

Ryff and Howard: 7th in the WORLD

The road to the AQHA World Championships is not an easy one. It's paved with sweat and determination and the desire to learn and be the best that you can be.

Kassi has been to the World Championship several times as a spectator, watching the riders that worked their way to the front of the "Working Cow Horse" winners circle. She has watched for hours, as these exceptional horse men and women prepared to ride through the "Gateway of Champions" that towers ominously before the participant's warm-up arena, dreaming all the time of what it would feel like to ride through that gate.

Out of hundreds of Working Cow Horse participants from all around the world, competing at show after

show at the local levels, 53 horsemen/women were invited to the AQHA World Championship Show. Kassi Ryff and her bay gelding Howard, were among the elite group of equestrian athletes and riders. In order to ride through the Gateway of Champions, they had to first qualify in the top 15 riders to make the finals. She and Howard did just that on November 12.

On November 14, they did, indeed, ride through the Gateway of Champions! Her heart did not stop like she thought it might, but like a true champion horsewoman she rode her trusty steed in, and rode out, 7th in the World, in the Amateur Working cow Horse at the AQHA World Show in Oklahoma City. Their next stop is the NR-



Kassi Ryff and Howard, on the Jumbotron at the AQHA World Championships. *courtesy photo by Twila Geroux*

CHA World Show in Fort Worth Texas in February! **Good Luck!!!** To learn more about the National Reined Cow Horse Association visit: <http://www.nrcha.com>. as well as <http://www.aqha.com>



by George Gramlich

This is a first of a two part series on how our Custer Country Consolidated School District did last year (2013 - 2014) on the standardized tests that are administered to all schools in Colorado. This article will concern last year's TCAP (Transitional Colorado Assessment Program) test that is given to grades 3 thru 10 which test our kids' skill levels in writing, reading and mathematics. TCAP is the most comprehensive and most important standardized test given to our children.

Unfortunately for us taxpayers, the "grades" definitions for standardized tests have evolved from the clear-cut and easy to understand grades of A, B, C, D, and F we used for 100 years to a fuzzy, educrat (more like edu-make-it-fuzzy) system that defines failure as "limited success". Critics of our educational establishment allege that these new grading systems are simply a smoke screen for the failure of our schools to

improve given the dramatic amount of money that is being spent now compared to just a few years ago. Long-term analysis of our country's schools show that normalized test scores have flattened or fallen over the last couple of decades, and what is particularly worrying, is that our nation's ranking against other countries have fallen dramatically. We spend more money per student nationwide than virtually any other country and our results, versus other countries, are becoming worse every year. This shows a failed public school "model" that somehow worked great for a century but now is failing dramatically in the last few decades. The only answer is that we need a new "model", but that is a whole other story.

The TCAP scoring categories now are **Unsatisfactory (UN)**, **Partially Proficient (PP)**, **Proficient (P)**, and **Advanced (A)**. The Partially Proficient is the category that our school boards, school administrators and teachers use to

mask failure. One thing must be made clear. If a student is not Proficient or Advanced, he/she a FAILURE. It means that the student hasn't mastered the subject matter to a degree that is satisfactory. Look at Proficient as our old grade "B" and Partially Proficient as our old grades "D" and "C". When you see below the number of our students that are Unsatisfactory and Partially Proficient, you will be shocked. Not good, folks.

Every kid in our school that has an Unsatisfactory or Partially Proficient score is a failure on our part as a community, a school board, an administrator and, yes, a teacher. These are OUR kids and not some homogenized state average number. We expect excellence from our school and in many cases, as clearly shown below, we are not getting it.

So let's get at it. We will look at all the scores for each particular grade level together as this gives a good indication of teacher performance (the great

taboo! Yup, I've done it now.). And one note on state averages that we will use below: Colorado tests generally in the middle of the pack nationwide, which is really NOT good. So,

"Half of the 4th graders were proficient and advanced in writing."

when you see a Colorado state average score, you are looking at mediocrity, at best.

2014 Grade 3: Bottom Line: NOT GOOD. Only 37.5% of the kids were P&A in writing versus the state average of 51.07%; a disaster. And an astounding 47.5% drop from the prior year's class scores. Reading was better at 66.67% being P&A but that was a lot below the state average and our score dropped

25.33% from the prior year.

Math was a bright point with a real good P&A score of 79.17%, above the state average, but there was still a 14.74% drop from the prior year. Overall, scores declined from the prior year and in all three categories and we were way below the state P&A averages in writing and reading. Grade: Not acceptable.

2014 Grade 4: Bottom Line: MIXED BUT GOOD. Half of the 4th graders were NOT P&A in writing which is greater than the state average. Not good. But the reading (83.33% P&A) and math (91.67% P&A) were excellent. Plus, all three test categories showed improvement over the prior year. Grade: Overall, Good!

2014 Grade 5: Bottom Line: MIXED. First the real bad part, 69.23% of the kids were only PP in writing. Way above the state

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Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
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THE "LIE" OF THE LAND



We have stated many times before that we cannot trust BIG government. It is especially true that we cannot trust big liberal progressive government. Obamacare is a perfect example. It is designed to make all Americans dependent on big government by eventually providing health care totally controlled and dispensed by the government. It was "rammed" through Congress by ideologues that wanted no discussion or compromise. It was done behind closed doors by a very few that held power at the time. The rules of Congress were twisted time and again to accommodate its continued passage and Obama even signed a false and deceiving executive order that no abortions would be included to appease about a dozen pro-life Democrats that needed that crutch (lie) to vote for it. Not a single Republican voted for it although there were many moderate and even a few liberal ones at the time. The bill was crafted by a host of staffers and "experts" that threw every possible liberal idea into the 2200 pages. That's 2200 pages of the bill, not the law. The law produced tens of thousands of pages of complicated and confusing provisions. Obamacare is the ultimate Rube Gold-

berg contraption. It is so confusing and vague that even three years later everyone, including the authors, are arguing about what is or isn't in it. All these things make the law, ridiculously known officially as the Affordable Care Act, disliked and forever illegitimate. Obamacare and legalized abortion are very similar. They will forever deeply divide our country as long as they stand. More and more problems with Obamacare surface every week. It is so poorly written that several courts cannot agree on whether it is constitutional or not. It has reached the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) twice already and will be heard several times more. It should have "died a natural death" the first time it was heard. But once again the SCOTUS "manufactured" a tortured finding that it really was constitutional because the mandate was a tax. For the first time in our history Americans were forced to buy a product or be taxed. Even the Democrats had argued that it wasn't a tax, that it was a fee. It was just another one of their lies. The SCOTUS overruled the government lawyers and then created a victory for them even against their own logic in court. Out of court they always knew

this was a tax. But they also knew they needed to deceive the American public. A tax would not have been acceptable. Reminds us of the tortured finding of the SCOTUS in Roe vs. Wade that abortion was legal because of the right of "privacy" in the Constitution! This is insane. Privacy doesn't justify killing. SCOTUS is going to get a "second bite of the apple" on Obamacare this session and we can only hope and pray they get it right this time. Like most any Rube Goldberg device the whole thing will come tumbling down if one part is removed. And it should. Obamacare was sold to the public on one big lie after another. Its very premise was false and yet the uninformed gobbled it up. This is what you had to "believe" if you supported Obamacare. Millions of poor, old, and unhealthy Americans would be able to get health insurance for free or very low cost and the cost of health care would come down and even though it would be subsidized by taxpayer money it wouldn't increase the deficit or the debt. This is what you had to believe. That was like accepting that the sun would rise in the west and set in the east. We now know the whole concept was based on lies

and fooling all the stupid and ignorant Americans. The MIT professor Jonathan Gruber has "spilled the beans." In his arrogant attempts to make money he committed the ultimate Washington, D.C., gaffe — telling the truth. The liberals based this law on lies and deception. They knew it alright. It's why it was all done behind closed doors by the select few. Many in Congress were not even allowed to read the bill, they were just forced to support it or else be punished by the leadership. We believe many had concerns and reservations about it because it had NO bipartisan support, and it was vague and confusing. But like too many politicians they blindly and spinelessly followed their pied-piper Obama. They wanted to trust in him and their leaders Reid and Pelosi. Big mistake. Pelosi's infamous remark that "we have to pass the bill to find out what's in it" will forever stain Obamacare. She is a classic liberal liar. She is now claiming she doesn't even know Professor Gruber and asserting he didn't have anything to do with writing the bill. Yet we see video clips of her praising him at the time. Is this what we tolerate of our elected representatives? She is a liar and unworthy to serve in our Congress. Obama

himself knowingly lied about our doctors and our plans. His false assurances that we could keep what we liked were intentional lies. He is simply a liar. PERIOD! We are reminded of Congressman Joe Wilson (R-SC) who in 2009 yelled, "You Lie!" twice at Obama when he said that illegal immigrants would not be eligible for Obamacare. Wilson was severely rebuked even by some Republicans. Some states have already reported that they "accidentally" covered some undocumented illegals. Imagine that, big government losing control. Also last week the Director of Health and Human Services, Sylvia Burwell, said the Obama administration wants to cover the "Dreamers." Seems like Congressman Wilson was correct all along! He knew what would happen. Another big lie finally exposed. You can bet it will eventually extend to all illegals. This is why we cannot trust BIG government and any liberal progressive leaders. The Democrats love to point out that Obamacare is the "Law" of the land. Actually, it is the "Lie" of the Land and needs repealed. Then real and affordable reforms that can be implemented to improve health care in America.

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and the intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12, NIV



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Action Speaks Louder Than Words

“There are two sides to the nature of man, namely, his material side and his spiritual side”, so stated Philip Mauro in 1910 in his excellent book, “The Number of Man.” Through economic, political, social, and material means, man tries to make his surroundings more enjoyable. More money, more goods, and more power are supposed to increase a person’s happiness. On the social side, which drifts close to the religious, he seeks by consensus of opinion to make everything “right”, agreeable, and acceptable. By making one’s surroundings approach perfection, man believes he and the world will be better off. However, that takes not into consideration the nature of man. Whether you speak of same-sex marriage or gun control, without dealing with man’s (sin) nature, he will not make his plight any better than when he began. Like the old saying goes, “Wherever you go, there you are.” This is like trying to lift yourself up by your own bootstraps, to improve your environment, expecting your nature to also improve.

Now we look at a theology that tries to bring man to the point of deity. Where he is the center of his own universe and therefore can decide for himself, without interference from God, what is best for him. By collective agreement man decides what is best for him and his neighbors. He therefore puts himself in peril of doom because he looks to himself for all the answers, (you don’t know what you don’t know) not accepting a higher power with which to learn from. In this day the written word is treated much the same as was the incarnate word long ago. With the dilution of the various Bibles, various churches, and supposed “fact” of evolution, people no longer look to God for answers. People don’t even bother to look at history to learn from their own mistakes, so they are bound to repeat them, the blind leading the blind.

Two prominent men mentioned in Mauros’ book are Rev. R. J. Campbell, pastor, and Robert Blatchford, atheist and editor, who agree on all the points of religion,

mainly discounting all that is true of Christianity. This was called the “New Theology” and has swept through America and the world unabated unto this day. So while man can grow corn at hundreds of bushels per acre, the world is starving, while laws are passed to curtail evil and correct wrongs, evil still persists, while wealth is made, spent confiscated and redistributed, there is still the ultra rich and poverty, while there are “good” people everywhere, there are equally as many “bad” people. As Konrad Adenaur asked Billy Graham, upon looking at all the destruction wrought in Germany after World War II, “outside of Jesus Christ, is there any hope for mankind?” Likewise, there is no hope for America, whichever corner of it you may live in, without that same hope. As the ACLU, the atheists, the Freedom From Religion, et. al., march on to lead the unwary to doom. “All it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.”

by Bill Bailey,
Westcliffe, CO

Laws are Like Squirrel Hunting with a Cruise Missile

Good day and God bless. In response to an article by Mr. Allen West printed in the October 24, 2014 issue of the “Sangre de Cristo Sentinel” I would like to publicly nominate Mr. West for a presidential run in 2016.

I wholeheartedly believe that Mr. West has a better handle on what our country needs right now than anyone currently in government.

I would like to supplement the content of his article titled, “Christian Persecution in the U.S.: Openly Gay Houston Mayor Demands Pastors Turn Over Sermons”.

It’s truly a sad state we are in when the very idea of monitoring a pastor’s sermons is considered in our legal system. However, we should not be surprised at this. We should

expect it. First, we have been accepting for decades legislation targeting so called “hate speech”. This is anti-thetical to the freedom of speech yet we embrace the idea as long as it’s pointed in the right direction. But these laws are not precise; they are more like squirrel hunting with a cruise missile. Second, just over the northern border there have already been a handful of pastors who have been jailed for anti-homosexual sermons. Canada’s laws on hate speech are virtually identical to ours. Third, American Christendom has reaped the whirlwind for a long time now in the form of the 501c(3) tax code. One of the stipulations of being a 501c(3) organization is that the organization “must espouse government policy”. If you want the payoff of the government, you must be willing to be on their team. Do you think they

would offer money for nothing? We’re talking about the IRS here. Also, under 501c(3) the organization becomes a corporation under the authority of the state. Incorporation is essentially the creation of an entity by the state. This means that the entity belongs and is subservient to the state. Read “Trail of Blood Revisited” if you don’t believe me. Lastly, but of the greatest importance, the Lord Jesus Christ told us that we would be hated by the world; that the unbelievers would persecute us just as they persecuted Him; and that as the blessed day of His return approaches the world would become more and more wicked. We should expect persecution. In the midst of it we will reveal His glory as we patiently endure.

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Toy boxes are now at the following locations, and Wild Bill is counting on his good friends of Custer County to fill them up!

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- Westcliffe Super Market
- Nacho Mama's
- Family Dollar Store
- First State Bank
- 511 Main Street



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Thanks for Supporting the Middle School Students

Dear Editor,

The Custer County Middle School students would like to give a warm appreciation to all of those who helped support our fundraiser on Sunday, November 16, for our Washington, D.C., trip.

First, we would like to thank Willie Quinney and Cheryl Jenkins, owner and operators of the Silver Cliff Mountain Inn for donating their resources, time and staff. We are humbled by your generosity! We would also like to thank the following

businesses for contributing to our drawing: Bodies by Jerry; Sangre de Cristo Sentinel; Mane Attraction; Silver Cliff Mountain Inn; Barton Manor; Marilyn Adams Skin Care, and The Salty Pine. Finally, we would like to thank our community for supporting our trip. We are excited to attend and know that this will be a powerful learning experience!

*With many thanks,
Custer County Middle School
D.C. Students*

Thanks to Linda Kaufman

WELL DONE....

The Board of Directors of Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources recently has had to say goodbye to Linda Kaufman after eleven years of dedicated service. Linda, who has served as a volunteer counselor, Board President, and Special Projects Director, has seen the Lighthouse through the purchase of land, grant writing for funds, the building of an amazing facility, an ultrasound clinic, and the inception of an almost-new board of directors. She is passionate about helping young women find the courage to carry their babies to term, raising them with confidence and hope,

and encouraging our community to participate with them in this task. Linda has headed into a well-deserved retirement, but her vision, her faith, and her commitment will continue to be a wellspring of inspiration for the Lighthouse. We, the Board, and all those who have been touched by her love and good humor, release her reluctantly, with a deeper gratitude than can be expressed in a few words here. Thank you, Linda, for being such a constant, such a friend, and such a devoted lover of life. You are already missed!

