

Court Finds County Acted Properly in Land Dispute Commissioner Attebery Vindicated

by Paul Sage

Custer County’s role in the land dispute between Robert S. Hamilton, Jr., and Michael and Laura Halpin has been resolved in the District Court without the anticipated fanfare.

The district court decision was entered on March 18th granting Custer County’s request for a partial summary judgment in the case. Summary judgments “were designed to enable parties and courts to expedite litigation by avoiding needless trials,” according to the court decision.

To summarize, the case revolves around a dispute over the piece of land on which County Road 390 rests in Wetmore. The dispute has been between Mr. Hamilton and the Halpins, and has resulted in large legal expenses to the parties involved.

As is commonly the case, road easements may, of necessity, pass through land

owned by private parties. In this case, County Road 390 passed through land subsequently purchased by Mr. Hamilton and provides the exclusive access to the Halpin’s property. Mr. Hamilton wanted to install a cattle guard and/or gate in various proposals across the road, which was seen as a restriction of access to their property by the Halpins.

The dispute was previously litigated in the district court, and that court resolved the issue in a 2006 ruling that held in part, “The court finds as a matter of law that the county has exercised control over the length of road in question for a period of 33 years prior to the 1985 easement and as such the county, not Hamilton or Halpin, owned the right-of-way easement for county road purposes for a distance of 1.07 miles from the western boundary of the Hamilton property easterly toward the boundary of the Hamilton/Halpin property. As such, the ease-

ment entered into in 1985 cannot create rights and obligations on the county roads in favor or any adjoining or burdened land-owners separate and apart from the county’s right to control the use of the county traveled right-of-way.”

This decision was not satisfactory to Mr. Hamilton and therefore the current legal action was commenced by him and also challenged the county’s authority to resolve the dispute by deeding the road easement to the Halpins.

In this court action, it was alleged that the county didn’t have the right to deed the land, didn’t follow proper procedure in the process, or that the transfer wasn’t legal because no “proper consideration” was exchanged for the property deeded.

On all counts the court ruled these claims to be baseless.

On the first claim the court

found that “there is no basis as a matter of law or fact for declaring the county deed null and void because the county lacked statutory or common law authority to convey its interest in CR 390 to the Halpins.”

On the second claim the court found that “there is no basis for declaring the county deed null and void because Commissioner Attebery signed it on September 30, 2010, five days before the BOCC authorized him to convey the subject property to the Halpins.” On this issue the court found that “under Colorado law, property is conveyed upon delivery of a deed, not its execution.” And the court further found that “the BOCC ratified the county deed prior to recording it in the Custer County Clerk and Recorder’s office.”

To the other claim, the court found that there is no basis for inquiring into the adequacy of consideration exchanged for the execution of the county

deed, let alone invalidating the county deed for lack of consideration.” As evidence of proper consideration the court listed the fact that the county no longer had to expend resources to maintain the road, and also saw extricating itself from the ongoing litigation with Mr. Hamilton as valuable consideration for the exchange.

In short, the court found that Mr. Hamilton was not harmed in any way by the county because the “Plaintiff has no property interest (in CR 390) that can be taken.”

The court did find that there remains one factual issue to be resolved between Mr. Hamilton and the Halpins in the upcoming court hearing. That issue, to which the county is not a party, is the width of the road easement in question. That, as well as who might be

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Sangre Distilleries Wins Silver Medal

Steve Rorick, the owner of the brand new Sangre Distilleries in Westcliffe, was sure shocked a few weeks ago when his Wet Mountain Rum entrant in the 2015 Denver International Spirit Competition was awarded a coveted Silver Medal in the White Rum category. In its fourth year, the competition receives entries from all around the world and Steve, whose brand new distillery company just got federal approval to operate a few months ago, decided to just “give it a try”. Getting a silver medal in his first international competition is impressive to say the least.

Steve will be opening his tasting room on Friday, April 10th, at 307 Main Street, Westcliffe. There you can sample his multiple products (including the award winning White Rum and also other varieties including Spiced Rum and Blackberry Flavored Rum). You can buy drinks with Sangre Distilleries liquor in it and even purchase bottles to go. He is initially plan-



Steve Rorick of Sangre Distilleries.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

ning on being open Friday, Saturday and Sunday through spring.

The bar inside is simply beautiful. The chairs and the bar itself are made out of old, local mining timbers with tremendous colors. The work was done by one of our local craftsman, James Jarard of Moonshine Cabinets in Silver Cliff. So, drop by on April 10 and get a taste of the valley’s international Silver Medal award winner and say hello to Steve.



Fort Carson Wounded Warrior Fund Drive Update

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“The Lord is my helper;
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Hebrews 13:6 NKJV

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From the Editorial Board

The 1st of April

Suggestions for Parents to Prank their Kids

Next Wednesday is April 1st or April Fool’s Day. We all know that April Fool’s Day is an observance on that day during which merriment is expected to reign and pranks, practical jokes, and harmless hoaxes are socially sanctioned. These practices range from simple tricks played on family, friends, and co-workers to elaborate media hoaxes concocted for mass consumption. Trying to figure out exactly when April Fool’s Day started and who started it is very difficult. There are several possible origins, but the most common one is that it has to do when the New Year (April 1st) was changed to January 1st. This happened around 1582 when France adopted the Gregorian Calendar. According to popular lore, some folks, out of ignorance, stubbornness, or both, continued to ring in the New Year on April 1st and were made the butt of jokes and pranks on account of their “foolishness.” This became an annual tradition and spread throughout Europe and then the rest of the world. Some of the greatest hoaxes

occurred when the BBC in 1957 reported a news story that Switzerland was experiencing a bumper spaghetti crop harvest thanks to good weather and the eradication of the spaghetti weevil. Pictures showing farmers plucking pasta from trees was so believable that they had to run a retraction. In 1976 the BBC also told their listeners that a rare alignment of Pluto and Jupiter would occur at exactly 9:47 AM at which time everyone would experience a few moments of weightlessness. They got lots of calls confirming the experience. In 1996 Taco Bell ran a full-page ad in the *New York Times* saying they had purchased the Liberty Bell and were renaming it the “Taco Liberty Bell.” In 1998 Burger King announced the sale of the new “Left-Handed Whopper”, which would drip condiments from the right side of the burger only. All the above information was gleaned from about.com – urban legends.

Many pranks and tricks can be mean spirited. We don’t recommend those. However, for all the parents

out there, especially with younger kids, we have found some fun, easy, family-type pranks you might pull on your kids. Here is a Baker’s Dozen to choose from: Enjoy!

1. Almost Instant Dough-nuts? Show the kids a handful of Cheerios. Tell them they are “dough-nut seeds.” “Plant” them on a tray, lightly water, and place in a dark place like a closet or cabinet where they can’t be seen for 2-3 days. On April 1st, replace them with real dough-nuts and bring them out of the dark in front of the kids.
2. Green Milk? Put food coloring in a carton of milk. Let the kids pour their own glass or fill their cereal bowl. A variation that also works is to put some drops of food coloring under their cereal and when they pour the milk – voila.
3. Rotten Apples? Poke holes in an apple and put gummy worms in the holes.
4. Fake Juice! Fill a juice container with plain water and food coloring. Wait for the reaction of the “tasteless” juice.

5. The Bed Switch! After the kids fall asleep move them to their sibling’s bed. Watch the confusion upon waking up.

6. Ice Cream Sundae? Tell the kids there will be ice cream sundaes for dinner. They’ll be ecstatic. Make the sundaes out of mashed potatoes and gravy. Later bring out the Blue Bell.

7. Brownies Anyone? Tell the kids they can have as many brownies as they would like. Then bring out a baking pan full of letter E’s cut from brown construction paper. Get it? Brown E’s!

8. “My Shoes are too Small!” Stuff toilet paper into the toe of your kid’s shoes. Works best if first thing in the morning you tell them that their feet look bigger.

9. Frozen Cereal! Put a bowl of your kid’s favorite cereal and milk in the freezer overnight.

10. Fake Eggs! Put a canned halved peach in a dollop of white yogurt and it looks just like a fried egg. Fun and they’ll want two.

11. Switched Cereal! Switch the inner cereal bags between two or three boxes of cereal. Watch the confusion.

12. Crazy Computer? If your kid uses a computer, you can go into the settings and switch the cursor to move in the opposite direction than it normally does.

13. Candied Apples? Make with onions on a stick covered in caramel. Need we say more?

Anyway, enjoy the day and don’t be mean. But be alert; kids are pretty good at this, too. If you have some family favorites, share them with us and we’ll pass them on next year.

We saw this story in the *Denver Post*: The first 1,000 fans that call the Denver Broncos ticket office (1-800-968-3665) beginning at one minute after midnight next Wednesday and ask for “Peyton” will receive free... oh never mind. Only fools rush in where wise men..., or something like that. Let the showers begin!





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To My Three Guardian Angels,

I just wanted to write a note of thanks to my three guardian angels that stopped to see if I was all right the night of the blinding snow storm. A gentleman named Mike was the first to stop to make sure I was all right. He took a phone number so he could call my husband. Then the first

deputy stopped. Then the second stopped. What a caring and wonderful community we live in. Needless to say I was scared out of my skin. Great job, boys.

Thanks again.
Arlene V. Roy

9MM Justification

By J Cascarelli

For those who don't read the entire *Sentinel*, I urge you to take another look at the article on last week's page 20, "Executive Summary of 9MM Justification for Law Enforcement Partners." If you own a handgun for personal protection, this is a must read. The byline credits the FBI Training Division and after reading the headline, it looks as if this article is for law enforcement only. Well, it is for law enforcement and it is also for all firearms owners. Not only should every gun owner read the article, but they should discuss the contents of the article with their family, friends, and colleagues.

The article starts out with twelve statements concerning handguns. For the most part these twelve statements are thought provoking. If I could talk to the author, I'd like him/her to explain statement #4. "Handgun stopping power is a myth." Personally, I don't get it. Those who use the phrase "stopping power" are referring to the ability of a single bullet to stop the fight. There are numerous other factors that could result in stopping the fight and the bullet is just one of them.

I'd be the first one to admit that most people who own a handgun have an unrealistic expectation of what that handgun will do. The American public has been exposed to Hollywood shootings for decades. Who hasn't seen "Dirty Harry" Callahan shoot some low life with his .44 Magnum Smith & Wesson and watched as the bad guy is propelled through a plate glass window or over the hood of a car. This, thank goodness, only happens in movies. Newton's third law explains why this scene could only happen in the mind of the screen writer who failed to take high school physics. But, this is the image that is in the mind of most Americans.

The simple fact is that even the great .44 Magnum is only a handgun. The most famous handgun Guru--Lt. Col. "Jeff" Cooper, USMC (Ret.)--wrote the book on combat handgun usage. He did everything in his power to make the .45 ACP and the Colt 1911, the standard by which all combat handguns are judged. He is the reason why five generations of handgun owners own and use the .45 Automatic Colt Pistol. He also said that the best use of a handgun is to use it to "fight your way

to a long gun." Col. Cooper knew that a handgun is relatively small, extremely reliable, and concealable, but if you knew in advance that there was going to be a gun fight, you should bring a rifle, a carbine, or a shotgun. It has become common practice over the years for police officers to have a handgun on his hip and a shotgun and/or a carbine in his vehicle. Back in the days of my youth, the beat policeman had to rely solely on a six shot, .38 Special revolver. But, it was a kinder gentler world back then and the average citizen respected the neighborhood beat cop.

Much more alarming is statement # 6. "LEOs [Law Enforcement Officers] miss between 70 – 80 percent of their shots during a shooting incident." This is shockingly true. The remedy is a simple one. The remedy is the same as the answer to the question, "How do you get to Carnegie Hall?... practice, practice, practice. How well do private citizen gun owners do at the gun range? That depends on numerous factors, the first of which is how much does the person practice. One of the

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The Chickens Come Home to Roost in the Grisly Murder of Unborn Baby

by Candy Thompson

Thanks to Planned Parenthood and our liberal democratic legislators who opposed so vehemently the Brady Amendment (Amendment 67) as well as those who knew better and sat back and did not support it in their sphere of influence, Dynel Lane will most likely not be charged with murder of the 7-month-unborn baby she cut out of the womb of Michelle Wilkins.

From the facts gleaned from the early reports, 34-year-old Dynel planned her demonic scheme using a Craigslist ad selling baby clothes to bait pregnant women in a premeditated plot to steal a baby. It is believed that Dynel Lane lured her victim to her home in Longmont, Colorado, after the former nurse's aide evidently had studied how to perform a cesarean and then used a three-inch knife to perform the grisly deed.

Then allegedly, after beating up 26 year old Michelle Wilkins, the unsuspecting pregnant buyer, Lane cut out the 7 month baby girl from Wilkins' womb and pretended she had a miscarriage, even taking the baby to the emergency room. She was arrested after her scheme was detected when the victim arrived at the same hospital after calling 911 when she was left to die in Lane's basement.

This bizarre case gets more bizarre with prosecutors trying to decide whether to charge Dynel Lane with murder because in Colo-

rado unborn babies aren't protected by our criminal laws and are not considered human beings unless they have lived outside the mother's womb.

The Brady Amendment, or Amendment 67, was defeated by the pro-abortion bunch in the last election with funds from taxpayers' money paid to Planned Parenthood so the criminal laws in Colorado do not include the unborn in murder cases such as this. Amendment 67 was outspent 4,000 to 1 and now we have no justice for Michelle Wilkins and her baby girl with Colorado being one of 12 states without fetal protection laws.

Unfortunately, this measure was also defeated because the people who should have absolutely no confusion about this issue did not stand up and support it in the pulpit or in the voting booths.

If any Christian does not know what God says about this, go to Exodus 21:22-25 that says if a woman has a miscarriage due to an accidental injury and the baby lives, the one who caused it has to pay according to the determination of the husband and the judge. However, if the premature baby dies in these accidental cases then the life of the person who caused its death is required a life for a life.

There should be no confusion in determining the charge in this case, but because Christians have not stood up and spoken the truth and have allowed

the influence of a pagan society to come into the church, we have this kind of ungodly, unjust law governing this state. As horrifying as this incident is to our sense of humanity, over 3,000 times a day, innocent babies are being ripped from their mothers' wombs legally with the consent of the mother and many times the father also, so this progression of evil really isn't surprising.

Many Christians worked hard to get Amendment 67 on the ballot but there was a lack of Christian support from the pulpits on an issue that is clearly defined in the scriptures. It is estimated that only 20% of the churches would even allow the petition in their churches. The mother who lost her baby lived but she may never get justice and a murderer will most likely not get charged with the death of a human being because the state of Colorado does not recognize what God clearly has spoken in His word: the unborn are considered human beings and should be treated so in cases of murder or injury.

Are pregnant women and their unborn babies in greater danger in Colorado because of this state's lack of protection from criminal assault and would stricter laws been a deterrent to Dynel Lane? Only a few months after voters denied protection to pregnant women, Colorado is in the spotlight in the most gruesome case that anyone could ever have imagined and the chickens have indeed come home to roost.



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Latest Improvements at the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District

The Wet Mountain Fire Protection District (WMFPD) is bringing their fleet up to date with pumping and water requirements to meet insurance service office recommendations. The first truck is a 4x4 KME with a pumping capacity of 1,000 gallons per minute and holding 600 gallons of water and 40 gallons of foam. The truck comes with a 30,000 pound front mount winch. This truck will be manned with four volunteer firefighters. It is specially used for the interface of wildland firefighting and structural firefighting. This truck also will have 800 feet of hose and 450 feet of attack line.

The second truck is a structural pumper which pumps 750 gallons per minute and holds 750 gallons of water and will have 800 feet of



WMFPD's newest addition to the fleet.

Courtesy photo by John Decker

hose and a 300 feet of attack line. This truck will be stationed at Bone Yard Park.

Also, the district is putting up a new fire station at Lake Deweese so newer trucks will fit inside the building. The building is in the works with DOLA, as the district has hopes of receiving a grant for this.

The total of heavy pumpers the district has, which means 750-gallons per minute as a minimum, and

500 gallons of water as a minimum, is five. They also have a 3,000 gallon tender with attack lines, and a 750-gallon-per-minute pump, and carries an assortment of hose and tools. There are 35 volunteers in the fire department and the WMFPD wants to provide the best equipment for the safety of the firefighters to ensure a safe and fast response to the taxpayers of the district. The department is under the direction of Dave Tonsing who is the fire chief for the WMFPD.

