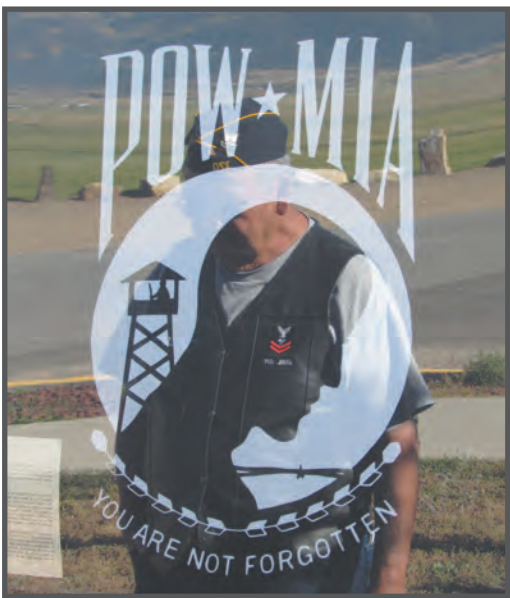


Remembering America’s Prisoners Of War and Missing In Action

Last Friday, the American Legion Westcliffe Post 170 conducted the annual Remembrance Ceremony honoring our country’s troops who were or are prisoners of war and/or missing in action. America counts 83,184 troops still missing from our ranks with Colorado listing 24 POW/MIAs still missing from the Vietnam War.

The POW-MIA flag reminds us that many of these men and women may never return and have paid the supreme sacrifice to insure our freedom. Let us never forget them and their families’ sacrifices for our freedom.



Left: Emil Roy stands before the glass-encased POW-MIA flag at last week’s ceremony.
Right: Bill Miller receives the POW-MIA flag to attach just below the American flag.



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“Ask, and it will be given to you; Seek, and you will find; Knock, and it will be opened to you.”
Matt. 7:7
NKJV

Successful Book Fair

by Carol “Scoop” Clemenson

September 20th and 21st at the Old Schoolhouse Museum there was a great big Book Fair sponsored by the Valley Parks and Recreation Youth Center.

There were people standing outside the Old Schoolhouse before 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning and the schoolhouse was packed many times throughout the weekend. The sale was wonderful! There were folks with boxes and bags full of books as well as folks having their arms full of books. The Book Fair was a complete success.

Marcie Gregg and Patty Collins, along with many other volunteers, worked very hard to get all the books organized. They were in so many categories, anything one was looking for, I’m sure was there. The children’s books were great, also. All the books were in mint condition. Some looked like they might have been read once and then donated to the fair. They had many vintage books on Quilting, Crafts, Fiction, Romance, Western, Mystery Novels, and so much more. It really was a sight to see. They thank



There were large crowds all weekend at the annual Book Fair.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

everyone who donated so many books, and those who bought them!

Young Jacob Yoder has been at this Book Fair every year and has always bought a book with his own money. He saves up for it every year. Some day he could be a great help getting everything all set up.

Valley Parks and Recreation does so much for the youth in our community. They offer scholarships, help buy uniforms for the kids in summer sports, and the list could go on and on. Thanks to them and to everyone who helped make this a success for yet another year.

Life Chain

Sunday, October 5
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West School Parking Lot

Come and stand on the side of the street and pray silently for the unborn. Make a statement for those who cannot stand up for themselves. Give what time you can to stand in solidarity with other Christians from Westcliffe who want to defend the rights of the babies who are sent from God.

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Thursday, 9 October @ 6:00 p.m.
Lutheran Fellowship Hall
312 S. 3rd. St. in Westcliffe

This will be a very important meeting to discuss the ballot issues, recommendations, and other critical issues affecting our local community.

Ballots will be mailed out on Tuesday, 14 Oct. There are several complicated and possibly confusing issues. Please attend and share your views and/or get your questions answered.

We will also discuss the latest information on Custer County Parades and the attempts by the local Democrat Party to ban the carry of firearms, signs, and after-parade rallies.

We all know how important this election is to our local community, our state, and our nation.

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the same mountains!*



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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

A SIMPLE AND FAIR SOLUTION



The leaders in the Town of Westcliffe have been put in a tough spot. The Mayor and Trustees are being asked to decide who gets to sponsor the next Independence Day Parade. The leaders don't really pick a sponsor. They basically just grant the rights to use the town streets to an entity that comes to them and requests the street closures. In the past that has always been a rather pro forma action and there was no controversy. Now there is controversy and the good Mayor and the good Trustees have been pulled into the middle of it. That doesn't have to be the case. They can easily extract themselves from this problem. First and most important we believe, are how and why are they in this controversy and who put them there? Secondly, we believe there is a fair and simple solution. Historically, whoever was granted the street closures for a parade became the "sponsor." Remember the Town of Westcliffe Board does not technically choose sponsors, they only close streets. However, when they grant the street closure request they are selecting the de facto sponsor. For some of the parades there have been different sponsors from time to time. But the sponsors changed only when the incumbent sponsor didn't want to continue, not because there was a fight about it. Thus the request to close the streets for a parade or other event was simply a procedural action done, at most, a few months early. In 2013 the Chamber of Commerce, the incumbent sponsor at that time of the Independence Day Parade, decided not to sponsor the parade any longer. There was only a short time left before the 4th of July. Some entity had to step forward in a hurry and the Town of Westcliffe did.

The Mayor and Trustees immediately stepped up and restored the parade. That was important and commendable as the merchants and businesses in both towns needed the event and the commerce. This change happened because the local Tea Party organization, the Southern Colorado Patriots Club, decided to legally and peacefully march with their open-carry firearms to protest what the liberal progressive state legislature was doing to the 2nd Amendment rights of Colorado citizens. The actions of the Democrat-controlled legislature was so overreaching it even caused 55 of the Colorado County Sheriffs to file a lawsuit against the state, and the Democrats lost 3 state senators. The Town leaders quickly held a Town Hall meeting to hear the citizens on this issue. It was made very clear at that meeting that the majority of citizens supported the rights of citizens to open-carry their firearms, especially since it is the law in Colorado and there would be no reason to deny anyone their legal rights. We believe the Town Board voted unanimously (of those present) to allow the Southern Colorado Patriots Club to march as they intended by not imposing any restrictive rules. After that 2013 parade, which was a great success, the Town of Westcliffe decided in early 2014 not to sponsor any more parades at all. We believe that decision was based on advice from their attorney with regard to establishing rules that would deny citizens or groups their rights and the legal liabilities that could or might occur. If that is not correct we hope someone on the Board will correct us. Once again some entity needed to step forward quickly, as the "Spring into Summer" parade (Memorial

Weekend) and the Independence Day Parade were in jeopardy. This paper recognized the economic and patriotic importance of these parades to the citizens and visitors of the community. We immediately stepped forward to ensure the parades would go on. We were joined by the Wild West Cowboy Church as a co-sponsor and the Town of Westcliffe granted us the street closures for the 2014 parades. This made us the "sponsors" of the parades. There have been three parades that the Southern Colorado Patriots Club has marched in with open carry firearms. All have been huge, well-attended, peaceful, and overwhelmingly supported down the town streets by those attending. They have all been good for the local economy, and we have many testimonials to that effect from the merchants. So now why is the town in the middle of a controversy? The local liberal progressives and local Democrat Party do not like "guns". They want control of the parades so they can ban "guns". They came to the Town Board in August (11 months early) to wrest the "sponsorship" away from the *Sentinel* and the Wild West Cowboy Church for the singular reason to ban the open-carry of firearms which, by the way, is a legal and constitutional right of the citizens of this area. We believe many on the Town Board feel like they have been pulled into an ideological argument, and they are not happy about it. We agree. But make no mistake - they have been pulled into this argument by a minority of citizens in this community and directly by the local Democrat Party. To suggest otherwise, or place blame elsewhere, is to deny what is really happening. The Town Board should not allow themselves to be

used by the Democrats to impose their liberal will on the community at large. They do not speak for the entire community. We understand the difficult position the Town Board is in. An ad hoc parade committee has been formed and an effort to resolve the disagreement about the parade rules is on-going. A communication is being drafted that will be sent to the Southern Colorado Patriots Club asking for their position on not carrying firearms. We will let the Southern Colorado Patriots Club speak for themselves and will publish their response in this paper.

In the meantime we believe the Town Board can take an appropriate action that will remove them entirely from this dilemma. It is simple and fair. Show the *Sentinel* and the Wild West Cowboy Church (as the current and incumbent sponsors) the same respect and courtesy we believe they would have shown previous and current parade sponsors like the Chamber of Commerce and the Saddle Club if some entity had tried to "steal" the parade from either of those incumbent sponsors. Many citizens we have talked to believe that is a very logical and likely precedence that can be applied here. We believe the Town Board would have said the incumbent sponsors have "right of first refusal" and if they want to continue their sponsorship the new entity should go work out any co-sponsorship or rules issues with them. We believe that is a simple solution, the right solution, and dissolves any and all conflicts for the Town leaders immediately. The Town Board should not be involved in this controversy. The community should be.



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The Custer County “Twilight Zone”

by J. Cascarelli

Picture a man so eager to become a policeman that he would run for the office of sheriff with no policing experience, no supervisory experience, and no P.O.S.T. certification. P.O.S.T. for those unfamiliar with what it takes to be a cop is Police Officer Standards & Training. This is a six month course that every officer in Colorado must complete. It is also required for all who hold the office of sheriff.

Our most recent candidate, Larry Sanders, believes that the taxpayers of Custer County will have “no problem” if their next sheriff must spend his first six months on the job attending the very demanding P.O.S.T. certification process. This candidate will be going to school while the taxpayers of the county pay approximately \$70,000 in salary with full benefits and transportation expense. One can only wonder if this candidate expects the county to pay for the P.O.S.T. tuition too.

Now, maybe the county residents would be willing to do this to get a proven law man like Wyatt Earp. But, to get a man with no law enforcement experience whatsoever? I think not. Only in a Twilight Zone episode could this delusional voting scam take place.

Rumor has it that members of the Sheriff’s Office support the candidacy of this man. I would like to see the members defend their choice. Maybe there is

some extraordinary reason for this blind faith in a man who has been in the community for less than one year and who believes that membership in the Sheriff’s Posse qualifies as “policing experience.”

If you haven’t checked out the candidate’s web site, here is an excerpt covering the candidate’s “lifetime” of education. “Education: I graduated from Longmont High School...a year of Bible School ...attended two part-time semesters at Front Range College...attended Instituto de Lengua Espanola in San Jose Costa Rica for four months ...attended CSU Fort Collins, [receiving] a B.A. in Social Sciences...attended a second year of Bible School...’tested out’ of several computer classes...completed a six-month intensive Computer Networking Certificate program at Front Range...recently have self-studied several college courses from the Teaching Company... [If elected] once I have completed the state of Colorado educational requirements... planning on pursuing a master’s degree from American Military University in either Homeland Security or Criminal Intelligence.”

Even those of us in the community with little or no experience in law enforcement can see that little or none of this “education” will be useful for the job of sheriff. It does seem that the candidate is an education junkie with little commitment to any profession. With these kinds of credentials, any

candidate’s debate or meet and greet can be approached with great anticipation. With October 14th being the day that mail in ballots will be sent, the debate should happen soon. Maybe the Chamber or one of the community’s two newspapers will sponsor it.

We are told that Debbie Liven-good and all three commissioners believe that this candidate “deserved” to be put on the printed general election ballot. The candidate received only one vote, a write-in, in the primary election. The candidate’s only vote was his own and he ran as an American Constitution Party candidate. One can only wonder what the candidate did to “deserve” a place on the General Election ballot. The other candidates spent up to two years running. They all participated in six debates and numerous meet-and-greet events. They spent hundreds of dollars on signs, pamphlets, campaign ads, and untold hours writing position papers for publication in local print media. This is earning the right. An outstanding candidate, Shannon Byerly, won the Republican Primary. This should earn him the endorsement of the Republican Party in the general election. Yet, they are silent, as are the county commissioners and the county election clerk.

Only in the Twilight Zone can something like this actually happen. Where is the dialog, the explanations, and the community debate regarding this bizarre turn of events?

