...

Eddie Dale Hoover pleads guilty to careless driving. Motion to dismiss granted. Fine of \$145.50.

Joshua Lee Desherlia was charged in Moffat County for Burglary. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to 1 year jail time with cred-

it of 187 days already served. Then he was arrested and charged for Violation of Bail Bond Conditions. Plea of guilty and jail time is concurrent with Moffat County. He was resentenced to the custody of the executive director of the department

of corrections for 1 year. Mandatory period of parole, 12 months. Assessed fine - \$1,123.50 - Balance of \$913.50. On July 3rd, 2014, Plea agreement reached in all cases. Probation revoked and terminated.

**"I am the vine, you are the branches.
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by: Barbara Penezic

The 4th of July as celebrated at Veteran’s Park this year was nothing short of spectacular. The notorious Colorado weather even co-operated with a pleasant breeze and moderate temperature. The park was filled with laughing children and their favorite pets. Classic Rock music was provided by ‘Apple Wood’ complete with the Chicken Dance led by one of the entertainers much to the delight of the many children who joined in the festivities. This was not the only delight the children had this 4th, however, because “Giggles the Clown,” donated her services and the children lined up to have their

faces painted. Giggles can also be found ‘Tuesday mornings’ right here in the park at the “Farmers Market!” A big thanks goes to City Market for their generous donation of delicious cold watermelon, also served up free to the public.

Having volunteered to help slice and serve watermelon I had the opportunity to speak with some of the children as they waited patiently in line. I was pleasantly surprised at how many of the kiddos did truly understand that this celebration was about something more than free watermelon and face painting. A young man of about 10 years told me, “If it was not for the bravery of men like my brother, Steve, who

is in the Army, we would not have a 4th of July or a Free Country to celebrate in. The founding fathers must have been a lot like Steve, just really brave. I hope my brother is having a celebration tonight in Afghanistan.” Another little girl, maybe 5 or 6 said, “Well, I’m just really glad those men threw the tea into the harbor, cause now we are free and we get Watermelon!”

The fireworks began at dusk and although the bombs bursting in air were quite loud the delighted sound of the youngsters could still be heard. Shrieks of laughter split the air as the brilliant colors lit the night time sky with shower after shower of thunderous light dis-

plays. Dogs curled up next to their owners and seemed not to mind the noise after the first few blasts. This is why we are proud to be Americans living in a great community like Cañon City. During this election year I pray that we ,the adults will remember what is really important and take the time to stand up for what is right, so that in years to come other happy children can celebrate the birth of this great nation with music, face painting, and best of all free watermelon.

Be Informed, Get Involved.



Still Standing Tall

The Royal Gorge Tea Party brought several 2nd Amendment supporters, along with their beautifully patriotic float to Westcliffe’s 4th of July parade last Friday: Still Standing Tall for God, for Guns, and for Country.

Sentinel photo by John Penezic

Second Amendment Parade and Rally

by: Ed Whitcraft,
Royal Gorge Tea Party

On the 4th of July many Fremont County patriots ventured to Westcliffe, Colorado to participate in the 2nd Annual 2nd Amendment Rally and March and also to support our Sheriffs in their efforts to overturn the legislation that hinders all citizens of Colorado 2nd Amendment rights. What a beautiful day it was. Hundreds of like - minded patriots coming together showing their individual rights and collectively re-enforcing their beliefs in the 2nd Amendment. As the different folks were assembling many acquaintances were renewed from the year before and everywhere you looked you saw red, white and blue

clothing along with look-alike attire from different organizations. They also had weapons—side arms and a wide assortment of rifles and long guns. Yes, this was truly an Independence Day birthday celebration along with making a statement that our 2nd Amendment rights would not be infringed.

The Royal Gorge Tea Party was present with their float and about 50 patriots. The float, which had, at its center piece, a self- made rendition of the Statue of Liberty, and carried about 30 folks who were very vocal in letting the crowd know that they loved their country. The float also played patriotic music as it moved along the parade route and

stopped a couple of times as Richard Hollabaugh led the tea party patriots and the spectators in ‘God Bless America.’ The sides of the float were adorned with the words “Still Standing Tall for God, for Guns, and for Country.” Leading the float was a group of patriots carrying the Royal Gorge Tea Party sign and about 20 armed members walking with it. The spectators were wonderful in clapping and thanking the Fremont County folks for coming to their parade and participating. Many thumbs up were seen along with tons of smiles and “we’re with you” comments. The young children were adorable waving their flags with one hand and waving the other hand at us

folks in the parade.

What was so impressive about the entire celebration was the spectators and patriotism displayed along the entire route which stretched for about a mile. Many people were wearing red, white and blue, as they waved flags and stood as the American flag went by. Many veterans wore hats or shirts from the branch they served with standing almost at attention showing pride that can only come from those who have served. Nearly everyone smiled, waved, and said thank you showing good old American pride.

I’m not sure I can put into words what I felt looking at the crowd but you could see that these folks were

just as proud of America as we were. I believe there were a lot of freedom loving folks who truly believe in our Constitution, who truly believe in what our forefathers gave us on July 4, 1776, Independence. I believe that both the spectators and those who participated in the parade know that in order for us to keep that independence, that freedom, that liberty, that has cost so much down through our 238 years of longevity we must remain ever vigilant and ready to protect these liberties. We have a great opportunity to make our voice heard in a few short months, it’s called voting!

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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.

Supreme Court, Congress, and Tyranny

The Washington Times has written an analysis of the Supreme Court decisions impacting the occupant of the Oval Office. The nine justices, two of whom were appointed by the “president,” have rejected his expansion of powers in 9-0 decisions 20 times in five years. While the June 30 decisions on socialized medicine and compulsory union dues were not unanimous, they were an indication of how conservatives and liberals have differing views on what the same words mean, and that the term “liberal” is becoming exponentially redefined as “tyrannical” in the interpretation of law. The divide on use of executive power and government intrusion in personal and religious life in America is widening.

Congress should not need an unelected Supreme Court to rule that dictatorial executive authority and overreaching government is unconstitutional. Moreover, American citizens do not need an unelected court to tell them when their rights are violated by executive fiat. There are some things that are obvious. The problem here is that the Supreme Court and the courts under them do not recognize that all law is originated and given by God. He is the source of the law. Law cannot be just with man rejecting God and building precept upon precept from man’s interpretation of what is just. Ecclesiastes 7:20 says, “For there is not a just man upon earth, that does good, and sins not.”

Notwithstanding, Ohio Republican and Speaker of the House John Boehner

said, “Today’s decision is a victory for religious freedom and another defeat for an administration that has repeatedly crossed constitutional lines in pursuit of its big government objectives.” All well and good except that Boehner and his colleagues have constitutional responsibility to challenge a president over abuse of executive authority. Article 1 Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution gives the House the sole “Power of Impeachment” and Article 3 gives the Senate the sole “Power to try all Impeachments.” Article 2 Section 3 requires the President to “take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed.”

This “president” has publicly said that he will not enforce certain laws that he does not agree with, including Defense of Marriage, immigration laws, and border security, privacy laws, laws against negotiating with and funding terrorists, and those that pertain to religious freedom and freedom of speech. While the Supreme Court has done well to heal the hurt of the citizens slightly, Boehner and his colleagues have done little but grandstand in abdicating their constitutional responsibilities to a lawless president. They are an Isaiah 59:13 group: “In transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.”

