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Freedom Rings Scholarship Winners

by: Barbara Penezic

The All American Freedom Festival held last Saturday in Vet-

eran's Park in Cañon City was a resounding success with hundreds attending (see page 16 for more). Part of the event was the award-

ing of the Freedom Rings Scholarships. The scholarship awards were based on an essay contest for any Fremont County high school se-

nior writing an essay on the subject "What Freedom Means to Me in 2014". Below are the three winners and their essays.



Freedom Rings

By Elise Green-Miller

1st place

Freedom can be symbolized in many ways. For some it can be the colors of our American flag waving in the wind, or the gun shots that still ring through the crisp air, as we pay respect to the soldiers that fought for our country. Also it can simply be the lyrics to Lee Greenwood's song, "Proud to be an American", and grilling hamburgers and hotdogs while fireworks shoot into the air. No matter what Freedom means to you, I believe that Freedom is in the heart. Freedom is the basis of the Constitution, laws, and rights, but it's more than that. Whether it's the ability to make a difference, get an education, or the chance to practice religion, these are all different aspects that help make up what Freedom means to me.

See GREEN- MILLER on page 23



What Freedom
Means to Me
in 2014

By Matthew Miller

2nd place

When I was in sixth grade, my history teacher taught me a principal that has been forever lodged in my mind. He said, "Allow me to have the chance to fail. Only then will I have the chance to succeed." This statement to me means that if you are in a situation where there are no consequences for your actions, then there are also no benefits. The ability to make your own decisions, without someone else interfering, is what freedom means to me.

The main goal for the creation of the Constitu-

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A Gift Not Given

By Claire Lamman

3rd place

Every autumn, the apple trees behind my grandparent's house become heavy with sweet golden apples. As a small, adventurous child it was always my job to climb up high and pick the apples at the very top of the tree. My family and I gathered boxes and boxes of fruit, which we brought to my grandma in the kitchen. I helped Grandma skin and cut the apples until it felt like my fingers would fall off, while Grandpa prepared the pie crusts. It always takes a lot of work, but when those pies first start coming out of the oven it's as if heaven descends upon my grandparent's little kitchen. The first bite is always the best. The warm, flaky crust combined with juicy, cinnamon apples never fails to fill me with warm satisfaction.

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the same mountains!

We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not granted to us by politicians or governments. Freedom demands responsible behavior of all citizens and must be consistent with the truths expressed in the great moral and governing guides as The Ten Commandments, The Declaration of Independence, The U.S. Constitution, and The Bill of Rights.

These were the principles that guided our founding fathers and which we believe are still relevant. These are the principles that will guide our reporting and be the basis of all our views.

We will not be constrained by the illogical, misleading and inaccurate thinking and use of "political correctness" but by truth, facts, logic and common sense.

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING



The "midterm" election ballots were mailed out last Tuesday. Some concerned citizens have already voted and mailed their ballots back. Some are still thinking about how they want to vote and some are "old-fashioned" and plan to vote on Election Day, November 4th. "Midterm" elections overall have a low percentage of voters casting ballots. Across the nation it runs between 23% and 45% in many places. If that's accurate and the votes are split near 50-50 that means that some candidates are elected and some amendments or propositions are passed by 12-22% of the eligible voters. These are just rough numbers to make a point. Why should only 23-25% of the citizens decide what happens or who gets to be governor of a state? Too many Americans don't exercise their right to vote. This election is critically important to Colorado. We were speaking to State Senator Kevin Grantham in Cañon City last Saturday at a big Freedom Rally to enhance the vote. He said these races for U.S. Senator, Governor, and several State legislative positions are very close. He made the point that rural Coloradans can make the difference if they will just vote. We know that turn out, or in our state's case now the "mail in" rate, will decide

if we continue with the most liberal U.S. Senator in America representing us. Mark Udall has not distinguished himself as an elected representative to support the conservative citizens of Colorado. His record and his campaign are so bad that last weekend the Denver Post endorsed Cory Gardner. Yes, that's right; the Denver Post wants Udall out of the seat. They actually called his "one-issue campaign" obnoxious. Rural Coloradans can elect Mr. Gardner and help Colorado and the United

Why should only 23-25% of the citizens decide what happens or who gets to be governor of a state?

States at the same time. Recently, Barack Obama said that although he personally was not on the ballot, his policies most certainly were. The Democrats almost fainted nationwide. This is exactly what they don't want us to think. But it is exactly the absolute truth. Obama's policies are on trial here. Stopping Harry Reid and the U.S.

Senate from promoting them is a tremendous step in the right direction. Rural Colorado can make a difference. We can stop Obama's failed policies. Vote, in person or by mail, but just vote! Here are a few more endorsements for your consideration. **Vote YES on Amendment 67.** It is time to protect the unborn and make sure they also have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The argument against protecting the unborn is that it MIGHT cause confusion and punish doctors and others because of misunderstandings. We believe that many laws cause confusion. Just look at Obamacare. Even the Democrats didn't know what they were passing and how terrible the unintended consequences would be. However, they are quick to point out that is normal and they just need to fix it, not destroy it. The same logic can be used here. Let's protect the unborn first and work out any problems along the way. Those that believe in the sanctity of life just want the unborns' rights protected. When a drunk or marijuana-influenced driver, kills a pregnant woman, that's two dead people. When a thug or criminal assaults a pregnant woman and the baby is lost, that is a life taken. We believe that's worth the initial confirming of a law

protecting the unborn. The law can be sorted out later. Protect the unborn. We vote **yes on Amendment 67.**

Vote NO on 4A. We know there are strong feelings on this local issue on both sides. However, a no vote on 4A is not a vote against the Ambulance Service in the county. We need that service. It's a vote saying the Clinic needs to adjust the services provided. More money allows the status quo to continue. Many in this community believe we need a more modest clinic, not a full service medical center, and a more robust Ambulance Corps. We believe the Clinic needs to downsize its overall operation and overhead, while making sure the community is protected with a full time and rapid responding emergency service to get critical patients to a full service hospital more quickly. The size of our community and its tax base will not support a full service medical center with all the nice things to have. A former board member called these luxuries. We cannot afford "luxuries" in our small county. A more modest clinic that serves to handle things like some stitches, stabilizing a broken arm, and handling coughs and colds, while able to rapidly get patients "down the hill" for more intensive care might serve this community better. You

are certainly free to disagree, however, according to many residents, who have lived here most or all of their lives, this can be a workable solution. We all need a rapid and trained ambulance service. We don't all need a clinic operation too large and robust for the community. Many go "down the hill" now to see other doctors and get treatment. The overhead to operate a large clinic here stresses the whole system. Couple all that with a large population of Medicare and Medicaid patients and we believe reform is necessary. **We vote no on 4A.**

Over the course of the last few weeks, we have shared our thoughts and recommendations with you on many important ballot issues and candidates. We recognize that you will not always agree with us 100% of the time. That's the beautiful thing about America. We are all free to believe as we desire. We hope that many of you have found our information and endorsements thought provoking at least. We also hope our efforts helped make you an informed voter regardless of your personal choices. The important thing is that you vote so the true will of the people is exercised. We urge all eligible voters to exercise this most critical constitutional right.

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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
- Representative To The 114th United States Congress - District 3
☒ Scott R. Tipton
- Governor/Lieutenant Governor
☒ Bob Beauprez / Jill Repella
- Secretary of State
☒ Wayne W. Williams
- State Treasurer
☒ Walker Stapleton
- Attorney General
☒ 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

URGENT UPDATE: It was just discovered last week that the clinic will be taking \$102,608 out of the estimated \$280,000 tax levy for existing, already-paid-for administration expenses (e.g.: the Executive Director's salary). This has NOT been previously disclosed by the clinic. Vote NO on 4A!

*So much for their claim
that the mill levy is all going to EMS!*

Hickenlooper to Rural Colorado: They "Didn't Appreciate" My "Complicated" Electricity Hike *See article on page 10*

SLAP IN THE FACE: Coloradoan Refuses to Endorse Udall Even Though He was the Only Senate Candidate Who Met With Them *See article on page 10*

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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Thank you, from Roger Holm's Family

"My family and I wish to thank the people who kept Roger Holm in their prayers during his long illness, also those who called, sent cards and brought food. A special thanks to Pastor Richard von Steinman, the Sheriff's Dept., and the Custer Co. Ambulance Service for their care and concern.

A very special thank you goes to all who donated blood the past few years as you helped to sustain Roger's life with many transfusions."

Sincerely,
Janet Holm

Why I'm Voting NO on the Mill Levy Increase

Dear Editor,

Here's why I'm voting NO on the EMS mill levy increase.

A posting on the Custer County Clinic website states that EMS does about 230 transports per year. There are 365 days in a year. You do the math. What do they do the rest of the time? They sleep, watch TV, and some run personal business. How many of you get paid to do that? What ever happened to doing an honest day's work for an honest day's wage? They want to be paid \$10-\$15 per hour which is more than many of us make in this county. Why couldn't they work at the clinic in between transports? Or are they

too good for that? We are being manipulated and blackmailed by the current EMS corp. Have you noticed how they always threaten to walk if they don't get their way? They want to play the part of the victim. And, the Hospital District Board is going along with them because they can't come up with any solutions other than getting more money from us.

The harsh reality is that even having an ambulance service doesn't mean that it will be available when you need it. We've already had a death in the county because the ambulance was on another run. Sadly, that will happen again no matter how much money

we throw at it.

Currently there is a RE-TAC evaluation of our local EMS operations going on. They will give their professional assessment in December. That's after the election. Why on earth would we vote for a tax increase before we even have those results? Once a mill levy is voted in it NEVER goes away. We just keep paying more and more.

I'm not against having EMS but this is such a mess that we shouldn't blindly vote to pay more taxes as a stop gap measure. That's ridiculous.

Sincerely,
Pat McKnight,
Rural Westcliffe

In Favor of the Mill Levy Increase

Most of us know the mill levy request for additional funding to keep EMS (ambulance service) "up and running" will again be on the November ballot. We feel as an interested group in Custer County we need to speak out on this issue. If the mill levy does not pass, one of several things can happen.

1. The Hospital District (both the clinic and EMS) will quickly be in financial jeopardy with serious consequences. The clinic and EMS are financially tied together under one district, what happens to one happens to the other. Neither can operate without mill levy subsidies. When EMS costs rise due to higher costs such as employees, there must be added revenue to cover the costs. If not, both clinic and EMS are in trouble. Both EMS and the clinic are critical to our community and we MUST keep both. The idea of closing one to save the other makes no sense, both are badly needed.

2. If we do nothing, then that's what we will get NOTHING.

3. With no ambulance or clinic services, jobs will be lost, decreased income for the county, leading to more lost jobs, leading to less people moving to Custer Co., leads to loss in property values and our investments go way down and we continue to have No medical services.

If we pass the 3 mill levy each residential property tax will increase by \$24 per \$100,000 assessed value of the property and \$87 per year for commercial, vacant

land, and agricultural property. Most of us would pay less than \$100 per year for our residence.

It looks like we all need to step up and make an investment in our own lives as well as that of our neighbors and our community.

This is NOT about politics. It is NOT about being a Democrat or a Republican or supporting the Tea Party. It's about taking care of ourselves, our families, and our neighbors in Custer County. If the ambulance service goes away it will be totally impossible to ever re-establish it again. The costs are too prohibitive and no current ambulance wants to invest huge amounts of dollars for such a small return to start up a new ambulance.

During the recent American Legion Westcliffe Post 170 meeting a majority of those attending voted to send this letter and show our support of the mill levy as on the ballot 4A. Each member in attendance received a briefing on the above issues, a handout of the mill levy language and a copy of this letter.

Thank you for allowing us to voice our concern and continue to show our care and support for our neighbors in Custer County.

For God and Country,
The American Legion Westcliffe Post 170
(Carol S. Kennedy,
Dept. of Colorado Past Commander/Past Post 170 Commander)

***Do not be deceived, God is not mocked;
For whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.***

Galatians 6:7, NKJV

***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!***

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Ask a Pro: 'Pissy' Pumps: the 5 GPM Model/Series

The pump mentioned in the previous article wasn't adequate for 2 people in one bathroom; it was a 5 GPM series pump. Manufactures generally make pumps in 5-7-10-13and 18+ GPM models. They offer pumps in different HP and number of stages to cover a wide range of depths.

We use the 7&10 GPM series for cabins and the 10 to 18 GPM pumps for homes. Some trophy homes require even more. Even on trophy homes we see 5&7 GPM pumps installed. Talk about 'pissy'.

We see a lot of 1 ½ HP -5 GPM pumps in the valley which is the largest made in the 5 GPM series. It pushes the design parameters and is the one model

in each manufacture's line most prone to failure.

The 1 ½ HP -5 GPM pump's warranty rate is several hundred percent greater than all other models together. We just don't use it.... We know what works, what lasts and why; thanks to many factory schools. My first was Sta-rite Pumps in 1979, Goulds in 1985, Jacuzzi 1990, Grundfos, Red Jacket and more.

-David Nequette /Lic. 1043

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EMS First - Clinic Second

(Editor/GG: We had to delete a small paragraph in the Candelaria's letter. It had an allegation we couldn't confirm.)

This letter is long overdue, but now is a good time for it to be published.

The clinic administration and the hospital board (to greater and lesser degrees depending on the board) hold EMS as the stepchild of the Emergency Medical System here in Custer County.

"EMS is a financial burden," not pulling its own weight. The fact is, if EMS could keep the money it makes and is allocated under the existing mill levy, it is self supporting. And perhaps a better place to tighten the WCCHD belt would be to shave the exorbitant salaries of the administrator, the CFO, and the administrative assistant. Or to get rid of those positions altogether, and go back to a family doctor clinic which worked very well for many years.