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tapped to pay all the previously incurred legal expenses should be resolved shortly in the upcoming case between Mr. Hamilton and the Halpins. The county is not a party to this dispute as it delivered a simple quit claim deed (not warranty deed) to the Halpins, and is precluded from the payment of another party's legal expenses by the governmental immunity act.

(Editor/GG: I read the entire findings/judgment by Judge Groome on this lawsuit. You rarely see such a short finding on a three-count complaint. Mr. Hamilton's lawsuit (via his LLC) was dismissed via Summary Judgment, which indicates that he had a very, very weak (read "non-ex-

istent") case against Custer County. This was a complete waste of taxpayer time and money. What is even more disturbing was the reporting on this case by the other paper in town. Read Judge Groome's judgment and the multiple articles written by the other paper's reporters on this subject. It almost doesn't seem like the same case. What you see in those articles is extremely poor research, a complete misunderstanding of common legal principles, a clear inability to apply the facts to the law, and slanted writing with an obvious vindictive political agenda. Judge Groome's findings completely eviscerate the other paper's attempted "hit" pieces on Commissioner Attebery. Apologies are due from that newspaper to the Commissioner for the unprofessionalism and simple outright vindictive bias of those articles.)

Families Matter in Custer County

is meeting on

Saturday, April 4, at 2 p.m.

in Lange Hall

located next to Hope Lutheran Church at 312 S. 3rd St. in Westcliffe

Another meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m.

at Lange Hall regarding training volunteers on suicide prevention. The speaker will be from the Pueblo Suicide Prevention



But with respect to future debt; would it not be wise and just for that nation to declare in the constitution they are forming that neither the legislature, nor the nation itself can validly contract more debt, than they may pay within their own age, or within the term of 19 years.

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Community Accountability Group Meeting

by Peggi Collins

Sheriff Shannon Byerly held his first "Meet with the Community," last week. It was attended by approximately 35 local residents. The Sheriff opened by saying that his office is there to "solve problems," and that residents should have the expectation that if they call the Sheriff's Office they will get a response. It may take a while if it is not an emergency, but they will definitely return the call. The Sheriff noted that he cannot go back to try to fix things that happened before he took office.

The Sheriff acknowledged that he had received complaints about his deputies enforcing traffic laws. He made it clear that they are writing, mostly, for 9-17 miles over the speed limit, and that they would continue to do so.

The first question was about the new proposed County Ordinance permitting ORVs to drive on county roads. The Sheriff explained that the proposed ordinance is presently in committee, but some of the requirements will be that the driver must have a valid Colorado driver's license, that the vehicle must be registered with the state (for parks), and be insured. The ORVs will have to obey all traffic laws

and, for violators, there will be graduated fines and the ability of the Sheriff to confiscate the vehicle for multiple violations.

A group of residents of Centennial Ranch then asked whether the Sheriff was aware of the on-going dispute among the property owners over what they believe is trespassing and a violation of the HOA's covenants by the Curtis'. The Sheriff said he was well aware of the issue and he expressed concern over tempers flaring and getting out of control to the extent that someone would get hurt. One of the residents asked whether the Sheriff could contact the State's Attorney General's Office and Sheriff Byerly said he would.

One of the attendees offered to put the Sheriff in touch with someone who could help write a grant to provide funds for cameras in the school. Another asked about the status of bringing in drug sniffing dogs. The Sheriff said there was a plan being developed and that he was working with the school on it.

With respect to juveniles disrespecting property by painting graffiti and moving benches, etc. into the street, Sheriff Byerly stated that the sooner his department is notified, the better

chance that it can catch the culprits. They recently did make an arrest, but it is generally the Sheriff's policy to take juveniles home to their parents. He mentioned that he thought the curfew in Westcliffe is much too late and he will be working with the town to make it earlier.

A question was asked about the state of disrepair of C.R. 220 over Grape Creek. Sheriff Byerly explained that there are several agencies, and a private landowner, involved. He is working with Roads and Bridges because it is clearly a safety hazard.

Another question was asked about the constant speeding on Main Street in Westcliffe. Sheriff Byerly acknowledged that it is an on-going problem and, clearly, another safety hazard. He stated that it is difficult to get an accurate radar reading because the gun has to have a straight-on-view of the vehicle.

It is easier to get readings on DeWeese Road (freeway), but the Sheriff's Office has limited resources and, until it is fully staffed, enforcement will be spotty.

Sheriff Byerly closed by asking for the public's help in being more vigilant and contacting his department anytime something appears out of the ordinary.

Easter Bake Sale

Our Lady of the Assumption is once again having our annual Easter Bake Sale.

It will be held on Saturday, April 4th, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Community Center next to the library.

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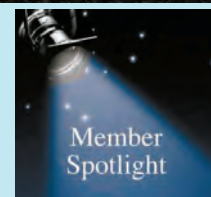
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Sentinel Reporter Receives Nobel Prize

In a first for any Colorado newspaper, Paul “Sage Grouse” Sage, one of The Sangre de Cristo Sentinel’s team of volunteer reporters was awarded the 2014 Nobel Prize For Journalism. The Stockholm, Sweden, based Nobel Prize Committee had over 2,000 nominees from all over the world for the 2014 award. The Committee’s Award commentary noted that Mr. Sage’s reporting was “original, fresh, and had the unique perspective of a volunteer citizen informing his fellow citizens of local events” and the structure of his articles are not the “stylized, archaic, pro-forma” products of most reporters. Mr. Sage is scheduled to fly to Stockholm on April 1st to receive his \$100,000 Nobel Prize stipend.

Custer County Broadband – Becoming a Reality

A Regional Broadband Strategic Plan was approved by the Board of the Upper Arkansas Council of Governments (UAA-COG) March 18th. This five-county plan is the culmination of a nine-month development effort impacting Custer, Fremont, Lake, Chaffee, and Park counties.

The Regional Five-Year Strategic Plan for Broadband Services and Deployment in a five-county area was created in coordination with the UAACOG Regional Broadband Strategic Plan Steering Committee representing the five collaborating counties and Mid-State Consultants – OHivey. Dale Mullen and Charles Bogle have been representing Custer County in the effort. Mullen heads the Custer County Local Technology Planning Team (CC LTPT), and Bogle chairs the privately funded Custer County Economic Development Corporation, of which Mullen is also a member.

The strategy was produced by Mid-States Consultants-OHivey of Sandy, Utah, and sponsored by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.

The Custer County Strategic Plan will be briefed at four meetings on April 6th, by Paul Recanzone, the pri-

mary author of the plan and the founder and President of OHivey:

10:30 Custer County Board of County Commissioners, Custer County Courthouse

12:00 Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club, The Mining Company Restaurant

2:00 Public Meeting, Rancher’s Roost Banquet Room

6:30 Public Meeting, Rancher’s Roost Banquet Room

In addition, members of the Custer County Local Technology Planning Team will be available at the following trustee meetings to support additional questions relating to the plan.

5:30 Monday, April 6th, Silver Cliff Board of Trustee Meeting

5:30 Tuesday, April 7th, Westcliffe Board of Trustee Meeting

For updates on the Custer County Economic Development Corporation, visit their Facebook Page.

For additional information relating to the scheduled meetings contact: Charles Bogle, Chairman, at 719.371.0048 or Email: ccEconDevC@gmail.com

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Local laws: It is the responsibility of attendees to know and comply with all Colorado and Federal Firearms Laws. Denver has an “Assault Weapons” Ban for rifles with mags over 20 rounds, also mags over 20 rounds are banned. Although there are provisions for a non-resident passing through, it is best to keep weapons cased and simply avoid stopping in Denver altogether. They will arrest you and make you hire a lawyer to get your rifle back. There is no state “Assault Weapons” Ban. Open carry is legal in Colorado except in some cities (don’t press your luck in cities; they’ll find something else to charge you with). Concealed carry requires a permit. No loaded long arms in vehicles - chamber must be empty (hunting law); handguns OK.

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Town of Hillside Purchased by Chris Seegers

by Larry Luikart

Just into Fremont County on U.S. Hwy 69 sits a collection of antique buildings known as the Town of Hillside. The entire community was owned until recently by “The Town of Hillside Group.” They sold it to a new owner, Chris Seegers.

Mr. Seegers’ grandparents purchased land in the valley in the 1980’s. He spent a good deal of time here in his youth living with his grandparents. Chris’s parents were missionaries, so while they were gone he lived here in the valley. He is a graduate of Custer County High School. The grandparents property was just a short distance from Hillside and Chris reminisced about going to the store for sodas and snacks as boy. He always maintained fond memories of the valley and the little town. When it became available for sale he and his

wife decided to purchase it.

Mr. Seegers intends to keep the Post Office and the store open. He has no intention of developing it for any other purpose. He is renovating three of the other properties in the town for vacation rentals. He indicated there is a great need in Custer County for more short term rental property, especially during the summer tourist season. The Grange property located near Hillside was not part of the purchase. Chris Seegers and his wife along with Dick and Barb Jones also own the Lamp Post Inn on the north edge of Westcliffe.

Barring any unforeseen renovation issues, Mr. Seegers hopes to have the rentals available around June 1, 2015. He also indicated there is a possible open house in the planning stages but no firm date has been set for that event.

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Custer County C-1 School Board Special Meeting

by Larry Luikart

The Special Custer County School Board Meeting opened with Chairman Gaide leading the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance. After making two small corrections to the Agenda, the Public Comments Section opened.

Nancy Varney who taught nine years as an English teacher in the Custer County C-1 system spoke regarding her role as mentor. Ms. Varney currently works with English teacher Mr. Thompson. She discussed the facts regarding the concept of no set conceptual framework for English like there is in the sciences such as mathematics, biology, and physics. The English curriculum is not based on a body of knowledge but rather a set of skills and concepts. There is no one textbook containing all of these skills and concepts so it takes some time to develop the resources necessary for dissemination to the students.

Ms. Varney was highly complimentary of Mr. Thompson's ability to research using the internet, his dedication to his students, hard work, and willingness to accept constructive criticism. Ms. Varney believes Mr. Thompson, even though he is not yet certified, has the talent and ability to be a great teacher.

Two resignations were accepted at this meeting from Athletic Director Greg Cravens and Office Secretary Char Schlabach. The Board and Mr. Selle expressed their thanks for jobs well done. The positions will be posted in the newspapers in the near future.

Dr. Davis presented the three listed requirements for the position of high school English teacher: 1.) Hold a BA or BS degree with a preference in English. 2.) Hold or be working toward secondary certification. 3.) The candidate would have successful teaching experience.

Dr. Davis covered the loss of a qualified candidate

who indicated he would not be coming to Custer County. Mr. Selle indicated Mr. Thompson talked to him for over a year about the possibility of teaching at Custer County C-1. Yet, Dr. Davis pointed out when Mr. Thompson applied he had done nothing to meet certification requirements. Consequently, Mr. Thompson did not qualify for an SOE (Statement of Eligibility).

The three to two vote to hire Mr. Thompson for the position contained several stipulations and documentation requirements. Before continuing, Dr. Davis made a declarative statement indicating her concerns were not directed directly at Mr. Thompson or his ability to teach. Instead, she focused on the documentation: She requested a copy of the signed agreement between Mr. Thompson, Ms. Varney, Principal Jones, and Superintendent Selle; the dates of observations and evaluations (including notes) by Principal Jones of Mr. Thompson; a copy of the evaluation required by January 15, 2015, as prescribed in the original agreement; documentation that Mr. Thompson is proceeding with the SOE and taking the necessary classes; and finally, costs associated with mentor training, college costs to the district if applicable, and substitute teacher costs, if necessary, for Mr. Thompson to take classes.

Mr. Selle answered Dr. Davis' inquiries. Ms. Varney billed the district twice for her services, but she indicated a good deal of her time to mentor Mr. Thompson has been donated. Her billing is minimal to the district. The Board thanked her for obvious sacrifice. Mr. Thompson has completed one required college class, working on the second while the third will be completed in July 2015, ahead of schedule. Mr. Thompson has paid for his own classes. Mr. Selle did confirm the reports have been less than timely, but he did indicate they do exist and he would get them

to Dr. Davis. Mr. Selle presented some material using the new teacher evaluation software indicating Mr. Thompson has been receiving evaluations from Principal Jones. Those records are not public remaining inside of the veil of Personnel and Executive Session criteria.

In conclusion, Dr. Davis reiterated her concern regarding those teachers who complete a teaching degree, meet certification requirements, and satisfy state standards receiving the same salary as a teacher who meets none or nearly none of the requirements. She felt this to be a morale issue with some serious implications.

The Board discussed to some degree the continuing evaluation of the BOCES costs to the Custer County C-1 District. Mr. Selle is working with some of the other districts in BOCES but no firm information is available at this time. This issue will be fully addressed in the upcoming budget considerations.

The number of contract days in administrative contracts was discussed. It seemed a general consensus that some number of days should be included in both Mr. Selle's and Ms. Perschbacher's contracts. This measure is really a protection for the employee providing a basis on which to evaluate sick time, vacation time, etc., if a partial year contract situation were to develop. It was agreed to in principle.

A concern was raised regarding the need for job descriptions for teachers and administrators involved in extra-curricular activities. The recent FFA issue prompted this discussion. The Board is in general agreement with the concept, but further work is necessary before actual job descriptions will be available.

There were no further Public Comments and the Board moved into Executive Session to consider Personnel discussions.



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Veterans Service Office

The Custer County Veterans Service Office (VSO) will be temporarily closed from April 1st until April 14th to facilitate moving the office to a new location and allowing the new Veterans Service Officer to set up. The VSO will be relocating to 615 Rosita Avenue, the County Resource Center/Annex. Further information will be made available after a new Veterans Service Officer has been appointed. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Anna Orgeron at 783-2721.

Please Note: Library Closed April 7th

The West Custer County Library will be closed Tuesday, April 7th for staff training. This special annual training in Pueblo helps the library staff keep up to date on the latest library trends, technologies and ideas. The library will re-open on Wednesday, April 8th.

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Events Calendar

Friday, March 27
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: “The Imitation Game” based on cryptanalyst Alan Turing

Saturday, March 28
8 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Pancake Breakfast to benefit Amish school at Eli Miller residence, 68600 State Highway 69, 10 miles north of Westcliffe; donation

10 a.m.: U.S. Law Seminar at Cowboy Church; \$15. www.gunlawseminar.com or call 783-3360

7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: “The Imitation Game”

Sunday, March 29
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.: Check out the Prom Closet at “Boutique Off Main,” 103 N. Third, next to The Stage Stop, or call Terry at 783-0204 or 371-5859

2 p.m.: Jones Theater: “The Imitation Game”

Thursday, April 2
5 - 8 p.m.: Spaghetti benefit dinner for firefighter John Birkenfeld at Deer Mtn. Fire Station #1, 6181 CR 28, Copper Gulch. Donations appreciated.

Monday, April 6
6 - 8 p.m.: Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club: Monthly member meeting and potluck dinner; guest speaker Willie Britt

Tuesday, April 7
West Custer County Library is closed

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 Emilie at (719) 371-5974

Monday through Friday
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Custer County public transit service available to everyone through Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Noon: Lunch served at Custer County Senior Center located on first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 am

Monday and Thursday
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff assisting new mothers and families. Free pregnancy tests, ultrasound, counseling, and more. Call 783-4357

Tuesday
12 - 4:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe.

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Jammin’ band at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff

First Tuesday of the Month:
6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion
Post 170 monthly meeting
6:45 p.m. Post 170 **Auxiliary** monthly meeting

(March-October) at the Saddle Club.

Tuesday through Friday
10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.: Library open in downtown Westcliffe; 783-9138

Wednesday
9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Line dancers meet at the Methodist Church. 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 Emilie at (719) 371-5974

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Custer County Community Band practice in band room at high school

Thursday
Second Thursday of the Month: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., “Ask a Nurse” at the library

Friday
6 p.m.: Open discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emilie (719) 371-5974

Saturday
10 a.m.: Wet Mountain Al-Anon Family Group meets at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 201 Third St.; Call Dee (719) 404-1851 or Jean (719) 371-1229

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: West Custer County Library open in Westcliffe

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Now that we have your attention, the Custer County Sheriff’s Department would like to meet and get to know all of the retired law enforcement personnel living in Custer County.

The Sheriff and Undersheriff would like to have a breakfast so we can meet all of you and hear your stories.

This is a great opportunity for us to talk with you, as your work in the field is what guides us today.