*Board of Directors,
Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources*

Changes with the Sharing Center

Dear Editor:

In the past there have been articles and information posted in the newspaper about the Community Sharing Center. As previously published Ruth Mitchell (director) has formed a new board to govern the Community Sharing Center. This board has been working towards the purchase of land and moving the Center to a different location. All congregations in the Wet Mountain Valley were to be contacted in May asking them if they would like a seat on the new governing board. This should make the Community Sharing

Center truly a community center.

At the October voters' meeting of Hope Lutheran Church, the congregation voted to turn all operations and assets of the Community Sharing Center to the new board. Hope Lutheran is no longer the owner or responsible for the Community Sharing Center. By December 31st, the Community Sharing Center will be moved off of the Hope Lutheran property and out of Hope facilities. Please contact the new board members (previously published) or director Ruth Mitchell (371-7664) if you have any

questions or would like to assist with their transition.

Hope Lutheran would like to thank the community for their generous donations over the past 11 years. You have helped so many people with needed meals, clothes, and furniture. We hope that your generosity continues as the new Community Sharing Center asks for your help in purchasing land, needing food money, and your continued donations.

*Thank you.
Pastor Richard von Steinman
Pastor and former Share Center Board President*

Local Mountain News & Notices

End of the Trail for A Custer County Legend

by Paul Sage

This week Custer County suffered a great loss when Mr. Bill Caldwell, who together with his wife Eva most recently ran the Spotted Pig on Main Street in Silver Cliff died on Monday at about 3:30pm surrounded by his family in Delta, Colorado.

Bill, who spent most of his last few years, caring for Eva through her health challenges, was recently diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. The family came quickly and took the couple to daughter Tony James' home in Delta where Bill was able to spend his last few days in a home he built for her with his family.

Unassuming Bill was fond of responding to inquiries of "how are you doing" with "Not too bad for an old guy." He was also fond of sharing the story of his belt buckle with the word JOY on it. He would explain to anyone who would listen, "That stands for Jesus, Others, and Yourself. That's how I try to live my life."

Bill would go on to humbly report how he didn't always do so well at it, but it was always his goal. At 3:30pm on Monday his journey through this life ended and he received a report on how well he did. I think it may have sounded a little something like "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Congratulations on your graduation, Bill. You will be missed by those of us still here.

Festival of Trees

by Carol Clemenson

The Olde Schoolhouse Quilters have been designing and handcrafting reasonably priced gift items to be sold at the annual Festival of Trees. This event is sponsored by Valley Park, Recreation & Youth Centers, Inc., and will be held on December 5th and 6th at the Cliff Lanes Community Room from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The unique, hand-made items will make holiday shopping and experience filled with exciting surprises just right for the gift giving. All proceeds



Here are some of the 50-member-strong Olde Schoolhouse Quilters working to create items for the Festival of Trees.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

from the items made by the quilt club benefit the sponsors for a variety of programs, as well as maintenance of the Olde Westcliff

Schoolhouse Museum.

Come out to do your Christmas shopping and support a great local cause!

Library Craft Show

The Friends of the West Custer County Library invite everyone to their winter arts and crafts fair from December 4-6, 2014, at the Hope Lutheran Church's fellowship hall, 312 South Third Street in Westcliffe, Colorado. Thursday will feature a "Meet, Greet, and Buy" event for folks to meet the artisans and enjoy light refreshments. Hours of the show are 3:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, and 9:00-5:00 on Friday and Saturday. Handcrafted items by

local craftspeople will be on display, including jewelry, quilted items, soaps and lotions, handwoven scarves and shawls, and many, many more unique and beautiful items. Proceeds from the sale benefit the West Custer County Library's community outreach programs including reading programs for young children and teens as well as adults.

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TESTS

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average. Not good at all. Decent results were had in math (69.23% P&A) and reading (80.77% P&A). Both above the state average. Grade: Decent, but writing is troublesome.

...dramatic drops in the averages from the prior year and ALL three test areas were below the state average.

2014 Grade 6: Bottom Line: BARELY FAIR.

Again, writing was horrible with only 48.28% of the kids being P&A, way below the state average. Math (only 58.62% P&A) and reading (only 65.52% P&A) were both below the state averages. Grade: If you can't beat Colorado's state averages, it ain't good.

2014 Grade 7: Bottom Line: FAILURE. There were dramatic drops in the averages from the prior year and ALL three test areas were below the state average. Math scores were a complete disaster with only 44.44% of the kids being P&A. Just horrible. Grade: Failure, NOT acceptable.

2014 Grade 8: Bottom Line: GOOD. Writing (65.71% P&A), reading (77.14% P&A) and math (65.71% P&A) were all way above the state average. Still, a third of the

kids were not proficient in writing and reading. Grade: Good.

All three test categories showed dramatic declines from the previous year

2014 Grade 9: Bottom Line: DISASTER. All three test categories showed dramatic declines from the previous year (math: down 37.50%, writing: down 38.89%, reading: down 16.66%). Math scores were completely unacceptable with 66.77% of our kids being NOT proficient! Just

not acceptable folks. Writing was almost as bad with 59.2% of the students NOT proficient. The math and reading scores were both way below the state average. Reading was at the state average with 66.67% of the children being P&A. These results for last year's 9th grade are NOT acceptable. Grade: Failure.

2014 Grade 10: Bottom Line: FAILURE. The math score was astoundingly bad. Real bad. An amazing 23.5% of last year's 10th grade scored UNSATISFACTORY!!! And, an additional 47.0% scored only PP!!!! So, an astounding 70.5% of our kids are not proficient in math! Total failure. Reading was below the state average with 67.65% being P&A. The writing score (55.88% P&A) came in over the (poor) state average but

that left 44.02% of the kids underperforming. The class size here was 34 students which gives you a good sampling size. Serious problem here folks in last year's 10th grade. Grade: Failure.

An amazing 23.5% of last year's 10th grade scored UNSATISFACTORY!

2014 TCAP Summary: Not good. I don't even think the school administration can spin this; it is so bad (and believe me, professional school administrators are the masters of spin). A few bright spots,

but overall the test shows a school dramatically underperforming and in many cases, unequivocally failing.

Just look at the state average percentages for Proficient or Advanced by subject matter versus C-1's results. There are eight grade levels tested times three tests per grade yielding 24 results. **The Custer County School District has 14 P&A averages BELOW the state average out of 24!!!** And remember, the Colorado test score level is mediocre compared to nationwide. This, by anyone's measuring stick, is failure.

And possibly even more worrisome, when comparing the percentage of kids who were Proficient or Advanced in 2014 versus the

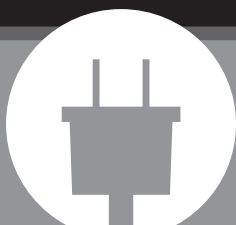
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Compassion in Action

by Ruth Mitchell

Compassion is the greatest need of people. They need someone to reach out to them responding to their needs. True compassion has to DO SOMETHING. The Custer County Community Sharing Center, Inc., is one of the outlets that our community uses to exhibit their compassion for our friends and neighbors. Due to the foresight and vision of our local ministerial alliance, the Center began as a clothes closet over 16 years ago in St. Luke's Episcopal Mission. Eventually, the Center was provided another location at Hope Lutheran Church allowing expansion to meet increased need. Our food pantry was started in 2003 as the need for such a service became obvious. Custer County learned long ago that volunteerism and caring for your neighbors is a way of life – not a luxury!

We, the Board of Directors and volunteers over the years, wish to thank the congregations that have previously hosted the Center, as we have – once again – outgrown the current space with no room for expansion. Due to the economic climate and God's continuous outpouring of blessings through this community, we have a major space crisis, and must relocate by the first part of 2015.

DID YOU KNOW?

- *At the school's request, the Center provides a clothing truck to the local school at the beginning of the school year to assist parents with clothing and shoes.*
- *We are part of Emergency Management in our county, ready to respond, as we have in the past, to disaster situations such as fire, flood, etc. by maintaining a large ready supply of food, water, and toiletries. We also provide for displaced neighbors and the initial feeding of our firefighters and other emergency personnel.*
- *The Center distributed over 160,000 pounds of food from our distribution center in 2013 to our clients. As a direct result of our ability to reach those in need and because of the strong support of our area, we have actually low-*

ered the food insecurity rate in our county. This is an essential public service for the betterment of our community. According to the latest Hunger Study in America, compiled by Feeding America, we stand alone in our region, totally surrounded by counties where there has been no measurable change.

- *We are an agent of the statewide emergency "211" system – a critical connection between individuals and families in need and the organizations that can help them.*

- *The Center is a "Premier Agency" of the Care and Share of Southern Colorado Food Bank and can purchase food at greatly reduced cost.*

- *The Center is available to other agencies, both non-profits and governmental (i.e. Social Services, Sheriff's Office, Family Crisis Center) to respond to emergency family situations of homelessness, fire victims, domestic violence, and other crises which receive no government funds or tax dollars.*

- *The Wet Mountain Valley Pet Project partners with us to supply pet food to our clients on a monthly basis.*

- *We serve many local veterans and are ready and able to respond to our local Veterans Service Office when needs arise.*

- *We empower underprivileged children of our community by providing a free venue where they can shop for gifts for their families (gift wrapping volunteers at the ready!) breaking down one of life's barriers they experience. Parents can add to their child's Christmas from good, usable donations we make available. New and like new donations are pulled and stored to provide a "Christmas Shoppe" for the children, in partnership with Valley Parks and Recreation which provides the location.*

The increased needs of our neighbors and local families have forced the Board

to consider new facilities for the Center obtaining space required to continue operation. In August of this year, we had 474 pantry visits representing 1,221 people - 735 adults, 338 children and 148 senior citizens. 51 of these households were first-time visitors to the Center. We do not track numbers of clients that come just for clothing and household goods.

Due to its own success, the Center has morphed into a new entity, a not for profit corporation with a new Board of Directors: President Myron Mullett, Vice-President Monte Hess, Secretary Pastor Deborah Christine, Treasurer Dr. David Custer, and board members: Pastor Dave McConnell, Pastor Larry Smith, Associate Pastor Bradley Reinke, Marci Gregg, and Joanne Canda representing nine local church congregations. As a Christ-founded ministry, it

household goods, and a clothing closet has been found.

The more than 8,000 square foot facility will provide the space needed now and into the future to strengthen our ability to meet the most basic human needs – not just survival-but building better, healthier lives and a stronger community. First State Bank has generously reduced the price on this facility by \$64,000, to assist us in our relocation. The purchase price is now \$155,000. Some improvements will be needed, so our total fund raising goal is \$200,000.

We are asking our community, which has always shown such widespread support in the past, to partner with us in demonstrating compassion in action -- by helping those in need. As the Waldo and Black Forest fires exhibited, circumstances can change in a

This Sharing Center provides the ultimate WIN-WIN for the giver and those that need a helping hand from time to time.

provides a venue for Christians to serve, following His commands to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and to help the homeless, widows, and orphans by providing life-sustaining assistance. His compassion compels us to provide for the hungry, to bless others, to feel and share in their triumphs and sufferings.

Do you know what you are having for dinner tonight? Many of our clients do not until they come to the Center. Hard choices between rent, utilities, heat, or food are common to our clients and we can help. The parent who does not have adequate nutrition for their child understands its importance for the physical, emotional, and academic needs of their child and we can help. Seniors can buy their medicine knowing we can help and they can get supplemental food from the Center.

After careful consideration, with our desire to be good stewards, financially efficient and respectful of our donors, a location with adequate space for the food pantry, a food warehouse,

moment. The Sharing Center desires to be ready and able to respond immediately to our community.

This Sharing Center provides the ultimate WIN-WIN for the giver and those that need a helping hand from time to time. Your compassionate decision to financially support the Center touches many lives in our area. This season serves to remind us that every gift truly helps to warm the hearts of a Valley family.

To contribute to the Center, make checks payable to the Custer County Community Sharing Center, Inc., P.O. Box 1592, Westcliffe, CO, 81252. Tax exempt status qualifies the Center for participation in the Spirit Campaign of the Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation. If you prefer, you may channel your donation through the Campaign making it eligible for matching funds. The Spirit Campaign kickoff begins in November. FULL PANTRY, FULL LIVES -- there's a place for YOU at this table.

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Time of Honor and Thanksgiving

by Edward Whitcraft,
Royal Gorge Tea Party

For the past two years, the Royal Gorge Tea Party has been in the trenches, actively engaged in living up to our Mission Statement of building a coalition of informed citizens that demand low taxes, and small government. We are committed to supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States. We have a band of brothers and sisters who believe that our government at every level is headed in the wrong direction. We dedicated ourselves to energize all we could to influence issues and at election time, turn out to vote so that we might change some of the things that we felt were wrong. Needless to say we won a few issues and we lost a few. The important thing was an effort was made. To the members of the Royal Gorge Tea Party, thank you for your dedication and determination. Truly you made a difference.

As a last hurrah, it was decided that at our November meeting we would honor our veterans and have a thanksgiving feast. It turned out to be much more than just a few spoken words and breaking bread. It turned into a real celebration. We hold our meetings in the gymnasium of Mountain View Core Knowledge School. When the School Administrator Karen Sartori was informed of our plan, she asked

if her students might participate. Little did we know that their involvement left us speechless and in awe. When we arrived at the gym to set up, we found hand-crafted, 3x5 foot banners all across the front of the stage area. These banners, made by the students honored our veterans, thanking them for their service to our nation. Many students also wrote individual notes to a veteran. The kindergarten and first grade classes were scheduled to sing some patriotic songs at the beginning of our meeting. After opening the meeting, here they came marching in, each one wearing a little red, white, and blue hat. After lining up on the stage one young lady stepped forward asking the audience to please stand and she led us in the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by the singing of our National Anthem. All of the students removed their hats and held it over their hearts as they recited the Pledge and sang the Anthem. The parents of these little ones were also in attendance and you could see the pride in their faces. What a great start to a wonderful night of honor and thanksgiving. It is so gratifying to know that we still have young ones learning about our history and the cost of freedom. All the banners and individual notes from the students are being taken to the Colorado State Veterans Nursing Home in

Florence.

While no one wanted to follow the children's event, we did continue our program. We had an unannounced special guest come to our meeting, Samantha Grannes, who is Mrs. Cañon City of 2015. We asked her to say a few words and she told us we were the first group she has spoken at since her election to Mrs. Cañon City. Samantha is also an "Army brat" being raised in a military family and also the wife of an 8-year Army-scout veteran. Her husband served 3 tours in Iraq being wounded on this third deployment. It was truly an honor for us to have Samantha and her mother share the evening with us.

