



Silver Cliff Town: Another Pot Nightmare?

HIGHer Education Comes to Silver Cliff

Sheriff Calls Grower “Drug Dealer”

by Fred Hernandez

Pot Grower Admits he’s “hooked on hash”!



Pueblo pot grower Shawn Honaker (left) and Custer County resident Steve Rorick make their proposal at the Silver Cliff Planning Commission meeting.

Meeting was held by the Silver Cliff Planning Commission on November 19th to address a request by a local resident for consideration by the town to permit the establishment of a marijuana growing facility within the boundaries of Silver Cliff. The meeting was held on Wednesday evening at the Town Hall and attended by members of the Planning Commission and town trustees. With Mayor Larry Weber in attendance the meeting was presided over by Mr. Roger Squire, Chairman of the Planning Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mr. Squire who began

Commentary by Paul Sage

That was the assessment of Fred Jobe, Custer County’s Sheriff of 28 years, in response to an hour-and-a-half presentation made by pot grower Shawn Honaker of Pueblo County and want-to-be pot grower Custer County resident Steve Rorick.

“Shawn is very elegant and a very charismatic person, but he is blowing smoke up your rears,” the Sheriff commented. He also referred to the local resident proposing the commercial marijuana facility, Steve Rorick, as Mr. Honaker’s “yes man.” Sheriff Jobe stated, “All I see is a drug dealer trying to push his product.” He further warned the Silver Cliff Planning Commission and Board stating, “I hope you realize it when you make your decision.”

Mr. Honaker is the drug dealer in charge of the legal pot-growing facility just east of Wetmore on Highway 96. He described these facilities in one sentence as looking “like a Christmas tree farm. That’s exactly what it looks like.” In another description he said, “It’s very ominous. It has black curtains. It has razor wire. It has a 9-foot fence. He also responded to Sheriff-elect Byerly’s concerns about someone wanting to raise their kids next to

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Honor Hands for Honor Flight

by Charlotte Burrous

After losing his parents more than eight years ago, Jerry Vinnola realized how much they meant to him. “My dad taught me that a man’s handshake was his word,” he said. “You don’t need a piece of paper with a signature to establish who you are so there’s a lot of value in the hand to me.” He and his friend, Chet Karlowski, created hand-casting kits, designed to ship overseas for the veterans and military personnel to cast their hands to send to their families.

“It’s tangible,” Vinnola said. “It’s not just a photograph that you can pick up and look at. You can hold them. We do a lot with our veterans. There’s a special place in our hearts and our families (for) Honor Flight of Southern Colorado.” This program pays for veterans of World War II to take a two-day tour of the monuments in Washington, D.C. This began when he learned the country was losing more than 1,000

World War II veterans a day. “Seeing how I’m in the business of preserving memories, I thought something has to be done,” he said. From that, the two men established Honor Hands on July 4, 2011, to show their appreciation of the veterans.

“To me, it’s about honor and respect -- honor for their service to this country and respect for all the things they’ve done for us and not let them leave this world without the respect they deserve,” Vinnola said.

When Don “Elmo” Elson arrived home wounded from Vietnam, people spit on him and called him names. At that point, he felt dishonored. So he kept a low profile for more than 50 years. When his neighbors, Billy and Tina Hunt threw a barbecue for all the veterans in their neighborhood, Vinnola was invited to cast their hands. When Elson saw the completed product, he had tears in his voice when he said this

is the first time he had felt respect and honor for his service to his country. He said the kits are all veterans editions and are designed to do at home, but it’s also for families who want to preserve memories of their loved ones whether or not they are in the military, he said. “It’s not about us doing it for other people,” he said. “It’s about family doing it for family.”

It takes about 15 minutes to do the molding of the hands then about an hour for the cast to firm up once it’s poured. “Every one of our kits, we give 20 percent back,” Vinnola said. “Ten percent goes to Home Front Cares out of Colorado Springs. The other 10 percent goes to our church.”

He also said several Bronco football players have joined in the venture by having their hands cast, holding a football with their signatures on it and on the stand. Those wanting it also receive a certificate with the current football player’s signature along with former Bronco player Randy Gradishar and Bronco Vice President of Community Development Cindy Kellogg. The hands are sold for \$950 which will pay for a

A display of some of the cast hands available to help fund Honor Flights.

Sentinel photo by Charlotte Burrous

mer Bronco player Randy Gradishar and Bronco Vice President of Community Development Cindy Kellogg. The hands are sold for \$950 which will pay for a veteran to participate in an Honor Flight.

For more information, call 275-3170 or go online to www.HonorHands.com.

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The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights.

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

LET'S MAKE A DEAL!



Monte Hall, right? NO, the latest deal maker is Emperor, we mean, President Obama. On Thursday night, November 20th, the President took to the airwaves to pitch a "deal." That day was very appropriate as the 20th of November is National Absurdity Day. And the "deal" he was pitching was not only absurd but also illegal and unconstitutional. So it certainly cannot be a good "deal" for America or Americans. National Absurdity Day is defined as "a day that was created to recall and note some of the totally and absolutely absurd things in history, in our country and in our lives." What's the most absurd thing here is how many Americans and specifically the main stream media are looking at Obama's recent executive action. It is being looked at as a good thing that the president "had" to do because Congress wouldn't act. That's the problem. The illegal executive action is much more wrong than Congress's inaction. Illegal and unconstitutional behavior by a president is not justified because one of the other, separate but equal, branches of government won't do what he wants. Obama and the Democrats keep saying that since the Republicans in the House of Representatives did not act for over 500 days, Obama "had" to act and do the right thing. That is absolutely wrong and very short sighted. And so what? Obama didn't act for over 700 days when he had super majority control

of both the U.S. House and Senate in 2009-2010. He also didn't do anything for 700 more days in 2011 and 2012. All Americans should be concerned about the abuse of power by any part of our government. The Founding Fathers were very clear about that and designed several checks and balances to make sure it didn't happen. What liberals might now think was a great and courageous act by "their" president would be appalling to them if something similar would be done by a conservative president. Every time a

allowed him to overreach on the use of military power when he attacked Libya to save Libyans without Congressional approval.

Immigration, specifically illegal immigration, is now on the front burner. "WHAT" the president is trying to do is not what is important here. What IS very important here is "HOW" he is trying to do it. Focusing deportation efforts on criminals and felons is okay. That would be part of his prosecutorial discretion. Telling the other illegals that they will not

He is not a Government of ONE!

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president "grabs" a little more power and the other branches allow him to do that our great nation suffers. It's about immigration now. Before, it's been about Obamacare, and the improper use of our military power without congressional approval. The judicial branch, more specifically the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS), allowed Obama to continue with his health care overreach. Congress

be deported and can come out of the shadows is not okay. They are still illegals. That's changing the law and he doesn't have that authority. Even if Obama won't deport them he cannot make them legal. He is not a Government of ONE! This was clearly debated and settled on by our Founding Fathers. We broke away specifically to avoid a King. Three separate, but equal, branches of government were de-

signed and agreed upon. It doesn't matter that Obama, some Democrats or even a majority of citizens believe what he is doing is the right thing. It is not. It is wrong. That is what we need to focus on. The Democrats are saying other presidents have done the same thing. That is not true. Other presidents have signed Executive Orders to enforce the will of the Congress. This president signed an executive order against the will of the Congress. This must not stand. Congress should not allow this clear abuse of their powers of writing laws. We hope the Republicans go about this in a smart way. Obama has committed a calculated political act to draw the Republicans into a stupid fight over shutting the government down or starting impeachment proceedings. They shouldn't take this baited hook. They should work hard and work smart to stop this out of control president intent on acting illegally and unconstitutionally! Obama believes, like his advisor Jonathan Gruber admitted to, that Americans are stupid and they will accept this act on the emotional level of bringing people out of the shadows and not splitting families apart, etc. Liberals always think and act on emotions. They deny facts. This poorly thought out order, which on the surface appears to some to be so right and compassionate, also has many unintended consequences. Thousands, maybe millions, more ille-

gals will flock to America this spring to get in on the good deal. The "must-have-been-here-5-years" requirement is unenforceable and the liberals know that. The false document and stolen identity industry is alive and well and there will be no real scrutiny of document validity by anyone in this government. An illegal immigrant can be here one week and can/will have all the "documents" they need. "They'll pay taxes," we are told. What? - a little bit of Social Security tax? Very few in this category of earners pay any federal income tax and instead they will receive millions of dollars in earned income and child care credits back from the government. A huge net loss for U.S. taxpayers. States will be overcome by other entitlements and welfare costs for education, health and other social safety net money. This is not a good deal for all Americans. It is also a "slap in the face" to all those immigrants that have followed legal procedures. We can only wonder how those people feel. For every anecdote of how wonderful this is for one family there are dozens of anecdotes of why this is bad for the rest of America. Not the least of which is that this is wrong and illegal. The president doesn't have the power to make these kinds of "deals." Once again because of an illegitimate action we will be divided by more fighting, more gridlock and more court battles for years.

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The True Candy Kane Story

With December upon us and yours truly having her birthday on December 1 once again, memories take me back to a decision my parent’s made that gave me a lot of grief for many years. Because their sweet little firstborn was a daughter born in the month when the candy cane was so popular, they decided in a moment of confusion perhaps to name her Candace Kane Keener.

The story passed down was that her gestating Mom was reading a December edition of a popular women’s magazine and the heroine was named Candace Kane. That’s when tasteful short fictional writings in monthly publications were entertainment and respite for the 40’s housewives. Thinking how cute this would be for her new little daughter, not thinking that she might suffer because of it.

Their precious daughter was called “Candy” throughout those grade school years and was teased by the boys for her unusual name, for no one ever heard of a girl named “Candy” back then. “Bet you taste good”, “I’d like to take a bite of

candy” or “What kind of candy are you” were words that made her cringe or reply with an angry “Shut up!” chasing the offenders away. It could have been much worse if these tormentors had known that there was a “Kane” that went with it.

Well, the precious daughter of this upstanding Christian couple turned out to be neither sweet as a college girl nor Christian as she grew into a young woman and spent many years out of the graces of God and family. Returning after her prodigal romp in the proverbial pigpen, Candy Kane made her amends with family and God. For this daughter had nothing in common with the sweet nature of her namesake for many years, but was more like a hot fireball or a sour lemon.

Turning her life over to Jesus caused her to repent and ask for His sweet nature to replace her angry one, which was something she couldn’t do on her own. Alas, she then made a great discovery in her later years, still having some embarrassment when giving her full name to people she knew: the candy

cane had a great story that gave her great happiness to use as a story for the children she taught. She pointed out the shape as a “J” for “Jesus” or a shepherd’s cane, the white that represented the pure sinless nature of Christ, and of course the red stripes that stood for the blood that was shed for them. It also had a very sweet taste of peppermint that represented the sweet nature of Jesus. Now she wasn’t ashamed of her name.

Whether the candy cane was created with the story of Jesus in mind is disputed, but Candy Kane turned out to be a name that could be used for a greater purpose than just a piece of candy. It is said that names many times describe a person’s character or aptitudes or even appearance, just as many biblical names did so. If that’s true then Candy Kane was meant to have the sweet nature of Christ and to be one who tells others His story. And that’s the untold story of this Candy Kane. Merry Christmas and God Bless!

*Candy Kane Keener Thompson
Cañon City*

It is a Wild, Wild West!

No, I am not talking about our beautiful western town nor am I talking about an old Will Smith movie. I am talking about the United States of America where the law is something that can be broken without consequences, if you just cross right over the border. If you are stupid enough to fly here, go through customs, put your application in on time, pay your fees and obey every law, you will get penalized for doing so, not to mention you are treated like a criminal. While those who come across the border illegally break multiple laws and will not even attempt to file an application or pay fees, will be rewarded, just because... yes... their country of origin is right for the democratic party and for this President’s purposes.

Yes, I am talking about the latest executive order. Emperor of the United States, Obama, gave a speech Thursday, November 20, 2014 in the late evening. He called it the “fair thing to do”, but I will say “Bologna! It is just a cashier’s check to purchase their rights in it, it is a slap in the face for us, legal immigrants, who pay, wait and pray. Not to mention those of you whom were born here! Is citizenship of this country something so worthless that it can be handed out to criminals like candy? NO! It is something to treasure and something to earn for those who obey laws and go through the system.

I am not only upset about this because I am a legal immigrant, who has been dealing with the USCIS for the past 5 years and paid thousands of dollars to get my green card and whose citizenship application most likely will get delayed due to these 5 million new “applicants” whose

status USCIS needs to process and they are slow even without them!

But I am furious for all the jobs they will take from citizens and legal immigrants. I hear this “but they do jobs that nobody else wants to do”. Excuse me, but I love landscaping! And would happily do it for living, but again, I am an immigrant so I sense some irony in this. Not only will they take jobs, but when we add 5 million more people in the workforce it will make the wages go down and that will affect all of us, you, me and our neighbors who already are working hard to make ends meet. And what about the healthcare?! Not only do we already have enough people that we need to pay coverage for, but now we have 5 million more people participating and seriously, if they have been working and getting paid before, what are the odds that they really are going to start paying their taxes now? Slim if you ask me.

According to Obama and most liberals, these 5 million are not ILLEGAL immigrants, they are not even immigrants, they are New Americans. Excuse me what? How can they be Americans? I love this country, I am a patriot, I fight for the Constitution, I did everything by the book, I haven’t broken any laws, and I am only a Permanent Resident, Not an American.

