

Bobcat Cross Country: Saving their best for Last Corey Lewenkamp Takes Second at State!

by Coach Swartz

The Custer County Cross Country team traveled the 2 hours to Colorado Springs, to a very familiar and sometimes haunting course at the Norris - Penrose Events center. Kayli Short and Katlyn Freeburg represented the girls team while Michael Franta and Corey Lewenkamp comprised the boys side. For all four athletes, this is a repeat trip, but something Coach Jack Swartz stressed was “the past is the past for a reason, it is behind us.” “Runners need to have amnesia when coming into championship races because you never know what is going to happen.”

For the Juniors, girls Kayli and Katlyn this year was another opportunity to race well and build some motivation for their Senior season. Kayli Short finished in a time of 24:42 for 56th place, while Katlyn was 28:00 for 71st place. Both girls ran well on a very difficult course that includes the famous “Will’s Hill.”

The day did belong to the two senior boys. Knowing full well this would be their “last dance” for



Corey Lewenkamp takes Second at State.

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

cross country they came into the race very relaxed and knew what they had to do to place well. Michael Franta finished in 19:27 for 37th place both personal bests for this course and the race. Franta reflected on the race saying “It was an amazing opportunity to be able



Bobcats do an exceptional job at the state meet.

Courtesy photo by Coach Swartz

to finish my final season with a race that I was happy with.”

For Corey, this was his last chance to “show people what he can do at a Colorado High School cross country meet.” Past results haven’t always been in Lewenkamp’s favor when it came time for the State Championship. Corey knew who would be in the lead pack but 400 meters into the race, that plan was out the window. There was no pack, it was Corey and Paul Roberts of Lyons. “Corey ran a perfect

race,” said Coach Swartz. “He had a look through the first mile and I knew today was going to be special.” Corey ran a course personal best of 17:02 which was good enough to land him Colorado State 2a Cross Country Runner Up. Corey’s 2nd place finish is the best by any Custer County Cross Country member at the State level. “You could tell Corey was happy with the performance, at peace with that meet, and an added exclamation point to a heck of a career” added Coach Swartz

Over 200,000 Doctors Avoiding Obamacare Plans

by Sarah Hurtubise,
DailyCaller.com

(Editor/GG: Welcome to socialized medicine. This is just the beginning.)

The number of physicians nationwide that are declining to accept health plans from Obamacare exchanges is growing, according to a study from the American Action Forum.

As of May 2014, over 214,000 doctors wouldn’t participate in Obamacare plans, and that number may be growing, according to AAF, a free-market think tank in Washington. While some Obamacare kinks have been worked out over the past year, exchange plans remain as unfriendly to doctors as ever.

Obamacare puts physicians — especially the dwindling number of those in private practice — in an especially difficult financial situation, expecting doctors to eat the costs of patients who discontinue coverage and to simply take on more patients to make up for bot-

tom-level reimbursements.

Exchange plans nationwide pay on average significantly less than plans in the private market and even Medicare, according to AAF. While private plans generally pay doctors \$1.00 for performing a given service, Medicare averages just \$0.80; exchange plans are allowing doctors just \$0.60 for the same thing. That puts Obamacare plans more in line with Medicaid reimbursements, AAF reports, and Medicaid’s low reimbursement rates have been driving doctors away for years.

The low physician reimbursements are likely borne out of the administration’s strong-handed push to keep Obamacare premium hikes as low as possible. In order to keep price low, insurers have to cut costs somewhere; in exchanges, companies moved to covering just narrow networks with few in-network physicians and offering low reimbursement rates to doctors with the promise that if physicians work even

more, they’ll recoup their losses.

But the structure of the Affordable Care Act itself puts doctors who accept plans purchased on Obamacare exchanges at risk of never being paid at all. Obamacare requires insurers who sell plans on the exchanges to keep coverage active even after a customer has stopped paying their premiums, for an extra 90 days.

For the first 60 days after a customer has stopped paying but is still insured, the insurance company has to pay for any care the patient uses. But for any services used in the final 30 days before a customer’s insurance can be terminated, doctors that see those patients won’t be paid at all.

It’s no wonder that in such an unfriendly climate for physicians, many are staying out of Obamacare plans. At the beginning of Obamacare’s first enrollment period last year, over 70 percent of California’s physicians weren’t participating in Covered Cali-

fornia plans, according to AAF — a big problem for the state with the largest Obamacare enrollment in the nation.

That number has grown to over 200,000 physicians nationwide as of May, before the open enrollment period ended and before insurance was active for

many customers. Doctors that took losses from their participation in Obamacare plans may be even more skittish about accepting exchange coverage this year.

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PATRIOT
ALERT!

New Lie from
Obama:
“Released
Illegals Weren't
Criminals”

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I will instruct
you and teach you
in the way you
should go; I will
counsel you and
watch over you.

Psalms 32:8,
NIV

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*A different view from
the same mountains!*

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

TRUST BIG GOVERNMENT II? TRICK OR TREAT!

Last week we identified several reasons why "We the People" shouldn't trust "BIG" government, at any level. The current administration continues to lie about how Obamacare is working. That is simply not true. Obama carefully set aside or delayed several parts of the Affordable Care Act that would have completely destroyed the democrats in next week's midterm election. All of those unconstitutional actions were dishonest and totally political in nature to save as many of the democrats running for reelection across America as possible. Even with those delays enough bad things are "leaking" out. Recent reports of an average of 14% growth in premiums, the loss of even more doctors and facilities from the networks and the reduction or loss of government subsidies are bringing to light the very things the Democrats fear. Let's be honest. Obamacare is only "affordable" because of government subsidies. In other words it's only "affordable" because of massive taxpayer monies taken from some and given to others. It's the perfect example of income redistribution. When the states, which rejected the government program, are not allowed by the Supreme Court to parcel out the federal subsidies, Obamacare will

completely collapse. It has been a "trick" on the American people from its beginning. Even though the main stream media is not talking or writing about this much, it is still a big factor. The majority of Americans do not like Obamacare.

Last week we reported on the thousands of government employees that are being sent home with pay. Nothing is ever as good or as bad as it is first reported. You can bet the information that was initially released by the GSA is the tip of the iceberg. The fact is this sort of fraud, waste, and abuse is the norm not the exception. We were amused by the statement Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA) released last week. Senator Grassley said, "Paid administrative leave is actually not authorized by any law. It's been allowed over the years as part of 'agency discretion' and this report shows it's out of control." Remember the report was that over \$700 Million has been paid out in the last few years. Figuring this has gone on for many, many years, the actual cost is in the tens of Billions or more. Why have they allowed this to go on if it's against the law? We expect it from the liberal progressives, but where were the republicans? Where were you, Senator Grassley? Why was

this allowed to happen? Incompetence and apathy we believe. What's a few billion dollars here or there? Once again "BIG" government is too big, out of control, and our elected representatives are not paying attention. So this is just another example of the American people being "tricked." Recently we learned that right here in Colorado, welfare recipients have been allowed to use their government debit cards in places like Hawaii and Las Vegas, Nevada. It was reported that over \$4 Million has been drawn from ATM machines at out-of-state facilities in the last 2 years. How can this be? Does anybody care about these abuses? Where are the watchdogs? Who is minding the state's warehouse? These cards are also allowed to be used in strip joints and marijuana shops. "Tricked" again, right here in Colorado. And who is going to do anything about it? The answer is no one. Governments are just too big and too complacent to be good stewards of our taxpayer money. Yet, they always want more.

Finally, the federal government was exposed even beyond what most of us would believe possible. The Associated Press recently broke the story of expelled Nazis being paid millions of Social Security

dollars over the last several decades. We are not making this up. Apparently the Department of Justice was "allowed" to use Social Security benefits as a way to get the Nazi war criminals to leave the United States with pay. Sound familiar? The report goes on to say that many efforts to stop the practice failed. How can that be? Shame on all the presidents and congressmen/women over the last 40 years that allowed this to continue! Why would such a thing happen? Big government is the answer again. Too many government agencies with too much money! Our money! This kind of thing boggles the mind. What were Nazis doing in this country receiving Social Security benefits in the first place? This is nuts! There are thousands of things going on in our government just like this and have yet to be exposed. The politicians screamed at the top of their lungs that sequestration would cost tens of thousands of job layoffs and furloughs. Didn't happen. Obama shut down the WWII War Memorial, et al, because he said there wasn't any money. LIE! Military aircraft flyovers and aerial maneuver groups like the Thunderbirds and Blue Angels were shut down due to lack of funds. A few years later they are

back to flying at airshows and sporting events. Where did the money come from? Sequestration was going to stop all these types of things. Not true! Didn't happen. Nazis receiving Social Security at all, but especially after they were expelled from America, may be the cruelest and most insane "trick" on us of all. Sadly there are many more "tricks" every year. Senator Coburn's (R-OK) 2014 Wastebook on wasteful spending has just been released. Check it out. You should be angry and depressed at the same time. These kinds of things will continue until "We the People" have really had enough. In a recent poll 58% of Americans agreed that the "World is going to Hell in a Handbasket." America is part of that world is it not? When will we do something about it? Every day we hear about another government intrusion into our lives and they always cost money. Two weeks ago we read that 83% of school districts in America were reporting an increase in food waste as a result of Michele Obama's federal healthy food mandate. That's right; the kids are throwing the food in the garbage. But we keep putting the same people back in Washington, D.C. TRICK or TREAT America? It's your choice.



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Election 2014

The Sentinel Endorses Shannon Byerly for Sheriff

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

Vote for Byerly for Sheriff.

The Sentinel's Recommendations:

- United States Senator
- ☒ Cory Gardner
- 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!*

Hick Called Out: Prosecutor and Juror Decries Hick's Dunlap (In)Decision

See article on page 20

SCORCHED EARTH CAMPAIGN: Udall Leaves All Dignity Behind To Satisfy Ambition

See article on page 23

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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Many Thanks to Coaldale Community

To the Editor:

The community I live in, Western Fremont County, has shown once again the love and care they have for a neighbor in need and distress. We live in a rural area, therefore law enforcement and protection must travel a long distance to respond to an emergency, however because of the support of caring neighbors the situation was under control, amazingly fast.

I was faced with a traumatic incident last week, and I was surrounded by neighbors, friends, and family

who made sure I was safe; and that the situation was under control until our sheriff officers could arrive.

I want to say “thank you” to so many who were immediately on hand when I called for help, and they secured my property and my personal effects so well. The additional concern that was shown by many who visited and called every day afterwards was exceptional. I live in the most caring community possible. The names of these people are engraved on my heart, and they know who they are.

Thank you, again, for all the love and offers of help. Once again my neighbors have gone above and beyond to show their compassion, concern, and love for a neighbor in need. You have made my life more comfortable even though the incident will take a long time to fade from memory. I can only wish for everyone, to have neighbors like mine, when their lives are violated by destruction and chaos.

*Thank you from the bottom of my heart,
Linell Embry
Coaldale, Colorado*

Questions for Custer County Democrats

To the Custer County Democrat Committee. Reference the 2015 Independence Day Parade and your proposal to ban open carry (2nd Amendment and Colorado law), ban carrying signs, ban rallies (both 1st Amendment/free speech). What is it about the rights of We The People that frightens you, or is it just a single issue - the 2nd Amendment? Did you or would you speak out against those that held signs against firearms at the last parade and would you have banned them from doing so? We wouldn't. Our question to you, would you ban spectators attending the parade from also open carry and displaying signs, and if so, how would you enforce that? Would you as the sponsor of the parade be prepared for a lawsuit? Your proposals smack of dictatorship/censorship/control that takes us back to a darker time in history.

Is this what your Democrat committee is about?

Our dictionary has one of the definitions of liberal as: favoring political reforms tending toward democracy and personal freedom for the individual. Note the last 5 words. One of the definition for progressive is; Moving forward, continuing improvement. The term liberal progressive will never again be in our vocabulary when referring to a democrat, for they are neither of these. We would suggest that your committee write an open letter, published in local papers, and fully explain your reasoning for your ban proposals. That would enlighten us all.

*George & Gloria Decker
Cañon City, Colorado*

Sheepdog Fans

Alpha Sheepdog,

First I want to say, I thoroughly enjoy your weekly column in the paper. My wife can always tell when I am reading your column by my chuckles. My only wish is that your bark was even louder so maybe, just maybe, a few more folks in this great country could hear you! Keep up the good work!

Two years ago, my wife and I decided to “make our escape” from the madness that is the Denver metro area. Within six months we had purchased our place in Westcliffe. Fourteen months later we completed the move to our slice of heaven. We support the local merchants as much as we can. We have wonderful neighbors and we all help each other when the need

arises. This is a great place to be!

In regard to your column of October 10. This past July 4th was the first time my wife and I were able to attend this outstanding event. We had arrived quite early so we could secure a good spot to watch the festivities. What we observed before the parade even started was the constant stream of vehicles rolling into town. We commented to each other, “Wow! Look at all those dollars rolling into our little town!” Dollars that folks spent on fuel, groceries, restaurants, hotels, and the like.

Of all the letters, in both papers since the parade, not one person had a complaint about all of these dollars coming to town. I don't know how much money

that weekend added to our local economy, but how can that be a bad thing? It is our sincere hope that the parades don't get diminished to “bicycles with streamers and no banners of any kind.” WOOF! Neither of us can fathom that folks would come from miles around to see that and pump needed dollars into our local economy. That parade was small town 4th of July at its absolute BEST!

This sheep dog has plenty more to bark about, but knowing that space is limited in your paper, I guess this sheepdog should come down off his dog house for now. I smell cookies that Mrs. Sheepdog is baking.

*Paul & Suzanne Grubb,
Rural Westcliffe*

Thanks from Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources

Thank You, Community

On September 29th, Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources had our first annual fundraising banquet. We want to extend our thanks to the businesses and members of the community who so generously supported our efforts for the Lighthouse.

Thank You to Hope Lutheran for the use of Lange Hall, Westcliffe Supermarket for food discounts, Joey Lippis of Lippis Farms for donating produce, members of the Amish community who donated desserts, and Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Westcliffe Community Church and Valley Bible for the use of their tables.

Thanks also to musical guest Pam Gentry, speaker Katherine Comerford, tech specialist and teacher Andrew Straight and

his student team, Mrs. Hess's student who served our guests, Brenda Janssen and Fred Hernandez Jr., for their cooking expertise, Martha Davis who managed the kitchen, and the others who helped to keep things moving in the kitchen, as well as cleaning up at the end of the night.

We are so grateful to all of you who donated to the ongoing work of the Lighthouse by attending or through the mail. The banquet was an amazing success, thanks to everyone who participated in any way! If you've never visited the Lighthouse, please stop by on Monday or Thursday afternoon between 11 and 5 to tour the facility and see what we're about!