We also honored one of our very own veterans, Mr. John Penezic Jr., who just happens to be our official photographer for the RGTP, with a casting of his hands through the Honor Hands Program. Mr. Jerry Vinnola started the Honor Hands Program out of a desire to honor our WWII vet-



Mountain View Core Knowledge School children take the stage for Veterans Day.

courtesy photo

erans who were dying at a rapid rate. Now he is working with our Korean and Vietnam veterans. By doing a casting of a hand you can leave your loved ones a lasting memorial. This is a unique way of remembering an honored member of your family. The casting of John's hand will be a great reminder to his family of his service to our great country.

Candy Thompson told us about her father being a part of the great invasion on the beaches of Normandy. Richard Hollabaugh gave the history of Veterans Day and John Clements led us in honoring each of the veterans present. As he announced the branch of service the veterans would stand and

each received a certificate of appreciation designed and produced by Roxanna Hollabaugh. It was a wonderful climax to our evening.

We all agreed that we are extremely thankful for veterans and for living in the United States of America. Colorado is a plus to that blessing. But as Americans we must continue to be prepared and vigilant. As, President Ronald Reagan so elegantly stated, "We've got to do a better job of getting across that America is freedom—freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of enterprise, and freedom is special and rare. It's fragile; it needs protection." Stay involved, stay informed and God Bless America.

Custer County Community Sharing Center, Inc., Director of Operations: Ruth Mitchell

As most of you know, Ruth Mitchell is the heart and soul of the Custer County Community Share Center.

Ruth and her husband, Tony, moved to Custer County in 2003. They had been ordained by their home church in Texas to come as missionaries to this area. At that time Bucky and Tracy Marshall were in charge of the Share Center and it was mostly a clothes closet operation with occasional food vouchers for the grocery store. As she was volunteering at the Center, which at that time was at the Lutheran Church during the Christmas of 2003, Pastor Wayne Riddering and Ruth's husband convinced her to volunteer on a regular basis as Bucky and Tracy were working toward moving to Arizona. So, in 2004, Tracy asked Ruth if she would be more or less the Director of Facilities in order to organize the goods at the Center to keep all items in a standard, organized manner to make operations flow smoother. Then Ruth became interim director as Tracy made her transition to Arizona and became Director in 2010.

Ruth feels her efforts here are a calling from God and that He equips the called. She has made many inno-

vative changes to the Center. As she puts it, "Ideas come to me, I see how it works, and I put it in place." Things like the "Fill the Pantry Bag" sales at the grocery store and "The Kids Christmas Shoppe." She seeks no credit for the great work done at the Center, which is all volunteer work of course. The Scripture Ruth relies on is Romans 11:29, "For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."

As the needs of the community increased she developed a food pantry, and in 2010 entered into a contract with Care & Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado for the increased food demand. However, Ruth said, donations of food, clothes, household goods, and furniture are just as important.

Ruth's opinion is that "... the food need in Custer County has been silent and invisible and, as the economy declined, the needs and the numbers of clients increased." She believes other contributing factors are the change in family structure, as well as a crumbling society and broken family units.

As the Director of the Center, Ruth feels it is her mission to educate everyone about the needs in our com-



Ruth Mitchell

courtesy photo

munity through the churches, the papers and by word of mouth. Asked why she puts in so many volunteer hours, she replied, "I have made so many wonderful relationships here and I love these people, our clients, and our volunteers."

Asked what her vision is for the Center, she said her number one goal "is to help strengthen the community by providing a compassionate and understanding ear." She would also like better facilities with a steady volunteer force, a consistent income stream and an underpinning for the lives in our community. Her newest goal is to have a "Large Family" section at the Center with bulk food quantities.

Ruth likes what Beth Moore says, "Anybody can be nice if the Lord gives them a kind spirit – it just has to have an outlet." Ruth says, "Personal interaction is a very important part of the Center."



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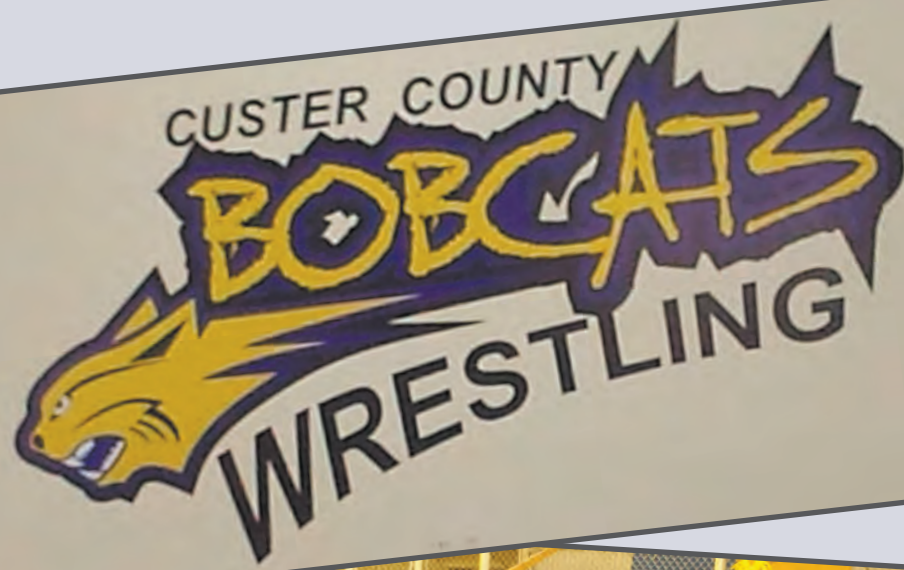
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2014-15 Schedule

- 12/06 9am Fowler Tournament @ Fowler
- 12/12 4pm Limon Scrimmage @ Limon
- 12/13 9am Limon Tournament @ Limon
- 12/20 9am John Mall Tournament @ Walsenburg
- 01/09 4:30pm Custer County Tri @ HOME
- 01/10 9am Custer County HOME Tournament
- 01/17 8am Salida Tournament @ Salida
- 01/24 8am Paonia Tournament @ Paonia
- 01/31 9am Valley Classic @ Center
- 02/13-02/14 Regionals @ Rye
- 02/19-02/21 State Tournament @ Pepsi Center



courtesy photos by Michelle Pedigo, see article, page right for team photo names.

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Bobcat Grapplers Hit the Mats

by Michelle Pedigo

Get ready for action with take downs, reversals, pins, and more! Thirteen Bobcats are readying for the 2014-2015 wrestling season. With his first year as head coach behind him, Mike Ham once again has the reins for this year's team. Coach Ham is looking forward to stepping up the program intensity, helping the wrestlers reach individual goals and preparing for more State contenders. He plans to step up the conditioning program as well with help from Mark Pedigo in the weight room.

This year's team includes returners Kody Aldrich, Titus Crawford, Cody

Koble, and Weldon Rusher. Joining the ranks for the first time are Ian Aldrich, Andy Feldman, Tait Parsons, Edgar Pedigo, Taiyr Seiilkhan, and Dylan Schoch. And back with the team after taking a break are Randy Bailey, Kyle Rose, and Dylan Wommack. Cody Young returns as team manager.

While wrestling has a long history in Custer County, with only one opportunity each year to see the team in action at home, it's no secret that other sports draw more attention. Competition takes places individually, but a huge amount of effort is put in as a team, both in practice and at the meets. Wrestling requires each athlete to be

highly prepared, not just physically but mentally as well. The excitement that takes place around each match on the mat is electrifying!

Get behind the wrestling program. We have a great tournament line-up, so mark your calendars and support your Bobcat grapplers! It's action, it's exciting, and it's happening NOW!

Team Photo on page to the left: Front L to R: Randy Bailey, Taiyr Seiilkhan, Dylan Schoch, Andy Feldman, Tait Parsons, Ian Aldrich

Back L to R: Coach Ham, Kyle Rose, Weldon Rusher, Titus Crawford, Dylan Wommack, Edgar Pedigo, Kody Aldrich

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

Registration fee:

\$30 by November 14th
\$35 after November 14th (post mark)
\$17 for each additional sibling

LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS DECEMBER 6th!
The earlier the better though, so we can gauge numbers.



Middle School D.C. Fundraiser Well Attended

The fundraiser to help support the middle school trip to Washington, D.C., was held on Sunday, November 16th, at the Silver Cliff Mountain Inn. Attendees were treated to pulled pork and chicken sandwiches, cole slaw, drinks and desserts served up by the students themselves under the direction of teacher Meagan Holycross.

Mrs. Holycross reported that in addition to this fundraiser, the group would be working on others to obtain the needed funds. She said the group is doing well to reach their goal. The funds will be used to help pay for the students trip to Washington, D.C., to learn about the operation and history of the federal government.

From left to right: Tyler Ferron, Chad Lewenkamp, Billy Berry, In front: Patrick Post

Courtesy photo by Maegan Holycross



Bobcat Menu • Nov. 24 – Nov. 25 2014

Monday breakfast
Scrambled Eggs
W.W. Toast
Juice, Milk
lunch
Chili w/ Crackers
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Tuesday breakfast
Sausage Gravy
Biscuits
Juice, Milk
lunch
Corn Dog
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Wednesday
NO SCHOOL

Thursday
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Elementary: Main dish, bread, milk, choice of 1 veg. & 1 fruit • Middle & High School: No Salad Bar

KIDS Friday, November 21, 2014

John Fitzgerald Kennedy May 29, 1917 – November 22, 1963

John F. Kennedy was born in Brookline, Massachusetts, on May 29, 1917, to multimillionaire businessman Joseph P. Kennedy and his wife, Rose. Both came from families of wealth with a history of political and public service.

Young John went to parochial school where, as one teacher said, he was liked more for his personality than his achievements. In 1940, he graduated with honors from Harvard where he had majored in government and international relations.

John joined the Navy, and after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, he requested active sea duty. He was given command of a patrol torpedo (PT) boat. He became known as a war hero for his bravery and leadership in saving his men after their PT boat was sliced in half by a Japanese destroyer.

After his return to civilian life, he worked for a newspaper for a short time. Being a Kennedy, however, John desired a career in public office. He represented Massachusetts in both houses of the Congress from 1946-1956.

In 1960, he ran for and was elected as our 35th president. During his presidency, he reached for the moon with the nation's space programs, dealt with the Cuban missile crisis, the Bay of Pigs, early Vietnam war, and protecting civil rights in the south.

Then, on November 22, 1963, riding in a Lincoln convertible and waving to an enthusiastic crowd along a parade route through the streets of Dallas with his wife, Jacqueline, and Governor and Mrs. Connally, three shots rang out from the sixth floor of a nearby building. While Gov. Connally was seriously wounded, John F. Kennedy, at the age of 46, was pronounced dead 30 minutes later.

November 25th was declared a national day of mourning for our slain president. Multitudes of people lined the streets of Washington to watch a horse-drawn caisson carry his body, and leaders from 99 nations gathered for the state funeral. An eternal flame was lit by his widow to forever mark his grave.

Source: www.notablebiographies.com

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we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 5:3-5, NIV

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*My brethren, count it all joy
when you fall into various trials.*

James 1:2, NIV

Holiday Home Tour Presented by Fremont County Community Concert Association

Share the season with us as we celebrate Christmas with the Holiday Home Tour on Sunday, December 7, 2014, from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Five homes are featured on the self-guided tour and promise a festive beginning to the holiday season!

The Green home on Washington Court in Cañon City will be lavishly decorated, both inside and out, for the event!

The homes on 830 Greenwood and 737 Tyrolean Way in Cañon City will give us a glimpse into the joys of the holidays with festive attire.

At 131 W. Main in Florence, the totally restored home in the historic Wilson Building will delight you. The entire second floor of the building has been transformed into a beautiful dwelling and the seasonal décor only serves to enhance and delight! (An elevator is available).

The Florence Rose Guesthouse at 1305 W. 3rd Street in Florence is a five-bedroom Victorian farmhouse built in 1886. It has been beautifully restored and filled with antiques and will be

dressed for Christmas.

Following the tour, relax and enjoy refreshments and live music at "Tailored West" at 224 Main Street in Cañon City. Names will also be drawn at this time for the many door prizes. You do not need to be present to win, but we encourage you to attend the festivities!

Collection boxes will be at each home for Loaves and Fishes donations.

Door prizes consist of: Two \$50 Gift Certificates from "Unbranded", Two \$50 Gift Certificates from "Tailored West", Five Flower Of The Month Certificates from "Touch Of Love", Overnight Stay for Two from "Florence Rose Guesthouse", Two 30 Day Memberships from "Anytime Fitness", and Four \$50 Gift Certificates for 1 Hour Consultations from "Decorating Unlimited".

Tickets are \$15 each or two for \$25 and are available at The Daily Record, Touch Of Love, Tailored West, Unbranded and KRLN Star Country Radio in Cañon City, The Fox Den in Florence and at the door on day of tour. For questions call 719-275-3065.

Sheriff's Report...

As of Tuesday, November 18, there was one man in jail.

November 15 At 1135 hours, the Sheriff's Office was asked to do a welfare check in the 100 block of North Third Street in Westcliffe. Patricia Lewis, age 55, was found deceased in her apartment and pronounced dead by the deputy coroner. It is believed that her feet became tangled in her oxygen tank hoses which caused her to trip and fall. She apparently hit her head against the stairwell post. It is not believed that foul play was involved. An autopsy will be performed to determine the exact cause of death.

November 14 Michael Cessnun, age 34, of Silver Cliff was arrested in Silver Cliff for third-degree assault, criminal mischief, and domestic violence. Cessnun was booked into the Custer county jail and later released on a \$1,000 personal recognizance bond.

ACCIDENTS

November 17 At 10:31 p.m., a 1994 Subaru station wagon driven by Clay Bennett, age 33, Colorado City was driving eastbound on Forest Service Road 360 (Ophir Creek Road) about mile marker 2 when the vehicle

went off of the right-hand side of a left-hand curve, rolled down an embankment hitting trees and landing on its top. The vehicle sustained heavy damage. Bennett was cited for exceeding a safe speed for the conditions.

November 14 At 1111 hours, a 2011 Jeep Wrangler driven by Merle Hawkins, age 67, of rural Westcliffe was driving westbound on County Road 328 when he drove off of the right-hand side of the roadway and through a fence from a left-hand curve. The vehicle sustained heavy damage and minor injuries to the driver. Hawkins was cited for careless driving.

November 13 At 1745 hours, a 1998 Subaru driven by Casey Sullivan, age 17, of Silver Cliff had stopped at the intersection of Highway 96 and Emory Street and attempted to make a left-hand turn when a 2000 Jeep Wrangler driven by Wesley Kagan, age 17, of rural Westcliffe was unable to stop in time and hit the Subaru. Both vehicles sustained heavy damage. Kagan was cited for following too closely.

AMBULANCE CALLS

November 16 At 0430 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to County

Road 341 for a 55-year-old male with chest pains. He was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

November 13 At 1548 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Shoshone Drive for a 64-year-old male with a possible broken shoulder. He was transported to St. Thomas More Hospital in Cañon City.

November 13 At 0938 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Hermit Lane for an 82-year-old female who had fallen and hit her head. She was transported to Parkview Hospital.

FIRE CALLS

November 17 A fire truck was dispatched to the scene of an automobile accident on Forest Service Road 360 (Ophir Creek Road) where it was placed on standby.

