



Easter Sunrise Service in the Valley



The First Baptist Church, together with the Wild West Cowboy Church, hosted the Easter morning Sunrise Service at the Bluffs Park on the western edge of town this past Sunday morning. The beautiful scenery of the Sangre de Cristos and warm temperatures in the 40s greeted the crowd of about 200 worshippers from various area churches for the Resurrection Celebration. Thanks go out to First Baptist Church for their leadership in putting together this community event, and to the Wild West Cowboy Church band for leading worship for the service.

Sentinel photo by Paul Sage

Silver Cliff: Pot Money or Sanity?

by Larry Luikart

The Silver Cliff Town Board Meeting was called to order and Mayor Weber led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no Old Business allowing the Mayor to go directly to New Business.

Charles Bogle presented an update on the Broadband Initiative. The five-year plan has acquired an initial funding level of fifty thousand dollars. The money will be spent to create a broadband zone at the west end of Westcliffe in anticipation of the Ride the Rockies event. Mr. Bogle in his talk with the Board made it clear the Broadband Initiative will eventually stretch the entire length of both towns. There is no timetable at this time other than the west end creation for the completion of the service.

Two liquor licenses were approved. A tasting license for the The Liquor Cabinet and a renewal for The Mining Company Restaurant.

The Board approved participation in the reprinting of the Custer County Then and Now. The town will contribute \$325 to the project.

A long and comprehensive discussion took place regarding the replacement of the street lights in the town. There are two bids in discussion. The first is for replacement of the current fifty-two lights plus one additional at a cost of \$29,046.56. The Dark Skies Group has agreed to contribute \$10,000 to the cost of this project. The second bid is for the installation of three completely new lights located at 215 West Hermit, 70 West Wood and First Streets, and 70 West Hudson and First Streets. The cost of the second project is \$8,790.91. The total cost for both projects is \$37,837. The two bids are conjoined by special price breaks and a one hundred and twenty day guaranteed bid price from Black Hills Energy for the materials and labor. The Board, before moving

forward with these bids, requested a written guarantee from Dark Skies and their commitment of \$10,000. This matter was tabled until the May meeting so that the needed clarification from Dark Skies may be obtained.

The Board approved \$10,000 for the construction of one thirty-five and two thirty-foot flag poles, the purchase of American, Colorado, and POW flags and the necessary concrete and other materials to complete the project. This is for the Commemorative Park.

Roger Camper brought up the marijuana discussion once again. He wanted to know if the committee in this regard should be reactivated.

The Board, in their infinite wisdom, immediately decided to continue with the process.

Although, Mayor Weber continues to indicate this is only a discussion topic and they are just seeking

information and education, the continued discussion seems at best a waste of time. This reporter made a public comment he hoped the Board would include in their writing of any statute approving marijuana in Silver Cliff, the first seven facilities approved should be constructed one each next to their respective houses. Trustee Mary Behrendt replied she thought the Board could make a proper choice for the welfare of Silver Cliff. She asked if this reporter lived in Silver Cliff and when I said, "Thank God, No," Trustee Behrendt replied the concerns of those outside of the town essentially did not matter. Silver Cliff would determine its own destiny in regard to the marijuana issue.

Mayor Weber added he thought the issue would actually become a ballot issue for the 2016 election and more than likely there would be four ballot issues that covered the four types of legal marijuana operations permitted.

During the Public Comments Section of the meeting, Candi Sage asked if the marijuana discussions would include all members of the community not just those living inside Silver Cliff. Trustee Behrendt once again replied with the concerns of those outside the confines of the borders of the Town did NOT count. Westcliffe and Custer County had made their choices. Silver Cliff would not be influenced by those outside the community.

Trustee Behrendt informed Ms. Sage she could influence the voters in Silver Cliff if she so desired.

Of course, several members of the Board once again brought up the supposed, but unproven, economic benefits of legal marijuana operations.

