



Bobcats Homecoming: *The Way It Was*

by Jim Silver

A crowd of students, faculty and staff, and parents and others gathered on Thursday night, October 2nd, in the school gym to watch “Peach Fuzz Volleyball,” first of the spectator events of Homecoming Week. Each of the four classes put together a boys team and, through a series of elimination matches, the winning class got to take on the challenge of a match against the teachers. With only a little asking around, it was easy to determine from those in the know that the teachers would be the team to beat. They obviously have the reputation of not letting up—even on the volleyball court.

In about an hour of elimination matches, the seniors prevailed against their younger opponents and had the job in front of them of facing the teachers. A select school band brought the line-dancing teachers onto the court, as an obvious show of intimidation for the opposing team. Among the teachers are some players with well-honed volleyball skills, so to make a long story short, once again the

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The final score against the Rocky Mountain Lutheran Eagles for the Bobcats Homecoming gave.
Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

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*He only is my
rock and my
salvation;
He is my
defense;
I shall not
be moved.*

Psalm 62:6,
TNIV



The Woodpile Report by Ol' Remus

(Editor/GG: Read every word of this. This is not what bubblevision tv is telling us.)

Prediction. Our institutional defenses against epidemics assume 1950s-style civic support. Those days are gone. Even so, it'll work for a while, not perfectly, but well enough. For a while. Ebola will go exponential when it gets into our Liberia-like urban areas and separatist enclaves. Necessary but inconvenient countermeasures will be widely evaded, denounced as genocide in disguise. Those who demand drastic action in defense of the nation will be slandered as paleo-red-necks.

From then on, events will be decided by doddering civil rights agitators, the gullible morons who support them, and the usual lunatic opportunists in D.C. Naturally those who are actually stricken will demand priority on a “Poor, Minorities Hit Hardest” basis. The irony will go unnoticed. Worthwhile results will be either accidental or unavoidable. Ebola will burn its way through the populace all but unimpeded, and when the last victim collapses in a mushy pile of its own bloody excretions, victory will be declared. Heroes will be acclaimed and every faction in the country will have made new, enduring

ing enemies. This is easy. It's like predicting the past. But—details. We want details.

Our farce thus far. How competent are our medical institutions with their world-class facilities and internationally renowned experts, the same experts who tell us our fears are unfounded? Apparently word hadn't gotten to them that people coming from Ebola-infested pest holes in Africa may have Ebola, duh, including one who exhibited advanced symptoms and offered himself up to anyone who would listen:

***Ebola will
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Thomas Eric Duncan told a nurse at a Dallas emergency room that he had recently visited Liberia, which has been ravaged by the Ebola outbreak. But an executive at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital told a news conference that the information was not widely enough shared with the

medical team treating Duncan, and he was diagnosed as suffering from a “low-grade common viral disease”.

Gambino and Dart at theguardian.com

As a result of this lapse, Thomas Duncan was able to leave the hospital and interact with more people while experiencing symptoms, which is when the virus becomes contagious.

Mark Berman at washingtonpost.com

He didn't go to some first aid outfit in a backwater burg. He went to Texas Health Presbyterian, one of those outfits with nice corporate graphics which “raises awareness” and gives itself awards. Top shelf, in other words. Here's how obvious it had to be before they admitted and isolated him:

“When the ambulance came his whole family were all screaming, he got outside and he was throwing up all over the place ... when he was throwing up he was trying to walk and he couldn't walk.”

Mesud Osmanovic, neighbor, to Gambino and Dart at theguardian.com

Which means from the 24th to the 28th of September he was stumbling around loose among the people of Dallas with infectious Ebola, and he did so until his nephew called CDC direct-

ly—which, incidentally, suggests the reason for his trip here in the first place. He all but handed them a signed affidavit with “I HAVE EBOLA” across the top in all caps, yet Texas hospital says:

Regretfully, that information was not fully communicated throughout the full teams. As a result, the full import of that information wasn't factored into the full decision making.

Mark Lester, Texas hospital, via news.yahoo.com

We fully understand. He wasn't coughing up lung tissue or spurting blood from his eyeballs so hoo cudda fully node. But just a few days before Mr. Duncan arrived, none other than President Obama assured us:

We've been taking the necessary precautions, including working with countries in West Africa to increase screening at airports so that someone with the virus doesn't get on a plane for the United States. In the unlikely event that someone with Ebola does reach our shores, we've taken new measures so that we're prepared here at home.

In Obama's defense, he's a liar. His core supporters believe him, who can ask for better evidence? No sense in getting all worked up about it. Some people are left-handed, some people

are short and others tall, some people stutter. Obama lies. It's just his way. He can't help it so let it be.

Cynics say Duncan was knowingly set loose, that this is a trial run for a Club of Rome-style population reduction. How else does a driver for FedEx in Monrovia come up with airfare—about \$3,500 one way—and a visa, apparently on short notice, they ask. Others say it's a psy-op calculated to prod the populace into demanding a national lock down under martial law.

Look what we have on the other side. Texas Health Presbyterian “regrets” their incompetence. They'll take even newer measures so that we're even more prepared here at home. Measures like a seminar, say. Off site. Nassau perhaps. Signup is by the door. Not a compelling counter argument. Denying entry to travelers with West African passports is a compelling counter argument. So is defending our borders and controlling immigration. D.C. is proudly and emphatically doing none of these so “oops” is their only counter argument.

We will stop Ebola in its tracks in the U.S... I have no doubt that we will con-

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Our Opinion...
From the Editorial Board
TIME TO VOTE!

Ballots will be mailed out to all registered voters on Tuesday, October 14th. If you are not registered there are still many ways to be able to vote in the general election by November 4th. There are lots of rules so we suggest you go into the courthouse and check directly with the county clerk's office. All ballots must be cast and arrive back to the clerk's office by 7:00 pm on November 4th. We offer the following endorsements:

VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 68. On the surface Amendment 68 sounds like a great idea to provide more money for K-12 education. Proponents like to tout that this Amendment will reap \$114 Million a year in new revenue without raising taxes or cutting any existing services. The new funds would be distributed equally on a per-pupil basis and local school districts will have local control over how that money is spent. Not much mention, however, of where the money comes from. It comes from more gambling. In 2008 the state's voters approved expanded gambling in selected communities providing more money for

junior and community colleges. This Amendment would benefit expanded gambling only at Arapahoe Park in Aurora. Those residents don't want the local race track to expand to full casino type operations. The live race track there is owned by Mile High Racing and Entertainment, which in turn, is owned by Twin Rivers Worldwide Holdings of Rhode Island. This Rhode Island company would receive the immediate benefits of this Amendment. However, once again the proponents realized the path to success in this action lies in linking this bad idea to "the children." Many leaders in our state have already been "trapped" by the tax money from legal marijuana sales and ignoring the unintended consequences. It's always about the money. Hitler, in his book, *Mein Kampf*, said --and we are paraphrasing here -- you can get away with almost anything if "it's for the children." Many are just focused on the money. Not where it comes from and what the unintended consequences might be. The money is not targeted by law to be spent on anything

specific. There is no doubt much of it will never make it into the classroom or in direct benefits to the children. We are constantly bombarded with the "truth" that K-12 education is underfunded and more money will make everything better. Money is not the answer here anymore than it is in the VA health care system or the Secret Service. The good people of Aurora don't want this Casino in their community and overwhelmingly voted it down in the past. They don't want what comes with it. We should not force this on them. Do we not care where the money comes from? This is not good just because it's been set up to benefit "the children." We vote NO on Amendment 68.

VOTE YES ON STATE PROPOSITION 104. This proposition is a no-brainer. It would override the executive session provision of the Open Meetings Law when it comes to collective bargaining involving unions. Specifically, this would open to the public contract negotiations between teachers' unions and school boards. That would

be a good thing. All government negotiations of this type should be done in the “sunshine.” An estimated 80% of annual academic budgets are related to personnel costs. Taxpayers have the fundamental right to understand exactly how and why their dollars are being spent. Open and public negotiations will be best for all and so we vote YES on 104.

VOTE NO ON STATE PROPOSITION 105. Once again we have the food police trying to create more burdens and more bureaucracy on the citizens and hardworking farmers and ranchers in Colorado. Proposition 105 would require specific labeling on Colorado canned or boxed foods that contain genetically modified organisms or GMO. The opponents call it “genetically engineered” and use that phrase like it’s a dirty word. Genetically modified produce is just a traditional plant that has either bacteria or protein spliced into its genetic code. The resulting seeds grow with less everything: water, pesticides, fuel and work. This seems to make good sense and

would help produce more food and be more economically viable. The Proposition is poorly written and exempts approximately 2/3 of the items in our local stores. What good does that do? And there are already federal labeling rules that may cause conflict and unneeded costs. There is also no evidence of harmful or long-term effects of GMOs. Over 1,000 studies have found no legitimate or compelling reasons for these restrictive and cumbersome labels. And you can bet the additional bureaucracy and regulations would create a larger state government and need more employees and more tax money to operate. What's the point? This government oversight is unnecessary and burdensome. We vote NO on Proposition 105.

There are several serious issues to vote on. We encourage all responsible citizens to take the time to become informed and vote. Off year elections usually have a low turnout. Don't be part of those not participating. Exercise your most valuable constitutional right. **VOTE!**







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Election 2014

The Sentinel Endorses Shannon Byerly for Sheriff

Shannon Byerly, winner of the hotly contested Republican primary, is clearly an outstanding candidate for Sheriff. A local boy who grew up in Rye, eight years in the U.S. Navy, veteran of Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom wars, twelve years with the Cañon City Police Department rising to the rank of sergeant, Shannon's police training has been second to none. He is extremely well-connected in the Colorado law enforcement community which will help tremendously with the sheriff's office training program. His involvement over the years with coaching high school basketball at our school also is a huge plus. He is a man with extremely high standards and great organizational skills.

Vote for Byerly for Sheriff.

The Sentinel's Recommendations:

United States Senator

☒ Cory Gardner

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☒ Scott R. Tipton

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☒ Bob Beauprez / Jill Repella

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☒ Cynthia Coffman

State Board of Education - Congressional District 3

☒ Marcia Neal

State Representative - District 60

☒ James D. "Jim" Wilson

CODE RED! VOTE NO

on

Colorado Amendment 68

Gambling is a tax.

The amendment has no wording guaranteeing that any of the tax money will go to classroom instruction! The educating bureaucracy will simply devour it and our children will get nothing. Also, the Colorado PTA (Parent Teacher Association) hasn't even endorsed it!

VOTE NO ON 68

VOTE YES

on

Colorado Amendment 67

"Crimes Against Unborn Human Beings Should be subject to the same legal penalties as crimes against human beings who have been born"

~ 2014 State Ballot Information Booklet

CODE RED! VOTE NO

on

Clinic Mill Levy Tax Increase

This is the last item on the ballot entitled "West Custer County Hospital District Ballot Issue 4A"

VOTE NO

CODE RED!

Vote NO on Hospital District (Clinic) Mill Levy Tax Increase 4A

Editor/GG: Folks, the Clinic is basically bankrupt. Negative cash flows for the next three months, poor leadership and a flawed business model point to a failed, publicly-funded enterprise. The recent state mandated audit report stated that there is great doubt about the ability of the clinic to survive. Multiple lawsuits are in progress against the clinic in state and federal courts (from wrongful death to EMS back wages). Any one of these could bankrupt it. Giving these people another \$285,000 of our tax money is throwing money down a rathole.

The Clinic has had enormous turnover over the last few years which is a reliable indicator of internal troubles. Two of the five Board members even quit recently. The *Sentinel* has interviewed (confidentially) many of these departed employees/independent contractors (from doctor level to EMS to clerical) and they paint a picture of a poor work environment. All anybody would have to see was the last Clinic Board meeting where the EMS Manager and EMS employees (who

should be praised for their work and dedication in such a place) exploded with complaints against Executive Director (E.D.) Delwon Lester and the three remaining board members (see our report on that meeting in the September 5th issue).

The Clinic's vision for a large, big-city-type clinic simply is a pipe dream and defies all logic in a small, rural community. The vast majority of Custer County citizens want the current levy tax income to be spent on: 1) The EMS/Ambulance Service and 2) any money left over would go to a basic, single-doctor practitioner office with a staff of four or so nurses/LPN's and two receptionist/bookkeepers. This single practitioner model is making money in Cañon City. Just talk to a few of the doctors there. Folks, the Clinic keeps saying the EMS operation loses money, but the fact is that the Clinic side of the operation loses a TON MORE on

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VOTE YES

on

Colorado Proposition 104

This proposition forces school districts to open contract negotiations with teacher's unions to the public. Taxpayers have a right to observe the process. Vote YES on Proposition 104. (Please see our Editorial on page 2 for more information.)

VOTE NO

on

Colorado Proposition 105

This proposition would force Colorado producers to specifically label canned or boxed foods that contain any GMO (Genetically Modified Organisms). Poorly worded, conflicts with federal statutes and will cause much hardship to our producers in our state. Vote NO on Proposition 105. (Please see our Editorial on page 2 for further information.)

Judges

*The Sentinel believes two terms for any elected/appointed office is enough.
More than two - time to go.*



Letters to the Editor

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Editor/GG: We received several letters this week, some of them after our deadline for this week's issue. They will be printed next week. Thanks for making your voices heard!

What Really Matters... And What Does Not

Editor,

I would like to respond to the "Letter to the Editor" that was in your October 3rd edition entitled, Mr. Cascarelli's, "Facts from the Twilight Zone." I have known Joe for several years and can tell you that he has Westcliffe and Custer County's interest at heart. Whether you like him or not Joe makes you think. In the letter to the Editor Mr. Sanders pours accolades on himself for his accomplishments. Like Mr. Sanders I also taught Sunday School and catechism, I was a deacon and benevolent treasurer in our church, I've been in two third world countries on medical mission trips and currently help support three kids through two agencies. The reason I say this is because none of it would matter if I was running for Sheriff.

Mr. Sanders in his letter asks me to read

his bio. I did about two months ago. He said that he would like to observe the position the first year as Sheriff. I was self employed and had two businesses over the course of 37 years. As a business owner I hired and fired but never hired someone who wanted to observe.

That being said all registered voters will have the opportunity to not only vote but to hire someone for the position of Sheriff. One candidate wants to observe. The other candidate has received a paycheck every week for twelve years for his law enforcement expertise. He wishes to hit the ground running. Please join me in electing Shannon Byerly as our next Sheriff.