November 13 A fire truck was dispatched to the scene of an automobile accident on County Road 328 where it was placed on standby.

November 13 At 1020 hours, a fire truck was dispatched to the 400 block of Ohio Street in Silver Cliff where the occupants were feeling dizzy. Carbon monoxide levels were checked and all was okay.

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Events Calendar

Friday, November 21 9 a.m. - Noon: School Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Boxtrolls"	Thursday, December 4 3 - 7 p.m.: "Meet, Greet, & Buy"; Light refreshments served at Friends of Library arts/crafts fair, 312 S. Third in Westcliffe
Saturday, November 22 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Boxtrolls"	Friday, December 5 9 a.m.-5 p.m.: Library's arts/crafts fair at 312 S. 3rd St. in Westcliffe 9 a.m.-5 p.m.: Festival of Trees at Cliff Lanes' Community Room
Sunday, November 23 2 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Boxtrolls"	Saturday, December 6 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: "Open House" and tour at The Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources facility. Light refreshments served. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.: Library's arts/crafts fair at 312 S. 3rd St. in Westcliffe 9 a.m.-5 p.m.: Festival of Trees at Cliff Lanes' Community Room
Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving Day; Offices Closed	
Friday, November 28 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "Fury"	
Saturday, November 29 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Silver Saturday Celebration (see article at right) 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "Fury"	
Sunday, November 30 2 p.m.: Jones Theater: "Fury"	

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	Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Library open in downtown Westcliffe; 783-9138
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	Wednesday Line dancers meet at the Methodist Church from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370 6 p.m.: Closed Big Book study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172, or Lisa at (719) 783-0809 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Custer County Community Band practice in band room at high school
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Noon: Lunch served at Custer County Senior Center located on first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 am	Thursday Second Thursday of the Month: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., "Ask a Nurse" at the library
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	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
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	Friday and Saturday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.: Share Center at 308 S. Third Street adjacent to Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe
First Tuesday of the Month: 6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting 6:45 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March-October) at the Saddle Club.	Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Library open in Westcliffe

Silver Saturday Celebration November 29 and 30

Don't head down the hill the weekend after Thanksgiving. Instead, the western end of the 'Cliffs is the place to be on Saturday, Nov. 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to enjoy a plethora of activities in celebration of Men's Health Month and Shop Small Saturday.

Auto Parts and Trails West Trading Company. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 13 to 17. Children 12 and under do not have to pay a registration fee.

On Sunday, November 30, the learning continues with a "Secrets of a Soulful Relationship" seminar by psychologists Jim and Ruth Sharon. The seminar is held from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in Cliff Lanes Entertainment Center located on the west end of Main Street in Westcliffe.

As part of the Saturday Celebration, Club America WMV is hosting the Silver Sneak 5K walk/run. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. at Club America located at 50 Main Street in Silver Cliff. The run/walk starts at the club at 10:30 a.m.

Bringing the celebration and seminars to the 'Cliffs is CART (Cliffs Action Revitalization Team), 'Cliffs Commercial District, and the 'Cliffs Main Street Manager.

Other activities on Saturday, Nov. 29, include a "Taking Action for Your Health" seminar by psychologist and certified coach Jim Sharon. The seminar takes place from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the West Custer County Library.

For more information about the upcoming celebration and seminars, go online to thecliffscolorado.com.

Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources Open House

Saturday, December 6th
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The community is welcome to stop by, enjoy the refreshments and tour the Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources facility.

LIBERTY ACTION GROUP

* PRESENTS *



**Tuesday
December 2, 2014
6pm meeting 5:30pm
social time
(bring a dish to share)**

**Montgomery & Steward
1317 Main Street, 2nd floor
Pueblo, CO 81003**

Sheriff Richard Mack!!!

Author, speaker and Constitutional activist, Richard Mack began his law enforcement career in the police department of Provo, UT. After serving there for nearly 11 years, he was elected Sheriff of Graham County, AZ serving two terms from 1988 to 1997. He received numerous awards, but is best known for challenging the constitutionality of the Brady Bill. This case went all the way to the Supreme Court, where Mack and 6 other sheriffs won in a landmark decision for freedom.

Sheriff Mack is the founder of the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, the author of many books including *County Sheriff, America's Last Hope* and his latest book, *Are You a David?* and a stalwart fighter for the Constitution, Liberty and Freedom. He will be autographing his latest book.

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<http://cspoa.org/>

<http://www.sheriffmack.com/>

Sheriff Mack will be making a special announcement!

www.libertyactiongroup.com

info@libertyactiongroup.com



Eagles Summit Ranch Colorado

First Annual Men's Conference "Be a World Changer"

Saturday November 29th

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Special guest speakers

Brad Hearon & Ron Taylor



Admission \$25

- Lunch 12 PM
- Auction
- Door Prizes
- Great Fellowship

RSVP and pre register by November 17th
719-783-9729 or jerry@daveroever.org

Make Checks payable to ESRCO

PO Box 800
Westcliffe, CO 81252
719-783-9729

All proceeds go to Eagles Summit Ranch Colorado to help support our programs for our "Warriors."





Community Spirit Campaign 2014

It's the Season for Giving
Your Local Non-Profits Need your help
Big or Small - Every donation is appreciated

The Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation was founded in 1999, and since that time has distributed approximately \$1.5 million to just over 100 nonprofit organizations in Custer County. Grants and gifts have been given to the arts, education, recreation, historical preservation, emergency services, health care and related fields of service. The annual Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation Spirit Campaign is a program of matching gifts awarded by the Community Foundation based on individual donations to nonprofit organizations in Custer County. The Spirit Campaign has generated over \$1 million in donations for the local, nonprofit community since the campaign's inception in 2004. It allows residents to focus their donations on nonprofits of their choosing while knowing a matching gift will be awarded by the Community Foundation. The Spirit Campaign matched contributions by over 700 individual donors to over 60 Custer County nonprofit organizations totally more than \$240,000 in 2011 in charitable contributions.

The Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation would like to deeply thank the Anschutz Foundation in providing significant funding for this matching gift effort. The Anschutz Foundations have been partners in the Community Spirit Campaign since the program was initiated. Additional contributions for matching funds came from the AT&T Foundation and the Foundation's Gertrude Oakley Legacy Fund and individual donors.

November marks the start of our annual Community Spirit Campaign, a matching gift program that allows donors to direct their contributions to the organizations they wish to support while the Community Foundation matches a percentage of the individual contributions. Since its inception, the Spirit Campaign has distributed \$1.7 million among nearly all qualified nonprofit organizations in Custer County.

Nonprofit Chart 2014

All Aboard Westcliffe	KWMV Radio
Animal Advocates	Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources
Cliffs Commercial District (CART)	Mission: Wolf
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	Olde Schoolhouse Quilters
Cross D Bar Recreation Foundation	Outdoor Buddies
Custer County 911 Authority Board (E911)	Paca Peace Ranch
Custer County 20/20 dba Club America	Pet Project Wet Mountain Valley
Custer County 4H Foundation	Ranch of Hope
Custer County Ambulance Corps (EMS)	San Isabel Land Protection Trust
Custer County Cares About Cancer	Sangre de Cristo Hospice & Palliative Care
Custer County Clinic	Sangre de Cristo Volunteers for Change
Custer County Community Sharing Center	Sangres Art Guild
Custer County Conservation District	Southern Colorado Space Museum
Custer County Fair Board	Sustainable Ways
Custer County Genealogical and Historical Society	The American Legion, Westcliffe Post 170-Boys State/ Colorado American Legion Boys State
Custer County Medical Foundation	The Bluff Park
Custer County Pre-School	Town of Silver Cliff Museum
Custer County Schools	Valley Assisted Living and VALI Home Care
Custer County Search and Rescue	Town of Westcliffe and Silver Cliff Commemorative and Community Park
Custer County Senior Center	Town of Silver Cliff
Custer County Sheriff's Department	Valley Park, Recreation and Youth Center
Custer County Sheriff's Posse	West Custer County Library District
Dark Skies, Inc.	West Custer County Library Friends
Dundee Memorial Park Association, Inc	Westcliffe Center for the Performing Arts
Eagles Summit Ranch	Wet Mountain Fire Protection District
Excellence in Education	Wet Mountain Valley Community Service, Inc. (Rotary Van)
FFA	Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club Foundation
Friends of the Beckwith Ranch	Wet Mountain Wildlife Rehabilitation
Frontier Pathways and Scenic Byways	Wetmore Community Library
High Altitude Garden Club	Wetmore Volunteer Fire Department
High Country Recycling	Wetmore-Hardscrabble Genealogical and Historical Society
High Mountain Hay Fever Festival Association	
Historic Willows School Society	
In Concert	

Make Check Payable to: WMVCF

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Please Distribute My Donation to the Following Custer County Nonprofit Organizations in the Amounts Shown (Use Separate Sheet if Necessary)

Matching funds will not be applied to contributions postmarked after 12/31/14

Nonprofit Org	Amount \$
Nonprofit Org	Amount \$
Nonprofit Org	Amount \$
Nonprofit Org	Amount \$
Total nonprofit	\$

Donations to the Matching Fund Benefit All Qualified Nonprofit Orgs

Here's My Total Donation to the Matching fund

(Please Print)

My Name:

Mailing Address:

City, State Zip:

Telephone Number:

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COMMUNITY SPIRIT 2014

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For more information go to www.wmvcf.org

Mail your check with the attached coupon to:
Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation
P.O. Box 718
Westcliffe, CO 81252

Make checks payable to:
WMVCF

Local Mountain News & Notices

Classifieds

For Sale

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

FSBO House 208 S. 4th Street, Westcliffe, CO. One bedroom, one bath, loft, appliances, deck, fenced yard, mountain view. \$118,000
MLS2510786
(303) 726-0716

3 BR Mobile Home: new pellet stove and fridge. Includes washer/dryer, stove, 250-gal propane, 6 bags pellets. Needs new carpet in LR & Hall, and 3 window panes. \$7,000. (702) 321-0501

2 BR Mobile Home needs to be finished remodeling. Have all materials there to complete. \$2,700 (702) 321-0501

Help Wanted

Custer County Department of Human Services is accepting applications for a **Generalist Social Caseworker**. This position will complete Child/Adult Protection investigation, provide ongoing services to families, and emergency on-call services after hours. Applicant must have a valid driver's license as travel within Colorado for trainings and meetings is required. Applicants must possess a Bachelor's Degree in a Social Work or in a field of Human Behavioral Science. Starting salary will be dependent on experience. Benefit package is included. Applicant must complete a background check prior to hire. Applications may be picked up at Custer County Human Services at 205 South 6th Street Westcliffe, CO between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and must be returned by the close of business Friday December 12, 2014. Applicants need to include a copy of their college transcripts and a resume with ap-

plication. Custer County is an equal opportunity employer.

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!
Looking for a few good men, women, or youth interested in volunteering their writing/reporting skills and talents. Please contact the Sentinel by calling 783-3360 to arrange an appointment or submit intent of interest to **sdcsentinel@gmail.com**.

In-home elderly care needed 2-3 days/week, days & nights. Cooking, light cleaning, and general assistance needed. 783-9174 or 269-7882.

Custer County School District C-1 is accepting applications for school bus drivers. Applicants that possess a Colorado Class A or B driver's license with a P (passenger) and S (school bus) endorsement will

receive first priority. Training will be available for interested applicants that do not possess the correct license endorsement(s). Starting salary for this position is \$12.74 per hour, but open to negotiation based on school bus driving experience. This position also provides a full district benefits package. For more information please contact Dave Bennett, Transportation Director, at 719-660-5004 or 783-9779, or pick up applications at the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe. Applications are also available on the school district website, custercountyschools.org. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in employment..

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. This position will remain open until filled. Classified staff applications are available at www.custercountyschools.org or the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe 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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Mowing, Brush Hogging,
Call (719) 371-2866

SEPTIC PUMPING
(719) 783-2747 or Cell (719) 371-3523 Please call Art Nordyke for your septic pumping and inspections.
Don't let your septic fail!
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CHAINSAW SHARPENING: Accurate sharpening. Multiple chain discount. Overnight service available. Chain loops made to order and repaired. Ring J.B. **719/783-4448**

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the residents of **Custer County** that is the intent of **Horn Creek Conference Grounds Association** to request funds from the United States Department of Agriculture. The funds are to be used for **Refinancing of Debt and numerous infrastructure development projects**. This is a public meeting and is to give the citizenry an opportunity to become acquainted with the proposed project to comment on such items as economic and environmental impact, service area, and alternatives to the project or any other issues identified by the citizens of **Custer County**.

The public meeting is to be held on **December 3, 2014 at 10:00am**. The location of the meeting is at **The Lodge at Horn Creek, 6758 County Road 130, Westcliffe, CO 81252**. Public Notices have been posted at **Horn Creek's Main Office**.

These public notices will be removed soon after the Public Meeting.

Point of Contact:

Name: **Chris Walker**
Title: **Executive Director**
Phone: **719-783-2205**

LEGAL NOTICE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY

Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District is seeking candidates for the Board of Directors Vacancy. A registered voter applicant must be a Resident of the District for not less than thirty (30) days, or the owner (or the spouse of the owner) of taxable real property situated in the District. Self-nomination forms may be picked up during business hours at 59000 Highway 69, Westcliffe, CO or you may mail a "Letter of Interest" to RWMSD, PO Box 86, Westcliffe, CO. 81252
Deadline is November 28, 2014, or postmarked by November 26, 2014, if mailing.

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*Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
You will revive me;
You will stretch out Your hand against
the wrath of my enemies,
And Your right hand will save me.*

Psalm 138:7, NIV



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

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

Come and Worship



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

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



*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*

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. Fellowship
3rd & Rosita Streets
Westcliffe
719/783-2477

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

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

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

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

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

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



Colorado State News



TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT (AGAIN): Colorado Insurance Commissioner's Husband Sits on Exchange Board

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

What a tangled web the Colorado insurance industry is. While reading an article about how frustrated some Colorado Exchange Board Members are with the exchange's cost overruns, we came across an odd discovery – Division of Insurance Commissioner Margeurite Salazar's husband, Arnold Salazar, is a new addition to the board. Oddly enough, Margeurite Salazar also sits on the board as a non-voting member.

It's a little weird. And, by weird, we mean incestuous, perhaps a conflict of interest, definitely an appearance of impropriety. Shall we go on?

Of course, this isn't the first time Marguerite Salazar has been in hot water when it comes to insurance. Marguerite

Salazar was at the epicenter of the attempts by Team Udall to cover up the vast number of insurance cancellations earlier this year. If you recall in January, Salazar was busted for being a little too cozy with Team Udall. From our post at that time:

After DOI employee Jo Donlin sent the famous "I received a very hostile phone call from Sen. Udall's deputy chief of staff" email, Alan Salazar, liberal Governor John Hickenlooper's Chief Strategy Officer, replied "my former boss (Mr. Udall) – I was his COS and glad to weigh in if useful." Colorado Insurance Commissioner Marguerite Salazar then replied, "Everything is fine. I spoke with the COS. We all want the same thing."