The hospital board wants more money, another mill levy, with the stale promise of giving the funds to EMS. EMS wants to leave the clinic auspices and become its own special district (like the fire department). This move would be much more possible with funds from a new mill levy. The funds raised by the pig roast this summer (which EMS wanted to use to become a special district) are being held by the hospital district, and therefore cannot be used to fund another special district. Once again, the clinic has EMS money. An-

other big caveat is that the current administrator of the hospital district, Delwin Lester, gets to decide how much of any new mill levy money goes to "administrative fees" for EMS. This being the same Delwin Lester who on many occasions has reminded the ambulance corps of how many EMS services he has shut down. There is still no defined budget for EMS vs. clinic costs; and Mr. Lester gets to decide. EMS has not been invited to the meetings discussing its own budget. The EMS share of the burden may include legal fees, and EMS is not being sued.

EMS has also been told it will shut down if the mill levy is not passed. No opinion has been rendered as to shutting down the clinic in that same case. The hospital board (some of the same members) and the last clinic administration tried to find out how ambulance corps members voted on the last mill levy threatening to fire individuals who did not support the levy. I believe these things are called blackmail.

For those of you who do not know us, I (Janny) have been involved in EMS in Custer County since 1997. We have been around the mill levy carousel before. More money alone will not fix the problem. New, fair, honest, concerned-for-the-community-not-their-own-pocket-keep-the-clinic-at-all-costs administrators is what is needed.

Gene and Janet Candelaria,
Rural Custer County

by Candi Sage,
Rural Custer County

A private group of investors and select Clinic/Hospital Board members and staff held a meeting, calling themselves, "Friends of the EMS". Vice-Chairman of the Clinic/Hospital Board, Bob Tobin, conducted the meeting.

Following the presentation of why this group believes in supporting the mill levy, a few questions were read and some attempt in answering was presented. Several EMS members were seen standing in the back shaking their heads in disagreement to the information the Clinic/Hospital Board was attempting to convey.

These actions would lead one to wonder if those claiming to be 'friends of the EMS' were true friends or not. Unfortunately, after a short break many left too early and did not hear answers to specific probing questions, some by the EMS members themselves. Had they listened to former hospital board member and Treasurer Chuck Ippilito who pleaded with the audience to stay and question the tactics of this board, they would have heard:

~ "THERE IS NO PLAN B IF THE MILL LEVY FAILS"... (Why not? Where is the leadership?)

~ By Clinic/Hospital District admission: the service plan has two components 1) to provide a 24/7 emergency clinic and 2) emergency medical services BOTH which the Clinic/Hospital District believes are achieved through the EMS. (So why need the clinic if the service plan is being met by the EMS? Under what authority is the clinic functioning?)

~ The Clinic cannot 'set' a broken bone nor provide stitches. (How can this be termed a clinic or a hospital if services such as these cannot be provided? Any x-rays need to be retaken at a facility that is authorized to treat/set broken bones.)

~ "33% of the budget goes to the EMS" (Can a budget be provided that substantiates this claim without recreating one? Why doesn't the entire budget go to the EMS since the claim was made that the 1988 service plan components are being provided by the EMS?)

~ Former Hospital Board Treasurer disagreeing with the mill levy and the numbers provided during the presentation. (Does his resignation and non-supportive stance make anyone else question these "Friends of EMS" motives, tactics, as well as the facts?)

Had those who left stayed they would have also seen and understood that the EMS personnel have been:

~ Backed into a corner, unfairly blamed, and lied to over various issues including the ordering and provision of supplies and drugs needed for the ambulances, monies allocated specifically for EMS - then taken away from them by clinic administration.

~ Undervalued both as personnel and monetarily.

~ Treated in a manner unbecoming of professionals by the clinic administration and the Hospital Board.

Still, after the meeting, many unanswered questions remain and more are brought to the forefront;

1) How can the clinic function as a county clinic using taxpayer monies without a service plan since the 1988 service plan is covered by the EMS?

2) Shouldn't the voters decide if we should have a clinic and what the clinic will provide now that the EMS is providing all components of the 1988 service plan?

3) Would it be better if we just start over and put EMS #1 with the existing mill levy since we can't get any emergency services

at the clinic and the EMS is now considered by the hospital board as fulfilling the service plan?

4) Would it be better for us to truly befriend the EMS and make it priority #1 and Plan A for our community, scrapping the proposed mill levy?

5) Would it be better to consider any leftover monies from the existing mill levy to have a small, low overhead clinic for the minor health needs of the population and the salaries that fit our monetary demographics and within a budget?

6) Would it be better to spend the existing mill levy on the EMS entirely and consider renting the clinic space to already established doctors to provide their services to our community, supporting the community rather than asking for donations each month to stay financially viable?

For the reader's information, questions/suggestions #1,2,4,5, and 6 have already been suggested to the Clinic/Hospital Board from January until today in board meetings, community meetings, and the business forum vote. Mr. Tobin's statement during this meeting asking for suggestions and 'being open' should be noted that suggestions are seemingly welcomed only if it is to keep what they already have and give them more, without transparent accountability to taxpayers, what's wanted by, what's best for the taxpayers, or even considering other options benefiting our community than an increase in taxes.

For this author, my intent is to show you the other side and the entire picture which is not provided so you will have more information by which to vote. As with much else in our upcoming elections, I will openly call on God to intervene in the hearts and minds of all in our community and somehow help us in the mess we're in!



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Local Aviation Author, Bill Scott, to Share Stories

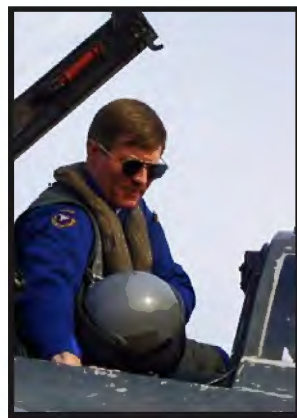
RPM — Routine, Professionalism, and Magic. These three words capsule Bill Scott's 40 plus years of flying as a pilot, U.S. Air Force Special Equipment Operator, military and civilian flight test engineer, and reporter/aircraft evaluator for Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine. On Friday, October 24, at 5 p.m., the West Custer County Library is hosting Scott's "RPM" presentation, a series of stories about his experiences that range from bailing out of a crippled aircraft during developmental stall tests to flying twice with the Navy's "Blue Angels" team.

"When my eyesight went south in the fifth grade, a Colorado kid's dreams of flight appeared to be grounded forever," said Scott. "Fortunately, the Air Force needed other types of fly-guys, not just eagle-eyed pilots. I was in-

credibly lucky to be selected for classified and flight test roles, ultimately logging more than 2,000 flight hours in 80 different types of aircraft."

Bill Scott is a co-author of three books: Space Wars: The First Six Hours of World War III; Counter-space: The Next Hours of World War III, and Inside the Stealth Bomber: The B-2 Story. A solo-written novel, The Permit, is based on the murder of his eldest son, Erik Scott. Following the "RPM" presentation, Scott will be available to sign his books.

Scott said he and his wife roamed Colorado's high country for two years before discovering the Wet Mountain Valley in 1996. "After a couple of real estate near-misses, we were blessed to find a small, rustic cabin in Tanglewood Acres," said Scott. Most of



Bill Scott climbing into the cockpit of an F-4.

courtesy photo

his novels have been written at "Fort Scott" over the past 17 summers.

The capacity for the library's Community Room is 50 people, so it is suggested that attendees arrive early to ensure a seat at this free presentation. For more information on the event, contact West Custer County Library Director Amy Moulton at 783-9138.

Southern Colorado Patriots Club Discusses Upcoming Election!

by Larry Luikart

The Southern Colorado Patriots Club (SCPC) sponsored a meeting last Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the upcoming elections and ballot issues. Mike Hess began the meeting with a synopsis of Independence Day Parade (IDP) matters in question. Beginning with the 2013 IDP he outlined, in detail, the ongoing open carry issues with The Custer County Democratic Central Committee (CCDCC). He worked his way through the failed attempt of the CCDCC to ban the open carry of firearms again in 2014. For 2015, the CCDCC is attempting to ban not only open carry but conceal and carry and the display of any signs supporting the Second Amendment. They also are proposing that no assembly shall take place during or after the parade where the discussion of Second Amendment rights are considered or discussed. According to one individual within the CCDCC the items are non-negotiable. Mr. Hess pointed out these requirements violate the First Amendment (free speech and assembly) and the Second Amendment (keep and bear arms). Furthermore, these requirements violate state law both in the right to open carry and to carry concealed by permit. The CCDCC proposed rules present a tremendous commentary regarding how far

this issue has progressed in the wrong direction. These new proposals for 2015 accentuate how out of control the CCDCC and its radical liberal socialists have become. While no formal proposal was made to the SCPC members at this meeting, a straw vote summarily, completely, absolutely, and by unanimous consensus rejected the entire CCDCC proposed parade rules.

Mr. Hess in a conciliatory gesture said he believed the Westcliffe Town Board is now in a difficult position. Yet there is ample evidence to suggest the Westcliffe Town Board is not "pure as the driven snow" in this matter. Normally, the previous sponsors of the parade were offered the "right of first refusal" before another group is allowed to provide sponsorship for the parade. They have not done that with the 2015 parade. Instead, they decided a so-called "controversy" exists in regard to open carry gun rights. The Westcliffe Town Board is not neutral on the gun issue. They demonstrate a definite anti-gun bias and they like the CCDCC should remember the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights trump any childish need for "harmony" as one Town Board member recently stated.

Moving on, Mr. Hess discussed each of the proposed candidates asking for audience input if there was

a differing opinion from the candidates endorsed. The SCPC is supporting Cory Gardner for United States Senator, Scott R. Tipton for District 3 United States Congressman, Bob Beauprez for Colorado Governor, and James D. "Jim" Wilson for District 60 Colorado State Representative, Wayne W. Williams for Secretary of State, Walker Stapleton for State Treasurer, and Cynthia Coffman for Attorney General.

All of the unopposed individuals for Custer County Offices received a positive recommendation. Shannon Byerly received a warm reception at the meeting as well as a very positive recommendation for election as Sheriff of Custer County. The question regarding the retention of judges on the ballot took on a rather interesting tone. "Should judges be retained simply because they are currently serving on the bench." The discussion was left to the individuals present to decide on their own.

The Amendments were considered next with Constitutional Amendment 67 "personhood" receiving a strong "Yes." Amendment 68 "horse track gaming" a strong "No." Proposition 104 "open meetings for collective bargaining" a

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Shocking Clinic News at Meeting: "Administrative" Costs to Devour Almost of Half of Mill Levy Tax!!

Executive Director's Salary is \$99,908 While EMS Workers Make \$8/hour!!



by Paul
'SageGrouse'
Sage

News,
Analysis and
Commentary

Executive Director Delwin Lester: Clinic Board Member Asks: "Is he worth that salary?"

West Custer County Hospital District Board Vice Chairman Bob Tobin relayed that question during his mill levy increase pitch at the ironically named "Friends of EMS" meeting held at Cliff Lanes on October 9th.

Amidst questioning about cutting costs and salaries at the clinic to better support the EMS with the half million dollars in tax money the district already receives to support the over two million dollar per year money losing venture, Mr. Tobin responded to a question about Mr. Lester's \$99,908.32 salary (based on WCCHD statement of revenues and expenses, 2012-2013) with "The administrator's salary is what we had to pay to get him," and followed up with the statement questioning whether he is worth it. This amount was \$20,082.50 over the amount set in the budget for the position, according to the same document.

Along the same line of questioning, a current Custer County EMT making the \$8.00-per-hour minimum wage all EMS workers are paid here questioned why "in September you gave across the board raises to everybody at the clinic - even a secretary that's only been there a month that starts at two dollars an hour more with no experience." He further questioned, "Why are they treated different than we're treated?" The Vice Chairman of the board that approves all such financial moves replied, "I cannot address or answer for past mistakes."

With an administrator that makes an hourly wage equal to what six first responders make in an hour, who has been anything but a "Friend of EMS", and is reported to have told them, "no money- we shut down EMS," the frustration level of these dedicated life savers was evident

at the meeting with both Mr. Lester and the board who employs him.

During this same meeting, Mr. Tobin presented information showing that \$102,608 of the \$280,000 mill levy being requested of the district taxpayers "exclusively for EMS" in the upcoming election would go to "administrative costs," fattening up the already top heavy clinic administrative budget. Questioned about how the district plans to continue operating between now and March of 2015 when money would begin to come in from the hoped for mill levy, board members Tobin and Bruser both emphasized that they were negotiating for a line of credit. "That's still a loan," Mr. Tobin said, and "We have to pay it back...We all have to pay it back," he continued, indicating that the taxpayers would be on the hook for this loan, also.

When questioned on how suddenly the Hospital District would be able to separate the budgets of the clinic and EMS when they previously claimed all the money went into "one pot" and separating the two wasn't possible, Mr. Tobin explained that "Theresa (the newly hired CFO) left the meeting (with the RETAC board) for about five minutes and came back and said, 'I got it.' So that's the answer: we got it." No explanation of what "it" was followed. It should be noted that Theresa, the new Chief Financial Officer replaces Mary Dice, who made \$59,212.81 (according to the previously quoted statement of revenues and expenses) and left the clinic in August stating that, "I shouldn't have to defend myself to my family" over the clinic's woes.

Asked what the board planned to do when the mill levy failed, Vice Chairman Tobin replied, "This is called the plan B question. What is your plan B?" He continued with, "The answer is, I'm hoping we don't have to confront that. However, we as a board are discussing what might happen and what we might have to do." He provided no clarification to bolster his claims of total transparency.

Some of the more revealing audience questions came

from the former Hospital District Board Treasurer, Chuck Ippolito who resigned over disagreement with the mill levy request. Mr. Ippolito pointed out that "a three mill levy will bring in about \$35,000 (additional) in specific ownership tax." He explained, "That's the tax you pay when you renew your license plates and all the taxing entities get a portion of that." He pointed out to Vice Chairman Tobin that "there's no mention of that \$35,000 and where it would go."

Mr. Ippolito challenged the proposed allocation of \$102,608 of the requested \$280,000 for administrative costs at the clinic. "Last year you asked (unsuccessfully) for a mill levy and there was no talk about any administrative costs being allocated to the EMS," Mr. Ippolito stated. He continued, "Those expenses are covered by the district. You have portions of people's salaries in those administrative costs - like the executive director and the finance person. They're going to receive the same pay whether EMS is there or EMS is not there." He questioned, "Why do that?" Mr. Tobin explained that this was part of the miraculous "five minute" budget rewriting program the new CFO came up with (even though she was not yet employed there when these numbers were arrived at).