We have had a joke among us immigrants when we get frustrated about our immigration process; “Fly over to Mexico and cross the border”, sadly it is not joke any longer.

*Have a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving Day!
Tira Doran,
Custer County*

*You have filled my heart
with greater joy than when
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Harmless Marijuana?

There has been so much in the way of junk science in the public's psyche that it is difficult to know what to believe. My sense is that there is a lot of lying regarding the negative physical effects of regular, i.e. daily pot use. Since I'm old and was the son of two two-pack-per-day smokers, I keep thinking of all those cigarette commercials citing doctors who told the public that smoking was good for you. Back when I was a child, the 50s, it seems to me that everyone smoked, even our family doctor. I find it amazing that so many of the anti-tobacco smoking zealots are among those defending marijuana as harmless. So, now smoking and growing marijuana is legal. As businesses get cranked up and competition begins to heat-up, advertising and

promotion will eventually be allowed. Who will stop it? Surely those who staked their reputations and wealth on getting pot legalized will do nothing to stop promotion of the weed. Then we will have a state where hard liquor ads can't be seen on TV and cigarettes ads can't be seen on TV, but marijuana will be promoted, compared and endorsed.

Some have objected to my Twilight Zone metaphor recently applied to our local elections, but only in such a faux-libertarian culture like we have today would this debate over the whole pot business be possible. This transition from illegal drugs to legal drugs is an interesting matter to me. It was so poorly thought through. If we were taught American history like we once were taught it, we could reflect on the 14 years

of prohibition to see if we can learn anything. Maybe the community could engage in a thoughtful public discussion on the merits and liabilities of welcoming grow facilities and retail outlets into the valley. The problem is there is so much money at stake...tens of billions. I'm starting to wonder if anyone involved in the growth, the sale and the consumption of marijuana can be objective. It is addicting after all. What I do know for sure is that this legalization has changed everything in Colorado forever. I'm not sure if the good people of Colorado are ready to deal with the unavoidable changes. It is obvious that the people responsible never gave the consequences a moment's thought.

Joe Cascarelli
Westcliffe CO

Explanation on Dropping Clinic Lawsuit

Dear Editor,

I would like the opportunity to have this letter to the editor explain and clarify why I have withdrawn the Court of Appeals case against the West Custer County Hospital District. I truly believe the WCCHD, the Community Clinic, the Ambulance Corp and 911 Dispatch were negligent on January 6, 2013, the day I called for emergency help and received none, the day my husband passed away. Unfortunately, government immunity prohibits those entities from being questioned or held responsible for any wrong-doings. The original case was filed and dismissed in District Court without a hearing or adequate explanation regarding the dismissal. The next option

available was to file with the Court of Appeals and I would have continued in that direction if my financial security had not been placed in jeopardy. The legal process was and would continue to be costly and I chose not to diminish the small savings and retirement security that my husband and I worked so hard to secure. My withdrawal was the result of financial limitations and it would be almost comical if it wasn't so tragic that in order to take a stand and fight in the memory of my deceased husband, that I would be forced to use our personal savings to fight an entity that is funded by my tax dollars.

Kris Lang,
Rural Custer County

A Thanksgiving Wish for All

As summer wanes and fall approaches many of us prepare for Thanksgiving and then the Christmas holidays. We reflect on what we are thankful for and what gifts we can afford and who should we benefit with that gift. Thankfulness and giving should be an equal exchange, as we are blessed in life, we should bless others similarly. But it need not be a timed event, tied to a calendar date. As God blesses us all year long, we should thank Him and bless others as our ability affords.

Encourage those who seek a good path, assist whoever strives to get ahead. Don't pad the hammock of the slacker, but pave the road for the achiever. Set those aright who have stumbled and fallen, as you may seek help from another someday. Beware of the beguiler and the thief in the sheepfold. Tend to your flock with due diligence more than building an empire.

In other words, thank God for all you

have and pass it on to those you love. Lay up treasures in and bring many souls to heaven. Our fleeting lifetime here on earth is but a wisp compared to eternity, wherever you may spend it. Spend your days looking for the awesome things God does for you, even if you don't think so or believe. I'm thankful He was always in my life, even when my back was turned to Him.

Don't look with envy on the rich and notorious, they are sad and empty. Plan for tomorrow and next year, if God wills it, but don't expect a gift to fall into your lap. Stock your pantry well and don't waste the abundance you have. Seek a peaceful existence with those who wish the same but avoid the belligerent and slothful. Read the Bible daily as you pray for wisdom.

If you love and respect life preserve it through Jesus Christ.

Bill Bailey,
Westcliffe, CO

Bill Caldwell, of "The Spotted Pig" passed away on November 17th.

Please join us for a benefit spaghetti dinner for his wife Eva.

Sunday, Dec. 14th from 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Saddle Club Building

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lights and turn the main breaker on. When power is restored wait a few minutes, then turn on the remaining breakers, one at a time.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Thanks Tony: Undersheriff Supan Takes Job in Pueblo

Tony Supan, a nine-year veteran of the Custer County Sheriff's Department recently accepted a position with the Colorado Division of Public Safety at the Colorado State Mental Institute in Pueblo.

Tony started at the Sheriff's Office as a Detention Officer for the county jail then became a deputy and finally was appointed Undersheriff by Sheriff Jobe a year-and-a-half ago. Tony will miss the Custer County Sheriff's Office as he said, "It's the best job I ever had."

One of the highlights of Tony's career was a nighttime felony stop of a car with a wanted murderer from Fremont County right on Main Street in Westcliffe. The stop was made with guns drawn and deputies coming from everywhere. Tony was also awarded a Valor Pin for his bravery in rescuing residents in the Wetmore fire a few years ago.



Ex-Undersheriff Tony Supan in front of the Custer County Sheriff's Office.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

Tony will continue living in Custer County. He is a long-term member of the Baptist Church on Highway 69.

We thank you for your years of dedicated service and wish you the best in your new job.

Sexual Assault Trial Follow Up

by Carol Clemenson

In a criminal jury trial that took place in Custer County in late October, Michael Charles Spencer, the former owner of Sangrita's restaurant located in Main Street in downtown Westcliffe, was found guilty of six counts of sexual assault, harassment and exploitation. He was ordered to go through sexual assault evaluation and treatment that is monitored through his probation officer. As was stated in court, Mr. Spencer and his wife live in Michigan. He will have to

come back to Custer County Court on January 8, 2015 for sentencing.

In talking to the two plaintiffs in this case, Alisa Roy and Tori Wilman, they stated that they were glad for the verdict, but their concern is that Mr. Spencer's attorney might file an appeal. They really hope that if this happens that the judge will deny the request. The don't want to go through another trial. The first time was hard enough on them both.

It has already taken almost two years to get justice for these sexual crimes.

The two victims delayed going to the authorities for awhile as both victims were afraid to say anything about the assaults for fear of losing their jobs, and everything they had. They stated they both really needed their jobs to support themselves and keep their houses. Fortunately, both of them are doing okay, but they still have a hard time sometimes. Neither of them can forget the incidents that happened to them. It was a very brave thing to do to air everything in public and to try to stop Mr. Spencer from doing this to other women.

School Board to Choose From Two Candidates

by Paul Sage

Three letters of interest were filed for the position vacated by Jill Rowland. One of these potential candidates was disqualified at the November 21st Board workshop because he did not live in the district for which the candidate was sought.

At the December 9th regular school board meeting, current Board members Brenda Gaide, Monte Lee, Terre Davis, and Bob Jolley will interview and make a selection from the re-

maining two candidates, Brian Cline and Gary Frickle.

Mr. Cline who, with his wife, Rachel, owns the Antler Liquor, General Store and Motel on Main Street, is also a trustee for the Town of Westcliffe and a member of the Custer County Tourism Board.

Mr. Frickle is a past, term-limited, school board member who could not run for election to the Board, but possibly could be appointed to finish out Ms. Rowland's term. His career has

been as an educator and school administrator.

At the workshop, the current school board members worked on interview procedures and questions for the candidates for the December 9th meeting. Also discussed at the meeting was a revision of the School Superintendent Performance Evaluation Form and policies and procedures for addressing public and student concerns and complaints

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Avoid Food-borne Illness During the Holidays by Safely Handling and Cooking Food

Custer County Public Health Agency reminds Custer County folk to keep their families safe from food-borne illness this holiday season by using proper food handling and preparation tips.

“Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Hanukah are wonderful times spent with family and friends. Food-borne illness, however, is not a guest we want to invite to the celebration,” says Gail Stoltzfus RN. “Please read through these suggestions for ways to stay healthy during these special holidays.”

Keep everything clean

- Wash hands with warm water and soap for 20 seconds before and after handling any food. Kids can sing “Happy Birthday” twice to gauge how long they should wash their hands.
- Wash food contact surfaces such as cutting boards, dishes, utensils, and countertops with hot, soapy water after preparing each food item and before going on to the next item.
- Kitchen counters and cutting boards can be sanitized using a solution of two teaspoons of unscented chlorine bleach per gallon of water. Spray or wipe on surfaces and allow them to air dry.
- Rinse fruits and vegetables thoroughly under cool running water and scrub sturdy produce with a clean produce brush.
- Don’t rinse raw meat or poultry before cooking. Washing these foods can spread bacteria to the sink and countertops.

Avoid cross-contamination

Keep raw eggs, meat, poultry, seafood, and their juices

away from foods that won’t be cooked. Take this precaution while shopping in the store, when storing these foods in the refrigerator at home and while preparing meals.

- Consider using one cutting board for foods that will be cooked (raw meat, poultry and seafood) and another for those that will not (raw fruits and vegetables).
- Keep fruits and vegetables that will be eaten raw separate from raw meat, poultry, and seafood. Keep fruits and vegetables separate from kitchen utensils and surfaces used for raw meat until those utensils and surfaces have been thoroughly washed.
- Do not put cooked meat or other food that is ready to eat on an unwashed plate or surface that has held any raw eggs, meat, poultry, seafood or their juices.

Cook food to the correct internal temperature

- Use a food thermometer to make sure meat, poultry and fish are cooked to a safe internal temperature. Color is not a reliable indicator of doneness. To check a turkey for safety, insert a food thermometer into the innermost part of the thigh and wing and the thickest part of the breast. The turkey is safe when the temperature reaches 165 F. If the turkey is stuffed, the temperature of the stuffing should be 165 F.
- Bring sauces, soups and gravies to a rolling boil when reheating.
- Cook eggs until the yolk and white are firm. When making your own eggnog or other recipe calling for raw eggs, use pasteurized shell eggs, liquid or frozen pasteurized egg products, or powdered

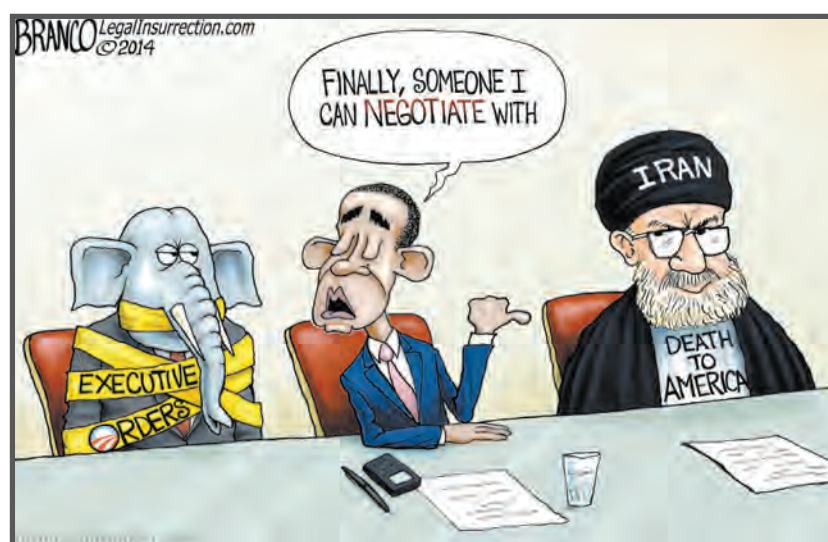
egg whites.

Refrigerate foods quickly

- Do not leave foods containing meat, dairy, eggs, fish or poultry out at room temperature. Refrigerate leftovers — and any type of food that should be refrigerated — within two hours. This includes casseroles and pumpkin or other custard pies.
- Never defrost food at room temperature. Food can be defrosted safely in the refrigerator, under cold running water or in the microwave. Food thawed in cold water or in the microwave should be cooked immediately.
- Plan ahead to allow enough time to thaw the turkey in the refrigerator. You will need a day for every 4-5 pounds.
- Don’t taste food that looks or smells questionable. A good rule to follow is, “When in doubt, throw it out.”
- Leftovers should be used within three to four days.

Handle and prepare food for others only if you are healthy

- Don’t handle or prepare food for others if you are sick, especially if experiencing vomiting, diarrhea or flu-like symptoms. The bacteria and viruses that cause these types of symptoms can be transmitted easily to food and anyone who eats it.
- Use special care when preparing food for anyone considered at high risk for food-borne illness (older adults, infants and young children; pregnant women; and people with a chronic illness or any other condition that weakens their immune system).