Respectfully,
Bob Pruiksma
(former Custer County SAR Captain)

Thanks for Supporting Our Youth

Dear Editor,

On Tuesday, September 30th from 2 - 4 p.m., over 30 individuals from our community consented to give up their valuable time to come to the school and speak to small groups of high school students about their respective occupations. In some cases this meant rescheduling other work to be with our students. With the help of the Rotary's Mike Liebman, we once again found people who brought enthusiasm, and tons of valuable information concerning the world of work, to our young people. When you are a student in a very small

rural high school, trying to decide what to do after graduation can be a daunting task. Thanks to these volunteers, unbelievable options are now imaginable dreams to our students. A HUGE THANK YOU to all the people from our community, and beyond, who participated in this year's Custer County High School Career Day. You have no idea how you have affected our youth. We couldn't have done it without YOU!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Susan "Sam" Frostman
Custer County School Volunteer

The Clinic: From One Who Knows

There is probably no one in this community better than I who understands the importance and necessity for a fully staffed and reliable EMS service. I would hope that my devastating and heartbreaking experience in losing my husband, Bill, on January 6, 2013, never ever happens to anyone and that when you make that pleading emergency call for help and assistance, it is available and there for you. I would be the first to vote to approve the mill levy increase if I truly believed it to be in the best interest of the voters and community, but I do not. Before you consider approving this increased mill levy, I sincerely encourage you to review, research and understand what did or did not happen to the 4.9 mill levy we voters approved and have been paying since 1988. The mill levy was approved as part of the formation of the West Custer County Hospital Special District overseeing the

Custer County Community Clinic (CCCC) and a key portion of that approval was a service agreement providing twenty four hour emergency service to our citizens and our community. As Bill and I found out in January 2013 the CCCC does not provide or offer "emergency services" other than a message recording referring your emergency to 911. 911 Dispatch then follows the guidelines established by the CCCC for emergency help from EMS and the Ambulance Corp. and of note, the EMS and Ambulance Corp. function under the purview of the CCCC. The CCCC has several excuses or "reasons" of why they cannot provide twenty four hour emergency care but the bottom line is that we as citizens and residents voted on the service plan that requires them to provide twenty hour emergency services. My question is if the voters approved the previous mill levy under-

standing that those services were being provided to us and they are not, why were we not properly informed and notified and why did the West Custer County Hospital District/Custer County Community Clinic continue to take the 4.9 mill levy from our property taxes and claim "they cannot afford to provide EMT, EMS and Ambulance Emergency Services". I would ask and encourage that all voters to sincerely consider the ramifications of approving more funding for emergency services as long as those services are a part of or related in any way to the CCCC. I would also encourage the Hospital District Board and the CCCC Executive Director to consider allocating a good portion if not all the previous mill levy for those emergency services. The offer of a ½ percent of existing 4.9 mill levies is an insult.

Mrs. Kris (Bill) Lang,
Rural Custer County

Editor/GG: Mrs. Lang currently has a lawsuit filed against the clinic alleging negligence in the death of her husband. (The lawsuit is against the clinic itself, not EMS or any EMS personnel.)

***For His anger is but for a moment,
His favor is for life;
Weeping may endure for a night,
But joy comes in the morning.***

Psalm 30:5, NKJV



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The well was drilled using the dry method as most all drillers do. The formation? Volcanic /clay both dry and damp, hard and soft. Drilling dry leaves the bore hole caked with clay cuttings that are nearly impossible to clean out. We always use water and lots of

it when drilling in this formation. You have seen drillers with a pickup truck and a plastic water tank in the back; well that's almost enough water to drill 40 ft in volcanic clays.

Our support truck is a 3 axle flat bed tanker; my helpers must have a CDL to drive it. It costs us more to operate than a pickup but we drill clean holes! More about pissy pumps next week.

-David Nequette /Lic. 1043

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Just WHO is the 4A (mill levy) Parasite?

I find myself compassionate to those truly needy, but not to those who take advantage. I support a government and officials who live truly as models of the American society; who do follow a common set of standards that exemplify morality, and quality of character that includes truth and honesty. Unfortunately, we don't always find these in our government nor in our tiny town or all its government entities. Smoke and mirrors is what you are shown and led to believe, but here's the TRUTH: the EMS has always been coupled with the original services the 24/7 clinic was to provide, there was no recent 'hip attachment' as another paper wants you to believe.

Having any government ruled facility operating illegally and outside its

contractual boundary then asking for more funds is one of the primary issues facing us at the polls in this little community. This isn't one of those 'tolerant' issues; it's my (and yours) tax monies being misallocated and abused on something the taxpayers did not vote for. Being 'tolerant' of abuse of government oversight is being contrary to the rights you have been given as Americans and is like giving your money to a child who throws it up in the air on a windy day. There needs to be accountability for our tax dollars going toward what we voted on, it is our right to expect and demand such.

Years ago Custer County residents voted on a 24/7 Emergency Clinic AND an Emergency Medical Service (EMS), now operating with nearly \$500,000 in

taxpayer funds; that is what they are legally allowed to provide. Throughout the years many board members and administrators have allowed the beast to grow using your and my tax dollars coupled with hundreds of thousands provided by other people and venues in our community. It is out of control with spending and they now expect you and me to pay for it, without asking us for a change in vote of services, they've just added and added and added without our approval, but still under the original tax dollars; ultimately pushing EMS to the background and now threatening doing away with the EMS as a result. Why not do away with the overgrown clinic which is curiously missing the doctors and staff the folks in this community have grown to trust?

Something is truly and seriously amiss. Now they say one of the very services they are to provide (per vote and tax dollar allocation from Custer County residents) is a parasite when they have been freely spending your (and my) tax dollars by increasing services above and beyond the services they are contracted to provide. They have done this out of legal bounds and without your and my approval (isn't that termed illegal?), and for years increased the services and personnel way beyond what was voted for and tax monies allocated for. Make them stop the insanity of operating outside of their contractual parameters AND operating outside of a manageable budget with the monies given!

When do we talk truth of this issue and bring this

government entity to accountability? I say NO on 4A, do not give any more funds to this agency that refuses to operate as the Custer County voters designated with the tax money already allocated to them. If they haven't been reliable to use our tax money as intended in the past numerous years, why should they continue to be relied on and to waste more of our tax dollars on an entity we have not approved of by passing 4A? Remember, one board member just resigned due to the disagreement of direction, numerous doctors and employees have moved on due to many issues and disagreements with the clinic. Also remember, the clinic isn't what the taxpayers voted on in the first place. The tax monies have already been allocated for the EMS (and a 24/7 emergency clinic), this current

board and administration are the ones not supporting the EMS and are refusing to cut services and personnel that would keep them within A BUDGET of our tax dollars, even refusing to follow the advice of the Commissioners. Then they imply blame toward the Commissioners, instead of shouldering their own responsibility which is yet another questionable move.

Make a statement FOR THE EMS and not for the parasitic beast the clinic has become... say NO on 4A and make them CUT BACK to the original voter approved plan, take a STAND for what's right and be wary of the smoke and mirror tactics misrepresenting the issue and taking advantage of your hard earned tax dollars.

C Reid,
Rural Westcliffe

Former EMS: NO to Clinic Mill Levy

Well, here we are again. Another year has gone by, and we are faced with another vote on whether we should hand over more money to the clinic, despite them not being able to provide one shred of evidence that they won't misuse or misappropriate it. No progress has been made over this last year, and they have made no effort to fix the problems that they have created.

Before you decide to give them your hard earned money, please consider a few key points.

1. A special district is voted in by the taxpayers. That means WE are their bosses. WE are not "the peanut gallery" as Joe Arbuckle likes to call us. When we speak, they should listen and answer our questions. They have refused to give us answers, such as, "How is the district going to ensure that the funds are being used strictly for EMS and not the clinic?". We get the run around about their "one pot accounting system" and how they are unable to separate funds.

2. The clinic has been asked repeatedly to post and announce the dates and times for ALL board meetings. The regular ones AND the special ones. As of the date of this letter, the clinic's website has the next meeting date listed as AUGUST 28, 2014. Hello.....? This is October. They held 2 special meetings in August dealing with the mill levy and audit information

but failed to post the dates ensuring that none of the concerned citizens could attend. They took the time to compose and post 5 pages of pro hospital district propaganda on the site, but can't seem to find time to update the meeting information I'm betting they don't want us to know the content of recent meetings prior to the election.

3. No input from the public was requested or welcomed regarding filling the empty board seats. Who made those decisions? It was just announced, "after the fact", like everything else they do. Again, THEY work for US and the public should have been involved.

4. They claim they paid EMS as independent contracts until "they" determined it was wrong. This is simply not true. The Department of Labor had to step in and stop them from their illegal pay practices. Why do they have to be forced to do things legally?

5. They claim EMS salaries are not included in the existing mill levy and service plan. If I read it correctly, the mill levy and service plan do not include ANY salaries for EMS OR clinic. I'm betting when the tax payers approved the district and service plan, they were not thinking we would be paying huge salaries to a bunch of executives to work bankers hours and not provide services to the community when they need it, such as evening and weekend care. The purpose

of a rural community clinic should be to fill the needs of the residents since we are so far from a hospital.

6. Finally, they have tried to convince you, that they lost the EMS staff due to inadequate pay. Any of you who know previous EMS staff, know this is not true. Most of the staff left due to extremely poor management and being treated horribly by these managers. In fact, EMTs that could not afford to drive up the mountain when they stopped all pay, have not been called to see if they would come back under the current minimum wage being paid. Get rid of them, and see your EMS staff come back. In the summer of 2013, prior to the new clinic director and new EMS director, there were more EMTs than available shifts. Shifts were covered with not 1, but 2 full crews and many to answer 3rd calls.

So, please folks, think hard before you hand them any more money. At the very least, they should not be seeking any more funds until the assessment is complete and we have answers in hand. Taxes are a sore subject with some folks, and remember, once a tax starts it is unlikely to go away. Ever. And they are seeking to make this a retroactive tax, so when your property tax bill comes, you are in for a rude awakening.

Respectfully,
Beth Kolecke,
Custer County Tax Payer
& rural Westcliffe resident

"Yes" on 67 Means Justice for Mothers and Their Babies

Amendment 67 was initiated by a young mother, Heather Surovik, whose unborn baby, Brady, was killed by a drunk driver on her way home from her last prenatal appointment. She awoke in intensive care to find out of Brady's death only to be informed by the authorities that in Colorado Brady wasn't considered a human being. The driver wasn't charged with manslaughter. He had multiple offenses on his record and could have been fined as little as \$2,000, according to the laws in place.

Heather went to the state legislature to get justice, but the abortion proponents backed by Planned Parenthood told her that she didn't lose a baby, just a pregnancy. They would not consider changing the Criminal Code and Wrongful Death Act in the Colorado State Constitution to join over 35 states that have fetal homicide laws protecting mothers and their unborn babies. Brady

weighed over 8 pounds.

Heather then went to the people of Colorado with a petition and got over 140,000 signatures when only 86,000 were required. After the signatures were confirmed and the Amendment was to be on the ballot, the abortion lobby went to work and produced House Bill 1154 so they could say that pregnant mothers were already protected under the law. Governor Hickenlooper signed it into law in 2013. HB 1154 does not consider Brady, or any other unborn baby, a human being under our Criminal Code and Wrongful Death Act. Instead it only refers to a lost "pregnancy". The murderer of a mother and her unborn would only be charged with one murder as it stands in Colorado.

Amendment 67 will protect families in Wrongful Death Acts such as was claimed at St. Thomas More when Lori Stodghill and her 28-week-old twins died and there were no fetal death

laws in place. The mother who lost her unborn baby at the theatre shooting in Aurora will never get justice. The killer was not charged with that 13th death. It will protect women who are beaten in domestic violence and made to miscarry their unborn children, a situation more common than one might imagine. Most of all, it will bring justice to women like Heather who did not get justice in the death of her son, Brady.

This constitutional amendment will include unborn human beings, under the definition of "person" and "child" in the Colorado Criminal Code and Wrongful Death Act and will give mothers, fathers, and their unborn babies the protection they deserve and put Colorado among the majority of states that have honest fetal homicide laws in place. Vote "yes" on Amendment 67 in the upcoming election.

Candace Thompson,
Cañon City

**"The instant I speak concerning a nation
and concerning a kingdom,
To pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it,
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The Clinic Needs Its Head Examined



by Paul
 'Sagegrouse'
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**Analysis and
 Commentary**

Amidst accountability questions and in pursuit of a mill levy request to nearly double their take from the taxpayers of Custer County to support the floundering rural health clinic, the West Custer County Hospital District Board quickly and without public input installed two new board members apparently also with no health-care background on September 24th. Roy Gillmore is a banker from Leadville who previously served on the Hospital District Board during the time of its previous rapid financial decline from a profit of \$217,000 to a loss of \$250,000 even with a \$100,000 loan on October 8th of that year, according to the West Custer County Hospital District Strategic Framework presentation made by Board Chairman Joe Arbuckle to the County Commissioners in the past year.

Ivan Graumann was the other new board member installed on September 24th. He has no listed Custer County address and no information was released on what his background might be.

The installation of new members was precipitated by the recent resignation of former board members Ken Lankford for health reasons and Chuck Ippolito over disagreement with the current mill levy request.

The Board and management of the Clinic have been told repeatedly by the County Commissioners, by local business owners, by citizens of Custer County in various forums and even by the Federal Department of Labor that they are on the wrong course and need to return to a format that more closely resembles their original service plan to provide ambulance and emergency services with the tax money provided to them by the citizens they work for. They continue to pursue - somewhat successfully - the course of increasing patient visits to the money-losing clinic while doing everything in their power to relieve

themselves of emergency service provision.

As a stop-gap financial measure, they received a partial payment and a pledge of more money from long time financial supporter High Mountain Hay Fever Music Festival on the condition of using it for the support of emergency medical services. This will allow them to fund night crews for the EMS temporarily at minimum wage. This move had to be forced on the Board by the EMS management to continue to provide the service for the citizens. Board member Bob Tobin called provision of this service "uncharted territory" for this board of a district formed to provide this very service. Unfortunately with this, as with the proposed mill levy request coming on the November ballot you will receive in the mail shortly, the clinic's "one pot" financial accounting system makes true accounting of where these funds go nearly impossible.

There have been no apparent efforts made to improve transparency within the district as requested by numerous government leaders and citizens, among them County Commissioner candidate Bob Katnig who pointed out that "It seems like every time I ask a question, the answer's a little different." As of the writing of this article on September 29th, the Hospital District web site lists the new board members installed on September 24th, but still lists the next Board meeting as August 28th. Several have likely taken place since then, but no public posting has been made except possibly on the bulletin board somewhere within the clinic itself. When the last normally scheduled (Last Thursday of the Month) public meeting was cancelled on September 25th, even the EMS management was not notified.