When questioned by one of the current EMT personnel about why Ellie Czarnota, the current EMS manager appointed by this board, could not provide administration for the EMS, which she has volunteered to do to save money on the \$102,608 in administrative costs the clinic wants to skim off the top of the proposed mill levy, Mr. Tobin indicated that the person he approved to manage the EMS was not qualified to administer it. He indicated that instead, in the future the EMS would need its own administrator and "something that resembles a board," apparently to make it as inefficient and top heavy as the clinic.

Possibly the most productive statement of the evening from Vice Chairman Tobin at the "Friends of EMS" meeting was "buy your lotto ticket and dedicate it to EMS."



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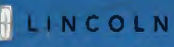
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Cotopaxi PRIDE

Cotopaxi Elementary students were recognized for their outstanding citizenship and PRIDE at a recent assembly. PRIDE is something that Cotopaxi School has celebrated for years now. It stands for Positive Attitude, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence. The following students were acknowledged for their positive attitude during the first quarter.

Back Row Left to right: Superintendent Randy Bohlander, Stephie Hamula, Mary Jane Konnonen, Ty Coleman, Wayne Ogden, Zachary Winkler, Principal Jackie Crabtree

Front Row left to right - Damien Street, Alex Highfill

courtesy photo by Brittany Tezak

Bobcats Volleyball

by Coach Cravens

The weekend was filled with volleyball for the Custer County volleyball team. The team hosted South Park and Cripple Creek on Friday and then traveled to the San Luis Valley on Saturday to play two matches.

The Bobcats went into the matches with a 10-4 overall record and 8-1 in Conference. To secure the second place spot for the District tournament, the Bobcats needed to play well on Friday. That is just what they did. Coming away with straight sets wins over both league foes, Madeleine Woods led the team with 11 kills for the day while McKenzie Penkoff followed with 10. Serenity Ham was the ace on the back line with 8 aces, and Emily Crossley served up 6 aces.

Saturday's trip to Center was filled with the anticipation of taking on the

conference-leading Sargent Farmers. Sargent was 14-1 on the season and 8th in the state polls. The Bobcats know the Farmers have a great program and are the team we are shooting for each year. The contest saw both teams going point-for-point in a see-saw battle. When you are playing good teams, your best players have to step up to the challenge. Woods came in ready scoring 9 of her match-high 14 kills in the first set. The Bobcats put up a fight, but lost the first set 21-25. The second set saw more of the same point-for-point battle with both teams not letting down. The Bobcats had a more rounded offensive attack with Woods and Penkoff having 4 kills apiece. The key to this set for the Bobcats was their defense. Crossley ended the match with 4 blocks and Tish Schlabach had 48 digs. Custer County won the second set 25-23. The third and fourth sets saw the Farmers show why they

have now won 16 straight matches. The Bobcats couldn't match their offensive power and lost the last two sets 13-25 & 21-25.

The final match of the day was against Center. The Bobcats bounced back from the defeat to Sargent to beat the Vikings in straight sets, 25-18, 25-23 & 25-21. The Bobcats were led by Tish Schlabach and Ham with 2 aces apiece and Penkoff banging 12 kills to the floor.

Custer County heads to Crested Butte this Saturday for the final regular season match. JV will start at 1:00 p.m. followed by the varsity. With securing the second seed in conference, the Bobcats will play a DISTRICT PLAYOFF MATCH AT HOME TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21 starting at 5:00 p.m., with their opponent to be determined by this week's matches. Please come out and support the Bobcats during their post-season run.

Bobcats Sport Schedule

CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, October 25
9:20 a.m.: CHSAA State Meet at Colorado Springs

VARSITY FOOTBALL
Friday, October 17
TBA: Kiowa AWAY

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

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

Tuesday, October 21
5 p.m.: District Playoff Match

GO BOBCATS!

Friday, October 31
TBA: District Playoff

Sunday, October 26
District: TBD

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Bobcats Fall to Simla

by Coach
Bomgardner

The Custer County Bobcats had their 2-game winning streak stopped by the Simla Cubs, 58-16 on a cool fall afternoon, Saturday, October 11, at Henrich Field. The Cubs came in as the 7th ranked team in state and quickly showed why.

Simla took the opening kickoff and marched 80 yards in 9 plays to take an 8-0 lead. The Cubs would score two more times in the quarter, but the Bobcats answered with a solid 10-play drive to bring the score to 20-8 at the end of the first quarter.

"We gave up a couple of easy scores on passes again," commented head coach Troy Bomgardner. "Our defense has to find a way to stop the easy, quick scores through the air. That has been a struggle for us all year."

The Cubs would score three more times in the first half to get up 40-8 at halftime.



Conner Rowley, top rusher, and a few of his blockers.

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

The Bobcats had a solid 50 yard drive in the second quarter, only to be cut short by penalties.

The second half was more like the first, with Simla scoring three more times and the Bobcats only managing one more score. The final score ended 58-16.

"This was a tough one for our boys," said Bomgardner. "We have felt like we are getting better each game, but Simla handed it to us. They are a top team in the state, and we want to get there. There were some positive notes as always, and we feel like we are learning to compete at the 8-man level."

Conner Rowley ended the game with 103 yards rushing. This ranks him as the top rusher in the state through 7 games, with

1159 yards. Rowley is one of only four 8-man rushers statewide to average over 10 yards a carry. "Conner had been a workhorse for us, and it is also a compliment to the guys who block for him: Justin Walden, Bryce Roscoe, Cody Lyons, C.J. Virden, Kody Aldrich, Randy Bailey, Andy Feldmann, and Edgar Pedigo," noted Bomgardner.

Jordan Rhodes added 54 yards passing, including a touchdown pass to Aldrich. Defensively, Rhodes led the Bobcats with 8 tackles. Virden and Pedigo each added a fumble recovery with Aldrich and Virden adding a sack also.

The Bobcats will travel to Kiowa this Friday for a 7:00 p.m. game, and will play at home the following week, Saturday, Oct. 25 at 1:00 p.m., against Hoehne.

Bobcats Cross Country

by Coach O'Callahan

The following results were for the Eric Wolf Invitational League Championship on October 10, 2014, at the Monte Vista Golf Course. The course was flat and mostly on grass in and around the golf course with several turns (3.1 miles for high school and 1.86 miles for middle school). The boys varsity placed 7th out of 9 teams overall, which included some 3A schools. They placed 3rd of 5 teams in the 2A Southern Peaks League.

The Bobcats fought hard, as all are preparing themselves for tough competition on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 16 (4:00 pm) at the City

Park Golf Course in Pueblo. This meet, the CHSSA Regionals, will decide who advances to the State Meet on Saturday October 25th, (9:20 a.m.) at the Penrose Equestrian Center in Colorado Springs.

The top 15 individuals overall and top three teams are expected to advance to State competition.

Special congratulations go out to Corey Lewenkamp for his repeat League Championship run! There were 67 boy runners, and the girls high school race was a field of 44.

For the middle schoolers, there were 74 girl runners, and 66 boys.

High School:	
Corey Lewenkamp:	17:11 (1st)
Michael Franta:	19:01 (21st)
Dillon Wommack:	19:26 (34th)
Wesley Kagen:	21:44 (56th)
Scott Freeburg:	22:20 (57th) Personal Record!
Michael Batson:	24:16 (64th)
Jess Franta:	25:42 (66th) Personal Record!
Kayli Short:	23:26 (21st)
Katlyn Freeburg:	23:50 (26th)
Middle School:	
Kayla Carter:	14:12 (18th)
Dalton Wommack:	13:12 (16th)

Bobcat Menu • Oct. 20 - Oct. 23 2014			
Monday breakfast Waffles Scrambled Eggs Juice, Milk lunch Chili w/ Crackers Choice of Veg Choice of Fruit Milk	Tuesday breakfast Egg Cheesewich Juice Milk lunch Corn Dog Birthday Cake Choice of Veg. & Fruit Milk	Wednesday breakfast Sausage Gravy Biscuits Fruit, Milk lunch Mac 'n' Cheese Choice of Veg. Choice of Fruit Milk	Thursday breakfast Scrambled Eggs WW, Toast Fruit, Milk lunch Beef Stroganoff, WW, Roll Choice of Veg. & Fruit Milk NO SCHOOL: K-5TH
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Bobcat Conner Rowley: Top Rusher in State

Conner is leading the state's 8-man teams with 1,159 yards in rushing. He is only one of four rushers in Colorado with an average of over 10 yards per game!

Way to go, Conner!

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

Bobcat Youth Basketball Sign-Up

Sign-up is starting NOW for the 2015 Bobcat Youth Basketball season. Registration forms are available at the main office at the school or you can call Kristen Foster at 783-0142 to get a form emailed to you or if you have questions.

The season will begin December 6th and run through February 28th with a break for Christmas.

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KIDS Friday, October 17, 2014

The Alaska Purchase

October 18th marks the anniversary of the Alaska Purchase.

Russia first approached the United States in 1859 to sell the territory known as Russian America. Russia was having financial difficulties, and the territory was remote, sparsely populated, and would be hard to defend. They feared losing it without compensation to the British who had settled in nearby British Columbia. No deal was reached, and the Civil War became the concern of Washington.

Andrew Johnson became president in 1865 after Lincoln's assassination, and Henry Seward was his Secretary of State. In 1867, Russia once again approached the United States about negotiating the purchase of the territory. On March 30, 1867, after an all-night session, the negotiations concluded with Seward signing a treaty. The treaty was ratified by the U.S. Senate, and the United States took possession on October 18, 1867. With great fanfare and the firing of canons from both countries, the Russian flag was lowered and the "Stars and Stripes" was raised.

The United States had bought 586,412 square miles (twice the size of Texas) for \$7.2 million which was less than two cents/acre. They chose the name "Alaska" from the Aleut word *alyeska*, which means "great land".

Many opposed this action and called it "Seward's Folly" or "Johnson's Polar Bear Garden". They claimed it was a frozen wilderness, located at an inconvenient distance. It would be a burden with no population, and contained nothing of value except fur-bearing animals that had already been extensively hunted. Some said it would not be worth taking even as a gift... unless gold (chuckle, chuckle) was found in the land. Gold was discovered in Alaska's Klondike River and 1896, and thus began the Alaskan Gold Rush era.

Alaska became our 49th state on January 3, 1959. Today, from that "Polar Bear Garden" America receives 25% of its oil and over 50% of its seafood.

Source: Wikipedia.org and History.com

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Custer County Historical and Genealogical Society: “The Mountain Men”

by Jim Silver

On Saturday evening, October 11th, the Historical and Genealogical Society members and guests were treated to a talk on “The Mountain Men” by retired-and-still-teaching history teacher Jim Bistodeau, following a meal at the Ranchers’ Roost meeting room. We learned that the impetus of the fur trade and corresponding western exploration of this country was the popularity of the beaver-skin hat in Europe in the 1840’s. The movie “Jeremiah Johnson” depicts the lifestyle of a “mountain man,” referred to by the speaker, and thus recommending this 1972 classic for re-watching. Large trading companies were established and the largest was the Hudson Bay Company. There was also the Missouri Fur Company, of Lewis and Clark fame, and the Rocky Mountain Fur Company from 1822-1833. Familiar names also associated with large trading companies included Jedediah Smith, Jim Bridger, and Kit Carson, who served as a guide to John C. Freemont, as well. Mr. Bistodeau pointed out that there were



Valley resident, Jim Bistodeau delivers his talk, including slides, for the Historical Society and guests.

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

three kinds of trappers: company men, trappers contracted to a company, and free trappers. Bringing the topic closer to home, Jeremiah Johnson was at one time a Deputy Sheriff in Leadville not far from our Wet Mountain Valley.

Out-going President of the Society, Herb Weimer, was honored, and new officers and board members were introduced. Dorothy Urban serves as President, Doris Gregor as Vice-President, and Gary Frickle as Treasurer. Herb had been President “forever,” and is the man to seek out for tapping into what he knows or to be pointed in the right direction for personal research and discovery.

The dinner and presentation by Jim Bistodeau marks the end of the 2014 season. Programs will resume in the early summer 2015, and will run from May until approximately this same time next year.

Hickenlooper to Rural Colorado: They “Didn’t Appreciate” My “Complicated” Electricity Hike

by PeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Please note that the bill he endorsed and signed raises rural electricity rates in Colorado by over a BILLION dollars, to help his big city friends. It includes the usual nutcase solar, wind, etc. infrastructure that will break and bankrupt us in the future.)

Gov. John Hickenlooper said this morning regarding his bill that raised electricity rates on rural Coloradans:

“It was a complicated bill that a lot of people in rural Colorado also didn’t appreciate.”

Gov. John Hickenlooper later on this morning:

“Several hundred bucks to a family is a big difference.”

PeakNation™, perhaps Hickenlooper just doesn’t realize you get to a billion dollars (the estimated costs in bigger electric bills of Hick’s forced mandate bill on rural Colorado) only by “several hundred bucks” from all rural Coloradan families. So Hick, on behalf of all the rural Coloradans who don’t appreciate paying higher electric rates, we here at the Peak would like to apologize on their behalf that

they “didn’t appreciate” your “complicated bill” enough for your liking. We know how infallible your faculties are, and that your judgments are second to none, that rural Coloradans just don’t understand how your dictates will make their lives better (you must feel towards rural Colorado what your BFF, former NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg, feels about all of Colorado).

See more at: <http://colorado-peakpolitics.com/2014/10/14/hick-rural-colorado-didnt-appreciate-complicated-electricity-hike/#sthash.ZyhaqBiC.dpuf>

SLAP IN THE FACE: Coloradoan Refuses to Endorse Udall Even Though He was the Only Senate Candidate Who Met With Them

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

We’ll be the first to admit that at the end of the day newspaper endorsements probably don’t sway many (if any) voters. What they do provide is momentum for a campaign and great fodder for TV ads.