To that, we have to ask,

what was it that you all want? Here are a few ideas that we had:

- They want this scandal to go away

- They want to revise downward the number of health insurance policies canceled due to Obamacare

- They want to protect Sen. Udall from the clear looming backlash his signature piece of legislation will unleash

With something as important as health insurance, Coloradans are looking for more transparency, not political gamesmanship. Come on, Commish, enough with the shenanigans.

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Colorado School District Bans Teens From Meeting to Pray, Sing Hymns and Discuss God

by Billy Hallowell,
TheBlaze.com

A Colorado teen is claiming that public school officials told him and his peers that they are no longer welcome to meet, pray together and discuss religious subjects during instructional time, restricting his informal meetings to before or after the school day.

The accusation waged by Pine Creek High School senior Chase Windebank led the Alliance Defending Freedom, a conservative legal firm, to file a federal lawsuit last Friday, urging the school district to reconsider its stance.

According to a press release distributed by the organization, Windebank was told that the separation of church and state barred religious speech during the school day, which officials referred to as instructional time.

The so-called "Open Time Policy" reportedly allows pupils to leave class 15 minutes after homeroom period begins on Mondays and Wednesdays, with students who have grades above a "D" being allowed to do the same on Fridays.

During this time, the Alliance Defending Freedom claims that students can engage in activities ranging from sending text messages to reading. Windebank and his peers used this time to pray together and talk about religious subject matter.

But after three years of meeting on Mondays and Fridays in a choir room to pray, sing Christian music and discuss their faith, an assistant principal reportedly told Windebank that the religious conversation would need to stop during the school day.

The legal firm alleges that this proclamation came down September 29, with assistant principal James Lucas reportedly citing the "separation of church and state" as the reason why faith-based discussion would be restricted to before or after school.

As a result, Windebank's robust meeting that sometimes included up to 90 students is said to have dwindled, at times, to just 12 participants, as many were unavailable to meet before 7:45 a.m. or after the school day ended at Academy School District 20 officials defended the decision to restrict this speech when

the firm's attorneys reached out to discuss the issue last month.

"Seminar at Pine Creek is not homeroom time. It is class time and it is considered instructional time," an attorney for the school district wrote, rebutting some of the law firm's claims. "No non-curricular clubs are permitted to meet during that time period at Pine Creek High School."

But the Alliance Defending Freedom has argued that Pine Creek High School and its parent district are violating the free speech rights of students, filing Windebank v. Academy School District 20 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado.

"Public schools should encourage the free exchange of ideas," said attorney Jeremy Tedesco. "Instead, this school implemented an ill-conceived ban that singles out religious speech for censorship during free time."

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ObamaCareEnomics: Where "Cheaper" Plans Cost You More

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

PeakNation™, next time a dead-head liberal tries to claim Obamacare is the "free-market solution" just ask them this riddle: where else in the free market will you end up paying more when a good you use becomes cheaper? But that is exactly the new reality that happens in the world of Obamacare. As Ed Sealover at The Denver Business Journal writes:

To illustrate that, Connect for Health officials noted that the average share of costs of plans that subsidized individuals bore themselves in 2014 was \$161.79 per month.

If that individual were to keep their current plan for 2015, their average costs after financial assistance will be \$287.01 a month — a bump of 77 percent of their contribution levels, Benshoof noted. [the Peak's emphasis]

Which means, wait for it, wait for it:

In other words, if you like your plan you can keep it — if you're willing to pay more. [the Peak's emphasis]

Damn you Sealover, first you report on business news better than us, and now you're showing you can be snarkier than us... #ThanksObama.

So, get this: First, Obamacare takes away the plan you liked despite President Obama and Sen. Mark Udall claiming it wouldn't.

Then, you find a plan through Obamacare that you might not like as much, but find it will suffice, only to be told a year later to keep that plan the premiums you pay will go up by 77%.

Obamacare: Where every year brings a new crappier health plan until we are all on Medicaid #ThanksObama.

And, it's not like this is affecting only a small slice of the market. A full 60% of Obamacare enrollees receive subsidies for Obamacare.

While many will argue that this is all the result of one health insurance company trying to capture a larger portion of the market, we need only point to the disaster that very same strategy resulted in up in Minnesota. PreferredOne captured 60% of the Minnesota Obamacare market by offering some of the cheapest plans, only to realize that its position was unsustainable, forcing it to pull completely out of the Obamacare market in 2015. #ThanksObama #Thank-sUdall

To recap: If you liked your plan in 2013, it got cancelled. If you like your plan in 2014, the price went up. At this rate, if you like your plan in 2015, expect Nancy Pelosi to stop by your house and personally waterboard you if you want to keep it in 2016.

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Udall 2.0: Michael Bennet Wants Imperial Obama

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Senator Mumbles is starting off his bid to be re-elected in 2016 by taking a page right out of soon-to-be-ex Senator Mark Udall's playbook: voicing a desire for President Obama to force through O's agenda without consent from Congress. We know Michael Bennet was busy working hard to lose eight nine seats (sorry Landrieu, you have about as much hope of surviving as a New Orleans snowman in July) this past year, so he may not have noticed when Udall came out and praised Obama for taking unilateral action on coal. As we wrote at the time:

...[W]hen Obama announced some of the most extreme EPA regulations in our country's history, instead of standing up to him (like many of his fellow Senate Democrats did), Udall applauded and said Obama should have more power to act unilaterally.

[the Peak's emphasis]

The news from Politico today is that Senator Mumbles has signed on to a letter asking Obama to grab more power and act without Congressional consent on immigration. As Politico writes:

...Democratic leaders sent a letter to Obama on Monday, urging him to use his... executive powers...

... The letter was signed by Reid and Democratic Sens. Dick Durbin of Illinois, Chuck Schumer of New York, Patty Murray of Washington, Bob Menendez of New Jersey and Michael Bennet of Colorado. [the Peak's emphasis]

Let's see, Illinois – blue, Washington – blue, New Jersey – blue, New York – bluer than Cookie Monster's rear. Which makes us wonder, why would a Senator from such a purple state as Colorado align himself with democratic Senators who have to worry more

about getting hit by a meteor than losing a re-election? Hilariously enough, the Democratic Senators' letter claims the American public stands with them... less than three weeks after that same American public resoundingly voted against them at the polls. As Eli Stokols of KDVR writes:

"Immigrant communities have waited too long for House Republicans to catch up with the American public's support for comprehensive immigration reform," the letter states.

Senate Democrats claiming they have the "American public's support" right now is like Marie Antoinette claiming how much the French masses love her. If it wasn't for Michelle Obama outlawing everything that tastes good (more Obama unilateral power), we bet Senator Mumbles would have already sent

See BENNET on page 23

Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

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

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

**Royal Gorge
Tea Party**
2nd & 4th Thursday
of each month
6:30 p.m.
Core Knowledge
School Gymnasium,
890 Fields Ave.
Cañon City
www.royalgorgetea-
party.com
or find them on
Facebook

**Southern
Colorado
Survivors**
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Mugs
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County Commissioners to Cooperate with Deer Mountain Residents

by Barbara Penezic

Once again the residents of Deer Mountain took time from their busy schedules to attend the County Commissioners meeting. They were met with a new spirit of cooperation as the complaints they are filing have been read, discussed, and are being taken seriously.

John Garrou told the Commissioners, “I filed a complaint a year ago with Fremont County Planning and Zoning on two residences. One has been sitting for eight years plus the other for five years plus. Neither has an active building permit. My opinion on that is if they don’t meet codes, they shouldn’t be there. I am asking the county and the Commissioners to look into that. I am a general contractor and I have to follow rules and regulations. I see a double standard here. If I have to renew a building permit, I go down and renew the building permit. These people don’t have any. They are beating you out of building permit fees and uncompleted tax fees yearly. I just don’t think its right.” County Commissioner Norden then responded, “John, if you give us those addresses we will check them. Are both of these in the HOA (home owners association) area?” “That is the problem with Mr. Sapp,” John replied. “In my opinion, those are not HOA problems, these are county problems. They never got finished from when they started and then the county dumped it on the HOA and said, ‘you guys take care of it.’”

Commissioner Norden told Mr. Garrou they are taking specific action. “We will get together with Mike Cox,” he said adding, “We had a conversation with Mr. Sapp last week and we are trying to schedule a time, between our calendars, to take a tour of specific areas that are in violation throughout Glen Vista and Colorado Acres. “Mr. Norden said they have gotten a statistical report from Code Enforcement as to activity in the past three years and bottom line is in 2014 we had 35 cases of Code Enforcement violations and 18 cases are still open, several of those are in Glen Vista and Colorado Acres.

John Garrou told the Commissioners, “I thought it was kind of funny. Last week I mentioned some addresses, I drove by there this weekend and they were out cleaning them up. You believe that? I don’t know if it came by the paper (Editor/GG: the *Sentinel*) reporting on this or if you guys sent out a letter or what, but it was actually kind of encouraging to see pick-up loads of trash leaving the property.” Mr. Norden said we talked about the Helping Hands Project, meant to help those in financial distress, however, the problem then becomes how to deter people from just letting trash pile up and

taking advantage of the service? “One place I know has been in violation since 2005 when I came into office,” admitted Ed Norden.

“I don’t understand why it has been in violation that long,” John replied, “I’ve talked with you about this before. I believe building permits should have a time line. I just talked to Douglas County, they have a 180 days (6 months) to complete a house.” With that, Mr. Garrou returned to his seat and Scot Hanlon stepped up to the ‘mic.’ I have been to a few meetings, talked with some people including enforcement officers he said, “I have heard some terms like, ‘hands off’ and ‘avoid this problem’ orders. I’ll keep it short. There is a movie, A FEW GOOD MEN, where there is an order handed down called Code Red, where the officials from up above dictate what enforcement people can do. I would like to search out and find out where this is coming from because I think there are some good code enforcement people out there who want to do something about this. This is not just hearsay,” he continued, “I have heard these terms with my own ears from some deputies and some code enforcement officers, that there are some dictates coming down and I would really like to see some change in that.” He was asked by the Commissioners if he was talking about trash clean up or what specifically. Scot replied, “I am talking about trash, marijuana, code enforcement.” The Commissioners assured him no such directive came from any of them. “I am not making that accusation but somehow it is trickling down,” he said.

Chayriese Marentette again asked the Commissioners to move more quickly. “We are terrified of fire,” she said offering the board a photo of a property littered with tires. “This property has been under investigation for seven years, and it is still under investigation, “How,” she asked, “can something this dangerous be under investigation that long?” This is a very dry area; we have fires all the time. Should these tires ever become ignited the fumes alone would endanger people from miles around. This is not just a Glen Vista issue.

The Commissioners are expressing a willingness to give this problem the serious consideration it deserves. There is no time to delay in taking meaningful action. Fingers are being pointed, rumors are flying in all directions. Time to leave the comfort zone of your offices and experience firsthand what your constituents are living with on a day-to-day basis.

Be informed,

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Jim Woodard Named Marine of the Year

by Charlotte Burros

His interest in the Marines began when he was a youth. With permission from his parents, Jim Woodard joined the Marine Corps at the age of 17 while a sophomore in high school.

On November 10, his efforts were rewarded when Royal Gorge Detachment No. 1318 Commandant Robert ‘Bubba’ Thurman announced him as the Marine of the Year while celebrating the 239th Marine Corps birthday.

“In appreciation and gratitude to Jim Woodard in the interest

After boot camp, he then attended Western State College on an athletic scholarship and earned a degree in social studies, American history with a minor in physical education. After college, he stayed in the Reserves for the next 12 years then in 1974, he decided to get out of the Reserves because it was interfering with his day time job, which was teaching school in Del Norte. In 1974, he transferred to Cañon City High School, where he taught for 25 years.

“For the next 12 years, I lost contact with the Marines,” Woodard said. “(But) I never



Jim Woodard far left, and Past Commandant Ray Linebaugh, stand by while Commandant Robert “Bubba” Thurman announced the Marine of the Year award on November 11th.

courtesy photo by Charlotte Burros

of the United States of America, United States Marine Corps, and the Marine Corps League, (Woodard is our Marine of the Year),” Thurman said. “Jim is our Sergeant of Arms and does our Student of the Month and Student of the Year. We give to the schools in Fremont County, and he is with the Honor Guard.”

During the ceremony, he thanked the commandant, the officers, and members of the Marine Corps Detachment for the recognition.

“I was real surprised, then second, I was much honored,” he said in an interview after the ceremony.

Born in Amarillo, Texas in 1940, Woodard and his family moved to Long Beach, California, when he was 6 months old. When he was 11 years old, the family moved to Wyoming for a short time then in 1955, they moved to Denver, where he joined the Marines in 1957.

While in high school, he trained on the flight line with a Marine Air Wing squadron that was attached to a fighter squadron out of Olathe, Kansas. He also attended classes, learning about the Marine Corps history and for the next two years, he participated in drill training on the weekends and maneuvers for two weeks in the summer.

“I graduated from Adams City High School in 1959,” Woodard said. “The day after I graduated, I went off to boot camp in San Diego, (California) for a few weeks.”

lost the honor and the pride I had dealing with the Marines.”

Several years ago, he saw an article in the local newspaper about a group of Marines forming a detachment in the area.

“I got all excited again,” Woodard said.

After attending the first and second meeting, he became a charter member of the detachment in Cañon City.

“I’ve always been proud to serve the best and the most outstanding military organization in the world -- the United States Marines,” Woodard said.

During the ceremony, the League also recognized Tim Grabin and Kaye Linebaugh with Distinguished Service Awards.

An associate member, Grabin serves as the bugler for graveside services and with the Honor Guard, while Linebaugh serves as the chairwoman for the Marine Corps Ball and other benefits.

“She’s always here to help us,” Thurman said. “She’s done an outstanding job.”

Linebaugh said she could not do the job without help from Carol and Duke Sartor, her husband, Ray, and those who helped sell tickets for the event.

After the ceremony, the event continued with a special speech from Maj. Gen. Bob Hollingsworth of Westcliffe who gave the history of aviation and the Marines. It concluded with dinner and dancing.

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Prophecy Clock Islamic Colonization in America

One needs to look no further than parts of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Dearborn, Michigan to see the wave of Islamic colonization hitting the U.S. Islam is incompatible with representative government, yet, it remains protected, even revered by some, as a religion of peace. Just ask children in Iraq and Syria how peaceful it is to witness their parents and friends being burned alive and beheaded because they disagree with the religion of peace. The religion of peace is built upon modern slavery and drug trade and Muslim nations are among the most egregious violators of human rights around the world. Yet, American politicians protect this invasion under the First Amendment, and amnesty will accelerate colonization.

Consider a Washington Post report that the Border Patrol's annual statistics were posted on the US Customs and Border Protection website for about five hours on Oct. 10, then taken down--53% of migrants--some 252,600--caught on the border in 2014 were not Mexican. Past Governor of Texas, Rick Perry, repeatedly has said that Muslims and terrorists are crossing the borders as evidenced by the prayer mats and Korans that are left behind. A *Washington Times* story documents four men who flew from Turkey to Paris to Mexico where they were kept in a safe house until trying to sneak into the US. Congressmen say these men had terrorist links. The White House says they were freedom fighters.