Join us April 16th, at 7:30 a.m.
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Classifieds

Emmaus Pilgrims

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

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Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday Church Services

Resurrection Sunday is close at hand. For your convenience we have compiled a list of various church services that will be held in addition to the regular Sunday church services.

The Community United Methodist Church, located at 202 S. 6th Street, Westcliffe, will be hosting a Seder dinner on Holy Thursday, April 2. Please RSVP 783-2511. On Good Friday, April 3, there will be Taize service at 6 p.m. On Resurrection Sunday services will be at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and a brunch at 9 a.m.

The First Baptist Church, located at 417 S. 6th Street, Westcliffe, will be hosting a Sunrise Service on the Bluff at 7 a.m. on Resurrection Sunday. They will also have their regular 10:45 a.m. Sunday service with communion.

Community Easter Sunrise Service (Resurrection Sunday)

Sunday, April 5, at 7:00 a.m. on the Bluff at the west end of Westcliffe, hosted by the First Baptist Church and several other churches. Family and friends welcome.

Sangre de Cristo Fellowship, located at 120 Jerry Court, Westcliffe, will be celebrating Good Friday, April 3, at 7 p.m. with a unique Tenebrae service filled with worship and reflections from the foot of the cross. On Resurrection Sunday, they will have a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. followed by a worship service beginning at 9 a.m.

Valley Bible Fellowship, located at 116 Hermit Lane, Silver Cliff, will host a Good Friday service at 6:30 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church is located at 3rd & Powell Streets in Westcliffe. Palm Sunday is also Confirmation Sunday (2 students will be confirmed) and service begins at 10:30 a.m.; Maundy Thursday with Communion at 7 p.m.; Good Friday at 7 p.m.; and Easter Service at 10:30 p.m.

St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, located at 3rd & Rosita Streets in Westcliffe will offer a Good Friday service at Noon, Palm Sunday service at 10:30 a.m., and Easter Sunday service 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church, located at 109 S. 5th Street, Westcliffe, offers the following Masses:

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion: March 29, Mass at 11 a.m.

Holy Thursday: April 2, Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 3 p.m.

Good Friday: April 3, Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday: April 4, Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 5, Easter Mass at 11 a.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday April 12, Mass at 11 a.m.

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CCHS Weightlifters Set New Records

by Troy Bomgardner

CCHS weightlifters left for spring break with a smile on their face. Every student improved their maximum effort from their December lift. “We evaluate every quarter and this quarter we saw big increases,” said Troy Bomgardner, teacher of the CCHS weightlifting class. “This is our ‘test’ so to speak and it is really fun to watch as the students hit new max lifts after working very hard in class. It is a great lesson to experience...Hard work pays off!”

During the last week prior to spring break, students were tested in their bench and squat lifts as well as push-ups, pull-ups, and vertical jump. “Vertical jump is one of the toughest tests to improve on and we saw nearly every one of our students improve,” noted Bomgardner. The class is also beginning to track the max lift as it relates to a student’s bodyweight. Students are aiming for the ability to squat 1.5 their body weight with a

goal of squatting 2.0 their bodyweight. Right now there are 6 students in class that can squat at least the 1.5 mark: Andy Feldmann, Layne Geroux, Serenity Ham, Jordan Rhodes, Bryce Roscoe, and Taiyr Seilkhan. The ultimate goal in the bench press is also 1.5 of the student’s bodyweight. Currently, Andy Feldmann is the only student who has reached this goal. Students that showed the greatest improvement were Ashley Gillum in the bench with a 31% improvement and Hannah Schlabach in the squat with a 30% improvement. Class best in the bodyweight exercises went to: Layne Geroux vertical jumped 31.9 inches, JJ Brady completed 35 pull-ups, and Andy Feldmann did 66 push-ups.

“We will max again at the end of the school year and there is no doubt we will see improvement again,” exclaimed Bomgardner. “With the great effort we had last week, I’m excited to see what we can do in the last seven weeks of school!”



Bobcat Lifters: Front Row-L to R: Jordan Rhodes, Bryce Roscoe, Taiyr Seilkhan
Back Row- Layne Geroux, Casey Brandon, Hannah Schlabach, Andy Feldmann, Serenity Ham, Sarah Gerringer, Devon Hockaday.
Not Pictured: Randy Bailey, JJ Brady, Ashley Gillum, and McKenzie Penkoff

Courtesy photo by Troy Bomgardner

Preschool and Kindergarten

Registration Approaching!

It is not too soon to begin thinking about registering your child for preschool for the 2015-2016 school year! Preschool is an important time in each child’s life. At the young ages of 3 and 4, children are learning developmental skills that will support them for the rest of their lives. The Custer County Preschool offers children and parents support in the learning process by engaging children in literacy and numeracy learning, social development, and much, much more. The Custer County Preschool will be offering two preschool sessions for the 2015-2016 school year. The morning class will run from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the afternoon class will run from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Each session is open to only 16 children and applications will be prioritized in order from the oldest child to the youngest child. Tuition is \$10 per day, per child. There are 17 free spaces available for children who qualify.

All parents of children aged 3 or 4 by August 1, 2015, are encouraged to register



Bobcat Preschoolers

Sentinel photo by Barbara Napolitan

their child for preschool. Application information can be obtained by stopping by Custer County School any Monday through Thursday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. or by calling the preschool at 783-4891. Children who will be 5 years old by August 1, 2015, are encouraged to register for Kindergarten.

We ask that all parents schedule an appointment on May 1, to have their child screened for Preschool or Kindergarten. This free screening is required for students wishing to attend preschool in August, however it is also available to all parents and children regardless of whether or not they

choose to register at Custer County Schools. This early childhood screening will provide both parents and the school important information on your child’s development. The screening consists of games and activities that will be fun for your child. Parents will also receive information about preschool and community activities that will benefit their young learner. To schedule an appointment for this early childhood screening please call the Custer County Preschool at 783-4891. In individual situations, an alternate date can be worked out, however please call us prior to May 1. Appointments will last about 30 to 40 minutes.

Bobcat Track

by Coach Jack Swartz

The Girls and Boys Track and Field Team traveled to Center, Colorado, for a 2A & 3A heavy meet on March 20th. The boys were led by senior Corey Lewenkamp, while the girls had strong showings from junior Katlyn Freeburg and sophomore Serenity Ham.

For the Lady Bobcats Katlyn Freeburg placed 2nd in the 300 meter hurdles while achieving a personal record in the Triple Jump. Serenity Ham returned from basketball to take 2nd in the 100 High Hurdles, 3rd in the High Jump, and 5th in the Triple Jump. Also placing

for the Lady Bobcats was Audrey Hellinger taking 4th in the Shot Put, setting another personal best. Kirsten Benoit also had a personal best in the Long Jump, placing 27th.

As for the boys, Corey Lewenkamp continues to leave his mark on 2A Track and Field. Lewenkamp placed 1st in the 800 meter, 2nd in the 1600 meter, and 2nd in the 3200 meter races. Also helping the boys team score was Dillon Wommack placing 2nd in the 110 High Hurdles, 4th in the 300 meter Hurdles, and 6th in the Triple Jump. Continuing his strong effort for the Bobcats was

Michael Franta placing 7th and 8th in the 1600 meter and 3200 meter races respectively. Denver Mullet placed 9th in the Triple Jump for the boys.

Team scores were a mix of the 3A and 2A teams there, but the girls placed 9th overall, 1 point behind West Grand High School and 6 points behind Sargent High School. The boys came in 7th overall, 2 points behind Mancos and West Grand High Schools.

Both teams are off this following weekend but return to the track April 4th for another great 2A meet in Limon, Colorado at 8:30 a.m..



Bobcat Menu • March 30 - April 2, 2015

Monday breakfast
Pancakes
Sausage Links
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Hamburger Hash
Cornbread
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

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

Wednesday breakfast
Cheese Quesadilla
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Mac 'n' Cheese
Pumpkin Bread
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Thursday breakfast
Sausage Gravy
Biscuits
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Hot Dog
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Elementary: Main dish, bread, milk, choice of 1 veg. & 1 fruit
Middle & High School: Salad Bar

KIDS

Friday, March 27, 2015

The Lord's Supper on the Moon

In July of 1969, Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were the first two men to travel from the Earth to the Moon, walk on its surface, gather samples, and safely return. They landed the Eagle Lunar Module on the Sea of Tranquility on Sunday, July 20, 1969. That was amazing. But, what they did before exiting the Eagle is even more amazing - and not many people know about it.

Aldrin, an elder of his church at that time and knowing he was about to do something that would change history, wanted to mark the occasion in a special way. He asked his pastor to consecrate a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine and took them with him on his 250,000-mile trip out of the earth’s orbit and on to the surface of the moon. A few minutes after landing, he made the following public statement: “This is the LM pilot. I’d like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way.” He then silenced his radio, and in that quietness he took the Lord’s Supper. He also read the words of Christ from John 15:5, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me will bring forth much fruit. Apart from Me you can do nothing.”

He later related that “it was interesting for me to think the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there were communion elements.” He had also quoted the words of Christ, Creator of the Earth and the Moon.

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 02-15

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On January 21, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

Original Grantor(s):
Walker Property Group, Inc.
Original Beneficiary(ies):
Compass Bank
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt:
Pineda NPL-F2 LLC
Date of Deed of Trust: April 28, 2003
County of Recording: Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust:
May 08, 2003
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 194910
Book: 459 Page: 170
Original Principal Amount:
\$550,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance:
\$305,794.14

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The following-described property is all of the property encumbered by said Deed of Trust:

A tract of land in the W¹/₂ of Section 36, Township 21 South, Range 73 West of the 6th P.M. and the N¹/₂, NW¹/₄ of Section 1, Township 22 South, Range 73 West of the 6th P.M., said tract being composed of 2 parcels as more particularly described as follows:

Parcel A:
Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Section 36, thence on the following 43 courses:

1. North 00° 32'55" East, on the West line of said Section 36, 3719.41 feet;
2. North 50° 18' 52" East, 1690.11 feet, to a point on the west right of way line of Custer County Road No. 215 (Copper Gulch Road);
- The next 10 courses shall be on said West right of way line:
3. South 01° 39' 47" West, 195.21 feet;
4. Curve right, central angle 00° 50'31", radius 92518.69 feet, length 1359.53 feet;
5. South 02° 30'18" West, 118.38 feet;
6. Curve left, central angle 23° 25'38", radius 464.07 feet, length 189.75 feet;
7. South 20° 54'50" East, 197.48 feet;
8. Curve right, central angle 16° 21'17", radius 1222.62 feet, length 348.99 feet;
9. South 04° 33'33" East 309.67 feet;
10. Curve right, central angle 16° 57'36", radius 909.00 feet, length 269.07 feet;
11. South 12° 24' 03" West, 168.21 feet;
12. Curve right, central angle 01° 03'15", radius 10816.25 feet, length 198.98 feet, chord bearing South 12° 55'52" West;
13. North 76° 32'42" West, 50.00 feet;
14. South 41° 51'56" West, 181.33 feet;
15. South 53° 58'00" West, 75.00 feet;
16. North 53° 47'02" West, 72.56 feet;
17. North 79° 57'10" West, 200.00 feet;
18. South 88° 10'20" West, 121.06 feet;
19. Curve left, central angle 180° 00'00", radius 50.00 feet, length 157.08 feet, chord bearing South 88° 10'20" West;
20. South 01° 49'40" East, 32.00 feet;
21. South 88° 10'20" West, 140 feet;

22. South 02° 41'05" West, 250.91 feet;
23. North 89° 31'42" East, 761.55 feet, to a point on said West right of way line of County Road No. 215;
24. South 14° 30'49" West, on said right of way line, 816.62 feet;
25. South 30° 27'10" West, leaving said right of way line, 1159.60 feet;
26. South 00° 00'00" West, 133.20 feet;
27. North 85° 44' 15" West, 103.82 feet;
28. Curve left, central angle 39° 39'00", radius 297.38, 205.80 feet, length 205.00 feet;
29. South 54° 36'45" West, 41.72 feet;
30. Curve right, central angle 96° 40'54", radius 81.40 feet, length 137.36 feet, chord bearing North 77° 02'48" West;
31. Curve right, central angle 29°31'42", radius 159.35 feet, length 82.12 feet, chord bearing North 13° 56'30" West;
32. North 00° 49'21" East, 373.57 feet;
33. Curve right, central angle 90° 00'00", radius 42.00 feet, length 65.97 feet, chord bearing North 45° 49'21" East;
34. South 89° 10'39" East, 82.64 feet;
35. South 42° 36'32" East, 45.66 feet;
36. South 02° 33'28" West, 310.00 feet;
37. North 44° 25'22" East, 325.00 feet;
38. North 16° 18'26" East, 250.99 feet;
39. North 72° 25'46" West, 286.33 feet;
40. South 02° 33'28" West, 150.00 feet;
41. South 47° 33'28" West, 49.58 feet;
42. North 89° 10'39" West, 155.54 feet, to a point on the West line of said Section, Township 22 South, Range 73 West of the 6th P.M.
43. North 00° 49'21" East on said West line, 335.16 feet, to the point of beginning.

Parcel B:
Beginning at a point in the said NW¹/₄, NW¹/₄ of Section 1, Township 22 South, Range 73 West of the 6th P.M., from which the Northwest corner thereof bears North 03° 53'30" West, 995.60 feet; (said point of beginning being on the East right of way line of Colorado State Highway No. 69), thence on the following 10 courses:

1. North 54° 36'45" East, 176.43 feet;
 2. Curve right, central angle 39°39'00", radius 265.38 feet, length 183.65 feet;
 3. Curve right, central angle 85° 44' 15", radius 79.84 feet, length 119.47 feet, chord bearing South 42° 52'07" East;
 4. South 00°00'00" West, 133.50 feet;
 5. Curve left, central angle 180°00'00", radius 50.00 feet, length 157.08 feet, chord bearing South 00°00'00" West;
 6. South 90° 00'00" East, 32.00 feet;
 7. South 00° 00'00" West, 160.26 feet, to a point on an existing fence line; (Note: Existing fence line indicated above runs in a general East-West direction approximately parallel to and 20 feet +/-, North of the South line of said Northwest ¹/₄ of Section 1, Township 22 South, Range 73 West of the 6th P.M.)
 8. North 88° 57'31" West, on said fence line, 258.43 feet, to intersect the said East right of way line of State Highway No. 69;
 9. North 31° 20'51" West, on said East right of way line, 205.43 feet;
 10. North 22° 04' 21" West, on said East right of way line 154.07 feet; to the point of beginning.
- County of Custer, State of Colorado

Also known by street and number as: 800 County Road 215, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M.

on Wednesday, 05/20/2015, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov

Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 01/21/2015

Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee in and for the County of Custer, State of Colorado

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee



The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Miller & Urtz, LLC 1660 Lincoln Street, Suite 2850, Denver, CO 80264 (303) 861-1200
Attorney File # Walker
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 01-15

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On January 14, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

Original Grantor(s):
Jan Lee Parks and Glenda Gail Parks
Original Beneficiary(ies):
Western Financial Bank
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt:
Green Tree Servicing, LLC
Date of Deed of Trust:
May 26, 1998
County of Recording: Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust:
June 03, 1998
Recording Information:
(Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
178951 Book: 337 Page: 97
Original Principal Amount: \$55,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance
\$40,391.44

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
LOT 39, CONQUISTADOR ESTATES SUBDIVISION NO. 2, COUNTY OF CUSTER, STATE OF COLORADO
Also known by street and number as: 1735 County Road 260, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 05/20/2015, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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Westcliffe, Colorado

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov

Federal Consumer
Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 01/14/2015

Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee in and for
the County of Custer. State of Colorado

Virginia Trujillo

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee



The name, address, business telephone
number and bar registration number of the
attorney(s) representing the legal holder of
the indebtedness is:

Borenstein & Associates, LLC 13111 E
Briarwood Ave. # 340, Centennial, CO
80112 (303) 768-0200
Attorney File # 14-00476
The Attorney above is acting as a debt col-
lector and is attempting to collect a debt.
Any information provided may be used for
that purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE Request for bid

Contractor needed. A building has been
donated to Custer County 4-H and needs
licensed contractor bids to deconstruct
a 136' x 66' wooden frame, metal-sided
building. This building will make an ex-
cellent and much needed addition to the
Custer County Fairgrounds. Please contact
the Custer County Extension office at 719-

783-2514 for details to submit a bid. Bids
must be received by April 15, 2015.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015
9:00 AM

Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /Court Room

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Audience introduction
Approval of minutes
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session New/Old Business
Review Vouchers and Sign Checks
Tax Liens/Treasurer - V. Trujillo
10:00 AM Liquor License
modification of premise -
Letter Drop, Rosita CO.
Liquor License Renewal - Hotel
Restaurant Lodge at San Isabel,
Rye, CO.
Family Matters Custer County
Group -P. Collins
STAFF MEETING

NOTICE TO PUBLIC: To meet publish-
ing deadlines, all agenda items must be
submitted either by calling the Commis-
sioners Office at 719-783-2552; in writing
to the Commissioner's Office at PO Box
150, Westcliffe, CO 81252; or by e-mail to
kris@custercountygov.com no later than
9:00 AM on the Monday of the week prior
to the BOCC meeting. Items not submit-
ted in time may be tabled for one month
so they may be properly published. True
emergency items will be heard.