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
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Gov. John Hickenlooper sure likes to dream big, but when it comes to the follow-through, he shows he is a man who lacks the necessary leadership skills. PeakNation™, you may remember his “brilliant” idea to stamp out homelessness in Denver in ten years by utilizing parking meters. Needless to say, one year short of ten years and it’s done almost nothing as there are more homeless now than when it started. But, that Hick failure is minor compared to this next one. As Eli Stokols at KDVR reports, a \$58 million overhaul of the state’s computer system (which tracks more than \$20 billion of state tax money) is about to be the second coming of the Obamacare rollout:

“A disaster in the making.” That’s just one way Secretary of State Scott Gessler describes Colorado’s new \$58 million computerized accounting system...

...State agencies have been

told to start using it Tuesday, July 1.

However, internal documents obtained by FOX31 Denver show the system isn’t even close to ready and won’t work as planned.

If you receive any state benefits, pay fees or taxes, or are a vendor who does business with Colorado, this does affect you. [the Peak’s emphasis]

What’s worse is Hickenlooper and his administration have known this disaster was approaching, and instead of working in a collaborative manner with all those willing to help, they tried to hide the impending disaster: Gessler said, “It’s not fully tested. We warned the governor, saying there are some real problems.”

Gessler sent a letter to Gov. John Hickenlooper on May 6 asking that he delay launching CORE until the major glitches are repaired.

We reviewed a copy of the letter which calls the computer project “a disaster in the making” and warned

“this current path to failure is a train wreck about to happen.”

Gessler... said the response to the letter was underwhelming.

“Don’t bother us,” Gessler said. “No data (provided). No facts that give us any comfort. In fact, some of the reports they concealed, they hid, they kept from us so we wouldn’t see those reports because ultimately they didn’t look very good.”

We spoke with a number of IT managers, private contractors and government employees familiar with the CORE project. As a group, they agreed with Gessler, saying it would be best to delay the launch. [the Peak’s emphasis]

This report by Stokols is absolutely devastating for Hickenlooper and his administration. Allegations of massive cost overruns, as well as cushy contracts given out to well-connected people has one whistle-blower believing an audit would find tens of

millions of dollars had been misappropriated. PeakNation™, be sure to read the story in full.

While this certainly adds to a month Hickenlooper would rather forget, here at the Peak we’re more concerned with the \$90 million DMV computer system overhaul vanity project Hickenlooper pushed hard for this past year. As we can see by Hickenlooper’s previous big projects, his lack of leadership skills coupled with his administration’s abhorrence of transparency, come together to create a toxic mix of big government spending and incompetency that are hurting Coloradans all over the state. Unfortunately, as we’ve learned recently, we won’t even be able to get a straight answer from Hickenlooper on this.

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Obama Worst President Since World War II, Latest Poll Finds

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

The president is increasingly finding that telling the Mr. Chairmanwoman to rig the market to all time highs does not translate to a comparable popularity rating. In fact, just the opposite.

While Obama’s slide in the polls is nothing new, the latest data from the Quinnipiac University Poll is about as bad as it gets for the president: in fact, perhaps the only thing more shocking than Obama “surpassing” George W. Bush as the worst president since World War II is the onset of revisionism with some 45% saying the U.S. would have been better with Romney as president compared to just 38% who say Obama remains the better choice.

Which, incidentally, confirms what we reported yesterday: while the Republican view of Obama has certainly never been lower, what is worse is that even the core Democrat faithful are now giving up on the hope and change brings, confirmed by the latest Gallup poll which saw Democrat confidence in the economy tumbling to the lowest level for 2014.

More from Washington Times: With Mr. Obama deploying military troops to Iraq, failing to find compromise with Congress, and seeing major defeats in the Supreme Court, voters continue to sour on him.

Quinnipiac found 45 percent of voters say the country would have been better off if Mr. Romney, the 2012 GOP nominee, had

been elected, while just 38 percent say Mr. Obama remains a better choice. Even Democrats aren’t so sure — just 74 percent of them told the pollsters Mr. Obama was clearly the better pick in the last election.

Voters also rate him the worst president since World War II, topping even his predecessor, President George W. Bush, who had left office with terrible ratings.

“Over the span of 69 years of American history and 12 presidencies, President Barack Obama finds himself with President George W. Bush at the bottom of the popularity barrel,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

A Zogby Analytics Poll

released Wednesday also found Mr. Obama slipping — in that survey, to 44 percent approval, while his disapproval leapt 4 percentage points from last month to reach 54 percent.

Nearly half of voters told the Zogby poll that Mr. Obama is “unable to lead the country.”

And now, back to hoping and praying that by rigging the Dow Jones above the “psychological level” of 17,000, voters will finally notice and give Obama his due.

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MEET JILL: Beauprez Picks a Female Running Mate, Libs Lose Their Minds

by *ColoradoPeakPolitics,*
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Yesterday, Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob Beauprez announced his running mate and [drumroll] it's Jill Rapella, a Douglas County Commissioner. According to her bio, her real passion is "economic development" which is great since Colorado families are still struggling to recover from the recession thanks to the policies from the left.

Beauprez picks a woman, she's attractive, articulate, and a proven leader, so what's the next step for the lefties? Democrats' heads explode, and they try to discredit her by saying she was his second choice. Here's your war on women, ladies.

The truth is that Repella was Beauprez's first choice – and it was a solid choice. Here are a few of her achievements from her bio:

Over a cumulative total of 25 years, prior to her induction as Commissioner, Jill served in various elected and appointed positions in Douglas County, including Douglas County Planning Commission, Planning Commissioner; Douglas County School District, Board of Education; Highlands Ranch Metropolitan Districts, Board of Directors; Open Space Advisory Committee, member; Douglas County Housing Partnership, Board of Directors; and the School District's representative on The Partnership of Douglas County Governments.

During her time as a com-

munity volunteer, Jill listened to thousands of citizens in hundreds of public hearings and community meetings across the entire county, during which time she gained perspective on the values of Douglas County citizens as well as respect for the lifestyle diversity found in this uniquely rural and urban County.

Another truth? With Hick-enlooper and Beauprez tied, and Beauprez picking a proven leader, the left is simply scared that they not only will lose the U.S. Senate race, but the Colorado Governor's race as well.

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Local Sheriff Isn't Backing Down Over Patriotic 'In God We Trust' Prayer Event: 'I Couldn't Really Care Less'

by *Billy Hallowell,*
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A Louisiana sheriff is doubling down and pledging to carry on with "In God We Trust," a public prayer event and July 4 celebration that the American Civil Liberties Union has decried as unconstitutional.

Sheriff Julian Whittington of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, is holding the second annual event — which will include church groups and faith themes — on city-owned property which is why the civil rights group is decrying it as a potential church-state violation.

But despite pushback, the top cop isn't backing down.