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Veterans and Their Families Invited



On December 2nd the featured speaker at the monthly membership meeting of the American Legion will be Theresa Wieder-spahn, Community Outreach Director of Dignity Memorial, North America's largest provider of funeral, cremation and cemetery services.

Dignity Memorial providers serve more veterans than any other funeral service provider and their

professionals are experts in Veterans' burial benefits provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Theresa is one of those professionals and will discuss Veterans funeral benefits and programs for veterans' families. She will have informational hand-outs and can answer your questions.

All Veterans and their families are invited to attend

this meeting whether or not they are American Legion members. This is an informational opportunity of importance to all Veterans in Custer County.

Please join us on Tuesday, 2 December, at 6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes.

See you there,
Bob Dreher,
Public Affairs Officer
The American Legion,
Post 170, Westcliffe, Co



Daughters of the American Revolution Meeting Update

by members Nancy Hicks and Andrea Nichols

On November 15, 2014, Daughters of the American Revolution, General Marion Chapter, held their final chapter meeting of the year at the home of Norva Cordova and Dawn Hayward of Cañon City. Robert Harper, the guest speaker, presented his Native American Program, followed by a question and answer period.

New member, Desiree Chrysler, was installed, after which she read the President General's Message to the chapters con-

cerning the 200th anniversary of the Star Spangled Banner, Scottish heritage tours, and other overseas tours.

Further chapter business was discussed by General Marion's Regent, Roberta Miller, and members attending: Norva Cordova, Dawn Hayward, Charmayne Sandoval, Jan Swarm, Monica Lancaster, Jean Hovland, Desiree Chrysler, Suzanne Martinchalk, and Andrea Nichols.

There will be a mandatory officers/committee meeting on December 6th in Cañon City.

KWMV Hosts Open House

The Wet Mtn Broadcasting Corp, also known as KWMV 95.9 fm - Community Powered Radio is hosting a Winter Open House on Saturday, December 6th, between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. The station is located at 103 S. 2nd Street in Westcliffe.

The event includes live entertainment, prizes, food and drink, studio tours, and the opportunity to send a message over the air. Visitors can also meet on-air personalities and behind-the-scene staff, and learn how you can be part of the valley's 'Community Powered Radio Station'. Contact Joanie

Liebman at joanie@kwmv.org or 719-783-0987 for more information.

The live entertainment schedule is as follows:

1:30 - 2:15 Bob Reed

2:45 - 3:30 Frost Mountain Clan (Daryl, Linda and Annie Frost)

4:00 - 4:45 Free Range Chickens (Gary and Kathy Taylor and Drew Horton)

5:15 - 5:45 Barb Saint Amour and Friends (Steve Thomas on Flute and Drew Horton on Mandolin)

Bobcat Runner is Alabama-Bound!

by Jim Silver

Last week the story broke that Custer County High School's senior runner, Corey Lewenkamp, had signed a letter of intent to run for the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Alabama.

This reporter jumped at the opportunity to take a photo and sit down and talk with Corey after school on Monday, November 24th, in the school library. Corey was accompanied by his parents, while his coaches looked on: Head Track Coach Bruce May, Assistant Cross Country Coach Robert O'Callaghan, and Head Cross Country Coach Jack Swartz (l. to r.). Coach Swartz initiated this occasion.

It was particularly appropriate that Coach O'Callaghan was present as Corey Lewenkamp's Bobcats cross country and track career came into focus. Corey ran his first competitive race in the 7th grade when the cross country team was coached by Coach O'Callaghan and Coach Joe D'Angelo. Corey gives these men a lot of credit in getting him grounded in running. Coach O'Callaghan noted what he saw in Corey early-on: First off, he liked to run. He worked hard, and he was a competitor from the beginning. The coach recalled that it was between 8th grade and his first year of high school that he saw in the young runner that with still more

hard work and dedication, he'd be a state-level competitor. Indeed, Corey has qualified to run in State for both cross country and track all 4 years of his high school career! His senior year of track season is yet to come, but the memory of Corey's 2nd place finish in the Colorado State Cross Country Meet in late October is still fresh.

Both Corey and his parents expressed relief that with the signed "letter of intent," the pressure is off regarding his athletic performance and qualifying, so he can concentrate more on qualifying for academic scholarships. That's not to say that Corey is easing up his training. Last weekend he ran in a Casa Grande, Arizona cross country meet, and just now, he's giving himself two weeks off. In the next couple winter months, he plans to run at Western State and the Air Force Academy in indoor track meets. For Corey, this is "business as usual," looking toward track with the Bobcats his final season. After graduation, he will be following the summer training program prescribed by his University of Alabama coach.

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

Corey likes what he sees about the running programs in Alabama. Both cross country and track are national caliber teams and the same coach, a veteran of about 17 years, is in charge of both. The University has a strong engineering program, which is also very important to Corey. He's declaring civil engineering as his major, as he anticipates this next step.

When asked which season he likes best, the cross country 5K or running around the track 800, 1600, and 3200 meters, Corey immediately tied together his love for running with his aspiration toward being an engineer. He appreciates the structure found in track running. There's precision in splits and timing, a measurable, even mathematical quality. These descriptive words are his own. What's going through the mind of this young man as he runs around a track would most likely go right over the heads of most of us spectators. Anyone of us would simply say we find great enjoyment in watching Corey Lewenkamp run! We wish him well as he finishes out his senior year and then heads south to Alabama. Way to go, Corey!



Corey Lewenkamp along with his parents and coaches.



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Preparation Continues for Wrestlers

by Michelle Pedigo

With just over a week before their first tournament, the Bobcat grapplers are focusing on favorite positions and perfecting moves. One additional new recruit joined the ranks, first-timer Thomas Dryer, and signing on as an additional team manager is Seani Jayden. Also joining the team this week as assistant coach is Jason Coleman. From the Class of 2003, Coach Coleman is a Bobcat alumni and no newcomer to wrestling. A four-year State qualifier, he placed 4th at State as a junior, and was ranked

#1 during his entire senior season before a knee injury ended his high school career.

While preparation continues on the practice mats, the team invites you to be part of the action by joining in the 1st Annual Grappler Run. A fundraising effort for the team, the Grappler Run is a perfect way to stay involved each week, support the wrestlers, and maybe even win some cash! The cost to play is only \$25 for the entire regular season (7 tournaments). Each week a wrestler is assigned to each participant. For every match the wrestler wins at

that week's tournament, a card is dealt to the participant. The winner will be the participant who makes the best five-card hand at the end of the game. Don't delay, enter today, and tell others to enter, too! The more participants there are, the more fun it is! Look for full details of the game elsewhere in this edition. Copies of the announcement and entry forms are available during regular business hours at the CCHS office and both the town's newspaper offices. You may also get information by contacting Michelle at (719) 783-2806 or by email: givetolivemt@hotmail.com.

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(see full details of the game below)*

- Each Participant pays \$25. There are 7 tournaments.
 - Each Monday a wrestler will be assigned to each Participant by random drawing. *Participant will be notified who is wrestling for them that week; wrestler will be notified for whom they will wrestle.
 - Following the tournament each week, one card will be dealt to Participant for each match won by their wrestler for that week.* Card(s) will be recorded on Participants score card, and the Participant will be notified of their card(s) dealt.
 - Each Participant is guaranteed a minimum of 5 cards during the game.
 - Each Participant will receive a score card to track their weekly cards dealt. An identical score card will be maintained by the game administrator.
 - Standard decks of cards will be used. Number of Participants will determine number of decks used, and Participants will be notified of how many decks are in the game. Each card used will be marked to designate it as part of the wrestling game.
 - All cards used for the game and all score cards maintained by the game administrator may be viewed by Participants upon request.
 - Winner will be Participant who makes the best five card hand at the end of the game. (January 31, 2015).
 - Winner receives cash prize equal to 25% of entries received.
 - Winner will be notified by February 2, 2015.
- *When possible, wrestler drawings and cards dealt will be done at team practice, otherwise they will be done by a committee assigned.

Sangres Art Guild Holiday Show Reception Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 4-6 p.m.



Sangres Art Guild Holiday Artists' Reception and Sale focusing on smaller artworks of exceptional value for holiday giving. Enjoy this remarkable, cozy, holiday reception at 3rd St. Gallery at 59000 N. Highway 69, Westcliffe, CO 81252.
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courtesy photos

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Bobcats Football Celebrate 2014 Season

by Head Coach Troy Bomgardner

The Custer County Bobcats football team took time to look back and celebrate the 2014 season in a pot-luck chili dinner on Wednesday, November 19th.

things' that you don't think of that help us get ready to play on game day, and these folks do a great job of helping us," commented Bomgardner.

The Southern League 1st Team All League awards were presented to Conner

and really fun to watch as he learned American football. He even made it into the highlight video!"

The remaining awards are voted on by the players and coaches and the "Practice Player of the Year" was awarded for the 2nd year



These are the players who received the Southern League Awards. From left to right front row: Conner Rowley, CJ Virden, Kody Aldrich, and Jordan Rhodes; middle row: Justin Walden and Coach Bomgardner; back row: Coaches Navar Sayhouse and Mark Pedigo.

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

The first event of the night was the annual "Play-of-the-Year" voting. "This was a tradition we started last year and it's something the players look forward to," stated head coach Troy Bomgardner. "The players and coaches nominate plays they thought worthy of "Play-of-the-Year". We had some really unique plays this year!" The capacity crowd was shown 5 plays and then voted on the plays. After tallying the votes, the "Play-of-the-Year" was Conner Rowley's 53 yard touchdown run against Hoehne. "Conner had a great season and it was neat to see him honored with the play of the year," commented Bomgardner.

Bomgardner took time to acknowledge athletic trainer Jamie Baker, statistician Michelle Pedigo, Sentinel photographer Jim Silver, and parent volunteer, Shellie Hart. "There are lots of details and 'other

Rowley, CJ Virden, and Justin Walden. Honorable mention awards were given to Kody Aldrich and Jordan Rhodes. "There is no doubt these five guys were the foundation of our team and it was great to see them honored by the league," noted Bomgardner.

Bomgardner then recognized the "Most Improved Player," with the award given to Justin Walden. "All of our awards are special but this is the only one voted on solely by the coaches," stated Bomgardner. "Justin kept getting better as the year went along and played really well on both sides of the ball."

Another tradition was continued when Bomgardner awarded junior Taiyr Seilkhan with the "Foreign Exchange Player of the Year" award. "It's always fun to announce this award," laughed Bomgardner. "We've had some great foreign exchange students, and Taiyr was another one

in a row to sophomore Andy Feldmann. "Andy gives tremendous effort in practice, and in fact, in everything he does," said Bomgardner. "He exemplifies our core value of 'Be Your Best' by the way he practices and lives his life."

Coach Mark Pedigo presented the "Special Teams Player of the Year" by recognizing sophomore Bryce Roscoe. "Bryce had a score on special teams and was key in onside recoveries," noted Pedigo. "In addition, he played every down of special teams and never wanted to take a down off."

Coach Navar Sayhouse then recognized senior CJ Virden with the "Defensive Player of the Year" award. It was the 2nd year in a row for the defensive honor for Virden. "CJ was a presence every Saturday on the field," said Sayhouse. "He ended the season with well over 100 tackles and just made plays."

Bobcats Sport Schedule

BASKETBALL

Thurs. - Sat., December 4 - 6

TBA: Trinidad Tournament at Trinidad State Junior College

Friday, December 12

5 p.m.: La Veta at HOME

WRESTLING

Saturday, December 6

9 a.m.: Fowler Tournament at Fowler

Friday, December 12

4 p.m.: Limon Scrimmage at Limon



Bobcat Menu • Dec. 1 - Dec. 4, 2014

Monday breakfast

Pancakes
Sausage Links
Fruit, Milk

lunch

Hamburger Hash
W.W. Roll
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Tuesday breakfast

Scrambled Eggs
W. W. Toast
Fruit, Milk

lunch

Toasted Cheese Sandwich
Tomato Soup
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Wednesday breakfast

Blueberry or Banana
Muffin Loaf
Fruit, Milk

lunch

Beef/Bean Burrito
Mexican Rice
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Thursday breakfast

Sausage Gravy
W.W. Biscuits
Fruit, Milk

lunch

Chicken Patty Sandwich
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

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KIDS Friday, November 28, 2014

President Abraham Lincoln's Proclamation of Thanksgiving Issued, October 3, 1863 *

The year that is drawing towards its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to invite and provoke the aggressions of foreign States, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere, except in the theater of military conflict; while that theater has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

The needful diversions of wealth and strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship. The axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battlefield; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and voice by the whole American people; I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer to our beneficent Father, who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to him that, for such singular deliverances and blessings; they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the independence of the United States the eighty-eighth.

Abraham Lincoln

*Historical Note: October 1863, is a notable date as it was in the midst of the darkest days of the Civil War. And, yet, President Lincoln called Americans to prayer with an attitude of positive optimism and genuine thankfulness for the Lord's provision.

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For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7, NKJV

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Annual Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry and Member Sale Brings in Close to \$15,000

by Noah Tillotson,
FFA Reporter

The Custer County School west gymnasium was wall-to-wall people on Saturday, November 17, during the Annual Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry and Member Sale, organized by the local FFA. Supporters of the FFA were treated to a dinner of Rocky Mountain oysters or chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, and rolls. As dinner came to a

close, the Custer County FFA Advisor, Lia McGee, welcomed everyone and thanked those who made the fundraising night possible. The gym was then filled with the unmistakable sound of an auction as Kurt Ruzanski sold 30 members to the highest bidder and various other auction items. The total profit of the sale was close to \$15,000, including the sale of some silent auction items and meal tickets. The Custer County FFA would like

to thank all of the businesses and individuals for purchasing members or items, thereby supporting the future of agriculture at our school.