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Sheriff's Report...

03/18/15

1:41 AM / Ambulance
Run: A 58 year old female
went to the Custer County
EMS building complain-
ing of chest pains. Flight
for Life was activated
and the Wet Mountain
Fire Department was
dispatched to set up the
Landing Zone. Flight for
Life advised the Sheriff's
Office it could not make
it over the mountains due
to weather. The Wetmore
Fire Station was chosen
as the alternative location
to land. Wetmore Fire
personnel were dis-
patched to assist landing
Flight. EMS rendez-
voused with Flight in
Wetmore and the patient
was airlifted to Parkview
Hospital in Pueblo.

03/18/15 T-15-212

1:01 PM: The Sheriff's
Office and EMS were
dispatched to a motorcy-
cle accident on Junkins
Loop in Blumenau. The
rider lost control of his
motorcycle on the rutted
road, was ejected, and
sustained serious bodily
injury. Flight for Life was
contacted and the Wet
Mountain Fire Depart-

ment was dispatched to
set up the Landing Zone.
The patient was airlifted
to Parkview Hospital in
Pueblo.

03/18/15 O-15-37

A deputy was dispatched
to Centennial Ranch to
investigate a report that
five loose dogs from a
neighboring property
had attacked and killed
12 chickens. The owner,
Adam Elsen Nicko-
laus, (DOB in 1980) of
the dogs was issued a
summons for unlawful
ownership of five danger-
ous dogs with a scheduled
court date of May 14,
2015.

03/19/15 I-15-1509

10:00 AM - Officers
reponded to a potential
suicidal party on Matter-
horn Circle. All parties
involved were okay. Noth-
ing further at this time.

03/19/15 T-15-213

3:58 PM - Party (Newton,
Patrick - DOB in 1948)
was cited for speeding
(10-19 over) in a school
zone, in front of the
Custer County Combined
School.

03/19/15 O-15-038

4:45 PM - Party (Cole-
man, Adam - DOB in
1984) was booked into the
Custer County Detention
Facility on a probation
violation from a previous
charge.

03/19/15 I-15-1521

9:06 PM - Officers
responded to a custody
dispute at 3818 CR 119.
The parties involved de-
cided to resolve the issue
amicably. Nothing further
at this time.

03/20/15 T-15-217

7:50 PM - Party (Vahls-
ing, Joseph) was cited for
exceeding the posted limit
(78 in a 65 MPH zone), in
the area of CR 175.

03/20/15

9:02 PM - EMS Trans-
ported party to Parkview
Hospital.

03/21/15 T-15-218

7:48 AM - Party (Buer-
ing, Amy - DOB in 1985)
was cited for exceeding
the posted limit (10-19
over), in the area of HWY
96, MM 24.

03/21/15 T-15-

218 9:40 AM - Party
(Larkin, Thomas) was
cited for expired plates,



The Sheriff's Corner from Sheriff Byerly

Main Office: 783-2270 TIPS Line: 783-2847

Hello again from the Sheriff's Of-
fice! We have seen some beauti-
ful weather here in Custer County and
as we approach April, I am anxious
for warmer weather and more rain! I
would like to extend my thanks to those
who were able to come out and gather
for the first Community Accountabil-
ity Group Meeting March 19th. Ap-
proximately 30-35 citizens joined me
for an informational and educational
discussion on many topics. I know I
learned as much as anyone there. We
are planning to have our next meeting
on April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Search
and Rescue Building, 710 Rosita Ave.
in Westcliffe. Hopefully you can join
us. This week's question was posed
from the *Sangre de Cristo Sentinel*:

**Can you describe POST training
to give us an idea of what the
deputies go through?**

Before I begin to explain, I want ev-
eryone to know what the acronym
"POST" represents. POST stands for
Police Officer Standards and Training.
The Colorado POST Board, a group
of professionals selected by the At-
torney General, sets the requirements for
qualification as a certified peace officer
within the state. To be eligible for ap-
pointment as a peace officer, an appli-
cant must first be certified by the Peace
Officer Standards and Training Board.
By law, a person must pass a certifica-
tion examination administered by the
POST Board, a physical and psycho-
logical examination, and a background
check before he or she may serve as a
peace officer in Colorado. State law
forbids POST certification of any per-
son who has been convicted of a felony
or certain misdemeanors. Addition-
ally, individuals with domestic violence
convictions may not be eligible to serve
as peace officers, due to federal laws.

In order to sit for the examination, ev-
ery applicant must have:

- A high school diploma or an
equivalency certificate;
- Current first aid and CPR certifi-
cates; and
- Have successfully completed an
approved Colorado basic training
course.

The basic training course can be
achieved in two ways. An individu-
al can be hired by a law enforcement
agency which conducts their own post
certification academy, or you can at-
tend one of the many police academies
hosted by community colleges around
the state. The basic training academy is
typically 10 hours a day, 6 days a week
for 16 weeks. It encompasses over
1,000 hours of instruction as recruits
undergo a series of weekly examina-
tions and participate in vigorous phys-
ical conditioning. They also participate

on Rosita in Westcliffe.

03/21/15 T-15-222

12:47 PM - Party (Tyler,
Donna - DOB in 1953)
was cited for speeding
(20 MPH over the posted
limit), in the area of the
57000 block, HWY 69.

03/21/15

3:46 PM - EMS Trans-
ported party to Parkview
Medical Center.

03/21/15 T-15-223

7:23 PM - Party (Marceli-
no, Shawn - DOB in 1986)
was cited for speeding
(10-20 MPH over), in
the area of the 700 block,
Main Street.

03/21/15

10:24 PM - EMS Trans-
ported party to Parkview
Medical Center.

03/22/15

5:19 PM - WMFD Re-



in a variety of field problems, testing
their ability to function under stress,
and to reason through challenging
issues. These are often hands-on en-
counters requiring recruits to interview
scenario volunteers and write reports,
search and take subjects into custody,
operate emergency equipment, and en-
gage in building searches and shoot/
don't shoot situations. Recruits are
trained by experienced Officers, Dep-
uties, Attorney's, and private agencies.
Upon graduation each recruit officer
is qualified in basic police firearms,
police vehicle operation, and arrest
control protocol. One of the most chal-
lenging areas of the training course is
the extensive testing on Colorado Re-
vised Statutes, or the laws, governing
the state. Recruits spend many hours
learning and reviewing these laws and
their application under various circum-
stances. Once a recruit successfully
completes the basic training academy,
they must then pass the Colorado State
P.O.S.T. examination to be certified as
a peace officer in the State of Colorado.

This is a very short explanation of the
training academy as there are many
facets to policing. Once an individual
is hired by a law enforcement agency,
they then complete a field training pro-
gram of varying lengths, depending on
the agency, prior to them going on solo
patrol. Police training is very exten-
sive to begin with, but all officers know
their education has only begun once
they are hired. Continuing education
and training is required for any peace
officer to develop as a professional and
remain sharp in their skill set.

As always, I encourage the communi-
ty to call the Sheriff's Office anytime
you need assistance or have concerns.
We are a small group of individuals
dedicated to our community, friends,
and neighbors. Your vigilance and
assistance with suspicious activity or
criminal behavior is valuable and a re-
source we appreciate. Please call the
main line at 783-2270 or anonymously
on the TIPS line, at 783-2847.

Until next time, may you be blessed,
Sheriff Shannon Byerly

sponded to fire call in an
area south of Centennial
Ranch. Deputies on scene
were able to extinguish
the fire. All okay.

03/22/15 T-15-229

8:18 PM - Party (Rico,
Nathan - DOB in 1994)
was taken into custody
for operating a motor

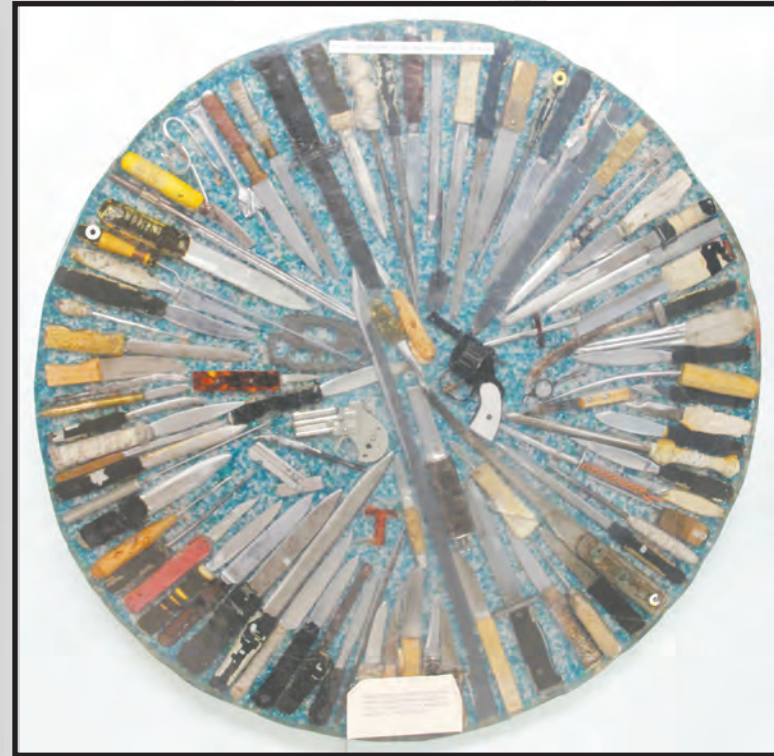
See Sheriff
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Museum of Colorado Prisons

The Museum of Colorado Prisons is located at 201 North First Street in Cañon City and is housed in the original Women's Correctional Facility constructed in 1935. Each of the 32 cells is filled with life-size exhibits and models telling a story of the inmates, employees, and days gone by. The museum is unique being located adjacent to an active prison, the Colorado Territorial Correctional Facility. The gift shop inside the museum offers a selection of inmate-created items along with souvenirs.



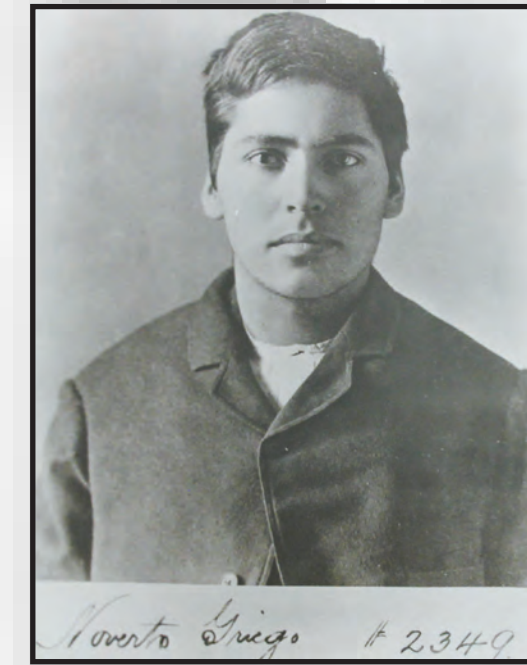
The method of execution in Colorado is lethal injection. This is a model of the table used for carrying out this procedure. The table is housed at the Colorado State Penitentiary, a maximum prison located in the Cañon Complex east of town. This form of execution has only been used once, in October 1997, for the execution of Gary Davis. This was the first execution in Colorado in the past 30 years. Prior to that, executions were carried out in the gas chamber that was housed at the Territorial Prison next door to the museum.



The items in this tabletop were taken from inmates and collected by Warden Wayne K. Patterson.



Colorado was one of the first western prisons to utilize the lethal gas chamber in the execution of prisoners. There were 32 prisoners who met their death in the gas chamber. Eight of these deaths were in this unit. The last execution in this chamber was June 2, 1967. After twenty years of service, the gas chamber was abolished. In 1988 Colorado began using lethal injection as its form of execution.



This was the first man executed by the state on November 8, 1890. He was a young Mexican boy by the name of Noerto Greigo. He killed a man east of Trinidad and was executed by hanging.



Walter "Shorty" Jones was hanged in this noose on December 1, 1933, at the Colorado State Prison in Cañon City. He was arrested for killing a man in a box car near Palisade, Colorado. This was Colorado's last legal hanging.



Addressograph machine used to make number plates for inmates being processed into prison.



Electric Shock was used as a method of behavioral control in the early 1900's.



To the left is a full-sized model of the "Old Gray Mare", a flogging post used at the Territorial Prison that was discontinued in the 1950's. The prisoner pictured in the photo above (dated 1882-1900) was bent over, strapped to the "Old Gray Mare" and whipped with a four-inch leather strap studded with tacks and dipped in water. To have ridden the "Old Gray Mare" was looked upon by many prisoners as a symbol of status.



This reusable coffin was used to transport the bodies of inmates unclaimed by families to a medical research facility in Denver. The coffin was then returned to the prison. A mile south from the Territorial Correctional Facility is the historic Greenwood Cemetery and the location of Woodpecker Hill where six hundred inmates, whose bodies were never claimed, were buried. The term Woodpecker Hill came about when all the wooden crosses used as grave markers became a target of the woodpeckers.



This is an example of a female cell from the 1960's. The female inmates were allowed to decorate their cells including the windows, cell doors, bedspreads, rugs, etc. The rug shown in the picture above was made by an inmate in the rug factory in the 1930's.



These ropes were made of sheets and a wool blanket and were used in an escape attempt. The newspaper clippings throughout the museum illustrate the history of the prison system.

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Senator Grantham is Keynote Speaker at Good News Jail and Prison Ministries Banquet

by Charlotte Burrous

When the state discontinued funding Department of Corrections Chaplains, they looked for creative ways to obtain funding for their ministries. For the eighth year, the ‘Good News Jail & Prison Ministries’ annual Fremont County fundraising banquet will take place at 6:30 p.m., April 10, in the Abbey Events Center, 2951 E. U.S. 50.

“The purpose is to raise funds for Chaplain Marcus Baird,” said banquet coordinator Ava Burbank. “Chaplain’s are not paid by Department of Corrections. They have to raise all their own money to support their families so we are helping Marcus with this fundraiser.” As part of the festivities, State Senator Kevin Grantham will be the keynote speaker. The youngest of five children, he grew up in a rural, southeastern Colorado, farming

community. Senator Grantham has enjoyed a truly diverse background. He has worked as a hog farmer, in an onion processing plant, on a highway construction crew, real estate broker and appraiser, sports reporter, and a restaurant manager. In 1992, he earned a bachelor’s degree from Liberty University, of Lynchburg, Virginia. Along the way, he also graduated from the Leadership Program of the Rockies in 2009. In 2010, Grantham was elected to the State Senate as a Republican, where he serves on several committees.

During the banquet, recently retired Christian Family Fellowship Pastor Larry Chell will act as the emcee. Flame-broiled beef medallions, sundried tomato, grilled chicken, or a vegetarian plate with all the fixings will be the menu choices. In addition, special music will be provided for the

event. Tickets are \$35 for individuals or \$325 for reserved tables of 10. Reservations are due by March 30. In conjunction, those who are unable to attend are invited to support the Prison Ministry by making a tax deductible donation. Several sponsorship levels are available, which include \$4,500 for gold or \$2,000 for silver.

“Our purpose is to meet the spiritual needs of both inmates and staff through ministry that includes evangelism, discipleship, pastoral attention, and instruction in life skills, while facilitating other religious faiths within the guidelines established by law and the individual correctional facility,” said a press release.

For reservations, contact Burbank at as1003@yahoo.com or 671-6479 or Chaplain Marcus Baird at marcus.baird@goodnewsjail.org or 269-5623.

Cañon City Women’s Connection

by Barbara Penezic

The Cañon City Women’s Connection has a new meeting location. Their new home will be at the Presbyterian Church, 701 Macon Street, in Fellowship Hall. The March meeting was attended by approximately 50 women and if you have not attended a meeting you are cordially invited to come to the next meeting.