*The Board of the Lighthouse
Pregnancy Resources*

Did Jesus Carry a Sword?

Dear Editor,

Good day and God bless. My prayers are with all of you there in the Wet Valley.

I would like to offer a view that I believe portrays at least a select few in Custer County but thus far has been wholly neglected in the Sentinel. While many have voiced their ideas concerning the American's right to keep and bear arms, based upon the Second Amendment, and some have even supported their beliefs with various scripture references, I would like to offer my humble perspective on the trend rapidly taking root in our American Christianity.

My first question to today's gun-loving Christians is this: Did Jesus carry a sword or spear? Yes, I know David did,

as well as the majority of Old Testament saints. Did Jesus wage according to the flesh? True, He did cleanse the temple on two occasions but I don't read anywhere that He ever did harm to any man. And yes, He did tell some of the disciples to sell their cloak and buy a sword. But it was for the purpose of the greater revelation that whoever lives by the sword will die by the sword. Jesus did not advocate armed resistance.

I fully understand the concept of protecting ones person and property from unwanted molestation. The founders of America wanted us to be able to resist tyranny of any form. But that is a right spelled out in the Bill of Rights, not the Holy Bible. Believe it or not, this country is not the eternal kingdom. We are Americans and enjoy

the privileges and rights of the United States form of government. It is our duty to be under the authority of such and to not offend any. However, we are first and foremost the children of the King of kings, the Prince of Peace. I encourage all who claim the name of Christ to study earnestly the teaching of “non-resistance” which the Lord exemplified. The apostles, the martyrs through the centuries, and many today have proven that the love of Christ is the greatest weapon to destroy our enemies because when we love in the face of evil we prove that we are the children of God. If the saints would love, we would see revival and our children would be much safer at school.

*God Bless you all.
In His service,
Scott D. Bailey*





Your Opinions... “We the People” Speak



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ATTENTION TAXPAYERS:

~ If you don't care that many of our county and towns' supports including, but not limited to:

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Custer County Emergency Services	West Custer County Library
Town of Westcliffe	Custer County Schools, Rye Schools
Town of Silver Cliff	Custer County Welfare

Will all be reduced in funding from Ownership Taxes if this mil levy passes,

- ~ If you don't care that commercial and vacant land owners will pay nearly 4x the amount per 100,000, which will cause an increase in costs back to us, the consumers, (food, hotels, dining, hay, etc)
- ~ If you have plenty of money to step up and cover the shortfall from the effect of less ownership taxes to our county and those listed,
- ~ If you are prepared to provide more of your money to these entities by frequent and various fundraising or further taxing means,
- ~ If you don't care that reducing funding for these county entities and our support systems, causing all to suffer the consequences with less services at a higher cost matters,
- ~ If you really don't care how much money has already been spent and is being spent for services other than EMS that you did not vote for nor use,
- ~ If you don't care about fiscal responsibility, oversight and accountability from the Hospital District Board and administration,
- ~ If you think putting more money into an entity that believes it will be "out of business in 5 years" is a wise move,
- ~ If you don't care about the type of clinic care Custer County receives,
- ~ If you believe that the problems really are all the Doctors, Nurses, EMT's and employees who have resigned, or any outside forces are to blame,
- ~ If you believe the taxpayers are to blame if there are problems running an efficient EMS with the current mil levy amount of \$500,000 plus.
- ~ If you believe the threat that the Hospital District can stop providing EMS service if the mil levy loses (they can't by enforcement of their own service plan),
- ~ If you believe that putting more money into a broken system will solve both the current clinic issues and EMS lack of funding from the current mil levy (that should fund it) is a good idea,
- ~ If you really believe that higher taxes the mil levy would take will be the saving of Real Estate sales and new owners won't mind a bit paying more for services and taxes once they buy,
- ~ If you don't care about the 'big picture' of county-wide effects to the negative and not the positive as you are lead to believe,

THEN BY ALL MEANS...VOTE FOR 4A.
HOWEVER, IF YOU CARE ABOUT ANY ONE OF THESE ISSUES, THEN VOTE:

**NO ON 4A - IT'S NOT WHAT'S BEST
FOR ALL OF US...**
And does not solve the root of the problems!

Submitted by a concerned taxpayer of Custer County and the West Custer County Hospital District

A July 4th Parade Suggestion

Dear Editor,

I wanted to write and let you know how much I enjoy the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel. I saw the August 1st issue first – by the end of reading that issue – I phoned for a subscription. My first paper then arrived September 12th. It has become the “make my day” event. We are having the same issues here with our hospital as you are having with your clinic.

Now for the parade. The town

board could specify July 4th for the parade day. Since the CCDCC doesn't want guns or assembly, they get to go in the first time slot, 10:00 a.m. or so – that's when ours start. They could call it the Un-Independence Day or whatever they choose. Next, since the Cowboy Church and the Sentinel saved the 2014 parade, they get the next time slot - maybe 11:00 a.m. or 12:00. Plenty of time left for their Independence Day parade, speeches, songs, assembly – the works! Problem solved!

That could be the solution. We all know it can't be because the CCDCC is like a spoiled brat. Nothing works unless it's their way. “Our way or no way!”

Hang in there and stick to your guns!

I just didn't know any papers like this were still in print. Thank you!

Mary Jo Copper
Leadville, Colorado

Firechief on 4A

Several Sundays ago, fire and EMS crews were called to respond to a motorcycle accident on State Highway 165. This is a fairly common occurrence since the highway is a popular run for motorcycle enthusiasts because of the scenery and architecture or the road from McKenzie corner to Rye. In this case, the rider was 23 feet down a rocky embankment with injuries more severe than usual – broken ankles, neck, and an open skull fracture. Fire and EMS crews struggled together to get the patient quickly and safely up to the ambulance while the rest of the fire crew controlled traffic and landed a Flight for Life helicopter. Not unusual stuff for a 165 run except that the patient was losing huge amounts of blood and the EMS crew had to protect the patient's brain, and try to stop the bleeding. It was a tough scene.

This is just part of what our EMS crews are asked to do 24/7 and it usually goes largely unnoticed because of the huge response area and because calls happen at all times of the day and night. The fire department, however, sees EMS performance on a regular basis. It includes everything from vehicle accidents and helicopter landings to support for structural and wildland fires, where EMS has our backs for possible injuries to homeowners and firefighters. At the very least, they handle firefighter re-

hab on extended calls.

Now we're faced with deciding the fate of EMS on ballot issue 4A. The clinic's effort to explain the dire economics of the situation has been a fair, accurate, and transparent presentation. I believe this, as do two independent experts that I've relied on for their opinion.

The wording of the ballot document and the clinic's board resolution that followed is a clear indication that every attempt has been made by the clinic to ensure the voting public that these funds are safely firewalled and earmarked for EMS alone. I believe that.

I also know we need to act now to raise the money to fairly compensate these dedicated people for all they quietly do for this community. Get the money in place, then resolve where EMS might best land in the future. Timing is critical. You may dislike government, you may dislike taxes, you may dislike the clinic, but life in Custer County and safely running a Fire Department without a well – trained, fast response EMS is unimaginable. Vote yes on Ballot issue 4A.

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Nothing New Offered by "Friends of EMS"

by Paul Sage

In the waning hours of Election 2014 it is worthy of noting that while there are still some hotly contested statewide races and issues that require your attention, most of the election issues Custer County voters face at home are a done deal. The races for Sheriff, Commissioner, and Coroner were pretty well settled in the primary. The only issue remaining on the table is the question of whether we throw more money at the West Custer County Hospital District in the hope that this time it sticks.

This issue has come up numerous times before since the district was created by the voters in 1988 and been answered in different ways. Most recently it was asked and answered with a 'no' last year. This year the political action committee called "friends of Custer County EMS", made up

of a small, special interest group of current district board members, advisors, and fans (they number 12 as of the most recent filing with the Secretary of State's office) has come with the same request for a three mill tax increase which they now promise will be dedicated to the support of Emergency Medical Services with the exception of the 100k or so that will be used for their administrative purposes. Clinic Director Delwin Lester recently called this a "flat out lie and deception," though it is in the slide show and was presented at each of the recent meetings the special interest group presented publicly. While I might agree with him for different reasons, his claims would be more credible if he had showed up for any of the presentations.

With regard to the "promise", it should be noted that there have been other

promises made by this organization in the past. For instance, that they will provide 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week emergency care and they will provide EMS. One promise is not done at all and the other is in jeopardy today. Their grandiose vision of providing this massive rural health center has even threatened the possible success of providing a clinic which is their only other mandate. Only the vote of the people can hold a special district governmental entity to task. There are currently no members on this board who have been elected by the people – all have been appointed by acclamation or by themselves as others have jumped off the ship – and you, the voters, have not called them to task to be responsible with your money. Don't blame the County Commissioners, or even the district board itself. This is in the hands of you, the voters.

Introducing Two Missionaries You May See Around Town



Elder Wilson:

I'm Elder Wilson from Elk Ridge, Utah. My companion and I are currently serving our missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints here in your community. Our purpose as missionaries is to bring others unto Christ. We believe that Jesus Christ's primitive church that He set up is here on earth, restored back to its fullness through a Prophet of God. We invite everyone everywhere to read and ask God through prayer if the Book of Mormon is true.

The Book of Mormon is simply a record of ancient prophets that were here in America testifying and teaching of Jesus Christ and His Gospel. The culminating event in the Book of Mormon is when Jesus Christ, in His resurrected form, comes to His children here on the American continent. He teaches them His Gospel just as He taught His Children in the New Testament. Being a second witness that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

I, for myself, know these things to be true because I have prayed and asked God. The Holy Spirit testified to me that they are true. That's our invitation to you. I have received many blessings having the restored gospel of Jesus Christ in my life. That is why I'm out here, so I can bring those same blessings to you. If you have any questions or would like to talk, we would be happy to! Just flag us down when you see us or call us anytime at (719) 459-0594.

Elder Hern:

I'm Elder Hern, I grew up in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and now serving as a full-time Missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I am the second oldest of 5 kids and I was raised by goodly parents. I grew up working outside in the garden and a little farming as well as working in our family owned iron foundry, Hern Iron Works. I'm an Eagle Scout, a BYU-Idaho college student, and a person who loves to serve. I am on my mission for 2 years

to work hard and share with others how my life has changed by the teachings of Jesus Christ.

We arrived here in Westcliffe beginning of September of 2014, after being closed down for several years to LDS Missionaries. We are both excited and eager to be here in this great town of sincere and loving people. Our message is simply that God lives and He has brought back His Church to the earth again. I have been a Mor-

mon my whole life and it has been so worth it; truly life changing. We want to share a message of eternal families with your family. We want to establish trust between Westcliffe and us Missionaries. We would love to offer any Christian service, such as yard work, shoveling snow, or things around the house. Our purpose is to invite others to Christ. We would love to meet you and your family to share eternal truths. Give us a call (719) 459-0594.



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A Good Ending to a Search and Rescue Mission

by Cindy Howard
and Christe Feldmann

Custer County Search and Rescue was activated at approximately 18:30 on Saturday, October 18th, for a 13-year-old male from the Pueblo area that went missing earlier that morning, during a hunting trip with his father and grandfather. The youth, Clayton Jones, had been last seen in Huerfano County, some two-and-a-half miles west of the Pole Creek Trailhead, located

rounding the search area.

A second operational period began at daybreak on Sunday with participating agencies including CCSAR, Fremont and Pueblo County SAR teams, U.S. Forest Service, Wildlife, Custer Sheriff's Office, Custer Office of Emergency Management and Flight for Life. The teen's predicament had been posted on Facebook and the ensuing response from civilians wanting to assist threatened to overwhelm the coordi-

could have been much lower at the operations base at 11,200 feet. Above average fall temperatures were indeed, a blessing.

All search teams were recalled; and CCSAR was back in service, at base, at 15:00 hours on Sunday afternoon. A mission debrief was held for team members Tuesday the 21st at the SAR barn.

It is important to remember that search and rescue members are continually



Field Base for the SAR mission.

Courtesy photo by Christe Feldmann

near the Custer/Huerfano County line on Greenhorn Mountain Road, just north of the Greenhorn Wilderness.

Family members and friends had searched for the boy for most of Saturday before calling officials for assistance at nightfall. First responders included U.S. Forest Service and Wildlife personnel followed by Custer SAR team members, led by Custer Search and Rescue Captain, Cindy Howard. The overnight search focused on a roughly ten square mile area between Pole Creek TH and West Cisneros TH, west to Huerfano County Road 630 not including additional coverage of roads sur-

nated search efforts. Any additional search or medical responses in the area could have resulted in potentially negative impacts on the focused search for the teen.

As in all good endings, this young man was found safe and without injury just before noon on Sunday. He was found just south of CR 634, well north of the primary search area and more than five miles north of the point last known. He had been more than adequately prepared with additional layers, illumination, fire starter, food and water; and he was knowledgeable in basic survival skills. Temperatures, which dropped overnight into the low 40's,

training and have the proper equipment and communications needed for a large mission. If you are interested in being able to assist in a future mission, contact your county's Search and Rescue Team for more information about joining.

Custer County Search and Rescue is looking for a few good folks to help in the many aspects of the organization, including administrative and organizational duties. If you have the time to commit and a serious desire to participate in team activities, browse the "New Members" section of the team website at www.custersar.org and be our guest at an upcoming general membership meeting.

Who Are The 'Friends of EMS'?

by Paul Sage

Some have inquired as to the makeup of the 'Friends of EMS' political action committee that is attempting to acquire another 3 mills of your tax money for the West Custer County Hospital District. They are not a wide spectrum of interests in the community, rather a very specific group of clinic cheerleaders. According to the Colorado Secretary of State's Office the donors to this political action committee are as follows:

Robert Tobin, Westcliffe,
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Robert Dreher, Westcliffe

Marty Frick, Westcliffe

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Carlen Gruman(sic), Idledale,
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Mattie Burt, Westcliffe

Joe Arbuckle, Cotopaxi,
Board Chairman

Brent Bruiser, Westcliffe,
Board member

Walter Von Woudenberg Westcliffe,
Board Advisor

It is also noteworthy that no EMS members are on this list; no firefighters, no law enforcement, etc.

This information can be accessed at the Colorado Secretary of State's website (www.sos.state.co.us) and clicking on the 'Tracer'.