FFA supporters fill the gym for the annual oyster fry and member sale.

Sentinel photo by Paul Sage

EDUCATION

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audience was specifically instructed that no questions or comments would be entertained at this time as this was purely for educational purposes. Mr. Squire went on to state that after the presentation, members of law enforcement in attendance (Sheriff and Sheriff-Elect) would be asked to comment.

The presenter introduced himself as Shawn Honecker, a grower of marijuana in West Pueblo. He emphasized that his role was that of only a consultant to the one proposing the project, a local resident, Mr. Steve Rorick. Mr. Honecker then proceeded to present a general overview of a proposed marijuana farm which he clearly distanced from what he identified as a commercial facility, the latter being an enclosed greenhouse typically one or two buildings of between 3,000 to 5,000 square feet which consume vast amounts of electric power (seven times the amount consumed by a typical home.) Mr. Honecker stated as an example one enterprise near Denver has a bill of about \$60,000 a month. This is one major reason for their interest in growing their produce outdoors to take advantage of the more than 300 days of sunshine natural to Colorado.

During the presentation, Mr. Honecker who owns a fifty-five acre property west of Pueblo, explained some of the details of what the facility would look like. Using his project as a model he

explained that of the 55 acres he only uses between 1.5 to 3 acres. As far as security is concerned, he recommends a nine-foot high fence covered with black curtains all around the property topped off with razor wire to deter possible intruders.

Camera surveillance is a requirement of the state to record ingress and egress from the property. These are to be positioned at intervals of twenty feet as we were given to understand. As far as armed security personnel, according to the presenter, they would only be required during the final weeks (usually three weeks) before harvesting of the plants since there is no real value in them anytime before then. Security personnel are seasonal contracted employees as are those who will harvest at the end of the growing period.

Mr. Honecker explained that state rules and regulations were changed recently (October) so that it is no longer required to have a license for each stage of the business. The main interest of this proposal is to grow the plants and wholesale them to retailers who will either market the product for medicinal purposes or for recreational purposes. Thus they request an agricultural zoning for their project. Asked how much water each plant will consume during its growth, the meeting was told that it would take about 700 gallons per plant over the growth period of about six months. They are flexible as to how to acquire the water they need and will consider sinking a

non-tributary well or buying water from the city, leaving the preference to the authorities.

When asked by the Committee the location for this proposed farm, Mr. Rorick responded that he had property around the base of Round Mountain, another parcel just east of Ace Hardware and another one near Shadow Ridge. Mr. Rorick also mentioned that they are unable to disclose their investors in the drug operation at this time.

At the end of the presentation, Chairman Squire invited comments from the attending law enforcement officers. Sheriff Jobe quite candidly and calmly stated that the gentlemen were engaged in drug trafficking and that it was his opinion that they were "blowing smoke up the rears" of the Planning Commission. Mr. Byerly on other hand recognized that since this was state law, the gentlemen had not, as yet, committed any transgressions. However, he continued that much more study was required in view of the many unknown potentially ill effects, unspecified difficulties for enforcement and unclear controls and systems to manage an industry such as this. In addition, there is no clear outlook going forward how and what the effects will be on property values and the quality of life for those who chose to live in this area because it was a quiet community unaffected by elements of the drug culture to which marijuana is irrevocably identified.

The meeting was concluded at approximately 8:00 pm.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

GROWERS

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a legal pot growing facility with "I don't have children, but if I did, I wouldn't want them necessarily next to a grow facility either."

His confusion on some of these points might be attributed to his addiction to his own products. He declared, "I got hooked on this hash that I started growing." He further stated, "fortunately or unfortunately, whatever your opinion is, this is part of my life, and it's grabbed ahold of me and I can't do anything about it now, so it is what it is".

"I got hooked on this hash that I started growing."

After local resident Mr. Rorick claimed to be pursuing his pot-growing interest in Silver Cliff to help

the town "to gain monetarily like they need to gain," he was corrected by Sheriff Jobe, who challenged, "You're interested in helping Steve; you're not interested in helping the town of Silver Cliff." To this Mr. Rorick admitted, "That's true, Fred, without a doubt. If I wasn't going to benefit, why would I work so hard at it."

By figures presented in reference to the proposed marijuana factory, Mr. Rorick hopes to benefit to the tune of about four million dollars a year on the backs of the residents of the town. Mr. Rorick's operation would throw a small bone to the town in the form of a special sales tax on products wholesaled from the operation if that is legally levied by the town on the pot product.

With regard to how this will affect property values in the town, Mr. Honaker gave two examples he was familiar with where once a one pot grower moved in, all the surrounding property was quickly bought

out from under the locals by other growers hoping to capitalize on the "green rush," as Mr. Honaker termed the pot-growing frenzy in Colorado. This somehow translated in his

"...it's grabbed ahold of me and I can't do anything about it now..."

hazy thinking as a benefit to the displaced locals. The logic also fails if no pot grower is interested in the neighboring properties of a pot grow, as the neighbors land is then worth ZERO. (Editor/GG: As is happening in Fremont County.) In Sheriff Jobe's assessment of this scenario, "Then the only thing you have is people that are in the pot business in Silver Cliff." Again he advised the Silver Cliff government, "I hope you will take a long, hard look at this."

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Our Local Churches

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is located at 240 Ridgeline Drive. Branch President Don Darnell has been Presiding High Priest since July of 2012.

The present church building was built in 2000. Previous to that time the members met in various locations including the Saddle Club and members' homes. John Kois was instrumental in the construction of the present church building.

There are approximately 120 members of record. Sacrament Meeting is held each Sunday at 10 a.m. followed by Priesthood and Relief Society at approximately 11:10 a.m. Sunday school is held at noon.

There is no picture of the inside of the church as pictures are prohibited in the chapel. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is open to all who want to come and worship. They invite you to come and visit their church and worship with them.

This is the fourth in a series on our local churches.

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

Psalms 95:1-6 NIV

Wetmore Community Church



The Wetmore Community Church is located at 699 CR 395 in Wetmore. Pastor Michael Wieszchowski has been the pastor for the past two years. There are approximately 40 members who participate in various church activities throughout the year. Sunday school is held at 9 a.m. followed by worship services at 10 a.m. each Sunday. The Wetmore Community Church exists to glorify God.

Their mission statement states that the Wetmore Community Church is committed to being God's instrument for worship, fellowship, evangelism, and discipleship in the Wetmore community and for the advancement of missions in the world.

The Wetmore Community Church celebrates their 100th year anniversary this year and have held special events throughout the year including an Easter Sunrise Service, a barbecue, and a Harvest Fest/Chili Cook Off. They will be celebrating their 100th Year Dinner in December to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas.



High Country Mennonite Church



First Baptist Church of Westcliffe



First Baptist Church is located at 410 S. 6th Street in Westcliffe. Pastor Glenn Shock has been pastor for the past two years. He previously pastored several churches in Texas. They have a membership of 163 with 61 regular visitors.

Sunday worship is at 10:45 a.m. preceded by Bible study at 9:30 a.m. There is also Bible study at 6 p.m. on Sunday. Wednesday evening prayer is at 6 p.m. followed by men's and women's Bible study at 6:30 p.m. A program called EDGE - Every Day God Encounter is at 6:30 p.m. for junior high and high school youth. AWANA is on Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. for children ages three years through sixth grade. Currently 80 children are enrolled.

Their mission of First Baptist Church is seeking, sharing and showing God's love. They are a Bible teaching and evangelical church ministering to our community. First Baptist Church supports several missions in Texas and Colorado.



The High Country Mennonite Church is located in the All Aboard Westcliffe building at 110 Rosita Avenue in Westcliffe. The congregation has a strong sense of the church being the people and not the structure.

Jason Yoder has been the pastor since the congregation began in March of 2011. Worship services are at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school following at 10:45 a.m. The church has 42 members but averages approximately 70 each Sunday morning. On the second Sunday of each month there is an evening service at 6 p.m. of congregational singing.

The congregation feels that being Mennonite makes people feel they are an exclusive group and they could not worship with them or feel welcome in their church. They want everyone to know that this is incorrect. They welcome all with a variety of backgrounds to come and learn and get to know each other.

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Classifieds

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ioral 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 application. Custer County is an equal opportunity employer.

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Lebrea C. Jackson – Charged with harassment (strike/shove/kick). Guilty. Deferred sentence. Fine: \$841.50 and complete DV treatment/classes. Protection order continues.

Ilsia Del Carmen Castro – Charged with careless driving. Guilty. Fine: \$195.50

Reilly Alan Scheid – Charged with operating uninsured vehicle. Guilty. Fine: \$509.50.

Chase Randall Tucker – Charges: Defective tail lamps. Dismissed by DA. Driving while ability impaired. Guilty. Fine: \$1,175.75 and must complete alcohol evaluation and treatment.

Keith W. Giesbrecht – Charged with loaded weapon in vehicle. Guilty. Fine: \$96.50

Jeffrey W. Elder –

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



Come and Worship



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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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.
1 John 2:15 - 16 GW*

Sangre de Cristo Fellowship
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 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

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719/783-9430
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Sun. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Mon. - Wed., 4 - 9 p.m.
Thurs. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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

Local Mountain News & Notices

Events Calendar

Friday, November 28 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "Fury"	RSVP (719) 371-7076 3 - 7 p.m.: "Meet, Greet, & Buy"; Light refreshments served at Friends of Library arts/crafts fair, 312 S. 3rd Street in Westcliffe
Saturday, November 29 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "Fury"	
Sunday, November 30 2 p.m.: Jones Theater: "Fury"	
Monday, December 1 4:15 p.m.: Accountability Committee Meeting in school library	
Thursday, December 4 10 a.m.: Airport Advisory Meeting 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Christmas Tea at The Garden Tea Room inside Lady Unique Boutique, 103 N. 3rd.	Friday, December 5 9 a.m.-5 p.m.: Library's arts/crafts fair at 312 S. 3rd 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Christmas Tea at The Garden Tea Room, 103 N. 3rd., RSVP 371-7076 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

Recurring Events and Business Hours

Monday 6 p.m.: Closed step study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Lisa at (719) 783-0809	6:45 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March-October) at the Saddle Club.
Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Custer County public transit service available to everyone through Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343	Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Library open in downtown Westcliffe; 783-9138
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Noon: Lunch served at Custer County Senior Center located on first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 am	Wednesday Line dancers meet at the Methodist Church from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370 6 p.m.: Closed Big Book study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172, or Lisa at (719) 783-0809 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Custer County Community Band practice in band room at high school
Monday and Thursday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff open to assist young mothers and families in need. Free pregnancy tests and counseling to pregnant women and more. Call 783-4357	Thursday Second Thursday of the Month: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., "Ask a Nurse" at the library
Tuesday 12 - 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 6 p.m.: Open discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Lisa (719) 783-0809
First Tuesday of the Month: 6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting	Friday and Saturday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.: Share Center at 308 S. Third Street adjacent to Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Library open in Westcliffe

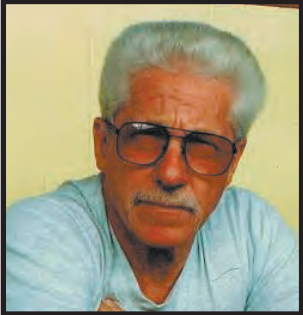
Sheriff's Report...

As of Tuesday, November 25, there was one man in jail.	Hospital in Pueblo.	dispatched to the 400 block of Ohio Street in Silver Cliff for an 81-year-old female suffering from a dizzy spell. She was transported to Parkview.
November 23 Horn Creek Conference Center reported that vandalism occurred at the center. Someone had rearranged the letters on the sign to read racial comments and insulting phrases.	November 23 At 1102 an ambulance was dispatched to Copper Gulch Road for a 63-year-old female who had fallen and hit her head. She was transported to Parkview.	November 19 At 1355 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for an 88-year-old female who was flown to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo by Flight for Life.
November 21 Linda Watson, age 52, of Lea Lane in Westcliffe, was charged with a dog running at large, having a vicious dog, and no proof of vaccinations. The charges were a result after the dog attacked a 12-year-old girl who sustained minor injuries. Watson will appear in municipal court at a later date.	November 22 At 0920 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a 90-year-old male with difficulty breathing. He was transported to Parkview.	November 11 At 2054 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Adams Boulevard in response to a 75-year-old female vomiting and having difficulty breathing. She was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital.
November 19 - 23 It was reported that between these dates someone threw a rock through the window of the Westcliffe Community Church on Adams Boulevard.	November 21 At 1205 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a 65-year-old female who as transported to Parkview.	November 11 At 2054 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Adams Boulevard in response to a 75-year-old female vomiting and having difficulty breathing. She was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital.
AMBULANCE CALLS	November 20 At 1353 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the parking lot of the Post Office for a 64-year-old male having a possible stroke. Flight for Life flew him to an area hospital.	FIRE CALLS
November 23 At 2144 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the 800 block of First Street in Silver Cliff for a 65-year-old female with abdominal pain. She was transported to Parkview	November 20 An ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a 50-year-old female who was transported to Parkview Hospital as Flight for Life couldn't land due to low cloud ceiling.	November 19 A fire truck was dispatched to the clinic to assist with the landing of Flight for Life.
	November 20 At 2112 hours, an ambulance was	November 20 A fire truck was dispatched to the clinic to assist with the landing of Flight for Life. Stood down due to weather factors which prevented Flight for Life to land.
		November 20 At 1353, a fire truck was dispatched to the post office to assist with landing Flight for Life.