"Not only am I elected to serve the people of Bossier Parish, but I live here and my family lives here. I think Bossier Parish is a better place with Christianity and Christian values involved in it," he told the Shreveport Times. "I am an elected official. I'm also a citizen here. I think this is what's best for us. I don't work for anybody in Washington. What they do, what they say, I couldn't really care less."

"In God We Trust" which will offer free food, activities, and faith-based and patriotic music for families, will open with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance around 1 p.m. Friday. In addition to these elements, families will enjoy church

music performances, and patriotic videos and speeches, according to the sheriff department's official Facebook page.

While the event won't rely on any public funds to pay for food or activities, it will be held at a sheriff's substation, a public building.

Marjorie Esman, executive director of Louisiana's ACLU, has said that the prayer event is constitutionally problematic, as it "sends a message of government endorsement of Christianity."

"If the religious messages are overtly Christian and suggest that Christianity is better than other religions, and if there is a link to public funding or support, this would overstep the law," Esman wrote in an email to the Times. "In any event, it sends a message to Bossier residents who do not adhere to Christianity that they are less than equal and not worthy of support by their sheriff."

But Whittington defended the event, noting that the nation was founded on faith and that he finds it "ridiculous" that there is frustration and pushback over "In God We Trust."

"The idea that a small meeting in Bossier City somehow needs federal approval is ridiculous," he added. "That the mere mention of God or voluntary prayer is

not permitted is equally ridiculous."

Whittington also said that people are starting to realize how important it is to defend religious liberty.

Speaking specifically about the recent Greece v. Galloway Supreme Court decision which found that prayer at public meetings does not violate the Constitution, he expressed surprise that the vote was 5-4, indicating that he believes other justices should have voted on the side of prayer.

"For the most part, people have sat back and left it up to someone else and not worried about it," Whittington said. "It's time to be worried."

This isn't the sheriff's first free speech battle, as his office's Young Marines program — a youth service and education initiative — was denied funding from the U.S. Department of Justice in 2013 over the fact that the group allows for voluntary student prayer, according to KTBS-TV.

More than 1,000 people attended last year's "In God We Trust" event.

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The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand

2014



This Family-Run Restaurant Is the Opposite of a Gun-Free Zone Wait Until You Read the Sign That's Posted

by Mike Opelka,
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Would you complain about your meal if the waitress serving the food was packing heat?

That's exactly what you'll find at Shooters Grill, the aptly named restaurant located in the town of Rifle, Colorado.

carrying on the job. Within days, other staff asked if they could do the same.

Boebert said, "Of course."

Not long after, customers took notice. She said she arrived one day and found a homemade sign taped to the restaurant's window that said, "guns are welcome on premises." Boe-

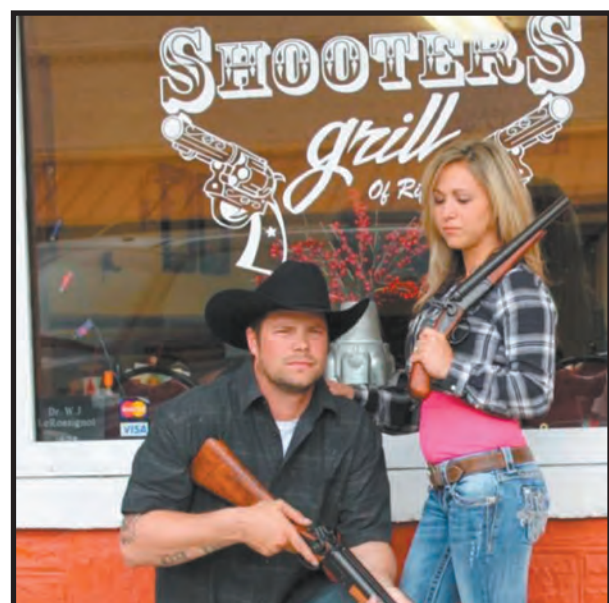


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Boebert told the Post Independent that her friends initially cautioned against the name "Shooters" because it "sounded like a bar or strip joint." Shooters Grill is neither: The restaurant doesn't

Jayson's work in the oil fields hit a rough patch.

The couple spotted an empty space in the town where she had lived for 14 years and signed a lease within a



Shooters Grill owner Lauren Boebert and her husband Jayson.

Image via Facebook

The family-run, American-style diner features waitstaff who exercise their open-carry rights and invites customers to do the same.

Owner Lauren Boebert told TheBlaze that she didn't necessarily set out to open a Second Amendment haven in Rifle. She's just "always carried," so three days after they opened, she started

bert ultimately replaced the homemade sign with a printed one.

She still doesn't know who taped the original sign to her window, but "he did me a favor."

Now in its second year, the 55-seat restaurant employs 16 people and is looking to hire, posting about job openings on Facebook.

serve alcohol, and the walls also sport reminders of the Boeberts' Christian faith.

"We called it 'Shooters' and started throwing guns and Jesus all over the place," she said.

Boebert said the decision to open the restaurant was a "leap of faith," a backup plan in case her husband

few days. They got to work, opening in May 2013.

"I give all the glory to God," she said.

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You Are The Target -- In Target



Logic is the first sacrifice to zealotry -- and liberal thought.

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.org

(Editor/GG: Senior Citizens Board of Directors, please read this. It is just common sense. Looks like Target is done with patriot-ic Americans.)

As you've likely seen in the media, there has been a debate about whether guests in communities that permit "open carry" should be allowed to bring firearms into Target stores. Our approach has always been to follow local laws, and, of course, we will continue to do so. But starting today, we will also respectfully request that guests not bring firearms to Target -- even in communities where it is permitted by law.

We've listened carefully to the nuances of this debate and respect the protected rights of everyone involved. In return, we are asking for help in fulfilling our goal to create an atmosphere that is safe and inviting for our guests and team members.

This is a complicated issue, but it boils down to a simple belief: bringing firearms to Target creates an environment that is at odds with the family-friendly shopping and work experience we strive to create.

It's not a complicated issue at all; in fact, it's a very simple issue.

Criminals do not pay attention to signs or corporate "requests"; further, paper does not stop bullets.

You, therefore, "request" that patrons become the target, unable to defend themselves, if a would-be felon

enters your store with mayhem and murder on his or her mind, as you have "requested" that your patrons willingly forego the only known means of effectively attempting to thwart such an attack if the need arises.

What's worse is that Target management will, of course, (as will anyone else) call people with guns if an unfortunate need does arise. They will respond (the police) and, if said murderous thug refuses to immediately cease his or her assault, attempt to shoot said person -- that is, use a gun to stop them.

But in the interim period between the initiation of that murderous assault and the arrival of said law enforcement officers, for the simple purpose of political correctness, Target as a corporation requests that their patrons submit to death rather than retain the right to attempt to terminate that assault before the police can arrive.

That, my friends, is the bottom line.

I have and will respect Target's private-property rights.

But since Target refuses to respect the right to life of its patrons and instead chooses to put forward a security theater game I will choose to shop somewhere else and strongly urge others to do so as well -- as I'm doing right here.

From my point of view the issue is, in fact, very simple: A person's right to life, which inherently must include their right (but not obligation) to defend that life should the unfortunate need arise, trumps a corporation's expressed willingness to play politics and put forward falsehoods that are intended to make people feel safe instead of promoting the state of being safe.