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Representative Jim Wilson

Major Legislation Sponsored and Passed Into Law:

- HB13-1165: Creation Of A Manufacturing Career Pathway**
(Makes training available to rural and small communities)
- HB14-1204: Rural School Flexibility**
(Cuts down on required reporting for rural schools)
- SB14-146: State Highways Within Municipalities**
(Assisted the City of Salida with Hwy. 50 speed issues)
- SB14-004: Community College Four-Year Programs**
(Allows Community Colleges to offer 4-year BAS degrees)
- HB14-1118: Advanced Placement Pilot Program**
(Makes AP Courses available to rural and small schools)
- HB14-1382: K-12 On-Line**
(Modernized K-12 On-Line Education for the 21st century)

Accomplishments of note:

- Named the Community Colleges of Colorado's 2013 Legislator of the Year**
- Created "Takin' It to The House" - a weekly column of legislative news**

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Saluting America

by Carol S. Kennedy

The American Legion Westcliffe Post 170 partners with Custer County School in the "Saluting America Program," which is sponsored by The American Legion, Department of Colorado.

The "Saluting America Program" was created and developed by Nick Delcazo of Denver. This program helps teach and recognize school children on what it means to participate in patriotism and show their respect to veterans. Several school districts throughout Colorado are also participating in this program. This is the second consecutive year of participation by CCS.

Students in Custer County School grades 6th, 7th, and 8th wrote tribute cards, thanking veterans for their service and dedication to the United States of America. These cards were sent to Fort Carson to the Evans Army Community Medical Center for veterans in the Wounded Warrior Battalion.



Pictured are seven of the participating students with Post 170 Commander Brad Bradberry (left) and Alternate Executive Committee Member from Colorado, Carol Kennedy (right). Students are Savannah Langford, (7th grade), Kate Von Steinman (6th grade), Memphis Curry (6th grade), Samantha Moyer (6th grade), Drake Shannon (8th grade), Melody Harson (7th grade), Sebastian Mackleer (8th grade).

courtesy photo

The American Legion was founded on helping veterans, widows, and orphans after WWI in 1919 and continue to do so today.

The students had many thanks for everything veterans do and how much their service means to them.

Post 170 says they partic-

ipate in "Saluting America" because "we believe in Patriotism; we believe in helping veterans, kids, and our communities." Veterans in the community are welcome to visit Post 170 during their meeting, the second Tuesday of every month 6:30 p.m. at the bowling center in Westcliffe.

Bobcats Volleyball Going to Regionals!

by Coach Cravens

District week is over with the matches played at Sargent on Friday, Oct. 24, and the Bobcats are advancing to Regionals for the first time in several years! Friday was a long day of volleyball with the Bobcats playing the first match at 10:00 am and the last match at 7:00 pm. With four teams--Sargent, Custer County, Sanford, and Del Norte--going for three spots to move on to Regionals, everyone was playing their best ball.

Custer County started the day with Sanford. The Bobcats fought it very hard to find any consistency, and with low hitting efficiency and 7 serves errors the team lost in straight sets, 23-25, 23-25 and 12-25. McKenzie Penkoff led the team with 6 kills and Alysha Benoit had 2 aces.

With the loss, the Bobcats had to win against Del Norte to have any hopes of extending the season. Del Norte was up to the task, and both teams went toe-to-toe playing long rallies with neither team willing to give up. The Bobcats ended up winning the match 3 sets to 1, 25-21, 25-18, 24-26 and 25-20. Madeleine Woods fought with everything she had to make sure the team had a chance to make it to Regionals. She finished the match with

13 kills and 5 blocks.

With Del Norte losing three matches, the Bobcats knew before the match with Sargent that they had made it to Regionals. With the excitement of learning we were going Regionals, the Bobcats started the match against the Farmers with an 11-0 run. Sargent is a very good team though, and turned the tables on the Bobcats and won the set 21-25. The Bobcats were not able to crack the Farmers defense and lost the last two sets 20-25 and 12-25. Woods led the Bobcats again with 7 kills and 3 blocks. Emily Crossley had 2 aces.

The Bobcats return to Sargent on Friday, October 31. The first match will start at 1:00 pm against Sargent, again. The Cats will then play Hoehne the next match. The Bobcats will need to win both matches to have a chance to play in the State Tournament. We look for the opportunities in front of us and hope to see a lot of you there on Friday.

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Friday, October 31

1 p.m.: Regionals at Sargent

Saturday - Sunday, November 8-9

TBD: State at Denver Coliseum

Annual Oyster Fry and Member Sale

Saturday, November 15, at 5:30 p.m.
in the west gym of Custer County School.

Rocky mountain oysters and chicken breasts will be available before the auction.

The meal will cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Thirty members will be auctioned off to the highest bidder for eight hours of work, as well as assorted auction items donated from local stores.

Come and enjoy an evening with the Custer County FFA!

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.

There will be two divisions:

Junior: Co-ed 1st grade – 3rd grade boys and girls and 4th grade girls
Senior: Co-ed 4th grade – 6th grade boys and 5th grade – 6th grade girls

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Samuel Adams - Founding Father

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Bobcats Football Come Up Short

by Coach Bomgardner

The CCHS football team saw the 2014 season close last Saturday in a loss to Hoehne 45-20. The Bobcats were fighting for a playoff spot in the 8-man bracket but could not stop the Farmers from Hoehne.

The first drive started poorly for the Bobcats as they fumbled on the 2nd play from scrimmage, giving Hoehne a short field to score their 1st touchdown and go up 7-0. On the next possession the Bobcats started to move the ball, only to have an interception cut short the drive. "Against playoff caliber teams, you just can't make the mistakes we did in the 1st half," noted head coach Troy Bomgardner. "Once we settled down we played decent and competed, but the 1st half was tough."

Hoehne would go down and score again but the Bobcats defense would make them earn it, forcing the Farmers to use 3 downs for every 1st down on the drive. CCHS would take the kickoff and put together a 10- play drive that would be stopped on a 4th and 4. Hoehne would answer with a long screen pass to go up 21-0.

The Bobcats would again drive the ball for a few 1st downs, only to be stopped by a holding penalty and be forced to punt. Hoehne would take advantage of a missed Bobcat tackle on the next drive to go the length of the field and go up 28-0. An errant snap on the next Bobcat drive would give the Farmers a chance to tack on a field goal in the last seconds of the half, making the score 31-0.

"The locker room was a pretty solemn place at half-time," said Bomgardner. "This is where the real lessons of athletics can take place, and we had to do some soul-searching. We were all really disappointed and probably embarrassed at our performance in the 1st half. But slowly, we began to pull together, and the 2nd half was a different story."

The Bobcats kicked off to open the 2nd half and quickly forced a 4th down for the Farmers. CJ Virden came up with a big sack to give the ball to the Bobcats on the Hoehne 39 yard line. The Bobcats went to work with a pass from Jordan Rhodes to Kody Aldrich to bring the Bobcats to the 10 yard line. Rhodes ended the drive with a touchdown run to get the Bobcats on the board. A failed conversion brought the score to 31-6.

The Farmers would return the next kickoff for a touchdown and force the Bobcats to keep their half-time determination of finishing strong.

With Rhodes and Conner Rowley working together on the next drive the Bobcats would move the ball to the 50-yard line. On the next snap, Rhodes would fake to Rowley and then spring 50 yards for a touchdown. A Rhodes to Andy Feldmann pass would bring the score to 38-14 in the 3rd quarter.

A short inside kick and late hit penalty would give the Farmers the ball on the Bobcats 20-yard line. However, it would take them a 4th down conversion to keep the drive alive and then score to make it 45-14.

The Bobcats would take off again on another drive, only to be stopped by an interception. The Bobcats defense would again make it tough on Hoehne to move the ball, and forced a 4th down punt. An offside penalty would keep the Farmers drive alive, only to have it stopped by a fumble recovery by Virden.

On the second play from scrimmage, Rowley took a pitch and darted 52 yards for a score. The failed extra point brought the score to 45-20. The Bobcats would recover an onside kick and put another drive together, but came up short on the Farmer 14 -yard line.

"I was very proud of our team the 2nd half," exclaimed Bomgardner. "We didn't quit and kept fighting-- outscoring Hoehne 20-14 in the 2nd half. Offensively we had nearly 400 yards and defensively I felt we played pretty well. We stopped their option rushing attack, which has been pretty good. Our defensive line played well, following their assignments, and Feldmann made some nice plays from his linebacker spot."

Rhodes and Rowley each finished with 124 yards rushing with Rhodes adding 2 touchdowns and Rowley 1. Rowley ended the season tied as the state's leading rusher in 8 man with 1575 yards. Aldrich added 5 receptions for 67 yards. On defense, Aldrich had a season high 19 tackles, Virden added 13 tackles and a fumble recovery, and Feldmann had a season high 11 tackles.

The Bobcats ended the season 4-5 and sole possession of 4th place in the Southern League.

Outside the Lines

by Carol Clemenson

The Custer County Library has put together several programs for the children of Custer County. These programs are to help the kids to get used to using the library a little more than they do, and to let them know how much information they can find to help them learn about different areas that they have an interest in.

On October 22nd, Jessica Carter had put together a program for the third grade school kids. It was a very good history lesson about the local history of Custer County. She first took the class, which consisted of about eighteen students, to the back of the library to show them where they could find the history books, so they could check them out later. Then she had made a video

of all the things she had found in history books that were suitable for a third grade reader.

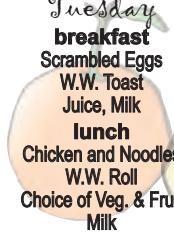
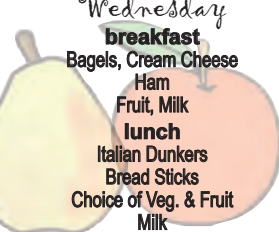
The presentation was very informative and had to do with the founding of Westcliffe. It started with a discussion of Zebulon Pike, from the book, "Zebulon Pike Soldier of



Local kids get a lesson in Westcliffe history.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

Explorer". Other books she used in her presentation were the "Historical Album of Colorado" by Charles Wells and John Charles' "Fremont Western Pathfinder".

Bobcat Menu • Nov. 3 - Nov. 6 2014			
 Monday breakfast Waffles Ham Juice, Milk lunch Cheese Pizza Choice of Veg. Choice of Fruit Milk	 Tuesday breakfast Scrambled Eggs W.W. Toast Juice, Milk lunch Chicken and Noodles W.W. Roll Choice of Veg. & Fruit Milk	 Wednesday breakfast Bagels, Cream Cheese Ham Fruit, Milk lunch Italian Dunkers Bread Sticks Choice of Veg. & Fruit Milk	 Thursday breakfast Sausage Gravy Biscuits Fruit, Milk lunch Hamburger Choice of Veg. Choice of Fruit Milk
Elementary: Main dish, bread, milk, choice of 1 veg. & 1 fruit • Middle & High School: Salad Bar			

Second Street Dance Studio Fundraiser

by Tira "Tee" Doran

Is there a better cause to donate to than helping children reach for their dreams?

I would say "No!" and roughly 120 people who attended the fundraiser might well agree with me!

Second Street Studio, owned by Becky Thompson, held their spaghetti dinner fundraiser last Sunday at Lange Hall next to Hope Lutheran Church. The purpose for this fundraiser was to send two dancing teams from the studio to participate in the

Revolution Dance Competition in Colorado Springs in March. The money will be used to purchase costumes for both teams, pay their participation fees and cost of the hotel. Part of the money will also go for the girls to have an experience of a life time: to be able to participate in a contemporary jazz master class in November with Brian McSween of the Joffrey School of Ballet in New York.

Not only did we have a delicious lunch to enjoy this sunny Sunday made by mothers and served by dancers, we had a sneak

peek at the teams performances. And let me tell you, these young dancers, young as 9 years old, are very talented! The girls have invested over a year of their time so far, with a minimum of six hours a week to meet the requirement to compete at a beginner's level. You can see the commitment in their eyes when they dance.

Even though this event was a success, only half of the goal was reached. So if you wish to donate, you can always drop or mail your donation to Second Street Studio 103 D 2nd St Westcliffe, CO 81252

KIDS

Friday, October 31, 2014

"DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN"

That was the headline of the early edition of the Chicago Tribune on November 3, 1948 – before all the votes were counted.

Harry S. Truman found himself President of the United States after Franklin Roosevelt's sudden death in 1945, just three months into his unprecedented fourth term. Although Truman led the nation through the end of WWII and into a peacetime economy, by the end of 1946 his approval ratings were sagging. With rising inflation, labor unrest, his civil rights initiatives being unpopular with the southern wing of his party, and his being overshadowed by Roosevelt's popularity, he became known as an ineffectual leader. His party felt that he would certainly lose his bid for the White House.

Thomas E. Dewey, Governor of New York since 1943, gained prominence as an attorney prosecuting mobsters in the 1930's. Even though he carried out a low-key, uninspiring campaign, the pundits felt he was a "shoo-in" for the White House. Backed by big-city money and being overconfident, he gave only four major campaign speeches.

Truman, on the other hand, adopted a "meet the people" campaign. He embarked on a "whistle-stop" tour, traveling across America to its cities by train and winning over the common man and undecided voters. Truman, once a farmer, elevated into politics by his reputation for being a man of integrity, won the nation's affections. "Give 'em hell, Harry" became the popular slogan of his supporters.

And so, thanks to the laborer, farmers, and the African-American vote, Harry S. Truman pulled off one of the biggest political upsets in American history. He won the election by over two million votes to the surprise of many - not just the Chicago Tribune - and became our 33rd president.

Source: History.com

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Obituary Wilbur C. Miller

Wilbur Charles Miller and his twin sister, Wilma (Miller) Kattnig, were born to Martin and Frieda Miller of rural Westcliffe, November 8, 1930. He started his primary education at the one room "adobe" school before transferring to the Hope Lutheran Church Parochial school in Westcliffe. He attended and graduated from Custer County High School in 1949. After graduation Wilbur worked the ranch with his father until he enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1953. During his military service Wilbur achieved the rank of Sgt. while stationed on Guam Island. After the military, he worked for several aerospace companies along the Pacific Coast, where some of his work contributed to the success of landing a man on the moon. In 1962, he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics as well as a teaching certificate. His career then turned to education as he taught high school math and physics at several high schools along the Front Range. The University of Colorado awarded him a Master of Science in Mathematics degree in 1967 and he began teaching mathematics at Southern Colorado State College in Pueblo. The quest for education continued as Wilbur earned a PhD in Animal Science from Colorado State University in 1975. Dr. Miller continued teaching mathematics at what had become the University of Southern Colorado until he became a professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University. Dr. Miller retired from the Colorado State University, but continued to work in the field of Mathematical Modeling as

a consultant to the U.S. Department of Agriculture until he returned permanently to his ranch in the Wet Mountain Valley in the early 1990s. Interestingly, Wilbur was born and died in the same house on the Miller ranch that has been in his family since 1919. Much to his satisfaction the ranch is now being operated by the fourth-generation of Millers and the fifth-generation plans to continue the tradition.