Now the "president" says he will take unilateral action to give amnesty to some five million illegals. Of course, he will play on

the uninformed's heart strings that these people have children already here in the U.S. This means that if you have an anchor baby, you're in. Most Americans tend to think those are Mexicans. But how many are Islamic colonists who intend harm to the nation? There is no way of telling. Even so, La Raza, a Mexican nationalist organization that believes America stole its land from the Mexicans, and has mutually beneficial ties to the "president," is also sending people across the border. In the last election La Raza encouraged illegals to vote where there were no voter ID requirements.

The impact of Islamists in America is being seen at the local level. Maryland's Montgomery County schools have outlawed Christmas now because Muslims are offended by it. Sharia law has been proposed at several locations across the U.S., but to date has been denied. Some states are actually passing legislation to prevent Sharia as a substitute for U.S. law in Muslim communities. Islam is an enemy of the United States. It is neither peaceful, nor a religion. The "president's" policies are allowing it to spread, and American's are deceived into believing it is protected as a religion. Jesus said in Matthew 24:4, "Take heed that no man deceive you." America is being filled with men as like locusts, and they are about to bring a battle cry against her. Amnesty by executive order will accelerate it.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson

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Government Lied About Pandemic Which Killed 50 Million People ... Attempt to "Prevent Panic" Backfired

by George Washington,
ZeroHedge.com

The mainstream American press has agreed – at the request of the government – not to report on suspected Ebola cases.

Let's provide some context ...

The U.S. National Academies of Science noted in 2005 (starting on the bottom of p. 64):

In the United States, national and local government and public health authorities badly mishandled the [1918 "Spanish Flu"] epidemic [which killed up to 50 million people worldwide], offering a useful case study.

The context is important. Every country engaged in World War I tried to control public perception. To avoid hurting morale, even in the non-lethal first wave the press in countries fighting in the war did not mention the outbreak. (But Spain was not at war and its press wrote about it, so the pandemic became known as the Spanish flu).

The United States was no different. In 1917 California Senator Hiram Johnson made the since-famous observation that "The first casualty when war comes is truth." The U.S. government passed a law that made it punishable by 20 years in jail to "utter, print, write, or publish any disloyal, profane, scurrilous, or abusive language about the government of the United States."

One could go to jail for cursing or criticizing the government, even if what one said was true. A Congressman was jailed. Simultaneously, the government mounted a massive propaganda effort. An architect of that effort said, "Truth and falsehood are arbitrary terms.... There is nothing in experience to tell us that one is always preferable to the other.... The force of an idea lies in its inspirational value. It matters very little if it is true or false" (Vaughn, 1980).

The combination of rigid control and disregard for truth had dangerous consequences. Focusing on the shortest term, local officials almost universally told half-truths or outright lies to avoid damaging morale and the war effort. They were assisted—not challenged—by the press, which although not censored in a technical sense cooperated fully with the government's propaganda machine.

Routinely, as influenza approached a city or town—one could watch it march from place to place—local officials initially told the public not to worry, that public health officials would prevent the disease from striking them. When influenza first appeared, officials routinely insisted at first it was only ordinary influenza, not the Spanish flu. As the epidemic exploded, officials almost daily assured the public that the

worst was over.

This pattern repeated itself again and again. Chicago offers one example: Its public health commissioner said he'd do "nothing to interfere with the morale of the community.... It is our duty to keep the people from fear. Worry kills more people than the epidemic" (Robertson, 1918).

That idea—"Fear kills more than the disease"—became a mantra nationally and in city after city. As Literary Digest, one of the largest circulation periodicals in the country, advised, "Fear is our first enemy" (Van Hartesveldt, 1992).

In Philadelphia, when the public health commissioner closed all schools, houses of worship, theaters, and other public gathering places, one newspaper went so far as to say that this order was "not a public health measure" and reiterated that "there is no cause for panic or alarm."

But as people heard these reassurances, they could see neighbors, friends, and spouses dying horrible deaths.

In Chicago, the Cook County Hospital mortality rate of all influenza admissions—not just those who developed pneumonia—was 39.8 percent (Keeton and Cusman, 1918). In Philadelphia, bodies remained uncollected in homes for days, until eventually open trucks and even horse-drawn carts were sent down city streets and people were told to bring out the dead. The bodies were stacked without coffins and buried in cemeteries in mass graves dug by steam shovels.

This horrific disconnect between reassurances and reality destroyed the credibility of those in authority. People felt they had no one to turn to, no one to rely on, no one to trust.

Ultimately society depends on trust. Without it, society began to come apart. Normally in 1918 America, when someone was ill, neighbors helped. That did not happen during the pandemic. Typically, the head of one city's volunteer effort, frustrated after repeated pleas for help yielded nothing, turned bitter and contemptuous:

Hundreds of women who are content to sit back had delightful dreams of themselves in the roles of angels of mercy, had the unfathomable vanity to imagine that they were capable of great sacrifice. Nothing seems to rouse them now. They have been told that there are families in which every member is ill, in which the children are actually starving because there is no one to give them food. The death rate is so high and they still hold back.

That attitude persisted outside of cities as well. In rural Kentucky, the Red Cross reported "people starving to death not from lack of food but

because the well were panic stricken and would not go near the sick" (An Account of the Influenza Epidemic, 1919).

As the pressure from the virus continued, an internal Red Cross report concluded, "A fear and panic of the influenza, akin to the terror of the Middle Ages regarding the Black Plague, [has] been prevalent in many parts of the country" (The Mobilization of the American National Red Cross, 1920). Similarly, Victor Vaughan, a sober scientist not given to overstatement, worried, "If the epidemic continues its mathematical rate of acceleration, civilization could easily ... disappear ... from the face of the earth within a matter of a few more weeks" (Collier, 1974).

Of course, the disease generated fear independent of anything officials did or did not do, but the false reassurances given by the authorities and the media systematically destroyed trust. That magnified the fear and turned it into panic and terror.

It is worth noting that this terror, at least in paralyzing form, did not seem to materialize in the few places where authorities told the truth.

One lesson is clear from this experience: In handling any crisis, it is absolutely crucial to retain credibility. Giving false reassurance is the worst thing one can do. If I may speculate, let me suggest that almost as bad as outright lying is holding information so closely that people think officials know more than they say.

Exactly.

Note: The above-quoted comment was made by John M. Barry, Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the Center for Bioenvironmental Research at Tulane and Xavier Universities at a scientific workshop entitled, The Threat of Pandemic Influenza: Are We Ready?

Barry's 2004 book *The Great Influenza: The Epic Story of the Greatest Plague in History* was a New York Times Best Seller, and won the 2005 Keck Communication Award from the United States National Academies of Science for the year's outstanding book on science or medicine. In 2005 he also won the "September 11th Award" from the Center for Bio-defense and Emerging Pathogens at Brown University. Barry has served on a federal government's Infectious Disease Board of Experts, on the advisory board of MIT's Center for Engineering Fundamentals, and on the advisory committee at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health for its Center for Refugee and Disaster Response.

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The Woodpile Report

by Ol' Remus

The Excluded Middle

It's time for ol' Remus to give viewing with alarm a rest, it's getting too crowded to be heard. He's going back to the "what's coming" part, taking up the trail where he left off, with the most potent economic and political force ever created: the middle class.

Remus can do this with some objectivity because he isn't middle class. He's lower class. Better said as working class. Worse, he's not even "fly-over country" working class but Appalachian working class, something instantly obvious and inexpressively offensive to the middle class. Perhaps it's because the media savages us at every opportunity. Appalachian working class people are the only Americans that can be insulted by name without consequence. It's no wonder the middle class is amazed we can read without moving our lips, let alone have a preference for Gatwick over Heathrow, say.

For his part, Remus is well impressed with the middle class. Their resourcefulness and gritty determination are all the more admirable for the beatings and disrespect they take from all sides. Think they don't? Preppers can't resist calling them sheeple—good luck with that "resilient self-sufficient community" when you'll really need them. Academia takes them to task for deferring present delights for future gain. It's racist, you see. The media assaults them relentlessly. Consider how shabbily they're portrayed in sitcoms, how they're the perp in every crime drama. We have to go all the way back to the Cosby show to see even-handed treatment of a middle class family and that was only because, well, you know.

By now you may be wondering why the middle class is the dangerous, economic, and political force. Remus has been rereading

the usual academic sources, and of the Tea Party movement and Libertarians, etc., and he's come to the conclusion we'll likely see more economic and civil catastrophes, each one more incredible than the last, during which the middle class, present and recently former, will shake off its overburdened performance and step to center stage once again, its forbearance terrifyingly gone. There's likely to come a time when the coddled class will believe they have nothing left to lose; they'll be shown how wrong they are. The middle class could remake everybody's world right down to the hardpan.

What would happen if the middle class revolted? We're talking a real insurrection, not some clapped-out "victory" at the polls. And just so we're clear, the middle class we're talking about are airline pilots, geologists, professors, engineers, lawyers, architects, corporate middle management, military officers, economists, urban planners, financial managers, supervisory nurses, pharmacists, and the like. They're neither wealthy nor independent, but they don't work under close supervision. They have degrees in the hard stuff. They plan ahead. They have assets and skills and connections. And what

they don't know or don't have, they know people who do.

We know what hasn't caused them to revolt thus far: being lied to, defrauded, insulted, taxed into penury, bullied, and legally swindled. The system is arranged so they support the rich leeches and the poor-by-choice leeches, both of which openly loathe them, even while they loot their earnings. They and their kids are pushed aside so the unqualified can step in front of them in any line worth being in. It's the law. Government schools teach their kids to despise them and everything they value. Even so, through it all, most of the middle class has accommodated their tormentors.

The American middle class has been as stoic as the Russian peasantry. That's changing. And that's the point. There's a difference between abuse and betrayal. Where betrayal begins, stoicism ends. Where stoicism ends, insurrection begins. But the question was, what would happen if the middle class revolted? If there were an armed march on D.C., or a wave of sniper attacks and political kidnappings, or Ayers-type bombings, it wouldn't be the doing of the middle class. It may be an actual revolt, maybe even a gue-

rilla movement, but not a middle class revolt, and no insurrection can be successful without the middle class piling in.

So, what would happen if the middle class revolted? Consider the nearly unfixable damage a few Edward Snowden-like IT managers could do. Or how freight trains loaded with, say, high energy chemicals could be misrouted. Or the well-equipped home workshops of engineers who design military drones. In some cases not doing something can be just as damaging. Think of the power grid, then imagine some overlooked maintenance with unexpectedly huge effects, or how a small misstep in charging a natural gas pipeline could detonate the whole thing. Count the number of bridges over the Mississippi, there aren't that many. Imagine what heavily loaded barges could do to the supports if mishandled. Consider something as simple as mislabeled fuel at a transportation center. Or an airport. All these things are under the direct control of the middle class.

A middle class revolt would have a decisive political consequence as well: DC's legitimacy would drop to zero. It would become an occupying power and be seen as such, with ramped

up repression typical of any banana republic where the will of the people is overriden—rigged elections, a captive press, militarized police, warrantless wiretaps, and so forth. Just as predictably, the power of the parallel society would grow exponentially in response.

The unemployed middle class would be just as dangerous as those in place; they're adept at networking informally; they know how things really work, and they know critical vulnerabilities others may not fully appreciate. They also know disinformation when they see it. For many it was a routine part of their former job.

The question of what would happen if the middle class revolted pretty much answers itself. Whether they will or not is another question, but if you need to know for sure when things have gone from serious to seriously ugly, if you're looking for the decisive moment, if you need a signal to Get Out Of Dodge, these are the kind of events to watch for. Beware, it won't happen with shrill outrage or manifestos on YouTube. The middle class goes for results, not publicity.

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Alan Greenspan:

QE Failed to Help the Economy. The Unwind will be Painful, "Buy Gold"

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: This is from the nutcase who started this whole insanity? Should he be indicted for destroying our country?)

It appears it is time for some Hillary-Clinton-esque backtracking and Liesman-esque translation of just what the former Federal Reserve Chief really meant. As *The Wall Street Journal* reports, **the Fed chief from 1987 to 2006 says the Fed's bond-buying program fell short of its goals**, and had a lot more to add.

Mr. Greenspan's comments to the Council on Foreign Relations came as Fed officials were meeting in Washington, D.C., and expected to announce within hours an end to the bond purchases.

He said the bond-buying program was ultimately a mixed bag. He said that the purchases of Treasury and mortgage-backed securities did help lift asset prices and lower borrowing costs. **But it didn't do much for the real economy.**

"Effective demand is dead in the

water" and the effort to boost it via bond buying "has not worked," said Mr. Greenspan. Boosting asset prices, however, has been "a terrific success."

He observed that history shows central banks can only prick bubbles at great economic cost. "It's only by bringing the economy down can you burst the bubble," and that was a step he wasn't willing to take while helming the Fed, he said.

The question of when officials should begin raising interest rates is "one of those questions I cannot answer," Mr. Greenspan said.

He also said, **"I don't think it's possible" for the Fed to end its easy-money policies in a trouble-free manner....**

"Recent episodes in which Fed officials hinted at a shift toward higher interest rates have unleashed significant volatility in markets, so there is no reason to suspect that the actual process of boosting rates would be any different, Mr. Greenspan said.

"I think that real pressure is going to occur not by the initiation by the Federal Reserve, but by the mar-

kets themselves," Mr. Greenspan he said.

And finally - while CNBC's audience is told what a terrible thing gold is, "The Maestro", having personally created the financial cataclysm the world finds itself in following a lifetime of belief in fiat, Keynesian ideology and "fixing" one bubble with an even greater and more destructive asset bubble, has suddenly had an epiphany and now has a very different message from the one he preached during his decades as the head of the Fed.

Mr. Greenspan said gold is a good place to put money these days given its value as a currency outside of the policies conducted by governments.

What Greenspan failed to add is that it is thanks to his disastrous policies (subsequently adopted by Bernanke and Yellen) that gold is the "place to put money."

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What a Local Gov't Did to This 'Jesus Fish' on a Veterans' War Memorial Has Critics Calling the Act 'Desecration'

by Billy Hallowell,
TheBlaze.com

Officials in a small New York town have decided to cover up a Christian symbol on a war memorial that honors the lives of two soldiers killed during the Gulf War after a church-state separatist group threatened to take legal action, calling the presence of a so-called "Jesus fish" a constitutional violation.

The symbol, which is known as an "ichthus," has been on the monument since it was installed at Courthouse Plaza in Columbia, New York, in 1992 to honor Navy Lt. Patrick Connor and Army Reserve Spc. Steven Farnen — soldiers who were killed in action, according to the Associated Press.

After Americans United for Separation of Church and State reportedly threatened legal action earlier this year, the Boone County Commis-

sion voted that it would be most prudent to cover up the symbol, ensuring that the public monument would be solely secular in nature.

A plaque that reads "Dedicated 1992" is now covering up the previously viewable Jesus fish.

The activist group is now content with the decision, though Connor's parents are not. After being informed of officials' cover up of the ichthus, Marsha Connor told the Columbia Daily Tribune that the move dishonors the fallen.