Obituary Charles David Crider

Charles David Crider, 80, of Silver Cliff, died Saturday, November 8, 2014. He was born to the late Russell and Edith Crider, April 1, 1934, in Anderson, IN. Dave obtained his GED and then attended trade schools for Interior Design and Painting. He married Suzanne Rudder in 1985, and they lived together in California, before relocating to Silver Cliff in 1994. Dave served in the Navy during the Korean War. After that he was a self-employed painter and home care taker. He enjoyed motor cycles, football, body

building, softball, sports of all kinds, and Tower of Power. Dave was most proud of his Daughter Jacqueline, TSgt. and her accomplishments in the United States Air Force. He also enjoyed traveling to visit her wherever she was stationed. Dave is survived by his wife, Suzanne, of Silver Cliff; and daughter Jacqueline (Henry) Moore, of Great Falls. He is also survived by three grandchildren: Cadence Moore, Braden Moore, and Gavin Moore. In laws; Bruce & Rosemarie Rudder, of Temple City, CA, as well as



five brothers and sisters in law, and eleven nieces and nephews. Dave was a kind and humorous man that was loved and admired by all. The service was held on Saturday, November 15th, at The Lady of Assumption Church in Westcliffe.

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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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come before him with joyful songs.

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It is he who made us,
and we are his;
we are his people,
the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good
and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

Walmart May Be the Fly in the Ointment for Highway 50/Dozier Project

by Barbara Penezic

While City Engineer, Adam Lancaster, and CDOT, paint a very upbeat, rosy, picture of the Highway 50/Dozier make over many residents are simply not on board for this costly redo. Negotiations are still ongoing between the Colorado Department of Transportation and Walmart. CDOT would need to acquire part of the store’s southwest parking lot to make room for the projected four-wheel roundabout. These negotiations will undoubtedly be successfully concluded as soon as the right pitch of the “Ch-Ching” is achieved.

According to Adam Lancaster, City Engineer, CDOT, Cañon City, and Fremont County received grant money to assist with funding the estimated \$2.5 million dollar project that is 88% funded by the state. The citizens of Cañon City and Fremont County should always keep in mind that state funds are not free; they always come with a payback that can, at times, be very costly. The question was posed at the ‘Open House,’ “When this is done where will state maintenance end and where will city and county begin?” The speaker responded, “That is still unknown, the city would probably annex that portion of Dozier and the county would have no jurisdiction.” That was a well- executed sidestep from the actual question, where will our responsibility as taxpayers begin, they simply do not know! These are the little details that should be known before we enter into any dealings with the state. The Devil is always in the Details, and they should be spelled out very clearly.

The project goals are as follows: #1) Reduce delays and queues at the Dozier Avenue signal. (Is this really a 2.5 million dollar problem?)



Photo showing proposed round-a-bout and other changes.
Sentinel photo by John Penezic, Jr.

2) Update signals to improve signal head alignments with lanes. (This complaint was never once mentioned by the many people I’ve spoken with.)

#3) Reduce conflicts at frontage road intersections. (A legitimate problem, the public at large doesn’t feel this requires the expenditure of 2.5 million dollars or changing the face of Dozier/50 to affect safety changes.)

#4) Allow access from Highway 50 to Steinmeier Avenue (98% of the people I spoke with did not see this as a real problem).

#5) Improve safety at U.S. 50/Berry Parkway. (If this is a problem for anyone they can use the existing light at Dozier/50.)

#6) Improve north-south connectivity between Dozier and Steinmeier. (Again this did not seem to be an issue for most people.)

#7) Accommodate increased traffic due to Steinmeier future development. (Talk of future development on Steinmeier may or may not come to fruition, an investment of 2.5 million dollars on this vague possibility is not popular with the people.)

This project in most part is being dished up and presented to the public as something being done for their safety much the same as the Penrose/Highway 50 closure, both issues however are leaving the voter with a bad case of indigestion. “These costly and annoying changes are being done to promote the agenda of those in local government and have little if anything to do with public safety.” This according to Jack Elberstein, longtime resident of Fremont County. In fairness I did hear from three Cañon City residents who favor the project, Rona Vaughn, and two women who did not wish to be identified liked the 15th street roundabout and so thought the new project would be ok.

The decision to move forward with this project is basically final according to Jacobs, but he still wants to hear feedback from the public. The opposing feedback that was given at the meeting however was sidestepped or glossed over. Harry Kitchens pointed out that the roundabout at Ash and Highway 115 is already breaking down, but no real acknowledgment was given to his remark. Questions regarding traffic backing up on Dozier and Highway 50 due to the circle was not given much consideration either. City Attorney John Havens did say, “Once the circle on Dozier is complete, they will stop complaining about 15th Street and Ash.” While this remark was Jermaine to nothing it did receive laughter from council members. Many Fremont County residents have voiced their concerns, as well. They

feel City Council Members do not always give credence to the fact that they do a lot of shopping in Cañon City, they are part (a large part) of the economic base. We have experienced delays and great difficulty entering or leaving Cañon City recently, why redo the Dozier/Highway 50 intersection now, if you plan to have the entire intersection under reconstruction within the next 6 months? No matter, this is a project that was decided upon long before you or I ever heard the first whisper and our so called input is simply a matter of protocol. Another reminder that local elections are critically important and we must vet those we would elect if we wish to truly have a say in how our community needs will be taken care of. Otherwise, we will continue being told instead of asked about what we see as necessary improvements. Our economy should be top priority not traffic safety at this time in our history.

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The Artists’ Gallery presents First Friday: Winter Wonderland

The Artists’ Gallery, 416 Main Street, Historic Downtown Cañon City, rings in the holiday season with our First Friday “Winter Wonderland” event on December 5th, from 5-8 p.m. Featuring all 50 of our talented artists throughout the month, we offer a bounty of works in every medium: painting, glass, photography, clay, jewelry, fiber, sculpture, wood, and much more!

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a demonstration of her unique watercolor process by gifted artist, Lorene Lovell, and meet our family of fabulous artists!

There will be drawings for artwork donated by the artists, and a special “Gifts Under \$50” table. This is an opportunity to shop locally for your holiday gift-giving, strengthening community and local commerce, while supporting the Arts in Southern Colorado!

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Islam Claiming America in Congress and Cathedral

Many believed that when they cast their ballot on November 4th against the dictatorial Islamic socialist policies of the occupant of the Oval Office, that they did their part. There was a collective sigh of relief across the sane members of society that perhaps the message sent to Washington was to right the good ship America. I warned Americans that they had only taken the first step. The second step, the far harder, would be the arduous task of holding those who were elected accountable. It is proving true. A sign of the times, a harbinger if you will, is what happened at the National Cathedral with the prayers in the name of Allah. Moreover, it was a planned and coordinated event with Congress.

"Get out of here," you say! Well, here's the rest of the story. Introduced by newly re-elected House Speaker John Boehner (R-Oh), Imam Hamad Ahmad Chebli of the Islamic Society of Central Jersey in Monmouth opened the House business with prayer on Thursday, November 13. Chebli began: "In the name of Allah, the most gracious, the most merciful. Praise be to Allah, the cherisher, the sustainer of the world, the most gracious, the most merciful master of the Day of Judgment. Thee do we worship and thine do we seek. Guide us to the safe path." The Washington Post reported that Chebli was also part of the prayer at the National Cathedral, which was "sponsored by the Washington National Cathedral, the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS), the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) and other Islamic organizations."

America, submitted as evidence in the 2008 Holy Land Foundation trial, called for Islamic colonization of America to carry out a grand "civilization jihadist" mission dedicated to "eliminating and destroying" America from within, and "sabotaging its miserable house." The Islamic Society of North America, the parent of the Islamic Society of Central Jersey, was listed as supporting the plan. CAIR was named an un-indicted co-conspirator in the trial. It is well known that the Muslim Brotherhood (and its affiliate al Qaeda) is a foreign policy partner of the "president." CAIR and the various Islamic Societies are considered by experts as terrorist sponsoring fronts.

The "president's" sentiment toward Islamists is well established. It is beyond belief, however, that after an election rejecting the "president's" Islamic socialist policies that the House Speaker would desecrate the House of Representatives by allowing an Imam with ties to the Muslim Brotherhood to symbolically claim Congress with a prayer in the name of Allah. The peaceful religion claim is a ruse. Islam is incompatible with representative government and freedom. We elected a new Congress to protect the Constitution and national security, to right the nation. Boehner should be removed for allowing such an "in your face" move against American citizens. Accountability is necessary. I ask again the 2 Corinthians 6:14 question, "What partnership has light with darkness?"

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson

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The Muslim Brotherhood strategic plan for North

SHOCK: Homeschooling Family Tasered, Arrested After Being Accused Of Having A Messy House

by Kyle Olson, EAGNews.org

(Editor/GG: What is happening to some of our law enforcement agencies? This isn't America. This is some neo-liberal, fascist nightmare.)

NODAWAY COUNTY, Mo. –

A homeschooling family has filed a federal civil rights lawsuit after they say their home was illegally searched by the sheriff's department.

The Home School Legal Defense Association is aiding Laura and Jason Hagan. Their house was raided by Nodaway County Sheriff Darren White and Chief Sheriff's Deputy David Glidden.

According to the HSLDA, "child protective services (CPS) caseworker had been inside the home several days earlier to investigate a report of a messy house and had returned for a follow-up visit."

When they declined to let her in, the CPS worker

summoned the sheriff.

They, too, sought to get in the house but they didn't have a court order and Hagan declined their request.

Then, according to HSLDA:

As Jason turned to go back inside, Glidden sprayed him with pepper spray—first at the back of his head and then directly in his face. Glidden also sprayed Laura, who fell to the floor. Glidden then turned to Jason, who was still standing, and shot him in the back with his Taser. As Jason fell, Laura closed the front door. Glidden triggered the Taser three more times through the closed door.

Sheriff White joined Glidden on the front porch. Together they forced open the door and found Laura and Jason lying on the floor. Glidden sprayed Laura in the face a second time while White sprayed Jason and tried to turn him over onto his stomach.

Laura shouted to the officers that Jason had been

taken to the emergency room earlier in the week for chest pains. White nevertheless continued attempting to turn Jason over and sprayed him a third time when he was unsuccessful. The officers also sprayed the Hagans' dog with chemical agent and threatened to shoot it if it didn't stop barking.

Finally, the officers handcuffed and arrested Laura and Jason and charged them with resisting arrest and child endangerment.

All of this took place in front of the Hagans' three young children, who were then taken to the emergency room to be evaluated for exposure to pepper spray.

This all took place on September 30, 2011.

Because of the warrantless search, the judge dismissed the case against the Hagans.

"The State has not offered sufficient, if indeed any, evidence of an exception that would justify a warrantless entry," the judge wrote in his ruling, according to the



home school group.

The HSLDA filed suit in federal court on November 14, 2014, alleging White and Glidden violated the Hagans' Fourth Amendment rights.

"All too often, law enforcement officers and child-welfare workers act as if the Fourth Amendment does not apply to CPS investigations. They are wrong. The Fourth Amendment is a legal shield that protects people from exactly the kind of mistreatment the Hagans endured," the organization writes.

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PROGRESSIVE VALUES: Moderate Hickenlooper Sheds Sheeps Clothing at Center for American Progress Conference

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

With his re-election behind him, Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper is showing his true liberal colors as a (yes, in true liberal form, everyone is a keynote speaker) keynote speaker at the Center for American Progress Policy Conference today. Here's a link to the conference agenda.

If you were lucky to be sitting in your parents' basement in your pajamas, you could watch his entire keynote speech. We were and we did. This is a far left wing event, featuring progressive standard-bearers like Sen. Elizabeth Fauxcahontas Warren, Sen. Tammy Baldwin, John Podesta, Sugar Daddy Tom Steyer, and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio. There were even cheers for climate change protesters and the Senate's stomping on Mary Landrieu the Keystone Pipeline.

Notably, former Democratic Ohio Governor Ted Strickland introduced Hick with the following revelation: "He [Hickenlooper] has faced difficult challenges. He has made courageous decisions that helped the people of his state, and he has remained true to his progressive values. We're proud of him for that."

True to his progressive values? Did Colorado voters realize that Hickenlooper was a liberal to the core when they voted him back into office?

Hick noted that his neighbor growing up was Agnes Nixon, the creator of such beloved soap operas as All My Children and One Life to Live. As someone who claims a middle-class upbringing, we have to wonder how middle class an upbringing he has with a neighbor like Agnes Nixon, attended a renowned prep school, and earned a degree from WASP-y Wesleyan.

Hick also ticked off his accomplishments, including universal background checks on gun sales, civil unions, methane rules on drilling, prison reform, and renewable energy standards in rural Colorado:

"We passed legislation based on supporting the growth of renewable energies, and this was in rural Colorado where there's a lot of conflict about climate change and the causes, and it was certainly not wildly popular in many rural parts of the state."