In addition to a lifelong love of mathematics and ranching, Wilbur also was passionate about sustainability before it was popular. The house he built on the ranch was proudly constructed without the use of power tools, and featured a gravity pressurized water system, while its electrical power comes from a hydroelectric system, which he designed and to his great satisfaction, 36 years later it is still performing perfectly. He was equally passionate about keeping ranch land in the valley in ranching as well as keeping agricultural water on agricultural land. He never met a subdivision or water augmentation plan that he liked. He always found time to comment on what the "Liberals" were doing wrong, while at the same time being very giving and caring to all.

Wilbur married Marilyn Louise Franz in 1953 and she preceded him in death 40 years later. In addition to raising a son and later operating the ranch they enjoyed hiking and moun-



tain climbing all over, Colorado, and exploring the Navajo and Anasazi Indian cultures in the Four Corners area. In 1993 he married Rowena Sedar. They made their home in the original ranch house where Wilbur remained after Rowena's health forced her to move to an assisted living facility in Westcliffe. In his later years, Wilbur enjoyed a very active social calendar with Rowena.

Wilbur was preceded in death by his sister Evelyn (Miller) Kelsey. He is survived by two sisters, Ruth (Miller) Rrinker and Wilma (Miller)Kattnig as well as six nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his son, Robert and his wife Deborah and their daughter Stephanie. Also surviving along with his wife Rowena (Sedar) Miller are her four children Scott, Brian, Melissa and Rowan and their children.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, November 1, at 2 p.m., at Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe, Colorado. Rather than flowers, Wilbur would prefer any memorials be focused on the preservation of agricultural land and water through stewardship and education.

Bill Scott Discusses Forty Years of His Aviation History

by Larry Luikart

Bill Scott, pilot, U.S. Air Force Special Equipment Operator, military and civilian test engineer, and reporter / aircraft evaluator for Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine presented a program sponsored by the West Custer County Library Community room, October 24, 2014.

The hour long talk accompanied by a very nice power point presentation outlined Mr. Scott's forty plus years working in aviation. He broke his working life into three primary categories: Routine, Professionalism, and Magic.

While Mr. Scott described the first part of his talk as routine, the stories he shared were anything but routine. If you fly airplanes eventually there will be anything from normal procedural failures to full blown emergencies. He described flying in an F4 fighter jet which experienced a primary hydraulic failure on landing that came out routine. During a stall test characteristic of a Canadair Challenger Jet on April 3, 1980, the Angle of Attack vane froze giving the wrong information to the pilots. The airplane entered a deep stall.

The pilots pulled an auxiliary parachute attached to the airplane which broke the stall, but the parachute release failed and the secondary emergency explosive bolts also failed. The result was an uncontrollable airplane. Mr. Scott bailed out and so did the co-pilot, but his parachute did not open until just before impact with the ground. He broke his leg in three places.

The captain was killed.

During the Professionalism talk, Mr. Scott talked about the incredible dedication, innovation, and professionalism he encountered in his work with our military. As a writer for Aviation Week and Space Technology Magazine in 1994 he rode along in a B-1 bomber on a 27-hour plus, non-stop flight from Elsworth Air Force Base to Kuwait to drop bombs on Saddam Hussein's troops.

During the Magic discussion, Mr. Scott talked about the moment when flying over the Great Salt Lake in Utah just at sunset on glass smooth air, the moon rose over the Wasatch Mountains and as he said, "Everything was just right."

He also discussed his time flying with the Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Team in the back seat with the slot pilot. The precision, skill, and precise timing required to fly less than twenty-four inches apart with one airplane upright and the other upside down above it was another truly Magic moment.

Mr. Scott is a co-author of three books: *Space Wars: The First Six Hours of World War III*; *Counterspace: The Next Hours of World War III*; and *Inside the Stealth Bomber: The B2 Story*. He authored a solo novel, *The Permit*, based on the murder of his oldest son, Erik Scott. Mr. Scott signed books after the enjoyable presentation and many of the pilot attendees enjoyed sharing their flying experiences with Mr. Scott. His books are available at Amazon.



Daughters of the American Revolution Distinguished Citizen Medal Awarded to Jack Kenneth Nichols

The National Defense Committee Award is presented to an individual, eighteen years of age and older, who fulfills the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership, and patriotism. The Medal may be awarded to emergency first responders, active duty military, and veterans of the United States Armed Forces, and citizens who contributed to the defense and/or security, and thereby the freedom, of the community, state, or nation in an exceptional manner.

Jack Nichols was a WWII, Battle of the Bulge Veteran, a retired fireman, and was the first EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) in Fremont County.

Two DAR General Marian Chapter members from Cañon City, Colorado, Nancy Hicks and Andy Nichols presented the



Nancy Hicks, Jack Nichols, and Andy Nichols.

courtesy photo

award to Jack on October 26, 2014.

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Wasting Water in Colorado Cities

by Senator Larry Crowder
District 35

Like many western states, Colorado faces a looming water shortage. Front Range cities have been especially vocal about it, saying they need more water to meet the demand of their growing populations. However, these cities are literally drowning in water. It's just being delivered irresponsibly.

Rather than fixing the true problem, water from Southern Colorado's San Luis and Arkansas valleys is seen as the solution to the water crisis. Earlier this year, Gary Boyce, a Saguache County rancher, proposed selling 35,000 acre-feet of water annually from the San Luis Valley to buyers in cities like Denver, Aurora, Colorado Springs, Littleton, Fort Collins, and Douglas County.

Diverting this water would significantly impact Southern Colorado's

economy and our residents' livelihoods. Our farmers and ranchers consistently coax life out of the arid soil using this precious resource. Without it, our melons would wilt. Our potatoes would wither away, and our grains and produce would never have a chance to grow.

First and foremost, Southern Colorado farmers and ranchers need the water for agricultural operations. But I also have concerns about how our Front Range cities would use our water. Based on an assessment by Colorado Legislative Services, I can't in good conscience believe our precious commodity will be used responsibly.

Here's why: In 2013 alone, more than 13,500 acre-feet of water was lost in Denver, Aurora and Colorado Springs due to faulty infrastructure. Broken water mains, leakage, malfunctioning meters and waste caused nearly 4 billion gallons of water to

be lost before it ever reached these cities' 2.1 million residents. And this loss represents just three cities. Factor in the amount of water lost in Fort Collins Littleton, Douglas County and the number will certainly increase.

Therefore, it is my strong belief that upgrading the metro areas' antique water delivery systems is the better way to ensure urban residents have an adequate water supply. With improved and responsibly managed public works infrastructure in place, metro residents would have access to water for daily activities and there wouldn't be a need to poach Southern Colorado's water.

Not only would upgrading metro areas' infrastructure protect Southern Colorado's agricultural economy and the livelihoods of thousands of residents, but it's simply the responsible thing to do.



Fall and Winter Pile Burning to Begin in Southern Colorado

CAÑON CITY, Colo. –
October 29, 2014

Fire crews from the San Carlos Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Pike and San Isabel National Forests will carry out their prescribed fire pile burning program this fall and winter in southern Colorado. An estimated 850 piles will be burned over the course of this project.

Planned ignitions will begin when weather and fuel conditions become optimal for achieving management objectives while keeping smoke impacts to a minimum to surrounding communities. Weather and fuel conditions will be closely monitored and the prescribed burning program

will continue as long as conditions allow.

Prescribed fire pile burning combined with mechanical and/or hand thinning treatments are effective land management tools used to reduce the accumulation of hazardous fuels and old and dense vegetation. Minimizing hazardous fuels reduces fire intensity and the risk of catastrophic wildland fires. In turn, this action minimizes the risk to firefighter and public safety. It also improves wildlife habitat and promotes and maintains healthier ecosystems.

Each prescribed burn has a detailed prescribed fire plan along with appropriate smoke permits obtained from state agencies.

- Black Mountain Piles: Burn piles containing debris from thinning operations to reduce hazardous fuels will be burned. The burn piles are located approximately ten miles north of Gardner in Huerfano County.

- Alvarado Piles: Burn piles containing slash material from thinning will be burned. The burn piles are located eight miles southwest of Westcliffe in Custer County.

- Blue Lake Timber Sale Piles: Burn piles containing slash material from timber sale will be burned. The burn piles are approximately five miles east of Rye in Pueblo and Huerfano Counties.

- Duckett Piles: Burn piles

containing slash material from the blowdown event. The burn piles are approximately three miles west of Hillside in Custer and Fremont Counties.

- 12-Mile Piles: Burn piles containing from thinning operations to reduce hazardous fuels will be burned. The piles are located approximately a quarter mile southeast of San Isabel as well two locations along State Highway 78, 2-4 miles North/Northeast of San Isabel in Custer and Pueblo Counties.

For more information contact Dennis Page, USFS Fire Management Specialist, 719-269-8584, or dpage@fs.fed.us. You may also follow us on Twitter: @PSICC_NF for updates.

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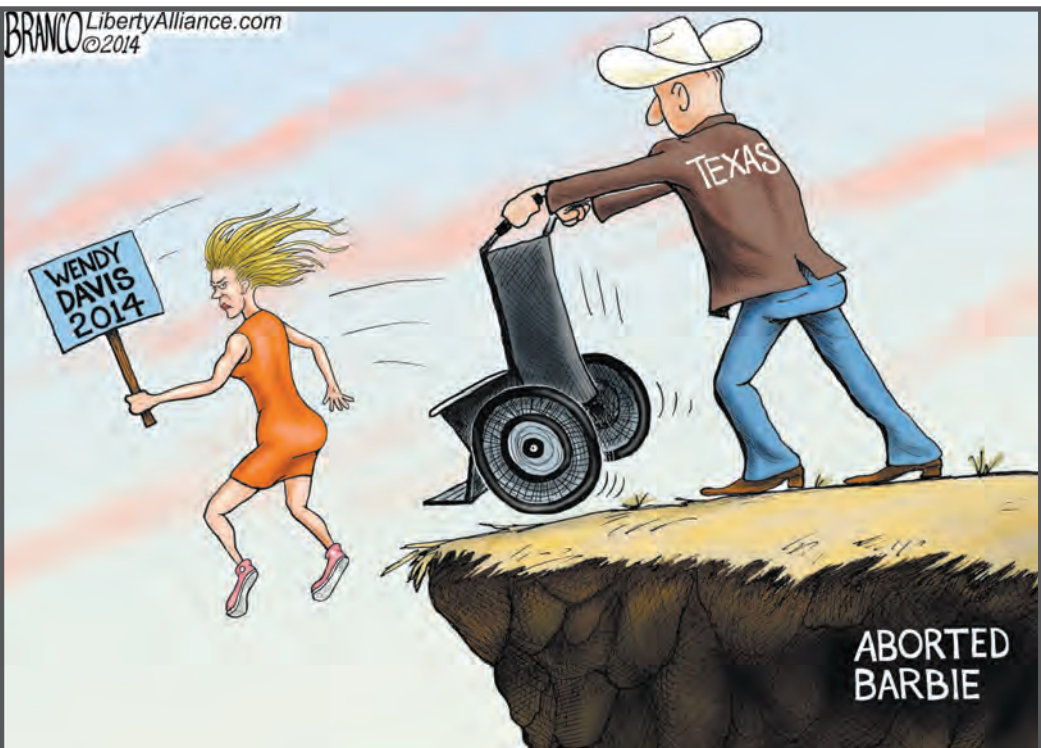
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Bobcat's Fall Sports - Way to go Seniors!

Football: "Bobcats kept fighting"



Kody Aldrich #68 TE, DE: 19 pass receptions, 12 yard average, 3 TD's, 119 tackles (second highest), 15 per game average



Randy Bailey #70 G, NG: 66 tackles total, 7 per game average



CJ Virden #56 TE, DE: 149 tackles (team high), 17 per game average, almost 1 sack per game average



Conner Rowley #4 TB, DB: 159 carries, 1575 total yards, 10 yard/carry average, tied as state 8-man leading rusher - 15 TD'S, 17 pass receptions, 15 yd average, 3 TD'S, 76 tackles

Cross Country: "Saving the best for last"- State Meet



Corey Lewenkamp 2nd place, 2A, personal best for this course: 17:02



#41 Michael Franta 37th place, personal best for this course and the state race: 19:27

Volleyball: "Still On the Job" - Regionals at Sargent - Friday, October 31

For these seniors, stats are still in the making. If Madeleine and Jordan can keep on with attacking and kills and blocking, Kristian will do her part in those departments too and join with Alysha in taking care of what goes on from middle to back-court—digs, serve receiving, and serving. These four can count on huge contributions from their younger teammates. GO BOBCATS!



(#12) Jordan Beach



(#13) Madeleine Woods



(#2) Alysha Benoit



(#3) Kristian Curtis

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Classifieds

For Sale

Desk top computer Lenovo ThinkCenter with Windows 7. Optiquest monitor, keyboard, mouse. 1 month old. \$150. TopcatUSN@gmail.com

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

Beige futon with wood arms. Like new, \$125. 783-2421 Leave message

Napoleon 1900 wood stove (used 4 winters), 6 wood racks, utensils, \$999 OBO. 783-0665

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.

The Custer County School District is accepting applications for a **school nurse**. Starting salary for this position is \$12.55 per hour, but open to negotiation based on previous school nursing experience. Full health insurance and PERA benefits will be provided as well. Typical working hours will be from approximately 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Applicants with any type of nursing certification will be considered. Applications must be received by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3. Classified staff applications are available at www.custercountyschools.org or the Administration office at 709 Main St. in West-

cliffe Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. 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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School Board Vacancy Announcement

Custer County School District is seeking a qualified individual to appoint for the current Board of Education vacancy in director district one. Director district one consists of the town of Westcliffe. The appointee will serve until the next regular school biennial election in November 2015.

Qualifications:

- To be eligible for appointment, a candidate must:
1. Be a registered elector of Custer County School District C-1 at least twelve consecutive months prior to the date of appointment.
 2. Must not have been convicted of a sexual offense against a child.
 3. Must be a resident of Custer County School District C-1 director district one.

Timeline:

Application Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on November 17, 2014
Interviews: December 9, 2014
School Board action to fill vacancy: December 9, 2014

How to Apply:

Qualified candidates must submit a letter of interest including brief biographical information. Qualified candidates must also complete an "Affidavit of School Director Candidate for Appointment on Qualifications for Office." The affidavit may be obtained at the Custer County School District C-1 district office. The letter of interest and completed affidavit should be submitted to superintendent Chris Selle prior to 4:00 p.m. on November 17, 2014. Qualified candidates may contact superintendent Chris Selle at 719-783-2357 should they require clarification of the process to fill this vacancy.

The deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is **Monday at 5 p.m.** for that week's edition.