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MSNBC Shocked: Nearly 90% of Americans Support Constitutional Carry

by Dean Garrison,
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For those who wonder why MSNBC has lost nearly half of its viewers, this might serve as yet another example. A poll, hosted on MSNBC.com, asked a simple question:

Do you think people should be allowed to carry guns in public?

People were given three options for answering and, with 90,000+ votes cast, here are the current numbers (as of July 6, 2014):

1. 88% -- Yes! **The Second Amendment guarantees it.** (79,000+ votes)

2. 8% -- No, it's too danger-

ous. (7,266 votes)

3. 4% -- Only for self-defense. (3,636 votes)

This result does not fit in with the network's leftist narrative or agenda. To listen to MSNBC you would think that 90% of Americans are begging to turn in their guns so that they can receive the proper state protection.

I would not look for these poll results to be featured on any network shows in the near future. Remember, this is the same network that defended Rhode Island State Senator Josh Miller after he told a gun rights activist to, "Go **** Yourself."

The truth is that American people are listening to the reports of violence and they are taking notes. But they simply do not agree with the proposed solutions given by the government or main stream media. They do not trust either source and it is beginning to show in both polls and media ratings.

The solution is to arm and protect yourself. People are not quite as stupid as MSNBC, et al, tend to assume. When we see stories of mass shootings and violence our first instinct is not to turn in all of our guns.

This is America and we believe in the right to protect ourselves.

We all know that bad guys are going to find guns, swords, bombs or whatever it takes to kill innocent people. No policy of gun confiscation will change that. We certainly can't trust the police to defend us. In a hostile situation, there is no time to call 911. And let's not forget that, in some cases, the cops are the bad guys.

The truth is, contrary to reports from Bloomberg and Obama, even the left is very much in support of the Second Amendment. It's only the very vocal extremist left that says otherwise.

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Veteran Gets VA Hospital Appointment Two Years After He Died!

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Two days ago President Obama announced his selection of former Proctor and Gamble CEO Bob McDonald — a former Army Airborne Ranger Infantry officer and West Point graduate — to head up the ailing Veterans Administration. Maybe this will work out better, after all, “Rangers Lead the Way” — and that ain’t from behind. McDonald must be given the freedom to fix the issues and not be told to be a figurehead.

Here’s an example of what lies ahead for McDonald. As reported by CBS Boston, a local veteran there finally got a VA doctor’s appointment — two years after he died.

Doug Chase was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2011. In 2012, his wife, Suzanne, tried to move his medical care to the VA hospital in Bedford so he wouldn’t have to take the ambulance ride into Boston. The couple waited about four months and never heard anything. Then Doug died in August of 2012.

But two weeks ago, Suzanne got a letter, addressed to Doug, from the VA in Bedford, saying he could now call to make an

appointment to see a primary care doctor.

“It was addressed to my husband and I opened it,” said Suzanne Chase. “I was in complete disbelief.”

Will the new VA Secretary be able to make the call and tell the person responsible for this — as Donald Trump would say — “you’re fired?” Not all VA hospitals are guilty but the cancer that has metastasized in the VA system has to be surgically removed and we’re talking about an emergency procedure. This cannot be about the politics of rhetoric. People — veterans such as Doug Chase — are dying, undeservedly so.

At the bottom of the letter addressed to the now-deceased Chase, dated June 12, it reads: “We are committed to providing primary care in a timely manner and would greatly appreciate a prompt response.”

Can any of you imagine reading that statement and what your response to it would be?

The sad thing is, it’s not just a political game being played, but also a deceitful one perpetrated by the liberal media to protect “their guy” at the expense of those who were willing to make the last full measure of devotion to this country.

What is even more appalling about Doug Chase’s case is that there was no way the VA did not know he had died — other than blatant incompetence. Per the CBS report, “the VA had to know her husband was dead because she applied for funeral benefits two years ago and was denied.” And the reason for the denial? Hold onto your seats: because her husband was never treated at a VA hospital.

The investigative team at CBS Boston tried to contact the VA Hospital and got this response: “We regret any distress our actions caused to the Veteran’s widow and family. “At the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, our most important mission is to provide the high quality health care and benefits Veterans have earned and deserve — where and when they need it.

“Thank you for bringing this regrettable issue to our attention. We apologize for our error and any difficulties this has caused you. We will examine our process, do what we can to fix it, and institute measures to prevent this from happening again.

“We are reviewing this Veteran’s case; however, we require a Release of Infor-

mation to allow us to comment on the specifics of his case.

“As part of the corrective actions taken to address scheduling issues, VA launched the Accelerating Access to Care Initiative, a nationwide program to ensure timely access to care. VA has identified Veterans across the system experiencing waits that do not meet Veterans’ expectations for timeliness. VA has been contacting and scheduling Veterans who are waiting for care. We regret causing any pain in this effort.

“The Acting Director called the Veteran’s widow to apologize. We were able to leave a voicemail with the Director’s phone number. The Acting Director will call the Veteran’s widow again tomorrow. We want to be sure that she is, as well as other Veterans and their family members are, treated with dignity and respect.”

How many of these letters have been sent out in the past ten years? Let me be clear, one is too many.

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About Those Argentine Bonds...

by Karl Denninger,
 Market-Ticker.org

(Editor/GG: \$17 Trillion in debt. Read below. How long do you think this is going to last?)

The saga of Argentina is an interesting -- and amusing -- one.

For those who don’t recall, Argentina has through the years sold bonds they had no prayer in hell of ever paying off -- exactly as has the United States, Britain, France, Germany, and virtually every other nation.

In other words, the government, like all modern governments, sold something they couldn’t make good on.

The charade in all of these cases relied on these bonds being able to be rolled over -- that is, that once you gave your money to the government in exchange for this “bond” you would forevermore be willing to accept only the interest payment and never in the future demand the principal.

You may think that’s an outrageous position, but it is the actual position Argentina -- and the United States, along with the rest of the governments of the world -- have adopted.

Oh, sure, this person or that might want his principal back. But it is

flatly impossible for any material percentage of the people who have those bonds out to demand their principal at maturity because the government never had and does not now have the ability to pay.

This is true for all of the governments.

So, when Argentina found the terms for a rollover unreasonable and on the terms they offered, nobody would accept they couldn’t pay and defaulted.

A group of hedge funds bought up some of the defaulted debt and then tried to sue for the face value.

They won: in an American court which has no jurisdiction over Argentina.

But the stupidity doesn’t end there. No, that stupidity goes all the way back to the selling of the bonds, exactly as it does every time the U.S. Government sells bonds because everyone involved, including the buyers, knows the government cannot pay.

Everyone knows because the balance sheet for the government is public data.

The U.S. Federal Government does not have \$17 trillion nor any prayer of acquiring it before those bonds ma-

ture. It, thus, cannot pay and it knew this when it sold the bonds, thus it committed fraud.

But the buyers knew when they bought that the government couldn’t pay as well, and thus the buyers are equally culpable in their stupidity.

In point of fact all the issue of these bonds ever was is an intentional act of currency dilution -- that is, theft of the purchasing power of the people of the nation. It has taken place in an open, notorious, and documented fashion -- and everyone involved knows damn well this is exactly what, and all, that is taking place.