74 School Shootings Since Sandy Hook is Misleading at Best

by Regis Frank,

Part-time Custer County Resident

Last week’s Second Amendment Corner reprint of the EMGNews.org article entitled, “Pistol Packing Teachers in Several States...” highlights the excellent projects in several states to implement a plan that will actually prevent active shooters in our schools. However, one “fact” that was included in the article is misleading at best, and bogus at worst.

The statement in question “74 school shootings...following the Sandy Hook incident” has been splattered across the liberal media since initially published by Everytown for Gun Safety—an advocacy group founded by former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and gun-control advocate Shannon Watts. Many media outlets continue to report this statistic as “fact,” it is often seen on all forms of social media, and our President BHO referenced it in a recent TV interview.

The intent of Bloomberg’s Everytown statistic is to cause the reader/listener to envision 74 incidents similar to Columbine or Sandy Hook. As is usually the case with most gun-control “facts” however, the broad definition they used to classify as a “school shooting” actually included such incidents as a middle-of-the-night suicide in a school parking lot by a man unaffiliated with the school, and an early morning armed

robbery on a street that goes through a university campus. Another example of Everytown’s deceptive intent is their including a statement that “we should feel secure in sending our children to school—comforted by the knowledge that they’re safe.” But 35 of the 74 incidents listed actually occurred at a college or university rather than a K-12 school.

PolitiFact performed an in-depth study of the Bloomberg statement, concluding that it is Mostly False, and that only about 14% were shootings that mirrored Columbine and Sandy Hook. They further stated that “The group’s figure is accurate only if you use a broad definition of school shooting that includes such incidents as suicides (6), accidents (3), and spillover from adjacent criminal activity (39).” The complete study can be found at <http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2014/jun/13/everytown-gun-safety/have-there-been-74-school-shootings-sandy-hook-clo/>.

Even CNN—certainly not a bastion of gun-rights ideology—took a closer look at Bloomberg’s Everytown list of 74 incidents, and concluded that only 15 were situations similar to the violence in Newtown. The CNN report can be found at <http://www.cnn.com/2014/06/11/us/school-shootings-cnn-number/index.html>.

Always be skeptical of gun-control related “facts.”

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Standing up for What You Believe is Right

I would like to thank Nan Haga for her letter to the editor in the September 19, 2014, edition of the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel. Way to go, Nan! Stand up for what you believe is right and truthful. There is a wooden plaque in Tony's Mountain Pizza that I personally love. To quote:

"Always stand for what is right even if you are standing alone!"

I would like to dispel or lay to rest some of the most recent "gossip and destroy" that has been going around about the Sheriff's Posse or what is left of the Sheriff's Posse. Word came to us that Sheriff-elect Shannon Byerly had been arrested and charged with DUI. We traced this rumor back to the source and it has been clearly proven to be the most malicious of lies. Why? Only the person who started the "gossip" knows for certain.

On a more personal level, on September 9, 2014, we personally received an e-mail from Deputy H. A. "Buck" Wenzel asking for assistance with patrolling an event at the Feed Barn. To bring Deputy Wenzel up to speed, I, Savolia M. "Jeanne" Schmutzler, was FIRED by Sheriff Fred

Jobe from the Custer County Sheriff's Posse on July 25, 2014, by letter and also on the same date my husband, Capt. Robin A. Schmutzler, along with two other Officers of the Posse were summarily stripped of their rank and placed on PROBATION for the period of five (5) months. DO YOU ACTUALLY THINK THAT ANY ONE OF US WOULD BE ALLOWED TO COMPLY WITH YOUR REQUEST? I, personally was greatly insulted by your inconsiderate e-mail and considered this action to be nothing more than adding salt to an open wound!!!!

Another thing I will bring to your attention for your personal benefit is that in your e-mail request for Posse help at the Feed Barn, you said, and I quote, "This is a paid event for the Posse and BBQ is included." To my knowledge, the Posse is not PAID nor do they accept bribes of food and drink. They do, however, accept donations or contributions for ALL Posse members. These donations or contributions, whether cash or checks, are given directly to Sheriff Jobe. We are NOT given a record of what happens to these donations or contributions as

there are no monthly statements from a bank or other financial institution. When asked, Sheriff Jobe gives a verbal response as to the approximate amount of money the Posse has.

On to the latest rumor or gossip we hear about the Posse is, quote: "the Posse is just walking away." Please note: there is a great deal of difference between "just walking away" and "being PUSHED OUT!" My personal caution to you, Deputy, is be fully aware of everything happening around you. Seek the truth from ALL your associates. Nothing on earth is written in stone except The Ten Commandments, as the three officers of the Old Sheriff's Posse found out. Take to heart what their reward was for a job well done. I do not envy you the job you are facing nor do I have any animosity toward you.

Sincerely wishing you every success in your position as Captain of the Custer County Sheriff's Posse, I would recommend reading what Marcus Tullius Cicero had to say about "Enemy at the Gate".

*Sincerely,
Savolia aka "Jeanne" Schmutzler*

"20 Preference Points"

Dear Editor,

James Woodfin, 75, and Rick Naylor, 62, waited 20 years to hunt timberline buck in Westcliffe, Colorado. We arrived September 5th at daylight at Gibson Trail Head and started packing mules and horses. My mule got tangled up in the lead rope and dislocated her hind leg.

We called Deb Thomas of B Bar B and Debbie Bayer and they boarded my mule. Deb called Julie Sperry Veterinarian Clinic and we borrowed a trailer from the Cowboy Church and

hauled my mule to her.

Julie Sperry called a chiropractor, Nicki, to check the hind leg of the mule. Julie Sperry said there was nothing they could do for the mule, and she had to put the mule down.

We left for trail #1355 and arrived at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, September 5th. James went to water the mule and got bucked off at 3:45 and I took care of him until daylight Saturday morning.

I left at daylight with 3 horses and a mule to get help. I got phone service at 10:49 a.m. Saturday and

called 911. Flight for Life took James to St. Mary Corwin Hospital. He had broken his collar bone and three ribs.

Justin Krall is helping with CDW on keeping our 20 points. Brianna Cozzetto, RN, and St. Mary Corwin hospital, wrote a letter to CDW stating that we did not hunt. We thank everyone in Westcliffe that helped and the 911 staff.

*Thanks to everyone!
Rick Naylor,
Carlsbad, Texas
James Woodfin,
Odessa, Texas*

ATTENTION HWY 96 TRAVELERS

The Road Construction Project on Hwy 96 between Wetmore and Pueblo will begin the Chip Seal Operation next Monday, September 29th, and will finish October 2nd if the weather is good. During this time the four-mile closures for the chip sealing operation will be run by a pilot car. Drivers can expect closure queue times from 20 to 40 minutes.

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Emergency Medical Services County-Wide Assessment

An Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System Assessment will be conducted at the request of Custer Emergency Service Advisory Council (CES). The assessment will be conducted by a cadre of team members, all professionals in EMS Services and trained as EMS System evaluators. CES was involved in the assessment team selection process and focused on selecting team members from throughout Colorado with expertise in EMS issues similar to those we face in rural Custer County.

Last January, CES unanimously approved recommending that the Custer County Commissioners approve the process to obtain grant funding to have the assessment conducted in Custer. The Commissioners approved a grant that was submitted to Colorado Department of Public Health. The grant was approved by the state last month, and we have just received notification that the official assessment will begin in October. In the meantime, Custer County Emergency Management has been compiling infor-

mation from all the local responder agencies and providing that information to the assessment team in preparation of the assessment. The team has been reviewing these documents in order to have a good understanding of how Custer County Emergency Medical Services functions, from the initial 911 call for help to the ambulance transport to the hospital. The team has been reviewing all existing plans, policies, procedures, protocols, mutual aid agreements, funding mechanisms, call records, organizational structure and any other pertinent information that impacts patient/victim care. This assessment is focused on emergency medical services, however, it is bigger than just the ambulance service. It will look at all aspects of EMS including how medical calls are dispatched, how Search and Rescue works with EMS on a mountain rescue, how fire fighters and deputies are involved when they arrive on scene before EMS, the clinic's role in emergency medicine, mutual aid agreements with neighboring jurisdictions and assisting agencies such

as Flight for Life. Elected officials will also be asked questions by the team.

The assessment team will be in Custer County the first week of October conducting interviews with each of the agencies and gaining a true understanding of how our EMS functions. There will also be an opportunity for the community to ask questions and provide input from the citizens' point of view. A community meeting is scheduled for October 7th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Andrews Golf Pavilion, on Copper Gulch Road just north of Hwy 69.

Once all the data is collected and analyzed, the assessment team will then produce a written public document of their findings and recommendations for improvement on our current EMS System. The document will provide a clear picture of how Custer County's EMS system is currently functioning. The recommendations are just that. There are no strings attached to this assessment and no obligations to follow the recommendations. The purpose of the assessment is to provide a tool for Custer County to use as

we move forward in reorganizing our EMS. We can choose to take action on all, part, or none of the recommendations.

Fremont and Las Animas Counties have already participated in their own EMS assessment and found the recommendations helpful in building their EMS Systems.

Custer Emergency Service Advisory Council (CES) is the local organization facilitating the assessment with assistance from South Region Emergency Trauma Advisory Council (SRE-TAC). CES is comprised of representatives from Custer EMS, Hospital District Board, Wet Mountain Fire, Wetmore Fire, Emergency Management, Commissioners, Sheriff's Office, SAR, Public Health, Mental Health, both Towns, Road and Bridge, Water and Sewer District and the School District. CES normally meets on the third Wednesday of every month to discuss issues in emergency services, communication, training and exercises, planning, preparedness, disaster response coordination, and other related topics.

Bobcats Cross Country at the Coronado Classic

by Coach Jack Swartz

The Bobcat Cross Country competed on September 18 in Colorado Springs at the Coronado Classic. Placing well for the boys team was Dillon Wommack (19:14) and Michael Franta (19:15) in 13th and 14th

place respectively. Also running consistently in the Division 2 race was Wesley Kagan (22:34) in 50th place and Scott Freeburg (24:34) in 68th place. The boys team placed 8th overall out of 13 scoring teams.

Kayli Short was the only female Bob-

cat to compete at Coronado, finishing in 24th place with a time of 24:43.

The Bobcat Cross Country team is back at it next Saturday, September 27 at the Rampart Fox and Hound Invitational, once again in Colorado Springs.

Bobcats Cross Country: The Bigger Picture

by Jim Silver

With this issue of the *Sentinel* featuring the Bobcats Cross Country Team, some additional words from a spectator's point of view may be appropriate to accompany the photos. That the Coronado Classic was a "big deal" was apparent from the start—arriving at Monument Valley Park and hearing the loud speaker announcement to the gathering teams and spectators that 42 schools would be represented in various divisions of races that afternoon, with the first race starting at 3:00 p.m. Coronado High School, with an enrollment of 1400 students, was the host school for the event. The coaches pointed out that it's good for our small school team to

come to these races which feature the higher level competition expected from larger schools.

With that guiding objective, Coach Swartz entered senior runner Corey Lewenkamp in the Division 1 boys race which features faster runners from all schools. Photos in the *Sentinel* hardly do justice in capturing the reality of the mass start of a sea of runners when the gun goes off. Corey got tripped up in the opening seconds of his run, and the only good to consider in the mishap was that he tumbled while still on the grass of the starting area. He was able to continue his race. Two other runners were present but not competing due to illness, and this is noticeable with a team of few members, Katlyn Freeburg

and Kaylan Stoering.

Taking this opportunity to introduce the coaches of the cross country program, we meet Head Coach Jack Swartz who comes to Custer County from Buffalo, New York, originally. This is his second year teaching fourth grade and his first year as "Coach." His love for teaching has always been followed by his love of sports, coaching, and running. He ran all four years of his college education in both cross country and track and field, and was team captain of the nationally qualifying cross country team for two years. This observation must certainly guide Coach Swartz's motivation to coach, as he says, "There are many places to learn life lessons, and I believe that sports are one of

the best for that."