Call 719-783-3360



Come and Worship



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Huerfano Community Bible Church
603 Leon Street
Walsenburg, Colorado
10:30 Sunday Worship
7 p.m.: Thursday Bible Study
(719) 251-9053

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
10:15 a.m. Worship
Tuesdays 7 - 9 p.m.: Prayer Mtg
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. Ffellowship
3rd & Rosita Streets
Westcliffe
719/783-2477

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eateries

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6848 Cty. Rd. 140 • Westcliffe
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Candy's Coffee
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719/783-9516
Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Fri., & Sat, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Grill closes at 2 p.m.

Hunger Buster
824 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9228
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Letter Drop Inn
6654 Cty. Rd. 328 • Rosita
719/783-9430
Closing end of October till May

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
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Tues. 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Closed Wednesdays

Nacho Mama's (Formerly Mavericks)
404 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719/783-3331
Mon. - Sat, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Oak Creek Grade General Store
12 miles north on Cty. Rd. 255
719/783-2245
Fri. and Sat, 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Rancher's Roost at Cliff Lanes
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Sun. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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215 Main St. • Westcliffe
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Sun. - Thurs, 11 a.m. - Midnight
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411 Main St. B • Westcliffe
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Tues. - Fri., 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
New hours after Christmas

Tony's Mountain Pizza
630 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719/783-9300
Mon. - Wed., 4 - 9 p.m.
Thurs. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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

Local Mountain News & Notices

Veterans Day Gathering 'The Forgotten Veterans'

All veterans and their family are invited to a Veterans Day gathering on Saturday, 8 November. This event is hosted by Westcliffe Post 170 of The American Legion.

- *Date:* Saturday, 8 November
- *Time:* 5 p.m.; Dinner will be served between 5:30-5:45 p.m.
- *Place:* Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club
- *Cost:* There will be no cost except guests are asked to bring appropriate side dishes to share (salads, desserts, breads, potatoes, etc.).
- *Menu:* Post 170 will provide an entrée of brisket and non-alcohol-

ic beverages. If you want some other beverage, it is BYOB.
• *Dress:* 'Boots to Bow Ties'

Our speakers this year will be those veterans, spouses, and children of veterans that served during Korea or Vietnam. We wish to honor and thank those veterans that were, and in many cases, still are 'forgotten'. They did not come home to parades or flag lines at the airport; they did not have programs to help them as with today's Wounded Warriors. Many tried to forget what they had been through, but for most that was, and still is, impossible. This year we want to

specifically say, "Welcome Home and Thank You for Your Service", to our Korean and Vietnam vets..... 'The Forgotten Veterans'.

There will be a table set up if you have any memorabilia you would like to share, including pictures or items. Please note your calendar and join us on Saturday, 8 November, at the Saddle Club.

Master of Ceremonies will be Marine Veteran Brad Bradberry who served in Vietnam.

Any questions should be addressed to: Anna Orgeron, email: chickenlady2@centurytel.net and phone: 783-2721

Events Calendar

Friday, October 31 9 a.m.: BOCC board meeting 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.: Writer's Workshop with Lisa Jones at Westcliffe Library, 209 Main Street; Cost \$300, email mizzlisajones@me.com 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Pumpkin Tea Event at the Garden Tea Room at 103 N. 3rd, Westcliffe; Call for reservations, (719) 371-7076 Halloween in the 'Cliffs 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Equalizer"	Garden Tea Room at 103 N. 3rd, Westcliffe; Call for reservations, (719) 371-7076 5:30 p.m.: Chili Supper Fundraiser by Custer County Bobcat Band in multi-purpose room at Custer County school 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.: Halloween carnival in the school's west gym 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Equalizer"
Saturday, November 1 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.: Writer's Workshop with Lisa Jones at Westcliffe Library, 209 Main Street; Cost \$300, email mizzlisajones@me.com 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Pumpkin Tea Event at the	Sunday, November 2 2 a.m.: Set clocks back 1 hour Daylight Savings Time ends: Fall back 1 hour 2 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Equalizer"
	Tuesday, November 4 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.: ELECTION DAY - Polls open!

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. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March-October) at the Saddle Club.
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
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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 - 4:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Jammin' band at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff First Tuesday of the Month: 6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting	Friday 6 p.m.: Open discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Lisa (719) 783-0809 Friday and Saturday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.: Share Center at 308 S. Third Street adjacent to Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Library open in Westcliffe

Sheriff's Report...

As of Tuesday, October 28, 2014, there were 3 men in jail.

ACCIDENTS

October 21 At 1552 hours, a 2006 Jeep was parked on Bassick near the post office. The owner, Hubert Lecuyer, of Silver Cliff, left the vehicle and entered the post office. Meantime, the jeep rolled across the street onto Custer County Realty's property where it was stopped by a post. Heavy damage was sustained to the vehicle.

AMBULANCE CALLS

October 26 At 1700 hours, an ambulance was dispatched along with law enforcement to the north side of Lake DeWeese. A canoe had capsized. The occupants made it to shore. All were okay.

October 24 At 1943 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Hartbauer RV Park for an 8-year-old female with abdominal pains. She was transported to Parkview Hospital.

October 24 At 1308 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Hartbauer RV Park for a 47-year-old female with abdominal pain. She was transported to Parkview Hospital.

October 23 At 1344 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to The Mining Company Restaurant for a 66-year-old female complaining of pain. She was transported to Parkview Hospital.

October 21 At 0800 hours, a female patient entered the ambulance barn and was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.



by Mark Gage

Many of you are customers of Norup Gas Inc., but there may be some information about Norup here in the Westcliffe area, as well as the propane industry in general, that the reader may find interesting.

Darrell Niles is the General Manager locally and has been with Norup for 28 years. Darrell is a Westcliffe native, assuring a personal touch with the market and community based customer service. All Norup employees have likewise been long-term employees: John Stapay (Driver/18 years); Bill Pittman (Driver/8 years); Norma Bergstedt (11 years/Office); and Jennie Hobby (6 years/office).

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in everything Norup offers to its customers. Darrell believes Norup's emphasis on safety and training and 100% local customer service and response separates Norup from other propane suppliers in the area.

Norup provides a pre-buy program which protects against price spikes. Although the pre-buy sign-up period has passed for 2014, pre-buy may make sense for Norup customers to consider for the 2015-2016 season. Budget Billing is another customer oriented feature provided at no cost. Payments are evenly staggered based off historical averages. Should aesthetics or surrounding wooded areas be a concern, Norup will work with you to develop a purchase of an in-ground tank. Norup

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Florence-Penrose
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Florence

Cañon City
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1st and 3rd
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Common Core Rally

by Barbara Penezic

Parents, grandparents, and concerned Cañon City adults are planning a rally at the Cañon City School Administration Building on Monday, November 10, prior to the beginning of the RE-1 School Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Area parents and child advocates want to be sure that local school board members and Superintendent Robyn Gooldy understand that they are opposed to Common Core Standards.

I have spoken with many parents of Cañon City school children and found that very few of them were aware of the switch from Colorado State Standards to Common Core Standards, fewer still, have any knowledge of what Common Core Standards are. This little detail alone should raise the hair on the back of your neck. After all, when someone has good news they usually shout it from the top of the nearest mountain. The National Governors Association and a team of educators unveiled this new set of standards and basically slid it under the door in the dark of night. “We were told this was a new curriculum that would raise standards. “Who could object to such

a thing,” says Joseph Rella, a district superintendent, “but the devil is in the details, and the details are horrible.”

Congress was rushed to pass the Patriot Act without reading it and we all remember Nancy Pelosi urging lawmakers and all of us to sign the Affordable Care Act, so we could find out what was in it, we are now being hurrahed into submitting to Common Core Standards before having any cognizance of what it really is. Do you remember when we were all admonished to read the ‘FINE PRINT’ before signing on the dotted line? Well, so do I and that is exactly what we need to do right now. This is the future of our children we are advocating for and our children are the *Future of our Nation*. They will not be able to protect us in the future if we fail them now!

If you would like to have your voice heard at the RE-1 school board meeting please arrive by 5 p.m. and fill out a permission to speak form. You will be allowed to make a short statement to the board. I have been told at previous meetings that the board will not answer questions. On a personal note, I will not vote for any incumbent school

board members when they run for re-election because I feel that the school board members should be accountable, too, and willing to answer sincere questions when they are respectfully presented by a parent at this public meeting.

In a nutshell, Common Core is doing to education what Obama Care has done to Health Care. Remember, “If you like your doctor you can keep your doctor, etc., etc.” That is exactly what we are being told about the pornographic reading materials that are now on our schools list of approved reading. “These books will never be permitted in our class rooms.” To most parent’s this means, “The book will be in your child’s backpack by lunch; report on said book due no later than Friday.”

If Common Core is an issue you would like to take a stand against, or if you would simply like to see for yourself what all the concern is about, you are cordially invited to join Parents against Common Core Rally, Monday, November 10, at 5 p.m. at 15th and Main across the street from Dairy Queen.

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CORRECTION:

Friday, October 24, 2014, edition of the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel reported in an article on the illegal pot plantations that a group called the Concerned Citizens of Fremont County was led by Richard and Susan Hildebrand. This was an error. Mr. Richard Hildebrand was a guest speaker at the meeting on Deer Mountain. Neither he nor his wife, Susan, are affiliated with the Concerned Citizens of Fremont County. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Penrose Fire Chief Warns of Possible Fire Danger at Local Marijuana Facilities

by Barbara Penezic

Marijuana, be it legal or illegal, medical or recreational, is certainly the topic of heated debates from one end of Fremont County to the other. With a seemingly unconcerned wave of the state’s stately hand, growers were soon thick as fleas on a hound dogs back and the apple orchards of Penrose were just as quickly being replaced with marijuana greenhouses.

Finally realizing the error of their ways, the state passed the problem along to local jurisdictions and now county commissioners, local planning and zoning boards, and law enforcement officials are doing their best to catch a run-away coach and put the horses back before the cart. Fremont County residents are outraged as they watch their property values plummet, their way of life decimated, and the personal safety of their families compromised.

At a meeting of Penrose Concerned Citizens this evening I heard the same question being echoed over and over again. Why here? Why Penrose? There doesn’t appear to be a real clear answer to this question. One voice in the crowd speculated, “We are

short on water and short on law enforcement.” Obviously, the water shortage isn’t a problem for speculators hoping to fill their pockets with money made from dealing in this gateway drug.

Penrose Fire Chief Calvin Sundermann spoke to the group concerning the danger of fire at a grow house or manufacturing facility. “We are dreadfully, painfully aware of what could happen at any time. If one of these catches on fire, it’s going to be quite a fire. Like I said, it burns like oil and it doesn’t like water, it will take foam to put it out.” Extinguishing the fire could be the easy part. Large scale evacuations would likely be needed, the medical aspect of such an event could be greater than the fire itself.

Chris Height from Apple Shed tried to speak with the group about the pluses of marijuana and reminded the listeners that this would be a medical marijuana grow. Having been informed only moments earlier by Chief Sundermann of a medical response call for a 3 year old that had ingested a large dose of marijuana, Mr. Height’s words fell on deaf ears.

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Canada Sees Peace of Islam First Hand

The turmoil the past few days in Canada should be a warning to all of us on the North American continent about the peace of Islam. Imam's spewing hatred and death from their so-called "religious freedom-protected" mosques are inspiring deadly converts and attacks on the peace-loving. Islam is neither a religion nor peaceful and even those who seem peaceful now will someday have a choice to submit or die, and if they submit, it doesn't bode well for Christians and Jews. A May 2013 survey by The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life found that over 75% of the world's Muslims want Sharia to be "the official law of the land." This means that Muslims agree that Islam should be the only legal religion.

Pew reported: "The survey - which involved more than 38,000 face-to-face interviews in 80-plus languages with Muslims across Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa - shows that Muslims tend to be most comfortable with using sharia in the domestic sphere, to settle family or property disputes." Of the nations specifically mentioned in the Bible that come against Israel in the Day of the Lord, only Turkey currently does not have a majority of Muslims who believe Sharia should be the law of the land. Iraq (91%), the so-called Palestinian Territories (89%), Jordan (71%), Ethiopia (65%), Libya, and Iran were not surveyed, but already have Sharia as the law of the land. This is incompatible with any form of democracy or freedom.

Turkey is fast moving toward Sharia. For example, 62% of the respondents in

Turkey believe that Islamic parties are better or the same as other political parties. Only about 22% of Muslims in these areas were worried about Muslim extremists. 40% of Palestinian Muslims believe suicide bombings are justified. Turkey and Jordan are next at 15%. Ezekiel 38 and 39 speaks of a tremendous end time battle where these Islamic nations come against Israel. Verse 38:12 says, "To take a spoil, and to take a prey (enslave them); to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and unto the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods that dwell in the midst of the land."

Many believe that this Gog spoken of is the Beast, the antichrist, because it is the Day of the Lord mentioned by all the prophets. Ezekiel 39:8 says, "Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord God; this is the day whereof I have spoken." 38:17 possibly identifies Gog as the Beast: "Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years that I would bring you against them?" The nations surveyed by Pew that comprise the Gog coalition against Israel are among the most radical Islamic states in modern times. As the Islamic State grows stronger, its sphere increases and Canadians and Americans may no longer view from afar the true peace of Islam.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson

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Obama's Legacy: Smallpox Blankets From Mexico for Our Children

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.org

Unbridled "open border" immigration is outrageously unwise. It has historically been associated with forced "immigration", otherwise known as an invasion.

In the early days of our nation when those who came from Europe forced themselves upon the people living in what is now America ("Indians") we allegedly took care of those pesky natives by giving them blankets. But not just any blanket -- blankets that a person who had smallpox had wrapped themselves in.

We allegedly did this knowing that the blankets were infused with disease. The native people of America, having zero exposure historically to that disease, had no immunity to it of any sort. Huge numbers of them died as a consequence.

At least this is the story told, although there is decent evidence that story may have been fabricated.

Today's version, sadly, appears to be true.

You see, today our government is doing this, albeit on a much smaller

scale, with our "open border" policy toward Mexico and **they're aiming the disease at our children through their intentional malfeasance.**

"Let me emphasize something in context to your question," Brooks said. "Immigration is part of Ebola, is a part of this new virus - I say 'new' in quotations marks because it's relatively new to the degree we've seen it in the United States of America that it is taking the lives of American children, and causing partial or complete paralysis of American children. All of this is related to immigration because some of these diseases are coming from abroad. By way of example, there was a study in 2013 - I think it was called the enterovirus that is causing the paralysis and death of young children in America - that thousands of residents of Central American countries were found with this illness over a year ago in 2013.