Now the West Custer County Hospital District has come to the voters to request a mill levy increase again, as they did unsuccessfully last year. This year they are requesting "up to \$280,000 annually" of additional tax revenue. The ballot question is crafted to request the money specifically for the support of emergency medical ser-

vices. It does not; however, say how that might be accomplished by this entity that has always claimed it was impossible to separate the two in the budget. Nor does it specify how much of Clinic Director Delwin Lester's \$6,734.40 monthly salary or his administrative assistant's \$1,238.44 monthly salary, or the Office Manager's \$3,556.40 monthly salary, etc., etc., might be billed to what they call the dedicated EMS funds, or for that matter, how much of their additional insurance and benefit packages might be paid for with this fund. It does not spell out whether the already collected nearly half million dollars of tax money will then be dedicated specifically to the clinic operations instead of split between the clinic and EMS.

The Hospital District Board is proud to say that under the proposed mill levy, homeowners will only pay an additional \$23.94 per \$100,000 of assessed value on their property taxes. That is, however, at least a meal at one of the local restaurants which will be paying an additional \$87 per \$100,000 (businesses are taxed at a much higher rate). If a business is assessed at \$500,000, which is not hard to arrive at, their property taxes will go up by \$435, regardless of whether or not customers can afford to frequent the establishments because their tax bill took a bite out of what was their disposable income.

This is a bad plan and not affordable for an economically depressed county where people frequently have to work several jobs just to survive and businesses have to attempt to support themselves year round off income made in four months. It's time for the clinic management to learn to live within their means and provide the services most needed and wanted by the residents they are supposed to serve. If they continue to say they can't do it, then they need to step aside and let someone who can do so. The half million dollars of tax money currently paid to the District will more than adequately provide for the emergency services needed.

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Westcliffe Movie Still In The Works

by Carol Clemenson

big part of that.

Well, folks, the movie that was to come to Westcliffe last summer is STILL in the works. There have been many setbacks like casting, sites, tech problems, and many other problems that popped up delaying the start of things to come.

I have met with the director/producer, Rick Simpson, last Friday in Texas Creek, and he assures me that this movie is going to start production in March or April 2015 in Oklahoma and Kansas. He has been checking out more sites such as Chama, New Mexico, and Lamar, Colorado. Plans are for the movie to be mostly filmed in Colorado, with Westcliffe being a

If anyone wants to be a part of this film as extras, please send me your information at cdclem65@gmail.com. I have already given Rick Simpson several packets that he is very interested in. What they need is a photo of you in a western outfit, information on knowledge with horses, riding, guns, driving a team of horses, talents that you may have.

This is very exciting for this little town. They are looking and talking to some great actors. Buck Taylor of Gunsmoke will definitely be one of the actors. There are several more but I cannot publish their names until it is confirmed by the producers, Rick and Larry Simpson. As soon as I

know then I will let everyone know.

Rick Simpson and his brother are not just the directors and producers, but they are also actors themselves. Rick plays the role of "Stormy" in many of their previous films.

Rick Simpson wants to thank everyone for their patience on getting this movie started. He knows how excited we have all been about being selected for this production. I do know that the name of the film is "Canyon Trail". They hope to be in Westcliffe again next summer, 2015.

Keep looking for information, because as soon as I have it then I will let the public know. Happy Trails.

Colorado's Got Talent

by Monte Hess

We have talent right here in Custer County! Our own Ellie Heck has won a Regional Colorado's Got Talent contest and is headed to State Competition October 19th at the Town Hall in Littleton, CO.

This journey started in April when she was picked to go to Regionals. Regionals were held August 17th in Walsenburg. There were about 30 competitors and 3 judges. Ellie played the guitar and sang a song she wrote – "The Door." She took 1st place and the judges gave her a perfect score, which they said they had never done before. She also got a standing ovation. So now Ellie is headed to the Colorado's Got Talent State Competition. If she wins there she will on her way to "America's Got Talent."

Ellie would like everyone to know: "God is my manager and has given me this talent! He has given me the words and music to the songs I write. God is so good to me."



Ellie Heck, Colorado's Got Talent contestant.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

The Sentinel wishes Ellie the best in her upcoming competitions – and hopefully we'll see her on America's Got Talent next season!

HOMEcoming From page 1

teachers overpowered the senior boys 2 out of 3 sets. A huge bonfire was lit following the volleyball game, and the embers were still smoldering at gametime.

The Homecoming Parade was on Saturday morning starting at 10:30 and featured first-off elementary students marching with a banner and some carrying Bobcat paw placards. Homecoming King Taiyr Seilkhan and Queen Madyson Marron were shown off riding on a Corvette. Class floats followed, and then the Arts Hullabaloo banner and a variety of performers, and finally, Wild Bill and others on motor cycles kicking off his Christmas toy drive.

Not wanting to steal Coach Bomgardner's thunder by saying too much about the main thing Homecoming is about—FOOT-

BALL!--the Bobcats won big! But to mention some other accompanying parts of the afternoon, the high school choir sang the national anthem beautifully after the teams took the field. A pep band played well and added flavor during the game. Half-time special features were: Cross country Coach Jack Swartz honored all seniors and their parents, if present. All attendants and king and queen of Homecoming were introduced. Cheer leaders Kirsten Benoit and Elizabeth Jones were reinforced by some elementary school "apprentices." The junior class float was announced as winner of the competition for "Best Float." It bore the words which proved true for the visiting Eagles: "The Odds are Never in Your Favor!" The dance was held that night starting at 9:00, and now Homecoming 2014 is history. It must be called a big success for all who put in the work to make it happen—many working behind the scenes. The Bobcats football team and their coaches did their job, there on Henrich Field.



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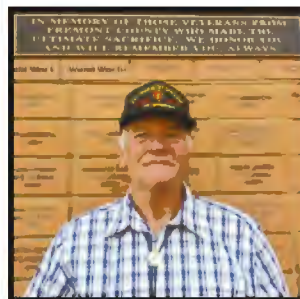
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Bobcats Win Homecoming Game

by Coach Troy Bomgardner

The CCHS football team defeated the Rocky Mountain Lutheran Eagles 30-12 to win the 2014 homecoming game at Henrich Field. The victory brought the Bobcats to 3-3 for the year.

On a picture-perfect day for homecoming activities, the day would see the Eagles go up 6-0 on their 1st possession, only to have little success the rest of the day. The Bobcats answered quickly with a 6-play drive which ended with a Connor Rowley 28-yard touchdown run. Andy Feldmann added the 2-point conversion to make it 8-6.

The Bobcat defense answered in the next drive with a 4th down stop and began a 14 play drive, aided by a fake punt by Rowley, and culminated in a 2-yard touchdown by quarterback Jordan Rhodes.

"Anytime you can put together a drive over 10 plays in high school foot-

ball, you know things are clicking for the offense," stated head coach Troy Bomgardner. "It is a compliment first and foremost to our guys up front. Justin Walden, Bryce Roscoe, Cody Lyons, Randy Bailey, Kody Aldrich, and CJ Virden who clear the holes for Conner Rowley, Jordan Rhodes, and Andy Feldmann."

The 2nd half started with the Bobcats ahead 16-6, and the defense came out of half-time ready to play. They held the Eagles in their first two series to 3 downs and a punt. The Bobcats sputtered offensively on the 1st series, but following a solid punt return by Rhodes, the Bobcats added another touchdown by Rowley to make the score 22-6.

The Bobcats defense stayed tough by holding the Eagles on yet another 4th down and quickly answered with a Rowley 60-yard touchdown run capped by a Feldmann 2-point conversion to

make it 30-6.

The Eagles would score late to bring the final score to 30-12, but the Bobcats felt good about their homecoming win. "This group is continuing to improve week by week," noted Bomgardner. "Rocky Mountain Lutheran was a good team, coming in 4-1 and I felt we played real well in all phases of the game."

Offensively, Rowley ended with 235 yards and 3 touchdowns and Rhodes adding a touchdown with 60 yards rushing. Defensively, the Bobcats were again led by CJ Virden with an outstanding day with 30 tackles, followed by fellow defensive end Kody Aldrich with 21 tackles. Randy Bailey played exceptionally well by adding 19 tackles.

The Bobcats host Simla this week in a Southern League showdown with the league title still up for grabs. The game starts at 1pm on Saturday, October 11, at Henrich Field.

New Archery Range

by Carol Clemenson

The Wild West Cowboy Church has put together an Archery Range on their property. A lot of time and material have been donated to make this happen. It is open to the public and you don't have to make arrangements to use it. This is a great asset for the kids of this county.

The Cowboy Church sponsors many events geared toward the family and kids. This western culture that we have here in Westcliffe, Silver Cliff, and actually the whole county, is very important to them. It should be just as important to the rest of the community. Our western culture is what attracts many folks to come here.

The open range, mountains just a few miles away, fishing in the high country, and horses that can be ridden in the open country is something we all should not take for granted.

Pastor Larry and his staff are always promoting our western culture. They are very concerned about the safety of our youth. The



Local archer displays great form at the new range at the Cowboy Church.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

archery range is open to everyone from daylight to dark. There are 5 lanes, 15 feet, 20 feet, 30 feet, 40 feet and 50 feet shooting along with the 3D deer in the field. The platform can be used from the top as if a person hunts from a tree

stand or underneath.

They would appreciate any donations of bows, arrows, or instructions for the kids. If there are any instructors that would like to donate time, they are more than welcome. This was built for the community.

Bobcats Sport Schedule

CROSS COUNTRY

Friday, October 10
9 a.m.: League Championship at Sargent

Thursday, October 16
CHSAA Regionals at Pueblo

Saturday, October 25
9:25 a.m.: CHSAA State Meet at Colorado Springs

VARSITY FOOTBALL

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

Friday, October 17
TBA: Kiowa AWAY

Saturday, October 25
1:00 p.m.: Hoehne at HOME

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Friday, October 10
11 a.m.: South Park/Cripple Creek at HOME

Saturday, October 11
11 a.m.: Center/Sargent at Center

Saturday, October 18
2 p.m.: Crested Butte at Crested Butte

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Bobcats Cross Country

by Coach Swartz

When it comes to Cross Country, running against larger schools can be a huge benefit. It was exactly that this past Friday, Oct. 3 at the Pat Amato Classic in Northglenn, CO for the Custer County Cross Country Team. 5 of the 7 athletes competing ran Personal Records (PR's)

The Custer County Middle School team competed Thursday, Oct. 2, in La Junta at Old Bent's Fort. The course was 1.55 miles. Running for the boys were Dalton Wommack (9:33) for 8th place and Greg Teal (9:58) in 12th place. Competing for the girls team was Kayla Carter (10:03) in 4th place, Anna Berry (16:38) for 15th place, and Katie Von Steinman (16:53) in 16th place.



High school back row, l to r, Head Coach Jack Swartz, Wesley Kagan, Dillon Wommack, Michael Franta, Scott Freeburg, and Asst. Coach Robert O'Callaghan. Front row, l to r, Katlyn Freeburg, Michael Batson, Corey Lewenkamp, Jess Franta, and Kayli Short. Kaylan Stoering, not shown.

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

while 2 more ran season bests.

Running PR's were Michael Franta (18:09), Wesley Kagan (20:23), Scott Freeburg (22:41), Michael Batson (23:28), and Kayli Short (22:26). Running seasons bests were Corey Lewenkamp (16:26), and Katlyn Freeburg (23:26).

The boys team placed 28th out of 38 competing against mostly 4a and 5a teams in Northglenn. Custer County was the only 2a team competing. The team is back on the fast track this Friday competing for a league championship in Monte Vista.



Middle school, Coach Robert O'Callaghan, Greg Teal, Dalton Wommack, Katie Von Steinman, Anna Berry, and Kayla Carter.

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

The middle school team will also be in action next Friday at the league championship in Monte Vista.

Bobcats Volleyball

by Coach Cravens

The Custer County Volleyball team only had one match during Homecoming week. The team traveled to Sanford for a very big conference match. Sanford was sitting third, and the Bobcats had second place. A win would give the Bobcats a strong hold on second place.

After a busy Homecoming week and a long road trip, the Bobcats came out slow and lost the first set 22-25. Due to a few players not available for the match, the Bobcats had to change to a 5-1 offense. It took awhile for the team to find their groove.

The second set saw both teams playing at a high level. It was very exciting volleyball with a long rally and great defense. The Bobcats won 26-24.

The third set saw the Bobcats come out with a purpose. With energy and better execution, the Bobcats found new life. Madeleine Woods took over offensively and led the team in kills with 12. The Bobcats won the next two sets, 25-19 and 25-18.

Sarah Geringer got her chance to play in the front row in this match and took advantage of the opportunity. She finished the match with 9 kills. McKensie

Penkoff also slammed out 9 kills. Hannah Schlabach led the team in serving with 4 aces.

The Bobcats have a busy weekend coming up. The Bobcats are hosting Cripple Creek and South Park for their FINAL HOME MATCHES of the season on Friday. The Bobcats start with Cripple Creek at 11:00am and finish with the Burros at 3:00pm. Please take this opportunity to see the team in action. The Bobcats head to Center on Saturday to take on Center and Sargent. The match against Sargent will be for a share of the league championship. The matches Saturday start at noon.



Bobcat Menu • Oct. 13 - Oct. 16 2014

Monday breakfast
Meat, Cheese Quesadilla
Juice
Milk
lunch
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Garlic Roll
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Tuesday breakfast
Bagel w/ Cream Cheese
Ham
Juice, Milk
lunch
Chicken Patty Sandwich
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Wednesday breakfast
Scrambled Eggs
W.W. Toast
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Cream Chicken over Rice
W.W. Roll
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

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

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KIDS

Friday, October 10, 2014

LIFT OFF!!

On October 11, 1968, Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo mission was launched from Cape Kennedy Air Force Station in Florida. The craft held three astronauts: Commander Walter Shirra, Command Module Pilot Donn Eisele, and Lunar Module Pilot Walter Cunningham.



Previously, in January 1967, the Apollo program had a disastrous set back when a fire occurred on the launch pad of Apollo 1 killing the crew. The Apollo Command Module was extensively redesigned and Apollo 7 would complete the mission that Apollo 1 had been scheduled to do.