And then he talked about how he ran a positive campaign, no negative ads, but did acknowledge some were run on his behalf – a point he refused to concede during the election, and said this:

"We have to take that tone and take action, whether it's legislative or executive, to really begin to deliver a lot of what we promised

in terms of a progressive agenda."

Funny, Hick never mentioned his "progressive agenda" during any of the gubernatorial debates. And, he certainly never mentioned that he had to take a certain tone in order to shove through an agenda. That's odd. Do Coloradans feel hoodwinked by a guy who has admitted to purposely duping Coloradans via tone in order to pass some of the most extreme legislation in the country?

He's been mentioned as a possible VP candidate because he could presumably provide moderate balance to someone like Warren, who spoke right before him. Was this a tryout? Is he trying to get his name out in front of the big-money DC progressives?

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Blatant Racial Hypocrisy: Death Penalty Off Table for Black Attackers Charged in Murder of White Officer

by Allen West,
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The nation is walking on eggshells and the governor of Missouri has declared a state of emergency as we await the ruling from a grand jury hearing regarding the shooting death of Michael Brown by Ferguson Officer Darren Wilson. It seems that the premise of our judicial system and individual rights of “innocent until proven guilty” has no standing in this case. And if the evidence is proven to support charges not being brought against Officer Wilson, why is it that we must fear riots? Recent pictures of the city of Ferguson make it look like folks are preparing for a hurricane.

However, in the midst of all this, there’s another interesting case, which clearly demonstrates the hypocrisy surrounding Ferguson.

As reported by Fox News, “U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder has taken the death penalty off the table for four people charged in the gang-related slaying of a reserve Virginia police officer. Federal prosecutors said Friday that the four co-defendants will instead face the possibility of life in prison for their alleged role in the killing of Capt. Kevin Quick.”

...the liberal progressive left and their black compatriots will go apoplectic...

“The 45-year-old Quick of Waynesboro was reported missing Feb. 1. His body was found several days later in Goochland County west of Richmond. *The Daily Progress* reports

that authorities say the three siblings and another man charged all belong to the Bloods gang set 99 Goon Syndicate. The four charged in May are Daniel Lamont Mathis, Shantai Monique Shelton, Mersadies Lachalle Shelton, and Travis Leon Bell, also known as Kweli Uhuru.”

Yes, the Virginia reserve officer is white and the four assailants are black. I guess you haven’t heard about this story — hmm, wonder why? Could it be there’s a double standard in America? Is it acceptable to gun down our law enforcement officers? Perhaps the family of Capt. Quick should go to the U.N. Committee on Torture and state their case.

And who is the “white” version of Al Sharpton to go out and rabble rouse the populace and incite them to riot? Will Attorney General Eric Holder visit with Capt. Quick’s family and how many White House officials attended the funeral of Capt. Quick?

Now of course, the liberal progressive left and their black compatriots will go apoplectic over these – because it’s embarrassing and reveals a prevailing truth. Why did Eric Holder interject himself in such a manner in the Virginia case? As reported by the Daily Progress, “I know the attorney general takes these cases very seriously,” said Timothy J. Heaphy, who is prosecuting the case against siblings Daniel Mathis and Shantai and Mersadies Shelton, as well as Kweli Uhuru.

“Heaphy did not say whether he agreed with the decision or whether authorities have identified who fired the shot that killed Quick, 45, a new father who was last seen leaving his mother’s home in Afton, Virginia on January 31. He sent a text message to his girlfriend at 10:14 p.m. saying he was on his way to visit her and their infant daughter in Albemarle County, and another at 10:49 asking if she needed anything. That was the last anyone heard from Quick. His remains were discovered six days later in rural Goochland County.”

So, where are the protests and riots? Where is the outrage over the senseless shooting of this reserve officer possibly related to a gang initiation?

Compare this to the reaction of the leftist media and the rabble rousers in Ferguson. Do these four savages deserve the death penalty? I think yes, for whatever reason they took the life of an innocent man, a law enforcement officer. And with such disregard that they used his credit and debit cards for their own pleasures as they drove around in his vehicle. I just have to ask, were his hands up?

Capt. Quick was last seen leaving his mother’s home on the way to his girlfriend and their newborn. He was not last seen assaulting a storeowner and taking products. Yet, we know nothing of 45-year-old Capt. Kevin Quick. Apparently, Quick’s crime was being a white man in America and not considered a victim — just someone who got what he deserved at the hands of society’s victims, young black men, gang members who have been badly treated and denied social justice. Are these four black assailants racists?

And does anyone truly wonder why race relations in America are in such poor shape? Here we have a black president, black attorney general, a black homeland security secretary, black national security advisor, and blacks are still ranting about no justice? So what justice was there for Capt. Kevin Quick? Well, it seems that’s just another example of the redefinition of America.

Call me Uncle Tom, Sellout, Oreo, or whatever you wish — y’all know this is wrong, and if you start any rioting in Ferguson, Missouri, then go riot for Virginia Captain Kevin Quick and tell Eric Holder to reverse his decision. Of course you won’t, and that says it all.

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Report Finds VA Clinics “Missed Opportunities” To Prevent Vietnam Vet’s Suicide

by Tristyn Bloom,
DailyCaller.com

A newly released government investigation has found that three Veterans Affairs health clinics “missed opportunities” to prevent a Vietnam veteran’s suicide, with failures ranging from “communication breakdowns” to completely ignoring his “multiple suicide risk factors.”

The unnamed sixty-something patient, who had previously attempted suicide in 1989, shot himself in the head in 2013. He’d been receiving treatment for chronic shoulder, neck and back pain; osteoarthritis, degenerative discs in his lower back, low bone density and a variety of nerve conditions exacerbating

pain and weakness in his neck and back, and had had cervical spine surgery in the fall of 2012.

The patient bounced around from clinic to clinic beginning in 2011, when the VA reassigned him from his usual primary care clinic to one nearer his home. A year later he requested another transfer, and another six months after that.

He was also diagnosed with PTSD related to his service in Vietnam, depression, anxiety, “intermittent explosive disorder,” bipolar depression, steroid-induced mood disorder and alcohol abuse.

According to the investigation, “the patient was generally compliant and

motivated for MH [mental health] treatment and medication management; he rarely canceled an appointment.”

Yet by the winter of 2013, his condition had deteriorated significantly. His wife called a VA telephone triage during that time, telling them that her husband was in “excruciating pain,” even saying that he was “ready to blow his brains out.”

The telephone triage nurse sent a note to Suicide Prevention Staff about the call, but while they received it they did not contact her, the patient’s primary care provider or mental health care provider about his suicidal statements.

Three days later he visited a VA clinic, where a nurse noted that he said he “cannot take this pain much longer.”

“He is crying today,” wrote another VA health care provider at the time. “He has a lot of history of post-traumatic stress disorder and depression and generally not doing well.”

Despite this, the report “found no evidence PCP C [the health care provider] assessed the patient’s suicide risk or contacted the patient’s MH provider [who was co-located with PCP C] or Suicide Prevention Program staff

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History Rarely Exactly Repeats Itself

by Mike VanderBoegh,
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It does, however, often echo. “The time has come to change the tones of submission into tones of defiance.”

Rev. Jermain Wesley Loguen on why “I Won’t Obey the Fugitive Slave Law”

Whatever may be your decision, my ground is taken. I have declared it everywhere. It is known over the state and out of the state—over the line in the North, and over the line in the South. I don’t respect this law—I don’t fear it—I won’t obey it! It outlaws me, and I outlaw it, and the men who attempt to enforce it on me. I place the governmental officials on the ground that they place me. I will not live a slave, and if force is employed to re-enslave me, I shall make preparations to meet the crisis as becomes a man.

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Obama: U.S. Taxpayers Must Pay For Illegals’ Children

by Neil Munro,
DailyCaller.com

Illegal immigrants will receive huge payments from American taxpayers under rules now being imposed by President Barack Obama’s unilateral amnesty.

The illegals will get work-permits and Social Security cards, and will be required to pay taxes, according to Cecilia Munoz, the former immigration lobbyist who is now a top Obama aide.

That means they’re part of the tax system, she said, when she was asked if the illegals would get annual payments under the Earned Income Tax Credit program.

“They are subject to our tax law,” she said, carelessly.

Most households of illegals have very low income, and pay little in taxes. For example, in 2011, roughly 22 percent of immigrant households — both legal and illegal — were classified as living in poverty. In contrast, only 13 percent of American households were in poverty.

However, once illegal immigrants are enrolled in the tax system, they would be entitled to

EITC payments.

The payments may be huge, and will rise each year.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, two parents with three or more children would receive up to \$6,143 in 2014 if they earn less than \$46,997.

A family with two kids, and an income of \$20,000, would receive \$14,590 in taxpayer funds this year alone.

Parents who earn less than the threshold would get \$3,305 if they have one child, and \$5,460 if they have two children.

The EITC program is already poorly monitored and may be subject to large amounts of fraud, according to critics.

Another study says that 47 percent of legal and illegal immigrants and their children are classified as living in poverty or in near-poverty, according to the Center for Immigration Studies, which favors reduced annual immigration.

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Two More Colorado GOP Wins

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

While Democrats still control the Colorado State House, Republicans can add two more in the win column. Last night, (November 18th) Democrat Rep. Jenise May conceded, sending newcomer Republican JoAnn Windholz to the State House. Was it something we said?

After curing ballots, a process that verifies signatures or calls voters who did not sign their ballots, May lost by 106 votes. Prior to the process, she was down 110 votes. May’s seat was considered safe, and she noted that her race was swept up

in the Republican “wave”. In case you don’t happen to live in Adams County, here are a few facts about Windholz:

- Has lived in Adams County for over 35 years.
- Is a professional fundraiser
- Has three daughters and eight grandchildren
- Supports wildlife, education, and faith-based nonprofits

In other great news, J. Paul Brown also is headed back to the Colorado State Capitol after defeating Rep. Mike McLachlan by just 168 votes. McLachlan de-

feated Brown in 2012 when the Obama ground game was in full force. McLachlan blew his two years in Denver by not only betraying the trust of voters with his complicity in the 2013 Gun Grab, but, then, hiding from his constituents. Even worse, did not McLachlan vote for these ill-conceived laws? He actually introduced the ridiculously unenforceable 15-round mag ban, driving sportsmen out in droves and businesses from our state. Of course, he didn’t earn his nickname McNasty for nothing. He was also known to yell at little kids in parades. We think it’s pretty safe to say that Brown’s win elicited a collective cheer from gun

enthusiasts and kids who love parades.

The Democrats now only lead by a slim three-seat majority in the House (34-31), which could make ramming terrible legislation that only benefits their donors more difficult. The remaining House Democrats are pretty far from moderate. Maybe we will get our Christmas wish for a tumultuous 2015 legislative session. Please, Santa!

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Ohio School District Smacks Down Anti-theists – Gets a Pat on the Back for Doing So

by Tim Brown, FreedomOutPost.com

Licking Valley School District (Yes, the name is very strange I confess) in Ohio took a stand against the anti-theist group Freedom from Religion Foundation. The FFRF asked the district to cancel a school assembly that was put on by a Christian organization called Jubilee Gang, which the district invited as part of their education program to build character. The district refused to comply with the request and Alliance Defending Freedom decided to highlight their efforts in a recent letter.

“We write in support of the District’s decision not to prohibit school assemblies that contribute to its educational program based on the personal religious beliefs of the presenters,” the ADF letter read. “By advocating for the exclusion of people of faith from public life and—in particular—any participation in public schools, FFRF demonstrates that its demands are not based on law but on a blatant hostility to religion that directly conflicts with the First Amendment’s protection of religious free exercise.”

According to the letter, the Jubilee Gang presents a “secular program promoting character development and good citizenship to kick off Licking Valley Intermediate School’s Renaissance program, which rewards certain behavioral and academic goals.”

ADF said that the program was “consistent with the school’s curriculum” and “taught students to set goals, be a good example, make good choices, and persevere when you fail.”

Isn’t it interesting the things that the

anti-theists stand against? I think it’s actually quite telling, don’t you?

However, ADF rightly pointed out the lawless nature of the Freedom from Religion Foundation as they boldly declared, “Canceling the Jubilee Gang Assembly Would Have Violated the Free Exercise Clause.”

“The Free Exercise Clause prohibits government from ‘regulat[ing] or prohibit[ing] conduct because it is undertaken for religious reasons.’” The letter continued, citing Church of the Lukumi Babalu Aye v. City of Hialeah, 508 U.S. 520, 532 (1993). “But that is exactly what FFRF demands that the District do by prohibiting Jubilee Gang assemblies based on the presenters’ religious motivations. It has been abundantly clear for decades that ‘government . . . cannot in a selective manner impose burdens only on conduct motivated by religious belief,’ such as presenting at public schools, without running afoul ‘of the rights guaranteed by the Free Exercise Clause.’”

“Public schools should be commended when they decline to give in to unfounded threats by those who misunderstand the First Amendment,” said ADF Senior Legal Counsel Jeremy Tedesco. “Licking Valley School District was right to reject Freedom From Religion Foundation’s false view that neutrality toward religion requires schools to reject beneficial programs simply because they are presented by Christians. That is not neutrality but targeted religious discrimination that the First Amendment forbids.”