We’ll admit it was fun watching The Denver Post endorse Cory Gardner last week, but what is possibly even more amazing is that the Fort Collins Coloradoan didn’t endorse anyone at all in Colorado’s U.S. Senate race. Never mind the fact that Udall actually sat down with the Coloradoan editorial board and Gardner apparently blew them

off. That still wasn’t enough of a reason for them to throw support behind Udall. His campaign is just that bad and that offensive.

Here is the advice the Coloradoan had for Udall:

Posing women’s reproductive issues as the most important issue in the state is wrong and stereotypical.

Colorado voters are smarter than you think.

The Coloradoan has been the true wild card of endorsements this year, earlier choosing Republican George Leing over U.S. Rep. Jared Polis. We’re

still trying to figure out what the heck happened in Polis’ editorial board meeting that caused them to be so angry at him. Maybe it was that whole trying to destroy Colorado’s economy with a statewide fracking ban thing.

But we digress. The point is that even though he was the only one who showed up for an editorial board with the Coloradoan, Udall still couldn’t manage to earn their support. And that is pretty darn sad.

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strong “Yes.” Proposition 105 “genetic food labeling,” “No.”

The last measure considered for discussion was the West Custer County Hospital District Ballot Issue 4A, “ three mill county tax increase.” This issue generated the most response from the audience. Several themes were presented in the discussion: The Board is not listening to the tax payers regarding this issue. “We the people” made it clear they want a strong EMS and some sort of lesser hospital district. The Board has and continues to act in just the opposite manner. The group focused on mismanagement issues; overstaffing, excessively high salaries for executives, and the idea that all incoming revenue is fungible were discussed. Ballot measure 4A in essence relies on the ethical good

will of the Hospital District to apply the new funds to the EMS and most of the attendees, based on past experience, doubted this would be done. Furthermore, the fiscal irresponsibility demonstrated so far by the Board provides enough impetus to ask why thinking, common-sense voters would give the District another two hundred and eighty-eight thousand dollars in tax revenue? Finally, voting against 4A is not a vote against the EMS. Rather, it is a vote demonstrating a lack of confidence for the current Board and administrators of the West Custer County Hospital District. Every person in the room agreed a strong EMS is required in Custer County but new tax revenue as proposed in 4A is throwing more good tax money into an already proven bad endeavor. The recommendation by the individuals present was a resounding “No” on the 4A ballot issue.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

C-1 School Board District 1 Director Jill Rowland Resigns

by Larry Luikart

In an unexpected announcement, District 1 School Board Director Jill Rowland tendered her resignation effectively immediately at the regular scheduled meeting Tuesday, October 14. The Board members during the vote unanimously accepted her resignation with expressed reluctance. Chris Selle, District Superintendent, along with Holly Anderson, Elementary Principal, and Barb Jones, Secondary Principal, expressed their thanks for the contributions that Ms. Rowland made to the advancement of goals and objectives in the District. Ms. Rowland's contributions especially in the preschool area were noted with great appreciation. Ms. Rowland will be moving to Florida to pursue other employment.

Mr. Selle explained that the Board has 60 days to appoint a replacement or the School Superintendent can then do so. Any interested candidate must be a registered elector of the school district for at least twelve months prior to the date of appointment. The elector must be a resident of District 1. Each candidate for appointment to the vacancy shall establish their eligibility to hold the office by submitting a sworn affidavit attesting to their qualifications for office by November 17, 2014, at the following address: Custer County School, P.O. Box 730, Westcliffe, CO. 81252. You cannot apply for this position if you have been convicted of a sexual offense against a child. The Board will interview the replacements in a public hearing on December 9, 2014. The selected candidate will serve until the next regular scheduled election in November 2015 when the successor will be elected to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

The Board heard in a joint meeting the goals for the District Accountability Committee. The Accountability Committee heard the requests from the Board in regard to their request for further needs. The Board expressed their desire to see the Accountability Committee integrate the components of the Strategic Plan into their goals and objectives. This recommendation was received in a positive manner. This will reduce redundancy and unnecessary effort. During the action items, the Board approved as required by the Accountability Charter, the current members of that Board.

During the public comments period, Carol Clemenson directed two questions to the Board regarding the Secondary En-

glish teacher and the Spanish teacher. She wanted to know if both teachers were being regularly evaluated. Mr. Selle indicated that formal evaluations of teachers only occurs once a year at the end of the school year. He went on to say both teachers have been monitored on a regular basis but he was not permitted to discuss the results of the monitoring. Mrs. Clemenson asked if mentors had been hired for both teachers. Mr. Selle said "yes" since August.

A concerned parent reported to the Board the process he had followed in regard to a charge that racial slurs, innuendos, and harassment have taken place against a student relative attending Custer County Schools. The parent indicated he received a confirmation of the allegations from one teacher and he said the Secondary Principal had done a good job in following through on the investigation. He was not satisfied with the Superintendent's reaction. He brought his concern to the Board. Director Lee indicated that this parent followed, in correct sequence, the steps necessary in such matters. The Board must investigate the allegations. The parent was advised to file a complete report outlining the allegations, including the names of all the individuals involved. The Board would then investigate to determine the validity of the allegations. An executive session would be held if necessary to interview those responsible if the allegations were proven true. *(Reporter's note: Any names mentioned are being withheld in respect for the parent, students and school employees involved until the investigation is completed. Really! I grew up in the 50's and 60's when this kind of idiotic behavior was being challenged. I really thought in the 21st Century we had as a people gotten beyond such despicable, intolerant and destructive behavior. If these allegations are proven true then such behavior should be treated with swift, effective punitive action against those responsible for these remarks.)*

Buffy Linz, the Spanish teacher reported that she has five Spanish students who wish to go on a trip to Costa Rica. Lisa Miller, a former Spanish teacher at C-1, will lead the students on their trip. The students are busy raising money for their trip in various ways. The tour is arranged by travel company ISE, and the C-1 students will travel with a group from Ferguson, Missouri, schools. This will be Lisa Miller's fifth trip in nine years and it marks the 50th student

from Custer County to attend. The trip will take place between March 13-27. The Board approved the request.

Director Davis reported she recently learned the C-1 District has been paying for services in the BOCES area but the District has not been receiving any benefits from the payments. She assured the Board the issue was going to be resolved.

Director Rowland reported she had observed as part of the Preschool Advisory Committee some of the activities of the little shavers. They have visited Crestone Graphics and spent time at the Fire Department recently.

Director Gaide reported she attended the Colorado Association of School Board (CASB) Delegate Assembly. CASB gives advice to the legislature in Denver regarding issues important to school districts across the state. The major decision from the meeting resulted in the CASB Assembly not supporting Amendment 68. Director Gaide reported that it was the decision of the Assembly that schools should not be supported by "sin taxes." The Assembly felt it was the responsibility of the citizens of the state to support schools through normal taxation processes.

The Board approved the hiring of Alan Paxton as the head baseball coach. The check vouchers and financial reports were approved. Mr. Selle reported on the purchase of a new school bus indicating the Blue

Bird package, although slightly more expensive is the correct bid. The formal acceptance was deferred to the November meeting. The 2014-15 budget was approved. Two policy decisions were approved. The second reading of Policy AD (Educational Philosophy / School District Mission) and the first reading of the CBI-R (Evaluation of superintendent - Regulation). A letter of support for the Dark Skies petition was approved. The Board approved a use of the current signature stamp until a new Secretary is appointed. The next item resulted in Director Jolley being approved as the new Secretary / Treasurer of the Board.

Holly Anderson, Elementary School Principal, reported on several areas in the elementary arena. A long look at the writing program in grades K-5 has resulted in significant changes to teaching and learning of writing. These changes are taking place as a result of the less than acceptable scores from the testing last year. Michelle Boyer, Early Childhood Education, from the Colorado Department of Education visited on September 30th. She shared some insights into Developmentally Appropriate Practice for Preschool and Kindergarten. Gifted and Talented students are being evaluated through BOCES and Dianne Bohach, library / technology teacher. The Christmas program has been evaluated by survey and a more reflective program of the values of the

school community will be the theme this year.

Barb Jones, Secondary Principal, reported the secondary teachers have been brain storming in the secondary department meetings on ways to improve instruction. In a rather pointed and on the record comment, Ms. Jones indicated she feels the students are involved in too much time consuming testing. The testing distracts and takes from teachers needed time to provide classroom instruction. Troy Bomgardner, lead the Freshman Parent Meeting on Tuesday, September 23, and the Senior Parent Meeting on Wednesday, September 24. A total of 12 parents came to the meetings. Principal Jones expressed some degree of frustration at the low parent participation. Homecoming week was safe and successful.

Superintendent Selle reported that the October count for all students attending the District at 396 as compared to 411 last year. The enrollment is 15 less than 2013. The budget for the District was planned at 385.9 FTE students and the final adjusted student FTE came in at 390.5. He made calls to all the parents of students who are homeschooled, attend online, or moved into neighboring districts. The students who changed districts either moved away or moved back with other family members. The homeschooled and online students chose that form of education due to curric-

ulum or social issues. The total student count in all areas involved thirty-five students. The funding of the District for 2015-16 is somewhat better but the drag on fiscal operations continues to be the negative factor in the state funding. The state student funding formula is calculated based on enrollment and then the state applies the negative factor. The negative factor for the District is 500 thousand dollars based on a 3.7 million dollar total budget. A thirteen percent loss is significant and it continues hamper the operations of the District. The analysis of the lighting upgrades done last year after factoring in continued cost increases by Black Hills Energy and actual kilowatt use reductions amount to a savings of approximately eight thousand dollars a year. The Technology Department had an Open House on September 24 with twenty attendees. The Strategic Plan goals continue to be followed and implemented. The Building Trades Project Selection Criteria has been formalized after some questions were asked concerning how projects are selected. Adult Education continues to move forward. It appears an Adult Basic Education program through BOCES for a GED will be available in January 2015. The visit from Senator Bennett was positive. State Representative Jim Wilson has been invited for a visit. A meeting took place on October 9 with the American Legion to discuss plans for Veterans Day.

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If you're looking for a place to see some classy cars, Pikes Peak Motor Company now has a location in Penrose at 62651 Highway 50. They sell antique, classic, and muscle cars and have a showroom of vintage vehicles. If you are interested in restoration, they also have project vehicles on their lot but do not do restoration themselves.

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Classifieds

For Rent

House for rent. 3 BR, 2 B with 2-car garage in Silver Cliff. \$800/mo + \$800 deposit. (719) 371-2063

For Sale

FSBO 5 acres north of Oak Creek Grade General Store. Call or see Jack or Audrey at 783-2245.

Help Wanted

Horn Creek, a Christian Ministry, seeks part-time administrative support. Responsibilities include event planning, administration, registration, phone, and reception. Requires computer and people skills. Able to multi-task. Love for community and camp ministry. **Email employment@horncreek.org with résumé** if interested.

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT! Looking for a few good

men, women, or youth interested in volunteering their writing/reporting skills and talents. Please contact the Sentinel by calling 783-3360 to arrange an appointment or submit intent of interest to sdc.sentinel@gmail.com.

Retired carpenter wanted 10-20+ hours/week for 2 months starting November 1. Call Douglas 783-3230

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 not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in employment.

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Sons and Brothers Concert, and Chamber Meeting

In concert at A Painted View Ranch this Saturday, Oct. 18, is the Valley's own ever-popular Sons and Brothers Band. The concert, which will include the Custer County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of Year presentation, gets underway at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 a person, and can be purchased in advance by going online to www.apaintedview.com or by calling 783-9300. Tickets can also be purchased at the gate.

Additionally, food, soda, beer, and wine will be available for purchase from 5 to 10 p.m. with proceeds benefiting the local Chamber of Commerce. Prior to the concert, the local Chamber will hold its annual membership/sponsorship meeting at 4:30 p.m. A Painted View Ranch is located some three miles west of town at 3115 CR 160.
Sons and Brothers Band combines the best elements

of western, bluegrass, gospel, and country music into one completely unique and eminently entertaining presentation of music and stories. Led by the three Wolking brothers, Mike, Aaron, and Joe, and filled out with the musical talents of everybody's favorite Uncle Fred Wolking, Denver's legendary fiddle master Johnny Neill, and the irrepressible Brian McClure, Sons and Brothers creates a rapport with the audience unlike any other. Whether it is power of the full six-piece band rocking to some new Americana swing or the simplicity of the all-acoustic brother trio, this band brings something for everybody to enjoy.

Previous recipients of the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award are Fred Jobe, Bill McAlee, Tony Papantonis, Herb Weimer, Anne Relph, Tom Flower, and Arlie Riggs.

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!

Come and Worship

Christian Science
9:30 a.m. Worship
8 Bassick Place
Westcliffe
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Church of Christ
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
1:30 p.m. Worship
Wed., 6 p.m.
818 Ohio Street
Silver Cliff
719/783-4601

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sangre de Cristo Fellowship
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Meet & Greet
10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship
7-9 p.m. Tuesday Prayer Meeting
120 Jerry Drive
Westcliffe
719/783-0903

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wild West Cowboy Church
4 p.m. Worship
Followed by Potluck
60260 Hwy. 69 North
Westcliffe
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719/783-2660
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108 S. 2nd St. • Westcliffe
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719/783-9516
Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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The Lodge at San Isabel
59 Cty. Rd. 371 • San Isabel
719/489-2280
Closed for Winter
Reopen in May

The Mining Company Restaurant
60 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9144
Mon., Thurs. - Sun., 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tues. 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Closed Wednesdays

Mi Pueblito Mexican Grill
216 Main Street
719-783-0416
Tues. - Sun., 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Nacho Mama's (Formerly Mavericks)
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Mon. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Oak Creek Grade General Store
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Fri. and Sat., 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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Sun. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Wed. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
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Thurs. - Sat., 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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Fri. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 2 a.m.