"The fish symbol was in recognition of their personal faith. This is not an attempt to establish a governmental religion," she wrote in an email to the outlet. "The action changing the memorial is an affront to the beliefs upon which the United States was founded. ... Action taken by elected officials spending government funds dishonoring a veterans me-



morial is questionable."

Architect Peter Scavone, a former Boone County resident who fund-raised to put the monument up 22 years ago, told the Tribune that he believes county officials "desecrated" the memorial by covering up the religious symbol.

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Black Pastor: Gay Mayor's Attack on Christian Pastors Is 'Truly the Next Civil Rights Movement'

by Penny Starr,
CNSNews.com

The Reverend Bill Owens, founder and president of the Coalition of African American Pastors, said the attack on Christian pastors by the openly gay mayor of Houston, who subpoenaed their sermons and other communications after they opposed a city ordinance that allows transgender people to use any public restroom, signals the need for "the next civil rights movement."

Owens, speaking from Houston, told CNSNews.com that he and other pastors in his coalition held a press conference on Tuesday to support the Houston pastors and express their concern about this threat to religious liberty.

"Attacking ministers about what they preach is way over the line," Owens said, adding that he thinks the action taken by Mayor An-nise Parker, a lesbian, and

the city attorney is a violation of the Constitution's First Amendment guarantee of freedom of religion, and church leaders need to fight back.

"This is truly the next civil rights movement," said Owens, who operates his coalition in Memphis, Tenn.

Owens said the gay rights movement is trying to make expressing one's Christian views on homosexuality "hate speech."

"It's not hate," Owens said. "We don't hate anyone. It's expressing our religious beliefs."

After the City Council passed the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance in May, a large group of Christian churches launched a petition campaign to repeal the ordinance through a ballot referendum.

The campaign got more than three times the re-

quired 17,269 signatures required and the city secretary certified the petition. But the city attorney claimed many of the pages had irregularities and disqualified the petition.

Meanwhile, the Alliance Defending Freedom, a religious liberty advocacy organization, filed a lawsuit challenging the ordinance, which city officials said triggered the subpoenas — even if the pastors are technically not party to the lawsuit.

The pastors -- Steve Riggle, David Welch, Hernan Castaño, Khanh Huynh, and Magda Hermida — have gained support from Christians around the country and on November 2 the Family Research Council is hosting a rally in Houston that will be live-streamed on the "I Stand Sunday" website.

Scheduled speakers include FRC President Tony Perkins, former Arkansas

Governor Mike Huckabee, Duck Dynasty patriarch Phil Robertson, his son Alan Robertson, and David and Jason Benham.

Owens said he thinks this new civil rights struggle will require the same investment by churches and church leaders that was made by Martin Luther King Jr. and others who fought to gain equal rights for all Americans regardless of their race.

"Churches need to rise up," Owens said, adding that all faiths should be concerned about efforts to silent religious speech.

"I may not agree with all religions but I will defend their right to speak," Owens said.

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2014

MESSAGING FAILURE: 63% of Americans Feel Safer With Guns In The Home

by Bob Owens,
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Someone help Michael Bloomberg, Shannon Watts, Sarah Brady, and the rest of the gun control movement to their fainting couches: Americans have roundly rejected their philosophy:

The percentage of Americans who believe having a gun in the house makes it a safer place to be (63%) has nearly doubled since 2000, when about one in three agreed with this. Three in 10 Americans say having a gun in the house makes it a more dangerous place.

Gallup originally asked Americans about their views on the implications of having a gun in the home in 1993, and then updated the measure in 2000. Between 2000 and 2006, less than half of Americans believed having a gun at home makes it safer — but since then, this percentage has significantly increased to a majority.

Republicans (81%) are about twice as likely as Democrats (41%) to believe having a gun improves home safety. About half of Democrats say having a gun makes a home a more

Having a Gun in the House - Safer or More Dangerous?

Do you think having a gun in the house makes it a safer place to be or a more dangerous place to be?

	% Safer	% More Dangerous	% Depends
Oct 12-15, 2014	63	30	6
Oct 9-12, 2006	47	43	7
Oct 11-14, 2004	42	46	10
Oct 29-Sep 5, 2000	35	51	11

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dangerous place to be.

It would be interesting to see Gallup sub-poll the 27% of Americans who think guns in the home make it more dangerous. I'd be willing to bet that a convincing super-majority of that group—probably in excess of 80%-90%—has little direct experience with firearms and no formal training.

Frankly, I'm not surprised with the results of the poll.

American firearm ownership is at an all-time high, with women, urban, and young shooters seeing incredible growth in particular. The last six years have seen record growth that is only just starting to taper off, and ammunition companies are now

beginning to catch up with demand in many popular calibers.

Since more of the population is developing knowledge of (and competence with) firearms, it only makes sense that hoplophobia will decrease.

This is a matter of first-hand education beating third-hand fear-mongering, and part of the reason that the average citizen is developing an immunity to gun control rhetoric and tactics while concurrently learning to develop a healthy distrust of the mainstream media.

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Armed Mother and "Buck Fever" During Home Invasion

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(Editor/GG: Know your weapon. Practice, practice, practice. Read below. You have been forewarned.)



courtesy image

An armed mother in Indiana was unable to fire her pistol to protect her family. She did not believe the intruder when he told her that he was the police. Confronted with the armed mother, the burglar ran off, taking the families flat screen television with him. It was a scary, adrenaline pumping moment, I am sure. From the mother's description of what happened, I suspect that it was a case of what we called "buck fever" when I was growing up.

From wthr.com:

"I yelled down the stairs, 'Who's down there?'," she said. "He told me, 'The police.' As I ran down the steps and I was going to shoot my gun, it jammed up on me."

Once jammed, Marta said the bullets popped through the chamber,

unfired. That allowed the burglar to get away, carrying her flat screen TV.

From the picture, the pistol is a Sig Sauer Mosquito. It is a popular .22 caliber pistol, intended primarily for training, target shooting, and plinking. It has a slide mounted safety and a safety lock located behind the magazine well. As can be seen in the YouTube video at the link, the slide can be operated with the safety on. Many people keep pistols for home defense in condition three. That is, with a loaded magazine in the pistol, but with the chamber empty. Often, especially if there are small children in the house, the safety is kept on as well, making it more difficult for a child to fire the firearm.

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"ARREST ME! I WILL NOT COMPLY!" Washington's I-594 To Be Protested By Mass Felony Civil Disobedience

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Billionaires such as Bill Gates, Steve Balmer, and Michael Bloomberg may have been able to "buy" a draconian gun control bill I-594 over the wishes of both gun owners and thousands of law enforcement officers, but it appears that enforcing it is going to be another matter entirely.

A mass protest will take place once the law is certified, daring authorities to enforce the law as more than 5,600 gun owners have pledged to pass firearms to one another in a mass demonstration to show the absurdity of the law, which now classifies such hand-offs as felony gun crimes.

This is practically unheard of in the modern era; not only will 5,500 people deliberately violate the law through civil disobedience, but will violate felony gun laws. Washington is one of few remaining blue states that has remained friendly to gun owners, and so gun

owners are furious that a handful of billionaires were able to come in and buy the election, contributing about half the \$10 million poured into the race to support I-594, almost 10 times as much as the opposition. Unsuccessful at getting the legislature to pass the law, gun control proponents resorted to billionaires to push it through instead as an initiative. Their money provided the resources to afford to run continuous misleading ads on TV.

The Facebook page for "I-594 I Will Not Comply" states, "We will rally at the capitol, openly exchange guns, unveil and plan to break apart the entire legislation and violate I-594 in every possible way... We will buy and sell guns from whom we please, we will not submit to background checks, we will not give up our rights, WE WILL NOT comply."

Under I-594, transferring a gun to someone in most situations — such as loaning your gun to a family member or friend at the range

— will constitute a felony. Most gun owners have transferred their gun at one point to a friend or relative to try shooting. One-third of Washington state residents are gun owners. Considering the population of Washington is about 7 million, that means as many as 2.3 million gun owners could now be felons for doing what they have commonly done in the past.

A mass protest will take place once the law is certified

Colorado, Connecticut, and New York have likewise passed blatantly unconstitutional gun laws in the past year, which has resulted in mass non-compliance, with less than 10% of gun owners registering their firearms and magazines in Connecticut and New York, and with Colorado residents simply ignoring laws on purchasing standard capacity magazines

and mandated "universal" background checks.

The "I will not comply" protest is different than non-compliance, and will instead be an active commission of thousands of simultaneous felonies under the new law at the state capitol on December 13 at 11:00 a.m., as people simply hand their firearms to fellow protesters, and then hand them back to point out the absurdity of the law.

Protest organizer Gavin Seim eloquently and passionately made his position clear prior to last Tuesday's elections.

I hope those of you in Washington State listen closely to what Mr. Seim has to say, and judge for yourselves whether your children are better served by docile compliance, or by dangerous liberty.

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Veteran Day Program Banned From School Because of Ceremonial Rifles

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(Editor/GG: The true colors of our educational establishment revealed.)

It has long been obvious that the banning of guns from schools has nothing to do with safety, and everything to do with the indoctrination of children. The purpose is to delegitimize the ownership and use of guns. From weau.com:

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (WEAU) -- For the first year, a local veterans group will not be holding a Veterans Day program at the Eau Claire area school district, the decision was because of a disagreement over firearms.

While it is stated that there are more reasons involved, the primary one is that school officials do not want any firearms, even ceremonial ones that are only able to fire blanks, to be used on the school grounds. The executive director of administration does not cite any law for the decision. It appears to be a desire to shape the culture in the direction the administration wishes it to go:

"We like to honor the veterans; we bring them in on a regular basis," says Tim Libham, the Executive Director of Administration with the district. "There are just some conditions that we have to adhere to and the shooting of guns, even with blanks, is something we don't feel is appropriate given society, and the concerns that we have and that the community has, on school premises."

Forbidding even the ceremonial use of guns in schools shows that the purpose is one of programming, or conditioning, rather than one of safety.

Mass shootings in schools seldom occurred before the federal ban on guns in schools. They have become far more common after the ban was put in place. Almost all mass shootings, as previously defined by the FBI, occur in places where ordinary citizens are forbidden from having guns, so called "gun-free zones". The total number of mass shootings has not significantly risen, but more have occurred in schools.

Forbidding even the ceremonial use of guns in schools shows that the purpose is one of programming, or conditioning, rather than one of safety. Notice that Tim Leibham, above, does not say that the use is unsafe. He says that the administration does not *feel* it is appropriate. He is saying that it is *not* a legitimate thing to do.

This is particularly weird in Wisconsin, near Eau Claire, where there is a strong gun and hunting culture, and strong support for the military. The administrator gives this excuse:

Leibham says, "We'd had family and students that were uneasy, even with blanks being fired on school premise."

But that is an insane excuse. If someone says that they are "uneasy" with something is a reason to ban it, then anything may be banned by the whim of any person, which essentially allows for the rule of the insane or deceptive, or both.

In fact, an administrator gets to decide what whimsical desires are legitimate, and which are not. I am sure that teaching that the United States is a racist society make some family and students "uneasy". I wonder if Administrator Leibham would decide to ban that practice from the schools? I will give long odds that banning the Veterans Day ceremony from the school makes many parents "uneasy". The administrator is choosing to ignore their concerns.

Banning guns from schools has nothing to do with safety, and everything to do with indoctrinating children, and forcing the will of "progressives", indoctrinated in left wing universities, on the American culture.

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INVASION From page 20

When I was growing up, deer hunting was, and still is, a rite of passage for young people. One of the oral traditions that was passed on was the potential for "buck fever". Buck fever is the psychological effect of adrenaline on the ability to fire aimed shots, and generally function well in a high-stress situation. The sight of a large buck was said to set off this reaction, especially in less experienced hunters. A fairly common story would be for a hunter to cycle cartridges through the rifle, without ever actually firing one. Similar stories are common from the Civil War, where soldiers would load multiple charges in their rifles, without any actually being fired.

The design of the Sig Sauer Mosquito lends itself to this sort of reaction. The trigger can be activated and the hammer will fall with the safety on. The slide can be cycled, and cartridges ejected, with the safety on. This is not a bad thing, because it allows the pistol to be loaded and unloaded with the safety on.

In the adrenaline-charged moment of attempting to stop a home invasion, it is easy to attempt to fire; when no "bang" occurs, wonder if a cartridge was in the chamber, work the slide, eject an unfired cartridge, and repeat until the magazine is empty. The pistol has not really "jammed". Rather, in the heat of the moment, the operator failed to disengage the safety.

It is a training issue. With training, it is overcome. It also shows an advantage of simple systems such as most double action revolvers and Glock pistols.

In this case, no one was hurt. The major damage was a lost TV, and a lost opportunity to stop a thief from further depredations on the community.

The armed mother showed courage in confronting the intruder. I hope that someone will offer her some instruction on tactics, and help her practice with her pistol.

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What .22 Rifle Did Bella Twin Use to Kill a World Record Grizzly in 1953?

by Dean Weingarten,
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In this famous photograph by Bruno Engler, Bella Twin is shown with the hide from the world-record grizzly bear that she shot in 1953 with a single shot .22 rifle. The question is, what rifle is she holding?

It has been written that Jack O'Conner "heard" that it was an old Stevens single shot. But as he only "heard" this, I do not think it is at all definitive. This is said to be from page 304 of "The Hunting Rifle", published in 1953. Given that the bear was shot in 1953, and the reference was near the end of the book, it is just possible that O'Conner was referring to the same incident:

"One of the largest grizzlies I have ever heard of was killed by an Indian woman with one shot from an old single-shot .22 Stevens rifle."

Another account says that the bear was dropped with one .22 long cartridge, but that another 7 or 8 shots were used to be sure that the bear stayed down. In my research, it appears that somewhere there is a picture of the bear's skull showing 8 or 9 holes. H.V. Stent seems to have one of the best descriptions of the event

on the Internet. From "Grizzly Guns" by H.V. Stent:

Bella Twin, an Indian girl, and her friend Dave Auger were hunting grouse near Lesser Slave Lake in northern Alberta. The only gun they had was Bella's sin-

gle-shot, bolt-action .22 Rimfire rifle. They were walking a cutline that had been made for oil exploration when they saw a large grizzly following the same survey line toward them. If they ran, the bear would probably notice them and might chase, so they quiet-

ly sat down on a brush pile and hoped that the bear would pass by without trouble. But the bear came much too close, and when the big boar was only a few yards away, Bella Twin shot him in the side of the head with a .22 Long

it might be a Tobin, but it clearly is not.

A source on the net says the picture is in the book, Bruno Engler Photography by Vera Matrasova-Engler. The photograph there



cartridge. The bear dropped, kicked, and then lay still. Taking no chances, Bella went up close and fired all of the cartridges she had, seven or eight .22 Longs, into the bear's head. That bear, killed in 1953, was the world-record grizzly for several years and is still high in the records today.

Here is a close up of the rifle. It appears to be a "boys" type, inexpensive, .22 bolt action single shot. There does not appear to be a butt pad. The forearm is quite short. For a while, I thought

might show better details, and the skull photograph may be in that book as well.