The duration of the flight lasted 10 days, 20 hours, 9 minutes and 3 seconds, and would complete 163 orbits around the earth. It was the first 3-person American space mission and the first space flight to carry a crew into low Earth orbit. The crew would test the life support system, and the propulsion, guidance, and control systems. It was considered an "open mission," meaning the mission was extended only after each test was successfully passed. Also, during this mission, the first live television feed was transmitted from space into our homes.

The mission was not without some challenges. The crew experienced motion sickness due to a more spacious cabin, and they complained about the food, especially the high energy sweets. The waste collection system was awkward taking 30 minutes to use – and was "smelly." But worst of all, Commander Shirra developed a head cold and became "grumpy".

Splashdown of Apollo 7 was on October 22nd, landing SSW of Bermuda and 7 nautical miles from it's recovery ship, the USS Essex

The mission was considered a technical success, a confidence builder, and completed it's objective of proving the worthiness of the Apollo program. Two months later, NASA launched Apollo 8 to orbit around the moon.

Source: Wikipedia.org

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First Net: The Federal Government Here to Serve You

by Paul
'SageGrouse'
Sage

**Analysis and
Commentary**

You may not have even heard of the National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA). It is not the propaganda arm of the ISIS regime, but an agency of your own government paid for with your money. They are about to pay a visit to Custer County to get local leaders and citizens on board with their program to install a government run and controlled broadband system called First Net. Custer County Emergency Services Director Christe Coleman recently invited the County Commissioners to the First Net information meeting at the CES building on October 28th, at 3 p.m.

Don't get too excited. It won't improve your internet or phone service. In fact, you probably won't ever be able to use it. A group called first responders, the makeup of which is yet to be determined by the federal government, will have exclusive access to this system under the direction and oversight of the federal government's First Responder Network Authority.

If you don't feel the love from this kind of federal intrusion into local control, you probably won't be excited about the fact that the current leadership of this country took seven billion dollars of your tax money under the guise of

"The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (MCTRJCA) to fund this government broadband system. If you don't think that spending an additional seven billion in our current deficit economy will equate to "tax relief", you are probably right.

If you were not the beneficiary of the "job creation" part of this program, that's because you aren't former Denver democratic Mayor Wellington Webb and a select group of eleven other "favorite sons" and former telecommunications executives who make up the board charged with implementing this program. As this administration hacks the military to pieces, large defense contractors are scrambling for a piece of the pie in this program to insure their own jobs as well. And the lobbyists who sold this program to congress and travel to places near and far like Custer County to sell it to the citizens are also doing well in their government created jobs.

The concept of First Net can be traced back to the 911 Commission Reports, which also brought you TSA strip searches and NSA surveillance of American citizens. The idea was to provide "interoperability" in first responder communication. Instead of spending the billions of dollars on simple radio upgrades to get everyone of the same page, the federal government decided to reinvent the communications wheel with First Net.

John Farmer, the Attorney

for the 911 Commission, was quoted in Defense News as saying of this system, "It's kind of a mystery. No one knows how this is going to work." Bob Schassler, the Senior Vice President of Motorola – the biggest name in emergency communication equipment – was also quoted in Defense News as saying that "The network won't even handle mission critical radio." He further said, "First Net is just a supplement to first responder communication, not a replacement." It would basically allow a firefighter equipped with a First Net device in addition to his normal communications equipment the ability to send a text message or watch a You-Tube video while he rushes into a burning building.

In addition to not providing you with better broadband service in Custer County – it will use a dedicated 700mhz frequency you can't access – it will primarily rely on existing infrastructure and will allow the government to take control of that infrastructure so they can better handle whatever they determine to be emergencies without the interruption to their service by the citizens who paid for it in order to better serve them.

That was all the good news. The bad news is that industry and government experts expect the true cost of the First Net system will probably exceed the currently expended seven billion dollars by an additional five billion dollars to make it operational in another decade or so.

Colorado Livestock Law

by Jean Canterbury

I have spoken with many people who have heard of the Open Range law in Colorado, but most do not realize that there are rules governing both open range and legal fences. Here is an excerpt of the Colorado Law concerning both Open Range and Legal Fences:

35-46-101 Definitions

As used in this article, unless the context otherwise requires: (1) "Lawful fence" is a well-constructed, three-barbed wire fence with substantial posts set at a distance of approximately twenty feet apart, and sufficient to turn ordinary horses and cattle, with all gates equally as good as the fence, or any other fence of like efficiency.

"Livestock" includes horses, cattle, mules, asses, goats, sheep, swine, buffalo, and cattalo, but does not include "alternative livestock" as defined in section 35-41.5-

35-46-102. Owner may recover for trespass

(1) Any person maintaining in good repair a lawful fence, as described in section 35-46-101, may recover damages for trespass and injury to grass, garden

or vegetable products, or other crops of such person from the owner of any livestock which break through such fence. No person shall recover damages for such a trespass or injury unless at the time thereof such grass, garden, or vegetable products, or crops were protected by such a lawful fence. Even though such land, grass, garden, or vegetable products, or other crops were not at such time protected on all sides by a lawful fence, if it is proved by clear and convincing evidence that livestock have broken through a lawful fence on one side of such land to reach such land, grass, products, or crops, recovery and the remedies under this section may be had the same as if such land, grass, products, or crops had been at such time protected on all sides by a lawful fence.

(2) Whenever any person stocks land, not enclosed by a lawful fence, on which such person has a lawful right to pasture or forage livestock, with a greater number of livestock than such land can properly support or water and any of such livestock pasture, forage, or water is on the lands of another person, in order to obtain the proper amount of pasture, forage,

or water or whenever any person stocks with livestock land on which such person has no lawful right to pasture or forage livestock and such livestock pasture, forage, or water on such land or on other land on which such person has no right to pasture or forage livestock, he shall be deemed a trespasser and shall be liable in damages and subject to injunction.

(3) All damages sustained on account of the foregoing trespasses may be recovered, together with costs of court and arbitration, and the livestock so trespassing may be taken up by the person damaged and held as security for the payment of such damages and costs. A court of competent jurisdiction in any proper case may issue an injunction to prevent further trespasses. In any action for trespass where the injury complained of has been aggravated and attended by a willful or reckless disregard of the injured person's rights, the board of arbitration, court, or jury may in addition to awarding actual damages include reasonable exemplary damages. Recovery may be had under this section either in a court of law or by arbitration as provided in section 35-46-103.

***Single acts of tyranny may be ascribed
to the accidental opinion of the day;
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a deliberate, systematic plan
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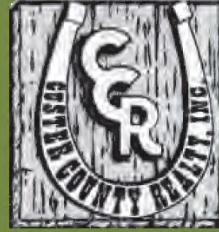
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Local Mountain News & Notices

EBOLA

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trol this importation or this case of the Ebola so that it does not spread widely in this country. It is certainly possible that someone who had contact with this individual, a family member, or other individual, could develop Ebola in the coming weeks, but there is no doubt in my mind that we will stop it here.

CDC Director Dr. Thomas Frieden via Frank Heinz at nbcwashington.com

Officials from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention took to the airwaves to assure the public that there is no risk of widespread infection. The reason: The United States has a strong health system and trained health workers who can efficiently and effectively contain Ebola.

Ashley Judd at cnn.com

From farce to tragedy. Let's look at CDC's and Obama's claim American medical facilities are so sophisticated "the chances of an Ebola outbreak here in the United States are extremely low". Assume each suspected Ebola patient in high-level isolation requires eight medical professionals per shift. That's twenty-four per day. Should there be, say, one hundred high-risk patients admitted to isolation, that's 2,400 medical professionals, and all the necessary equipment and supplies for one hundred containment accommodations. It's already unrealistic. No hospital could function with that many diverted assets. Perhaps efficiency measures could bring these numbers down. Or perhaps these numbers are too low to begin with. What if there are not one hundred high-risk patients, but five hundred? Or a thousand.

Use CDC's "RO"—reinfection rate per 21-day cycle—and say one out of every ten high-risk patients is a confirmed case of Ebola. Every person they've been in close contact with is now another high-risk patient. Use twenty each per 21 days. Multiply these new numbers by twenty-four medical professionals each—plus or minus. To put it plainly, a hundred cases of Ebola in any one city would implode its health services. The city's alternatives would be to lower the standard of care to third-world levels or concede outright defeat and sprint to the executive bunkers. Numbers are numbers, here or in Africa.

And, oh, by the way, it's game over if they start missing one or two infected contacts here and there. Think they won't? There's also an infection rate for the medical professionals we haven't considered. And don't bet against asymptomatic carriers, animal or human.

It has been shown that dogs may become infected with EBOV and remain asymptomatic. Dogs in some parts of Africa scavenge for their food and it is known that they sometimes eat infected animals and the corpses of humans. Although they remain asymptomatic, a 2005 survey of dogs during an EBOV outbreak found that over 31.8% showed a seroprevalence for EBOV closest to an outbreak versus 9% a farther distance away.

Wikipedia

Then there's this:

Texas Health Commissioner, Dr. David Lakey, told reporters during an afternoon news conference that health workers should have moved more swiftly to clean the apartment but that they had had trouble finding an outside medical team to do the work. They encountered "a little bit of hesitancy," he said.

Sack and Marc Santora at nytimes.com

There's an old comeback to the professional who says he's dedicated to 'serving mankind': would you still do it if you weren't getting paid? Now we have to ask if they'll still do it at a substantial risk to themselves of a ugly death. The realist says the occupancy rates at exclusive resorts will rise. Further down the ranks, when suited-up MDs and RNs are dying, how many EMTs will stay on the job? How many ambulance crew? Would firemen

respond to a call on the Ebola floor? How understaffed can a medical facility get before it's a barracks for the doomed? You see where this goes even without a general panic. Safety is not in numbers. Rule One for survival is the new common sense: stay away from crowds.

The bottom line. A realistic mortality estimate has to include secondary effects, which includes a drastic reduction in ordinary medical services, disrupted transportation of food, fuel and other necessities, much diminished commercial activity, breakdown of civil order and the like. If we discount "perfect storm" doomer scenarios and stay within the likely, a mortality of 25% in the US is a reasonable estimate, with a burnout time of about three years. That's about 77 million. Our population is unevenly distributed and the country is large, look for it to advance in waves like the pandemic of 1918-1919. Again, mortality means deaths from Ebola and secondary effects.

In small, densely populated third-world countries, a single sweep of the scythe will suffice. 50% mortality may be too low a number. In sub-Saharan Africa, with its sketchy infrastructure, its "impaired to severely impaired" average intelligence, its knack for making lemons out of lemonade and its near-total dependence on world charity, mortality may overtop 75%. Secondary effects need only a nudge to go full catastrophic, and its default 'prevention' is ritual and denial.

Long before it's over our failure to deny visas to west African nationals, or defend our borders and control immigration at all, will be seen for the unconscionable dereliction of duty it is. Alas, the opportunity is largely foreclosed even now. The mother of all buyer's regret is just now setting in. Too late. The dark side of globalism is about to have its way with us.

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Silver Cliff Town Meeting

by Larry Luikart

The Board met to discuss several issues of importance. During Old Business the Model Traffic Code was discussed and passed. The approval of The Silver Cliff Parking Infractions Code repeals the old Ordinance Title 6, Chapter 1 – Model Traffic Code. This new set of parking ordinances in Silver Cliff are designed to match with the same set of ordinances for Westcliffe and they are now enforceable by the Sheriff's Office.

A public hearing and consideration for approval for the transfer of a liquor license for This Is Nacho Mama's was tabled and moved to the November meeting due to the Federal Bureau of Investigation not having the fingerprint information completed.

A consideration for request to have the building permit fee waived for a Custer County Buildings Trade project in Silver Cliff Ranch was considered and discussed. This project unlike other Building Trade Projects involves a private citizen rather than the Building Trades group

building and then selling their project. The request died for lack of a motion to support the request. Request denied.

Two further requests for liquor licenses were considered. Tony's Mountain Pizza received a thirty-day extension on their temporary liquor license and the Silver Dome Saloon and Dance Hall received approval for the renewal of its liquor license.

The presentation of the 2015 budget took place with no discussion and no decisions on it at this meeting. A Budget Workshop is planned for October 15, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. at the Silver Cliff Town Hall. The review and discussion of Lighting Ordinance 4-1014 will also take place at this meeting. The lighting discussion will continue with input from Black Hills Energy regarding costs and from the Dark Skies group in regard to providing funding for the lighting or grant writing to pay for it. All the new street lighting will be dark skies compatible if that is a great priority in your life.

During the committee reports Roger Camper, Building and Zoning Officer, recommended a new design and layout for the memorial has been proposed. The Geyser Memorial will be renamed and relocated to the Silver Cliff Town Park.

Jackie Barnes reported for Economic Development informing the Board that CART will have its own web site. The Main Street Manager indicated the Poker Run was a success and in 2015 a car rally is now being planned.

A discussion ensued regarding those businesses in Silver Cliff located off Highway 96 not being allowed to place signs advertising their businesses along the highway. Jackie Barnes reinforced that the rule is a Colorado Department of Transportation requirement. CART is working with CDOT to try and resolve the problem. The Silver Cliff Town Board has no jurisdiction in regard to this matter.

There were no public comments and the Board adjourned.



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The Custer County School District is accepting applications for the positions of head high school and head middle school boys basketball coaches for the 2014-2015 school year. For more information, please call Greg Cravens at 783-4948 or pick up applications at the administration office at 709 Main Street in Westcliffe between the hours of 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Monday- Thursday. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in employment.

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Custer County School District is accepting applications for the position of Coordinator for the VOICE4C1 Volunteer Program. The position requires approximately 12-15 hours per school week with a starting salary of \$15/hr. The position does not include health insurance benefits. The successful candidate must be highly self-directed, possess strong communication and people skills, and proven ability to take initiative. Previous experience as a volunteer, especially at Custer County School, is a plus. The position will require computer skills for word processing, spreadsheets, e-mail, and scheduling. Candidates must be able to successfully pass a required background check. The deadline for receiving applications is 4:00 p.m. on October 20, 2014. Interested applicants may contact Chris Selle at chris.selle@ccbobcats.net or 783-2357 to request application materials, pick up applications at the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe, or download an application from the school district's website at www.custercountyschools.org. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3
STATE REPRESENTATIVE – DISTRICT 60
JUSTICE OF THE COLORADO SUPREME COURT
COURT OF APPEALS
DISTRICT JUDGE – 11TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY JUDGE, CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 1
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COUNTY SHERIFF
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AMENDMENT 69

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Custer, this 1st day of October 2014.