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425 S. 6th St. • Westcliffe
719/783-2748
Mon.-Sat., 6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
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411 Main St. B • Westcliffe
719/783-4045
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New hours after Christmas

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630 Main St. • Silver Cliff
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Sunday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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

Don't love the world and what it offers. Those who love the world don't have the Father's love in them. Not everything that the world offers-- physical gratification, greed, and extravagant lifestyles-- comes from the Father. I John 2:15 - 16 GW

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Events Calendar

Friday, October 17 10:30 a.m. - Noon: "Camp Happiness": children's program at the library; 783-9138 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Maze Runner"	Wednesday, October 22 9 a.m.: BOCC at Wetmore Fire Station
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 info 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Maze Runner"	Friday, October 24 5 p.m.: Presenter, Writer, Author William "Bill" Scott at the Westcliffe Public Library for presentation and book signing - "The Permit" and "Counterspace: The Next Hours of World War III"; Library 783-9138 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "Magic in the Moon light"
Sunday, October 19 2 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Maze Runner"	Saturday, October 25 8 a.m. - Noon: ACT Testing at CCSD library 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "Magic in the Moon light"
Monday, October 20 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Scholastic Book Fair in school library through Thursday 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	6:45 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March-October).
Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Custer County public transit service available to everyone through Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343	Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Library open in downtown Westcliffe; 783-9138
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	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
Monday and Thursday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff open to assist young mothers and families in need. Free pregnancy tests and counseling to pregnant women and more. Call 783-4357	Thursday Second Thursday of the Month: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., "Ask a Nurse" at the library
Tuesday 12:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Jammin' band at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff	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
First Tuesday of the Month: 6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting	Friday and Saturday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.: Share Center at 308 S. Third Street adjacent to Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe
	Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Library open in Westcliffe

Obituary

Kirk Charbonneau

Kirk Charbonneau, a 10-year resident of Westcliffe, passed away on October 11, 2014, in Pueblo, Colorado.

Kirk was born on March 2, 1944, in Beloit, Kansas, to Dr. Eugene and Audra Charbonneau. He attended Osborne High School and graduated with the class of 1962. On April 2, 1967, Judy Elliott and Kirk were married in Osborne, Kansas. They had a daughter, Sheri.

For thirty years Kirk worked as a locomotive engineer for BNSF. He served six years in the Army and National Guard. Kirk attended the Baptist Church, was a member of American Legion Post 170, belonged to an ATV club, the local historical society, and was a life member of the NRA.

Mr. Charbonneau is survived by his wife, Judy; daughter, Sheri, and her husband Laurin; and two grandchildren, Graham and Claire Hill.



In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the American Legion Post 170 at Post Office Box 424, Westcliffe, Colorado, 81252.

*For all the promises of God
in Him are Yes,
And in Him Amen,
to the glory of God through us.*

2 Corinthians 1:20, NKJV

Sheriff's Report...

As of Tuesday, October 14, there were 2 men and 1 woman in jail.

INCIDENTS

October 12 At 1400 hours, Raylean Washburn of Franktown, Colorado, reported that someone had broken two windows in her 2006 Subaru at Bishops Castle. The thief reached into the vehicle and stole two purses with credit cards and small amounts of cash that were on the seat. It appeared that the thief went directly to Loaf 'n Jug in Colorado City to purchase fuel as stated by the credit card company when Washburn reported the cards stolen.

October 8 A summons was issued to Arthur Micciulla, age 56, of Silver Cliff for harassment that occurred on October 1. Allegedly, Micciulla followed a female party to school and verbally harassed her about her driving practices.

ACCIDENTS

October 9 At 1820 hours, a 2008 Ford driven by Thomas Englehart, age 65, of Cotopaxi, attempted to park an ambulance at the bowling alley in Westcliffe located at 25 Main Street when he got too close to an unattended, parked 2004 Ford pickup truck owned by Robert Dreher. Minor damage was sustained to both vehicles.

October 4 At 1940 hours, a 2006 Toyota pickup truck driven by Thomas McGuire, age 59, of Cañon City was driving westbound on Highway 96 when he hit a deer near mile marker 8. There was moderate damage to the truck.

AMBULANCE CALLS

October 13 At 1913 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Bassick Lane for a 14-year-old female having breathing problems and chest pain.

She was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

October 10 At 2047 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Junkins Loop for a 34-year-old male having stomach pains. He was transported to Parkview Hospital.

October 8 At 1222 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the 9 mile marker on Copper Gulch. They stood down as the call was just across the Custer County/Fremont County line. Therefore, Deer Mountain ambulance responded and State Patrol worked the motorcycle crash.

FIRE CALLS

October 7 At 1717 hours, a fire truck was dispatched to Bunker Hill Road in Silver Cliff for a smoke investigation. Nothing was found. The smell of smoke was possibly from a control burn in Huerfano County.



A Painted View Ranch Event 2014

SONS & BROTHERS BAND CONCERT

SATURDAY

October 18, 2014

Food, beer and wine will be available for purchase from 5-10 pm

Served by the Custer County Chamber of Commerce

**CONCERT AT 7 PM
TICKETS \$25 PER PERSON**

*Citizen of the Year
Presentation*

Presented by A Painted View Ranch Partnering with Custer County Chamber of Commerce

TICKET INFORMATION

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forever and forever Amen!*

2 Timothy 4:18, NKJV

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Fremont RE-1**
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Fremont RE-2**
2nd Mon. at 7 p.m.
403 W. 5th St.
Florence

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

**County
Commissioners**
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Home Invasion in Cañon City

On Friday, October 10th, 2014, at about 0400 a.m., deputies responded to the 1700 block of Poplar in Cañon City on a report of an assault and home invasion.

The victim stated that two people, a white female described as approximately 5 feet tall, heavy set with brown mid-length hair and a black male approximately 5'10", stocky build with a black beard and black Jheri Curl-style hair, entered the home, assaulted the sole occupant of the house, and stole some of their belongings.

The two parties left in a dark blue 4-door sedan, possibly early 2000's model.

Cañon City Police Department believes this is an isolated incident and do not believe the public is in danger.

They are asking the public for assistance in getting the suspects identified. If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please call our dispatch at 719-784-3411 or Fremont County Crimestoppers at 719-275-STOP.

There is no nation on earth powerful enough to accomplish our overthrow. Our destruction, should it come at all, will be from another quarter. From the inattention of the people to the concerns of their government, from their carelessness and negligence. I fear that they may place too implicit a confidence in their public servants and fail properly to scrutinize their conduct that in this way they may become the instruments of their own undoing.

~Daniel Webster



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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.

Fear Not

With the government showing its weakness in protecting the general welfare of its citizens in border security, disease control, Islamic infiltration and colonization, economic policy, privacy, and more, it is easy for many to develop fear and depression. Please be reminded that the government is not God. Socialists, progressives, communists, or whatever “ists” the current Administration calls itself, it is neither God nor a replacement for God. There is only one true God as Jesus said in Mark 12:29, “The first of all the commandments is, ‘Hear O Israel; The LORD our GOD is ONE LORD.’” The government shall rest upon the LORD’s shoulders, not man’s. Government is not God. Do not fear.

Jesus said in Matthew 10:28, “And fear not them who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” You see, all the reports that our “president” is going to crack down on believers and patriots and conservatives after the election, you should be welled up with a righteous anger, but not full of fear. Even in those days leading up to the LORD’s return, Jesus told us in Matthew 10:19, “But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.” You have God-given courage within you. You are a courageous person. Do not fear.

The Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 1:7, “For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and

of love, and of a sound mind.” Do you not believe that during the time of Jesus and thereafter, his followers were highly persecuted? The government they were subjected to was far harsher than anything we have ever seen in America. Sure, we are concerned about the direction our country has taken, the betrayal of the foundational principles of this nation by those we elect, the moral condition of Americans. But we need not fear it. We do need to pray and act without fear if we are to have any hope of turning it around. As Peter and the Apostles said in Acts 5:29, “We ought to obey God rather than men.” Do not fear.

Ephesians 6:11-13 says, “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand.” As Peter wrote in 1 Peter 2:9, “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Put on your armor of light. Do not fear.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
www.dailyjot.com
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**He only is my rock
and my salvation;
He is my defense;
I shall not be moved.**

Psalm 62:6, NKJV

Yes, the Victims of Homofascism are Real & They’re Piling Up

by Matt Barber,
FreedomOutPost.com

Last week, two victims of the homofascist left’s Draconian “sexual orientation” laws received a standing ovation from the packed crowd at the Values Voters Summit in Washington, D.C.

Todd Starnes of Fox News reported earlier this year:

A family-owned Christian bakery, under investigation for refusing to bake a wedding cake for a lesbian couple, has been forced to close its doors after a vicious boycott by militant homosexual activists.

Sweet Cakes By Melissa posted a message on its Facebook page alerting customers that their Gresham, Oregon, retail store would be shut down after months of harassment from pro-gay marriage forces.

“Better is a poor man who walks in integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways,” read a posting from Proverbs on the bakery’s Facebook page.

“It’s a sad day for Christian business owners, and it’s a sad day for the First Amendment,” owner Aaron Klein told Starnes. “The LGBT attacks are the reason we are shutting down the shop. They have killed our business through mob tactics.”

Continued the report:

Last January, Aaron and Melissa Klein made national headlines when they refused to bake a wedding cake for a lesbian couple.

Klein tells me he has nothing against homosexuals, but because of their religious faith, the family simply cannot take part in gay wedding events.

“I believe marriage is between a man

and a woman,” he said. ‘I don’t want to help somebody celebrate a commitment to a lifetime of sin.’”

To be sure, Mr. Klein did not “discriminate” against the lesbian couple because of their “sexual orientation.” If that same lesbian couple ordered a birthday cake that didn’t require the endorsement of a repugnant message or event, Mr. Klein would, no doubt, be happy to serve. He and his wife said as much and indicated, in fact, that their lesbian harasser was a repeat customer.

What if the lesbian’s straight brother came in and ordered the “gay wedding” cake as a surprise for his sister? If Mr. Klein refused, would he be guilty of discrimination because of the brother’s heterosexual “orientation”?

Of course not. And neither is he guilty here.

If a black man entered the store and ordered a birthday cake for his son, and Mr. Klein refused because of the customer’s race, then that would be unlawful discrimination. If that same black man ordered a “Kill Whitey” cake for a Black Panthers rally, and Klein refused, it would not be discrimination. The latter scenario is analogous to Mr. Klein’s and other Christian business owners’ refusal to provide services for “gay weddings” and similar such events (photographers, printers, bakers, florists and the like). The former scenario is not.

Would we charge a Muslim caterer with discrimination for refusing to serve Honey Baked Ham and BLTs at a decidedly unkosher bar mitzvah?

No.

Then why are we charging Christians with discrimination for refusing to en-

dorse a message or event that Christianity itself finds expressly repugnant – that the Bible calls “an abomination”?

This young Christian couple with five children now faces \$150,000 in fines and legal fees and potential bankruptcy with no source of income.

Seriously, you “gay” activists – and other George-Orwell-characters-come-to-life like Brad Avakian – need to lighten up and take a step back. (Avakian is Oregon’s Labor Commissioner. He filed charges against the Kleins.) You’re not helping your cause. Christians aren’t “discriminating” against you because of your “sexual orientation.” We just refuse to endorse sinful lifestyles, behaviors, messages, or events. And guess what? It’s our constitutional right to do so. The First Amendment trumps your newfangled “sexual orientation non-discrimination laws.”

Yet, even if it didn’t, God’s law supersedes man’s law.

Every time.

These are just two victims of the homofascist war on Christianity. These are real people with real lives and, now, very real troubles. Make no mistake. There will be many more victims just like the Kleins until America stands up and demands a return to religious liberty guaranteed by our founding documents. The left needs to get this through its thick skull. Many Christians simply refuse to disobey the just laws of God in order to obey the unjust (and invalid) laws of corrupt men, women and, well, whatever.

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School Bans Birthday Cakes to Comply with Michelle O’s Rules

by Kyle Olsen,
EAGNews.org

BURLINGTON, Ky. – It’s your birthday. Have a bookmark.

That’s about as exciting as it will get in Burlington Elementary School, now that it has conformed to federal school snack regulations championed by First Lady Michelle Obama.

The Cincinnati Enquirer reports the school within the Boone County, Kentucky, system banned cake, ice cream, and any other food for birthday celebrations.

“Non-food treats are still allowed. The policy gives as examples pencils, erasers, bookmarks,” the paper reports.

“We’re finding it difficult to be the first,” says parent Valerie Bailey, whose son

goes to Burlington Elementary and helped write the policy.

As part of the regulations, schools are required to create a “wellness policy” that dictates snacks and fundraisers.

“Parents say it’s not fair. But we hope it sends a message to the parents and kids, especially with the obesity rate being so high, and puts a bug in their ear.”

“It’s not up to us to tell parents what to do,” school wellness employee Kathy Reutman tells the Enquirer.

“But when children are in our care we make sure that nothing gets in the way of them and their learning. Food allergies or too much sugar get in the way of that.”

School employees claim

there were as many as three birthday celebrations some days and it was too much.

But their bigger emphasis is on obesity and complying with the rules from Washington, D.C.

“There was quite a bit of push back the first week,” Bailey says. “But once people started seeing the reasoning for it and realizing there were other options, they’re starting to get creative and find alternatives to still celebrate birthdays.”

One option floated by the school was to have a “jump



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rope” party where instead of eating cake, the kids would jump rope. Yum.

The nearby Forth Thomas district has dropped out of the National School Lunch Program, foregoing the federal reimbursements, but retaining local control.

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Offended High School Officials Ban National Guard Shirts Over RIFLE IMAGE

by Eric Owens,
DailyCaller.com

In the latest incident of anti-gun hysteria to erupt in a school setting, administrators at a high school in small-town upstate New York ordered an Army National Guard recruiter to stop handing out National Guard-emblazoned T-shirts because the shirts include the silhouette of an American soldier holding a rifle.

The incident happened on Friday at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, a taxpayer-funded public school about 20 miles south of Albany, the Times Union reports.

The light olive green shirts featured the words “National Guard,” a large American flag draped vertically downward, and a silhouetted soldier wearing a helmet and carrying a rifle — something soldiers often do when called upon to defend the country.

School District Superintendent Alan McCartney defended the decision to outlaw the shirts.

“This has nothing to do with patriotism, nothing to do with anybody disliking the military,” McCartney told local CBS affiliate WRGB. “It has nothing to do with the recruiter himself. It just has to do

with the fact that there was a weapon on the shirt and that just doesn’t have a place in a high school.”

The superintendent also raised other concerns.