The Board took on face value written reports from Trails/Tourism/Museum and the E911 Committee.

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And we know
that in all things
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the good of those
who love him, who
have been called
according to His
purpose.

Romans 8:28, NIV
Thanks to Vern -
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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

GIVING - What will you do to help?

Between Thanksgiving and Christmas every year there is a local campaign to encourage giving or donating to the local non-profits. It's called the Spirit Fund. It's a good thing. There are lots of great opportunities to support a cause of one's choice. A great deal of money is donated and the local Community Foundation matches a portion of the funds and then distributes them. Those fortunate enough to have the resources to donate have choices to make. There are many good causes and organizations to choose from. Everyone has their favorites. Surprisingly the ones that help other people the most don't always get the most donations. That's not necessarily wrong but it doesn't necessarily help those in our community that need our support the most. These kinds of organizations need help all year long. There are two great opportunities and organizations that need some support right now, the Custer County Communi-

ty Sharing Center, Inc., and Eagles Summit Ranch - Colorado. The Sharing Center is relocating to the former Schlabach Market and has a great deal of money to raise in order to buy and renovate the space. They also are providing real tangible help to many local people and families right here in Custer County. Recently, the editor of the *Wet Mountain Tribune* wrote about the plight of poor children in this community. Well, you can do something about that. Stop by the Share Center today and see Ruth. Make a donation. They are right across the street from the new Chamber of Commerce office.

There is a second great opportunity to give to help some in our community. This paper is sponsoring a rotation of about one dozen wounded warriors to attend Dave Roevers great healing program at Eagles Summit Ranch out in the Bear Basin area. So many of the soldiers that have served, with real distinc-

tion and honor, to protect us all in the war on terrorism are in need. Eagles Summit Ranch is a faith-based, week-long program that helps heal those veterans' and their spouses' bodies, minds, and hearts. They achieve tangible results and have saved lives, both spiritually and physically, and saved marriages and families. How do we know? One just needs to listen to the testimony of the warriors and their spouses at each graduation. If you haven't attended one you should. It's a wonderful experience and makes one feel better about helping others that are in great need. All the women are crying and all the men have something in their eyes making them "water up." You can help support and provide the funds needed for a week-long program in June. The *Sentinel* arranged with Fort Carson to pay for a rotation which costs around \$12,000. To date we have raised about half that since we started in mid-March. We ask all those in the community that

can to give something, any amount will be appreciated. You can make your checks out to Eagles Summit Ranch and bring them in or send them to us at 610 Main Street, Westcliffe. This is a very worthwhile cause. We encourage businesses around town to contribute also. We would like to acknowledge all those that contribute in a future issue. However, names will be held upon request.

These are two great opportunities to help organizations that produce immediate and tangible results right here in our area. Don't delay, your support and financial help is needed now. We all have choices to make. One local man offered to pay for a subscription to the other paper for us. We encourage him, and the many others "donating" to a "for profit" paper they like, to help these local families and wounded warriors also if they don't already. Clearly, this is something we can all agree on, no?



Thank you for Supporting Our Ft. Carson Wounded Warriors... More Help is Needed

When Americans are sent into harms way to stand up for freedom and protect our rights, we owe a debt for their sacrifices. American service members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan often need help transitioning back into civilian life or continuing active duty. Hundreds of them. And many of those men and women are nearby at Fort Carson in the Warrior Transition Battalion.

Custer County is blessed to be able to offer an extraordinary opportunity for healing at Dave Roevers Eagles Summit Ranch. Now we need YOU to step up and make that opportunity a reality.

There is a group of twelve wounded warriors who are waiting to

participate in a life-changing session at ESR in June. But we need to provide the funding for that to happen. Any size donation will help. We're asking everyone in our community to help us give something back to these men and women who have put their lives on the line.

If you'd like to read more about Eagles Summit Ranch and the difference it makes in the lives of everyone who goes through the program, please stop by the *Sentinel* office or go to our website at www.sdcsentinel.com.