Assistant Coach Robert O'Callaghan is no stranger to the running programs of Custer County Schools, as he has coached here and previously at Pueblo Central for 15 years at high school and middle school levels. He also heads up the middle school program. Robert began running in high school in Pueblo and continued on to run track in college. He considers himself blessed to have been running competitively for nearly forty years, including marathons. But, he goes on to say that "he gains the most satisfaction in seeing a child perform to their full potential, and helping them get the confidence and positive reinforcement they need to succeed both on and off the field."

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Obituary Roger A. Holm

Roger Holm, a 16-year resident of Westcliffe, passed away on September 18, 2014, in Hospice care in Pueblo, Colorado. He was 77 years of age.

Roger was born on September 15, 1937, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, to Elvin J. Holm and Anna Irene Lindstrom. He attended high school and then went on to West Central School of Agriculture, in Morris, Minnesota, class of 1955. He married Janet Wittnebel in 1960 at Garfield, Minne-

sota. They had two daughters, Kathleen and Patricia.

Roger worked as a farmer in Underwood, Minnesota, a machinist for FMC in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and a machinist for Lockheed Martin in Sunnyvale, California, until he retired in 1998. Roger loved his Lord and his family. Roger enjoyed hunting, fishing, auto racing, and his red mule.

Mr. Holm is preceded in death by his parents and his

Aunt Annie, who helped raise him. He is survived by his wife, Janet, his daughter Kathleen (Rick) Mayes and granddaughter Alexandra Mayes of Ormond Beach, FL, and his daughter Patricia (Bruce) Harris and grandchildren Collin, Calli, Zoe, and Saide Harris of Colorado City, Colorado.

No services are being planned. Memorials can be given to Sangre de Cristo Hospice Care, 1207 Pueblo Boulevard Way, Pueblo, Colorado, 81005.

The Garden of Hope

*"If you would have a mind at peace,
a heart that cannot harden, go find a gate
that opens wide up-on a lovely garden."*

~ Author Unknown

by Carol Clemenson

The Garden Of Hope wildflower garden, located in rural Custer County, is dedicated to those touched by cancer. Its origin began with the inspiration of Wanda Johnson prior to her passing February 9, 2013.

Wanda often encouraged Ruth Calvin-Boothe, the owner of the Garden of Hope, to move forward with the vision of a wildflower garden for people with cancer and those who have been touched by it in other ways.

Ruth's desire was to make a place where someone could find needed comfort as they fight the illness or for their loved ones to take a break from the obvious stress cancer causes.

The aforementioned need is personal to Ruth, as her son Waylon is currently fighting brain cancer. His prognosis is terminal, yet Waylon holds a positive attitude and especially appreciates the meaning of his mother's garden.

The garden is a product of many hands. Starting out, Ruth traded her vintage Singer sewing machine to Enos Mullet for the ground work. She bartered a diamond ring to Bill Phillips Fencing who installed a chain link fence reclaimed from the DIA airport project. Ruth's grandchildren from New Mexico (ages 10, 8 and 4) helped place gravel in needed areas. Emily, 4, also planted many seeds. Sam Ramer and his girlfriend, Heather, fought weeds early on and helped with various projects. Matt Burdine put in many large rocks to form two flower beds in memory of his mother Sally Burdine.

Many people have contributed to the beauty of the gar-



Ruth kneels in her Garden of Hope. Above: Ruth's garden with the beautiful Sangre de Cristos in the background.

Sentinel photos by Carol Clemenson

den in various ways. Tony Bevis of Colorado Springs and Richard and Audrey Stermer donated old redwood pieces. Mark Johnson gifted an old cabinet, tools, and a ceramic birdhouse. Paul Wenke gave a great discount on additional redwood. The Winbergs gave garden decor. Mike Stewart welded a metal garden angel. Dr. Bliss donated a vintage wheel barrel and shovel. John Wrasse Piano Moving, gave many metal pieces to use as garden decor. Father Dan donated beautiful rocks. Christina MacLeod gives time to identify flowers. So many people, too numerous to mention, have gifted to this special project and are gratefully appreciated!

Ruth has also given flower arrangements made from the garden to those who currently have cancer.

In addition, Ruth's property is also a Certified Wildlife Habitat, a safe place for birds, butterflies, bees, as well as many other pollinators, to exist or raise their young.

The Garden Of Hope, in

my opinion, is the most beautiful and peaceful place in the Valley. I felt like God wrapped his arms around me and gave me the biggest hug I have ever had. It is so beautiful you just get lost in the beauty and feel especially peaceful. Your troubles just disappear! I sat there for an hour-and-a-half not realizing how time had flown.

I asked Ruth how she got all the flowers to grow so big and strong. She replied, "You lightly rake the ground, plant the seeds, rake again, lightly water and HOPE they grow." And they really have! Ruth also planted four drought-resistant trees "In Memory Of".

As autumn has already arrived, the garden is finished blooming for this year. For next year, if you care to see the Garden of Hope, please call Ruth at 719-783-0494 for directions and to make an appointment

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Tough Weekend for Bobcats Volleyball

by Coach Greg Cravens

The trip northeast was a learning experience for all. The Bobcats got in a lot of volleyball this past weekend. Thursday night (Sept 18), the team decided to support the Rye volleyball team as they took on the Swink Lions who are second in the state. The trip was a great team-bonding experience and it was good to see volleyball played at that level by two good teams.

As for playing, we had our hands full last weekend. We played in the Akron Invitational on Saturday, September 20, with two teams ranked in the top ten in 2A and one of the top ten teams in 1A. We took on Wiggins first thing Saturday morning. The Bobcats started out strong with tons of energy, always a concern after a long trip. The Bobcats took the first set 25-23. Wiggins stole the momentum early in the

second set and the Bobcats were never able to recover, losing the next three sets: 16-25, 20-25, and 17-25. During the match the Bobcats lost a key defensive player, Ashley Gillum, to a separated shoulder. Gillum comes in the back row and is a key to our serve receive and defensive scheme. Losing her put us at a big disadvantage for the rest of the weekend. The Bobcats were led by Emily Crossley with 5 kills and Tish

Schlabach added 4 aces. The second match saw the Bobcats taking on the home team, the Akron Rams. Akron is traditionally a very good volleyball team, ranked 8th so far this year. Even though statistically, the Bobcats had their best overall match for the weekend against the Rams, it was a tough task to beat the host team. The Bobcats lost in straight sets, 9-25, 15-25 & 13-25. McKensie Penkoff and Serenity Ham

led our hitters with 5 kills each. Jordan Beach led the way serving with 2 aces. The fifth place match saw the Bobcats go against the Holyoke Dragons. You could really see the fatigue setting in with the team. We just didn't have our same focus and energy. The Bobcats lost in straight sets, 16-25, 24-26 & 18-24. Jordan Beach led the offense with 6 kills and no errors finishing with .375 hitting average. Sereni-

ty Ham had 2 aces on the match. The Bobcats are now 6-4 overall and 4-1 in league. This weekend proves to be very important as the team finishes off the first half of league play with matches against South Park and Cripple Creek starting at 1:00 p.m., Friday Sept 26th in South Park. On Saturday, the team travels to Del Norte, where JV starts at 11:00 a.m. with varsity to follow.

Bobcat Football Battled at Fowler

by Coach Troy Bomgardner

The Custer County football team traveled to Fowler on Friday night but came up short 42-22. However, the final score doesn't do justice to the effort by the Bobcats. "I was very pleased with our effort on Friday night," said head coach Troy Bomgardner. "It was just a very good all-around effort by our team. Playing well doesn't always mean a victory and this time it didn't."

on the play-action passes," stated Bomgardner. "The defensive change worked very well except for a few big plays." The Grizzlies took a 14-8 lead into half-time but the Bobcats were feeling good. However, just prior to half, Bomgardner made a decision to remove quarterback Jordan Rhodes to receive medical attention. "Jordan was hit on the opening drive but continued to play. Once his adrenaline wore off over halftime, it was apparent that he was in pretty bad pain and we needed to have the medical staff look at him. "I admired his willingness to play but it was the right decision to have him looked at," said the Coach.

The Bobcats again took the ball and began to move it--only to have an interception stop their drive. The Grizzlies answered quickly, to make the score 42-14. However, the Bobcats didn't quit. Bryce Roscoe came up with a fumble recovery and ended the game with a 90 yard touchdown drive capped with a Hockaday 20 yard touchdown run. A penalty made the extra point a 15 yard conversion, but Hockaday hooked up with Kody Aldrich to make the score 42-22 with less than 10 seconds left.

"Coach Pedigo reminded us at the end of the game of the warrior mentality we played with and it was a great analogy," summarized Bomgardner. "Losing Jordan was a big blow but Devon stepped in and the rest of the team stepped up and played an outstanding game."

The Bobcats out-rushed the Grizzlies with Rowley leading the way with 158 yards and 2 touchdowns with Feldmann adding another 87 yards on the ground. "Andy played well both defensively and offensively," said Bomgardner. "He showed us he can carry the ball at the varsity level." Rhodes added 47 yards rushing and 1 TD passing in his short night. Hockaday stepping in had 3 completions and 22 yards rushing with a TD.

Defensively, the Bobcats were again led by CJ Virden with 15 tackles, followed closely by Feldmann with 13. "CJ and Andy are just playing really well defensively right now," Bomgardner said. "Justin Walden added a sack and 9 tackles and played a great noseguard for us. He was a big key to our defensive success."

The Bobcats were outnumbered and outweighed significantly by the Grizzlies but took it to the home team on the first drive, putting together a 13-play touchdown drive that was capped by a 18 yard touchdown pass from Jordan Rhodes to Conner Rowley. The pass was timed perfectly by Rhodes, as Rowley found his way into the Grizzly secondary and then the endzone. Rhodes followed with the 2-point conversion and the Bobcats led 8-0.

The Grizzlies opened the half with a kick-off returned for a touchdown, widening their lead 20-8. Sophomore Devon Hockaday stepped in at QB and the Bobcat offense left off where it had been in the 1st half. Four plays later, Conner Rowley was marching into the endzone on a 58 yard run. "It was a very well-executed play", noted Bomgardner. "I'll have to say, every one of the Bobcats did exactly like the playbook said!" The missed extra point meant it was 20-14.

Again, the Bobcats played solid run defense but gave up 2 more pass completions to help the Grizzlies answer with a touchdown and extra point to make it 28-14. The Bobcats began another drive moving the ball, but a Rowley fumble turned it back to Fowler. The Grizzlies drive was short-lived as Feldmann recovered a fumble.

The Bobcats took over on the Grizzlies 25 and marched down the field on runs by Rowley and Feldman, but ended up short on a 4th down at the Fowler 30 yard line. The Grizzlies took advantage of a long run by their fullback to up the score to 34-14.

Unfortunately, the Bobcats couldn't take advantage of the field position, and the Grizzlies busted a few big plays including another play-action pass for a TD.

"We switched up our defense this week and moved some players around. Their lack of experience hurt us

Bobcats Sport Schedule

CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, September 27
8:25 a.m.: Rampart Invite at Colorado Springs

Friday, October 3
1:30 p.m.: Pat Amato Classic at Northglenn

Friday, October 10
League Championship at Sargent

VARSITY FOOTBALL
Friday, September 26
TBA: Cripple Creek AWAY

Saturday, October 4
1:00 p.m.: Rocky Mountain Lutheran at HOME (Home coming)

Saturday, October 11
1 p.m.: Simla at HOME

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
Friday, September 26
11 a.m.: South Park/Cripple Creek at South Park

Saturday, September 27
12 p.m.: Del Norte at Del Norte

Friday, October 3
12 p.m.: Sanford at Sanford



Bobcat Menu • Sept. 29 - Oct. 2 2014

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Ham, Cheese Quesadilla
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lunch
Cheese Pizza
Birthday Cake
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Tuesday breakfast
Scrambled Eggs
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Milk

lunch
Chicken & Noodles
W.W. Roll
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Wednesday breakfast
French Toast Sticks
Sausage Links
Fruit, Milk

lunch
Italian Dunkers
Bread Sticks
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Thursday breakfast
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KIDS Friday, September 26, 2014

Congress Passes Bill of Rights September 25, 1789

Last week we began to examine how the U.S. Constitution came to be. Remember, that delegates representing 12 of the 13 states met in Philadelphia to write a new document of government. On September 17, 1787, the new Constitution was signed, but now 9 out of the 13 states needed to ratify the document before it would become binding. Our story continues.