“One of the problems you have in school during this period in our history is that the weapon becomes the focal point for some people,” he told a WRGB reporter.

“Wearing pictures of weapons brings to mind those things in our society that are not pertinent to education,” he also said, according to the Times Union.

An angry local mother, Jennifer Delisle, said she didn’t even notice the gun on the shirt at first.

“I saw the American flag, the silhouette of the soldier, I didn’t even notice the gun and the children I’ve talked to said it had nothing to do with the gun being on it, it had to do with the honor and respect to the National Guard,” DeLisle told the CBS affiliate.

National Guard spokesman Colonel Richard Goldenberg said that the reserve military force has given away the shirts as a recruiting tool at high schools all over the country.

The high school’s dress code outlaws any clothing that advocates the use of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs, or which endorses illegal or violent action.

According to WRGB, some students defiantly refused to remove the shirts after school officials banned them on Friday.

McCartney told the Times Union a different story. He claimed students were allowed to wear them for the rest of the day but are forbidden from wearing them on school grounds ever again.

The superintendent also declared that “the negative became a big learning experience and a positive” because some students later offered to clean a September 11 monument on the high school campus.

The National Guard recruiter was back at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School on Tuesday — hawking different shirts.

Last year’s national frenzy of school officials suspending kids as young as kindergarten for having stuff that represents a gun, but isn’t actually anything close to a real gun, has slowed to a trickle this year.

In April 2013, an eighth grader in West Virginia was suspended and, astonishingly, arrested after he refused to remove a T-shirt supporting the National Rifle Association. The courageous 14-year-old then returned to school wearing exactly the same shirt, which depicts a hunting rifle with the statement “protect your right.” Prosecutors later dropped the charges.

A month earlier, officials at an elementary school in small-town Michigan impounded a third-grade boy’s batch of 30 homemade birthday cupcakes because they were adorned with “insensitive” plastic figurines representing World War II soldiers.

In November 2013, an Arizona couple pulled their eight-year-old son out of a charter school after school officials threatened to expel the boy for his colorful drawings of a ninja, a soldier, and a character from Star Wars. All three impressively-drawn figures are clutching guns and knives.

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There Ain’t Nothin’ Progressive About Progressivism

by Allen West,
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I peruse lots of information sources for my own personal edification and in turn to provide analysis and assessments here on our website. One of those sources is Canada Free Press. I am grateful that we have liberty-loving neighbors to our North who realize that a strong, free market-based economy in America bodes well for Canada and the rest of the world.

A recent piece by Alan Caruba in the Canada Free Press expounds upon the dangers of progressivism in America, President Obama’s adopted philosophy of governance. He writes, “Barack Obama is the final piece of the map in the progressive movement’s century of steady destruction of the U.S. dollar, income taxation, and massive liberal intrusion into the lives of all Americans from birth to death.”

The roots of progressivism lie in the pronouncements of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels as outlined in the Communist Manifesto. These governing principles were adopted and implemented by men such as Lenin, Stalin, Mao, Castro, and Chavez. However, in America these principles found their way to our Constitutional Republic by way of Theodore Roosevelt (who accepted progressivism and changed from being a Republican), Wilson, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Johnson, Carter, and of course now, Obama.

As Caruba states, “Obama’s further efforts to destroy the nation by adding millions to its many welfare programs are the result of its failure to increase economic growth from a dismal two percent per year, the lowest in decades. Presidents Kennedy and Reagan took office and reversed recessions. Obama has not.”

In *The Great Withdrawal: How the Progressive’s 100-Year Debasement of America and the Dollar Ends*, Craig R. Smith and Lowell Ponte bring out these points,

Either we successfully reboot the original operating system of individual freedom, free enterprise, and small government that America’s Framers built into the U.S. Constitution or the Progressives will by manipulation and force continue to impose their failed collectivist ideas on humankind’s future.”

Make no mistake about it, “collective ideas” is another way of describing communism, often referred to as socialism. They aim to replace capitalism, private property, selfish individualism and God with a human-made Eden, a utopian humanist society where an all-powerful state would equally redistribute the world’s wealth and power to the working elite.

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Limbaugh’s Jesus on Trial: The Verdict Is In

by Matt Barber,
FreedomOutPost.com

Attorney, author, and columnist David Limbaugh is a man after my own heart. He’s also a man after my own mind. That is to say, as both a fellow member of the bar and follower of Christ, I tremendously appreciate how David approaches the hot button issues of the day. He carefully probes them within the framework of an objective, lawyerly, and evidential analysis. He is a master communicator and never fails, in any case, to deliver deeply persuasive closing arguments in the court of public opinion.

With his latest book, “Jesus on Trial: A Lawyer Affirms the Truth of the Gospel,” Limbaugh remains true to form. In fact, having read nearly every manuscript he’s penned, I believe this to be, hands down, David’s best and most important work to date. While managing to make each sentence of each chapter in this page-turner fascinating, Limbaugh also provides proof beyond any reasonable doubt that Jesus Christ, in both His historical and spiritual respects, was, and is, exactly who He said He is: God incarnate, the living, physically resurrected Savior of the world and the only, yes, that means the exclusive, path to God the Father.

I’m one of those guys who regularly dines on a word diet cooked up by the master chefs

— Christian apologists and theologians like C.S. Lewis, G.K. Chesterton, Ravi Zacharias, R.C. Sproul, and Josh McDowell, to name just a few. With “Jesus on Trial,” not only does Limbaugh chef-it-up with the masters, he prepares a multi-course meal that, if read with an open mind, will satisfy, both spiritually, and intellectually, every consumer, from the most ardent skeptic, to the most devout believer.

This is not merely a book of Christian apologetics. I have never read a more convincing, comprehensive and well-arranged biblical, cultural, and indeed, scientific exegesis for the one-stop shopper – for the spiritual sojourner exploring, like most of us, the greatest of all questions, namely, “Who am I, how did I get here, why am I here and where, if anywhere, am I going?”

...even the most rigid atheist may well second guess his own blind faith.

Most importantly, David offers, with a spirit of humility and compassion that, for anyone who knows him, has come to define his character, a GPS to heaven. He lays out the biblical

road map to eternal salvation.

In a recent column entitled, “Why I wrote ‘Jesus on Trial,’” Limbaugh captures, in part, why this book is the most wide-ranging Christian non-fiction I’ve come across. He explains what makes it quite different from any other. “It is on Christian apologetics, which means it defends the Christian faith and its truth claims,” he writes, “but it also includes my personal journey from skeptic to believer and a discussion of basic Christian doctrine.”

The book incorporates “a thorough discussion of the full humanity yet full deity of Jesus Christ, an examination of the Bible’s miraculous unity, many examples of undeniably fulfilled prophecies that are too specific to be dismissed, a comprehensive review of the evidence pointing to the reliability of Scripture, a look at the subject of truth itself, proof of God’s existence, and much more.”

As for the “much more,” Limbaugh adds, “I also thought it would be vitally important to include chapters on subjects that plague seekers and even some believers with doubt – science and the problem of evil and suffering.”

In many ways, this was the aspect of the book I most enjoyed. Limbaugh’s superlative talent for clearly articulating and differentiating between scientific facts and the pseu-

doscience fiction embraced and propagated by the church of secular humanism, is so well done that even the most rigid atheist may well second guess his own blind faith. In a universe so incomprehensibly designed and fine-tuned that it gives smoking gun testimony to the glory and supremacy of its Designer, to deny, in the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary, that this Designer even exists, requires a faith most blind. Limbaugh drives home this reality in a winsome yet compelling fashion. Any intellectually honest atheist who is not hopelessly and haplessly invested in the pleasures of moral relativism, the chief fuel source for the materialist gravy train will be left no choice if he’s honest with himself, but to re-evaluate his entire worldview.

I read a lot of books and very rarely, almost never, in fact, do I review them. Halfway through chapter 1 of “Jesus on Trial,” I knew a review was coming.

If you’re a faithful believer, Limbaugh’s masterpiece will strengthen your faith. If you’re a faithful non-believer, it will weaken it.

Either way, your soul will be the better for having read “Jesus on Trial.”

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Report: Mexican Drug Cartels Lay Down High Powered Suppressing Fire For Crossing Immigrants

by Mac Slavo,
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The border is completely safe. So say President Barack Obama, Representative Nancy Pelosi, Senator Harry Reid, and others who support the wave of illegal immigrants entering the United States.

A new report from the southern border, however, suggests otherwise.

Shots rang out Friday night in Rincon Peninsula, Texas, forcing U.S. border patrol agents to take cover. The shots originated from south of the Rio Grande River and according to Border Patrol sources they came from a high-powered .50 caliber rifle.

Based on what agents witnessed next, according to Texas State Representative Louie Gohmert, this wasn't just random fire:

"When the shooting stopped, about 40 to 50 people came out on the U.S. side and turned themselves in. So clearly the rounds were being fired to suppress every effort to stop anybody intervening with anyone or anything coming across," Gohmert added. "We have no idea what or how many or whom came across with the other

illegal immigrants."

Sources said they believe the gunfire came from members of Mexican drug cartels, which include former military members trained in shooting that type of weaponry.

Border Patrol sources said the rounds were clearly identifiable because .50 caliber weapons make a distinctive noise when fired. Sources said they also believe this is the first time that Border Patrol agents have taken direct fire from the Mexican side of the river in this area.

"I don't know why we're out here like sitting ducks," one Border Patrol source said. "We need help."

The shooting has prompted fears that Mexican drug cartels, known to be extremely dangerous and responsible for over 75,000 deaths in the drug war that has plagued the country for the last seven years, are now bringing their brand of violence into the United States via the unsecured 3000-mile southern border.

According to Karl Denninger of the Market Ticker, there is only one way to describe what's happening, especially now that suppressing fire is being laid

down for migrants trying to make their way into the U.S.:

"Good thing the shooters are pretty bad shots or we'd have some dead agents.

Further, as soon as the shooting stopped a few dozen "people" (note the word invaders is not used) came out on the U.S. side and turned themselves in — so it appears the intention of the barrage was suppressive fire (that is, to make the agents put their head down so they can't see) while the invaders came across.

Yes, folks, invaders.

What do you call it when an armed force lays down suppressive fire across a border so that their people can come in?

That is an act of war (shooting) and an invasion."

Though the actions of Mexican drug cartels are not necessarily state-sponsored, the Mexican government has done little to stop the flood of tens of thousands of people using their northern border as a corridor for illegal immigration. They are complicit in these activities by allowing government transport of migrants via trains, producing flyers with instructions on

how to illegally cross the border, and refusing to mobilize Mexican police and military to secure their side of the border.

Now, with Mexican drug cartels opening fire on U.S. law enforcement agents and in many cases shooting at private American citizens, the events unfolding on the border are nothing short of an armed invasion.

President Obama recently claimed that the border was more secure today than at any time in the last twenty years.

U.S. border patrol agents taking fire from high powered military rifles would probably disagree.

If the President of the United States fails to perform his sworn duty, which is to defend the borders of the United States of America, then it is only a matter of time before the extreme drug violence taking place in Mexico makes its way to the streets of America.

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Former Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic Head to Pastors: Your People Are Waiting for You to Lead them on this Issue. Be Their Leader

by Tim Brown,
FreedomOutPost.com

"Now tell me, what does that mean to be noble? Your title gives you claim to the throne of our country, but men don't follow titles, they follow courage. Now our people know you. Noble, and common, they respect you. And if you would just lead them to freedom, they'd follow you. And so would I."

-William Wallace to
Robert the Bruce (Braveheart)

This past Thursday, I was privileged to be able to attend the 2014 Georgia Right to Life banquet, courtesy of a dear Christian brother. At the event, we were introduced to former Planned Parenthood abortion clinic head Abby Johnson, who gave a cry reminiscent of Braveheart to America's pastors: "Pastors, we need your leadership on this issue. Your people are waiting for you to lead them."

This former abortion salesperson, as she dubbed herself, said that people use to come up to her and ask her how she went from being someone who was raised in a Christian home with amazing parents and a straight "A" student to being a provider of abortion, which under her watch, murdered more than 20,000 babies. She honestly declared, "It happened just a little bit at a time because that's the way that sin works."

"Just little by little, your life changes.... You begin to rationalize and justify your sin and all of a sudden you don't even know who you are," she told the audience of more than 400 in attendance.

This was a woman that was named Planned Parenthood's 2009 employee of the year due to the amount of money she took in for the organization. At that year's Planned Parenthood event, she was seated at the front table alongside none other than Hillary Clinton, that year's Margaret Sanger Circle award, the highest honored award from Planned Parenthood.

I sat amazed at her words, knowing that she was honest and genuine about what she had been involved in, but more importantly understanding that she was also genuinely repentant.

Among some of the things that Johnson told us that night was what the real war on women was about. She informed us that the majority of abortions are performed with a rigid plastic tube (a cannula) that is inserted into the woman's womb and a "blind procedure" takes place. This "blind procedure" was the abortionist merely moving the tube around until he or she thought they were attached to the baby and then a vacuum would be turned on and the baby would be sucked out limb from limb.

In one particular case, Johnson recalled one young lady who had the "safe and legal" abortion procedure performed on her and later had abdominal pains. She returned to the Planned Parenthood clinic and she was given some antibiotics. A week later, with a 106 degree fever, she went to the emergency room. Upon examination, this young woman, who was in her early 20's, was told she would need an emergency hysterectomy because the doctor had shoved the cannula through her uterus and her reproductive organs were covered in gangrene.

There's a lot more horrific tales that Johnson told, including the fact that she declared that her purpose was to reduce the number of abortions, but she found out that she had doubled them in one year.

Her chief recollection was that she had to lie to herself to continue doing what she was doing until one day, while helping with a procedure, she looked at an ultrasound (something rarely used in the murder of the unborn) and saw the child and heard its heartbeat, but she did nothing as its life was snuffed out.