We'd like to thank the individuals and businesses who have already contributed to this effort:

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Clinic: Failed EMS Promises Move EMS to Its Own District?

Last October, the hospital district held two public forums to educate the public about why they needed additional tax revenue and what they were going to do with our money. Among the many assurances they made were: (1) to provide EMS personnel with full-time benefits (\$63,847), (2) to budget \$26,417 for overtime, (3) to pay EMS personnel to stand by at quarters for a second call after the primary ambulance was dispatched (\$26,400), (4) that all crews would consist of one EMT-Basic and one Paramedic, and (5) to publish monthly financial reports showing the split between the clinic and EMS. Based on these pledges, the voters came through and approved the additional three mill levy on November 4, 2014. Over five months have passed since the hospital district knew it had the funding to fulfill the promises they made before the election.

So, how are they doing on delivering these promises?

(1) EMS personnel are now being paid the competitive wages the mill levy provided for. However, since EMTs are only allowed to work three 12-hour shifts per week, and therefore cannot regularly work the required 40 hours to receive the promised full-time benefits, this means that EMS is denied medical and dental insurance, vacation, sick time, and disability.

(2) Overtime is not allowed except in only the most extreme circumstances, like being on an ambulance run that extends after their scheduled shift.

(3) As far as having EMTs on standby at the ambulance building when the primary ambulance goes out on a call, EMTs are encouraged to contact dispatch if they are willing to respond to a second call. However, they are not paid for that availability, nor are they required to actually

report to EMS quarters so that they may respond within a few minutes to a second call. Some of our EMTs live as much as 20-30 minutes away from quarters; if a second call does go out and no standby EMTs are on-site, it could be as long as 30 minutes, even in good weather, before the ambulance is en route.

(4) EMT-Basics are on every call, but they cannot offer all of the medical services that a full paramedic can. Paramedics can administer advanced life support procedures and medications that EMT-Basics cannot and that could mean the difference between a good outcome and a bad outcome. This month only 50% of the EMS shifts have a paramedic on-call and, during the first 3 months of this year, it was less than 50%. The hospital district has not had much success in attracting and recruiting new paramedics, possibly because they will not offer benefits. The executive director has admitted that the district is having difficulty hiring a new registered nurse for the clinic, in part, because the position does not include benefits, so why would they assume prospective paramedics would not expect benefits?

(5) Financial reports that are split into revenues and expenses - so that the public could see, understand, and verify that the additional mill levy was being spent as promised - are non-existent. When asked why they will not publish this information, their response was that other businesses do not break down their financial reports in such a manner and that it was taking too much time to produce this report. However, I filed an open records request for several financial reports and, when I received them, it took me only about 15 minutes to separate EMS and clinic expenses and revenues based on those figures.

My examination of the figures broken down by clinic and EMS levels revealed that, despite the fact that the clinic billed EMS \$8,800 for administrative costs (one promise they did keep), for the first two months of 2015 the clinic has lost over \$22,000. Projections based on just two months of financial data may not be representative, but it would appear that the clinic may be on its way toward another 6-figure loss in 2015.

If the hospital district had no intention of offering benefits, overtime, and paid second-call coverage when they were pitching the tax increase, they could have asked for a lower mill levy which would have saved the taxpayers money. In addition, a lower levy would have reduced the impact on the other taxing entities in the county like the school, county, fire department, and library which are now receiving a significantly reduced portion of their specific ownership tax for 2015 and beyond due to the passage of the EMS levy.

Even charitable organizations are questioning the hospital district's sincerity. The clinic has been the main benefactor of the annual High Mountain Hay Fever Bluegrass Festival. For 2014 the bluegrass board made an agreement with the hospital district board to provide three \$14,000 donations to help the cash-strapped EMS - provided the district present the bluegrass board with an accounting of how their generous gifts were spent. Two of the \$14,000 donations were paid as agreed. However, the district failed to live up to the agreement they made with the bluegrass board to provide reports on how their donations were being spent. The bluegrass

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Marijuana in Silver Cliff?

by Larry Luikart

The Silver Cliff Town Board of Trustees for some reason known only to them, believes they should continue with the discussions of bringing legal marijuana operations to the community. The Silver Cliff Town Board could, as the elected representatives of the town, kill this issue. Yet, they continue to agitate and aggravate with this never-ending supposed quest for more information regarding legal marijuana.