“Attacking educational programs that provide children with non-reli-

gious character-building lessons just because the presenters happen to be Christian is shameful,” ADF Litigation Staff Counsel Rory Gray added. “We hope other school districts follow Licking Valley’s example and stand up to the illegitimate demands of anti-religious groups that distort the meaning of the First Amendment.”

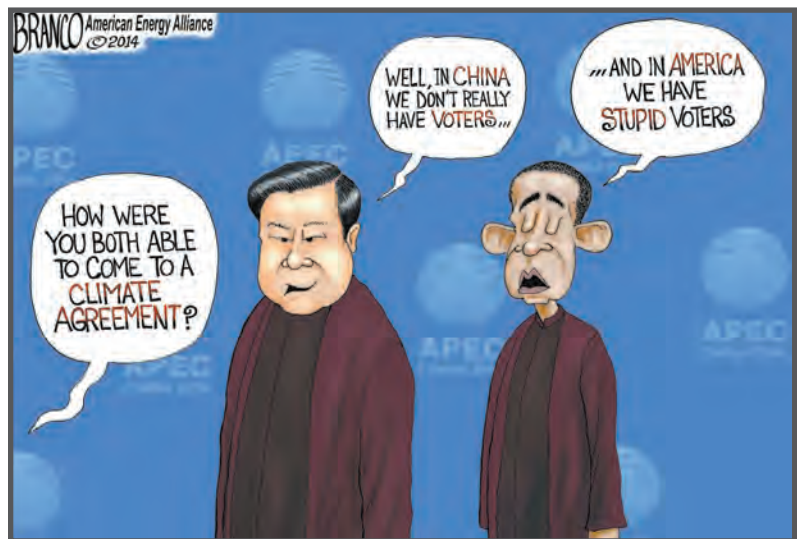
Ultimately, the legal counsel of ADF commended the school district for their courageous and lawful stand against the anti-theist Freedom from Religion Foundation.

“Your District was right to reject FFRF’s unjustified demands and to provide students with the important information communicated at the Jubilee Gang assembly,” the group of ADF attorney wrote to the school.

Licking Valley is doing what others have done in the face of the bullying tactics of the anti-theists. They are simply following in the footsteps of cheerleaders who will not allow their prayers to be silenced, Georgia schools who want to honor God in prayer and with monuments of His faithfulness.

Once again, those who stand up for righteousness and truth find their reward in victory against those who are opposed to God and law. Well done Licking Valley School District, well done!

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(Editor/GG: Well, don't know what to make of this. Extremely innovative. Wish it was in 9mm. Not many rounds for a .380. You can't argue with its concealability. Some of the gun blogs were funny: Does it get both AM and FM? Does it take T-50 standard staples? The laser and light is a replaceable module by Laserlyte (good stuff). My main issue is grip and aiming. If you hold it in the normal straight up grip you have been using forever, the top of the gun will be tilted to the left of your normal head position. But they will sell a ton of these.....)



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Another Gun Free Zone: Three Students Injured, Suspect Killed by Police In FSU Library

by Bob Owens,
BearingArms.com

Once again, a madman picked a "gun-free zone" to find victims.

Once again, it was "good guys with guns" that stopped him:

At approximately 12:30 a.m. local time Florida State University Police Department received a call about an armed subject at the Stroz Library, Tallahassee police said in a statement. On the way to the call, officers received word that one person was shot by the gunman.

The third victim was grazed, police said in the press conference. That student was treated at the scene and released.

The officers arrived at the library and located the gunman at the near entrance of the building. Officers ordered the gunman to drop the weapon, but he fired at the officers. The officers returned fire killing the man.

In a press conference Thursday morning, police assured that the shooting was an isolated incident and there is not further threat on campus.

A nursing supervisor at Tallahassee Memorial Health Care told the Associated Press that the hospital was treating two people for gunshot wounds early Thursday. One patient was reported as critical and the other in stable condition. Hospital officials had no information about whether they could expect more patients.

Police did not say if the wounded were shot by the gunman. However, senior Sarah Evans from Miami said she was inside the library and heard a male student say he had been shot. When she looked at him, he was on the ground with blood spreading on his pants leg.

Shortly after 4 a.m., a loud tone sounded across the

campus followed by an announcement that the campus was "all clear."

The two hospitalized students are in critical and stable condition.

An eyewitness claims that a group of five responding officers from two police forces converged on the attacker outside the entrance to the library and ordered him to drop a weapon multiple times, but that the attacker was noncompliant. It was at that point a volley of shots were fired and the attacker was killed.

Classes have been canceled for the day at Florida State.

The motive for the attack is unknown at this time.

92% of mass attacks happen in so-called "gun free zones."

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Principal Suspended, Officer Reassigned After "Active Shooter" Drill Using Live Weapons

by Bob Owens,
BearingArms.com

We told you last week about the absurd situation in Winter Haven, Florida, where an unannounced "active shooter" drill in Jewett Middle Academy terrified students and teachers alike.

Adding to the horror was the fact that at least one officer participating in the drill was using his service weapon, filled with live rounds in the magazine and in the chamber as he "cleared" rooms with another officer armed with an unloaded but real AR-15.

Considering the default level of training for most police officers, we were irate.

We've been reading almost weekly about officers shooting themselves and others during training at firing ranges, and two officers have been killed in the last two months while training (one in Texas, and one in Pennsylvania) in much more controlled sit-

uations. Despite this harsh reality, this police chief is sending armed men into classrooms containing dozens of students and teachers who have no idea what is going on, and where a true "safe direction" (such as a range backstop) simply doesn't exist.

This is a recipe for disaster.

If I were a Winter Haven parent, I'd seriously be questioning the judgment of both the school administrators that allowed officers to terrify students and staff to "educate them," and that of the Winter Haven Police, who unnecessarily put the lives of students at risk.

School Superintendent Kathryn Leroy apparently shares my disgust for the absurd and dangerous situation, and is taking step to ensure it will never happen again.

Principal Jacquelyn Moore has been suspended and a school resource officer has been reassigned to road patrol. It sparked an internal

investigation and changes to district policy.

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Superintendent Kathryn Leroy is apologizing to students and parents for the scare at the school and claiming the principal used bad judgment, when allowing officers to use guns during the drill. Leroy promises it will never happen again.

Parents say it better not. "I have never requested an active shooter drill be performed with students present and officers having weapons in their hands," says Leroy.

Sadly, it appears that Winter Haven Police Chief Charlie Bird has learned nothing from this incident. He was last heard defending the drill, including the fact that his now reassigned school resource officer had a real weapon drawn and a live cartridge in the chamber as he moved from room to room.

If I were a resident of Winter Haven I'd be asking the town to reexamine Chief Bird's credentials. Any police officer that thinks sending armed men into a building filled with unsuspecting children and adults for training purposes lacks discernment.

Winter Haven could use a chief that won't so carelessly put his community's most precious assets—its children—at risk.

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Delayed Enforcement: A Common Strategy

by Dean Weingarten, Gun-Watch.BlogSpot.com

It has been a common tactic of disarmists, statist, leftists, or whatever name you wish to apply to those who desire the concentration of power, to incrementally accrete more and more power to the government. The founding fathers of the American republic knew that there was a natural tendency to do this, as laws, once passed, are extremely difficult to repeal. One of the reasons this is so is that it is easy for authorities to simply not enforce unpopular laws. This removes the incentive to repeal them, but allows them to be available for whatever purpose the authorities desire when they decide to use them.

This is often the case with firearms law. The important thing for the disarmists is the get the law passed. Enforcement is secondary. They must establish the principle that the state decides who may be armed, and who may not. Because these laws are seen as illegitimate by people who are knowledgeable, enforcement is often delayed. Once enough time has passed that opposition has died down, enforcement is stepped up, as politics and propaganda dictate.

Enforcement of British laws was slowly tightened and intensified over decades, as documented by Professor Joyce Lee Malcolm in her scholarly work, Guns and Violence, the En-

glish Experience. In the United States, the 1934 National Firearms Act NFA was rarely enforced for decades. Initially, the act only applied to firearms transported across state lines. Then the courts, through a number of increasingly bizarre rulings, expanded federal power through the commerce clause to include virtually all commerce. By 1994, the NFA was used as the pretext to raid the Branch Davidian religious commune in Waco, Texas, although the actual reason for the raid was later given as child abuse, for which the federal government has no authority.

A New York case is a recent example. From foxnews.com:

A plan by police in Buffalo, N.Y., to begin confiscating the firearms of legal gun owners within days of their deaths is drawing fire from Second Amendment advocates.

The plan is legal under a longstanding, but rarely enforced state law, but gun rights advocates say, with apologies to onetime NRA spokesman Charlton Heston, it is tantamount to prying firearms - some of which may have substantial monetary or sentimental value - from the cold, dead hands of law-abiding citizens

In California, the ban on certain semi-automatic rifles was later ruled to include many that had been

excluded previously, by the state Attorney General. Now the law forbidding possession of guns by certain groups of people is being aggressively enforced, as computer generated lists of "prohibited" persons are turned over to special firearms confiscation squads.

The pattern is that the law is passed, it is not rigorously enforced, and then, years or decades later, enforcement is pushed, with the solemn pronouncement that the law has been on the "books", and is sanctified by age.

Some gun owners scoff at the passage of laws that they deem "unenforceable". They do so at the peril of future generations. The law may be unenforceable and unpopular now, but that can change with technological innovation and the control of the educational system.

It is no accident that so called "Universal Background Check" laws require the recording of firearm information such as make, model, and serial number. This information is spurious to a background check. Any system that requires it is obviously setting the stage for a future registration system.

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after documenting that the patient was crying and 'generally not doing well.' Although we noted PCP C documented a plan to place a MH consult, the consult was not placed."

Soon after he was admitted to a non-VA hospital for his unmanageable pain where he stayed for over three weeks. During this time he again talked repeatedly about wanting to harm himself because of the pain, even saying he wanted to jump out a window. Despite receiving three psychiatric evaluations at the hospital before he was discharged (one psychiatrist noted "the patient endorsed suicidal and homicidal ideation"), hospital staff never contacted VA mental health services about his condition.

He committed suicide just a few days after he was discharged from the hospital.

Despite the man's complicated health situation, requiring treatment at a variety of VA and non-VA facilities, it was not case managed, which "provides a formal process for

planning, managing, and communicating a patient's health care needs in an interdisciplinary setting."

"We determined that, had the patient's care been case managed, his medical and psychiatric needs may have been recognized and communicated to a [VA Mental Health] provider prior to his hospital discharge," the report explained. "Additionally, had a case manager been assigned, a social worker or suicide prevention professional may have been alerted to the patient's psychiatric state during his hospitalization and at discharge. Finally, we determined that had a case manager with a MH background been assigned, the case manager may have better appreciated the significance of the patient's chronic pain, mental health diagnosis, and psychosocial stressors."

Overall, the report concluded that "communication breakdowns and providers' failures to review information available in the patient's EHR [electronic health record] during care transitions compromised the patient's MH and primary care. The exchange of health care information

was particularly important for this high-risk MH patient with a complex psychosocial background and chronic pain history who was treated by multiple clinicians."

Most damaging, the investigators "found no indication in the EHR that VA providers analyzed the patient's multiple suicide risk factors: high-risk age group, history of trauma (PTSD), chronic pain, a diagnosed mental illness, a history of aggressiveness, a previous suicide attempt, loss of a family relationship [his daughter had recently moved away], and easy access to firearms."

In what will be little comfort to the grieving widow, the report said that "VHA has extensive policy specifications to help ensure a patient's MH course is comprehensively and continuously monitored but, in the totality of this case, the policy was more abstract than applied."

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against the wrath of my enemies,
And Your right hand will save me.*

Psalm 138:7, NKJV

On Sheep, Wolves, and Sheepdogs

By LTC (RET) Dave Grossman, author of "On Killing"

"Honor never grows old, and honor rejoices the heart of age. It does so because honor is, finally, about defending those noble and worthy things that deserve defending, even if it comes at a high cost. In our time, that may mean social disapproval, public scorn, hardship, persecution, or as always, even death itself. The question remains: What is worth defending? What is worth dying for? What is worth living for?"

William J. Bennett in a lecture to the United States Naval Academy November 24, 1997

One Vietnam veteran, an old, retired colonel, once said this to me:

"Most of the people in our society are sheep. They are kind, gentle, productive creatures who can only hurt one another by accident." This is true. Remember, the murder rate is six per 100,000 per year, and the aggravated assault rate is four per 1,000 per year. What this means is that the vast majority of Americans are not inclined to hurt one another. Some estimates say that two million Americans are victims of violent crimes every year, a tragic, staggering number, perhaps an all-time record rate of violent crime. But there are almost 300 million Americans, which means that the odds of being a victim of violent crime is considerably less than one in a hundred on any given year. Furthermore, since many violent crimes are committed by repeat offenders, the actual number of violent citizens is considerably less than two million.

"Thus there is a paradox, and we must grasp both ends of the situation: We may well be in the most violent times in history, but violence is still remarkably rare. This is because most citizens are kind, decent people who are not capable of hurting each other, except by accident or under extreme provocation. They are sheep.

"I mean nothing negative by calling them sheep. To me it is like the pretty, blue robin's egg. Inside it is soft and gooey but someday it will grow into something wonderful. But the egg cannot survive without its hard blue shell. Police officers, soldiers, and other warriors are like that shell, and someday the civilization they protect will grow into something wonderful. For now, though, they need warriors to protect them from the predators.