Debbie Livengood
Custer County Clerk & Recorder

Notice

Custer County School District is seeking proposals to provide IT consulting services. Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on November 3, 2014. Proposals may be submitted in person, by email, or by fax. Interested applicants may contact Chris Selle at (719) 783-2357 (phone), (719) 783-2334 (fax), or chris.selle@ccbobcats.net to submit proposals and/or receive a detailed request for proposals.

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Court Report...

Joseph Chris Shellenberger - Charged with Harassment (striking/shoving/kicking). Pled guilty. Sentence: 150 days in jail. Protection Order remains in effect. Must complete a domestic violence class. Also must undergo substance abuse and mental health evaluation and treatment.
Michael Allen Robeda - Charged with Reckless Driving. Pled guilty. Charged with Vehicular Assault. Dismissed by DA. Charged with DUI. Found guilty. Charge of Speeding Exhibition dismissed by DA. Fined \$2,080.50 with two years probation and 48 hours of community service.
Lauri Bruce - Charged with Aggravated Motor Vehicle Theft in the Second Degree

and Driving Under Restraint. Dismissed by DA.
Mark Veitch - Charged with Burglary of two buildings. Dismissed by DA. Found guilty of Theft Under \$500. Fined \$1,574.50.
Forest Spitzfaden - Charged with Careless Driving. Found Guilty. Charge of Speeding Exhibition dismissed by DA. Fined \$290.50 and must make a donation to Nathan Stark through the DA's office.
Mark Lynn Carolan - Charged with Harassment (striking/shoving/kicking). Found guilty. Fined \$2016.50. Protection Order continued.
Casandra L. Simmons - Charged with Driving Without a License. Guilty. Fined \$74.50.

The deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is **Monday at 5 p.m.** for that week's edition. Call 719-783-3360 to place your ad or legal notice.

Events Calendar

Friday, October 10
9 a.m. - Noon: Flu Shot Clinic at Custer County School in Multi-purpose room; \$20; Bring Medicare/Medicaid cards to cover cost
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "Dolphin Tale 2"

Saturday, October 11
12 Noon: Public Square Rosary recitation at Jess Price Memorial Park (315 Main Street); 12,641 rallies across the country and around the world
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "Dolphin Tale 2"

Sunday, October 12
2 p.m.: Jones Theater: "Dolphin Tale 2"

Monday, October 13
HOLIDAY: Columbus Day - Government entities closed

Tuesday, October 14
3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.: School Board Meeting in Great Room

Friday, October 17
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Maze Runner"

Saturday, October 18
5 - 10 p.m.: Oktoberfest with the Chamber of Commerce at A Painted View Ranch; 7 p.m.: Concert, \$25: Call 783-9100 for more information
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Maze Runner"

Sunday, October 19
2 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Maze Runner"

Monday, October 20
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Scholastic Book Fair in school library
4:10 p.m.: Kids Christmas Choir Practice - band room

Recurring Events and Business Hours

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

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 Methodist Church from 9:30 to 11 a.m. 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
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

Sheriff's Report...

As of Tuesday, October 7, there were 4 men and 2 women in jail.

OFFENSES

October 6 At 1600 hours, Eileen Winters of Colorado Springs was arrested for her driver's license under restraint, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and not having any plates displayed.

October 5 Dustin Hinson, age 36, of Westcliffe was arrested for harassment, domestic violence, no driver's license, and no insurance. Hinson posted bond.

ACCIDENTS

October 5 The Colorado State Patrol investigated a fatal motorcycle crash on State Highway 165 at Wicks and Divide. Douglas Corbin, age 48, of Pueblo West was driving southbound when he failed to negotiate a left-hand turn and went off of the right-hand side of the roadway. He died of head injuries.

October 1 At 1722 hours, Amber Hansen was driving a 2009 Nissan Murano when she hit a deer at 5.3 mile marker on Highway 96. The vehicle sustained severe damage to the front end.

AMBULANCE CALLS

October 6 At 1:37 a.m., an 83-year-old male had pushed his lifeline alert because he had fallen. When an officer arrived at his home, the officer assisted the man. EMS was refused.

October 5 At 12:30 p.m., an ambulance was dispatched to mile marker 7 on State Highway 165 in response to a motorcycle crash.

October 5 At 10:50 a.m., an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic where a child had been brought, who had been playing with bear spray.

The patient was not transported.

October 1 At 1658 hours, an ambulance had been dispatched to the residence of a 75-year-old male with difficulty breathing. He had a panic attack and refused transport.

September 30 At 2038 hours, a male had walked into the EMS with respiratory problems. He was given a nebulizer treatment. Transport was refused.

FIRE CALLS

October 5 A fire truck was dispatched to mile marker 7 on State Highway 75 to assist with the landing of the Flight for Life helicopter.

October 1 At 1658 hours, a fire truck was dispatched to County Road 260 to assist with the landing of the Flight for Life helicopter. They were stood down.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation;
old things have passed away;
Behold,
all things have become new.*

2 Corinthians 5:17

MILL LEVY

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a purely operational basis (that is, take away the tax levy and donations, and the clinic side is loosing something like \$400,000 a year!!! That is a FAILED business model).

Do we really need an extremely highly paid "Executive Director", a highly paid Chief Financial Officer and all the other support staff (and how many times have people gone in there, with nobody in the waiting room, and a half a dozen or more staff just milling about the receptionist's desk) when there is just ONE doctor on duty? Look at comparable one doctor businesses in Cañon City (that MAKE money) - you don't see that kind of overhead there.

What we need is a completely new board with a common sense approach to providing EMS service and basic "Doctor's Office" to our community. The rest of the building can easily be rented to other health practitioners including doctors, physical rehabilitation entities, chiropractors, etc. Let entrepreneurs and private businesses give us cost-effective service at NO cost to us as taxpayers. The sooner we have a new Board and management, the better. The longer this money losing operation goes on, the greater the fall will be. If the Clinic goes into bankruptcy, it could jeopardize the assets it currently has that WE paid for.

We are being taxed to death. The Clinic wants to put another nail in our coffins. Do you know that commercial property business owners pay a much larger share of all these mill levy taxes? Do you want to see more of our local businesses go under? Look at the Main Street area, it is starting to look like a ghost town with many existing businesses and commercial properties with "For Sale" sign on them. What new business would want to come here with such a high tax burden?

Time for a new Board who will listen to the people of Custer County. VOTE NO on the Hospital District (Clinic) Mill Levy 4A.

The spirit of resistance to government is so valuable on certain occasions, that I wish it to be always kept alive. It will often be exercised when wrong but better so than not to be exercised at all. I like a little rebellion now and then. It is like a storm in the atmosphere.

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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
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Mondays at 6 p.m.
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RGTP Hosts Candidate Forum for District 2 Seat

by Candy Thompaon

The Royal Gorge Tea Party hosted a Candidate Forum for County Commissioner Debbie Bell's seat Saturday, October 4, at 2pm at Mountain Core Knowledge School in Cañon City. The event was attended by almost 80 people who heard candidates for County Commissioner, District 2, and for the office of Sheriff.

Republican incumbent Debbie Bell, District 2 County Commissioner, was first of the three candidates vying for her district in the upcoming election, followed by Independent Katie McCallister and write-in Republican candidate Fred Warner.

Each candidate was given prepared questions with two minutes to answer and then were allowed a 5-minute conclusion. Afterwards they were asked questions from the audience. The same format was followed with the candidates for

sheriff, Jim Beicker and Skip Moreau.

Debbie Bell is running for her second term on the Republican ticket. In her opening statement she defended her four years as commissioner by saying that she had met her promise to be "responsible, accountable, and transparent" and told the story of how her father inspired her to run for county commissioner and how it was a long-time dream of hers.

Katie McCallister, in her opening statement, began by giving her extensive experience in business, putting herself through college, and raising two children as a single mom. Through hard work she paid her way through college without having to pay back loans. She said she has "honesty, integrity, and accountability" and has never been questioned in her extensive employment about her moral character. She has an FAA certificate in mechanics and as a pi-

lot. She has worked in the U.S. Army as a contractor, as a pharmacist technician, and with the state patrol in Colorado. Katie has started and run several businesses and was supervisor for the aircraft fleet that was used for training at the Air Force Academy and has continued her education throughout her life. She wants to make the county a business friendly environment and spoke of a business model she'd like to see implemented, e.g. 3D printing. Katie said that she went to the Fremont County website. "I don't see anything that's finished. I see where they're spending money on what they hope to do... and I say let's get this done, let's do it," she said in closing.

Fred Warner, a write-in candidate on the Republican ticket, started out explaining his job as production superintendent for an F-15 fighter squadron in Turkey for the Air Force where he supervised all of the maintenance. Fred explained

his leadership style that was inspired by Matthew 20:27 that spoke to him and says that whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant. After moving to Penrose in 2009 he described how he became interested in the local politics and began doing research and attending meetings and getting to know the people who are in those positions and whether or not they are representing us correctly. "The people have the power over the government," he said.

In the questioning, the candidates were asked different questions. Commissioner Bell cautioned that voters should be careful as to whom they put in charge of a 35 million budget. Katie McCallister explained her experience in business where she has written budgets and lived within those budgets, written policies on HAZMAT, started and worked in varied businesses qualify her for this position as well as the people skills she has acquired. She

said she has "fresh ideas for getting things done in a different way and said more than once that we have to think outside the box to solve problems. Her greatest responsibility she said was "signing off" aircraft that have carried passengers all over the world.

Fred Warner believes that visibility is important as a public servant because it promotes a good business environment. Youth programs for job opportunities are important, he emphasized, because youth are our future.

Katie said that we are doing the same thing in the same way and getting the same results but expecting different results is the definition of insanity and that we need to "get things done". We are electing the same kind of people over and over again. She says that decisions should be made according to the Constitu-

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Penrose Apple Days Parade



Sentinel photos by John Penezic, Jr.

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

White House War on Children

It is no stretch of the imagination to say that the occupant of the Oval Office and his Administration are waging war on our children. There has been great push back from parents on the first lady's school lunch program. But that is just window dressing. If you want to get stirred up about something, start thinking in terms of border security and the threat that brings to every child in America from disease to personal security and everything in between. It's as if this "president" has declared war on our children. Currently, health officials are reaching out to some 100 people who may have been in contact with the first Ebola victim in the U.S. This infected person was in contact with five children in four different schools.

But that is just the tip of the iceberg. On September 28, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a Health Advisory to doctors about a mysterious polio-like virus that's causing acute neurological illness and paralysis in children. The cases occurred between August 9 and September 17 among children aged 1-18 years old. The nine children all had fever and respiratory illness about two weeks before developing varying degrees of limb weakness. The CDC confirmed that it is considering the possibility that the nationwide outbreak of EV-D68 is causing the polio-like illness. They are asking doctors to report any similar neurological illnesses to the CDC.

WesternJournalism.com reports, "the CDC and our federal government are completely ignoring the

fact that this virus seems to have been spread by illegal immigrants who've been dumped throughout the country - thanks in large part to the [sic] administration. Although it's received very little mainstream media coverage, the current outbreak of EV-D68 is common to El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua, three countries where a bulk of the illegal immigrant children come from. These unaccompanied illegal immigrant children have been allowed into the nation's school systems without medical screenings and without required vaccinations." The site says 25 children in California came down with similar symptoms in February.

The "president's" refusal to stop this massive invasion on our southern border is endangering our children. The mainstreaming of these illegal children into America's public school system is a direct attack on the well being of our children. Furthermore, with the evidence of Islamic radicals transcending the porous southern border, there is no guarantee that any government--local, state, or federal--can protect from terrorists attacking our schools. This negligence is unconscionable. As Jesus said in Luke 17:2, "It would be better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he was cast into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble." Discern and act.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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**For you did not receive
a spirit that makes you a
slave again to fear, but you
received the Spirit of sonship.
And by him we cry,
"Abba, Father."**

Romans 8:15,NIV

Not Shocking: Why the Denver Post Is Wrong to Endorse Hick

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Excellent analysis. And beautiful to watch PeakPolitics dissect the lefties at the Denver Post. All you need to know about chicken-looper is right here.)

We weren't surprised that The Denver Post endorsed Gov. John Hickenlooper. After all, the newspaper is one of the embattled Governor's biggest apologists. But, we were surprised that they did so in a manner that totally glossed over his major failings as a Governor. Here's our line-by-line rebuttal to the endorsement.

The Denver Post: It also belies the accusation from critics that he is indecisive or somehow too reflective — as if taking the full measure of an issue is a sign of weakness. It isn't.

Colorado Peak Politics: Hickenlooper's mulling of controversial issues is not why he has been called indecisive. We saw Hickenlooper's "taking a full measure of an issue" at *The Denver Post's* very own debate, where Hickenlooper's flip on two very key issues — minimum wage and climate change — seemed more to have to do with how he was digesting his lunch, than hours upon hours of him taking the full measure of something. The Post mistakes Hickenlooper's lackadaisical attitude and flip flopping for thoughtfulness. Even Colorado Public Radio, by no means a bastion of conservative thought, nailed Hickenlooper on his unwillingness to make tough calls.

The Denver Post: By any fair assessment, Hickenlooper has been more than just a capable governor. He's been a highly effective one.

Colorado Peak Politics: We're just going to turn this over to CATO which just released a new report that gave Gov. John Hickenlooper an "F" grade as Governor. Here's what the report said:

"General fund spending has ballooned over the past three years under Governor Hickenlooper, from \$7.2 billion in 2012 to a proposed \$9.2 billion in 2015. The Governor's proposed spending increases have averaged 6 percent over the past three

years. His most recent budget included a 15 percent spending boost for higher education and new spending on corporate welfare programs. State government employment is way up under Hickenlooper, rising 16 percent since he came to office.

He pushed for a huge personal income tax increase on the ballot in 2013 to fund education, which would have raised more than \$900 million annually. If passed, Amendment 66 would have replaced Colorado's flat income tax of 4.63 percent with a two-rate structure of 5.0 and 5.9 percent. Luckily for Colorado taxpayers, this increase was soundly rejected by voters, 65 to 35 percent."

The Denver Post: Nowhere have his political skills been more evident than in the bitter wrangling over hydraulic fracturing used to extract oil and natural gas.

Colorado Peak Politics: Now, we're laughing. It was only because of his unwillingness to stand up to the extremists in his own party and an overgrown spoiled child (yes, we're talking about you, Rep. Polis) that spread wholly inaccurate information about this safe procedure that Colorado's economy was held hostage. Further, the only reason this Polis Commission was forged is because Hickenlooper was terrified of the impact it would have on his own campaign. If *The Denver Post* really believes this drivel, we have a bridge to sell them.