Five states – Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, and Connecticut – ratified the document within months. However, other states opposed the document because it did not offer protection of basic rights of the citizens. In February 1788, a compromise was reached where the objecting states would agree to ratify the Constitution with the promise that amendments would be proposed that would guarantee these rights. The Constitution was narrowly ratified on June 21, 1788. It was agreed the new government would begin March 4, 1789.

During the first session of Congress twelve amendments were approved. These amendments are referred to as the Bill of Rights. They guarantee U.S. Citizens the freedom of speech, press, assembly, religion, fair legal procedure, to bear arms, and that powers not delegated to the federal government are reserved for the states and its people. Congress signed the Bill of Rights on September 25, 1789.

Our story is still not over. Once again, the states needed to ratify the amendments. To make a long story shorter, let's end by saying that finally in December 1791, Virginia became the 10th state to ratify, giving the Bill of Rights the two-thirds majority necessary to make it legal.

In summary, I think we can see that "governing" has never been without hard work and much debate. We can be thankful to our Founding Fathers for their fortitude and commitment to the process.

Today, the U.S. Constitution is the oldest and still operating constitution in the world.

Source: www.History.com

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Sheriff's Report...

As of Tuesday, September 26, there were 5 men and 1 woman in jail.

OFFENSES

September 21 Richard Michael Colgate, age 49 of Westcliffe, was arrested in Westcliffe for harassment, domestic violence, and driving under the influence of alcohol. He was booked into the Custer County jail with no bond. On September 22, Colgate appeared in court for advisement. Bond was set at \$1,000. Colgate posted bond and was released.

AMBULANCE REPORT

September 22 At 1340 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for an 11-year-old female with a neck injury. She was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

September 20 At 2248, an ambulance was dispatched to the 300 block of Ohio Street for an 80-year-old male with medical problems. He was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

September 19 At 2005 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Knight Lane for a 56-year-old male with an obstruction in his throat. It was dislodged and, therefore, a call back was made to stand down the ambulance.

September 19 At 1118 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a 65-year-old female with chest pains. She was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

September 18 At 1131 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Hermit Lodge for a 79-year-old male with chest pains. He was transported by Flight for Life to St. Mary Corwin Hospital.

September 18 At 1110 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to County Road 120 for an 89-year-old female with medical problems. She was treated at the scene and refused transport.

September 18 At 1610 hours, a call was received by dispatch for an ambulance to meet a vehicle with a patient for possible stroke. The ambulance met the vehicle on County Road 271. At that point, they refused the ambulance.

September 18 At 1437 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the 600 block of First Street in Silver Cliff for a 37-year-old male who had cut his arm. He was transported to Parkview.

September 17 At 1242 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a 46-year-old female with abdominal pain. She was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

September 17 At 1516 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a 73-year-old female with shortness of breath. She was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital.

September 17 At 1907

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hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the 200 block of Edwards Street for a female patient with diabetic issues. She was treated and refused the ambulance.

September 16 At 0742 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to just north of the Fremont County line on County Road 255 for a male patient with back pain. He was transported

to St. Thomas More Hospital in Cañon City.

September 16 At 0751 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to County Road 319 for a 77-year-old male with difficulty breathing. He was transported to Parkview Hospital.

September 16 At 1423 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Cherokee Lane for a 63-year-old male who had fallen from a roof. He was transported to St. Thomas More Hospital in Cañon City.

September 16 At 1508 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the south side of Lake DeWeese for a 65-year-old male with possible heart problems. He was transported to Parkview Hospital.

FIRE CALLS

September 18 A fire truck was dispatched to assist with the landing of Flight for Life at Hermit Lodge.

September 16 A fire truck was dispatched to be on stand-by on the south side of Lake DeWeese.

Community Action Team Meets

by Larry Luikart

The Community Action Team held their third planning meeting on Wednesday, September 10, at the Community United Methodist Church with Pastor Debra Christine chairing the meeting.

The basic registration form and the release from liability were discussed with minor changes made to make them more user-friendly. The forms will be kept confidential.

A simple but effective procedure was worked out to achieve this objective.

The general discussion turned quickly to the details necessary to coordinate the many individual Christmas giving programs. A great many important and useful ideas resulted from the discussions. The give-and-take resulted in a sifting and refining of the way the program will work.

The important dates for the upcoming giving season were solidified. The CAT

assistance forms will be available October 1. On November 10, the forms must be submitted to the Human Services Department or the Methodist Church. On December 12, all donated gifts must be dropped off at the church. The donations will be available on December 19 along with refreshments at the Methodist Church.

The next CAT meeting will be Wednesday, October 8, at 10:00 a.m. at the Community United Methodist Church.

Events Calendar

Friday, September 26
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The November Man"

Saturday, September 27
8 a.m. - 12 noon: Westcliffe Small Animal Swap Meet, 1 Hermit Lane
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Just Gals Conference at Eagles Summit Ranch
1 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Art for the Sangres at A Painted View Ranch; artforthesangres.com
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The November Man"

Sunday, September 28
2 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The November Man"

Tuesday, September 30
High School Career Day
9 a.m.: BOCC Board Meeting / Boardroom

10 a.m.: CSU 2015 Extension Budget Hearing in commissioners' boardroom
7 - 8 p.m.: Public Bible Talks at West Custer County Library; All are welcome

Wednesday, October 1
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Westcliffe Farmers Market
9 a.m.: BOCC Board Meeting / Boardroom

Thursday, October 2
9 a.m.: BOCC Board Meeting / Boardroom
10 a.m.: Airport Advisory Meeting

Saturday, October 4
9 a.m.: Wild Bill's Toys for Kids Toy Ride

Tuesday, October 7
6 p.m.: EMS Assessment at St. Andrews golf pavilion, 800 Copper Gulch Rd

Recurring Events and Business Hours

Monday
6 p.m.: Closed step study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Lisa at (719) 783-0809

Monday through Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Custer County public transit service available to everyone through Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Noon: Lunch served at Custer County Senior Center located on first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 am

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
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Custer County Community Band practice in band room at high school

Thursday
5:30 p.m.: Weight Watchers meeting in the Hope Lutheran Church basement. Call 783-4144
Second Thursday of the Month: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., "Ask a Nurse" at the library

Friday
6 p.m.: Open discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Lisa (719) 783-0809

Friday and Saturday
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.: Share Center adjacent to Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe

Saturday
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Library open in Westcliffe





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2014 Cross Country Team



Cross Country Team Roster

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Michael Franta

Jess Franta

Dillon Wommack

Michael Batson

Corey Lewenkamp

Scott Freeburg

Kayli Short

Kaylan Stoering

Katlyn Freeburg

Wesley Kagan

Jack Swartz

Assistant Coach

Senior

Freshman

Senior

Freshman

Senior

Freshman

Junior

Senior

Junior

Senior

Head Coach

Cross Country Schedule

September 27

October 3

October 10

October 16

October 25

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Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

Marauding Youth from Treatment Center Break In Business, Steal Vehicle in Canon City

by Candy Thompson

On September 9th the police in Cañon City were called out on three occasions to Southern Peaks Regional Treatment Center. This was not an uncommon day for the local police who have dispatched personnel 80 times to that facility in the last two months.

What was uncommon this time was the youth broke into a local business trying to find keys to company vehicles. When that failed, they left and stole a car at another location and drove it out of town. According to police reports, two and three calls a night resulting in dispatching three units at a time has happened before. Sometimes officers are spending hours rounding them up and returning them to the facility.

On their website, SPRTC lists their residents as boys and girls ages 10 -21 who have a diagnosis of a mental health disorder which can include aggressive or violent behaviors, sexual-

ly abusive behaviors, drug and alcohol issues, and a past history of unsuccessful treatment in a less restrictive setting.

Transgender youth are welcomed to the facility and assigned to the accommodations for whatever gender they have chosen and are not treated for gender confusion. Until recently there were two transgender youth in the girls' dorm, according to one source. They are no longer there.

The facility, located east of Cañon City at 700 Four Mile Parkway, advertises as a "160-bed staff-secure" center, however the word that has gotten out into the community by reliable sources as well as police reports show that it is anything but "staff-secure."

Recent injuries to staff have been reported at Urgent Care and according to one source have definitely increased in the last couple of months, mostly due to staff trying to deal with residents' behavior, not

from direct assaults.

SPRTC has been here since 2004 and AWOL "residents" are nothing new for Cañon City. Frequently they are seen on County Road 123 coming into town and usually are seen at Wal-Mart. Many of the youth are from other counties and some even from out of state. Only a few are from Cañon City.

The majority of the police reports for the last two months were calls for "runners", who are residents who decide to leave and run away. One source said that the center is understaffed by 20 employees. Since this is a not a detention center but a treatment center, there wasn't even a fence around the place until this year. The gate isn't even locked because of the government regulations about the nature of the facility, but we are told that some youth climb over the fence anyway.

Since Southern Peaks is a treatment center, the type of restraint that can be used

is very limited. Restraint is not used if a "resident" is just walking away or climbing over a fence. Instead the police are called. This facility is a private corporation owned by GEO, the "world's leading provider of correctional and detention management and community reentry services for federal, state, and local governments." It receives government funding and must comply with government regulations.

Treatment is working for most residents, according to new director, Brandon Miller, who gave an interview on the issues they are facing. Director Miller said that the recent incidents involving car theft and breaking into a business has never happened before. When asked if this was a sign of escalating problems, he denied that and explained measures that have been taken to correct these issues. He apologized for the recent break-in and offered to pay for damages to that business for a broken window.

The facility has started hiring off-duty policemen to help for \$30 an hour and that has recently been upped from two nights to more, according to Miller. He assured us that they are taking measures to prevent this kind of activity by bringing in additional staff from another facility. "Those kids that do not want treatment and are causing that kind of trouble are being weeded out," he said. The youth who stole the car has also been discharged.

The off-duty officers are for purposes of helping to prevent AWOL residents and are not actually on the facility. He said that the measures they are taking were happening as he spoke. Most of the kids, he believes, are behaving and are getting the treatment they need. He also said he'd be glad to speak to a group in the community if someone wanted to set that up. We

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IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

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

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

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Attention: All Fremont County High School Seniors

by Barbara Penezic

The All American Freedom Festival to be held at Veterans Park on Saturday October 11, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. is sponsoring scholarship opportunities for all Fremont County High School Seniors. The awards will be 1,000 dollars for first place, 750.00 dollars for second place and 500.00 dollars for third place. This does not have to be a four year college, any institute of higher learning is eligible. The rules are easy, read the constitution, and write

a 500/650 word essay on What Freedom Means to Me in 2014. All essays must be Microsoft Word 2010.doc or pdf. Submit to: freedom_rings_fremont_cnty @ aol.com by midnight September 30, 2014. Winners will be required to read their essay at the All American Freedom Festival on October 11, 2014. For more information about the All American Freedom Festival and/or scholarship please visit our website @ www.allamericanfreedomfestival.com

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Invitation from The Artists' Gallery

The Artists' Gallery, 416 Main St., Historic Downtown Cañon City, extends an invitation to our monthly "First Friday" on October 3rd from 5-8 p.m., featuring three extraordinary artists.

Virginia Ames will feature splendid beaded jewelry and demonstrate her unique technique of bead embroidery, an off-loom bead weaving process. She incorporates gems and "found objects" into her pieces to evoke an intriguing vintage look.

Painter Anne Whitfield loves creating in pastels for their breathtaking color intensity. Quietness tends to be the theme of her masterful work, often described

as mysterious, mystical and soft-focused.

Accomplished multi-media artist, Sharon Conner, will display her "vibrant and juicy" watercolors and many new encaustics (colored and layered waxes), including a fabulous 3-D piece. Additionally, on Sat., Oct. 25th, from 1 to 3 pm, she will offer a free demonstration of her encaustic process.