It seems absolutely clear that dancing with the Devil, marijuana, will eventually result in a host of negative consequences. The Sentinel reported extensively on the Southern Fremont County ongoing problems with this issue. Even the Governor is having second thoughts about approval of marijuana. It is obvious the Silver Cliff Town Board believes they will be able to achieve a different result from those already being reported. Albert Einstein is attributed with the quote, "insanity is doing the same things over and over again expecting a different result." Somehow, the Silver Cliff Town Board believes they will be able to control, in some magical way, the outcome of legal marijuana in the community and their result will be different. The lure of quick, unproven revenue, and lots of it has and continues to blind the Board to the ugly reality that will result from any decision to approve marijuana in the community. Along with the legal marijuana will come unsavory types; the cartels, competing rival growers, astronomical enforcement costs to the Sheriff's Office, much easier access to pot for our already troubled children, and last but not least the social stigma and degradation of being a pot community. It's bad enough that Colorado is a laughing stock to the rest of the country. If the Silver Cliff Town Board approves legal marijuana, will paint a large cannabis leaf over all of Custer

County. Finally, it is proven that property values are slashed to near zero if you're near a legal pot operation. If you live in Silver Cliff then you must take this to heart. Residents in the Copper Gulch area can attest to the validity of this statement.

Last night, Trustee Mary Behrendt made her position clear on the subject. She believes this is a discussion for determination only by the people of Silver Cliff. Furthermore, in her arrogance she indicated the concerns of those outside of Silver Cliff are, in her mind, essentially irrelevant. Of course, our irrelevance in this matter is yet to be proven.

It is clear from the positions already taken by Westcliffe and the County marijuana is not wanted here. Yet, Ms. Behrendt indicated, "marijuana is here to stay. We, (Silver Cliff) should get in on the ground floor of this new business. There is a lot of money to be made and why shouldn't we get in on it."

The issue is generating angst for the Board and particularly for the mayor. But let's not get all weepy for them. By continuing this discussion they are willingly creating their own problems. They have the means to end the discussion but refuse to use it. It is now apparent they are looking for a way to get approval (get that revenue) without actually approving the issue themselves. Putting the issue to a vote provides the opportunity for the Board to escape any real criticism. If the issue passes or does not pass then it was the will of the people. Instead of having the fortitude to act as the elected representatives of the town they can cower behind the vote.

The continued pursuit of this issue in the end, as Einstein said, defines insanity.

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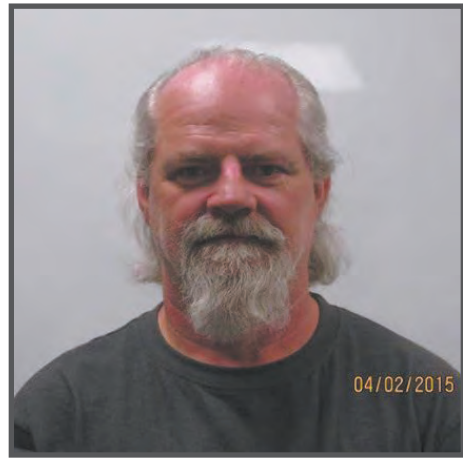
Sexually Violent Predator in Florence

The Florence Police Department today released the name and address of a sexually violent predator that has moved to the Florence Community.

Douglas Bryan Ricker is a white male, 5'11" with gray hair and blue eyes and is living at 136 East Front Street, #9.