That was the turning point for her. She recalled that she also had had an abortion, even though she was a

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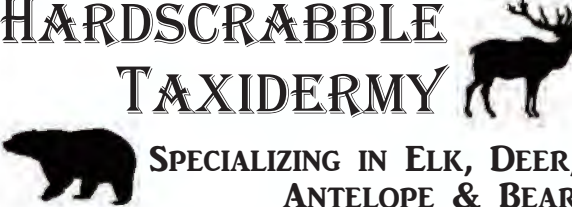
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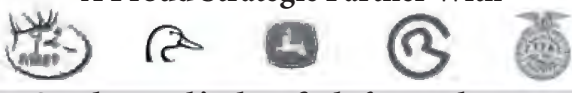
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Ghost Gunner 3D Printer: Legally Make Your Own Rifle At Home: "No Serial Number, No Background Check, And No Waiting Period"

by Mac Slavo,
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(Editor/GG: Just a heads up to our local anti 2nd Amendment/anti July 4th parade democrats - heard there are a few of these already here in Custer County cranking out some fine rifles. So there should be some in next years parade.)

As the government feverishly attempts to restrict everything from the importation of ammunition to ownership of semi-automatic weapons, one individual has been tirelessly working to restore the spirit of the Second Amendment to all corners of America.

Cody Wilson who, in 2013 developed the first ever 3-D printed plastic gun known as The Lib-

erator, is at it again. But this time he's taking open source firearm manufacturing to a whole other level.

Earlier models of his home-printed firearms were dependent on plastic parts. They worked, albeit only a few times before they shattered because of the extreme pressures involved with firing a bullet out of a gun. Even the heaviest duty plastics eventually weakened to the point of failure.

But the world of 3-D printing and private gun ownership is about to change dramatically. This holiday season Wilson's company, Defense Distributed, will be releasing the first ever 3-D printer designed specifically for the manufacture of firearms.

The Ghost Gunner is named after the "ghost gun," a firearms industry name for a weapon that can't be traced. Once instructions are sent to the one foot cube, the machine is capable of milling the one component of a gun that makes it a gun: the lower receiver. It's also the part of the gun that you cannot legally buy in most states without the government knowing about it because it must have a serial number. And what makes Ghost Gunner different from previous attempts at printing firearms is that this one "prints" with metal, not plastic.

It's about to get a whole lot easier to make a semi-automatic rifle at home with no serial number, no background check, and no waiting period.

Cody Wilson, the libertarian behind the world's first 3D-printed gun, is now selling an all-in-one desktop CNC mill, called the Ghost Gunner. It can produce an aluminum lower receiver of an AR-15 rifle — the civilian version of the military's M-16 assault rifle — in a couple of hours.

The lower receiver, which connects the stock, barrel, magazine, and other parts of the gun together, is the component that is legally considered to be a firearm under US law — and its sale is highly regulated. The Ghost Gunner is programmed to take a partially-complete lower receiver, known as an "80 percent lower," and automatically mill it into a functioning part. From there, all you have to do is buy the other widely-available components online and assemble the rifle. As Wilson explains on the product's website, "on day one, Ghost Gunner can help you legally manufacture unserialized firearms in the comfort of your own home."



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The Ghost Gunner 'prints' AR-15 receivers and will soon be capable of AR-10 and .308 printing:

The Ghost Gunner will begin shipping during the 2014 holiday season. If you haven't already pre-ordered your printer, you'll have to wait until the next time around because their first limited run of 500 units at a price tag of \$1200 have already sold out.

In 2013, when Wilson released the .38 caliber 3-D printed Liberator handgun, anti-gun advocate Senator Chuck Schumer of New York called it a "stomach churning" development that "must be stopped."

A few days after Wilson's video demonstration of the first ever plastic firearm went viral and over 50,000 people downloaded the open source plans, federal authorities swooped in and shut down the operation claiming that the free release of the plans violated the Arms Export Control Act.

It's not clear what, if anything, federal, state or local authorities will do now that 3D printing gives the average person without advanced firearms machining skills the ability to print the essential component to an AR-15 without having to inform government regulators.

Here's what Wilson's Defense Distributed has to say about the legalities of printing your own guns:



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In general, yes. Semi-automatic firearms, including the AR-15 lower receivers, are generally legal to manufacture for private individuals per U.S. federal law Title 18 and do not require serialization or other maker's marks. However, some states/municipalities restrict either the manufacture of certain firearms, or, more recently, the personal manufacture of a firearm with a 3D printer and/or CNC machine. DD makes no claim regarding local manufacturing legality; lower receiver files provided by Defense Distributed might require special licensing to manufacture and/or possess.

Under federal law, manufacturing a firearm for contemplation of future sale without an FFL is prohibited. Without a manufacturing FFL, you should manufacture firearms for personal use only.

So, it would essentially take an act of Congress

and perhaps even a complete re-writing of the U.S. Constitution to make the manufacture of firearms for personal use with the Ghost Gunner illegal.

We're sure there are those in government who will make it their mission to shut Defense Distributed down once again. But 500 Ghost Gunner units have already been sold and more are slated to ship in 2015. Plus, they take Bitcoin, so the Libertarian-minded Wilson could easily take payments for the printer anonymously and destroy all records about his customers, making it impossible for the government to know who bought what.

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JUSTIFIED: Iowa Woman Cleared After Shooting Abusive Husband In Self-Defense

by Bob Owens,
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(Editor/GG: The “Moms Demand Action” group mentioned below is a left wing anti 2nd Amendment group, fully supported by the Custer County Democrats.)

Hey, did you see the story on the Moms Demand Action Facebook page the other day about the Iowa woman who saved herself by gunning down her abusive husband after he repeatedly threatened to kill her with a knife?

Yeah, we didn’t either, but it happened all the same:

Clinton Gus Leedom, 49, was found shot to death on July 21 in his rural Bloomfield home.

Leedom’s death was ruled a homicide at the time.

However, the Wapello County Attorney’s Office has determined that no crime was committed.

The investigation revealed that Leedom had a history of domestic violence and had repeatedly threatened

to kill his wife.

On the day of his death, Leedom had threatened her with a large bayonet style knife.

At several points during the altercation, Leedom held the knife to her throat and head.

When Mr. Leedom came back threatening to kill his wife yet again, and raised the knife as if to stab her in front of two people, she raised her own arm, and pulled the trigger of her handgun.

The single shot to the neck/chest area dropped Mr. Leedom immediately, and though Mrs. Leedom attempted to provide medical aid to her abusive husband, law enforcement officers and responding emergency medical personnel determined that he was dead at the scene.

You won’t read about Mrs. Leedom’s story on any of the gun prohibitionist pages. Moms Demand, Everytown, and the other disarmament supporters bury these incidents, for two reasons.

The first reason is that Mr. Leedom is typical of most domestic abusers.

While Shannon Watts and the other gun prohibitionists are attempting to create the myth that domestic homicides are committed by good people who suddenly just snap one day and go into a homicidal rage that is completely out of character for them (and probably because they own a gun), the reality is that a supermajority—90-percent or more—of domestic homicide suspects have had law enforcement called to their home for domestic violence at least once prior to committing homicide.

Mr. Leedom had been abusing his wife for two years prior to his well-deserved death (PDF).

Shannon Watts and her fellow cultists cannot admit the fact that domestic violence builds up over time to a fatal level, because knowing that then suggests a very logical course of action for those being abused.

Arm yourselves against the abuser.

That is the reason that Moms Demand Action’s domestic violence video campaign imploded in such a spectacular fashion. Their video showed a man forcing his way into his wife’s home in an attempt to snatch their son, as she desperately and fruitlessly screamed at the 911 operator for help that was never going to arrive in time.

Even the reliably leftist liberals of The View saw the video as the perfect justification for women to own a gun.

Yes, guns are sometimes used by abusers to kill their victims, a fact that Moms Demand ruthlessly exploits at every opportunity.

What they cravenly refuse to admit is that a firearm is also a great equalizer, and puts a smaller woman on even footing with an abusive male, and gives her an opportunity to defend herself, and others.

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North Carolina: One Year Later: No Problems with Carry in Restaurants

by Dean Weingarten,
GunWatch.BlogSpot.com

One Year of ‘Guns and Bars’. . . where’s the mayhem?

House Bill 937, which became effective on October 1, 2013, dramatically expanded North Carolina’s concealed handgun law into restaurants where alcohol is sold and consumed, assemblies of people for which admission is charged, parades, and funerals, further into state and municipal parks, and even, to a limited extent, into educational properties.

‘Guns and alcohol don’t mix’?

As always when we expand concealed handgun laws, opponents and media naysayers predicted shootings

in bars, guns stolen from vehicles at schools, and various other sorts of mayhem using platitudes like “guns and alcohol don’t mix.”

Grass Roots North Carolina (GRNC) explained endlessly that concealed handgun permit-holders, by virtue of background checks and training, had proven themselves sane, sober, and law-abiding since 1995, with a rate of permit revocation on the order of three tenths of a single percent. We explained that permit-holders in restaurants would still be prohibited from imbibing alcohol.

But the dire predictions persisted. Editorials ridiculed legislators. UNC president Tom Ross sent UNC police chiefs to testify against the bill,

claiming it would hamper their ability to protect students. Gun control activists pushed restaurants to post against concealed carry.

So what has happened?

It has now been one year since HB 937 became effective. So what has happened? Nothing. GRNC monitors clipping services for gun-related incidents. Just like Virginia, Ohio, Tennessee, and other states which adopted restaurant carry, however, we have been unable to find a single instance of a concealed handgun permit-holder misusing a gun in a restaurant or educational property.

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abortions, I sat in church.”

During all eight years that she worked for Planned Parenthood and faithfully attended her church, a Southern Baptist church, she was never confronted about her sin... never.

She called upon the people of God to stop the compromising and look the evil in the face and declare, “No more! Not one more!” If we would do just that, “we would end abortion just like that,” she said.

In recounting that nearly 70% of abortions come from women in our churches. As a result, she called

upon pastors to be the spiritual leaders they are supposed to be rather than the cowards we have read that many have said they are. She then gave a message to pastors.

“When you are silent on the issue of abortion, you are telling the men and women in your congregation one of two things: We don’t really know where God stands on abortion because it’s not ‘technically’ in the Bible... or more than likely you are telling them that their sin is too big

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mother with a small child. While her pastor’s messages on homosexuality and tithing, which are biblical to teach on, were recalled, she doesn’t remember one sermon against the sin of abortion and a call to the people to repentance.

Johnson confessed to having two abortions in her life.

“The Sundays before both my abortions, I sat in church,” she told the crowd. “The Sundays after my two

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 White House Fetches Micaiah and ...

After the reign of Solomon, Israel endured a division based on politics and ideology. The southern tribes of Judah and Benjamin (which are generally referred to as Judah) were the more conservative side of the split. The ten northern tribes retained the name Israel when there is a historical comparison of the two given. The Yankees (slight pun intended) gravitated to apostasy much quicker than the Southerners who fought with greater resolve to maintain traditional values and morals.

In a mere 100 years Israel degenerated to such a magnitude that their new king was given this divine assessment: “And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him. And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife, Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal and worshiped him.” (I Kings 16:30,31) Ahab and Jezebel were the consummate politicians but as is often the case, they lacked any ethics or honor. According to the Scriptures, they were guilty of lying, perjury, theft, murder, and most consequential, a total disregard for any of God’s commandments.

Syria had been a perpetual thorn in the side of Israel often attacking and capturing cities and citizens. Ahab attempted to gain an alliance with Je-

hoshaphat, king of Judah, to help fight against these incursions. As the two pow-wowed, Jehoshaphat suggested that some Divine guidance should be sought before a decision to go to war was made. In response Ahab gathered about 400 prophets who all lent assent to Ahab’s plan of attack. Evidently, Jehoshaphat was not impressed with the dog and pony show of these religious lap hounds. After watching their praise and worship production: “And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might inquire of him?” (I Kings 22:7) Ahab’s reply is so revealing that it deserves a full examination: “There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imiah, by whom we may inquire of the LORD; but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil.” I Kings 22:8

Whoa, Nellie! Do we detect a good liberal engaging in hate speech? In a momentary lapse of political judgment, a rare honest confession is rendered by a dishonest incumbent. Not only is Ahab’s contempt announced, but the underlying reason is given: “He doth not prophecy good concerning me.” Prophesying is forecasting the future – Micaiah had made some gloomy predictions concerning the president’s policies, and so he is accused of doing what he himself has been targeted. Shifting and reversing blame is one of the oldest tricks in the books.

Perhaps a contemporary application puts the deception in perspective; when Barack Obama was elected much ballyhoo was made over the first black president, but in truth he is half white. The media and liberal establishment consistently characterize him as simply black. So why does black always trump white? The answer is simple –if his policies are questioned, the adversary can be labeled as a racist and summarily discredited. Conversely, the minority “victim” can throw fiery darts with impunity. His abhorrence for Bible believing conservatives needs only the thinnest veil of disguise.

One quick sidebar: a significant number of Democrats are in tight races for this year’s election who are doing everything possible to distance themselves from Mr. Obama’s policies. Are they racists?

To continue our story, the White House spokesman is sent to fetch up Micaiah. Josh begs the prophet: “Let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good.” Translation --- if you traditional, right-winged, diehard, obstructionist, stick-in-the-mud, unprogressive boneheads would just agree with us on all our social and political issues, we can all sit around the kum-ba-yah campfire, and things will be wonderful.

Micaiah’s answer is curious and will be explored next week!

A Sheepdog Barks!

OPS! Obama made a Boo-Boo and right in time for the voting public to take notice. The LPSD candidates trying to get elected or reelected have been running as far away from Obama as they can get. And then Obama sucks them right back with “Hey, I’m not on the ballot but my policies are.” OUCH! He must have gotten that from Karl Rove. WOOF! The LPSD candidates haven’t invited him to show up for anything except fundraisers that they don’t even show up for. Like our great senator UHAUL, I mean Udall. I think he was on a very necessary congressional trip to that great nation of Burkina Faso when Obama came to town. What! Of course you’ve heard of Burkina Faso. It’s one of those countries with 37 people that Obama says should have an equal vote in the United Nations as to what goes on in the world. They even got a rotation spot on the U.N. Security council. Can you see why the U.N. is feckless and irrelevant? But back to our friend Senator UHAUL, I mean Udall. Sorry, I keep thinking of that truck company that will pick up his things in January for his return to Colorado. Old Mark received the political “kiss of death” last week when the Denver Post (yes, that Denver Post) endorsed Cory Gardner and the National Democrat Party withdrew over \$300,000 in advertising funds from him. OUCH! Let’s sweep Gardner in there and help sweep our Senator Harry Reid at the same time. Sounds great! WOOF!