Join us to meet the artists, enjoy music and complimentary refreshments. The gallery showcases the works of 50 talented local artists and is open Tuesday - Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information visit our website: www.theartistsgalleryonline.com.

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"It's time for ALL Americans to Stand Up for OUR Country"

Florence Celebrates Pioneer Days

by Barbara Penezic

Mother Nature and Colorado can oft times conspire to give us what could be called ‘duck and cover’ weather in our little part of the world, but not so today. The parade and festivities in Pioneer Park received very special treatment from the weather man. The breezes were refreshing and the sun just about perfect. If you didn’t remember your sunscreen, chances are you didn’t even get much of a sunburn.

Our country’s flag waved proudly from floats such as the Royal Gorge Tea Party complete with

its honored guest the Statue of Liberty, lovingly and expertly crafted by Chandra Serfoss. The American Legion and representatives of the United States military marched in the parade proudly displaying the flag of the United States of America. The McCandless Colorado State Veterans Home and the Daughters of the American Revolution added to the patriotic fervor of the day. Parade watchers stood, many cheering, removing their hats, saluting, and placing hand over heart as the flags passed by. It just doesn’t get any better than this. It makes you proud to be an American and so very grateful to

those brave souls who put it all on the line to keep us the home of the free and the brave.

The clowns who make us laugh, the Shriners and their awesome vehicles, the amazing young people who never fail to earn our admiration with excellent marching bands, and skilled gymnasts. Our first responders, firefighters, and law enforcement also participated in the parade as well as working to keep us safe. We often fail to say it but we are grateful for these civic minded people and all they do to keep us safe. We were blessed to have entries from Cowboy Church, Gospel Express, and several other Christian Organizations.

The parade was, however, only one-half of the day’s activities. The vendors market in Pioneer Park was also exceptional. Food, games, information, arts and crafts were available all afternoon. I was honored to speak with a young retired, disabled Marine. His wife proudly wore her husband’s Purple Heart on a ribbon around her neck. He spoke of how proud he was to have served this country. He would not elaborate about how he won his purple heart, only that he did his job. He didn’t feel that

he had shown any more bravery than any Marine would have done in his position. He did state that he is deeply disappointed with the current administration and its lack of leadership. His particular injury requires treatment that he can only receive in Denver and going to Denver on an ongoing basis is not something he is able to do. How very sad that someone who has given so much is not allowed to see a physician of his choosing in his home town. A very sad note to an otherwise wonderful day.

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Sentinel photos by John Penezic, Jr.

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Daily reporting and analysis of current events from a biblical and prophetic perspective.

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.

Congress

Complicit in

Arming Terrorists

Make no doubt about it: The U.S. Congress, which has been absent for the past several years on both domestic and foreign policy, is complicit in using taxpayer money to expand the reach of terrorism. The Republican-controlled House of Representatives Wednesday voted 273-156 to approve the occupant of the Oval Office’s plan to train and equip “moderate” Syrian rebels to counter the threat of the Islamic State and to overthrow the government of Bashar Assad. The trouble is, it is proven repeatedly that there are no moderates to arm. These Islamists will take our training and our money, as they have in the past, and go off on their own radical mission, likely joining the Islamic State.

The Washington Post reports, “Every ideological corner of the House found reason to doubt the mission, portending a lengthy debate in November and December over an expansive use-of-force resolution...Duncan D. Hunter (R-Calif.), a Marine who deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, said the authority “does nothing” to destroy the Islamic State. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-Hawaii), a captain in the Hawaii National Guard who served in Iraq, called Obama’s strategy “unrealistic” and worried “it will take way too long” to work. Rep. Jim Moran (D-Va), a controversial Democrat and shyster, said “It’s the best choice of worse options. It’s because there are no better alternatives and I don’t think it’s responsible to do nothing.”

Congress and this “president” are doing the same thing over again that they

did with what enjoined a fledgling Islamic State-train Islamists on U.S. tactics, give them U.S. weapons, and point them in the direction of what the West perceives as the bad guys--only to have them join the bad guys because they are bad guys to begin with. They voted with serious misgivings to give this “president” authority to arm more Islamists in the Middle East. The long term impact of this plan is to bolster the ranks of the IS caliphate and consolidate its presence in Syria, Iraq and the Levant (which includes Israel). There is no way to defeat IS by training and equipping Islamists to do it. They are bound by their religion.

We have a “president” who is now using a Congress to continue Arab Spring and ultimately arm and fund Islamists that will most likely join the IS caliphate rather than destroy it. It is widely reported that the moderate groups the “president” wishes to train and arm already have a non-aggression agreement in place with IS. The “president” says this is not true. It has been reported, however, by several credible outlets that are independent of one another. Bottom line: Congress and the White House are complicit in arming the enemies of America and they are using your tax money to do it. As the Lord said in Joshua 7:13, “There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee.” And we cannot stand until it is gone and we are sanctified.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson

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For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Mark 8:36-37, NKJV

If They’re Not Islamic Fanatics,

What Are They, Martians?

by Ileana Johnson,
FreedomOutPost.com

The keynote speaker at the ACT for America conference on September 11, 2014, was Judge Jeanine Pirro. ACT for America is a non-profit organization led by Brigitte Gabriel, a leading terrorism expert.

Judge Pirro’s speech centered on the threat of ISIS, mirroring the non-profit organization’s goal of fighting Shariah Islamic Law in the United States and maintaining our freedoms and our Judeo-Christian foundation as intended by our Founding Fathers.

Echoed by many speakers during the three-day conference, Judge Pirro challenged the deliberate misrepresentation that ISIS, the Islamic terrorist army alleged to number 30,000 in Iraq and Syria, is not about Islamic fanaticism. “If they’re not Islamic fanatics, what are they, Martians?” asked Pirro.

“The President says ISIS is not Islamic. Really? What is it, German? Have you read the Quran. Read the darn thing and you’ll figure it out.”

Pirro criticized in her speech the administration’s domestic policy in regard to Islam. “They’ve removed all references to Islam and jihad from the training manuals and label the shooter of Fort Hood as committing an act of workplace violence,” even though the jihadi major talked to Anwar al-Awlaki, “a guy who was so dangerous that we had to kill

him,” and the major carried around business cards with the words, “Soldier of Allah.”

She questioned this administration’s true allegiance and intent as reflected by U.S. actions in Egypt.

“We take out Mubarak, who was actually an ally. We take out Gadhafi. We supported the Arab Spring, and it wasn’t democratic. But, Morsi gets elected. Obama’s first speech that he gave in Cairo was about apologizing for who we are. We support Morsi because he was democratically elected. So was Hitler. They kick out Morsi and elect al-Sisi and the administration is still holding back. The administration is angry that the Muslim Brotherhood is out in Egypt. The Egyptians had the strength to throw out the Muslim Brotherhood! Shame on us because we don’t have the strength to throw them out of the U.S.”

Emphasizing that we need to be “morally right,” not “politically correct,” Judge Pirro said, “The people who started this country are turning over in their graves asking what in the world they did all of that for.” She repeated her warnings that the jihadist killing Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East “are coming for us,” here on U.S. soil, and are probably already here, entering through the southern border sieve.

Judge Pirro discussed the Benghazi attack and its implications. “I think about

Benghazi. I wonder if the people in our government really want to protect us.” The four Americans who died two years ago “didn’t choose to be victims of that attack. Then our President and Secretary of State blamed the Benghazi attack on a video. Are you kidding me?”

It was certainly moving to hear the heartbreaking testimony of Tyrone Woods’ father. Tyrone chose to disobey orders and tried to save Ambassador’s Stevens’ life, paying with his own life in the process.

Judge Pirro explained how the administration “took Islam out of the talking points on Benghazi because we didn’t want to offend Muslims,” and how a video was purposefully blamed for the vicious attack even though, she reminded the audience, if a video was the culprit, which it was not, we still have freedom of speech in this country.

Why would officials deliberately misrepresent the reality that Islamists are out of control worldwide? “What do they gain by lying to us? They gain political office by lying to us,” Judge Pirro emphatically stated. Spending taxpayer money to apologize to the man who made the video was a fantasy to cover up for the claim that “Libya was normalized.”

She criticized the fact that this administration took two years to capture the mastermind of Benghazi. “They could not get him because he would say they

were stupid for believing that a video caused it. The mastermind would say that we are stupid. It doesn’t take a video to make them hate us!”

Referring to the CIA operative, identified as Bob, who ordered the stand down and delay to save our trapped men, Pirro asked, “Who’s the stupid idiot that we have in our government that would order something like that?”

Judge Pirro ended her speech by warning Americans about the weakness of the electric grid, a grid vulnerable to terrorist physical and cyber-attacks. She reminded the audience about the attack on Silicon Valley a year ago when two individuals lifted heavy concrete slabs and cut the fiber optic cables underneath, and then shot transformers with AK47s. She told the audience that an “attack on the power lines left the entire nation of Yemen (23 million people) without power for a day.”

According to Forbes, “shortly after the damage of the first attack was repaired, militants reappeared for a second round, which led to the national power outage. The military responded with an operation that killed two attackers while wounding another six.”

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Krauthammer: Obama ‘Clearly

A Narcissist,’ ‘Lives In A Cocoon

Surrounded By Sycophants’

by Al Weaver,
DailyCaller.com

In an interview set to air Monday night, syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer unloaded on President Barack Obama, telling radio host Hugh Hewitt that Obama is “clearly a narcissist” and “lives in a cocoon surrounded by sycophants.”

“But let me just say as a layman, without invoking any expertise, Obama is clearly a narcissist in the non-scientific use of the word,” said Krauthammer. “He is so self-involved, you see it from his rise. Here’s a man who says I don’t to

theater, you know, I don’t do that. Well, his whole run in 2008 was theater, including the Roman, the Greek columns that he had around him at his speech at the convention in Denver.”

“So I think he’s extremely self-involved. He sees himself in very world historical terms, which means A) because he’s an amateur, he doesn’t know very much, and B) because he’s a narcissist, he doesn’t listen,” said the frequent Fox News panelist. “This is all because, I mean, count the number of times he uses the word I in any speech, and

compare that to any other president For God’s sake, he talks like the emperor, Napoleon.”

“The man lives in a cocoon surrounded by sycophants. There’s not anyone of independent stature around him,” Krauthammer concluded.

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VICTORY: Sporting Good Store Owners Can Fly 'Don't Tread on Me' Flag Without Fear of Fines, Fla. City Officials to Amend Ordinance Accordingly

Press Release from the Rutherford Institute

In a resounding victory for the First Amendment, the City of Ocala, Fla., has affirmed that it will no longer object to a "Don't Tread On Me" flag displayed in front of a local sporting goods store. Ocala officials reversed their stance after being informed by attorneys for The Rutherford Institute that their flag ordinance policy and notice of violation to small business owners Keith and Hannah Greenberg constituted a content-based restriction on speech that patently violates the First Amendment. Ocala officials have also announced their intention to amend the ordinance, which bans most flags except those of the United States and State of Florida, in order to bring it in line with constitutional standards. The Greenbergs plan to resume flying the "Don't Tread On Me" flag in front of The Gear Barrel.

"Living in a constitutional republic means that each person has the right to take

a stand for what they think is right, whether that means marching outside the halls of government, wearing clothing with provocative statements, simply holding up a sign or flying a flag in front of their home or business," said John W. Whitehead, president of The Rutherford Institute and author of A Government of Wolves: The Emerging American Police State. "These kinds of cases speak to the citizenry's right to express their concerns about their government to their government, in a time, place, and manner best suited to ensuring that those concerns are heard. That's what the First Amendment is all about, and I'm glad to see that the City of Ocala recognizes the value of this vital freedom."