When the hedge funds and others demanded that the game be changed and they be paid in actual funds the government of Argentina said no. The irony is that they are perfectly right to say no because both the buyer and seller knew **** well that the bonds were not actually borrowing but instead a mechanism to dilute the currency, just like it is here in the United States.

Roll that around in your head for a while.

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HYPOCRITE HICK: DP's Kurtis Lee Finally Gets To Put Qs to Hickenlooper

by ColoradoPeakPolitics,
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Hey, Eli, did you take note? This is what a real interview looks like. Kurtis Lee at The Denver Post finally got his shot at Gov. John Hickenlooper, and he didn't miss. We can now see why Hickenlooper didn't want to start with The Post. As Lee's article clearly illustrates, Hickenlooper just really doesn't have any good answers for his performance with the Colorado sheriffs:

"We're better served looking forward rather than looking back," said Hickenlooper...

... But questions have remained since his June 13 comments to a group of mostly Republican sher-

iffs...

That's reporter-speak for "you ducked my questions."

Hickenlooper also noted at the meeting with sheriffs that because a staffer "made a commitment," he felt compelled to sign the magazine limit.

"Yes, under my instruction," Hickenlooper told The Post in regard to the staffer's commitment. Still, the governor, when pressed for details, declined to offer a name and said he did not remember who received the commitment. Both state Rep. Rhonda Fields, D-Aurora, the bill's prime sponsor, and House leadership said no commitment was ever made.

Let's try to unwind that logic here: Hickenlooper felt compelled to sign a piece of legislation because a staffer (still unnamed) made a commitment to someone (still unknown) somewhere at some time (both also unknown) that Hickenlooper would sign the legislation, but only because Hickenlooper told that staffer to do so; only, he can't remember which one now. You say that village burned itself to the ground, Mr. Viking? Well, we would doubt it, but if you say so, seems legit to us.

Sadly for Hick, Lee ain't no TV reporter. Lee just isn't buying any of it:

Moreover, Hickenlooper hasn't provided details on his assertion to the sher-

iffs that he only learned after he signed the bill that "roughly 300,000 magazines that carried more than 15 rounds" were already in Colorado. Opponents of the proposal, including County Sheriffs of Colorado, widely voiced concerns over enforcement of the law. Also, Magpul, an Erie-based manufacturer of high-capacity magazines, vowed to leave the state if the law was enacted.

How novel, actually wanting a politician to back-up the assertions they make.

In a June 20 interview with Fox 31 Denver, Hickenlooper said he was being "candid" when he spoke to the sheriffs and that he didn't know he was being recorded.

"I think I'm candid all the time," he told The Post...

"...Except now, when I wouldn't tell you about that staffer I threw under the bus, because to be candid would be sharing that with you. So, when I said 'all the time,' I meant not really 'all the time.' And when I said 'candid,' I meant not really candid whatsoever." So concludes the Peak's lesson in Hick-speak 101.

You want to see how Hick really knows he's in trouble?

And to his critics who have assailed the governor as wishy-washy...

"I think our record speaks for itself in a variety of ways. We had a flood, and

two days after the flood, we made a commitment we would get every road open before December 1."

Yep, PeakNation™, that was a pivot! Classic politician in crisis 101: if the topic isn't good for you, try to pivot to one that is. What the government's response has to do with guns or Hickenlooper's comments to the sheriffs, we haven't a clue. But, maybe the unnamed staffer could explain it to us if we could ever track her down.

And that, Eli, is how real reporters do their job.

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Critics Who Claim Voter ID Laws Are Racist Won't Like the Results of This Study

by Fred Lucas,
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If there was a hidden agenda behind North Carolina's voter ID law to suppress minority turnout — as the law's opponents claim — it hasn't worked, based on a study showing not only more voters overall, but an increase in black voter turnout especially, after the law's implementation.

The findings came before a scheduled hearing next week where the U.S. Justice Department will ask a U.S. District Court for an injunction against the law going into the November midterms. The Obama ad-

ministration has argued that such a law will make it more difficult for minorities to vote.

Comparing May 4, 2010, North Carolina primary election data with the May 14, 2014, primary data, the study found that voter turnout increased across the board, but particularly among black voters where it increased by 29.5 percent, compared to an increase of white voter turnout of 13.7 percent. The findings were based on Census Bureau data and public names who signed the voter rolls.

Judicial Watch, a conservative watchdog group, commissioned the study

and included the findings in an amicus brief for the July 7 hearing. Judicial Watch was joined in its legal brief by the Allied Educational Foundation and by former Buncombe County commissioner candidate Christina Kelley Gallegos-Merrill.

The North Carolina law also eliminated same-day voter registration which is why Gallegos-Merrill joined the brief. She alleges that her close loss in the state resulted from ineligible same-day registrations.

North Carolina adopted a law in line with 37 other states that don't allow same-day voter registra-

tion, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton said.

"The recent election in North Carolina shows that the Obama administration is engaged in a race-baiting canard when it suggests that voting integrity measures suppress minority votes," Fitton said. "It is high time that the Obama administration comes into line with the majority of the American people who want to strengthen rather than weaken ballot box integrity."

One expert prediction from the federal court filing projected that 915,426 North Carolina voters would be burdened in off-year,

non-presidential elections. Specifically, this was projected to mean 209,959 black voters and 710,567 white voters facing burdens that might dissuade them from voting.

Steven A. Camarota, research director for the Center for Immigration Studies, led the study and analyzed the data.

The brief asserts these findings "fundamentally undermines" the Justice Department's case for an injunction against the law which includes about 900 pages of predictions and probabilities of how voter turnout would go down. The brief says the "expert

reports are unreliable, because they predicted the opposite of what happened."

North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory signed the bill into law in August 2013.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of voter ID in a 6-3 decision in 2008. Since that time, 34 states have adopted some form of ID laws, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

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The Fiscal Burden of Illegal Immigration on California TaxPayers (2014)

by The Federation for American Immigration Reform,
www.Fairus.org

(Editor/GG: Below is the Executive Summary. These cost factors also apply here in Colorado. You wonder why we are going broke? And don't forget, your local Dems support this invasion.)

Californians bear an enormous fiscal burden as a result of an illegal alien population estimated at almost 3 million residents. The annual expenditure of state and local tax dollars on services for that population is \$25.3 billion. That total amounts to a yearly burden of about \$2,370 for a household headed by a U.S. citizen.

Nearly half of those expenditures (\$12.3 billion) result from the costs of K-12 education for the children of illegal aliens — both those illegally in the country and those born in the United States. Another major out-

lay (\$2.1 billion) results from the need to provide supplemental English language instruction to Limited English Proficient students, many of whom are children of illegal aliens. Together, these educational costs are 57.1 percent of total expenditures.

Other fiscal outlays result from the costs of medical care (\$4.0 billion), public assistance services (\$800 million), administration of justice functions (\$4.4 billion), and general governmental services (\$1.6 billion).

Because some tax revenue is collected from the illegal alien population, we include an estimate of this revenue from sales, income, property, and "sin" taxes. Yet, it should be kept in mind that the \$3.5 billion in tax collections is not truly an offset to the fiscal costs, because similar, and likely greater, tax revenue would be collected if the same jobs were filled by le-

gal workers.