"Then there are the wolves," the old war veteran said, "and the wolves

feed on the sheep without mercy." Do you believe there are wolves out there who will feed on the flock without mercy? You better believe it. There are evil men in this world and they are capable of evil deeds. The moment you forget that or pretend it is not so, you become a sheep. There is no safety in denial.

"Then there are sheepdogs," he went on, "and I'm a sheepdog. I live to protect the flock and confront the wolf."

"If you have no capacity for violence then you are a healthy productive citizen, a sheep. If you have a capacity for violence and no empathy for your fellow citizens, then you have defined an aggressive sociopath, a wolf. But what if you have a capacity for violence, and a deep love for your fellow citizens? What do you have then? A sheepdog, a warrior, someone who is walking the hero's path. Someone who can walk into the heart of darkness, into the universal human phobia, and walk out unscathed."

Let me expand on this old soldier's excellent model of the sheep, wolves, and sheepdogs. We know that the sheep live in denial, that is what makes them sheep. They do not want to believe that there is evil in the world. They can accept the fact that fires can happen, which is why they want fire extinguishers, fire sprinklers, fire alarms, and fire exits throughout their kids' schools.

But many of them are outraged at the idea of putting an armed police officer in their kid's school. Our children are thousands of times more likely to be killed or seriously injured by school violence than fire, but the sheep's only response to the possibility of violence is denial. The idea of someone coming to kill or harm their child is just too hard, and so they chose the path of denial.

There is no safety for honest men except by believing all possible evil of evil men.

- Edmund Burke

The sheep generally do not like the sheepdog. He looks a lot like the wolf. He has fangs and the capacity for violence. The difference, though, is that the sheepdog

must not, cannot, and will not ever harm the sheep. Any sheep dog who intentionally harms the lowliest little lamb will be punished and removed. The world cannot work any other way, at least not in a representative democracy or a republic such as ours.

"Then there are sheepdogs, and I'm a sheepdog. I live to protect the flock and confront the wolf."

Still, the sheepdog disturbs the sheep. He is a constant reminder that there are wolves in the land. They would prefer that he didn't tell them where to go, or give them traffic tickets, or stand at the ready in our airports in camouflage fatigues holding an M-16. The sheep would much rather have the sheepdog cash in his fangs, spray paint himself white, and go, "Baa."

Until the wolf shows up. Then the entire flock tries desperately to hide behind one lonely sheepdog.

The students, the victims, at Columbine High School were big, tough, high school students, and under ordinary circumstances they would not have had the time of day for a police officer. They were not bad kids; they just had nothing to say to a cop. When the school was under attack, however, and SWAT teams were clearing the rooms and hallways, the officers had to physically peel those clinging, sobbing kids off of them. This is how the little lambs feel about their sheepdog when the wolf is at the door.

Look at what happened after September 11, 2001, when the wolf pounded hard on the door. Remember how America, more than ever before, felt differently about their law enforcement officers and military personnel? Remember how many times you heard the word hero?

Understand that there is nothing morally superior about being a sheepdog; it is just what you choose to be. Also understand that a sheepdog is a funny critter: He is always sniffing around out on the perimeter, checking the breeze, barking at things that go bump in the night, and yearning for a righteous battle. That is, the young sheepdogs yearn for a righteous battle. The old sheepdogs are a little older and wiser, but they move to the sound of

the guns when needed right along with the young ones.

Here is how the sheep and the sheepdog think differently. The sheep pretend the wolf will never come, but the sheepdog lives for that day. After the attacks on September 11, 2001,

most of the sheep, that is, most citizens in America said, "Thank God, I wasn't on one of those planes." The sheepdogs, the warriors, said, "Dear God, I wish I could have been on one of those planes. Maybe I could have made a difference." When you are truly transformed into a warrior and have truly invested yourself into warriorhood, you want to be there. You want to be able to make a difference.

There is nothing morally superior about the sheepdog, the warrior, but he does have one real advantage. Only one. And that is that he is able to survive and thrive in an environment that destroys 98 percent of the population. There was research conducted a few years ago with individuals convicted of violent crimes. These cons were in prison for serious, predatory crimes of violence: assaults, murders, and killing law enforcement officers. The vast majority said that they specifically targeted victims by body language: slumped walk, passive behavior and lack of awareness. They chose their victims like big cats do in Africa, when they select one out of the herd that is least able to protect itself.

Some people may be destined to be sheep and others might be genetically primed to be wolves or sheepdogs. But I believe that most people can choose which one they want to be, and I'm proud to say that more and more Americans are choosing to become sheepdogs.

Seven months after the attack on September 11, 2001, Todd Beamer was honored in his hometown of Cranbury, New Jersey. Todd, as you recall, was the man on Flight 93 over Pennsylvania who called on his cell phone to alert an operator from United Airlines about the hijacking. When he learned of the other three passenger planes that had been used as weapons, Todd dropped

A Sheepdog Barks!

WOOF! HOWL! BAA! From time to time I am asked by new readers, "What's up with the 'Sheepdog Barks' column and all those animal sounds?" Please read the adjacent article by Lieutenant Colonel Dave Grossman, U S Army (Retired). It is long but full of important thoughts. The old, retired, Army Vietnam veteran he quotes had it exactly right. Sheep are in denial and need protecting. If you've read it before, read it again. I read it over and over. All sheepdogs should refresh and renew their spirit every so often. The message from LTC Grossman is mostly about stopping evil. I believe that those liberals (aka wolves) who are trying to destroy America are evil. When they speak, they HOWL! I believe most Americans are sheep. They do little or nothing. When they speak they go



BAA! I have decided to be a sheepdog and protect the sheep's liberties and freedoms from the wolves. I go WOOF! It is an "alarm bark" which warns the sheep of the presence of or the actions of the wolves (aka LPsDs) and our need to be vigilant and fight back. Join me. We need millions more sheepdogs. Write me back at the paper. I would love to hear your barks. WOOF! WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH

his phone and uttered the words, "Let's roll," which authorities believe was a signal to the other passengers to confront the terrorist hijackers. In one hour, a transformation occurred among the passengers - athletes, business people, and parents. -- from sheep to sheepdogs and together they fought the wolves, ultimately saving an unknown number of lives on the ground.

There is no safety for honest men except by believing all possible evil of evil men.
- Edmund Burke

Here is the point I like to emphasize, especially to the thousands of police officers and soldiers I speak to each year. In nature the sheep, real sheep, are born as sheep. Sheepdogs are born that way, and so are wolves. They didn't have a choice. But you are not a critter. As a human being, you can be whatever you want to be. It is a conscious, moral decision.

If you want to be a sheep, then you can be a sheep and that is okay, but you must understand the price you pay. When the wolf comes, you and your loved ones are going to die if there is not a sheepdog there to protect you. If you want to be a wolf, you can be one, but the sheepdogs are going to hunt you down and you will never have rest, safety, trust or love. But if you want to be a sheepdog and walk the warrior's path, then you must make a conscious and moral decision every day to dedicate, equip, and prepare yourself to thrive in that toxic, corrosive moment when the wolf comes knocking at the door.

For example, many offi-

cers carry their weapons in church. They are well concealed in ankle holsters, shoulder holsters, or inside-the-belt holsters tucked into the small of their backs. Anytime you go to some form of religious service, there is a very good chance that a police officer in your congregation is carrying. You will never know if there is such an individual in your place of worship, until the wolf appears to massacre you and your loved ones.

I was training a group of police officers in Texas, and during the break, one officer asked his friend if he carried his weapon in church. The other cop replied, "I will never be caught without my gun in church." I asked why he felt so strongly about this, and he told me about a cop he knew who was at a church massacre in Ft. Worth, Texas, in 1999. In that incident, a mentally deranged individual came into the church and opened fire, gunning down fourteen people. He said that officer believed he could have saved every life that day if he had been carrying his gun. His own son was shot, and all he could do was throw himself on the boy's body and wait to die. That cop looked me in the eye and said, "Do you have any idea how hard it would be to live with yourself after that?"

Some individuals would be horrified if they knew this police officer was carrying a weapon in church. They might call him paranoid and would probably scorn him. Yet these same individuals would be enraged

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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 People Went to Sleep

Approximately 100 members of Congress meeting in prayer before each piece of legislation is voted on...that sounds like a fantasy bordering on the unbelievable but if it's true, this is "as cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." (Proverbs 25:25)

I cannot report this tidbit of information as fact cast in concrete, but this story has come to me from two reliable individuals. My sources indicated that this element of the Congressional delegation came to the realization that Washington, D.C., has sunk into such a quagmire of decay that no political remedy could pull the horse from the quicksand. Faced with that sobering reality some representatives may have actually turned to the God whose "eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from my eyes." (Jeremiah 16:17)

Regardless of the veracity of these reports, one cannot help but wonder what part an unseen HAND played in the outcome of recent elections. Thousands of Americans prayed fervently prior to the 2012 campaign only to be disappointed by the results. The Burger King generation cannot tolerate a lunch that is not delivered the way it was ordered. News Flash...God doesn't flip burgers; what He cooks is generally slow and methodical. The Scripture still says, "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

Some strict adherents to Bible prophecy become fatalistic, forgetting that God can speed events up or slow them down according to His Divine discretion. God's Word is constructed in such a supernatural way that the LORD can do this without violating one of His forecasts. God's timing is somewhat conditional as evidenced in II Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

II Kings 21 features two of the worst kings that Judah ever had. These scoundrels reigned for a total of 57 years and led the nation into such debauchery that God could only pronounce condemnation on them. In spite of their reckless living and reigning, God's "mercy endureth forever." (Psalm 106:1) The son and grandson of these charlatans was installed as the next king at the ripe old age of eight. Astonishingly, the Divine verdict of this young man is "he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the ways of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left." When Josiah was twenty-six he became concerned for the rundown condition of the Temple and ordered some reconstruction. During the process the high priest Hilkiah discovered the "book of the law" in the dust covered archives of the long ignored. The book was delivered to the scribe Shaphan who read it to the king producing: "when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent

his clothes." Josiah's complete come apart was due to the declarations of judgment summarized in "for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book."

Further interpretation was desired and so the search began to find a qualified person with enough Biblical knowledge to render comment. The seekers eventually landed on the doorstep of a woman prophetess named Huldah who appeared to have a real handle on the situation and indicated that God would grant a reprieve if His conditions were met. Josiah set in motion a number of reforms that were predicated upon his own reading of the book to the inhabitants of his kingdom. (II Kings 23:2) What followed was the greatest revival recorded in Scripture.

The great mystery is how many Huldahs were praying during the eighteen years of Josiah's growing up years prior to his "great awakening." How many little old ladies living in a one room log cabin in the Ozarks have a better comprehension of the plight of America and its only salvation that the political elites. That knowledge comes from time on their knees and in the Book.

Dating back to the days of FDR and forward, some of the most progressive, left wing pieces of legislation have been passed when the Republicans were in control. Why? The people left the mode of watchdog and went to sleep, assuming all is well. America, keep praying, perhaps God is up to something.

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and would call for "heads to roll" if they found out that the airbags in their cars were defective, or that the fire extinguisher and fire sprinklers in their kids' school did not work. They can accept the fact that fires and traffic accidents can happen and that there must be safeguards against them.

Their only response to the wolf, though, is denial, and all too often their response to the sheepdog is scorn and disdain. But the sheepdog quietly asks himself, "Do you have any idea how hard it would be to live with yourself if your loved ones were attacked and killed, and you had to stand there helplessly because you were unprepared for that day?"

It is denial that turns people into sheep. Sheep are psychologically destroyed by combat because their only defense is denial, which is counterproductive and destructive, resulting in fear, helplessness and horror when the wolf shows up.

Denial kills you twice. It kills you once, at your moment of truth when you are not physically prepared: you didn't bring your gun, you didn't train. Your only defense was wishful thinking. Hope is not a strategy. Denial kills you a second time because even if you do physically survive, you are psychologically shattered by your fear helplessness and horror at your moment of truth.

Gavin de Becker puts it like this in Fear Less, his superb post-9/11 book, which should be required reading for anyone trying to come to terms with our current world situation: "...denial can be seductive,

but it has an insidious side effect. For all the peace of mind deniers think they get by saying it isn't so, the fall they take when faced with new violence is all the more unsettling."

Denial is a save-now-pay-later scheme, a contract written entirely in small print, for in the long run, the denying person knows the truth on some level.

And so the warrior must strive to confront denial in all aspects of his life, and prepare himself for the day when evil comes. If you are a warrior who is legally authorized to carry a weapon and you step outside without that weapon, then you become a sheep, pretending that the bad man will not come today. No one can be "on" 24/7, for a lifetime. Everyone needs down time. But if you are authorized to carry a weapon, and you walk outside without it, just take a deep breath, and say this to yourself... "Baa."

This business of being a sheep or a sheep dog is not a yes-no dichotomy. It is not an all-or-nothing, either-or choice. It is a matter of degrees, a continuum. On one end is an abject, head-in-the-sand-sheep and on the other end is the ultimate warrior. Few people exist completely on one end or the other. Most of us live somewhere in between. Since 9-11 almost everyone in America took a step up that continuum, away from denial. The sheep took a few steps toward accepting and appreciating their warriors, and the warriors started taking their job more seriously. The degree to which you move up that continuum, away from sheepland and denial, is the degree to which you and your loved ones will survive, physically and psychologically at your moment of truth.

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