Keith and Hannah Greenberg lease property on Northeast 3rd Street in Ocala, Fla., and operate The Gear Barrel, a sporting goods store. In July 2014, the Greenbergs hung on a pole outside their store the "Gadsden Flag," which de-

picts a yellow field bearing the image of a coiled snake and the words "Don't Tread on Me." The Gadsden Flag was designed and used during the Revolutionary War and has been adopted recently as a popular symbol of discontent with the government. In September 2014, the Greenbergs received a letter from the City informing them that their property was in violation of the City's sign ordinances and demanding that they cure the violation. Believing the notice related to another display at the property, the Greenbergs removed that display and Keith Greenberg called the City's Code Enforcement Officer to advise him that the display had been removed. At that time, the Code Enforcement Officer told Keith that the outside display of the Gadsden Flag was also prohibited and that flag must also be removed. Keith was also told that flying a United States flag was not prohibited. Keith told the officer his liberty entitled him to fly the Gadsden Flag and he

would not remove the flag. Thereafter, the City sent a Notice of Violation to the Greenbergs and their landlord demanding removal of the flag and informing them that they could be fined up to \$500 per day for repeat violations. After consulting with their landlord, the Greenbergs removed the flag from outside the store in order to avoid the steep penalties threatened by the City.

In coming to the defense of the Greenbergs, attorneys for The Rutherford Institute demanded that the City's threat to prosecute the couple be withdrawn. Institute attorneys also pointed out that the provisions of the City's ordinances allowing only governmental and religious flags is patently in violation of the First Amendment because speech is permitted on the basis of the content of the speech. Affiliate attorney Robert A. McGlynn, Jr., P.A. assisted The Rutherford Institute in its defense of the Greenbergs' First Amendment rights.

Sen. Udall Mocked By CNN Panelists For Being 'Hilariously Wrong'

by Greg Campbell, DailyCaller.com

Colorado Democratic Sen. Mark Udall's attempts to put space between his campaign and President Obama prompted CNN anchors to mock him openly on the air.

Anchor John King called the Democrat out for uselessly "getting in the face" of a Democratic president by releasing a statement saying he wouldn't give Obama a "blank check to begin another ground war in Iraq."

"An interesting statement," King said. "Except the president has said repeatedly... he will not put boots on the ground."

The other panelists, including CNN's

political reporter Peter Hamby and the Washington Post's Nia-Malika Henderson, cracked up before piling on through their laughter.

"Mark Udall has been trying so hard to run away from the president on so many things," Hamby said. "The other day in the debate he said, 'I am the senator that the White House fears most when they see me marching across the White House lawn.'"

"That is not true," Henderson said, laughing.

"That is hilariously wrong, and not true," Hamby added.

King called the idea that the Obama administration quakes in fear at Udall's appearance "poppycock."

The exchange, which came after President Obama's speech about his strategy for dealing with Islamic State terrorists in Iraq and Syria, was first picked up by the conservative blog Colorado Peak Politics and then by the Denver Post.

Udall famously did not attend a fundraiser on his behalf when Obama visited in July. Udall is in a tight race with Republican Rep. Cory Gardner, whose efforts to paint Udall as voting in lockstep with Obama constitute a pillar of his campaign against the incumbent.

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Student Gets Detention For Sharing His Lunch

by Kyle Olson, EAGNews.org

(Editor/GG: Educrats at their finest. Can you believe this nonsense?)

WEAVERVILLE, Calif. -

Not only is there no such thing as a free lunch, an eighth grader found out the hard way there's no such thing as a shared lunch, either.

ABC 7 reports Kyle Bradford, an 8th grader at Weaverville Elementary School, shared his chicken burrito with a friend who didn't like the school-prepared cheese sandwich he was given by the cafeteria.

After all, friends share.

"It seemed like he couldn't get a normal lunch so I just wanted to give mine to him because I wasn't really that hungry and it was just going to go in the garbage if I didn't eat it," the 13-year-old tells the news station.

But the Trinity Alps Unified School District has banned the sharing of food, citing food allergies. The student received detention.

"We have a policy that prohibits students from exchanging meals. Of course if students are concerned about other students not having enough to eat we would definitely want to consider that, but because of safety and liability we cannot allow students to

actually exchange meals," superintendent Tom Barnett says, according to KRCR.

Kyle's mother defended him saying her son is being punished for his "good manners."

"By all means the school can teach them math, arithmetic, and physical education, but when it comes to morals, manners, and compassion, I believe it needs to start at home with the parent," Sandy Bradford tells the news station.

But is it really about allergies?

Back in 2012, a Montana cafeteria employee told EAGNews that seconds were banned, and that wasn't the

only new order issued in the new federal school lunch regulations.

"We're told we cannot serve seconds, that we cannot save leftover food for the next day. We must throw it away," our source said at the time.

"What a waste for hungry kids who aren't getting enough to eat to begin with," she said.

Surely the lunch regulations championed by Michelle Obama didn't have anything to do with Weaverville's policy, did they?

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Cheerleader's Bold Move During a Moment of Silence That Led Hundreds to Chant in Unison Following Prayer Ban

by Billy Hallowell, TheBlaze.com

When some of the cheerleaders at a Tennessee high school learned that they would no longer be able to publicly pray over the loudspeaker before football games, they took action.

The decades-long tradition at Oneida High School in Oneida, Tennessee, of saying an invocation over the PA was recently halted following complaints from atheist and civil rights leaders, who called the practice a violation of the separation of church and state, WBIR-TV reported.

School officials replaced the public prayers with a moment of silence, bumping out the popular faith-based tradition that had reportedly been unfolding at the school since 1930.

That removal didn't sit too well with some of the cheerleaders, though, leading Asia Canada, a member of the squad, to break the moment of silence before a recent game by loudly reciting the Lord's Prayer — an act that has had a sweeping impact.

"He called for the moment of silence and I started off, 'Our Father who art in heaven' and everyone joined in," she told WBIR-TV.

Kevin Acres, who does announcements for each game, told the outlet that the entire stadium joined in, including the opposing team members.

Now, Canada and her squad say the Lord's Prayer before every home game — a recitation that is permitted, as it is student-led and not conducted over a loudspeaker.

Groups like the American Civil Liberties Union and the Freedom From Religion Foundation had previously encouraged the district to drop public prayer.

While the school eventually complied and frustrated some of the faithful, the cheerleaders' new tradition has led to what Acres believes is a positive development.

"Where you had one person saying a prayer over the PA, now you've got hundreds, maybe a thousand people saying it together," he said, according to the Huffington Post.

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One Year After Shootout, Bar Owner Offers Free Concealed Carry Class

by Bob Owens,
BearingArms.com

It was just over a year ago that Concertina Beer Hall owner Andy Kochanski shot it out with armed robbers inside his Milwaukee establishment, killing one criminal and injuring another in a robbery that sparked a firestorm of controversy locally about self-defense in an increasingly violent area.

Kochanski marked the anniversary of the robbery by hosting a free concealed carry class that was packed with nearly 100 people:

Nearly 100 people packed Kochanski's Concertina Beer Hall on Milwaukee's near south side Sunday morning — for a lesson on guns.

"There's a fine line when it comes to the things you do with your firearm. You need to know where that line is," Daniel Brooker with Wisconsin Carry, Inc. said.

The free concealed carry training class was orga-

nized by Andy Kochanski.

"I was like a post-er child, I guess. People looked at what had happened to me, and they thought 'I want to go out and get a gun and defend myself,'" Kochanski said.

It was August 16th, 2013, when police say three men walked into the Concertina Beer Hall. Police say two of the men were armed, and police say they tried to rob Kochanski.

Kochanski says the memories of that day conjure up a specific feeling.

"I guess just being very lucky. Lucky that I was able to calmly do what I did and take control of the situation," Kochanski said.

A 23-year-old man was shot and killed. Another was injured — and the third fled the scene. Both of those



Citizens packed Kochanski's bar for the free concealed carry class.

Courtesy photo

who survived the shooting inside the bar have since been arrested and tried. One was recently acquitted. The second, Jose Munoz, was set to be sentenced last week, but his sentencing has been postponed.

Kochanski became a rallying point in his community for armed self-defense as a result of the shooting last year which saw pro-gun Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke, Jr. step forward on behalf of Kochanski and other gun owners,

and ask for prosecutors to return firearms used in self-defense cases to their owners within 48 hours.

Sheriff Clarke has since become a polarizing figure in gun rights, his impassioned stand for armed self-defense, and recently defeated a challenger supported by gun control supporter Michael Bloomberg.

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Where Is The Race-Baiting "Civil Rights" Community During Shaneen Allen's Judicial Lynching?

by Bob Owens .
BearingArms.com

When it comes to "justice," it's obvious that the only color most "civil rights" icons see is green.

Trayvon Martin was an alleged burglar interested in street fighting, abusing drugs, and dealing illegal weapons. When he was killed attempting to beat a man to death, the "civil rights" community came out in force to "seek justice."

Michael Brown, a strong-arm robbery suspect, was shot and killed by a police officer after allegedly attacking that officer in his vehicle and attempting to take his weapon. Once again, the "civil rights" community came out in force to "seek justice."

er of two who legally obtained a concealed carry permit in Pennsylvania after twice being robbed by young thugs similar to Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown, made the huge mistake of going to New Jersey.

Shaneen Allen and her sons are being "made an example of" by white anti-gun liberals.

She now faces a felony criminal record and years in prison away from her sons, merely because she crossed a state line and told the officer who pulled her over for a minor traffic infraction that she had a concealed weapon in the vehicle.

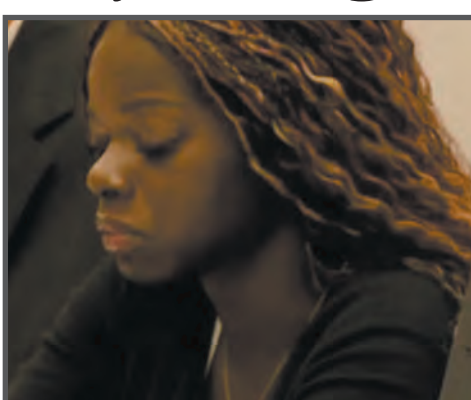
Where are the "Reverends" Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton as judges and prosecutors and gun control supporters demand that "she be made an example of?"

Where are Quaneil X and the New Black Panthers and the Huey P. Newton Gun Club, who so recently marched for their gun rights in Texas?

Where is the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)?

Where is the Congressional Black Caucus?

Where is Attorney General of the United States Eric Holder, who is always so quick to launch a federal investigation



Shaneen Allen and her sons are being "made an example of" by white anti-gun liberals.

Courtesy photo

at the slightest hint that race may be an factor in a trial?

Where, by God, Is Barack Hussein Obama as this young mother is "being made an example of" by the same disreputable prosecutor and judge who let a famous abuser off the hook with a slap on the wrist because he was a celebrity?

Couldn't Shaneen Allen be Obama's daughter? Or can only violent drug abusing criminals be the allegorical children of the Golfer-In-Chief?

Not worthy of justice? so-called "Black leaders" remain mute as white liberals attempt to railroad Shaneen Allen into prison for making an honest mistake that didn't hurt a soul.

The sad and apparent reality is that most "black leaders" noted above are mere henchmen of the radical left wing of the Democratic Party, trotted



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Shaneen Allen, a hard-working moth-

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Panera Bread Faces Backlash After Asking Customers To Leave Guns At Home

by Bob Owens,
BearingArms.com

Panera Bread CEO Ron Shaich has announced his chain's new anti-gun policy.

"Within our company, we strive to create Panera Warmth. This warmth means bakery-cafes where customers and associates feel comfortable and welcome. To this end, we ask that guns not be brought into this environment unless carried by an authorized law enforcement officer. Panera respects the rights of gun owners, but asks our customers to help preserve the environment we are working to create for our guests and associates."

Panera revealed the statement after consulting with gun control cult Moms Demand Action.

The backlash against Panera's decision has been overwhelmingly negative according to this CNBC poll.

Coincidentally, a poll of armed robbers has concluded that the restaurant chain is now a great place to conduct a "working lunch" (I'm kidding).

In all seriousness, Panera is well within their rights to ask customers to leave their firearms at home. They get to deal with the ramifications—both positive and negative—of their decision to proactively interject themselves into gun politics.

Panera Bread is asking customers not to bring guns into its restaurants. The request places it on a growing list of companies asking guests to refrain from toting firearms into their locations amid an ongoing nationwide debate about gun policy.

"The request is simply we recognize everyone's rights," said Panera CEO Ron Shaich during a phone interview Monday. "But we also recognize that we are building communities in our cafes and are where people come catch a breath."