Presbyterian Church
Courtesy photo by John Penezic, Jr.

The ladies enjoyed a special feature by Ann Carter, with the Alzheimer’s Association. Ann presented the group with ways to “Know the Ten Signs of Brain Health.” This list may help you recognize the onset of Alzheimer’s disease. Memory changes that disrupt daily life, challenges planning or solving problems, difficulty completing familiar tasks, confusion with time or place, trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships, new problems with speaking or writing, misplacing things, decreased or poor judgment, withdrawal from work or social activities, and changes in mood and personality. Ms. Carter also helped the ladies to understand the difference between signs of Alzheimer/dementia and typical signs of aging.

Developing a brain disease or injury as we age depends on a mix of your family’s genes and your health choices. Some risks to your brain health are out of your control but, others, like your health choices are under your control. You should eat a healthy diet, drink in moderation, and it seems one of the most important things we can do is Get Active and Stay Active. For more information on local programs and re-



Ann Carter, MPA Regional Director of Alzheimer Association, and assistant Barbara Knicley.

Courtesy photo by Barbara Penezic

sources you should contact your doctor or health care provider. The next meeting will be April 16, 2015, at 10 a.m. 701 Macon Street in Fellowship Hall. The special guest speaker will be Beverly Shoemaker, Director of Eagles Summit Ranch, Westcliffe, Colorado. Beverly will share how the ranch provides sessions for returning military “wounded warriors” to experience hope and restoration. Beverly will also share her own journey, “From Brokenness to Unbreakable Strength.” This is a meeting you really don’t want to miss! Refreshments are served and it is a great time to catch up with old friends and make a few new ones. There is a charge of \$5 at the door. Reservations are necessary and Cancellations a must! Call Diane at 719-276-0974 or email: sew-bookworm34@gmail.com for reservations or more information.



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George Welsh Named as New Cañon City School Superintendent

by Barbara Penezic

The process to find a new school superintendent began last December when Dr. Robyn Gooldy announced his intention to retire at the end of the 2014/2015 school year. The public was offered an opportunity to make known their wishes at open discussions before the selection was made.

The school board interviewed 14 candidates and narrowed the list of contenders down to three before final consideration began. George Welsh, Stacy Houser, and Dr. William Wilson met the public during an open house, at Harrison School, March 12th. The following day the three selectees were interviewed by the Cañon City School Board. At

the conclusion of a 35 minute executive session, the board announced their recommendation that George Welsh of Center should be the new Cañon City School Superintendent. The vote to offer Mr. Welsh a contract for the position was unanimous. School Board President Mike Near said, "I feel like we made a sound choice and honored the process."

George Welsh and his wife, Becky Reed, have three grown children and a daughter who attends 6th grade. At 50, Mr. Welsh, has a good background in public education. He taught middle school for 9 years, served as high school principal, and is superintendent of the Center School District.

Waiving City Fee Debated at Florence Council Meeting

by Charlotte Burrous

During the Florence City Council meeting on March 16, the council approved a special event liquor license for the Florence Elks Lodge No. 611. The Lodge will participate in the "March in Tyme Steampunk and Wine" event. The Winery at the Holy Cross Abbey will serve its wine during the event, starting at 9 a.m., April 11, and will include the 'Steampunk Ball' in the evening.

As part of the public hearing, Bruce Jensen spoke to the council about the upcoming festival.

"Since it's a Florence Chamber of Commerce event that we're renting the (Elks') hall for, we're asking you to waive the city's portion of that license, which is \$100," he said. "We're not asking for the state's portion, which is \$50." City Manager Mike Patterson reminded the council that the fee to the city helps with advertising and administrative fees. City Attorney Bryan Fredrickson added, "I don't think the council has the authority," (to waive the fee) he added, "It is a statute."

When Councilwoman Charlette Henager asked if this was necessary, Patterson said it was.

"It's just like the Firefighters Ball we approved in the March 9 meeting," he said. "They can have other people in there if they're guests of the Elks Club members. (To have the Elks Club open to the public) they have to come to us so they don't lose their liquor license." Patterson said he had not heard of waiving a fee since he's been in town. Nevertheless, it is imperative for the council to approve the liquor license during this meeting or the event would have to be canceled.

"You can always go back and waive the fee at a later date," Patterson said. "The attorney is telling us no for now. It's best to say no to waiving the right at this time and go back and find out whether it's happened before. You can always tackle this in the April 6 meeting. "I think its best we listen to our attorney," said Mayor Keith Ore. After several more minutes of discussion, the council approved the special event liquor license for the Steampunk event.

Is Regulation Hindering Growth in Cañon City

by Barbara Penezic

After a few cursory questions about backyard chickens and first floor residential usage, this thought-provoking question was posed by Planning Commissioner Justin Grantham at a recent meeting of the Cañon City Planning Commission.

Justin said he felt that backyard chickens, rafting facilities, and R.V. parks could have a lesser degree of review. This sparked a lively discussion with several commissioners cautioning that residents could be negatively impacted by rafting take-outs that were not regulated by SRP. Commissioner Grantham reminded the board that rafting is done along the river corridor in industrial zoned areas, therefore, the possibility of residential harm did not seem likely. Why should they have to have a SRP and go to the planning board when there are pages of conditions they have to meet before they even come to us? Couldn't it be done at staff level in the industrial area along the river corridor where rafting is done, so they would not have to spend an extra 90 days. "That is how I feel," Justin concluded, "It is just too much work for someone to have to do."

Terri Bernath, Planner said, "The SRP allows for a higher level of scrutiny. With any special review permit the City Council and Planning Board provide a level of review that staff does not." It was further pointed out by the board that only one person had applied for a permit since 1999, making this a low demand issue. "That is my point," Justin, responded, "Does this mean that we have so much regulation that they just don't want to do business with Cañon City inside city limits. If we open it up, maybe something will come in. We are putting so much limitation on people, at the same time we are "trying to promote business"... trying to promote "the city that is easy to work with." While at the same time we are telling people you can't do anything on your own property unless we say so. A chorus of board members responded, 'THAT IS ZONING.' The consensus of the board verbalized by Preston Troutman was, 'leave as is.'

Commission Development Director Doug Dotson reminded the board, "We will be talking to City Council about some of these things. Like opening things up in terms of incentives and enticements to make people want to come here instead of Pueblo. Good news is that Pueblo is going to have new codes that will increase the cost to build in Pueblo. The City Council has already eliminated tap fees and Jimmy Johns is coming to town. They are rebuilding from the ground up at the old Pizza Hut location. Doug also spoke at length about his vision for a future Cañon City and how that would look. He stated that his ideas are not yet ready for prime time. These meetings as well as the Public Works Committee are open to the public and the board was unanimous in their invitation to the public to come and see what work is being doing on their behalf.

The Public Works Committee and City Council also had full schedules this week. The City Administrator spoke about the goals set during the annual planning retreat in February. They include identifying and moving forward with a possible business park location. Determining the possibility of a community recreation center, improving communications with county government, developing a plan to improve downtown alleys, a ballot question that could eliminate the city's property tax and increase the sales tax rate by ½ or 1 percent, Annexing the Royal Gorge Park, completing the Royal Gorge Park area master plan, starting construction on the next phase of Macon Plaza, complete the 500 block of Main Street, commence the formation of a downtown development authority, and complete a salary survey to determine the comparable market for setting wages for city employees.

The Public Works Committee discussed what should be done about the golf course. The pond must be filled at a cost of \$6,000. Owner Bill Holtz pointed out that filling this pond is a matter of protection for the City. The water can be used in case of fire. Mayor Greer expressed caution when using public money to bail out private business. He said filling the pond would be a loan, not a gift. After much discussion it was decided this issue would have to go to the vote. Funding requests for Fremont Center for the Arts and Chamber of Commerce were approved. Discussion about the need for a Salary Survey was hopefully a wake-up call for committee members and residents. Police Chief Shultz's spoke of his concern about low pay for Cañon City Police Officers. We recruit and hire the very best of men and women for these positions. It costs the city \$50,000 to recruit and train a new person and we have become a training ground revolving door, once trained, our officers are leaving for better pay. Fountain pays approximately \$10,000 more per year than Cañon City Police Department is paying. "I have already lost six men and four are waiting to see if they will get a mid-year adjustment, (a possible re-distribution of the funds not being paid out due to vacant positions) if not they are gone." The Chamber of Commerce has a number of entertainment events planned for this year. The private sector has events planned as well. Many people from Fremont County and surrounding areas will be drawn to the streets of Cañon City and our police department is going to be operating shorthanded. While we are literally bleeding officers to Fountain, the Council is requesting funds for three new vehicles. If the City is to grow and prosper we need to reassess our priorities and be sure we can operate within our budget. You are invited to come to these public meetings and be aware of what your elected officials are doing on your behalf.

Be informed,

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IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

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

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

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2nd & 4th Thursday
of each month
6:30 p.m.
Core Knowledge
School Gymnasium,
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Cañon City
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NOTE: When writing about God and Jesus, The Daily Jot means YHVH as God and Yeshua Ha Mashiach as Jesus--the actual original names and the true nature and character of them.

Witnessing the Gears of Prophecy Turn

As we look back on the events leading up to this week and what occurred in Israel with the elections, I hesitate to invoke an oft too used Christian cliché, but it seems appropriate--God is in control. He really is. It doesn't minimize that we have free will to make our decisions--both good and bad--suffer the consequences--both good and bad--but there is perspective. And God is in control. He has a prophetic plan for the return of Christ, and that plan is playing out before our very eyes. When evil attempts to storm in outside of that plan, the Lord steps in and puts his plan to work that we all might see that He is the LORD God. That we might be reminded of Galatians 6:7 to not be deceived, God is not mocked. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had the cards stacked against him. The "president" of the United States was doing all in his power to make sure Netanyahu did not get re-elected. While there was the obvious media reports of the "president's" open feud over Netanyahu's stirring speech before the U.S. joint session of Congress, there was much more at play. There are unconfirmed reports that the "president's" henchmen were in Israel helping organize the opposition. A congressional investigation has been launched into some \$350,000 sent by the state department to a pro-Palestinian non profit when Netanyahu declared his candidacy. Knowing politics, there was much more chicanery that wasn't reported. It would have been easy for Netanyahu to give up. It is difficult to imagine just how much pressure was applied to convince him

that it was a bad idea to address Congress when the "president" was so publicly against it. He had it coming from all directions--from the Democrat Party here in America to the Arabs, the Iranians, the Caliphate builders, the liberals in Israel, and the terrorists throughout the Middle East, including the so-called Palestinians. But he didn't budge. One man stood up to all this pressure. Now I have been told that Netanyahu isn't perfect, but I can say from observing his actions, he showed the world what it means to stand in the gap--having done all, to stand. And God honored that stand. The Beast; the time of Jacob's Trouble (what many refer to as the Tribulation); the return of Jesus Christ; the end-time battle against the enemies of Israel and of God; the Millennial reign; the new heaven and new earth are coming. They are not here yet. These events will occur on God's time as Jesus said in Acts 1:7, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in his own power." But be sure of this--we are to be ready and to stand, overcoming evil with good. We are to make disciples. As Christ said in Matthew 24:14, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Meantime, we have watched the gears of prophecy turn this week and we have seen an example of how to stand, and how God honors such action.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
www.dailyjot.com
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Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.

James 4:10, NKJV

One Nation Under Allah: Public School Recites the Pledge of Allegiance in Arabic!!!

by Pamela Geller,
FreedomOutPost.com

(Editor/GG: Simply unbelievable. Don't blame the students. It's the education establishment and their disdain for our country's values, and especially their hatred of its Christian roots. The left embraces Islam as a tool to control the masses and destroy our Christian way of life (e.g., Nobama sucking up to every Muslim he sees and cheek-kissing Iran, the head of the snake.) Just look at what has happened to public school's Christmas programs over the last 30 years as the educators in this country have turned hard left. And patriots, don't even think about looking at a Common Core U.S. history book....)

I wrote, warned, and wrote extensively about the growing islamization of the public schools and the public school curriculum in my 2011 book, *Stop Islamization of America*. Not only was I dead on, but it has only gotten worse. Much worse.

This is not the first I am reporting on public school children reciting the pledge of allegiance, one nation under allah, in Arabic.

What is so frightening is the clueless administrators and dhimmi teachers don't know what they are saying and doing, and what these terrible words actually mean.

What is a nation under Allah? The Islamic State is one nation under Allah. Iran is one nation under Allah. The African Caliphate is one nation under Allah. Our children are being primed for slaughter. Sheep to slaughter.

Furious students tried to shout down the recitation in their classrooms. Other students sat down in protest.

Pakistan is one nation under Allah. Let's talk about what goes on in one nation under Allah. Let's start teaching about the creed, apartheid, gender apartheid, Islamic Jew hatred, misogyny, Islamic supremacism, death penalty for blasphemy, and apostasy under Allah.

One nation under Allah: Fury after school recites pledge in Arabic, by Todd Starnes, March 19, 2015, Fox-News.com:

Students at Pine Bush High School in Pine Bush, New York, knew right

away there was something not quite right about the Pledge of Allegiance. That's because the pledge was being recited in Arabic.

"One nation under Allah," the student body president announced over the intercom system on Wednesday.

Reaction in the upstate New York high school was swift, and so was the backlash, The Times Herald-Record reports. Furious students tried to shout down the recitation in their classrooms. Other students sat down in protest.

School Superintendent Joan Carbone told the newspaper that the Arabic pledge "divided the school in half" -- noting that many complaints came from Jewish parents and those who had lost family members fighting the war on terror.

The outrage among students was so significant that the school issued an apology.

"We sincerely apologize for having the Pledge of Allegiance recited this morning in the high school in a language other than English," the apology read. "In our school district the Pledge of Allegiance will only be recited in English as recommended by the Commissioner of Education."

Well, that's somewhat reassuring.

However, state regulations do not mandate that the pledge be recited in a specific language. It recommends only specific wording.

The school said the pledge was recited in Arabic as a way to honor National Foreign Language Week "and in an effort to celebrate the many races, cultures, and religions that make up this great country." It said the pledge had been recited in other languages throughout the week.

That explanation didn't set well with student Alex Krug.

"I think it should be said in English," he told television station TWCNews.com. "It is foreign language week but we don't even offer Arabic in Pine Bush High School."

Andrew Zink, the student body president, defended what he did and said he would do it all over again -- telling TWC News he "knew exactly what would happen" because "it's the right thing to do."

Zink wrote on his Twitter account: "To everyone who disagrees with my decisions, I respect your right to do so and hope we can have a productive conversation."



Oh, there's been no shortage of conversation around the small town.

"Thanks to the illegal invasion and the concept of 'celebrate diversity,' English is becoming a foreign language in America," one critic wrote on the local newspaper's website.

"The Pledge of Allegiance isn't a 'salute' to America," he wrote. "It's a promise to be loyal to it. Part of that loyalty should be to learn English and integrating into our culture."

A writer who claimed to be an American of Arab Christian ancestry said he, too, was offended by what happened.

"The Pledge of Allegiance isn't a 'salute' to America," he wrote. "It's a promise to be loyal to it. Part of that loyalty should be to learn English and integrating into our culture."

Based on the comments made by the student body president, it appears the Arabic recitation was less about celebrating a foreign language and more about stirring up trouble.

In my most recent book, *"God Less America,"* I illustrate how the nation's public schools have been turned into indoctrination centers. Teachers are preaching a liberal ideology. Our schoolhouses have become places where Christianity is marginalized and Islam is given accommodation.

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Your Bank Withdrawal: When the Teller Says You'll Have to Wait for Your Money!

by Simon Black
of International Man,
via Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

Justice Department rolls out an early form of capital controls in America:

Imagine going to the bank to withdraw some cash.

Having some cash on hand is always a prudent strategy, and especially today when more and more bank deposits are creeping into negative territory, meaning that you have to pay the banks for the privilege that they gamble with your money.

You tell the teller that you'd like to withdraw \$5,000 from your account. She hesitates nervously and wants to know why.

You try to politely let her know that that's none of the bank's

business as it's your money.

The teller disappears for a few minutes, leaving you waiting.

When she returns she tells you that you can collect your money in a few days as they don't have it on hand at the moment.

Slightly irritated because of the inconvenience, you head home.

But, as you pull into your driveway later, there's an unexpected surprise waiting for you: two police officers would like to have a word with you about your intended withdrawal earlier...