Ebola has all the attention **but enterovirus** is a disease that is relatively common in Central America **but virtually unknown in America.** In other words, we have near-zero natural immunity to it, and children are particularly at-risk. It's a nasty bug, too, causing permanent harm **including paralysis and even death** in some of

the kids who contract it.

Thus far it has killed at least 7, which is incidentally 7 more US citizens than have been killed by ebola that they contracted inside the United States. More than 700 have fallen ill with it, nearly all children.

You don't think that allowing tens of thousands of illegal immigrant children to come into the country, intentionally dispersing them through the nation all summer long while refusing to disclose where they went after having intentionally failed to screen them for disease, then effectively forcing state and local governments to accommodate integrating them into our schools where they will expose our children to anything they may have carried with them across the border is the same thing as what "white man" did to the Native American with their smallpox blankets?

You're not very bright, are you?

Thank Obama and Congress for their refusal to **enforce** immigration **laws** -- they're directly responsible.

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The Woodpile Report by Ol' Remus

CDC and the Point of No Return

by Ol' Remus

How 'bout some clarity? The Center for Disease Control had one job. They didn't do it. Whether they couldn't or wouldn't do it, the result is the same. They're a Three Stooges farce with a seven billion dollar budget and a bewildered Baghdad Bob for a Director. It's wall to wall clowns at six-figure salaries. All that's missing are the kazoo and cowbells. And they're still squandering scarce resources, still tripping over their own bureaucratic shoelaces, still fumbling the simple and ignoring the obvious, still making it up as they go along--and exposing us to disaster in stunningly stupid ways that would never occur to the untrained.

The CDC isn't the answer and it never was, as we've found out. They're the problem and have been long before Thomas Duncan shambled around Dallas, infected some, and croaked. One guy--one, brought the whole thing down. They say they didn't see it coming. Really? Wasn't it their job? They still don't see enterovirus

D68 coming from Mexico, denials all around, DHS told them to *look the other way*, and they are. Then there's D.C. They send troops to Africa, provide limo service at our southern border, and let anyone into the country who don't actually collapse in a pool of their own bloody vomit when getting off the plane.

Seriously, how plain do they have to make it? How does the CDC differ from a fraud run by crackpots and quacks--good intent? How could we know their intent? If the intent of D.C. and the CDC were to create an epidemic by giving ground until the point of no return, what would they be doing differently? Anyone? Beuller?

The CDC is either "controlling disease" or it isn't. If it is, they have much to answer for. If it isn't, we can't afford them. Here's the take-away: if you value your life, disregard the CDC. Too extreme? Here's what one pro tells us:

It should be clear to all by now that federal bureaucracies are either too corrupt, politicized, or incom-

petent to fulfill their core missions. The purpose of bureaucracies is to continually expand their payroll, budgets, and missions to the point of becoming massive, inefficient, and deadly. We will have to take care of ourselves if we want to survive. Waiting for more CDC directives and guidelines is worse than counter-productive.

Richard Amerling, M.D.,
Association of American Physicians and Surgeons,
at wnd.com

And here's how reliable the World Health Organization is:

In September the WHO estimated that by October 20, there would be 3,000 total cases in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. As of October 7, the count was 8,376.

Jonathan Last at
weeklystandard.com

Drat! Missed it by that much. But it doesn't end there. Obama's new Ebola Kommissar, Ron Klain, has no medical qualifications whatever. None. He's a Biden staffer. A fixer. A plumber. A spinmeister. A troll magnet. He keeps his

nitwit boss's pratfalls out of the news when he can, and puts lipstick on 'em when he can't. When D.C. cranks up their airlift to bring the world's Ebola zombies to the United States for free medical care and complimentary mints, he'll be performing the same service for the CDC.

This isn't reassuring - it's a straight-up insult to the American people. We'll get a Beltway spinner installed above the existing six-figure officials who dropped every ball Ebola tossed them. Obama just named a political officer to manage the Cabinet secretaries who managed the CDC director who managed to lose control of Ebola.

John Hayward
at humanevents.com

And it'll work too. What used to be the news media isn't going to do a one-eighty and ask silly questions like, "what happened to all those emergency powers like quarantines for travelers from infected

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on page 20

Do not bite at the bait of pleasure, till you know there is no hook beneath it.

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New Lie From Obama Administration: Released Illegals Weren’t Criminals

by Allen West,
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Last year President Barack Hussein Obama was awarded the “Lie of the Year” from the Washington Post over his “you can keep your doctor line.” Didn’t think he could top that whopper? Ha. Here comes another one with potentially dangerous consequences for Americans.

As reported by Breitbart, “The Obama Administration lied last year when they informed Congress and the public that the 2,200 people that the Administration released from incarceration to save money had only minor criminal records. USA TODAY, gaining the data from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) through the Freedom of information Act, reports that some of the illegal immigrants had been charged with kidnapping, sexual assault, drug trafficking, and homicide. After the new information was released, ICE spokeswoman Gillian Christensen protested, “Discretionary releases made by ICE were of low-level offenders. However, the releases involving individuals with more significant criminal histories were, by and large, dictated by special circumstances outside of the agency’s control.”

I wonder what defines “special circumstances outside of the agency’s control?” Would that happen to be “politics?” I wouldn’t put it past the vindictive nature of Valerie Jarrett and Barack Obama – after all, they closed veterans’ memorials – to do such a thing. Was it the intent of the Obama administration to use “sequestration” as a punishment upon the American people by placing fiscal restraints on agencies such

as ICE, forcing them to release hardened illegal immigrant criminals?

Here is the background to the situation. As Breitbart reports, “ICE releases immigrants with serious criminal records only if their legal status has changed or if they cannot be deported. Every illegal immigrant held in jail costs ICE an average of \$122 a day. Last year, GOP members asked ICE Director John Morton for specifics about the immigrants the agency had released. Rep. J. Randy Forbes, R-VA, asked Morton, “No one on that list has been charged or convicted with murder, rape or sexual abuse of a minor, were they?” Morton responded, “They were not.” He added that none of the released immigrants had been charged with child pornography charges. White House spokesman Jay Carney echoed that the prisoners who were released were “low-risk, non-criminal detainees.”

“However, an ICE spreadsheet reveals one immigrant from Texas had been charged with aggravated kidnapping and sexually assaulting a child, and others had charges including armed assaults or assaulting police officers. One immigrant had been charged with conspiracy to commit homicide. Two more had charges of aggravated assault using a weapon, and another had been charged with sexual assault.”

I know what you’re thinking — what can be done about the corruption, lies, and deceit of the Obama administration? Well, the immediate remedy is to remove Harry Reid from the post of Senate Majority Leader. After all, Obama stated his policies were on the ballot this midterm

election cycle — including lies like this one about illegals. This lie puts American citizens at risk, and that is unconscionable.

Breitbart says, “Morton had informed Congress that of the over 2,200 immigrants ICE released, 629 had criminal records, all of them misdemeanors “or other criminals whose prior conviction did not pose a violent threat to public safety.” Of course, Morton did not mention the 144 other released immigrants who were filed under “special issues.” They were largely released because ICE had six months to jail them legally if the agency could not deport them.”

Of course, all of this comes to light at the time when there is NO ONE in Washington, D.C., until a week after the midterm election, and you can bet that in a lame duck session, this won’t be considered — especially not in a Harry Reid-controlled Senate.

I hope you’ll keep this in mind as you head to the polling booth — hopefully those with accurate voting processes and machines — and recall that Obama promised the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Foundation he would find a way to implement an executive order amnesty — another of Obama’s policies which are on the ballot.

The fundamental transformation of America includes the demographic transformation of our Republic — by any means necessary — which apparently includes placing your public safety in danger.

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When the Nazis came for the communists,
I remained silent; I was not a communist.
When they locked up the social democrats,
I remained silent; I was not a social democrat.
When they came for the trade unionists,
I did not speak out; I was not a trade unionist.
When they came for the Jews,
I remained silent; I wasn’t a Jew.
When they came for me,
there was no one left to speak out.

Martin Niemöller, January 6, 1946

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Your Tax Dollars Funded Swedish Massages for Rabbits (Which Were Killed Afterwards)

by Allen West,
AllenBWest.com

(Editor/GG: If you want to get physically sick, go read Senator Coburn's annual Wastebook report on government waste. It is like the feds are living in some Alice in Wonderland universe with our tax money. Why work and pay taxes if this is what they do with it? Money for rabbit massages and none for our Veterans?)

This week we brought to your attention the nearly \$800 million the government has paid federal government employees while on leave — often for disciplinary reasons. And wouldn't you know, the government Wastebook for 2014 would follow — and it has some real winners. How can you top shrimp on a treadmill? Yep, Sen. Tom Coburn found something even more egregious.

As reported by the *Washington Times*, "More than a dozen lucky rabbits were given Swedish massages four times a day, courtesy of U.S. taxpayers, as part of a study to figure out whether massage can help recovery times after strenuous exercise — a practice Sen. Tom Coburn says makes a mockery of federal spending. The rabbit massages are one of the hundred wasteful products Mr. Coburn, an Oklahoma Republican, identified in his latest edition of the Wastebook, an annual compendium of the ridiculous and outrageous items in government spending, which he released on Wednesday."

Who was that group running the ad blaming the GOP for cuts to the NIH and CDC, which prevented development of an Ebola vaccine? Seems we were wasting money on Swedish massages for rabbits instead. The time has to come when American taxpayers no longer accept this obscene use of our tax resources.

The *Times* says, "The rabbits weren't put on treadmills but were forced to exercise in order to create stress. Some of the rabbits were then given immediate massages, some were given delayed massages, and the

unlucky ones weren't given any massages at all. Scientists then tried to figure out if the massages helped. Taxpayers paid \$387,000 for the two-year study, which concluded that other studies were right, and massage seemed to help in recovery — though it wasn't clear that rabbit physiology could be extrapolated to humans. The rabbits were euthanized at the end of the study, Mr. Coburn's report says."

Oh, NO!! The bunnies were KILLED?? So where is PETA on this? Remind me never to allow the federal government to pay for my Swedish massage!



Other highlights, according to the *Times*, included "the National Science Foundation paying academics to teach monkeys to gamble, government sponsorship of a children's play about brain-eating zombies, and a first-person combat shooting video game the Army developed — but which intelligence officials fear terrorists could use to train their own recruits. Indeed, Hezbollah has adapted the game's design to train suicide martyrs. Mr. Coburn's investigators also found scientists putting mountain lions, monkeys, rats, and cows on treadmills." See, they just couldn't stop at shrimp.

When does this end? The basic problem is our electorate doesn't pay attention to this gross negligence and abuse of government. We have political debates, which are just clown shows and never get to the essence of critical issues such as tax, regulatory, monetary, and government reform.

We still have folks using tired political marketing gimmicks like "the war on women" instead of addressing the dangers of wasteful government spending — which in the end means growing debt and a greater fiscal burden on subsequent generations.

Everyday, hard-working American middle-income families are busting their arses to make ends meet — many have just given up on the job market. But there's a bigger scheme at play here where the federal government is moving towards a two-class system: those who work for government and those who are dependent upon government. And in the end, as those two classes grow, it becomes rather simple what happens in federal level elections. No one in government or on government subsistence is going to listen to someone advocating for government spending reforms — of course the progressive socialists use this as a means of fear mongering — and some Republicans do as well.

The point is coming where American taxpayers will finally realize they are no longer working for themselves and their economic freedom, future, and prosperity. American taxpayers are working so bunny rabbits get massages and federal government employees get paid to hang out at home — and you have to ask, how many worked second jobs while being paid by the government?

The *Times* says, "the Department of Agriculture said it needed better guidance from the federal Office of Personnel Management (OPM), but said it will also look at its own policies to see if changes are needed internally. "Given the high cost to taxpayers, it is important that each federal agency increase its accountability and improve its stewardship of the use of paid administrative leave," William P. Milton Jr., a human resources official at the department, wrote in an official reply to the study."

You want guidance, OPM? Just do what's right and remember your initials also stand for Other People's Money. Find somewhere an ounce of integrity and accountability to realize it's not your money to waste.

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The Decline of American's Economic Model in One Simple Chart

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: When this bubble bursts, the middle ages will look good in comparison. This is all due to money printing by the Fed and debt issuance by our federal government. Didn't hear anybody complaining from the democrat or (main stream) republican parties, did you? It is only a question of time, folks.)

"You can't eat GDP, and you can't live in a rising stock market" is the striking phrase from NY Times' Neil Irwin as he offers the most d***** chart of the decline of America's Economic Model (and dream). As we have explained vociferously, the most important thing to understand about to-

day's economy is: **Around 1999, growth in the United States economy stopped translating to growth in middle-class incomes.**

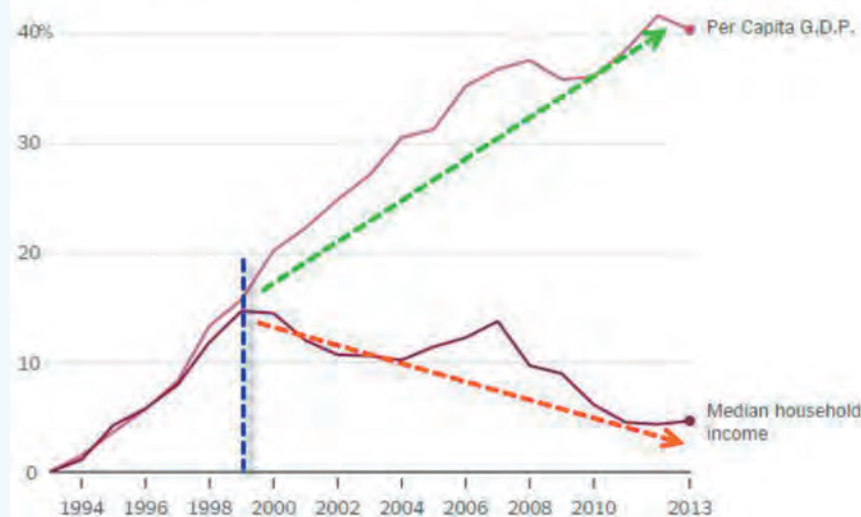
The choice, by Greenspan and carried on by his followers, was to **enable the financialization of the U.S. economy for the benefit of the few, at the cost of the many.** As Irwin concludes, and we explained previously, Americans feel disappointed by the economy; the new data shows that they have good reason. Source: NY Times

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Growth Hasn't Translated Into Gains in Middle-Class Income

Until around 1999, overall economic growth tended to correspond with growth in earnings for middle-income Americans. Since then, the two have diverged sharply.

Percent change indexed to 1993 level



Face It, You're Losing: Colorado Dems Whining

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.
com

Colorado Lefties and Democrats can feel the Colorado Senate race slipping away from them. Poll after poll from source after source has Rep. Cory Gardner beating Sen. Mark Udall. It has gotten so bad for Udall and Colorado Democrats, they had to release some internal polls this weekend just to break up the monotony of "Gardner winning," and "Gardner beating Udall." Yet, their whining hasn't gone unnoticed.