According to the SVP(Sexually Violent Predator) Community Notification Bulletin, and revised statute 16-13-901 through 905, if an offender has been determined to be a sexually violent predator, he or she is subject to community notification. The purpose of the notification is to enhance public safety and protection. Vigilantism or use of this information to harass, threaten, or intimidate any offender, is considered criminal behavior and will not be tolerated...

If you have questions or need more in-



Douglas Bryan Ricker

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formation, please call Florence Dispatch at 784-3411 or you can also visit <https://www.colorado.gov/apps/cdps/sor/index.jsf>

Families Matter to Custer County

by Christy Morrell

There is a lot of new information on the Parent Group - our group finally has an official name! We are Families Matter to Custer County! We also finally have our own Facebook page and invite anyone interested in being part of our group to join! The page is named Families Matter to Custer County. Adults and teens are welcomed on this page and this is where we will post events and other information. We have also created a page just for our teens called Kids Matter to Custer County. The kids page is specifically for our teens and we encourage your teen to join if they are on Facebook. The page is closely monitored and moderated and is a closed group for the safety of our teens. Again, all events and information will be posted on these pages.

We're excited to announce our first event, which takes place on Thursday, April 16th, for teens 6-12 grade, currently enrolled in school, public or home. Our TEEN NIGHT launch is going to be a lot of fun, so we hope all of our teens will come! This is a free event! Teens will be having a quick, after school snack, then cooking their own, homemade spaghetti

and meatballs dinner and eating family style. They'll be holding a meeting after dinner to help decide what meals and events they'd like to have for future TEEN NIGHTS, then playing Win, Lose or Draw and having snacks. Information and consent forms will be distributed later this week. Parental/Guardian consent is mandatory, so get those forms signed when you receive them! We will NOT be responsible for or providing transportation, so arrangements must be made for your student to have a ride home. We strongly discourage any of our teens walking home when we end our TEEN NIGHT at 10 p.m.! If transportation is the only roadblock in a teen attending, please message us through our Facebook page and we'll try to assist with ride share arrangements! TEEN NIGHT will be held once a month right now, with a good chance of twice monthly soon. Cooking their own meals will always be part of this event so our teens are not only eating a good meal, but learning how to prepare meals, too! We need teens to RSVP for this event so we have an accurate head count. Please RSVP through either the Families Matter or Kids Matter Facebook pages!

Our second event will be a bread making class offered on Saturday, April 25th, in the kitchen at Lange Hall at 2 p.m. This class is open to adults and to teens 6th-12th grade, currently enrolled in public or home school. You will learn to bake homemade artisan bread from start to finish. This is a free class!

Upcoming will be a class on simple home repairs, auto maintenance and simple repairs, and a suicide prevention class. Dates and times for those events will be announced as soon as they're confirmed.

We continue to meet every other Saturday at Lange Hall, at 2 p.m. with our next meeting on April 18th. We've had numerous requests to change the day/time due to conflicts and are certainly willing to do that if it means more of you are able to join us. Please let us know what day/time would work best for you! We can then go with the majority!

A big THANK YOU to all who have helped, shared ideas and input, given of your time, or made donations. Thanks to all of you, we are up and running, anxious to make a difference for our Custer County Families because truly..... **Families Matter!!!!!!**

Westcliffe Town Meeting

by Larry Luikart

Mayor Veltrie called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Gluske and Trustee Wenke were absent. The March meeting minutes, Treasurer's Report and the Bills were quickly approved.

Jerry Kiefer reported on the prairie dog problem. It appeared the prairie dogs had vacated the area but darn the luck they are back. The Board indicated in previous meetings their dislike in

using poison to control the animals. Also, someone put foam footballs in the entrance holes to the fox dens near the prairie dog colony either driving off the fox or suffocating them. The DOW will be contacted to look into this situation.

Charles Bogle reported on the development of the five-year broadband plan disseminating much of the same information he offered at the Silver Cliff Town Board meeting the night before. He did add that currently 40% of Custer County is covered by broadband using the two current providers but once the entire broadband plan is put into effect 80% of the county will be covered.