If this sounds far-fetched, think again. Because it could very well become a reality in the Land of the Free if the Justice Department gets its way.

Earlier this week, a senior official from the Justice Department

spoke to a group of bankers about the need for them to rat out their customers to the police.

What a lot of people don't realize is that banks are already unpaid government spies.

Federal regulations in the Land of the Free REQUIRE banks to file 'suspicious activity reports' or SARs on their customers. And it's not optional.

Banks have minimum quotas of SARs they need to fill out and submit to the federal government.

If they don't file enough SARs, they can be fined. They can lose their banking charter. And yes, bank executives and directors can even be imprisoned for non-compliance.

This is the nature of the financial system in the Land of the Free.

And chances are, your banker has filled one out on you—they submitted 1.6 MILLION SARs in 2013 alone.

But now the Justice Department is saying that SARs aren't enough.

Now, whenever banks suspect something 'suspicious' is going on, they want them to pick up the phone and call the cops:

“[W]e encourage those institutions to consider whether to take more action: specifically, to alert law enforcement authorities about the problem, who may be able to seize the funds, initiate an investigation, or take other proactive steps.”

So what exactly constitutes 'suspicious activity'? Basically anything.

According to the handbook for the Federal Financial Institution Examination Council, banks are required to file a SAR with respect to:

“Transactions conducted or attempted by, at, or through the bank (or an affiliate) and aggregating \$5,000 or more...”

It's utterly obscene. **According to the Justice Department, going to the bank and withdrawing \$5,000 should potentially prompt a banker to rat you out to the police.**

This may be a very early form of capital controls in the Land of the Free.

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Doctors Restore Patient Control Over Health Care

by Bruce Parker,
WatchDog.Org

(Editor/GG: This might be the only way to see a doctor in the near future. They call it “concierge care”. You pay a doctor (or a small group of doctors) a fixed fee per year, say around \$600 to \$1,200) and get essentially unlimited doctor visits. You still need catastrophic health insurance (i.e., low premium, high deductible) for operations, etc. Now the doctor doesn't have to deal with the government (medicaid, medicare, etc.) or the insurance companies and saves a ton of money and time. Of course, the liberals are against it as they want everybody (except them) to receive poor, government-controlled “care”. The libs' ideal Nobamacare goal is to duplicate the death machine that the British have with their national health system that makes a triage station in Mumbai, India, look like the Mayo Clinic. Would love to have a concierge clinic to go to in Canon City or Pueblo.)

SOUTH BURLINGTON,
VERMONT

As health care officials from Gov. Peter Shumlin's administration fight a never-ending battle with overpriced insurance-based health systems, a quiet physician-patient revolution is under way to bypass health-care middlemen and pass the savings on to consumers.

The change is called patient-driven health care, and a group of physicians active in the movement are

leading a day-long conference in South Burlington to explain how it works.

On Saturday, physicians from New Jersey, Maine, Vermont, Kansas, and elsewhere will share how they deliver top-quality, hassle-free health care direct to patients without the expense and red tape of the Affordable Care Act.

The message is likely to resonate with anyone fed up with broken health care exchanges, skyrocketing premiums, long wait lines, indecipherable medical prices, and wasted taxpayer dollars. In other words, most Vermonters.

Alieta Eck, a private practice physician from Piscataway, New Jersey, and the conference's keynote speaker, told Vermont Watchdog that care based on the doctor-patient relationship delivers the ultimate in health care service.

“The goal is to offer patients the most choice possible so that they can choose their doctor, health plan, deductible, and what's covered — just give them the highest degree of choices. Then doctors become the coaches, and the patient feels in control, and that changes the whole dynamic,” Eck said.

Eck, a past president of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, and an internist who runs the Zarephath Health Center for the poor and uninsured, said direct primary care is a model for how health care should work.

With direct primary care,

patients pay a monthly fee of about \$50 to receive personalized health care services from doctors. For that fee, they get same-day office visits for acute illnesses, managed care for chronic medical issues, minor surgical procedures, blood and urine tests, generic medications, EKGs, and more. Patients and doctors stay connected through

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social media as well.

“There are doctors across the country now who are saying, ‘Look, buy a membership into my practice. For between \$50 and \$100 a month, you will be accessible to me by visits, email, phone, and we'll figure out the best way to care for you.’ That's leaving the insurance company out of everything. Now it's between you and your doctor,” Eck said.

For Vermonters who can't get or update their health insurance through the glitch-ridden Vermont Health Connect, imagine the personal care of Marcus Welby, M.D., the constant contact of social media, and the straightforward affordable pricing of cable TV — all rolled up into one

no-hassle experience.

Michael Ciampi, a family medicine doctor from South Portland, Maine, quit working with insurers and Medicare in 2013 and now works directly with patients. Ciampi's service charges \$50 per month for individuals and \$140 for families.

“The direct primary care

model has been very successful around the country, so we decided to transition to that,” Ciampi told Vermont Watchdog.

He said eliminating the middleman in health care could transform medicine all across New England states.

“It will stabilize the income of practices so they are financially viable, it will allow physicians to spend more time with patients and do less tests, and it will increase patient satisfaction,” Ciampi said. “It also saves doctors from getting burned out.”

Ciampi said he was burned out. His overhead costs were soaring due to Affordable Care Act regulations, and he increasingly found private doctors were not

given a level playing field.

“We were finding that there's a lot of unfair competition with hospital practices,” Eck said.

“When I was taking insurance, I was allowed to bill a patient for professional services. But, a doctor who works at a hospital would bill for that as well as a facility fee of about the same amount. So, hospital practices were making twice what we could, and hospital practices are nonprofit, so they weren't paying taxes. That puts private practices at a really unfair disadvantage in the revenues we could bring in,” he said.

Eliminating insurance allows Ciampi to provide patients personal care at an affordable price.

Direct primary care advocates are quick to point out their patients still need insurance for big-ticket medical concerns like major surgeries and hospitalization. Such individuals may wish to purchase the highest deductible plan they can afford, to protect against medical catastrophes.

However, the direct-pay model could transform big-ticket medicine as well.

Surgery Center of Oklahoma, a physician-owned, state-of-the-art medical center in Oklahoma City, takes pay directly from patients and employers. The center's surgery menu ranges from ankles and spines to cardiovascular, urology, and gynecology. According to the center's online pricing, most surgeries range between \$1,000

and \$6,000. The center's most expensive surgeries, including spines and full knee and hip replacements, can cost as much as \$25,000. In contrast, hospitals conceal their prices and often charge elevated and disparate amounts for the same procedures.

Eck said direct-pay health care works because the insurance-based health care is broken.

“They've gotten the insurance companies and the government involved in the decision-making, even for the very smallest of health care needs. You have to ask permission for this antibiotic and that medication. We doctors need prior authorization for medicine that costs \$10 — why in the world is the insurance company bothering us with that? It's very odd the way insurance is overreaching and trying to make all the decisions,” she said.

“The insurance companies are in the business to make money, so they'll cut corners where they can, and not necessarily in the best interest of the patient,” Eck said.

“We don't do any insurance because I don't want that third-party getting between my patient and me. Patients are willing to pay a very reasonable fee to come to us. We just bypass the insurance. We're primary care. I'm an internist and my husband is a family doctor. We don't charge more than Jiffy Lube.”

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Over A Barrel: Bill Would Give Coloradans the Right to Collect Rain Water

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: *Hard to believe that there are a ton of politicians that want to keep this illegal. It's not my water, it's their water. Just like my paycheck - it's not MY money, it's the libs money.*)

A bill to legalize personal rain barrels, HB15-1259, is making its way through the Colorado State House. Yes, you read that correctly. In Colorado, it is illegal to collect rain in rain barrels on your property. In fact, Colorado is the only state in which it is illegal to collect rainwater. While most people have indoor plumbing (we think) and could certainly use a hose to water plants, the bill would allow each person to collect rainwater in two 50 gallon barrels. 9News estimates that a person could capture about 600 gallons of water each year to “irrigate plants” on their property.

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It's truly unbelievable that we're even talking about this. This might just be the dumbest law in Colorado, unless the state has at some point outlawed any of the following activities on one's personal property.

- Sunbathing for more than your share of sunlight (300 days of sunshine!)
- Opening windows for gentle breezes to waft through one's home
- Shoveling snow – wait....
- Gazing at the stars for longer than one's allotted time

And the list could go on. While the basis of the original law is water rights, it seems excessive to impose such restrictions on average joes, but, then again, most people in our neighborhood just use hoses.

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Improper Medicare-Medicaid Payments Up 20% - \$77.4 BILLION in 2014

by Terence P. Jeffrey,
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(Editor/GG: *Keep working, folks. The government needs your tax money to pay the criminals. Note: no mention of ANYONE getting punished for paying this money incorrectly.*)

Medicare and Medicaid made a combined \$77.4 billion in improper payments in fiscal 2014, a 20.4 percent increase from fiscal 2013, according to data published by the Government Accountability Office and the federal paymentaccuracy.gov website.

In fiscal 2013, Medicare and Medicaid made \$64.3 billion in improper payments, according to the paymentaccuracy.gov website.

The \$77.4 billion in improper payments that Medicare and Medicaid made in fiscal 2014 made up about 62.07 percent of the \$124.7 billion total in improper payments for the year reported by the GAO.

The \$64.3 billion in improper payments the Medicare and Medicaid made in fiscal 2013 made up about 60.8 percent of the \$105.8 billion improper payments for that year.

In a statement presented to the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee yesterday, the GAO listed the 12 government programs that made the largest amount in

improper payments in fiscal 2014. Three of the top four were Medicare or Medicaid programs.

The Top 12 programs for improper payments in FY 2014 were:

1. Medicare Fee-for-Service, \$45.754 billion
2. Earned Income Tax Credit, \$17.7 billion
3. Medicaid, \$17.492 billion
4. Medicare Advantage (Part C), \$12.229 billion
5. Unemployment Insurance, \$5.604 billion
6. Supplemental Security Income, \$5.107 billion
7. Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance, \$3.0 billion
8. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, \$2.437 billion
9. Medicare Prescription Drug (Part D), \$1.931 billion
10. School Lunch, \$1.748 billion
11. Direct Loan, \$1.532 billion
12. Public Housing/Rental Assistance, \$1.029

In this list of the top twelve government programs by the value of their improper payments in fiscal 2014, three of the top four--and four of the top ten--are Medicare or Medicaid programs.

The paymentaccuracy.gov website has posted histori-

cal improper payment data for all four of the health care programs (Medicare Fee-for-Service, Medicaid, Medicare Part C, and Medicare Part D) listed among this year's Top 12 for improper payments going back to fiscal 2011. In 2013, the combined improper payments from these program was lower than it had been in 2011. In fiscal 2011, the four programs made a combined \$64.8 billion in improper payments. In fiscal 2012, they made a combined total of \$63.5 billion in improper payments. And, in 2013, they made a combined total of \$64.3 billion in improper payments.

The increase was largely driven by Medicare Fee-for-Service improper payments, which climbed from \$36.0 billion in fiscal 2013 to \$45.754 billion in fiscal 2014.

Medicaid improper payments climbed from \$14.4 billion in fiscal 2013 to \$17.492 billion in fiscal 2014.

Medicare Advantage (Part C) improper payments climbed from \$11.8 billion in fiscal 2013 to \$12.229 billion in fiscal 2014.

The Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (Part D) dropped from \$2.1 billion in fiscal 2013 to \$1.931 billion in fiscal 2014.

Federal agencies are required by federal law to report improper payments,

but a federal “improper payment” is not necessarily an overpayment or one made to someone not entitled to receive it.

“An improper payment is defined by statute as any payment that should not have been made or that was made in an incorrect amount (including overpayments and underpayments) under statutory, contractual, administrative, or other legally applicable requirements,” said the GAO statement released yesterday. “It includes any payment to an ineligible recipient, any payment for an ineligible good or service, any duplicate payment, any payment for a good or service not received (except such payments where authorized by law), and any payment that does not account for credit for applicable discounts. Office of Management and Budget guidance also instructs agencies to report as improper payments any payments for which insufficient or no documentation was found.”

Although underpayments are counted as an “improper payment,” they are far outweighed by overpayments. In fiscal 2013, according to paymentaccuracy.gov there were \$97 billion in overpayments and \$9 billion in underpayments.

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INSANITY: Two Things the EPA Wants to Regulate in Your Life

by Allen West,
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(Editor/GG: To the liberals (including our very own, inclusive loving crew here in Westcliffe), the point made below is NOT crazy. The state knows best and your personal behaviour is theirs to control (as clearly evidenced here locally over the last few years. e.g., free speech, 2nd Amendment, etc.). Folks, as one national blog site correctly notes, "Inside Every Liberal Is A Totalitarian Waiting To Get Out".)

Ladies and gents, I just cannot ascertain when the absurdity of this current administration will cease. The weather is finally warming up and one of the rituals of spring and summer is the family BBQ. Well, it is for now until the Environmental Protection Agency has its way.

As reported by Fox News, "the EPA is funding a \$15,000 University of California-Riverside study to look at the particulate emissions you breathe when grilling over an open flame. Along with the drip tray, the emission removal system includes the use of a "secondary air filtration system composed of a single pipe duct system which contains a specialized metal filter, a metal fan blade, a drive shaft, and an accompanying power system with either a motorized or manual method," according to study."

Why is the EPA concerned about BBQ grill emissions? Who are these people and why are they using one single dime of American taxpayer dollars for this tomfoolery?

The EPA has responded by stating, "that it doesn't regulate people's backyard barbecues and that the grant is part of the EPA's "National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity

and the Planet (2014)", which is a student-designed competition for sustainability" — sustainability of exactly what may I ask?

This is yet another example of how the administrative bureaucratic state is far out of control. I would like to know the name of the person who signed off on this grant. One thing is for sure, some folks aren't taking this lying down.

Earlier this week, "State Senator Eric Schmitt (R) from St. Louis kicked off a #porksteakrebellion after he discovered the EPA is funding a study on propane grill emissions that suggest pit masters use a special tray to catch grease drippings and a "catalytic" filtration system to reduce air pollution, reports Fox News KTVI."

So imagine what "King of the Hill" star Hank Hill would say to all of this? I believe he would be absolutely flabbergasted — even Peggy Hill would probably go nuts over this one, along with Bobby. And their neighbor Dale would certainly see this as a government surveillance conspiracy.

Folks, we can laugh but this is very disturbing and serious — consider this EPA insanity also reported by Fox News, "The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) wants hotels to monitor how much time its guests spend in the shower. The agency is spending \$15,000 to create a wireless system that will track how much water a hotel guest uses to get them to "modify their behavior." "Hotels consume a significant amount of water in the U.S. and around the world," an EPA grant to the University of Tulsa reads. "Most hotels do not monitor individual guest water usage and as a result, millions of gallons of potable water are wasted every year by hotel guests." "The proposed work aims

to develop a novel low cost wireless device for monitoring water use from hotel guest room showers," it said. "This device will be designed to fit most new and existing hotel shower fixtures and will wirelessly transmit hotel guest water usage data to a central hotel accounting system."

And here's how the EPA tries to explain this one: "This technology will provide hotel guests with the ability to monitor their daily water online or using a smartphone app and will assist hotel guest in modifying their behavior to help conserve water," the grant said.

This reminds me of those words President Reagan warned us about, "I'm from the government and I'm here to help."

Notice those eerie words, "modifying their behavior?" That's the progressive socialist way, executed by coercion, intimidation and taxation.

So get this: if you're at home and burn the BBQ meat because your new EPA catalytic converter failed, everyone gets mad at you. And when everyone at the BBQ gets mad at you, your self-esteem is hurt. When your self-esteem is hurt, you withdraw to a local hotel room. At the local hotel room you use too much water violating EPA mandates and are put in jail. When you are put in jail you find a new friend named Leroy. Don't find a new friend named Leroy; don't buy an EPA catalytic converter for your BBQ grill.

Someone signed off on this and allocated your taxpayer dollars. But someone out there could have used this \$30,000 far more wisely.

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167,527 Criminal Aliens Loose in U.S.A.

by Brittany M. Hughes, CNSNews.com

(Editor/GG: This is intentional. Period. Destabilizing the country with career, ganged up, illegal immigrant criminals. Nobama and every lib in this country endorses this. Tens of thousands of illegals are crossing our southern border EVERY MONTH and are being embraced by the Nobama government. Once they get the vote, game over folks. The America you knew is gone.)

According to weekly detention and departure reports from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, there were 167,527 non-detained convicted criminal aliens in the United States as of January 26 of this year, a congressional hearing revealed Thursday.