The adoption of new amnesty legislation, such as Senate bill S.774, the so-called Gang of Eight bill, backed by the Obama administration, would not be an economic benefit to Californian taxpayers as some have argued. Amnesty advocates assert that providing legal status to illegal aliens would reduce the cost of "undocumented immigrants." That is akin to arguing that the way to reduce speeding on the highways is to abolish speed limits. Doing so would eliminate speeding, but it would not eliminate the danger of operating vehicles at excessive speed, and, arguably, would have the opposite effect. Similarly, converting illegal aliens into legal residents would reduce the size of the illegal alien population, but it would not reduce the overall fiscal outlays associated with that population, and arguably would signifi-

cantly increase them as the newly legalized residents became eligible for public assistance that was denied to them while they did not have legal status. It would also lead to additional illegal immigration as happened following the 1986 amnesty, which would further increase the fiscal burden.

The costs related to the presence of illegal aliens can be lowered. The most effective step a state can take to discourage the arrival of illegal aliens is to utilize the E-Verify screening system designed to prevent employers from hiring illegal workers. California instead is moving in the opposite direction by adopting measures designed to accommodate the presence of illegal aliens. A.B. 4, the so-called Trust Act, restricts the cooperation between state and local law enforcement agencies with federal immigration authorities. A more recent

law, A.B. 60, gives illegal aliens access to drivers licenses. This measure alone is going to cost the state of California, by its own admission, \$64.7 million per

year.

For the whole report, please see: www.fairus.org/DocServer/research-pub/CaliforniaCost-Study_2014.pdf



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Rev. Graham: ‘Christians Are Under Attack by Islam’

by Lauretta Brown, CNSNews.com

Rev. Franklin Graham, son of evangelist Billy Graham and head of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, said, “Christians are under attack by Islam” and that “radical” Islam has nothing to do with it because “it’s just what it is.”

Speaking at the Watchmen on the Wall National Pastor’s Briefing in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, Rev. Graham said, “The church around the world is under attack. Christians are under attack by Islam. They keep using this word ‘radical.’ It’s not radical, it’s just what it is.”

“Let’s stand up for our brothers and sisters in faith around the world who are being persecuted for their faith,” he said. “Because if we don’t stand up for them, there’s no other voice for them. There’s no other voice.”

Graham, who is also the head of the international Christian aid group Samaritan’s Purse, made his remarks on Thursday evening at the event which is a three-day gathering (May 21-23) sponsored by the Family Research Council (FRC).

Commenting on the persecution of Christians overseas, Rev. Graham mentioned American Pastor Saeed Abedini, a former Muslim who converted to Christianity and who was

sentenced to an eight-year prison term in Iran for evangelizing.

Graham also talked about Meriam Ibrahim, a Christian woman, eight months pregnant, married to a U.S. citizen, with another 20-month-old son who has been sentenced to death in Sudan for not renouncing her Christian faith.

“We need to pray for some people,” said Rev. Graham. “We need to pray for that young lady over in Sudan who they want to cut her head off because she will not recant her Christian faith. She is no coward. That is a real sword that they want to chop her head off with.”

“Then there’s Pastor Saeed Abedini,” said Rev. Graham. “He’s over there in Tehran, I talked to his wife just this week, Naghmeh. He was in the bed hospital, shackled [on May 20]. About 50 guards came in. They started beating -- his mom and dad were in the room -- started beating him in front of his parents using tasers, electric shocks.”

“Then they, these cowards, they drug him out of the bed, kicking him, shocking him, and he finally collapses before they can get to the elevator -- and they’ve taken him back to prison,” said Rev. Graham. “We need to pray for Saeed Abedini that God will protect him and surround him with His angels, and those fiery chariots, need a few of them too.”

He continued, “And let’s pray that God will bring him home soon to his family, to his wife. And let’s pray that that [Sudanese] woman will come out of jail and go back to her family, the woman that they’re wanting to cut her head off.”

Saeed Abedini, who has dual Iranian-American citizenship, was arrested by Iranian authorities in the summer of 2012 and was sentenced to prison in January 2013. He reportedly has been beaten and mistreated on several occasions.

The U.S. State Department has called upon Iran to release Abedini. In Meriam Ibrahim’s case, the State Department has not affirmed that her husband is a U.S. citizen when questioned by CNSNews.com. However, Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) and Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.) have sent a letter to Secretary of State John Kerry flatly asserting that Ibrahim is “the wife of U.S. Citizen Daniel Wani.”

Rev. Graham’s remarks were part of his address “Standing Strong on the Controversial Issues,” in which he stressed the importance of pastors speaking out on controversial issues such as abortion and same-sex “marriage.”

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They pretend to speak for all of America when they do not even represent the majority will of their own party.

Somewhat the argument of, “There are bad guys everywhere. You must turn in your guns so we can

protect you...” doesn’t yet wash with Americans. The brainwash is seemingly incomplete.

People are beginning to make the connection and see the media for what it is. Every media outlet has an agenda. Some just refuse to admit it.

I’d be very surprised if MSNBC doesn’t rip down

this poll at some point.

For now, however, this is the most truth to come from MSNBC in a long time.

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A Sheepdog Barks!

I’m usually not one to buy into a conspiracy theory but I might have to change my mind on this latest Obama crisis at the border involving “the children.” Let’s review what’s really going on. Obama and his administration have known about this “migration” of children from Central America for years. They had even pre-contracted for the buses and planes. It’s been brought to his attention by many and certainly by Governor Perry of Texas. Obama wants immigration reform for his legacy and because it was another one of his campaign promises. However he, like all his other promises, wants it only on his terms. No compromise. No working with the Republicans, just pure liberal progressive reform the way he sees it. The Republicans absolutely insist on border security first and then other reforms. Obama wants no border security. He and the other LPSDs pretty much believe in open borders. Let all those in who want in because they believe it will increase the Democratic voting base. So back to the “plan.” Obama knows that he must create a good crisis (Saul Alinsky – never waste a good crisis) and using children is the very best one.

Step 1 – Announce a policy that you will not deport children (The Dream Act). (Don’t let them confuse you with the Bush policy and law to protect children from human traffickers.)

Step 2 – Make sure the desperate people south of our border believe that if they just get their children here as soon as possible they will get in on the amnesty deal you keep promising.

Step 3 – When the children get one foot on “dry” American soil the likelihood of being returned is near zero.

Step 4 – Accidentally “leak” the pictures of these horrible conditions the children are in, thereby playing upon the sympathies of most Americans.

Step 5 – Act shocked, play dumb, and ask Congress for \$3.7 Billion to “process” the children’s immigration status.

Step 6 – Get the UN to weigh in and start calling these children “refugees” instead of “illegal immigrants.”

Step 7 – Release them all

over America with a note that says “you all come back now for your deportation hearing, ok?”