The Denver Post: [The economic recovery] has been a disturbingly slow recovery from the 2009 economic collapse, but Colorado appears to be leading the way.

Colorado Peak Politics: We're not sure how we're leading the way or who we're leading. Our unemployment is down, but the number of employed is still lower than before the recession and we have more people here. Additionally, our recovery has lagged behind our neighbors. It sounds like even *The Denver Post* isn't sure about this dubious claim by the Hickenlooper camp.

The Denver Post: But let's not forget that the gun measures passed in 2013 were modest in scope and had

solid or overwhelming public support. These were not gun-grabbing initiatives....

Colorado Peak Politics: Let's not forget, DP, that these are the most extreme (yet, arbitrary) pieces of gun legislation in the country. Subsequent surveys have shown that the gun laws do not enjoy the overwhelming public support that this piece claims. Further, he took only input from out of state donors, refusing to meet with sheriffs, the very people who would have to enforce these laws, until after they had passed. He also claimed that his staff (ahem, Roxane) pinky-swore (ahem, Bloomberg) that he'd sign it. Just another example of how he's not taking the full measure, but, instead, is a weak leader.

The Denver Post: Hickenlooper's decision to give Nathan Dunlap an open-ended reprieve from the death penalty pleased almost no one on either side of that divide — we'd have preferred he commute the sentence to life in prison without parole.... And yet he went ahead with his unpopular call because he believed it was the right one.

Colorado Peak Politics: The decision to grant a temporary reprieve to Nathan Dunlap is unpopular because it's so monumentally unfair. It's unfair to the justice system which ruled on this. It's unfair to Dunlap's victims, whose lives were brutally cut short. It's unfair to Dunlap's victims' families who may have looked to Dunlap's execution as closure. It's unfair to Colorado's future murder victims, whose killers were not deterred because Hickenlooper proved that the state does not take seriously public safety.

The bottom line is that Colorado deserves a leader who will stand up against his own party and against special interests. That's not Hickenlooper. We were not surprised that *The Denver Post* endorsed Hickenlooper, but we were disappointed. We were surprised that the newspaper didn't take more seriously it's role in standing up for its readers, and as a result, maybe *The Denver Post* shouldn't be surprised by its falling readership.

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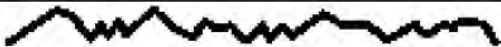
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Despite Law, Colorado Doesn't Block Welfare Withdrawals at Liquor Stores, Casinos

by Arthur Kane,
Watchdog.org

(Editor/GG: This is Gov. Hickenlooper's call. And the crack pot lefties in his government, especially the Department of Human Services. Keep working folks, Hick needs the money for booze, strip joints and gambling for the "poor".)

For nearly two decades, Colorado law has prohibited the use of welfare cards at casinos and liquor store ATMs, and in 2012 federal law also required states to have policies prohibiting the withdrawals. But in the past two years at least \$489,000 in taxpayer money has been withdrawn in exactly those Colorado locations, Watchdog.org found.

The Colorado Department of Human Services, which manages the program, knows about the withdrawals but hasn't punished recipients who violate the law or blocked the use of cards at casino and liquor store ATMs.

Welfare recipients withdrew about \$340,000 in taxpayer cash at liquor store ATMs and another \$149,000 at the state's casinos in the past two years, according to a Watchdog.org computer-assisted analysis of a welfare ATM database. State law doesn't require liquor license holders or casino owners to monitor patrons who use their ATMs so store, casino, and bar owners haven't done anything wrong.

But the state is required to prohibit the transactions, and CDHS provided a letter with the database CD that shows state staff clearly knows about the violations of state and federal laws.

"Please note that fewer than one per cent of the transactions detailed occurred in prohibited locations for an amount less than one percent of the benefit dollars accessed," wrote CDHS spokeswoman Liz McDonough.

State and federal law doesn't say it's okay to allow withdrawals in prohibited locations if the amount is only a small portion of the roughly \$85 million in

annual cash benefits taxpayers provide to Colorado welfare recipients.

"Clients shall not be allowed to access cash benefits through the electronic benefits transfer service from automated teller machines in this state located in licensed gaming establishments ... or retail establishments licensed to sell malt, vinous, or spirituous liquors," Colorado law says. Additionally, the federal law requires states to prohibit welfare withdrawals in casinos, liquor stores, adult businesses, and other locations.

State Rep. Tim Dore, R-Elizabeth, said CDHS needs to enforce the laws.

"They are thumbing their nose at Colorado citizens who pay taxes," he said. "They say, 'We aren't going to enforce it and make sure the cards are used for intended purpose — to make sure there is food on the table.'"

Levetta Love, director of the CDHS Office of Economic Security, said the department recently wrote rules for the federal government on how to stem the prohibited withdrawals and have contacted — though not punished — people who used the cards in prohibited locations. Welfare recipients must agree not to use the card at casinos and liquor stores when they receive the cards, she said.

"No one lost benefits at this time," she said. "The number of recipients accessing benefits in these locations is statistically insignificant."

Despite Colorado state law requiring the prohibition of withdrawals since 1996, it appears Colorado human services officials only started to act after passage of the federal law, which would cut welfare grants to the state by 5 percent if state officials don't implement and report the rules within two years.

"I don't feel like it's been on the books for a decade," Love said when Watchdog.org asked her why the state hasn't enforced Colorado law that has prohibited the practice for years.

The rules provided to fed-

eral officials seem to focus more on informing recipients they could lose benefits if they withdraw tax money at prohibited locations than finding a way to electronically block those transactions.

Love said she understands the benefit cards couldn't be disabled without the cooperation of the ATM owner, but the state is working with other governments to determine if there's a way to electronically disable the cards at casinos and liquor stores.

"They are thumbing their nose at Colorado citizens who pay taxes,"

Dore said there has to be a way to block the ATMs at liquor store and casino locations even without ATM owners' consent. "Other states have figured it out by talking to banks and financial institutions," he said. "They found a way to do it."

Colorado's EBT contractor, JP Morgan Chase, declined comment.

In the past two years, welfare recipients withdrew \$144,000 at businesses with tavern liquor licenses, including more than \$1,500 at a Denver strip club named Dandy Dan's, according to state records. Bars aren't addressed in state law, but appear to be covered as "adult-oriented locations" in the federal legislation.

Some lawmakers tried to specifically include strip bars in a state bill, but it failed. HB11-1058 passed the Republican-controlled House, but the measure was killed in a Democrat-controlled state Senate committee despite having Democrats as the bill's prime sponsors.

Liquor stores have the largest amount of withdrawals of welfare recipients accessing taxpayer money, the state database shows.

Six liquor stores in the Denver metro area account for more than \$100,000 in welfare cash withdrawals from their ATMs over the past two years, records show.

One with the largest amount is just down the block from Dandy Dan's. Welfare recipients withdrew more than \$16,000 at Barnum Liquors in the past two years, the state database shows. The largest amount was \$20,053 at Tower Landing Liquors in Aurora, the database shows.

CDHS officials have argued that while a person might take out money at a location, he or she doesn't necessarily use the money to buy booze or gamble.

However, Barnum was near other stores that also had ATMs, and the store doesn't carry a selection of food products.

Bull Durham Casino in Black Hawk had the most welfare money withdrawn from its ATM for casinos, state records show. Nearly \$35,000 was taken out in two years.

Love said there might be legitimate reasons to take out welfare money at prohibited locations, like a casino worker who lives in a distant casino town that may not have another ATM nearby.

State law doesn't provide exemptions for those situations, and human services officials seemed more concerned with recipients obtaining the tax money than preventing violations of state and federal law.

"We can't prevent access to benefits," Love said.

Dore said he will take up the issue during next year's General Assembly or ask the audit committee to call for an audit.

"This is definitely an issue in the coming session," he said. "It's troubling and it's offensive to a lot of Coloradans to find out what's going on."

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Dallas Paramedics Weren't Told They Were Driving Ebola Contaminated Ambulance for 48 Hours

by Mac Slavo,
FreedomOutPost.com

(Editor/GG: The government is saying we have nothing to worry about. Read this article and note that the Liberian with ebola guy had vomited on the sidewalk when this ambulance went to pick him up. This ebola virus infected vomit was left there untouched by the government for two days! Right in front of an apartment complex. Then guess who "cleaned" it up. Center for Disease Control? Nope. A couple of regular workers from the owners of the building! You know how they cleaned it up? Did they put on hazmat suits and vacuum the fluid into a bio-hazard container? Nope. They brought a lit-

tle portable water power washer and literally dispersed the virus infected mass all over the area! If the government can't even handle ONE case of this, you had better get ready for some hard times folks.)

The Centers for Disease Control and medical experts around the country say they have procedures in place to deal with Ebola and pandemics.

But according to one paramedic in Dallas, neither he or anyone else was told that the ambulance they were driving was the same one used to transport Ebola patient Thomas Duncan to the hospital.

A Dallas paramedic claimed he drove the ambulance that the U.S.

Ebola patient was transported in and that he was not contacted by anyone about the potential exposure. He claims he drove the ambulance sometime after the patient was transported. The Dallas Fire Department left the ambulance that transported Ebola patient Thomas Duncan to the hospital in service for at least 48 hours before putting it in quarantine on Wednesday.

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It is not known how many paramedics drove the ambulance during the 48 hour period or how many patients were transported.

The incident is the latest in a string of procedural breakdowns that included initially sending Duncan home from the hospital

with antibiotics and failing to properly decontaminate the apartment in which he stayed during the onset of symptoms.

Officials continue to insist that America's medical infrastructure is prepared to handle Ebola.

In about 21 days we'll know if they are right.

People are already starting to panic. What happens in three weeks if this starts showing up in schoolchildren or other metro areas?

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The 35.4 Percent: 109,631,000 on Welfare

by Terence P. Jeffrey,
CNSNews.com

109,631,000 Americans lived in households that received benefits from one or more federally funded "means-tested programs" — also known as welfare — as of the fourth quarter of 2012, according to data released Tuesday by the Census Bureau.

The Census Bureau has not yet reported how many were on welfare in 2013 or the first two quarters of 2014.

But the 109,631,000 living in households taking federal welfare benefits as of the end of 2012, according to the Census Bureau, equaled 35.4 percent of all 309,467,000 people living in the United States at that time.

When those receiving benefits from non-means-tested federal programs — such as Social Security, Medicare, unemployment and veterans benefits — were added to those taking welfare benefits, it turned out that 153,323,000 people were getting federal benefits of some type at the end of 2012.

Subtract the 3,297,000 who were receiving veterans' benefits from the total, and that leaves 150,026,000 people receiving non-veterans' benefits.

The 153,323,000 total benefit-takers at the end of 2012, said the Census Bureau, equaled 49.5 percent of the population. The 150,026,000 taking benefits other than veterans' benefits equaled about 48.5 percent of the population.

When America re-elected President Barack Obama in 2012, we had not quite reached the point where more

than half the country was taking benefits from the federal government.

It is a reasonable bet, however, that with the implementation of Obamacare — with its provisions expanding Medicaid and providing health-insurance subsidies to people earning up to 400 percent of poverty — that if we have not already surpassed that point (not counting those getting veterans benefits) we soon will.

What did taxpayers give to the 109,631,000 — the 35.4 percent of the nation — getting welfare benefits at the end of 2012?

82,679,000 of the welfare-takers lived in households where people were on Medicaid, said the Census Bureau. 51,471,000 were in households on food stamps. 22,526,000 were in the Women, Infants and Children program. 20,355,000 were in households on Supplemental Security Income. 13,267,000 lived in public housing or got housing subsidies. 5,442,000 got Temporary Assistance to Needy Families. 4,517,000 received other forms of federal cash assistance.

How do you put in perspective the 109,631,000 people taking welfare, or the 150,026,000 getting some type of federal benefit other than veterans' benefits?

Well, the CIA World Factbook says there are 142,470,272 people in Russia. So, the 150,026,000 people getting non-veterans federal benefits in the United States at the end of 2012 outnumbered all the people in Russia.

63,742,977 people live in the United Kingdom and 44,291,413 live in the Ukraine, says the CIA. So, the com-

bined 108,034,390 people in these two nations was about 1,596,610 less than 109,631,000 collecting welfare in the United States.

It may be more telling, however, to compare the 109,631,000 Americans taking federal welfare benefits at the end of 2012 to Americans categorized by other characteristics.

In 2012, according to the Census Bureau, there were 103,087,000 full-time year-round workers in the United States (including 16,606,000 full-time, year-round government workers). Thus, the welfare-takers outnumbered full-time year-round workers by 6,544,000.

California, the nation's most-populated state, contained an estimated 38,332,521 people in 2013, says the Census Bureau. Texas had 26,448,193 people, New York had 19,651,127, and Florida had 19,552,860. But the combined 103,984,701 people in these four massive states still fell about 5,646,299 short of the 109,631,000 people on welfare.

In the fourth quarter of 2008, when President Obama was elected, there were 96,197,000 people living in households taking benefits from one or more federal welfare programs. After four years, by the fourth quarter of 2012, that had grown by 13,434,000.

Those 13,434,000 additional people on welfare outnumbered the 12,882,135 people the Census Bureau estimated lived in Obama's home state of Illinois in 2013.

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The Second Amendment Corner

Liberty's Line in the Sand

2014



New Jersey Newspapers Call For Mandatory Gun Confiscation

Posted by Bob Owens , [BearingArms.com](#)

NJ.com, a consortium of reliably left-wing newspapers in the Garden State, has published an op-ed calling for the scrapping of the Second Amendment:

Having fewer guns lying around could mean they won't end up in the hands of a curious child, abusive spouse or suicidal person. Having a gun at home makes it three times more likely that you'll be murdered by a family member or intimate partner, or successfully attempt suicide.

But let's not kid ourselves: Gun buyback programs are not going to reduce murders in places like Newark and Camden. Studies have found that buyback programs don't have much effect overall on either gun crime or gun-related injury rates.

They don't directly target the guns that are more likely to be used in violence, and in general, the guns collected haven't overlapped much with crime guns. These are old weapons that some middle-aged guy found in his basement. What criminal is going to trade in his \$700 Bushmaster for \$250 from the state?

The biggest problem with this approach, though, is that it tiptoes around the one reform that could really make a difference, but that Americans would never accept: mandatory gun buybacks. That's what Australia did, after its own version of Newtown.

Following a mass shooting in Tasmania that left 35 dead, Australia banned semiautomatic, and automatic rifles, and shotguns, and required all the newly banned weapons to be bought back by the government. This cut the number of gun-owning households by as much as half.