Ben Lenth reported on the Bluff's Project. They have approximately \$103,000 in their fund and he requested to use \$34,000 for this year's budget. The Board

approved their part of this process.

The contract for the impound agreement with the Humane Society of Fremont County was approved.

Amy Moulton discussed the Then and Now publication requesting \$325 from the Board to assist in the production of five thousand new documents. Normally, the Board turns down requests for funds outside the regularly scheduled period for budget items. However, this particular request received approval based on unusual and very rare circumstances. The Board made it clear this is not a precedent setting situation. They emphasized that requests for funding must be made at the scheduled time.

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ATTENTION RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT Choir Practice

Now that we have your attention, the Custer County Sheriff's Department would like 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.
at the Silver Cliff Mountain Inn**

***"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.***

2 Cor 12:9,NIV

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Airman Lane Byerly Graduates Navy School

Lane Byerly, a 2014 graduate from Custer County Central School, graduated from Navy boot camp at Great Lakes, Michigan, on March 27. His rank is now "Airman".

He is currently attending Class A school at the Navy's Pensacola, Florida, Air Station. Lane is enrolled in a three-month course to be an Aviation Handler. Aviation Handlers are the brave sailors who work aircraft flight decks. Lane will be assigned an aircraft carrier upon graduation. Lane is the son of Lynette and Shannon Byerly.

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Rep. Jim Wilson Introduces Rural School Flexibility Bill Includes \$10 Million for Small Districts

by Todd Engdahl,
Co.Chalkbeat.Org

Rep. Jim Wilson is continuing his crusade to relieve small rural districts of state regulatory burdens, and he wants to give them some extra money as well.

House Bill 15-1321, introduced late Monday by Wilson and Rep. Brittany Pettersen, D-Lakewood, would exempt rural districts with fewer than 1,000 students from certain state requirements related to parent involvement, accountability committee membership, financial reporting, and evaluations of staff members with multiple job titles.

It also would provide \$10 million in 2015-16 for per-pupil distribution to such districts and increase the ceiling on tax overrides the districts could ask from voters. For now, the bill's on a fast track and will be heard by the House Education Committee Wednesday morning.

The regulatory burden on rural districts has been a cause for Wilson, a retired superintendent who spent his career in small districts. He started the effort last year with a bill that originally proposed wide regulatory relief for small rural districts. As finally passed, that bill allows districts that are in the two highest state accreditation categories to file performance plans every two years instead of annually.

Earlier this session Wilson introduced House Bill 15-1155, which includes some of the same provisions as the latest bill but which also proposes giving small rural districts flexibility in implementing school readiness and early literacy requirements. That idea makes some legislators and education reform lobbyists nervous.

Asked Tuesday if he's going to let HB 15-1155 slide in favor of the new bill, Wilson said he's holding the first measure "in his back pocket" while he sees what happens.

"I'm taking one step at a time."

Rep. Jim Wilson, R-Salida / File photo

Some interest groups and other officials also have called for increased rural district funding. The state's superintendents have urged lawmakers to provide \$20 million for rural districts and \$50 million for at-risk students on top of regular funding.

Rep. Bob Rankin, R-Carbondale, is pushing House Bill 15-1201, which would create a \$10 million grant program that boards of cooperative education services could use to help small districts share non-academic services like administration, technology, and transportation.

So there will be competition for the \$25 million the Joint Budget Committee has set aside for any K-12 spending beyond the roughly \$6 billion in basic school support in the main state budget bill.

The \$25 million would come from the general fund, the state's main account. While extra money is available in the separate State Education Fund, there's not nearly enough there to pay for multiple rural initiatives, at-risk funding, reduction of the \$880 million school funding shortfall, and other projects lawmakers are interested in.