Does this decision change your opinion on Panera?

Yes, for the better

12%

Yes, for the worse

83%

No

4%

Not sure

1%

Total Votes: 27365

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If Panera's business declines as a result of this decision, then it will be interesting to see if CEO Ron Shaich keeps his job.

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Busting The Top 3 Myths About The Second Amendment

by Daniel T. McElrath,
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Adherents to gun control typically respond with emotional arguments. However, on those occasions when they attempt to respond with "logic" regarding the Second Amendment itself, those arguments typically take the same tired forms. Here are three of the most popular, and how to dismantle them instantly.

Myth #1: You have to have a license to operate a car. Why shouldn't you have to have one to own a gun?

Reality Check: Owning a car is not a right; it's a privilege. Owning a gun is a right. There is no enumerated right to own or drive a car. A license generally isn't required to own a car, or to operate it on private land. Also, gun-control advocates who make the "treat guns like cars" argument would probably be strongly opposed to a reciprocity system for those licensed to carry firearms that was as good as the reciprocity system for driver's licenses. (And if they say guns are more dangerous, point out how many people are killed by cars every year.)

Myth #2: The Second Amendment specifies that owning a gun is only for serving in "a Well-regulated militia"—what we now call the National Guard. That means gun ownership is a collective right of the people (not individuals), and that guns must be con-

trolled by the government.

Reality Check: First off, the opening to the Second Amendment is a dependent clause. It helps explain and justify the independent clause that follows, but is not essential to making that clause true. Moreover, back in the day when the Constitution was written, "well regulated" didn't mean "controlled." It meant "well practiced" or "well drilled." And the militia wasn't anything like today's National Guard: All able-bodied males were deemed to be in the militia in time or threat of war.

Further, in order for "the people" to indicate the citizenry as a whole rather than the individual, the Founding Fathers would have had to use it to mean an individual in the First Amendment, then the collective in the Second Amendment, and back to an individual in the Fourth, Ninth and Tenth amendments. In the landmark 2008 District of Columbia v. Heller decision, the Supreme Court agreed, stating: "Nowhere else in the Constitution does a 'right' attributed to 'the people' refer to anything other than an individual right." D.C. v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570, 580 (2008). This led them to the conclusion: "There seems to us no doubt, on the basis of both text and history, that the Second Amendment conferred an individual right to keep and bear arms." D.C. v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570, 595 (2008).

Myth #3: The Founding Fathers couldn't have foreseen the technological developments that have led to such things as "assault weapons." The Second Amendment right was intended only for muzzle-loading flintlocks.

Reality Check: When I hear this, I always ask people if they know what a phaser is. "Oh," they'll say, "that ray gun from Star Trek." Then I'll point out that they don't exist, even though we "know" what they are. Imagination didn't begin in the 20th or 21st centuries. To say that men like Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin—who were among the leading inventors of their day—couldn't have foreseen technological advancements is patently absurd. Moreover, some technological concepts that we think of as modern are quite old. For example, there is a 12-shot flintlock in the NRA National Firearms Museum. Manufacturing techniques and the absence of industrialization were more limiting factors than imagination back then.

Perhaps most compellingly, if the Second Amendment referred only to technology extant at the time it was drafted, then the First

Amendment doesn't apply to radio, movies, television or the Internet. Once again, the Supreme Court agrees, stating: "Some have made the argument, bordering on the frivolous, that only those arms in existence in the 18th century are protected by the Second Amendment. We do not interpret constitutional rights that way. Just as the First Amendment protects modern forms of communications and the Fourth Amendment applies to modern forms of search, the Second Amendment extends, prima facie, to all instruments that constitute bearable arms, even those that were not in existence at the time of the founding." D.C. v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570, 582 (2008)

Calmly and politely explaining these facts can go a long way to change someone's mind about the Second Amendment and what it means. Spread the word!

Thanks to the NRA Family InSights team for this great article.

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Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim

Jim Modlish has been in the ministry 48 years, pastoring churches large and small from upstate New York to western Washington. He holds a doctorate in theology, but frequently states: “I have education, but I got over it.”

Southern Colorado natives, Jim and his wife, Linda, were happy to return to their home state in 2006. They started the Huerfano Community Bible Church in Walsenburg six years ago, and that work has experienced excellent growth and the blessings of God. Pastor Modlish believes the Bible is the greatest political science textbook on earth, and that all current events should be examined under the searchlight of Scripture.



Udall's War on Women

Colorado Senator Mark Udall has resorted to the worn-out “war on women” clichés in his bid for re-election. His opponent, Rep. Cory Gardner, evidently has some objections to abortions which Udall has utilized to become the central theme of his campaign. If memory serves us right, the Pope has similar disagreements with the killing of the unborn, but I haven’t noticed any Udall ads aimed at the Catholic Church. So-called principle can be disregarded when it doesn’t serve political advantage.

The recent videos of two American journalist beheadings stirred enough public outrage to force President Obama to make a prime time speech addressing the situation. One cannot help but wonder what disgust the filming of two late term abortions might engender, particularly if given the equal amount of coverage as the beheadings.

Liberals resist all legislation aimed at defining personhood. The reason is obvious...if individuality can be established anytime between conception and birth the problem becomes exceedingly thorny. Beyond the issue of life and death is the lurking skeleton of the conscience. The only consolation the Democrats have to offer is, “not to worry; it was only an unwanted mass that would have presented a great hindrance to life.” That kind of shallow reasoning offers no remedy for the aching soul. Conversely, conservatives, especially the kind who cling to their religion and guns, can recommend

a Balm of Gilead that offers forgiveness and comfort. Who is really waging war on women?

The lefties love to characterize the religious right as ignorant, uneducated, and uninformed. A young woman needing massive dental work on the broken down porch of a dilapidated singlewide, holding a snotty nosed kid in each arm, granny in a rocker waiting for the squirrels to simmer, and Jed clinging to a bottle of hooch is the general picture presented.

People of the Bible have an entirely different view of a successful woman as demonstrated in Proverbs 31. She has a husband and children who are extremely proud of her because of her integrity, her willingness to work hard, and her generosity. She is a business woman and an entrepreneur with the ability to plan for the future. The virtuous woman never sacrifices the permanent on the altar of the immediate.

When this woman makes an appearance on the national stage, the state-run media goes into convulsions. The Associated Press assigned eleven reporters to fact-check Sarah Palin’s book, “Going Rogue.” Barack Obama, Al Gore and even Newt Gingrich have never received that kind of scrutiny. The perceived stereotype must not be altered; it could do great damage to the Democratic Kremlin which fully understands that they could not remain in power without the votes contained in the projects and degraded inner cities. Welfare bones are thrown to the economically diminished to prevent any cross-

overs. Who is really waging war on women?

When a father walks his daughter down the aisle in a traditional Christian wedding to give her away, the symbolism speaks volumes. He is surrendering his responsibility of provision and protection to the groom. In hundreds of wedding that I have officiated, I have never failed to mention Ephesians 5:25,28 which clearly addresses the shifted obligation...”Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; so ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.” This admonition is the cornerstone of a Christian marriage and when obeyed, provides a blanket of security for women that God intended.

The “selfie” generation has been inclined to jump aboard the train of attack on traditional marriage. It hasn’t been conservatives holding the spear of assault. The consequences have been staggering. More women are in financial jeopardy than ever in our history. The feminine gender are consuming anti-depressants at an unprecedented rate. Domestic violence is becoming a national conversation; I wonder why Al Sharpton isn’t protesting Ray Rice clocking his wife? Could it be that the Reverend must remain loyal to party ideology?

Senator Udall, please explain to us how your party platform has truly benefited women. Who is really waging the war on women?

A Sheepdog Barks!

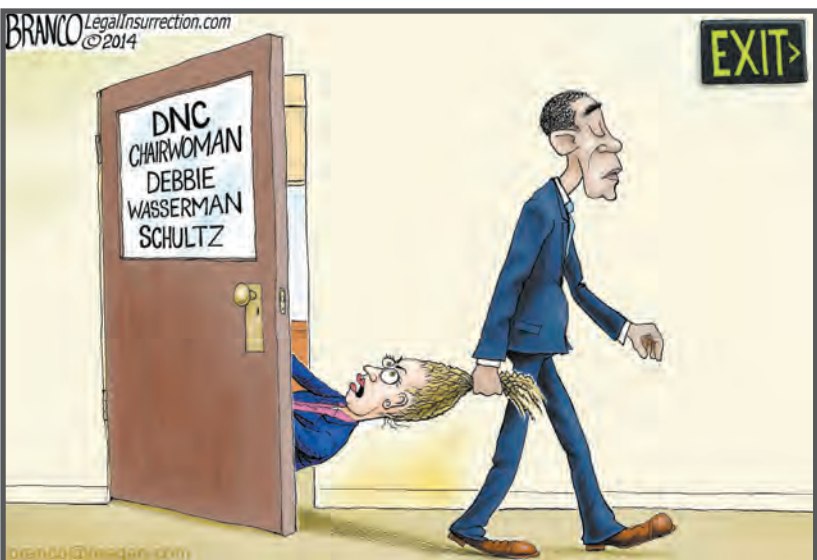
Let’s play a little Sheepdog “Jeopardy”. You know, that’s the game where I give you the answer and you have to give me the question. Since we can’t have an immediate exchange I’ll give you the answer and the question both. Just don’t read the question until you give it a try. Okay, here goes. ANSWER: When his lips move. QUESTION: When is Obama lying? Okay, see how it works. Here’s another one. ANSWER: You can’t do this before a high school game. QUESTION: What is PRAY in liberal America? Next ANSWER: Barefoot Soldiers. QUESTION: What is unique about Obama’s Army? Think! Here’s a hint: No Boots on the Ground! WOOF! Next ANSWER: the Driver, the Wedge, and the Putter. QUESTION: What are Obama’s best tools for helping our economy? Next ANSWER: From Behind. QUESTION: Where is the best place to lead the world from? Next ANSWER: Islamic Terrorism. QUESTION: What is not listed in the latest FBI National Threat Assessment for America? Is that unbelievable or what? Next ANSWER: Cutting Taxes. QUESTION: What causes revenue to the government to go up? Next ANSWER: The Liberal Progressive Socialist Democrats (LPSDs). QUESTION: Who in America doesn’t get that? Next ANSWER: Blankets. QUESTION: What item did the Ukrainian President tell Obama his people really appreciated but they couldn’t win the war with it? Was that embarrassing to America or what? All this non-lethal aid to Ukraine is ridiculous. Where is the Beef? Next ANSWER: The most delusional President in American history when he said this. QUESTION: Who is Obama when he said this recently, “By almost every measure the American economy and American worker is better off than when I took office.”? He says things like this and the LPSDs smile, clap, and bob their heads up and down. America is doomed if we don’t make a major change in November. Next ANSWER: The War on Poverty & \$22 Trillion dollars. QUESTION: Which “war” in America has cost 3 times more than all the other