Yes, that’ll do it, right? One might say that it’s impossible to believe such an outrageous scheme could be perpetrated. I don’t put anything past this president. He has shown that he is capable of any lie to get his ideological policies accomplished. WOOF! Oh I almost forgot his latest step – Send Nancy Pelosi down near the border and have her tell us “we are all Americans, North, Central, and South, and we must accept all the American peoples here.” She is an absolute lunatic. These children are not “refugees” or “migrants” as the Associated Press calls them. They are illegal immigrants plain and simple. That doesn’t mean I hate children. The children are blameless here and need to be cared for until they are returned. It means this situation has to stop. There are billions of children around the world that would be better off in the USA. But, that’s not possible. The unintended consequences of bringing these parentless children into our already overburdened social welfare system will have a drastic affect. Our leaders must think with their brains not their emotions. Nancy even said she wished she could take them all home with her. How Sweet! Doesn’t do a thing about solving the problem! Look. Obama wants to use this to force his version of “comprehensive” reform. He doesn’t really care about “the children.” He just wants his policy to get through Congress. How can anyone use the word comprehensive (it sounds good though, doesn’t it?) and then not include protecting our borders. Utter Nonsense! WOOF! I now put nothing past this president. I believe Obama would do anything, and I mean anything, to accomplish his goal of fundamentally changing this country. And we don’t mean fundamentally for the better. Obama is a socialist ideologue and he will wreak as much more havoc for America as he can in his last 2 ½ years. I have told you before that other leaders have recognized the value of using “the children” in accomplishing their goals. Remember this:

“The state must declare the

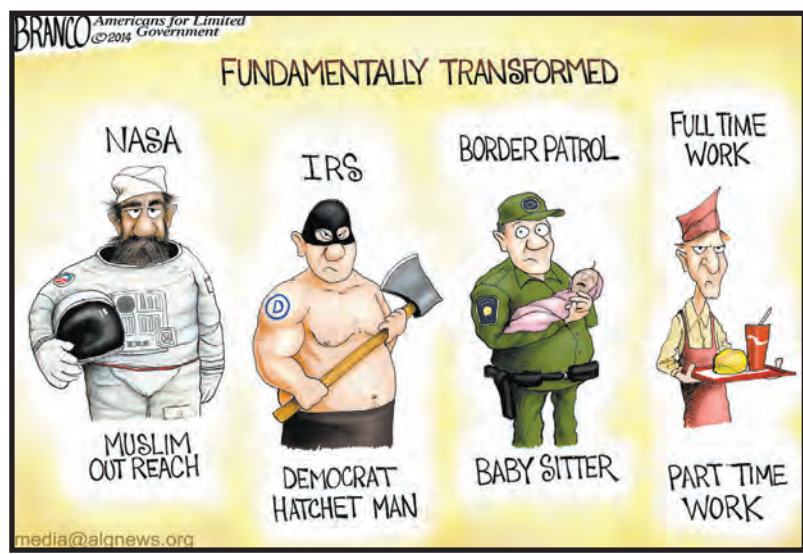


child to be the most precious treasure of the people. As long as the government is perceived as working for the benefit of the children, the people will happily endure almost any curtailment of liberty and almost any deprivation.”

~ Adolph Hitler, Mein Kampf

Boehner has told Obama there will be no deals, no legislation on immigration because he cannot be trusted to enforce the law. He would ignore the secure the border parts and move on amnesty only. This is his behavior. He does not “faithfully” execute the laws of this country. He selectively ignores them. I close with this. The Democrats know all this. They know he is an “albatross” around their necks. They are not just walking away from him they are sprinting. Tuesday night in Denver, Colorado is a good example of this. Obama landed at DIA in the afternoon greeted by NO ONE! And I mean NO ONE! He came down the stairs talking to some poor soul who was probably told, “Hey, you, go walk down the stairs with the president so he doesn’t look lonely.” He got in his car and went somewhere. Where was Senator Udall? Where was Governor Hickenlooper? We are expected to believe their BUSY work schedules precluded them from meeting and greeting the President of the United States. Their President, RIGHT! They, however, plan to meet with him in a PRIVATE fundraising dinner. Imagine that! Don’t expect any photos, folks. Udall & Hickenlooper want no part of this president except the money he can raise for them. TOO BUSY indeed! Obama is radioactive and they know it. Hey Hick! Hey Mark! We finally agree on something. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH



Remember When Gasoline Was \$1.89 a Gallon? Let's Review.

by Allen West,
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(Editor/GG: The outrageous gas prices we are paying today are a direct result of Obama and the Dems intentional policy of raising energy prices to discourage consumption (and in return, destroying our economy). Ask your local democrats how they feel about this. Understand their answer.)

Lots of folks consider this weekend the beginning of summer and as our kids and grandkids get out of school, it's road trip time. However, as I pay attention to the gasoline prices, it may be more difficult for some Americans to enjoy the American tradition of summer vacation.

Most of you have probably forgotten, but in January 2009 the average price of gasoline in America was \$1.89. Now ask yourself, what is it today? (around \$3.67, but four bucks if you live in California) What is amazing to me is how the liberal progressive media went apoplectic on former President George W. Bush when gasoline prices hit \$2.50 — miss that yet? And so ask yourself, where is the liberal media angst now? The silence is deafening and the hypocrisy is not just laughable, it's horrific.

Of course if you stand against the progressive socialist "global warming/climate change" agenda, then the typical Alinsky personal character assault tactic reveals itself — you are now a member of the "flat earth society."

Dude, I just want gasoline prices back down to where they were before the tyrant took office. And nope, I'm not willing to be forced into buying some dinky little wimp car just to make liberals feel "Happy."

You hear we're at record production levels of oil and natural gas, but that phenomenon has occurred on private and state lands — and trust me, the federal government is doing everything they can to shut it down.

As we've reported here, the federal government is attempting to use the endangered species act to close off lands. We should be producing, consuming, and exporting our energy resources and undercutting adversaries such as Russia and Vladimir Putin — who just signed off on a multi billion dollar energy deal with China.

So it seems we're borrowing money from China, who holds approximately 24% of our debt, and becoming financially dependent to a country that is actively hacking into our private sector, stealing our corporations' intellectual property and building their maritime force as they traverse the globe in search for energy resources and raw materials.

This weekend, how many of you will be firing up the grill — I hope after you have visited a veterans' national cemetery? As you peruse the grocery store, pay attention to how food commodity prices have increased. Yep, the grilled steak portions in the

West household have gotten just a little smaller. It's not just beef, but price for eggs, milk, and other commodities are up too — this comes as many Americans see their wages lowered and depressed.

Now, here is where the liberal progressive mind will say, this is why we need to raise the minimum wage to \$15. My response is, when did a minimum wage job become a career? It was supposed to be a gateway and enabler to build upon for a true full-time career. And if the progressive socialists prevail, we'll see more Americans on part time — Obamacare advanced this idea — more cost shifted to consumers, who already are struggling, and perhaps — no, probably — more Americans unemployed as small business owners and fast food franchisees struggle to make ends meet.

All of this is occurring because President Obama hasn't a clue about fiscal and monetary policy. He doesn't understand tax policy, which promotes the concept of "yes, you did build that and we want you to build more."

What he does understand and advance is a decimation of the entrepreneurial spirit in America over the exploitation and expansion of a welfare nanny-state as a means of political bribery (extortion) — vote for me and get more largess from the public treasury. Obama and his cronies fail to understand that the Federal Reserve printing more money does not promote a free market economy, it

actually advances a false economy and crony capitalism. The belief that we can print money, buy up our own debt, in order to stimulate economic growth is a failed premise — and our unemployment rate is hardly 6.3 percent, but it sounds good.