FiveThirtyEight, the new website from the polling, number-cruncher Nate Silver, wrote a new article that puts Colorado Democrats in their place, not so delicately titled: "Colorado Polling Is Probably Right. Udall Is Losing." In the article, FiveThirtyEight's senior political writer, Harry Enten, deconstructs what everyone already knows (just the Left is afraid to admit it): Udall is losing. As he writes:

Gardner in recent polls has been so important in our Senate forecast, which currently gives Republicans a 66 percent of securing a majority. Gardner's chance of winning has risen to 80 percent. He has led in all but one of 15 nonpartisan sponsored surveys released since mid-September, and by an average of 3.4 percentage points.

...Yet we're beginning to hear arguments not to trust the polls in Colorado.

...Gardner's lead is nearing a point at which he could afford a polling error of that magnitude. He's up by 2.4 percentage points in our latest projection. Udall would need every bit of those past errors to pull out the victory.

...Pollsters haven't had problems with vote-by-mail states.

...The polls and the fundamentals tell the same basic story: An unpopular incumbent is losing in a

purple state against a decent candidate in a slightly Republican-leaning year. That's a pretty believable story. [the Peak's emphasis]

Basically, if Colorado Lefties have an argument to why the polls say Udall is losing, Enten has a more convincing answer. But, frankly, Enten should've never had to go into all that detail. The simplest answer for why Udall is losing in every poll would be that Udall is losing.

Someone needs to go all Good-Will-Hunting-Robin-William's on them, and hug them while whispering, "It's not your fault Udall is losing," so they can finally grasp the truth that is staring them in the face. Then again, no one on #copolitics has ever mistaken a Colorado Leftie for being a genius. Also, Udall's race is, like, totally their fault.

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**Blow the trumpet in Zion,
And sound an alarm in My holy mountain!
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For it is at hand:**

Joel 2:1, NKJV

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Hick Called Out: Prosecutor and Juror Decries Hick's Dunlap (In)Decision

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Last week, we saw quite starkly the pain Gov. John Hickenlooper's wishy-washy, mealy-mouthed ways have caused. For 13 long, heavy minutes we see Dennis O'Connor, father of Colleen O'Connor, share with us the grief he has known and experienced every day since Nathan Dunlap executed his daughter over 20 years ago.

Now, others involved in the Dunlap case are coming forward as well, all to say Hick has let Colorado down when it comes to this matter. In The Durango Herald, reporter Peter Marcus writes about a juror and a prosecutor stepping forward to call Hick out:

Enter [Steve] Cohen, who said the moral and judicial components of weighing a man's life have rested heavily on his soul for 18 years. When he heard the governor was going to possibly grant a reprieve or even clemency, Cohen wrote to Hickenlooper, pleading with him to bring closure by signing the order for death by lethal injection.

In a recent interview with The Durango Herald, Cohen said he is still enraged and perplexed by what he calls an "inaction" by Hickenlooper.

"This guy has single-handedly ruined the judicial system as far as I'm concerned, and I don't think he has the right," Cohen said of Hickenlooper. "He wasn't there to begin with." [the Peak's emphasis]

Lost in the larger story of Hick's punting on the Dunlap decision is Hick's complete disregard (and, frankly, open condescension) for the 12 opinions of those who sat on the jury. Nearly 20 years ago, while Hick was spending yet another day, month, year drinking it up at Wynkoop, 12 average Coloradans, who were thrust into one of the most difficult situations, agonized day and night trying to come to understand in a very real sense what does justice mean, and what does it demand of us. Through those numberless hours of soul-searching, those 12 brave citizens decided the only appropriate justice for Dunlap was death. By no means can anyone assume this heaviest of decisions came to them easily. Yet, 20 years of beers

later, Hick disregards them completely.

If that example of arrogance wasn't enough, Hick's actions on Dunlap seem to completely dismiss the hard work and harder judgment the prosecutor of the case, Eva Wilson, exercised in pursuing the death penalty. As she told The Herald:

...Hickenlooper has ignored the cries of the majority of victims' families and diminished the exhausting work by jurors and prosecutors.

"It's not a case of innocence. It's not a case of anything else other than absolute guilt, and yet he decided to throw his hands up in the air and say, 'Gee, I just don't know,'" Wilson said. "I don't think anyone gets to do that." [the Peak's emphasis]

Colorado deserves a leader who is more concerned about making the tough decisions than protecting his own self-made "brand."

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Governor Defies Atheists and Defends Christian Cross Monument: 'Freedom of Religion Does Not Require Freedom From Religion'

by Billy Hallowell,
TheBlaze.com

Following atheists' claims that a cross that is part of a sculpture in an Indiana state park violates the separation of church and state, Republican Gov. Mike Pence is vowing to defend the veterans memorial.

The state's Department of Natural Resources has reportedly agreed to accept the statue and to permanently place it in Whitewater Memorial State Park, a decision opposed by the Freedom From Religion Foundation, an atheist activist group.

"I fully support the decision by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to accept the sculpture commissioned by local citizens to honor all who have fallen in service to our country," Pence said in a statement. "The freedom of religion does not require freedom from religion."

The governor went on to share his belief that both the state and national Constitutions allow for such a symbol on public property.

"So long as I am governor, I will defend the right of Hoosiers to display this sculpture in Whitewater Memorial State Park as a lasting tribute to the service and sacrifice of all who have worn the uni-

form of the United States," Pence continued.

But Dan Barker, co-president of the Freedom From Religion Foundation, called the cross' presence in the park "un-American" and told TheBlaze Wednesday that his organization is still considering next steps.

"We think it's wrong, but you can't just say we're going to sue," he said. "There's so many ducks that have to be in a row ... the picture we saw of it has a prominent Christian cross on it and that's not the way to honor our veterans."

Barker, who said it's important to also commemorate atheists who have served in the military, argued that a Christian cross fails to do so — and said that his organization will carefully consider how to respond.

Debate over the symbol first set off earlier this summer when Wendell Bias, a local restaurant owner and an Army veteran, reached out to the Department of Natural Resources complaining that the cross wasn't appropriate, the Indianapolis Star reported.



A screen shot from the Keep the Cross on the Carving at Whitewater Memorial State Park Facebook page.

"I just thought that a memorial to veterans in a veterans park didn't need to be turned into a religious shrine," Bias told the outlet.

The Freedom From Religion Foundation then wrote a letter August 20, complaining about the 14-inch cross that is part of the memorial should promptly be removed, though Bias said he wasn't sure who contacted the organization, according to the Indianapolis Star.

"No secular purpose, no matter how sincere, will detract from the overall message that the Latin cross stands for Christianity and the overall display promotes Christianity," wrote Rebecca S. Markert, an attorney

courtesy image with the atheist group.

The cross is at the bottom of an 8-foot wooden statue that includes a bald eagle, a soldier, and Indiana's state flag along with a message that reads, "All gave some; Some gave all."

Many local veterans and their supporters have rallied in an effort to defend the cross, with more than 1,100 people joining a Facebook group called "Keep the Cross on the Carving at Whitewater Memorial State Park."

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The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand

2014



The Police on Gun Control: Over 15,000 Officers Yield Comprehensive Answers

by George Gramlich

The largest law enforcement survey on gun control, gun violence, and gun rights was conducted by the popular PoliceOne.com website last year. Over 15,000 law enforcement officers participated with the vast majority of the responders being cops in the field - not administrative or desk job types.

The interesting results note a heavy support of traditional gun rights with police overwhelmingly favoring an armed citizenry. In fact, many officers believe that gun control actually negatively affects their ability to fight violent crime.

Highlights of the survey

include: (Quotes from the survey.)

“1.) Virtually all respondents (95 percent) say that a federal ban on manufacture and sale of ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 rounds would not reduce violent crime.

2.) The majority of respondents — 71 percent — say a federal ban on the manufacture and sale of some semi-automatics would have no effect on reducing violent crime. However, more than 20 percent say any ban would actually have a negative effect on reducing violent crime. Just over 7 percent took the opposite stance, saying they believe a ban would have a moderate to significant effect.

3.) About 85 percent of officers say the passage of the White House's currently proposed (gun control) legislation would have a zero or negative effect on their safety, with just over 10 percent saying it would have a moderate or significantly positive effect.

4.) Seventy percent of respondents say they have a favorable or very favorable opinion of some law enforcement leaders' public statements that they would not enforce more restrictive gun laws in their jurisdictions. Similarly, more than 61 percent said they would refuse to enforce such laws if they themselves were Chief or Sheriff.

5.) More than 28 percent of officers say having more

permissive concealed carry policies for civilians would help most in preventing large scale shootings in public, followed by more aggressive institutionalization for mentally ill persons (about 19 percent) and more armed guards/paid security personnel (about 15 percent)

6.) The overwhelming majority (almost 90 percent) of officers believe that casualties would be decreased if armed citizens were present at the onset of an active-shooter incident.

7.) More than 80 percent of respondents support arming school teachers and administrators who willingly volunteer to train with firearms and carry one in the course of the job.

8.) More than four in five respondents (81 percent) say that gun-buyback programs are ineffective in reducing gun violence.

9.) More than half of respondents feel that increased punishment for obviously illegal gun sales could have a positive impact on reducing gun violence.

10.) When asked whether citizens should be required to complete a safety training class before being allowed to buy a gun, about 43 percent of officers say it should not be required. About 42 percent say it should be required for all weapons, with the remainder favoring training classes for certain weapons.

11.) While some officers say gun violence in the United States stems from violent movies and video games (14 percent), early release and short sentencing for violent offenders (14 percent) and poor identification/treatments of mentally-ill individuals (10 percent), the majority (38 percent) blame a decline in parenting and family values.”

For more results of this comprehensive survey, please visit PoliceOne.com's website or just go to this survey at: www.policeone.com/Gun-Legislation-Law-Enforcement/articles/6183787-PoliceOnes-Gun-Control-Survey-11-key-lessons-from-officers-perspectives/

Gun-Toting Grandpa Defends Wife, Granddaughter From Rapists In NC Home Invasion

by Christian Dato, DailyCaller.com

A North Carolina man exchanged fire with three home invaders after they tried to rob his house and rape his granddaughter, reports the Fayetteville Observer.

At his Lumberton home on Monday, Kenneth Byrd, 67, was approached by an individual claiming to have car problems. When Byrd invited the man into his home, he was rushed by two additional assailants wearing black clothes and ski masks.

The home invaders — all three brandishing handguns — corralled Byrd, his wife, Judy, and their 19-year-old granddaughter and demanded money and other valuables from the family safe.

Byrd initially complied with their demands, but when the men began to beat Judy and attempted to rape his granddaughter, he grabbed a hidden firearm and let loose a flurry

of shots at the assailants.

After a brief firefight, Byrd drove the men from his home but not before receiving several gunshot wounds.

Major Anthony Thompson of the Robeson County Sheriff's Office identified two assailants as Brandon Carver Stephens, 28, and Jamar Hawkins, 17. Authorities at McLeod Medical Center in Dillon, South Carolina alerted the Sheriff's office after the two sought treatment for multiple gunshot wounds.

Authorities found Jamie Faison, 20, — the third assailant — dead in Byrd's stolen Cadillac, some six miles from the Byrd residence.

The three are also linked to several other home invasions in the area.

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Nebraska School District Allows Students to Pose with Guns in Senior Portraits

by Kyle Olson, EAGNews.org

(Editor/GG: Oh, the horror. The children with guns. Please notify the Custer County Democratic Party at once. This will not be tolerated. We need "harmony".)

BROKEN BOW, Neb.

At least one school board isn't giving into the anti-gun hysteria engulfing many schools across America.

The Broken Bow school board voted to allow students to pose with guns in their senior portraits, so long as it's "done in a tasteful manner in terms of a hunting or sporting-type picture," according to Superintendent Mark Sievering.

"Sievering says students may not be pointing guns at the cameras in their pictures or the photos will not be used in yearbooks or other school publications," the AP reports.

A student requested he be allowed to include his gun in his senior portrait last year and was denied. It caused the rural district to rethink its policy.

"We have the 1 Box Shooting Club, a great trap range and sporting clays range," said Ken Myers,



courtesy photo

the Broken Bow School Board President, according to NBC Nebraska.

"A lot of youth are interested in that so that brings up firearms, I guess, a little bit more to the forefront along with the hunting."

The superintendent adds, "We decided that we didn't want to have any offensive depictions of firearms."

CBS notes in 2004, a New Hampshire school board voted to ban a photo of a student from the senior section of his high school yearbook because he posed with a shotgun. He later unsuccessfully sued the school.

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Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim



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

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



A Duty To Vote

During any election cycle attack ads dominate the media with candidates accusing one another of dereliction of duty or a faulty platform. While this is standard operating procedure there appears to be a larger strategy that is covertly operating in the shadows. If a contender assumes a position that is based upon Biblical morals, ethics or principles, the junkyard dogs are unleashed without reservation.

Refusing to vote for the best depository of righteousness one can find, is to, in reality, cast a ballot for the enemy of truth.

Jesus was no stranger to this kind of hostility. In John 7 the Jews are debating the righteousness of the Savior and became divided over Him. (vs.43) In the plainest words possible, virtue is on trial. Even Pilate found no fault in Him. The Pharisees saw this controversy as an opportunity to silence this voice of Goodness so they sent officers to arrest Him. When they returned empty handed the only answer they could offer was: “Never a man spoke like this man.” The incumbents caucused, arriving at this conclusion: “If we let him thus alone, all men will believe in him; and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.” (John 11:48) The first concern of most professional politicians is always “their place.” If virtue threatened the position of the heavyweights, the end must justify the means. Some things never change.

Some campaigns have made so called “women’s rights” the primary focus

of their message. The question is not complicated: what is more virtuous...the preservation of life or the sacrifice of it? God puts the final stamp of authority on the issue when He said, “Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.” (Psalm 127:3) As in the days of Jesus, it’s the things of God which are under assault.

If a candidate maintains an attitude that favors traditional marriage and human sexuality, he is painted as an intolerant hate monger. God rendered a crystal clear opinion about alternative lifestyles when He condemned Sodom. Paul indicates that this crowd, along with a long list of other transgressors, could find pardon but concludes: “And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”(I Corinthians 6:11) There goes the argument: “I was born that way so I can’t help it.” In reality it’s the Lord who is being told He is out of step, naïve and lacking in compassion. Righteousness will always be a target for the fiery darts of the Wicked One.