House Oversight and Government Reform Chairman Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah) read the statistic aloud Thursday during a hearing examining ICE's priorities and procedures for removing criminal aliens currently living in the United States.

"In that report, it said that there are 167,527 non-detained, final-order, convicted criminals on the loose in the United States," Chaffetz pointed out while questioning ICE Director Sarah Saldana.

"These are people that are here illegally, get caught, convicted, and you release back out into the public," he said, adding that some of the crimes committed by those who have

been released include homicide, sex crimes, child pornography, drunk driving, robbery and kidnapping.

The federal government announced Wednesday that ICE had released about 30,000 convicted criminal aliens from ICE custody in 2014 alone, according to *The Washington Times*, which first reported the statistic.

As CNSNews.com reported in February, ICE admitted to releasing 36,007 criminal aliens from the agency's custody in Fiscal Year 2013, including those convicted of sex crimes, homicide, drunk driving, kidnapping and robbery. Of these, 1,000 went on to commit new crimes ranging from assault with a deadly weapon and lewd acts with a child to aggravated assault, robbery, and hit-and-run.

During the hearing, Saldana said that ICE releases criminal aliens back into the community based on the agency's "discretionary control."

"Madam Director, if you're a criminal, will you be deported?" Chaffetz asked Saldana.

"Those are the people we're looking for, yes," Saldana responded.

"But they've been in your detention. They've been detained. I mean they were convicted. They were...were they deported?" Chaffetz pressed.

"They were in the process of being deported," Saldana claimed. "Everyone in our detention facilities is in the process of being deported, chairman."

"Well, that's not true. I mean, you regularly release them back out into the public before they get deported, correct?" Chaffetz continued.

Of the roughly 36,000 criminal aliens released by ICE in 2013, about 22,000 were released under ICE's "discretionary control," she estimated.

"So you don't automatically deport them, then?" Chaffetz asked.

"Automatically, sir? No," Saldana responded, adding that "the law gives us that discretion."

"And so when we say, if you're a criminal, you'll be deported, that's not necessarily true," Chaffetz said.

"It is true, sir. It's in--"

"After they get released back into the public for untold number of times?" Chaffetz asked.

"It does happen. It does happen, yes, and that's exactly what we're here to do," Saldana admitted.

"What does happen? That they get released?" Chaffetz asked.

"Yes," Saldana said, "Even criminals that are released."

"Those people were released under the laws of the United States," Saldana added, explaining that according to "due process," it can easily take "months and even years to deport folks."

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Why?

by Ash Hess

(Editor/GG: Read this and understand that practice is the key to success. You don't want any regrets after an incident about not having practiced enough. We are not baking cakes here. We are talking about life and death scenarios often happening in just a few seconds. You need to completely understand the law, you need to constantly practice (see the ad for the Appleseed marksmanship clinic in this week's Sentinel) and you need insurance for gun related incidents (e.g., U.S. Law Shield.)

Why do I train so much? Why do I spend so much money? Why do I practice so much? Why do I want others to do the same?

Here is the answer.

I have a total of 52 months deployed to the best combat zones in recent history. That's 52 months of being in the big game and plying my skill, along with my brothers to my left and right, against the best the enemy can field. I am talking about real ones, not perceived ones. Many hours of fighting the enemy and thousands of rounds down range have left some facts imprinted on my brain. Those facts drive the train. Pun intended.

First and foremost, in the fight you don't think about breathing, trigger, stance, grip, or draws. You think about speed and sights

tance range shooting paper and moved on into short range work. This was followed by two weeks using sims in force on force training. Here I learned how good shooting went to bad shooting during the fight. We simply did not have the reps to be able to apply the techniques for real.

During that following deployment, things began to sink in. We needed to practice. A lot. And then

being said, my first deployment didn't see many hits. My hit ratio was abysmal. The first went like this:

Bang. Uh, BANG....UH BANG. BANG. What the..... B-B-B-B-B-B-BANG!

Over the deployment we learned a lot about combat shooting and running the gun. It was never broken down into skillsets, nor explained. We just got better. We learned where the bullets were in relation to the red dot, got passed the aim center mass and everything will be great taught at the range training scars. But then, the deployment was over.

Before my second tour I attended one of the premier regular Army schools of the day, the 10th Mountain Mountain Leader Advanced Rifle Marksmanship course. MLARM, for short, spent days on the dis-

practice more. I was unable to articulate why I felt this way, but it was because under stress, I was still unable to reproduce what I could do on the range. I have never been a bad shooter. I was only getting better, but it was still beyond my grasp.

I realized we were not trained how to run a gun in combat. The army qual is and was based on the defense. We were conducting offensive operations and despite the propaganda, one shot one kill wasn't the way. We didn't practice, we didn't train.

On the 3rd deployment, it finally began to sink in what exactly was going on. I, like many others, hadn't connected one of the old truisms to shooting: "The more thou sweatest in training, the less thou shalt bleed in combat." Once I made this connection I began my quest.

ing on the shot?

Practice. Training. Investment. More practice.

make sure I am. I want to train "how to shoot" beyond conscious thought and just be able to do it. Accurately under stress.

Have a friend set up a target or a few that you are unaware of. Have them fill a magazine with two rounds per target. Cover your eyes and have them walk you to the firing point.

Open your eyes, load, and put two rounds on whatever target is up as rapidly as possible.

That is your capability. That's what you can do cold. Was it good enough?

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Lastly I issue a challenge.

Go to your local range with your weapon of choice.

“The more thou sweatest in training, the less thou shalt bleed in combat.”

New Glock 43: Finally. A Single Stack 9mm Sub-Compact!

by George Gramlich

Glock USA just announced last Friday their newest offering - a sub-compact, single stack, 9mm handgun. Rumors of this gun have been around for a long time and it is finally here. This small handgun is chambered in the popular 9x19mm parabellum and has a magazine capacity of 6 rounds.

The weapon is 6.06 inches long, 4.25 inches high, and a nicely narrow width of 1.02 inches. It's weight with an empty magazine is 17.95 oz.

It will compete directly with the Beretta Nano and the excellent S&W M&P Shield. A possible drawback is the smallish 6 round magazine (the M&P Shield has 7). Another possible negative for some people is the absence of an external safety (the M&P Shield can be had with or without a safety). But no matter what, Glock is gonna sell a ton of them. Small, light, easy manual-of-arms, and if they work like most Glocks do, it will have outstanding reliability. Check out our gun shop advertisers for availability.



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Senator Grassley: M855 Ammo - Another Ignorant RINO

by Karl Denninger,
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Now that the BATFE has “folded” (temporarily, anyway) their **unlawful** attempt to ban M855 ammunition, this goes out to the senator from Iowa:

“I’m pleased to see that the ATF has now decided to abide by congressional intent of the law, *and its exemption* protecting the rights of law-abiding gun owners, Iowa GOP Sen. Chuck Grassley chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said after the ATF announcement. **“ATF’s original proposal to short-circuit the exemption** and limit access to rifle ammunition was an affront to the Second Amendment to the Constitution, and it was met with stiff rebuke.”

Ignoring the 2nd Amendment, which allows **no** constraint for “armor-piercing” ammunition (indeed, if the 2nd Amendment’s purpose is ever necessary, *God forbid*, the ability to shoot through armor might well be essential) there is this little matter of **black-letter statute**.

Specifically, M855 ammunition meets **neither** of the criteria in the statute (18 USC Sec 921) to **define** it as *armor-piercing*, and thus **irrespective of any so-called “sporting exception” there has never been, and cannot be without revision of the statute, any such lawful ban on the manufacture or import of same.**

In other words there was never any such “exemption” issued **as a matter of law**, irrespective of **any** edict that the BATFE might have published. The reason is simple -- the ammunition in question is **not** larger than .22 caliber, it was **not** intended for use in a handgun, and it did **not** have a jacket that was more than 25% of the total mass of the projectile. Note that **all three** criteria must be made (the word “and” is used twice) to meet this criteria.

It **also** is **not** constructed **entirely** of any of the listed substances (or only a combination thereof) that would categorize it as “armor-piercing” irrespective of its other characteristics; M855 ammunition is *primarily* constructed of *lead*, as is most other ammunition in common use.

Therefore, there was never a lawful listing of M855 under any such “sporting exemption” because the ammunition was never, as a matter of statutory law, “armor-piercing” in the first instance.

The senator from Iowa is either mistaken or has intentionally and flagrantly violated his oath of office as has everyone involved at the DOJ and BATFE, the latter requiring the faithful execution of the law.

Since the BATFE has documented its **intention** to violate black-letter statute, the only proper remedy is **disbandment**.

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Colorado VA Hospital In Shambles, Executives Beg For More Money From Congress

by Jonah Bennett,
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DailyCaller.com

(Editor/GG: Yup, and the libs want more government.)

The Department of Veterans Affairs says it needs \$930 million to finish constructing a new hospital in Denver.

Republican Rep. Jeff Miller, chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, says the VA needs to fire senior executives.

When the sorely needed project first started, the VA proposed a cost estimate of \$328 million, the *Washington Post* reports. VA executives first drew up plans for a new hospital after realizing the aging Denver VA hospital, built in 1951, could no longer accommodate the growing number of veterans, according to *The Denver Post*. Veterans often complained that the facility was “threadbare.”

The most recent figure cited by the VA for the Aurora facility is greater than five times the original cost and exactly \$800 million higher than the amount allocated by Congress. The total price tag now sits at \$1.73 billion. Based in Aurora, Colorado, the hospital is around 1.2 million square feet and, supposing the VA can convince Congress to grant funding requests, will provide services for around 83,000 veterans.

Aurora isn’t the only hospital that’s far behind schedule and generating higher costs than first proposed. A Government Accountability Office report in 2013 found that four main hospitals under construction, Aurora included, are running \$1.5 billion over budget in total. But the Aurora hospital is by far the most expensive in VA history.

Lawmakers on Thursday wondered aloud why the VA was even in the business of building hospitals, given the disastrous history of the state-of-the-art hospital.

“I don’t think the VA should be allowed to build hospitals. I could build palaces in Tennessee with the amount they’ve spent,” Republican Rep. David P. Roe said at a House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing on Thursday.

Miller pointed to two specific executives that the VA should fire immediately: Glenn Haggstrom, executive director of the VA’s Office of Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction Principal, and Office of Construction and Facilities Management Executive Director Stella Fiotes.

“VA’s entire construction program is a disaster and has been for years,” Miller said in a statement on Wednesday. “Every single member of VA’s top leadership is fully aware of these

issues, yet the senior executives who presided over the mismanagement that led to them remain firmly entrenched at VA, where they collect generous taxpayer-funded salaries... Therefore, I am calling upon VA’s leadership to fire them immediately-

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ly. As part of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act, Congress gave VA leaders the authority to immediately fire VA senior executives for poor performance.”

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Nevada Bill Would Maintain Single-Sex School Restrooms and Locker Rooms

by Steve Gunn,
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(Editor/GG: Hey, state Representative Jim Wilson, and state Senators Kevin Grantham and Larry Crowder: How about doing this here in Colorado? We got a boy going into the girls restrooms in Florence with the blessing of the school board and administration. The female students are outraged. It is a time bomb waiting to go off.)

CARSON CITY, Nev. – Opposition to radical new transgender policies in public schools is spreading from statehouse to statehouse.

On Tuesday, the Student’s Right to Privacy Act was introduced in the Nevada legislature by state Assemblywoman Vicki Dooling. The proposed law would force schools to maintain student restroom and locker room facilities that are segregated by gender in the traditional sense.

Lawmakers in Kentucky

and Minnesota have recently introduced similar legislation.

The proposed laws are in response to new policies being adopted in school districts across the nation, allowing transgender students to use the restroom or locker room facilities that match their self-identity, even if that means a biological boy uses a girls restroom, or the other way around.

Critics have many concerns, including the issue of modesty and privacy for average students who may not be comfortable using restrooms or locker rooms with children of the opposite biological sex.

The Nevada legislation comes in response to a new transgender policy recently adopted in the Washoe County school district, opening up student restrooms and locker rooms to students of the opposite biological gender.

A draft proposal of a sim-

ilar policy recently leaked from the Clark County (Las Vegas) school district. Apparently the draft was meant for staff, and district officials have not responded to requests for comment.

“The Washoe policy and proposed Clark County policy are examples of why this new statewide legisla-

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tion is needed,” said Karen England, executive director of the Capitol Resource Institute. “These district administrators are favoring special rights for a few over concern for privacy and comfort of so many more students.”

Activists like England stress that they have no objection to schools creating

special facilities for transgender students, as long as traditional facilities continue to exist for the majority of students.

“The proposed Nevada law strikes the perfect balance. It shows compassion for those that feel uncomfortable in traditional sex separate facilities, but respects

the privacy and safety of so many others who would be intruded on if access to facilities is based on identity rather than reality,” England said.

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**Wait on the Lord;
Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen
your heart;
Wait I say on the Lord.**

Psalms 27:14, NKJV

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.



Time to Come Out of The Grave

Easter Sunday will see an increase in church attendance across the fruited plain just because some will succumb to a twinge of religious-osity, not desiring to be classified as total pagans. Semi-pagans may be acceptable, but many would avoid being considered a blatant unbeliever. It is to the slightly informed that I dedicate this enlightenment.

There is a general acknowledgement among those who would call themselves Christians that the vicarious death of Christ was absolutely necessary to procure individual salvation. However, the apostle Paul went a step further in declaring that belief in the crucifixion must be accompanied by faith in the resurrection. (Romans 10:9) Three essential ingredients were demonstrated on that first Easter morning:

*The power of God was put on full display. Mankind has always been impressed with power, so he long ago learned to harness a horse that possesses far greater strength. In succeeding years the human race has built great locomotives, rockets, and machines and has admirably complemented itself in this ability. As man's mastery is perceived to increase, the less willing he is to recognize a greater might.

It is generally acknowledged that a powerless God is incapable of aiding people. If you are searching for someone who is exceedingly powerful beyond your capabilities --- try this one on for size ---- come out of the grave. Real Christianity is unique, for it totally depends upon the resurrection of its leader for its viability and existence. No other religion needs this! When D.L. Moody, the great preacher of yesteryear, was young in the ministry and facing his first funeral, he searched the Gospels for a funeral sermon by Jesus but found none. All Jesus ever did was break up funerals by commanding the victim to rise up. He alone had power over the

grip of the sepulcher.

John Lennon said, "Christianity will go. It will vanish and shrink. I needn't argue about that: I'm right and I will be proved right. We're more popular than Jesus now..." Does even the most fervent Beatles fan really believe that Mr. Lennon has conquered death?

*Sin stands as a silent sentinel over the graves of the offenders. Christ came forth because his righteousness was so pure that the eternal adversary had no authority to keep him bound. The alternative to our own captivity is to accept his righteousness, admitting our personal inability to reach God's standard of perfection. Complete confidence in Christ's victory over the grave delivers imputed righteousness to the believer, accompanied with justification for good measure. (Romans 4:24,25) Most parents have spent considerable time justifying their children's bad behavior. The terrible two's, the lack of a nap, too much sugar, the neighbor's kids, the grandparents' spoiling are but a few of the usual excuses. God, the complete Father, is willing to do the same for those who become his children, but the basis for the exoneration he offers is the shed blood of Jesus Christ (Romans 5:8-10) and his resurrection, which completes the deal.

The Bible constantly utilizes legal language in an effort to officially declare the judicial standing of the convert. In the earlier years of Harvard law school, the students' first assignment was to discuss the Biblical book of Romans. It is the most effective document in the world to establish rescue from condemnation.

*Our future rides on Christ's coattails; in other words, Christianity does far more than to serve us in the present. In the midst of the great resurrection chapter, Paul said, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." (I Corinthians

15:19) A wealthy family in England took their children to the country, and as could be expected, the youngsters headed straight for the swimming pool. One of the boys began to drown. The son of the gardener jumped in and rescued the helpless one. The grateful parents asked the gardener what they could do for the youthful hero. The man said his son wanted to go to college with a desire to be a doctor, but that aspiration was beyond their means. "We'll be glad to pay his way through," was their immediate response.