But the unintended consequence is the sense of mini-inflation we are witnessing, resulting in higher gas and food commodity prices at a time when we're facing an anemic economic recovery. Be advised, the American economy needs close to 400,000 jobs created per month in order to maintain an economy that has a \$17.5 trillion debt — we ain't even close!

I know this isn't a "sexy" topic and most folks would prefer talking about TMZ videos, American Idol, and Dancing with the Stars — but that's because we have a pop culture president, not a leader. Personally, I wouldn't be going to Cooperstown and the Baseball Hall of Fame to discuss tourism if I had veterans dying and a U.S. Marine being held in a Mexican jail.

But, my fellow Americans, this is what we need to be discussing. And I hope when you go to the gas station or the grocery store this weekend, you'll remember these words.

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High-Flying Obamas Send Taxpayers \$7,396,531.20 Tab

by JudicialWatch.org

(Editor/GG: Better send your Obamacare tax penalty in soon, the Obama's summer vacations are coming up.)

Just when you thought that it couldn't get any worse, President Obama has set a new record for lavish gallivanting at taxpayer expense. Newly released travel records obtained by Judicial Watch from the U.S. Department of the Air Force reveal that on just three trips taken in 2013, the high-flying Obamas stuck the taxpayers with an astounding tab of \$7,396,531.20. And that was just for flight expenses alone!

First some background. From December, 21, 2012, to January, 5, 2013, the Obama family, as is their custom, spent their Christmas vacation in Honolulu, Hawaii, with the president briefly flying back to Washington to work on a budget deal before returning to enjoy his fun in the sun. In early August, 2013, Obama flew to California to dine privately with high-dollar fundraiser DreamWorks CEO Jeffrey Katzenberg in the presidential suite at the Hilton Woodland Hills Hotel and to appear for the sixth time on the Jay Leno "Tonight Show." Also in August, 2013, the Obama family spent eight days vacationing in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, at the \$7.6 million home of David Schulte, founder of the private equity firm Chilmark Partners.

And what was the taxpayer tab for all of this? The records came in response to Freedom of Information

lawsuit filed after the stonewalling of requests filed in August 2013:

- The outbound flight to Honolulu for the Obama 2012 – 2013 Christmas vacation cost taxpayers \$2,214,393.60. The return flight to Washington was \$1,871,961.60. The total price for flight expenditures alone came to \$4,086,355.20.
- The outbound flight to California in August, 2013 for Obama to dine with high-dollar fundraiser Jeffrey Katzenberg and appear on the "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" cost taxpayers \$1,209,926.40. The return flight to Washington was \$935,980.80. The total price for flight expenditures alone came to \$2,145,907.20.
- The outbound flight to Martha's Vineyard for the Obama family August vacation cost taxpayers \$890,323.20. The return flight to Washington was \$273,945.60. The total price for flight expenditures alone came to \$1,164,268.80.

That's \$7,396,531.20 — in flight expenses alone — for just three of the Obamas' leisure/political trips.

In recent years, Judicial Watch has repeatedly gone to court to obtain information about taxpayer funding of lavish vacations for the president and his family. In October, 2011, Judicial Watch obtained documents pertaining to the full costs of the June 21-27, 2011 trip taken by Michelle Obama,

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her family, and her staff to South Africa and Botswana. According to the records obtained from the United States Air Force through a FOIA lawsuit, during the six-day trip, the First Lady and her entourage spent \$668,702.01, including hotel and lodging costs of \$430,614.18. This was in addition to the \$424,142 taxpayers were billed for the cost of the flight alone, according to earlier documents obtained by Judicial Watch.

In April, 2012, Judicial Watch obtained documents through a FOIA lawsuit from the United States Air Force and the United States Secret Service detailing costs associated with what the press described as Michelle Obama's "whirlwind tour on Spain" in August, 2010. According to a Judicial Watch analysis, the trip, which included visits to coastal towns, shopping, and a lunch date with the country's King and Queen,

cost the taxpayers at least \$467,585.

Judicial Watch also obtained records for Michelle Obama's 2012 Aspen ski outing on Presidents' Day Weekend. The total cost for the February, 2012 vacation was at least \$83,182.99. The bill for the Secret Service alone, including accommodations at the deluxe Fasching Haus Condominium and The Inn at Aspen, was \$48,950.38. FoxNews.com noted that the trip was the 16th vacation in three years taken by the Obama family.

The fact is, the Obamas are abusing the public trust and the taxpayers with unnecessary luxurious vacations and travel. These staggering costs show why these documents were covered-up and we had to sue in federal court to get them. Another transparency fail for the Obama gang, but thanks to our federal lawsuit it is another accountability win for the American taxpayer.

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High Mountain Hay Fever Bluegrass Festival

2014 Main Stage Performance Schedule

Thursday, July 10

6:00-7:45 Kantankerous
6:55-7:40 Giddyup Kitty
7:50-8:35 Dr. Harlan's Amazing Bluegrass Tonic
8:55-10:00 Cedric Watson & Bijou Creole

Friday, July 11

10:00-10:45 Hosts: Dry Branch Fire Squad
10:55-11:30 Giddyup Kitty
11:40-12:25 Beartracks
12:35-1:10 Danny Schmidt
1:20-2:00 The Wolking Brothers
2:10-2:50 The Church Sisters
3:00-3:25 Phoebe & Harper, The Powell Sisters
3:35-4:15 Kantankerous
4:25-5:30 Cedric Watson & Bijou Creole
5:30-6:00 Dinner Break
6:00-7:00 Hosts: The Sons and Brothers Band
7:10-8:00 Dr. Harlan's Amazing Bluegrass Tonic
8:10-9:00 Danny Schmidt & Carrie Elkin
9:10-10:00 Grass It Up

Saturday, July 12

10:00-10:45 Hosts: The Sons and Brothers Band
10:55-11:20 Phoebe & Harper, The Powell Sisters
11:30-12:10 Grass It Up
12:20-1:00 Carrie Elkin
1:10-1:55 The Little Roy and Lizzy Show
2:05-2:45 The Church Sisters
2:55-3:30 Heidi Clare and Ron Thomason
3:40-4:15 Kantankerous
4:25-5:05 Beartracks
5:15-6:00 Hosts: Dry Branch Fire Squad
6:00-6:30 Dinner Break
6:30-7:20 Mile High Express
7:30-8:15 The Little Roy and Lizzy Show
8:25-9:05 The Church Sisters
9:15-10:00 High Plains Tradition

Sunday, July 13

9:30-10:10 Hosts: Dry Branch Fire Squad - Gospel Music Show
10:20-11:00 High Plains Tradition
11:10-11:50 The Church Sisters
12:00-12:35 High Mountain Hay Seeds - w/ Gary Bowman & Heidi Clare
12:45-1:25 Beartracks
1:35-2:15 Danny Schmidt and Carrie Elkin
2:25-3:05 The Little Roy and Lizzy Show
3:15-4:00 The Sons and Brothers Band

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