Many in Congress give lip service to the necessity of national debt reduction but few actually subscribe to a definite plan to accomplish it. God’s declaration is “the borrower is servant to the lender (Proverbs 22:7) and “the wicked borroweth, and payeth not again.” (Psalm 37:21) Does anyone seriously believe that the majority of government has any aspirations to escape the wicked label? When the subject is approached the pirates always find refuge in the fort of welfare sympathy. Once again God is found on the opposite side of the controversy: “For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.” (II Thessalonians 3:10) The Bible gives many admonitions to help the poor, but the pivot point of

balance is found in Proverbs 29:7: “the righteous considereth the cause of the poor: but the wicked regardeth not to know it.” The Scriptures never endorse laziness but rather outlines the result: “The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.” (Proverbs 20:4)

The examples of assault on Biblical precepts are numerous and glaring, but what is the larger picture? The first aggression recorded in Scripture is Satan discounting the authority of God’s Word. (Genesis 3) The “Yea, hath God said” club has woven its way into every fabric of society, but nowhere is it more evident than in religion and politics. The reason is obvious...these are the most influential institutions on earth. Far greater difficulty arises in explaining the constant criticism of Divine certainty if one rejects the notion of a supernatural adversary who “as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” (1 Peter 5:8)

Many Christians share a misguided fatalistic perception which essentially says, “I don’t need to vote...what will be will be.” They conclude that all that happens is God’s will. If that is correct, the kingdom is here, and God’s design for humanity is now fully implemented. What a kingdom!

Jesus taught His disciples to pray: “Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.” Because of Israel’s rejection of their Messiah, the kingdom was delayed, but not forgotten. (Romans 11) In the meantime “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.” (Ephesians 6:12)

Refusing to vote for the best depository of righteousness one can find, is to, in reality, cast a ballot for the enemy of truth.

A Sheepdog Barks!

I believe there is a real strong case being made every day for being armed. Any rational person must realize that the government cannot or will not keep us safe. Our police forces cannot be everywhere all the time. Responses to 9-1-1 and other emergencies take several minutes at best to as long as 20-30 minutes. In that time many, many lives; your life; your family’s life could be destroyed. It doesn’t really matter if it’s because of a mentally ill person or a common criminal out to steal your car, your property, or do you bodily harm. The fact is that the only way for you to always be safe is to be personally armed. The point of the 2nd Amendment is one’s personal safety and protection; safety from the killers or safety from an enemy or tyrannical government. Remember the Nevada incident when the feds confiscated Cliven Bundy’s cattle and then threatened unarmed American citizens with guns and tasers? That was a perfect example of an overreaching tyrannical government. Armed American citizens went to support the Bundy family and stood up to that government tyranny. The feds folded, released the cattle and then withdrew. WOOF! The claim is that Cliven Bundy was breaking the law. That’s fine. Then handcuff Cliven and take him to jail. If proven in court then put him in jail. That’s how our system is designed, not for heavily-armed government “SWAT” teams to strong arm the citizens. Thankfully other armed citizens stood up and helped the Bundy’s protect themselves and their property. That’s another reason for being armed – protecting your personal property. In the last two weeks there have been 4 or 5 major events that support the need for personal protection. Three “lone wolf” Islamic terrorist attacks occurred in Canada and the U.S. In another incident a converted Muslim cut a woman’s head off in Oklahoma. He was stopped from harming others by an armed employee. WOOF! A high school kid in Washington with hurt feelings shoots 4 or 5 fellow students, killing three

and maybe more. The police, no matter how much they care, cannot stop all of these types of events. Personal protection is the answer. We need armed and trained teachers or security guards in all our schools. Gun free zones kill children. It may not solve 100% of the problem, but it’s a lot better than relying on the government or police which may be miles away. The police can only do something once they know about an incident and once they get to the point of danger. Wake up America. The world is a much more dangerous place than it was 50 years ago. Take off the rose-colored glasses. Drop the “Pollyanna” attitude. Deal with reality and be prepared to protect yourself, your family, and others. A sheepdog must always be prepared. You can’t be a little bit pregnant and you can’t be a little bit safe. Take personal responsibility. Arm yourself and vote appropriately. The LPSDs are out to over control and restrict our 2nd Amendment rights. Their ultimate goal is to disarm Americans. They really don’t believe in our right to bear arms. Listen to a democrat (or LPSD) long enough and he will relate our 2nd Amendment rights to hunting. The minute the word hunting comes out of their mouth you know they are either clueless, opposed to self-protection, or both. Why would anyone vote for someone out to infringe on our rights to self-protection. Hickenlooper did and then he lied about it. He told two outright lies about signing the Colorado anti-gun laws. He said he didn’t know the sheriffs wanted to talk to him and he said he had not talked to Bloomberg before he signed the legislation. TWO BIG LIES! We would have to believe he, or his staff, watch no TV or read no letters sent to him. The sheriffs made it quite clear they wanted to speak to him. He blew them off. Phone records obtained by the NRA prove that he spoke to Bloomberg TWICE before he signed the bills into law. Wonder what he was promised? He is a LIAR just like Obama and doesn’t deserve our votes.



Let’s end with this today. Final voting is only 3 days away. Tuesday will be a critically important day to all conservative, freedom-loving citizens. Hopefully America will put the brakes on this liberal progressive America that is out to diminish even more of our liberties and freedoms. Yesterday it was reported that a man in Georgia wearing an NRA hat was stopped from entering the polling place because it was decided that the NRA is directly associated with the Republican Party. WHAT? We are told repeatedly that Democrats support the 2nd Amendment. Must be another big LPSD lie! So I guess that means anyone wearing a union hat or a “save the earth” T-shirt can’t vote in Georgia either since those beliefs are directly associated with the Democrat Party. Come on America, let’s throw these LPSD “Bums” outta office. WOOF! The polls tell us that 68% of Americans think this country is on the “wrong track.” And 72% believe that the economy is not good and getting worse. Over 50% do not like Obamacare and the worst of that is yet to come. Only 39% believe Obama is capable of handling the crises we face. (How in the dickens can there even be 39%?) It should be below 10%. Other recent polling tells us that 44% of women believe the republicans are better able to run congress versus 42% that think democrats can. Now is the time to unseat these progressives. Harry Reid is a dictator. Let’s do it now America. Get out and vote. Talk to your friends, family, and acquaintances. May we all wake up to some wonderful sunshine on Wednesday morning. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH



Colorado May Cut Public Pension Benefits

by Joshua Sharf,
WatchDogWire.com

(Editor/GG: About time. The entire nation's public employee benefit systems (at least on the state level) is completely out of tune with today's economic reality. They are literally bankrupting cities, counties and states. Better off adjusting them now than having them completely collapse in the near future.)

The Colorado Supreme Court ruled on Monday that the state Legislature may reduce the Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) for existing retirees, and that such reduction does not violate the Contracts Clause of either the US or the state Constitutions.

The lawsuit, known as *Justus*, was brought by current retirees and members of Colorado's Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), and sought to restore the 3.5 percent COLA cap. In 2010, the Legislature reduced the cap on COLAs to 2 percent per year as part of a broad package of reforms, designed to reverse the long-term slide towards insolvency. The suit claimed that in creating the 3.5 percent cap, the Legislature had, in effect, created a contract with its employees, and that forcing PERA to reduce that cap interfered with the execution of that contract.

In its opinion, the Court summarized the position of the plaintiffs, and the history of the case to that point:

The plaintiffs in this case are retired public employees who contend they have a contract with the State of Colorado entitling each of them, upon retirement, to have their base pension benefit annually adjusted by the specific COLA formula in existence at the time they were eligible to retire, for the rest of their lives without change. On summary judgment, the district court ruled they had no such contract right to an unchangeable COLA formula. The court of appeals disagreed. It determined that the retirees have a contract right to the formula in place at the time of eligibility for retirement or actual retirement based on the so-called "public policy exception" and remanded for further review...

At issue was the question of whether or not a legislature may create a contract through legislation, or whether it may

not. In general, the Courts have held that legislatures cannot conduct legislative contracting. Two prior cases, *McPhail* and *Bills*, created an exception to that rule, meaning that pension formulas, even though created in statute, were a form of contract.

In those rulings, the Court had held that other pension changes to other plans did violate the Contracts Clause. Those changes had substantially altered the formula under which base benefits were calculated. Since salaries—the basis for the benefits—were in the hands of the employers, and the formula for benefits was based on those salaries, the entire process was in the hands of the employer.

In *Justus*, the Court ruled that the base formula for benefits had not changed, and that since COLAs were not part of that base package, and that their execution was subject to inflation, which is outside the hands of the Legislature or any state employer, there was never a binding contract on the COLAs. Moreover, the Court found that in the past, the legislature had frequently altered the COLA language, and had never set a duration limit on any particular formula, undermining the expectation that there was a contract.

Justice Nathan Coates filed a separate, concurring opinion in which he agreed that the state had the right to reduce benefits, and further claimed that the Court had increased confusion over which elements of a pension plan could be considered contractual, and which elements could not. *McPhail* and *Bills* had created broad contractual pension obligations; Coates found the COLA exceptions carved out by the current decision to be unpersuasive and unclear.

The Court's ruling in *Justus* appears to adopt the reasoning that some obligations, but not all, are contractual, and that at least part of the criteria for determining that is how badly-off the pension plan is.

In its ruling, the Court cited two recent similar decisions on Maine and Washington State, where courts allowed state legislatures to reduce certain benefits.

Please see: watchdogwire.com/colorado/2014/10/21/co-state-may-cut-public-pension-benefits/

SCORCHED EARTH CAMPAIGN: Udall Leaves All Dignity Behind To Satisfy Ambition

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Sen. Mark Udall's campaign reeks of desperation. One year after standing with his fellow, bi-partisan, Colorado Congressional delegation, he has now aired two ads politicizing the tragedy of last's year floods. It's only a matter of time now before he issues a statement where he says one of those who died last year in the floods would agree with whatever Udall was doing.

His latest sleazy attack ad, has him all but claiming his opponent, Rep. Cory Gardner, was commanding the rain to devastate Colorado last year ala Fantasia. He completely ignores his own complicity in any Government shut-down, as the House of Representatives sent bill after bill to a Senate that refused to even vote on any of them. The shutdown was not something Gardner voted for, but instead came about through Udall's complete indifference. As Brandon Rittiman says in his latest 9News Truth Test:

"As far as the flood recovery goes, it's very misleading to say the government shut-down hurt response to the

disaster. No Federal workers stopped responding to the floods...

The Udall can point to all kinds of articles featuring people worried about what might happen if the shutdown kept going but to argue that it had a measureable impact on flood recovery is deceptive...

[This ad] crosses the line when it accuses Gardner of messing up flood recovery. The ad vilifies Gardner for that which is in stark contrast to the political cooperation we saw back when the floods actually happened. [the Peak's emphasis]

When Coloradans are looking for a senator who shares the same concerns as us—jobs, the economy, getting America back to work—Udall chooses to run a campaign that can only be called the largest smear campaign in the history of Colorado, devoid of any substance whatsoever. Before this campaign, one could buy into the façade of Udall, that despite disagreeing with him on issue after issue, you could still think of him as man of integrity and principal. He has completely destroyed that. He has revealed him-

self to be a cynical man who cares more about himself than anything else. There is nothing too low for him and his campaign to stoop to as long as it gets Udall back to Washington, D.C. Udall has turned into the type of man who would reduce a city to rubble as long as he was the one in charge of it.

Coloradans need to remember, it's not Gardner who is afraid to defend his record in front of any and all. It is Udall who is running scared like a coward from any public debates on the major networks, debates that would give most Coloradans the greatest chance to see the contrast between the two candidates. If Udall is so sure that Gardner's record is too toxic to run on, then why won't he put Gardner to the sword in as many debates as possible? The answer reflects the type of man Udall has become.

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CDC

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countries?" Nope. They'll take this guy's press releases, add a "comma-he-said" at the end, slap a headline on 'em and it's off to happy hour.

The regime will cover up, deceive, lie, and distort facts as they desperately try to cover up their failings regarding the various disease outbreaks throughout this nation. American citizens and illegals who die from Ebola or Enterovirus D68 will have their death cer-

tificates altered under Federal orders to cover up the severity of the outbreaks. Thus the more severe Ebola outbreak will proceed unencumbered to phase 3, which will start the process of destroying the world economy and killing more than sixty million Americans in the process.

John Galt at johngaltfla.com/wordpress

Neither the CDC or D.C. will tell us the truth, and the news media wouldn't tell us even if they knew. This has barely begun. Here's a fun fact:

you're on your own and have been from the beginning. It's why ol' Remus keeps telling you: stay away from crowds—Rule One for survival, dependable, like gravity. There's no way to make it complicated and no reason to try. Here are some other rules: Figure out what you need and get it. Figure out what to do and do it. Figure out where you need to be and when you need to be there.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

“Vino Easel” Event Planned for November 4th

by Jacque Keller

Vino Easel is a “canvas and cocktail” event that has been painting up a storm at several locations around the Wet Mountain Valley. Local artists Carol Martinez and Jacque Keller guide the fun. No talent is necessary. Keller paints the subject matter of the day and gives simple step by step instructions to the group.

Vino Easel supplies all the materials. Those include the 16” by 20” ready to hang canvases, easels, paints, palettes, water, brushes and aprons. Keller and Martinez book the 2-3 hour events at area restaurants, businesses and homes. The only requirement to attend is show up.

“We use acrylic paints,” said Keller. “They dry quickly and by the time we get finished with one section, it’s time to start on the next part.”

“Of course, we take necessary breaks to toast ourselves, our achievements, enjoy the moment, walk around, look at other people’s paintings and look at our own paintings from different perspectives,” said Martinez. “It’s really all about having a good time.”

Vino Easel has a number of events scheduled. November 4 at 5 p.m., they will paint a stylized deer head at Tony’s Mountain Pizza, 630 Main St, Silver Cliff. On November 10, Vino Easel will paint a cow at Nacho Mama’s, 404 S. Main St. in Silver Cliff. The Winter Aspens class at



Vino Easel participants show off their masterpieces.

courtesy photo

the Spare Tire, 103 S. 2nd St. in Westcliffe is full, but there is a waiting list. See the paintings and stay tuned for upcoming events at Vino Easel on Facebook.

Vino Easel is happy to host any occasion, family gatherings, birthday parties, anniversaries or just for fun. Cost at restaurants is generally \$35 per person which includes 1 drink. Private parties cost \$30 per person and the host provides refreshments. Niño Easel for kids costs \$25 or \$20 at a public or private venue. Children paint an 8” by 10” canvas. With the holidays approaching, Vino Easel can take the pressure off by providing a creative diversion.

Discover your artful self. Sign up at the restaurants or contact Martinez, 719-783-0263 or Keller, 719-783-3706 or email vinoeasel@gmail.com.

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