The mandatory buybacks were also ac-

companied by a uniform national system for licensing and registering firearms. Gun owners have to present a "genuine reason" to buy a weapon. A claim of self-defense isn't enough unless you have an occupational need to carry a gun.

The editorialist then laments that, "We understand this is not going to happen. Neither American courts nor most of the public would support it."

And yet, they champion it still.

There is a smug naivete in the minds of gun control supporters, combined with a basic pagan fervor.

On one hand, they are the most superstitious of cargo cults, wedded firmly to the animist idea that an inanimate object has a soul that can possess and take over an otherwise sane and rational human being and turn them into a homicidal savage. If you listen to them, or watch them recoil in horror at the mere sight of a firearm, it is clear that they think that the firearm itself—not the intention or skill of the individual possessing it—is the problem.

They state time and again that they "can't tell a good guy with a gun from a bad guy with a gun," and assert—with absolute surety—that the gun in the home will one day overpower the rationality of the owner and force them to kill.

It's an absurdity, is it not? And yet if you look at the heart of every gun control group's messaging, or these op-eds supporting the abolishing of the Second Amendment, you can see this animist belief that a firearm will somehow overpower your soul as their guiding thesis. It would be amusing, if they weren't so incredibly deranged and dangerous.

On the flip side of their animism is their collectivism; the thing that can protect us from the "gun boogeyman" is the corrosive power of the state.

Almost entirely collectivist in nature,

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed



courtesy image

citizen control groups do not trust the individual, and instead trust the hive mind of government. They desire to end the Second Amendment because as an unknown soul correctly noted, "Firearms are liberty's teeth." An armed citizenry compliments an honest government and provides it with additional security, while it denies a corrupt government the monopoly of force needed to impose tyranny. One must wonder, then, why they take such interest in disarming the law-abiding citizenry when they know that criminals will not disarm.

The honest answer is that they are not looking to reduce crime.

They're looking to reduce resistance.

As Professor R.J. Rummel noted in an introduction to his work, "...the more freedom, the greater the human security and the less the violence. Conversely, the

more power governments have, the more human insecurity and violence. In short: to our realization that power impoverishes we must also add that power kills."

Those who would strip individual liberties from you do so with the belief that they are stripping those power from you and transferring that power to themselves.

These citizen control cultists aren't remotely non-violent.

They simply want to ensure that when they turn violent and use the forces of government against the people as has happened so often, so recently, that you have no way of stopping them.

You can either be a citizen, or a subject.

Choose wisely.

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Post Office Carry Before the 10th Circuit

by Dean Weingarten,
[GunWatch.Blogspot.com](#)

The 10th Circuit heard oral arguments last Monday on whether an unsecured, unmanned post office was a "sensitive place" where the U.S. Government could ban people from exercising their second amendment rights, under the Heller decision.

A district judge had awarded a partial victory to the 56-year-old architect when it declared that the particular post office parking lot was not a "sensitive place" where weapons could be banned. Both Bonidy and the federal government appealed the decision. From the AP story:

Bonidy's attorney, Steven

Lechner, of the Mountain States Legal Foundation told the judges the lobby is not such a place, as there are no security guards checking patrons, who come at all hours.

"Not every government building is sensitive. There has to be some criteria or the government gets a free pass," he said. "If the government prevents

someone from defending themselves, there has to be some security. You can't disarm a citizen if he wants to pick up his mail."

Eric Holder's Department of Justice argued that the post office needed a blanket ban for the convenience of the government:

Deciding which buildings - and which people - should be exempt from the

rules would be a strain on resources, he said.

That makes no sense to me. If there are less buildings where the ban is in place, there are less places to enforce the ban. As the ban has no practical effect of preventing crime, less buildings to enforce requires *less* resources, not more.

As the law stands, with

nearly 12 million concealed carry permits in the United States, 44 states that have some type of open carry, and five states that do not require a permit for concealed carry, the ban is a legal trap waiting to snap shut on unsuspecting, but otherwise law abiding, citizens.

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"I Just Need To See A Weapon." Louisiana Restaurant Offers 10% Discount If You Prove You're Carrying A Gun

by Bob Owens, BearingArms.com

While the anti-gun bullies of Moms Demand Action continue trying to harass businesses into banning the lawful carry of firearms, one popular restaurant in Louisiana is going the opposite route, and is doing booming business thanks to their pro-gun discount:

Bergeron's Restaurant off Lobdell Highway in Port Allen is known for it's cajun cooking, but recently they've been getting a lot of attention for something that doesn't have anything to do with their food. The restaurant is offering a discount, but it's far from typical.

"I just need to see a weapon. I need you to be carrying a gun," says Bergeron's owner Kevin Cox.

That's right. The restaurant began offering a 10% discount a couple of weeks ago, for bringing in both your appetite and your gun.

"As long as everybody has a gun we're all the same size," says Cox.

Owner Kevin Cox says the idea started as a way to thank the law enforcement officers that frequent his restaurant, but soon other gun carrying customers began asking for the discount too... and he's happy to oblige.

"I keep hearing so much about people banning guns. Target's banning guns and these people are banning guns.



Bergeron's Restaurant owner, Kevin Cox, says he discounts 15-20 meals daily for armed customers.

courtesy photo

Don't they realize that that's where people with guns are going to go? I want to take the opposite approach. How can I make my place safer?"

Bergeron's Restaurant is part of a wave of more than 57,000 pro-gun businesses that have cropped up in recent years as concealed carry rights have expanded across the United States.

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Posted next to Bergeron's menu. courtesy photo



Some Kids Have All The Fun!

A young boy and his dad about to fire a 37mm anti-tank cannon at the recent Dragonman's Machine Gun Shoot near Colorado Springs. Note the cannon round held by the vendor. The noise level at the event was tremendous with dozens of machine guns being fired constantly by the customers. But when this baby went off, it redefined "noise". You should have seen the kid's (and the Dad's) smile after he let this bad boy loose. It cost \$60 to shoot one round.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

Udall Lied (Again): Embattled Senator Arrested for More Than Just Pot

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

UPDATE: A reader pointed out that we should put into context how much pot three ounces (the amount Udall was found to have per the newspaper articles) really is. Here is a New York Magazine article on pot. It actually shows how much pot two ounces is. It's a lot. And, here's what an unserious blog says about pot:

"If you are in a touring band, or are a die-hard pot-head, [one ounce] is the bag you usually carry home. If you are carrying home more than an ounce, odds are you are unloading part of it on your friends at a reasonable profit."

Pot is one thing, but three ounces is a lot for a casual user. Wait.... You weren't selling that weed were you, Mark? And, then, allegedly amphetamines, too? Really?

It's no secret in Colorado that Senator Mark Udall has some problems telling the truth. It's probably also relatively well-known that Mark Udall admitted to The Rocky Mountain News (RIP) that he was arrested for possession of marijuana. But, here's Sen. Udall's dirty little secret – it wasn't just marijuana and it was a little more complicated than he shrugged off in the Rocky. Here's his statement in the Rocky:

"Yes. When I was 21, I was pulled over by an Arizona State patrolman for possession of marijuana. My dad thought it would be a good lesson for me to spend the night in the local jail."

That's not exactly how it went down, per newspaper clips from 1973. Late on Saturday, February 17, 1973, Udall was driving a 1969 Datsun station wagon with Louisiana plates. He was pulled over. On the front seat, two highway patrolmen found some marijuana. A later search found three ounces of marijuana and (this is the part he left out) "dangerous drugs", which were identified as amphetamines. The patrolmen seized Udall's car for "transporting drugs". He was charged with two felony drug counts. According to an article in the Arizona Daily Sun, "initial felony charges were reduced as requested by the County Attorney."

The newspaper went on to explain that this is a normal part of the plea bargaining process. We're sure that Udall's beloved father, Mo Udall, didn't help at all with his plea.

Speaking of, what about his dad, Mo Udall "teaching him a lesson" by having him "spend a night in jail"? Well, that's not true either. According to the Arizona

Daily Sun, Udall was released that same night. And, here comes another lie.

The punishment for Udall's crime was a little bit stiffer than he let on. He was fined \$300 (that's about \$1,500 in today's dollars), ordered to spend one night in jail (not by his father), and put on probation for six months. In addition, the state of Arizona seized the car he was driving in a civil action. The car was valued at \$1,500 then, or about \$8,000 in today's dollars.

Is transporting drugs and felony drug charges a youthful indiscretion? It seems like a bigger deal than just a night in jail, as Udall described. But, what's a bigger deal is that when Udall was asked about this episode in a candidate questionnaire, he lied. He glossed over the fact that this was a months-long legal battle, he lost his car, he was on probation, and that he was transporting "dangerous drugs".

When will Mark Udall stop lying to Colorado? If you don't believe us, check out the newspaper articles to the right and below.

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Arizona Daily Sun, 2/19/73

Drugs Are Found In Udall Vehicle

Mark E. Udall, 22, son of Rep. Morris E. Udall, D. Ariz., was arrested late Saturday after two Highway Patrolmen found marijuana and dangerous drugs in his car. A spokesman for the Department of Public Safety said Udall was released to Flagstaff attorney Richard Mangum after being booked into Coconino County Jail. Udall was arrested by Patrolmen Mike Cass and Jerry Richards after Cass saw a bag of marijuana in the front seat. The Tucson man originally was stopped for a warning about speeding. A search of the car revealed three lids of marijuana and three tablets which are believed to be dangerous drugs. The vehicle, a 1969 Datsun station wagon, was seized by the patrol for transporting drugs, a spokesman said.

Tucson Daily Citizen, 2/19/73

Mo Udall son charged in drug case

FLAGSTAFF (AP) - Mark E. Udall, 22, Tucson, son of Rep. Morris Udall, D-Ariz., has been released in the custody of a Flagstaff attorney after being charged with possession of marijuana and possession of dangerous drugs. Udall was arrested Saturday near here by two Arizona highway patrolmen after they stopped his station wagon to warn him about speeding. The patrolmen said they noticed a small amount of marijuana on the front seat of the vehicle. A search of the car, according to the Highway Patrol, turned up three ounces of marijuana and three amphetamine tablets. Udall was booked into the Coconino County Jail and later released in the custody of attorney Richard Mangum.

Arizona Daily Sun, 7/6/73

Udall Pleads Guilty to 'Pot' Count

Mark E. Udall, 22, Tucson, pleaded guilty here Thursday to a charge of misdemeanor possession on marijuana before visiting Justice of the Peace Harold Long-fellow of Sedona. Udall was fined \$300 and placed on probation for six months. He also was ordered to jail for one day. Initial felony charges against him were reduced at the request of the County Attorney's office. Such reduction is a normal part of plea bargaining in any case involving limited amounts of illegal material. Three small bags of marijuana were seized from Udall's 1969 station wagon when he was stopped for speeding near Cameron Feb. 17. The wagon, valued at \$1,500, was forfeited to the state on June 5 in civil court action arising out of the criminal charges. Udall is the son of Re. Morris K. Udall, D-Arizona.

Arizona Daily Sun, 6/22/73

Udall's Car Forfeited

A 1969 Datsun station wagon belonging to Mark E. Udall, 22, Tucson, has been forfeited to the State of Arizona in civil action arising out of the criminal possession of both marijuana and dangerous drugs. Civil action is standard in such cases. The vehicle was turned over to the state by Superior Court Judge Lawrence T. Wren on June 5. Notice of seizure of the car had been filed on Feb. 20, three days after the Department of Public Safety had impounded the vehicle while arresting Udall on two felony drug counts. In his order of forfeiture, Judge Wren noted the car had been used for unlawful purposes: the transportation of marijuana. Udall was arrested in Cameron on Feb. 17 and charged with both possession of marijuana and possession of dangerous drugs. His vehicle, licensed in Louisiana, was seized at the same time. Criminal charges were held in ???????? until the civil case surrounding the disposition of his vehicle could be realized, said a spokesman for the Coconino County Attorney's office. Udall's Flagstaff attorney waived arraignment on the felony counts in February and an initial date of April 5 was set for a preliminary hearing on the charges. The first hearing date was continued on a motion by Udall's attorney. A second preliminary hearing on the matter also was continued on motion of the defendant's attorney, this second hearing had been set for May 9 in Flagstaff Justice Court. Presently, a new preliminary hearing date of Thursday, July 5, has been set in Justice Court concerning the drug charges.

Arizona Daily Sun, 2/22/73

Hearing April 5 For Udall's Son

The preliminary hearing for Mark E. Udall, 22, son of Rep. Morris E. Udall, D-Ariz., is April 5 in Coconino County Justice of the Peace Court. He is charged with possession of marijuana and possession of dangerous drugs. He was arrested Feb. 18 by two Highway patrolmen for speeding. The drugs were discovered after a search of the car. The Tucson man was released from County Jail the same night.

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.



The "Sin" of Moderation

A significant number of voters consider themselves moderates when approaching the electoral process. The notion of moderation suggests a middle-of-the-road attitude, one in which issues are weighed individually upon their own merit. Even the Scriptures say, "Let your moderation be known to all men." Interestingly, the word moderation is used only once in the Bible and a close examination of its usage and companion passages reveal its purpose is to regulate human behavior. The concept is quite simple: Don't eat, sleep, speak, work or play too much or too little.

The difficulty with the moderates of both parties in Congress is that they usually lack distinct principles. They are looked to as the representatives who will finally forge a compromise between the opposing opinions. Political temperance sounds sophisticated, intellectual, and educated, but does it really benefit the masses? Those on the far left and the far right express clear convictions about issues of great importance. For example, the liberals adamantly support abortion, higher taxes, increased social programs, welfare expansion, depletion of the military, open borders, gun control, suppression of free speech (unless it fits their agenda), massive spending, and in general, big government. Principled conservatives oppose all those ideas with similar vigor of the supporters. When moderates build bridges of compromise by virtue of their numbers, it is most often the right that gives up the most ground, which results in gains for the left.

John McCain is viewed by the American public as a hero, but his moderate stances present him as a person lacking bedrock beliefs. This appearance contributed to his

presidential defeat. The 2,000-page health care bill passed in the House embraces all of the items the left desired. It was the moderates who fell off the port side and made its passage possible. In spite of all the plastic platitudes of the so-called center, it appears they are typically jaded left. There is a necessity of disguise to maintain appeal to the "culturally refined."