The state includes 105 small rural districts, defined as having fewer



Rep. Jim Wilson, R-Salida

Courtesy photo

than 1,000 students and being a certain distance from urban areas. Those districts enroll 35,151 students, so the proposed \$10 million would amount to about \$284 per student.

Another 45 districts are defined as rural but not small and have between 1,000 and 6,700 students each. They wouldn't be covered by Wilson's latest bill. Colorado has 178 districts.

Wilson and Pettersen on Monday introduced another bill aimed at state education regulations. House Bill 15-1322 would require the Department of Education to hire an outside consultant to review data reporting requirements the state imposes on schools, with an eye to determining which mandates provide unnecessary data and which requirements impose burdens greater than any value they produce.

Please see: co.chalkbeat.org/2015/03/31/rural-flexibility-bill-includes-10-million-for-small-districts/#.VR2m4uD7Hg

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Custer County School District C-1 Regular School Board Meeting Agenda Great Room - April 14, 2015 - 4:30 p.m.

For the good of the students of Custer County Schools

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome of Guests
3. Modification/Approval of Agenda
4. General Public Comment Session
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes of regular board meeting on March 10, 2015
 - b. Minutes of special board meeting on March 20, 2015
 - c. Acceptance: Resignation letters from Buffy Lenth, Michelle Selle, and Chris Selle
 - d. Acceptance: Thank you letter from Dark Skies
6. Reports from Students/Staff
 - a. Middle School Trip to Washington D.C. - Maegan Holycross
 - b. History Club Trip - Brady Hines
7. Reports from Public
 - a. Excellence in Education report
 - b. Accountability report
8. Board Committee Reports - Accountability Committee, BOCES, FFA, Legislative Update, Preschool Advisory
9. Action Items
 - a. Approval: Check Vouchers
 - b. Approval: Financial Reports
 - c. Approval: Policy IHBIB (Primary/Pre-Primary Education) - third reading
 - d. Approval: Policy IHBIB-R (Primary/Pre-Primary Education Regulation) - third reading
 - e. Approval: Policy JEB (Entrance Age Requirements) - third reading
 - f. Approval: Policy IKF (Graduation Requirements) - third reading
 - g. Approval: Policy KE (Public Concerns and Complaints) - third reading
 - h. Approval: Policy JF (Admission and Denial of Admission) - third reading
 - i. Approval: Policy JICDB (High School Extracurricular Code of Conduct) - first reading
 - j. Approval: Policy JICDC (Middle School Extracurricular Code of Conduct) first reading
 - k. Acceptance: Final FY14 Audit
 - l. Approval: 2015-2016 Certified Staff Contracts
 - m. Approval: 2014-2015 Unified Improvement Plan
10. Principal's Reports
 - a. Elementary – Holly Anderson
 - b. Secondary – Barb Jones
11. Superintendent's Report
12. Items introduced by Board Members
13. General Public Comment Session
14. Executive Session (If needed)
15. Adjournment

CCCS Superintendent Resigns

Superintendent Chris Selle announced his resignation in a letter to the school board last week, to be accepted at the school board meeting on April 14, 2015. The resignation is effective June 30, 2015. He told the Sentinel that he has been hired by the Meeker school district in northwestern Colorado. He had one year left on his contract. The Sentinel will have more on this next week.

Benefit Dinner for John Birkenfeld

On April 2nd, the Deer Mountain community hosted a fundraiser for one of their firefighters, John Birkenfeld who was seriously injured in a bad accident on Highway 115. He was flown to Denver with two broken legs, broken ribs, broken lower back, broken neck, crushed feet, and a punctured lung.

He still has lots of healing work ahead of him and the medical bills are really piling up. On Monday, April 6th, he was taken back to Denver for more surgery on his left leg. He was transferred to the Progressive Rehab Center in Cañon City where he will be for quite some time.

His wife has MS and is unable to care for the chores at home so the community has really rallied to help both of their neighbors.

God saved his life, now we should continue to help in any way we can.