When Winston Churchill was stricken with pneumonia after the Teheran Conference, the king of England instructed that the best doctor be found to save the prime minister. The developer of penicillin, Dr. Fleming, was called upon to rescue the perishing. "Rarely," said Churchill to Fleming, "has one man owed his life twice to the same rescuer." If this one slipped by you, it was Fleming who saved Churchill in that pool many years before. Not only was the "handwriting of ordinances that was against us" nailed to the cross (Colossians 2:14), but the sting of death and the grave has yielded to victory through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 15:55,56)

Daniel Webster of dictionary fame was dining with a company of literary gentlemen in the city of Boston. A minister of considerable literary reputation sat opposite him at the table and said, "Mr. Webster, can you comprehend how Jesus can be both God and man?" Mr. Webster, with one of those looks that no man could imitate, fixed his eyes upon him and emphatically said, "No, sir, I cannot comprehend it. If I could, he would be no greater than myself. I need a superhuman savior."

Socrates said, "Oh, that someone would arise, man or God, to show us God." Hey, Mr. Socrates, he has!

A Sheepdog Barks!

Consider these LPSD actions this last week. Prime Minister Netanyahu "speaks" to the American people and tells us the truth about the Iranian pursuit of nuclear weapons and the risks that it will impose on us and the whole world and the LPSDs go berserk in criticizing him. Obama "speaks" to the Iranian people but not to the leader of our only ally in the region – Netanyahu. He tells the "people of Iran" to support his feckless deal with their leaders and the LPSDs love it. He didn't speak out to the Iranian people when they were trying to overthrow the Ayatollahs. He remained silent and turned his back on them when they needed him. But now he "speaks?" You know there are problems when someone wants a deal this bad. Don't be fooled that the Iranian people are our friends. Just last week when the Ayatollah was speaking to the "people," they were chanting "Death to America!" The Ayatollah repeated back, "Yes, of course, Death to America." Why are we even negotiating with these murderous enemies? Diplomacy will NOT work. You can bet that no matter what is agreed to, or not agreed to, in the Iranian Nuclear Talks there will be just enough of a "framework" reached for Obama to continue this farce of a deal. Obama and Kerry will not let these talks fail. They have the full intention of removing all the sanctions at any cost. Hopefully, the "Straw Lions" in charge of Congress will do something about that. The Iranians are masters at the deception of progress in deals like this. Obama & Kerry (the O&K Twins) are amateurs at best and might be doing this bad deal on purpose. WOOF! And from the information being leaked out about the deal, the two essential requirements seem to be missing. First is the continued sanctions to force compliance and the second is unfettered access and "intrusive inspections" for verification. Without these two elements the deal will be "hollow" and actually help Iran continue on its path. The National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) (the Iranian people that don't support the Ayatollah's regime and the ones not being spoken to by Obama) said this truthful statement recently:

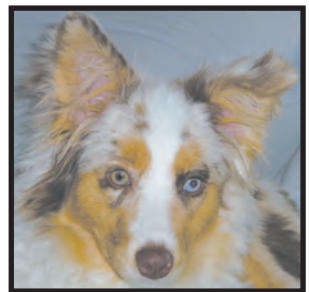
"The only way to definitely prevent the Iranian regime from acquiring an atomic bomb is a decisive policy, which must include comprehensive sanctions..., full implementation of (UN) Security Council Resolutions and unhindered access to, as well as, snap inspections of all suspect sites, military, or otherwise." These Iranians know exactly what it will take. Do you think the O&K Twins do? Not on your life – they want to give the world's worst state sponsor of terrorism everything they want. What are we letting happen right before our eyes? Congress will vote on 14 April. Make sure you "speak" to them. They must have the courage to stop this at any cost. WOOF!

Check out these "Only-In-A-Liberal Progressive America" stories:

OIALPA: University of Michigan. The University spent \$16,000 to implement a policy on "inclusive language." These are now banned words, et al: crazy, illegal alien, ghetto, and gypped. They are deemed offensive and therefore should not be used. WHAT! As the editor of the school newspaper said, "This is social justice and political correctness that's wrong. Everybody has the right to be offended. You don't have a right to not be offended." Wow, smart young man. We need a lot more like him! WOOF!

OIALPA: Tufts University. Officials suggested that a civics high school test on the Constitution and how our government works (or doesn't work) is "fraught with dangers and is counterproductive." WOW! You cannot make this stuff up. The LPSDs are in total control in our schools and are destroying America one student at a time. WOOF!

OIALPA: Howard Dean, the idiot LPSD from Vermont, has attacked Scott Walker, Governor of Wisconsin, for not having a college degree. I actually find that refreshing as the less time he spent being brainwashed by socialists and communists the better. Dean is the guy who made a complete fool of himself when he ran for president and was going to go all the way to Washington, D.C., and take the White House - YEEEEEEEEHAAW-WWW! Thankfully, that



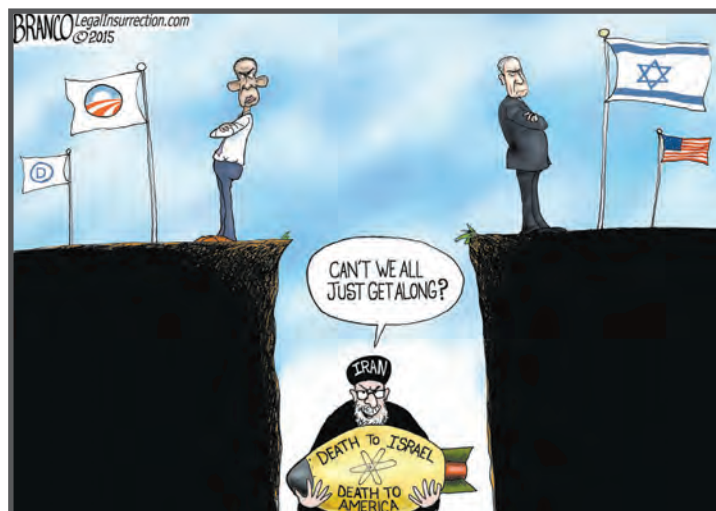
scream stopped him dead in his tracks. We have enough intellectuals and lawyers in Washington already. We have a college-educated constitutional-studies professor in the White House now and it's a disaster. You Go, Scott! WOOF!

OIALPA: Pine Bush High School. Students in the Pine Bush Central School District spent time learning how to say the Pledge of Allegiance in Arabic. Officials said the intention was to promote the fact that those who speak a language other than English still pledge to salute this great nation...REALLY! That was the intent? Let's not kid ourselves. The intent was to promote multiculturalism and "THAT" misguided LPSD thought process is causing many serious problems in America. Let's concentrate on Americanism and speaking the language of the land if they are serious about assimilating into our society. This is just another way that diversity destroys American values. Stop this nonsense. Wonder if they should also learn that popular phrase, "Death to America," in Arabic! WOOF!

OIALPA: New York City. City University of New York leaders banned the use of gender specific titles like Mr. or Ms. Their explanation went like this: "The policy is to eliminate the use of general salutations and references in correspondence...accordingly Mr. and Ms. should be omitted from salutations." Louise Lemmalan, Interim Provost. OMG! WE sure wouldn't want to offend that guy or gal who doesn't know which one he/she really is. More political correctness running amuck. WOOF!

A big "bark out" to Ted Cruz. He speaks the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Sadly, that scares a lot of sheep. BAAA! My kind of sheepdog that we really need in Washington, D.C. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



9 of 10 Worst Countries for Persecution of Christians Have 50% or Greater Muslim Populations

by Lauretta Brown, CNSNews.com
(Editor/GG: Saw an estimate the other day that Obama is going to let another 400,000 Muslims legally immigrate to the U.S.A. in 2015. Been to Dearborn, Michigan, lately?)

Nine of the 10 countries with the worst records for persecution of Christians have populations that are at least 50 percent Muslim, according to the assessment of persecution in the Open Doors U.S.A.'s World Watch List (WWL) 2015 and population information published by the State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency.

The WWL is an "annual survey of religious liberty conditions for Christians around the world" that was released Wednesday.

Communist North Korea topped the list for the 13th consecutive year for the regime's extreme persecution of Christians.

But the other 9 countries among the 10 worst had Muslim populations of 50 percent or greater and were cited for "Islamic extremism" as a main cause for the persecution of Christians.

"Approximately 100 million Christians are persecuted worldwide, making them one of the most persecuted religious groups in the world," said an Open Doors statement announcing the report. "Islamic extremism is the main source of persecution in 40 of the 50 countries on the 2015 World Watch List."

Somalia, which ranks second on the list, has a "large

majority" of Sunni Muslims, according to the State Department. The CIA World Factbook lists Sunni Islam as the "official" religion of the country, and the Pew Research Center estimates a 99.8 percent Muslim population.

Iraq and Syria are third and fourth on the list with Muslim populations of 99 percent and 87 percent respectively, according to the CIA's World Factbook.

"Violence against Christians by the Islamic State and other Islamic terrorist groups increased in countries like Iraq and Syria. More than 70 percent of Christians have fled Iraq since 2003, and more than 700,000 Christians have left Syria since the civil war began in 2011," according to Open Doors.

Afghanistan, which is fifth on the persecution list, has an 80 percent Muslim majority, according to the CIA. Sudan, according to the CIA is Sunni Muslim with a "small Christian minority. The United Nations Development Programme estimates the Muslim population at 97 percent. Iran (which is 99.4 percent, according to the CIA) and Pakistan (which is 96.4 percent, according to the CIA) are seventh and eighth on the list.

The final two countries among the 10 worst for persecuting Christians each have Muslim populations of 50 percent. In Eritrea, 50 percent of the population is Sunni Muslim, 30 percent is Orthodox Christian, and 13 percent is Roman Catholic, according to the State Department. Nigeria is 50 percent Muslim, 40 percent

Christian, and 10 percent "indigenous beliefs," according to the CIA.

Open Doors USA is a Christian human rights organization which has monitored Christian persecution worldwide since the 1970s. Their WWL measures "the degree of freedom a Christian has to live out his or her faith in five spheres of life—private, family, community, national, and church life, plus a sixth category measuring the degree of violence." This year's WWL was independently audited by the International Institute of Religious Freedom (IIRF).

"Christian persecution," says Open Doors, "is any hostility experienced from the world as a result of one's identification as a Christian. Beatings, physical torture, confinement, isolation, rape, severe punishment, imprisonment, slavery, discrimination in education and employment, and even death are just a few examples of the persecution they experience on a daily basis."

Islamic countries have always featured strongly at the top of the annual Open Doors list, but the number has increased over the past decade.

On the 2004 list, four of the top ten countries were Islamic. The number rose to five in 2005 and 2006, to six in 2007 and 2008, to seven in 2009, to eight in 2010 and 2011, to nine in 2012, to eight in 2013, back to nine in 2014, and again nine this year.

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unintended consequences of the current crop of high capacity handguns is that some, including many police officers, rely on "spraying and praying" instead of controlled, accurate fire using the handgun's sights.

As for stopping the fight, this depends on many factors: handgun caliber, bullet construction, velocity of bullet, distance to the target, what the assailant is wearing including body armor, assailant's state of mind, the drugs or stimulants involved, bullet placement, and number of hits. The simple fact that the FBI article points out is that all handguns are unreliable "stoppers." The author is trying to sell the idea that the 9mm NATO (or Parabellum or Luger) should be considered a police and a self-defense standard (the 9mm is virtually identical to the .38 S&W carried by police for over 70 years). He also points out that bullet technological advances over the past 20 years has greatly improved bullet performance for the good old 9mm. In the big picture, the author is probably correct. This Executive Briefing is now in print locally and should be read, re-read and

its content discussed.
The kind of discussion that I'm encouraging is the kind of discussion that hunters have had around the camp-fire for decades. The essence is the way a specific rifle round performs on game animals. Hunting ethics dictate that any game animal must be taken cleanly and swiftly. Shot placement and a cartridge powerful enough to kill the animal swiftly...killed in its tracks if possible, but in a minute or less for sure. The best cartridge will expend all of its energy inside the animal. A similar discussion should be had regarding the use of common handgun cartridges. Instead of focusing on "killing" it must be focused on stopping the fight.
The one issue that I wish the FBI had discussed is the myth of the use of so-called "dum-dum" bullets. Hollow point, controlled expansion bullets, are among those included by the media in the "dum-dum" general category. Topics like over-penetration, ricochet resistance, and bullet performance through wallboard and auto glass would be helpful for all gun owners to have.
If you haven't read the article, I urge you to do so. It will help you make wise choices that will help you protect yourself and those you love.

SHERIFF From page 11

vehicle (700 BLK of Main Street) while driving on a revoked license, with fictitious plates and no insurance.

03/23/15 I-15-1581 12:00 AM - Officers assisted in locating a missing juvenile in the area of Mill Ave.

03/23/15 I-15-1584 7:30 AM - Party (Stuart, John Michael - DOB in 1949) was taken into custody, and transported to the Custer County Detention Facility on several outstanding warrants.

03/23/15 12:55 AM - WMFD Re-

sponded to a fire in the area of Pines Ranch. Firefighters were able to control and extinguish the fire. All okay.

03/23/15 I-15-087 2:10 PM - Officers were dispatched to a report of a possible domestic violence in the area of HWY 69 and North Street. Both parties agreed that the argument was only verbal in nature, and were advised to contact the Sheriff's Office in the event of anything further.

03/23/15 2:51 PM - EMS Transported party to Parkview Medical Center.

03/23/15 I-15-230 4:38 PM - Party (Van

Voorst, James - DOB in 1981) was cited for speeding (10-19 MPH over the posted limit), in the area of HWY 96 and The Old Country Store.

03/23/15 I-15-231 4:56 PM - Party (Rodacy, Matthew - DOB in 1995) was cited for speeding (10-29 over) in the area of HWY 96 and Greenwood Rd.

03/23/15 I-15-233 7:29 PM - Party (Tatasciore, Brent - DOB in 1958) was cited for speeding (10-19 over) in the area of HWY 69 and Adams.

03/23/15 10:06 PM - EMS Transported party to Parkview Medical Center.

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“Takin’ It To The House...”

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representative Jim Wilson – HD 60
March 22, 2015

The March Revenue Forecast is in and the “Battle Over Bucks” is gearing up under the Golden Dome. Throughout this session I have been alerting you to the fact that a battle was brewing over the upcoming budget and TABOR – the Taxpayers Bill of Rights. Well, the war broke out this week!

Here is the scoop: The March Revenue Forecast (MRF) unveiled the amount of new money available for the next budget cycle and all the bills that have been in a holding pattern are lining up for funding. In the MRF for the 2015-16 budget year, Legislative Council projects that the General Assembly will have an increase in General Fund dollars to allocate in the budget. The increase amounts to approximately

\$831.4 M or 8.7%. There is an additional \$49.1M surplus left over from FY 2014-15. These amounts reflect the dollars available to spend even after TABOR refunds and SB 09-228 transfers are accounted for. (There was, however, a decrease of \$218.6M in projected revenues compared to the September Revenue Forecast.)

What does all this mean? I am glad you asked! Overall, the MRF is lower than the September projection, but there will still be an estimated \$831.4M in new dollars to spend. It is anticipated that TABOR refunds will kick in, but the amount refunded will be rather small in the first year. The “dollar debate” is a passionately partisan issue. The D’s continue to seize every opportunity to demonize TABOR as the reason there is no revenue available to fund state pro-

grams. The R’s are quick to counter with the fact that the General Fund has increased its expenditures \$2.9 Billion (with a B!) since 2009 with approximately \$831.4M available for additional growth in the 2015-16 budget. The “Battle Over Bucks” will be center stage for the remainder of this session!

Two big players in the budget process are K-12 Education and Health & Human Services. According to the analysts, it will take 58 cents out of every new dollar coming into the General Fund to meet the ongoing K-12 needs created during the last General Assembly. In addition, Medicaid recipients continue to inflate the Health & Human Services budget. (Medicaid alone has increased well over 200+ per cent.) After dollars are allocated to schools and Medicaid (not to mention

Corrections), the remaining dollars will be fought over like the last piece of pie at Thanksgiving!

The budget is not the only “battle” taking place under the Golden Dome. SB 15-215 (Senator Hill’s Assessment Bill) has touched off a scuffle within the Senate Republicans. Everyone agrees that something must be done about the number of assessments being given. No one seems to be able to agree on how the changes should look. But wait – there’s more! The waters are muddied further by the inclusion of teacher evaluations, the R.E.A.D. Act, federal guidelines, etc., into an “assessment” bill. Sen. Hill had hoped to push through an assessment bill before the budget hit the floor – not this time!

Bills will be moving rapidly in the upcoming days and weeks as the 2015-



16 budget begins to take shape. Be sure to watch for the bills that are of special interest to you. You can reach us at 303-866-2747 or e-mail us at wil-

sonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us.

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