Jesus Christ addressed the church of Laodicea in Revelation 3 with some startling words: "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold or hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth." This church is the last in a list of seven and consequently, representative of the last days' thinking. Dispositions of the religious community and politics always mirror each other. The Europeans, who lean left on nearly all issues, no longer enjoy the influence of the religious reformers. The Great Reformation turned the continent to the right, but as the churches have drifted left, so have the politicians. Is there any doubt that Islam controls the reasoning that prevails in Iran? If anything can be said to their credit, it would be they are not lukewarm.

In reality moderates are individuals who are constantly attempting to run the gauntlet of opinion with the lowest possible risk. The Republican Party is regularly being urged by the middle to move in their direction in the hope of attracting more voters. This is simply a rejection of any absolutes and a denial of firmly fixed truths. A recent survey reveals that 84 percent of our nation still considers the Bible a sacred document. One reason for that assessment is a universal

recognition of its unwillingness to compromise. The Ten Commandments are still commandments. Moderates would seek to reduce them to suggestions to mollify those who completely reject them.

James Cash Penney's first venture as a retail proprietor (a butcher shop in Longmont, Colorado) opened in 1899 and failed almost immediately after he refused to bribe an important local hotel chef with a weekly bottle of bourbon. "I lost everything I had," Penney said, "but I learned never to compromise."

Penney's unwavering faith in the copy book of maxims of his youth roused skepticism in a mercenary age, but his credo underlay his success. At his death in 1971, Penney, 95, left a 1,660-store empire, which he built without compromising the principles he had absorbed from three generations of Baptist preacher ancestors. He neither smoked or drank, and for years demanded the same abstemious conduct from his employees.

"I believe in adherence to the Golden Rule, faith in God and country," he said. "I would rather be known as a Christian than a merchant." At the time of his death the annual sales of J.C. Penney were \$4.1 billion and ranked it as the nation's fifth largest merchandiser. Compromise in only appealing to the uninformed.

Years ago a conscientious fellow in Washington decided he'd better build a bomb shelter on his property, and he filed for a building permit. His request was turned down at first because the plan violated the zoning ordinance---it didn't have any windows! The more layers of bureaucracy we inherit, the more compromises will be required that make no sense.

A Sheepdog Barks!

Let me bring a few of you sheepdogs up to date on some "goings-on" here in Westcliffe, Colorado. Just before the 2013 Independence Day Parade (IDP) the Liberal Progressive Socialist Democrats (the LPSDs) in this town tried to stop the Southern Colorado Patriots Club (SCPC) from marching. In protest to what the LPSD state legislature did to infringe on our 2nd Amendment rights, the SCPC was marching with open carry firearms which is allowed in Colorado by state law. They tried hard and failed. They tried hard again in 2014 and failed again. The SCPC marched in two open carry IDPs with over 500 and 300 marchers respectively. There were no incidents and the very large crowds were overwhelmingly vocal in their support. The towns of Westcliffe and Silver Cliff and their merchants benefited greatly, even running out of food in some eateries the first year. Well, we all know the LPSDs are relentless when it comes to infringing on other's rights and telling us all what we can or cannot do. So in another attempt to stop the SCPC in 2015, they hurried in 11 months early to the Westcliffe town leaders to "steal" the sponsorship of the parade away from this paper and its co-sponsor, the Wild West Cowboy Church (WWCC). Please understand the WWCC does not support the LPSDs in their attempt to infringe on anyone's legal and constitutional rights and they were mostly responsible for the huge success of the 2014 IDP. In Westcliffe's history there had never been a contest to fight over who gets to sponsor a parade. The request to close the town streets was pro forma and, once approved, that entity became the de facto sponsor of the parade. The incumbent sponsors always were granted first rights and usually came in about 2 months early to request the closures. This year however the LPSDs under the leadership of the local Democrat Party (LDP) decided to mount another challenge to stop the SCPC from marching and not just with their open carry firearms. No, they want more, much more. They want to infringe on our 1st Amendment rights as well. The town, not knowing all the stupid demands, asked the current sponsors to sit down with the LDP and try to work out the differences. Really? "Work out" the infringements on the citizen-patriots' 1st AND 2nd Amendments rights. Well, in an effort to try to get the LPD to wake up and back off their unreasonable demands, the WWCC led an ad-hoc parade committee meeting to see if those differences could be resolved. That didn't work.

The committee decided to send a letter to the SCPC basically asking them to volunteer not to open carry but the wording of the letter could not be agreed on mostly because the LDP kept putting more and more restrictive language into the letter. That consensus letter also failed. So the WWCC, in an attempt to finish what the town leaders asked for, sent the following letter to the SCPC for an official response. I want everyone to understand the WWCC would bar no one from marching, nor infringe on anyone's lawful state and constitutional rights in order to celebrate our Nation's Independence. They are simply trying to mediate at this point. The letter is printed in its entirety below:

Southern Colorado Patriots Club

Re: July 4, 2015 Parade

Gentlemen and Ladies,

As you may know, The Sentinel Newspaper and the Wild West Cowboy Church have applied to the Town of Westcliffe for a road closure to facilitate the parade referenced above. The Custer County Democrat Central Committee has also applied for a road closure on the same date with a view towards becoming the parade sponsor.

In order to avoid making a choice between the two applicants, The Town of Westcliffe has suggested that the two factions form an ad hoc parade committee and collectively agree on an agenda and rules for parade participants. Despite meetings and correspondence, a consensus has yet to be reached concerning your participation in the event.

During the course of negotiations, the CCDCC has brought up certain points to be considered and subsequently included in correspondence to you to be sent on behalf of the members of the ad hoc committee. Unfortunately, the parties could not agree on the precise language to be used in communicating with your organization.

Accordingly, and writing solely as the Wild West Cowboy Church, please be advised that the following issues have been brought up by the CCDCC during negotiations and we respectfully ask you to respond with your position. It is our hope that we can bring some measure of clarity to the issues addressed herein so that informed decisions can be made by the committee members and the Town of Westcliffe. Our only interest in the matter is in producing a successful parade for the benefit of the



citizens and merchants of Westcliffe.

That being said, here are the points of contention introduced by the CCDCC at various times during the negotiations. The CCDCC would like to see points adopted as rules for the parade:

1.) There shall be no firearms of any sort allowed in the parade by any group or individual, loaded or unloaded, open or concealed carry.

2.) There shall be no signs, posters, or banners of a political nature especially with respect to the support or endorsement of the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

3.) There shall be a prohibition against any assembly, meeting or rally of persons during or after the parade at any location open to the public where the convening of such meeting, assembly or rally may feature speeches, debate or discussion of the rights of American citizens under the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

It is our understanding that the Custer County Democrat Central Committee may not approve your participation in the parade unless your organization agrees to abide by the three conditions stated above. Please respond at your earliest convenience with your thoughts and position.

Sincerely, WWCC

Can you believe the LPSDs want to tell other American citizens that they can't even carry signs or hold a rally **AFTER** the parade? This sheepdog finds that utterly ridiculous and un-American. WOOF! We know the SCPC is working on their response and this paper will print it upon receipt. In the meantime, if any of you fellow sheepdogs have any thoughts on this effort by the liberal progressives please send them to the paper addressed to "The Sheepdog" at submittals@sdcsentinel.com or mail to 610 Main Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252. Hope to hear from you WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH

The New Jobs Report Is Pure FRAUD!

by Wayne Root,
TheBlaze.com

Here we go again. The latest jobs report is out — and it's pure fraud. Fantasy. Bogus. Lies and propaganda passed off as "good news." The reality is it's a disaster for America and our middle class.

The "facts" released by our "honest and transparent government" report 248,000 new jobs created, beating expectations by a mile. The "facts" report unemployment dropping to 5.9%, the lowest since 2008.

It's as if Obama is saying, "If you like your job, you can keep it."

But you can't. It's no more truthful or realistic than, "If you like your insurance, you can keep it." Same fraud. Same lies. Same propaganda. Same "Banana Republic media" reporting fantasy as truth.

Here's the nightmare — the real facts about the latest jobs report.

First, the reason unemployment dropped to the fantasy level of 5.9% is that 315,000 more Americans dropped out of the Labor Force (in one month).

Where did they go? Most of them dropped off unemployment to get on welfare, food stamps, or disability. Many of them waited until reaching age 62 or 65 to join the Social Security rolls. They just barely hung on until retirement age and will never work again. Where will America get the money to pay for all these welfare,

food stamp, disability, and Social Security checks? We're already broke. This just adds to the crushing, unsustainable \$18 trillion debt.

This isn't good news. It's a disaster.

Adding to the misery, the Labor Force Participation rate just dropped to the lowest in 36 years. There are now 92.6 million working-age Americans not working.

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Like those late night infomercials say: "But wait. There's more!"

How can 248,000 new jobs be a good thing if average hourly wages just dropped for only the 6th time since the failure of Lehman Brothers?

The middle class isn't getting richer, it's getting poorer. Under Obama we are struggling to survive, we are struggling to pay bills — that's if we keep our jobs.

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The bad news is coming in waves. The only people being hired are your grandparents. 230,000 of the new jobs went to those in the 55- to 69-year-old age group. In the prime working age group of 24 to 54 years old, 10,000 jobs were lost. Yes, I said lost.

Holy freaking batman! What is happening? It means grandma and grandpa are desperate and willing to take grandson's low wage job to survive

until Social Security kicks in. The U.S. workforce is now the oldest in history. And if grandpa has to work (out of desperation) until the day he dies, there will never be any decent jobs for the grandkids.

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But I've saved the worst news for last. What good is the news of 248,000 new jobs if they are all part-time or low-wage jobs? Four of the five new jobs were in the lowest quality categories.

Obama is creating a nation of desperate, government-dependent minimum wage workers. If you lose your \$100,000 job, get ready to clean toilets, flip burgers, mow lawns, or work at The Gap, because that's all that's available among the new jobs.

Welcome to Obama's America where up is down; where bad news is reported as good news; where old is the new young (because only old people work anymore); where minimum wage is this president's obsession because minimum wage jobs are the centerpiece of the Obama economy.

This, folks, is an unmitigated disaster. This is the murder of the middle class.

And...

This jobs report is pure fraud.

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Charges Against Connecticut Democrat Could Severely Damage the Left's Argument That Voter Fraud Doesn't Exist

by Jason Howerton,
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Police arrested Connecticut state Rep. Christina "Tita" Ayala (D-Bridgeport) Friday on 19 voting fraud charges. The Chief State's Attorney's Office said in a press release that Ayala allegedly voted in local and state elections in districts where she does not reside.

Ayala also allegedly fabricated evidence to investigators with the state Election Enforcement Commission, providing an inaccurate address to justify her voting in a district where she doesn't actually live, according to an arrest warrant affidavit.

The voter fraud charges come after the Elections Enforcement Commission referred the case to the Office of the Chief State's Attorney and recommended criminal charges in 2013.

More from the New Haven Register:

Ayala allegedly voted in various Bridgeport Democratic Town Committee elections, a municipal primary election and a state primary election between 2009 and 2012 in districts inconsistent with the location of her residence, according to the release. She is also accused of voting in the Bridgeport state general election in 2012 in a district where she didn't live.

According to the Connecticut Post, Ayala's mother, Santa, was also investigated by the Elections Enforcement Commis-

sion. The commission also recommended criminal charges be filed against Santa Ayala, the Democratic registrar of voters in Bridgeport, but none have been filed as of Friday. Christina Ayala was charged with eight counts of fraudulent voting, 10 counts of primary or enrollment violations and one count of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Ayala faces the possibility of decades in prison if convicted on all charges as "fraudulent voting is a felony punishable by not less than one year or more than two years in prison and a fine of \$300 to \$500 per count" and primary or enrollment violations and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence comes with a "maximum prison sentence of up to five years per count," according to the Register.

This is not her first experience with the criminal justice system either.

Roughly two years ago, Ayala was fined for her involvement in a hit-and-run car accident. She later faced domestic violence charges after she got into a fight with her boyfriend, but they were dropped when she completed required counseling.

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~ Thomas Jefferson

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Senator Rand Paul, R-KY, introduced an amendment that would have removed the ban entirely. There was considerable support for the amendment, with Democrat senators complaining that it was designed to force them to a vote on second amendment issues before the 2014 elections.

That choice irked several Democrats on the commit-

tee who ended up voting on the parking lot carve-out but didn't want to vote on allowing guns to be carried inside buildings.

"There's no question on the issue of where I stand on Second Amendment rights," Mr. Begich said. "You want to vote on the parking lot issue? Let's vote on that right now."

Sen. Jon Tester, Montana Democrat, said the initial amendment was purely political and designed to provide fodder for attack ads

opposing pro-gun senators who opted to vote against the broader lifting of the ban.

I have yet to see any rational reason for the ban, other than to demonstrate the federal government's ability to infringe on second amendment rights.

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CANDIDATES

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tion and that Commissioners needs to ask themselves if the county is in better shape than it was when they took office.

The Sheriff and opponent Skip Moreau went through the same format and candidate Moreau has a great deal to overcome with a very popular sitting sheriff.

Skip listed his qualifications in his opening statements as having been a law enforcement officer and business owner himself. He said that he would change and improve upon the training for the Sheriff's Department, cut spending on medical care for prisoners and on catered meals.

Candidate Moreau said that he would like to see GPS implemented so that they would know where everyone is at all of the time. He listed narcotics as the #1 problem in the county with marijuana #2 and professionalism in the department as #3. Also a big concern would be the issues that we may have with "Over the River" if it comes, he said. His biggest criticism for the

department was spending too much on medical care for prisoners as well as food costs.

Skip was challenged when he said that the Sheriff in Fremont County had more authority than the FBI or CIA with Sheriff Becker rebuffing him saying none of them answer to him and that he tries to form relationships with them so things run smoothly when they are involved. Sheriff Becker also said that he supports doing away with conceal carry and that he isn't making money on the fees. He defended the costs of medical care and the liabilities involved and also that of catering saying it costs \$1.43 a day to feed prisoners.

The Sheriff listed the number one issue in the county as being the budget since he was very careful how he spends the money recently awarded the department by the voters and that the jail would already have gone under if he hadn't been carefully managing it.

The Sheriff was asked about the marijuana issue. He explained how it will affect road safety and how we are 400 times more likely to be killed by an impaired driver that by a gun. The cartels are here, he said, with certainty, and are

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NO ACCOUNTABILITY YET!

NOW ON DAY #749

IRS TARGETING OF CONSERVATIVE GROUPS ADMITTED BY LOIS LERNER.

NO ACCOUNTABILITY YET!

NOW ON DAY #518

OBAMACARE STARTED ON OCTOBER 1, 2013, BASED ON LIES, INCOMPETENCE AND BUDGET BREAKERS. NEEDS TO BE REPEALED.

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