Back to my good friend, Obama, for a minute. Did you believe him when he said, “It was highly unlikely Ebola (or as he calls it Eb-olee) could reach America and, if it did, we were prepared”? Me neither. This clown cannot be trusted to get anything right. Look at his track record. Anyway, not only is Ebola here, we are not prepared. The Dallas nurse who treated the patient from Liberia, who died, and who followed CDC protocols is now infected. This is dangerous stuff and we need leaders that will protect American citizens. Can anyone out there justify letting anyone, from the three West African nations where over 4,000 people have died from the Ebola epidemic, travel to this country? The answer

is NO! Yet the president and his CDC keep saying it’s really okay to trust them. No, thank you! No trust from here. Stop the travel and stop it now. If your passport or visa says you’ve been in one of those three countries then it doesn’t matter where you are trying to board a flight to America, you can’t come. This is kindergarten-level common sense. You see why we need some real leadership here. Stop the Insanity! WOOF! A fellow sheepdog sent me this little homily on socialism. Don’t know who penned it, but I wish I had written it. I would only have changed the word socialism to liberal progressive socialism. This is a direct exposure of the current Democrats, I mean LPSDs, in America.

“Free people are not equal. Equal people are not free.

A gun is like a parachute. If you need one, and don’t have one, you’ll probably never need one again.

The definition of the word Conundrum is: something that is puzzling or confusing.

Here are six Conundrums of socialism in the United States of America:

1. America is capitalist and greedy - yet half of the population is subsidized.
2. Half of the population is subsidized - yet they think they are victims.
3. They think they are victims - yet their representatives run the government.
4. Their representatives run the government - yet the poor keep getting poorer.
5. The poor keep getting poorer - yet they have things that people in other countries only dream about.
6. They have things that people in other countries only dream about - yet they want America to be more like those other countries.

Think about it! That, my friends, pretty much sums up the U.S.A. in the 21st Century. Makes you wonder who is doing the math.

These three, short sentences tell you a lot about the direction of our current government and cultural environment:

1. We are advised to NOT judge ALL Muslims by the actions of a few lunatics, but we are encouraged to judge ALL gun owners by



the actions of a few lunatics.

Funny how that works. And here’s another one worth considering...

2. Seems we constantly hear about how Social Security is going to run out of money. But we never hear about welfare or food stamps running out of money? What’s interesting is the first group “worked for” their money, but the second didn’t.

Think about it....and Last but not least:

3. Why are we cutting benefits for our veterans, no or low pay raises for our military and cutting our army to a level lower than before WWII, but we are not stopping the payments or benefits to illegal aliens.”

We are about 20 days away from knowing whether or not most voting Americans want to send another message like we did in 2010. Most experts think the LPSDs will lose control of the U.S. Senate and lose more seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. They also think they will lose 2 or 3 governors including Colorado. In Colorado there is an opportunity to make gains in the state legislature, also maybe even taking control away in the Senate. It will take all the sheepdogs helping herd the sheep in the right direction. Rural Colorado voters can make a significant difference if we turn out and vote. Bark at your friends, family and neighbors.

Ending on a happy note, I want to give the Royal Gorge Tea Party a big bark out. Last Saturday they sponsored an All American Freedom Rally in Cañon City. It was a great event with several great speakers. Top that off with good music, some good candidates and a free BBQ and it was a great patriotic event. Thanks RGTP. WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH

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to bring to the foot of the cross, and we know that is a lie,” Johnson said.

She concluded her message to pastors with exhortation.

“Pastors, we need your leadership on this issue. Your people are waiting for you to lead them. Be their leader. Be their shepherd. Tend your flock!”

I encourage pastors everywhere to do just what Johnson advocated and teach their people God’s law and what true repentance is. Keep Georgia Right to Life in your prayers and in your financial contributions as it is making waves across the nation and states are following the leg-

islation passed in Georgia to protect the unborn.

Finally, I’m including the recording I made while at the event. I missed the first couple of minutes and there is a couple of voices mixed in (mine and Bradlee Dean), but for those who still want to claim “it’s a woman’s choice,” I would just encourage you to hear from a woman that made that choice to murder her babies and saw thousands of others do it, too. Then hear the message of redemption that Jesus Christ forgives repentant murderers.

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GREEN-MILLER

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As a senior in high school, my “To Do” list never seems to end. With graduation approaching, there always is something that needs to be done. It feels like I’m standing on one leg, balancing on a ball, juggling a cake, books, and the world all at once! The beauty of Freedom is the ability to choose what to balance, and choose how I can make a difference! I believe it’s my duty to help make this a better place! That includes volunteering, giving back to the community, or helping improve my school! Other privileges I enjoy are voting, getting a drivers license and going to college. In the Constitution, the 15th Amendment specifically prohibits keeping anyone from voting. Just recently turning 18, it is surreal to realize that I have the power to make a difference, and vote! Not only is voting important, but the freedom to be able to receive an education is near and dear to my heart. In some countries such as Palestine, it is extremely difficult if not impossible for some women to receive an education and go to college.

Lastly, practicing my faith is partly how Freedom plays an important role in my life. Sometimes we take certain rights for granted, and things that may seem inconsequential, are life or death situations in other countries. Christians all over the world go through struggles just to attend church. They risk their lives every day for their

faith, and as a Christian, it is such a huge freedom to get to sing in the morning on my way to school, or to go out and share God’s love anywhere I go. In the very first amendment, it states that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof”. This very freedom always lives in my heart, as my religion and my morals is how I live my life. In a place where worshiping God is accepted and allowed, I find this freedom to be the most rewarding.

Through the experiences I’ve had in my life, I’ve come to realize that Freedom isn’t just written on a piece of paper. Freedom isn’t a list to hang in the back of a classroom. Freedom isn’t a vocabulary word to memorize, nor is it just a reason to light some fireworks, and eat hot dogs. (However nice this might be!) Freedom isn’t just the Constitution. Freedom isn’t just the 27 amendments written out for Americans to take for granted. Freedom is felt. Freedom is heart. Freedom is the ability to live a life full of helping others and what brings the most joy to your life. Freedom opens up locked, broken doors, and turns them into windows that swing open to the world with open arms ready to embrace what being an American really is. That may look different to every person, that’s the beauty of Freedom. Even though it may appear different to each person, each can experience the passion that comes from living in a country as truly astonishing as the U.S.A

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tution and the Declaration of Independence was to disassociate from the tyranny of the king of England. King George III provoked the people in America by: prolonging justice, imposing unjust taxes, cutting the United States off from trade with other parts of the world, depriving the United States of the benefits of trial by jury, and turning a deaf ear towards their requests and complaints. Revolt is the natural outcome of injustice. In retaliation, our forefathers strived toward creating a new system. The Revolutionary War followed these efforts. The desire for freedom would consume many lives and would require dedication and commitment. In our forefather’s triumph, they devised a system that would ensure the freedom of the American people.

Today, this system has helped us sustain and become one of the most powerful and successful countries in the world. We live in a somewhat protected environment and safe from the invasion of other forms of government that offer far less conveniences regarding choices of governmental leadership, education, living conditions and locations, housing, and occupational choices.

If we look at Communism, we can see the disadvantages of not being free. For example, in a communist country the public is not able to elect a leader. The leader of that country could

be a tyrant. In the United States, if our president chooses to make wrong decisions, we can impeach him and elect a better president. It is important that we preserve the Constitution that protects us. Not only does the Constitution establish a government that protects us, it protects us from the government. It does this by giving us the Bill of Rights and establishes checks and balances within the government.

“Give me liberty or give me death!” said Patrick Henry in 1775 after witnessing a preacher flogged for refusing to get a license from the crown to preach. The license was the privilege to speak in a church granted by the government. Governments are made up of men. What makes one man better in that he can dictate what another can or cannot say? All men are created equal in regards to the freedom of speech.

I consider myself blessed to live in a country that provides us freedoms presently written about in the Bill of Rights. We have the ability to reap goodness from our actions. Men gave their lives in order for us to have a free country. I think in society today we should be grateful that we can walk into a store and see a man with a gun and not be intimidated. We can go to a street corner and preach the word of God and not be persecuted. Freedom means that I can do whatever I want, as long as I do not infringe on someone else’s rights or freedoms.

Let freedom ring!

LAMMAN

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But what truly makes these pies so sensational is that I understand the hard work and time that goes into them. It is always a delicious, beautiful gift; but a gift I had to work for.

Freedom is the same way. Often, I feel that many of us take our American freedom for granted and we forget the sacrifices that made our country what it is today. Compared to other countries, America is incredibly blessed. It is important to take the time to appreciate what this means. Freedom is a gift, but a gift we struggled and worked for ourselves.

The embodiment of our American freedom, The United States Constitution, became 225 years old this month. And yet, the Constitution is still the most important, active document in America. This is incredible. But according to a survey by the McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum, only one in four Americans can name more than one amendment to our Constitution, while over half can name more than one member of the Simpson’s family. If we don’t understand what being an American fully means, how can we truly appreciate the sacrifices made for our country? From the land of the Pilgrim’s pride to modern soldiers, such as Sgt. Tahmooressi, we have always fought incredibly hard for the privileges we enjoy every day. Privileges which we clearly take for granted.

We are as free as can be,

but it is very different in other countries. Two of my personal heroes, a man and a woman, traveled to Somalia in 1987 as missionaries. At that time, Somalia was ravaged with extreme political turmoil due to a restrictive government and violent rebels. They experienced first-hand what it is truly like to live in a place without freedom. They couldn’t take photos, talk about their religion, criticize the government, or go anywhere without passing through several government checkpoints. They became used to being robbed, beaten, and held at gunpoint. They left nearly ten years later when the woman, my mother, gave birth to a baby girl. As someone born in a place where freedom is as far away as the stars, I am incredibly lucky to have lived most of my life in the land of the free. For if I hadn’t, I may not be alive today, and you wouldn’t even be reading these words right now.

On the night of July 4th, 2014, I sat in the cool grass beneath the fireworks’ red glare with a slice of half-eaten apple pie resting beside me. I thought about another red glare cast by rockets on a night a long time ago, and the sacrifices made for my freedom. I thought about my father, my grandfather, and my great grandfathers: all veterans. I could never imagine what they went through, and never will have to, because I have been given the gift of freedom. A gift that should never be taken for granted. I took another bite of my still-warm apple pie; it tasted of delicious freedom.

I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.

~Mark Twain

In the first place God made idiots. This was for practice. Then He made school boards.

~Mark Twain

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English As a Second Language: *Should We Be Alarmed?*

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It appears that decades of open borders and political sensitivity has finally caught up with us. After sifting through the 2013 census data, the Center for Immigration Studies has found that 61.8 million U.S. residents speak a foreign language at home. That is 1 in 5 people, and a 2.2 million increase since 2010. The data was compared to the 2010 statistics, and it was found that the largest increases were for Spanish, Chinese, and Arabic.

So, should we be alarmed over this development? After all, we are a nation of immigrants. Each and every one of us could probably trace our lineage to an immigrant. Many of you reading this right now have ancestors that arrived to this country within the last century.

However, it should be noted that we aren't just a nation of immigrants. We are a nation of *assimilated* immigrants. If you read the data provided by this study, you'll find that our system of assimilation is completely broken.

■ Of the school-age (5 to 17) nationally, more than one in five speaks a foreign language at home. It is 44 percent in California and roughly one in three students in Texas, Nevada, and New York. But more surprisingly, it is now one in seven students in Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Nebraska, and Delaware; and one out of eight students in Kansas, Utah, Minnesota, and Idaho.

■ Many of those who speak a foreign language at home are not immigrants. Of the nearly 62 million foreign-language speakers, 44 percent (27.2 million) were born in the United States.

■ Of those who speak a foreign language at home, 25.1 million (41 percent) told the Census Bureau that they speak English less than very well.

So, if you counted only school-age children, the ratio is actually higher than 1 in 5. Nearly half of the people who speak a foreign language at home were born here. The fact that these rates are higher among children is a strong indicator that our nation is failing to assimilate its immigrants.

While it would be expected that the children of immigrants would speak their parents tongue, especially at home, the number of people who have a poor grasp of the English language is astounding.

In addition, this growth isn't a recent trend. The number of people who speak a foreign language at home, as well as our population of foreign born residents, has been growing for decades

■ The percentage of the U.S. population speaking a language other than English at home was 21 percent in 2013, a slight increase over 2010. In 2000, the share was 18 percent; in 1990 it was 14 percent; it was 11 percent in 1980.

So, will we be able to assimilate these immigrants in the years ahead? It's possible. Historically, there have been times when the United States was teeming with foreigners. Between the late 1800's until around 1910, the foreign born population peaked at nearly 15 percent. However, this was followed by many decades of decline. We had several generations of very low immigration rates. We had time to teach them our culture, language, and history. By the 60's and 70's, the millions that immigrated here at the turn of the century had fully integrated into our society.

The problem we're facing now is that our institutions have completely failed to assimilate this wave of immigrants. How can we teach our children to be Americans when they are scolded for wearing the American flag in school, and their textbooks give biased lessons on Islam?

How can our military, which has long been an avenue for citizenship, continue to do so if they allow illegal aliens and gang members into the ranks?

How can we even begin to teach immigrants about the American way of life when it is easier to ignore our laws, sneak across our sovereign borders, and still receive welfare benefits and special treatment?

If our country can't assimilate this wave of foreign born people, then our society is going to be in a lot of trouble. From Africa to India to the Middle East, the world is full of multi-ethnic nations that are tearing themselves apart. This trend won't be limited to poor third world countries either. In Europe, the rise of secession movements in Britain, Spain, France, and Italy are on track to break those nations apart while the millions of Muslim immigrants that they have failed to assimilate are building their own separate societies within Europe.

So, what do you think? Will America experience ethnic conflict in the near future? Can we take control of our borders and begin the process of integrating our immigrants, or is it too late?

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