Wars combined, had almost no effect and how much did it cost? My fellow sheepdogs, consider these facts. When LBJ started the War on Poverty about 13% of America (20 million) lived in what we call poverty. After \$22 Trillion dollars poverty has risen to about 14.5% of America (45 Million). The problem with this is that LPSDs “breed” more poverty by their rules and regulations. They have created generations of welfare recipients. They don’t try to help the poor out of poverty; they just keep giving them more money. It’s a death spiral. Why would anyone want to move up and earn their own living when in many states one can receive between \$45,000 and \$60,000 in yearly unearned benefits? Let me put that back into the Jeopardy game. Next ANSWER: Only in Liberal America. QUESTION: Where does the most messed up version of helping people exist in the whole world? The LPSDs don’t do this by accident or mistake, however. They know exactly what they are doing. They are creating eternal and perpetual gratitude and support to the Democrat Party. This voting base then ensures they stay in power, obviously because who in their right mind would vote out those that give you everything you need? America’s Peace Corps rightly has the motto: “Give a man a fish and he eats for the day. Teach him how to fish and he eats for a lifetime.” What’s so hard about understanding that? NOTHING! The LPSDs don’t want that to happen. WOOF! DOUBLE JEOPARDY ANSWER: In summer it is hot, in fall it is cool, in winter it is cold, and in spring it is warm. QUESTION: What is Climate Change? Yes, my friends, climate changes all the time, even daily. Every 5 minutes in Colorado. Part of God’s plan, I believe. What is going on here? Last Tuesday Obama even went to the United Nations (the world’s greatest collective waste of mostly American money) and said this: “This issue (climate change) will define this whole century. It is changing faster than our efforts to address it. Alarm bells are going off. Citizens just keep marching.” (I didn’t really understand that one. Without boots,



too, I imagine) Obama ended with this when talking about cutting 40% of carbon emissions by 2030 and the need for the U.S. and China to lead the way: “That’s what big nations have to DO!” Wow, what oratory, so profound. Let’s be honest. China will do nothing except build more coal plants between now and the ridiculous 2016 Global Warming Conference which will be held in Paris. Cutting 40% of emissions will destroy the American economy. These LPSDs are so wrong on this issue. Senator John Kerry said this about the Arctic Ice Cap in August 2009: “The truth is that the threat we face is not an abstract concern for the future. It is already upon us, and its effects are being felt worldwide right now. Scientists project that the Arctic will be ice-free in the summer of 2013, not in 2050, but 4 years from now.” Dead wrong! It’s 2014 and the National Snow & Ice Data Center says the ice cap is larger and thicker than it was 5 years ago. A climate expert just said that there is no crisis that Obama described in his UN speech. The Climate Change alarmists keep screaming that carbon dioxide has increased 43% since the Industrial Revolution. True, but irrelevant. According to the Climate Change scientists that believe there is no evidence of man-made disasters it went from 270 parts per million to 400 parts per million. Totally insignificant. One last thought: If it ain’t man-made (and I believe it’s not), there is not a darn thing we humans can do about it. A Higher Power is in charge, yes? WOOF! FINAL JEOPARDY ANSWER: It is the most disrespectful gesture one can render to a military member. QUESTION: What does the Obama “Latte” salute mean? WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Poll: Voters Cool on A68; Like Open Negotiations

by Todd Engdahl , Co.Chalkbeat.Org

(Editor/GG: Folks, Vote NO on Amendment 68. Complete waste of money.)

Only a third of Colorado voters polled in a recent survey support Amendment 68, the proposed expansion of casino gambling that would earmark some revenues for school districts.

A majority of those surveyed do support Proposition 104, the ballot measure that would require school district contract negotiations to be held in public.

The results were released Wednesday by USA Today and Suffolk University in Massachusetts.

On Amendment 68, 33 percent of respondents support it, 44 percent oppose and 19 percent are undecided.

Asked about Proposition 104, 54 percent of respondents support it, 24 percent oppose, and 19 percent are undecided.

Amendment 68 is a constitutional change that would allow location of a full casino at the Arapahoe Park racetrack and possibly at two other locations in the future. A portion of revenues would be funneled to school districts on a per-pupil basis.

Proponents estimate annual school revenues at more than \$100 million a year, but critics argue passage would reduce tax revenues for other programs that now are generated by casinos in Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek. The high-spending campaign pits Arapahoe Park's corporate parent, a Rhode Island gaming company, against the companies that own the mountain casinos.

Colorado voters have been skeptical of expanding gambling beyond the mountain casinos and the state lottery. Ballot measures in 1984, 1992 and 1996 proposed allowing casinos in Pueblo, various eastern plains towns, Parachute and Trinidad, and all promised some revenue for schools. None of them passed. Voters also soundly defeated a 2003 initiative that would have allowed casino-style gambling at Arapahoe Park and devoted some revenue to tourism promotion. (See this Chalkbeat Colorado background for a history of sin taxes and education funding in Colorado.)

The two campaigns had predictable reactions to the poll.

Monica McCafferty of Coloradans for Better Schools said, "Once they [voters] learn that Amendment 68 will create a new K-12 Education Fund without a huge tax hike — they support our measure. Each and every day we speak to voters across the state; we are confident that this momentum will carry us into November. The feedback we're hearing on-the-ground and based on real conversations with real voters is more important to us than a static poll, particularly this early into election season."

Michelle Ames of the No on 68 committee said, "The more Coloradans learn about this terrible deal for Colorado, the more they find to dislike about it."

Proposition 104, a proposed change to state law, has a much lower profile than A68, given that the two sides haven't had the money for advertising campaigns. The prime proponent is the conservative Independence Institute, which bankrolled the petition-circulating effort needed to get the measure on the Nov. 4 ballot.

Institute President Jon Caldarara said, "I have seen polling that puts it even higher. Coloradans know that secrecy is the enemy of good government. This isn't about unions. It's about transparency."

Opponents of the proposition, primarily education interest groups, argue that it's unnecessary and vaguely written enough that it will lead to confusion and court fights.

The Suffolk University/USA TODAY poll surveyed 500 "likely" voters by phone between last Saturday and Tuesday. The margin of error is +/-4.4 percent.

Please see: co.chalkbeat.org/2014/09/17/poll-voters-cool-on-a68-like-open-negotiations/#.VBryXODd7Hg

Principal Confiscates American Flags From Student Vehicles in School Parking Lot – on 9/11!

by Kyle Olson, EAGNews.org

WOODRUFF, S.C.

A number of students at Woodruff High School decided to remember the September 11th terrorist attacks by flying American flags on their trucks in the school parking lot.

That move violated a school policy banning students from drawing an "unusual amount of attention to oneself."

GoUpstate.com reports: *The four students came to school on 9/11 with large American flags mounted on posts in their truck beds. [Principal Aaron] Fulmer removed the flags from their trucks and returned them at the end of the school day.*

Fulmer wanted them removed from the students' vehicles. He was just enforcing a "long-standing district policy," he says.

"We all love America and support our country and our flag. We value our veterans, but we also understand that they fought for the First Amendment, and when we get into the First Amendment, we can't discriminate," District 4 superintendent Rallie Liston says, according to the paper.

Huh?

WSPA reports the students were not punished.

Fulmer says he told the students, "I'm not mad at you. We're not upset at you. I applaud your patriotism."

The principal says the students can display the flag on their cars, in the form of a sticker.

After the incident, students held a protest, demanding the "zero tolerance" policy be changed.

News 13 reports students and their supporters posted a message on Facebook reading, "PLEASE COME OUT MONDAY MORNING AND STAND UP FOR OUR STUDENTS RIGHTS AND OUR RIGHTS! 7:50 a.m. Sidewalk in front of high school. Bring an American flag with you!"

"Around a dozen people were seen driving by the front of the school flying flags on their vehicles. A group of about 10 more people were seen standing on the sidewalk waving flags," WSPA reports.

The principal says that school officials are meeting with student council this week to look into a possible policy revision, according to News 13.

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ALLEN

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The sad and apparent reality is that most "black leaders" noted above are mere henchmen of the radical left wing of the Democratic Party, trotted out when it is advantageous to use the issue of race as a political weapon.

Down deep below skin color where the heart, soul, and mind matters, they don't care about justice in the slightest. They care about their own selfish greed, and economic fortunes, and their own political power and influence.

When given an opportunity to actually stand up for a good, honest, and hardworking mother who made the simple mistake of assuming that her constitutional rights applied in New Jersey, they have abandoned her. They have offered her up as a sacrifice. They have turned their backs on her. They have acquiesced to a judicial lynching, and have decided to treat her as a persona non grata.

They are cowards, one and all.

Law-abiding people don't appar-

ently matter to these race-hustlers and charlatans.

So, then, who is defending this young mother that anti-gun Democrats are so eager to "make an example of?"

It's the "racists" in the color-blind, politically agnostic gun community that are stepping forward in her defense, including the National Rifle Association. The people stepping forward in an effort to help her are the ones that these radicals have attempted to portray as nothing but a bunch of fat old white guys. They are the ones standing up for her rights, and raising money for her defense.

It's only in times of trouble that you learn who your real friends and allies are.

It's also when you learn who only pays lip service to their ideals. Those people should be ashamed at how they've abandoned a good woman to stand on the side of criminality and injustice.

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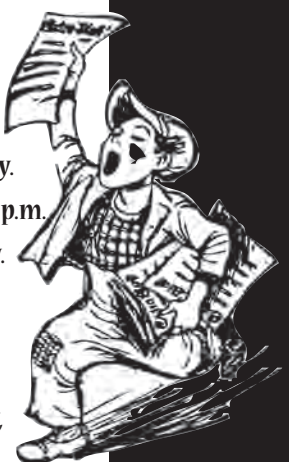
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TEENS

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agreed that that may be a possibility at the beginning of the New Year.

Other police reports in the last two months include assaults of youth-on-youth and youth-on-staff. We are told that some of these are not reported and most charges are dropped. There also was a "sexual assault" report that required the "victim" to be examined at the hospital and one that was determined afterwards to be mutual consent. "Sexual assault" doesn't necessarily mean rape, according to the police. Among the reports were "disorderly conduct" reports and a report of disturbances in all the units.

Another source said that the high injury rate and low pay for employees is the reason they are so understaffed. Employees were frequently being held over for longer hours and double shifts. Even though employees are trained in acceptable techniques to deal with aggression, they are

allowed to administer these techniques in a limited number of circumstances. Self-protection and defending oneself from assault are very limited. Police who were called were asked to not have guns on the premises but they refused to take off their weapons.

Director Miller says that the understaffing problem is being addressed, as is the overuse of the Cañon City Police Department by their facility. Although this wasn't stated by the police, 80 calls in two months seems excessive by any standards. The repeated dispatch of several units in one night for hours each night is a lot, and takes away from the time the police have for other situations that may need immediate attention.

Whether or not the new director is able to manage the problems at Southern Peaks remains to be seen. He asks that we check back with him in a couple of months when he's had time to implement measures to help correct the problems that are of concern to the citizens of Fremont County.

He also said that he would welcome groups from the community who would like to come out and work with and help these youth, many of whom have been abused and molested and have no good role models. It seems that the price is now being paid for the lack of parenting or for the lack of discipline many experienced early on.

The director assured us that they are taking measures to correct the problems that were addressed and that the youth pose no danger to the citizens and businesses of Cañon City. If they need to be somewhere else with greater security, that will be determined.

In the meantime, he has confidence in the various programs that the center offers, as to their being able to help most of the residents, but also welcomes resources from the community that are spiritually-based since Southern Peaks is not affiliated with any faith or religion and is state regulated because of funds that they receive from the state.

Rabies Identified in the Valley

There has been a bat found to be positive for rabies on the western side of Custer County. It is the first in many years to be found positive. Three bats were sent in earlier this summer; all of them were negative. The important message is that ALL bats should be considered positive and never handled. If a bat has been found to be in the same location as sleeping individuals, Custer County Public Health needs to be notified (phone: 719-783-3369). Also, any person coming in contact with a bat needs to notify public health and some how keep the bat for testing. Call Public Health with any questions.

Skunks are also another animal that have been widely testing positive for rabies in Colorado, THERE HAVE BEEN NO SKUNKS found

positive in Custer County. However, if a skunk is found to be out and about during daylight hours this is abnormal and should be reported to the Division of Wildlife. DO NOT HANDLE OR TRY TO CAPTURE THE SKUNK.

Following are eight ways to protect yourself and your family:

1. Do not feed, touch, or adopt wild animals, and be cautious of stray dogs and cats. Rabid animals do not always appear vicious!

2. Teach children to leave wildlife alone. Be sure your child knows to tell you if an animal bites or scratches them.

3. Have your veterinarian (or local animal shelter) vaccinate your pets and livestock against rabies. Keep their vaccina-

tions up-to-date.

4. Tightly close garbage cans and feed bins. Open trash and feed bags attracts wild or stray animals to your home or yard.

5. Feed your pets indoors. Never leave pet food outside as this attracts wildlife.

6. Keep outdoor pets in a fenced yard.

7. Avoid all contact with bats, especially bats found on the ground. If you find a bat on the ground, don't touch it. Report the bat and its location to your local animal control officer or health department.

8. Promptly call your doctor for advice if an animal bites you. Contact your local health department to report the incident.

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