Different accounts have given Ms. Twins age from "girl" to 63 or 67. Perhaps someone in Alberta has access to records that give us more definitive information.

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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.



The Scales of Blindness

Was it the economy, Obamacare, immigration, foreign policy, stifling regulations, a weariness of the so called “War on Women,” or a combination of all of these that led to the landslide victory for Republicans across the nation? Whatever the reasons, this was a clear repudiation of the President’s policies and failed Democratic leadership.

The GOP, far from perfect, has nonetheless embraced a platform that is much closer to biblical solutions to these national problems than the left. A close examination of core principles embraced by the administration reveal an anti-scriptural attitude in most cases.

The real surprise in all of this is not the triumph of red over blue, but rather that so many who call themselves Christian, give credence to the Bible and consider it to be a sacred document, still vote against it. Multitudes do it in abject ignorance which leads to the larger question ---why are so many clueless?

Mark 8 tells the story of a blind man who was brought to Jesus with the hope that the Savior would heal him. It’s important to note that physical blindness is utilized in Scripture as a picture of a spiritual inability to see. (Isaiah 59:9-12) The Lord indicated that the last days’ church (the Laodiceans - Rev. 3:18) would have eye difficulties so we should not be astonished at the existence of the cataract club.

Jesus spit on the man’s

eyes and then put His hands on him. This unorthodox prescription was at the very least insulting which yields a perfect picture of the Word of God. The old two-edged sword spends far more time illustrating the sins and inadequacies of mankind than it does dishing out compliments. No wonder it is deemed hate literature in some circles. If an individual is not willing to stand and listen to God’s derogatory remarks about humanity they will remain in darkness.

After this initial application the Lord asked the man what he saw. His response was, “I see men as trees, walking.” This occasion provides its own parable for the Bible often compares men to trees: the green bay to the wicked, the oak to the steadfast, the palm to the righteous, and even the devil is likened to a giant cedar tree. The principle is clear -- the human race has a difficulty that only God can fix. Without that acknowledgement the blind will continue to lead the blind. After this teaching moment Jesus once again put His hands on the man and he saw clearly.

The continuing narrative lends light to the larger portrait of reasons for opaque vision. On the heels of this incident Jesus asked His disciples, “Whom do men say that I am?” They indicated there was a controversy about Him by answering, “John the Baptist: but some say, Elias; and others, one of the prophets.” Peter responded correctly when he said, “Thou

art the Christ.” The low information voters failed to study and evaluate the Old Testament that they profess to believe. Hundreds of signs and signals pointed to the validity of Christ’s claims. In parallel fashion thousands of democratic voters attend churches where the Bible only receives an obligatory reference, but the real order of the day is feel good fluff.

The Savior complicated the discussion by telling them, “The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.”

That information blew Peter out of the water with his emotions gaining the best of him. He rebuked the Lord, lacking total understanding of the necessity of this prophecy. The permanent is often sacrificed on the altar of the immediate because sentiments rule the day. Throughout this election cycle we have been exposed to countless ads that were constructed to appeal to emotional rhetoric.

Jesus rebuked Peter, saying, “Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.” Peter was voting for his own comfort more than the good of a lost human race. Lucifer has been very effective in convincing some to vote under the cloud of poor information or emotions. Only Jesus Christ had the ability to remove the scales of blindness and so it is today.

A Sheepdog Barks!

Another Obama lie exposed. WOOF! Imagine that. A few days ago Obama tried to tell us he didn’t know MIT Professor Jonathan Gruber and Gruber didn’t have anything to do with writing the Obamacare bill. REALLY! I wonder how Obama would explain all those video clips of him praising Professor Gruber. I wonder how Obama would explain the 18-20 visits to the White House which have been uncovered. I wonder how he would explain the \$400,000 paid to Professor Gruber by HHS alone. If you watch Obama on TV when he is answering questions and you know anything about body language you can be certain that he is either lying or deceiving. He seems unable to answer any question with simple truth and honesty. One day he is telling the Hispanics he doesn’t have the constitutional power to help them without Congress and then the next day he is telling his liberal base he doesn’t need Congress, that he does have the power to change immigration law on his own. Obama is so good at lying that he can pull off the double – double. He lies to both groups at the same time. Now that’s an accomplished and practiced liar wouldn’t you agree? WOOF! He and Professor Gruber are peas in a pod with one exception. Both believe the American people are stupid and can be easily manipulated by the liberal progressives (them) that are smarter and know what’s better for us all. The only difference is that Obama will always deceive and lie to us while Gruber tells the truth sometimes. At least with a Gruber we know what he really believes. Gruber (and Obama) knew the only way to “sell” Obamacare was to lie about it. They were right. Obama has always believed the American people are stupid and he proved it. He got elected twice. That’s proof that there are indeed a great amount of stupid Americans. The rest that voted for him are just ignorant. Either way it’s been a very bad 6 years for

America with 2 more to go. Just about everything the LPSDs do is based on their belief that “we the people” are stupid and ignorant. They believe we cannot understand such things as climate change, health care and the environment. They believe they know what’s best for us. They believe we just need to shut up and do what they say. If we raise questions about anything they want to do then we are attacked as racist, sexist, homophobic, bigoted or people who hate the poor and needy. They are delusional with respect to their beliefs. Obama says the election results don’t mean anything about his policies. His policies are perfect. Obama says the results mean he and his cronies just didn’t get the “message” across to all us stupid and ignorant Americans. HOWL! That kind of thinking is pure liberal arrogance. The truth is a good sheepdog misses none of their shenanigans. WOOF! For example, we are supposed to believe that this hurry up vote in the Senate on the XL Keystone Pipeline after 6 years is because it’s the right thing to do. Hogwash! It’s to protect Mary Landrieu in the Louisiana runoff. It won’t work, however, because Obama has threatened a veto. She is going down. Obama knows the Democrats are in trouble. They have screwed up every big city and state that they are in total control of. Liberal progressive socialism doesn’t work. He knows that, he just doesn’t care. Obama is now working on his legacy and he is out to pick big fights with the Republicans over the next two years to help the Democrats in 2016. Hopefully the Republicans will not be “stupid and ignorant” like LPSDs expect. They should not fall into the trap Obama is setting for them. If they are smart they will pick 8 to 10 big important things that will improve America’s economy and provide for more jobs and methodically send them to Obama’s desk. They should not worry one bit about a veto. Just do the



right things for America and Americans and they will be rewarded in 2016 for that. Enough Americans are not stupid and ignorant. They just need to get out and vote. Turnout will be everything. Message to Republicans: Don’t play Obama’s game. Play the game by your own rules. If you do that you will remain in power. Every step America takes away from liberal progressive socialism is kind of like what Neil Armstrong said – a “giant step” for America’s liberties and freedoms and away from government tyranny. Winston Churchill said, “Socialism is nothing more than the equal sharing of misery.” WOOF! America’s greatness and uniqueness came from personal responsibility and hard individual work. The harder one works the better off one generally is. We agree there needs to be more job opportunities. Those things will come from less government involvement and more free market opportunities. Obama and the LPSDs now even want to control the internet. They want control of everything. Obamacare is just another government monopoly fraught with problems and runaway costs. It will be more fertile ground for fraud, waste and abuse. They clearly want to ensure we are all equally miserable. Not for this sheepdog. All freedom-loving men and women must stand up and fight. We cannot let up. We must continue the battle if we want what our Founding Fathers secured for us. Remain vigilant! WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH



Do Your Purchases Fund Lefty Causes? New App Lets You Find Out

by Peter Fricke,
DailyCaller.com

(Editor/GG: A quick perusal of the app reveals many Westcliffe businesses listed. What a surprise!)

A new mobile application wants to give consumers access to information about the political contributions made by the companies they patronize.

The free app called 2nd Vote is designed to combat the growing influence of corporate money in politics by “developing the most complete database that makes it easy for conservatives to follow the money and see how the companies you shop with every day are spending the money you spend with them,” according to its website.

The database rates companies based on corporate donations; sponsorship of political events; stated policies; “corporate leadership donations, activity, and advocacy; and lobbying activities at the state and federal levels. Each company then receives a rating between one and five, with “1” being liberal and “5” being conservative (“3”, as one might suppose, indicates a politically neutral company).

And while the app is geared toward conservatives, Chris Walker, Executive Director of 2nd Vote, noted in an interview with Fox News that, “our friends on the liberal side of the aisle can use it as well,” as presumably could individuals of any political persuasion. In a press release on Monday, 2nd Vote announced that it had recently surpassed 100,000 downloads, thanks to its “continuing

addition of issues and companies, like Common Core and Papa John’s.”

“We are continually looking for ways to provide consumers with the information they need to make conservative shopping choices,” Walker said, adding that, “the mere fact that consumer brands are associated with a political ideology at all is cause for alarm.”

In an interview with Glenn Beck, Walker explained that 2nd Vote had begun with a donation to the March of Dimes. “Our founder and chairman Dave Black gave a donation over the holidays, and his wife, Rep. Diane Black, pulled him aside afterwards, and said, ‘What are you doing? They fund Planned Parenthood.’”

According to Walker, Dave was “stunned,” as he had been donating to March of Dimes “since he was a kid,” and decided that consumers needed a convenient way to find out which political causes are being supported by the spending decisions they make.

The app’s name, Walker said, comes from the idea that “the first vote is at the ballot box, and the second vote is where you spend your money.”

Users can even express their feelings to companies directly, by giving them a “thumbs up” or a “thumbs down”. 2nd Vote then passes the results along, as “a reminder to the company that we are the ones that are their livelihood.”

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Majorities In Several States Vote to Punish Low-Skill Workers

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My anti-democracy critics will shake their heads in dismay at me, but I’ve been forced to come to the conclusion that there’s no reason to believe that plebiscitary democracy is any worse than the usual kind.

Indeed, in American states that must hold plebiscites to authorize tax increases, one hears regular howls from the pro-tax crowd about how “direct democracy” is awful and that “representative democracy” is so much better. There’s even this federal lawsuit by pro-tax groups claiming that Colorado’s requirement that voters approve tax increases is unconstitutional. In other words, those who favor tax increases hate voter referendums and initiatives. Internationally, of course, there are the secession votes and the upcoming vote on gold in Switzerland. I have a hard time coming up with a reason why such things are comparatively bad (compared to an alternative in which everything is up to the elected elites).

That said, the news isn’t always good with such voter-approved measures. A majority of voters in four states voted to raise the minimum wage:

If there were upsets and contention in much of midterm voting, there was one topic on which the electorate was largely united: raising the minimum wage. Alaska, Arkansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota all had ballot measures on raising state

minimum wages above both their current levels and the federal \$7.25 an hour figure.

All four states passed the measures, most by significant margins. More than two-thirds of voters in Alaska agreed to raise minimum wage to \$9.75 by 2016. Sixty-five percent of Arkansas voters set the state on course to adopt an \$8.50 figure by 2017. In Nebraska, 59 percent said the number should be \$9 an hour by 2016. Only South Dakota stood out with a slimmer margin; 53 percent voted to raise minimum wage to \$8.50 an hour next year. In Alaska and South Dakota, minimum wage is now pegged to inflation, meaning that it will rise as the cost of living does.

What these voters said with their votes was, **“I’m in favor of making it illegal for people with low productivity to get a job. Teenagers, people who were poorly educated by failing public schools, people who have never had a job, and people who are not very intelligent, should all just stay home and do nothing because we want to make sure that no one can afford to hire those people.”**

Wages are a reflection of the worker’s productivity. When wages increase (assuming a relatively-free market) it is because the worker’s productivity has increased, either because of improved capital (such as better equipment) or because the worker himself has improved (e.g., through more experience).

An employer simply cannot afford to pay an employee something above and beyond what the worker produces for the company. If he does, then the wage is generally being subsidized by the other workers who must now earn less than their level of productivity indicates, because some of that must go to pay the employees who are money-losers.

In practice, the overwhelming effect is this: employers don’t hire low-productivity workers whose productivity is below the minimum wage, and in many cases will simply replace workers with capital (i.e., automated cashiers, etc.) which have been made relatively economical by the increase in the price floor. The federal government itself admits this employment effect, since it has included a loophole in the minimum wage in its own regulations for disabled workers. Early progressives also assumed it would cause unemployment, which they thought was a good thing.

Increasing a minimum wage is a death sentence for the careers of the most “at-risk” members of the population (to use a phrase favored by the left). They will have to earn money under the table (i.e., illegally), work in an unpaid-internship, or simply go on welfare.

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BENNET

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out a press release stating Coloradans can eat cake, as well.

In fact, a new USA Today poll (h/t: Nick Riccardi) shows 46% of Americans

want Obama to hold off acting on immigration by himself, while only 42% endorse the same position as Bennet, or, as Senate Democrats like to call 42%, “the American public.”

With Obama’s popularity still in the cellar here in Colorado, Bennet’s stated

desire for Obama to have more power, is certainly putting Bennet’s neck on the line... politically speaking of course.

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113 Federal Reserve Staff Members Make \$250,000 Annually

by Mike Krieger, Liberty Blitzkrieg Blog, via ZeroHedge.com

Just in case you need another reason to dislike the thieving Federal Reserve. From Reuters:

(Reuters) – The top 113 earners among staff at the Federal Reserve’s Washington headquarters make an average of \$246,506 per year, excluding bonuses and other benefits – more than Fed Chair Janet Yellen and nearly double the normal top government rate.

Don’t worry, Janet. Once you leave, you can earn \$250k per speech like your hero, Banana Ben Bernanke.

The details on Fed pay were provided to Reuters in response to a Freedom of Information Act request for data on all employees of the U.S. central bank’s board whose salaries outstrip \$130,810, which is the top of the government’s pay scale in most areas.

Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives have sponsored a bill that would require the Fed to divulge that information publicly.

“It certainly bolsters the case for more oversight,” said Maggie Seidel, a spokeswoman for New Jersey Republican Scott Garrett, a co-sponsor of the bill.

As of July 31, the Fed’s inspector general led the list with an annual salary of \$312,000, followed by the central bank’s four division directors, its general counsel and its chief operating officer, who each earn a base of \$265,000.

Not a bad gig. All you have to do is be complicit in the destruction of the American middle class.

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TESTS 2

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results from 2013, we see declines, some dramatic, in 14 out of 24 test results. In other words, under the current administration, the school is trending down academically.

This is not some abstract analysis on unknown children. These are our kids, and academically, the school is, as shown above in detail, underperforming. Is this

acceptable to you as a parent or taxpayer? If not, what do you

So an astounding 70.5% of our kids are not proficient in math!

think can be done to improve our school? We all know a good education leads to a more successful

and productive life. Everyone needs to face reality here. As a community we need to assist the school in turning around this academic decline and that means things like scheduling more parent-teacher conferences, ensuring that your son or daughter is performing their part of the scholastic endeavor, making sure that all homework is completed satisfactorily, attending the school board meetings and making your opinions known, and volunteering at the school. Let’s get to work.



“Wild Bill’s Toys for Kids” is Underway!

See page 3 for a listing of locations to drop off your gifts.

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