There were around 70 people that came to the dinner to help. The food was good and so was the fellowship. If you wish to help John out financially, please send a check made out to John Birkenfeld and mail it to the Deer Mountain Fire Station, 6181 County Road 28, Cotopaxi CO, 81223.



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'After Prom' Fundraising Continues with MADD Grant

The weather is warming up and so is the After Prom fundraising thermometer that sits out in front of the school. At latest check the thermometer reads \$1,500 with donations arriving as this article is written. "To be specific," noted After Prom committee member/school counselor Troy Bomgardner, "our total right now is just over \$1,600 raised for the After Prom party. Our goal each year is \$5,000 and we've yet to reach it but made it to \$3,500 last year and it was a great party!" Some great news from Rebecca Gerringer of the After Prom committee was the reporting of the receipt of a \$250 grant from Mothers Against Drunk Driving organization in addition to local donations.

The After Prom begins following the prom party to help keep students safe

on a night known for teenage partying. After Prom is a drug and alcohol-free party chaperoned by parents and school staff. This year's party begins at Tony's Pizza and then travels to Cliff Lanes and back to Tony's for breakfast and the big prize giveaway. Every student that stays the entire party receives a prize. "It is a really fun evening that is only possible because our community comes together to help fund this party," exclaimed Bomgardner.

Donations can be mailed to Custer County High School, PO Box 730, Westcliffe, 81252, or dropped off at the school's main office. Make checks out to Custer County School with After Prom in the memo. Questions can be directed to Troy Bomgardner at 783-4927.



Pictured left to right: Brandi Platchek, Madeline Woods, Michael Franta, Corey Lewenkamp

Courtesy photo

The Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club Introduces Horse Camping

The Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club will soon be offering horse camping! They broke ground last Saturday, excavating for RV and tent camping sites, and the camping program will begin May 29th and continue through September 30th, 2015.

A full hook-up RV site will be made for the campground hosts, Ron & Ella Beauchamp, who will be responsible for general maintenance of the grounds, pens, and the building. They will also be in charge of collecting camper fees, checking appropriate equine health papers, and over all supervision of the campers. Initially, The Sad-

dle Club will be offering six dry-camping RV sites and six dry-camping tent sites. They hope to offer water and electric next year as the income and cost are evaluated at the end of the season.

Developing this program will provide some much needed operating funds while allowing more visitors to come and experience the life-enhancing attributes that the valley offers and to provide public access to the facility. Promoting the saddle club, sharing in their mission, and stimulating economic growth for Custer County are among the goals they plan to achieve this coming year.

This exciting program will allow campers to camp with their horses and to experience the western heritage and historic culture of Custer County. Visitors will be able to ride on the trails of the majestic Sangre de Cristo Mountains only a short distance away, take a stroll through the quaint shopping in the Town of Westcliffe, visit historic sites in the Town of Silver Cliff, or practice their horsemanship skills on the obstacle course, dressage arena, or rodeo arena.

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Bobcats Track Back in the Action

by Coach Jack Swartz

Off last week, the Custer County Track and Field team returned to action this past Saturday at the Warren Mitchell Invitational in Limon, Colorado. This meet is considered the premier plains meet for 2A competition.

Leading the way for the Lady Bobcats was Serenity Ham taking 4th in the 100 meter hurdles, 4th in the High Jump, and 6th in the Long Jump. Also, helping score for the Lady Bobcats was Katlyn Freeburg taking 8th in the 300 meter hurdles and Emily Crossley taking 2nd in the very rarely seen Javelin throw. Also, competing for the Lady Bobcats was Audrey Hollinger

placing 27th in the Shot put, Kirsten Benoit placing 41st in Long Jump, Hannah McNeal placing 53rd in the 100 meter dash. Rounding out the Lady Bobcats was Madeleine Woods taking 31st in the 400 meter run. The girls team placed 13th out of 32 teams.

Yet again the Boys were shown the way by senior Corey Lewenkamp. Lewenkamp placed 1st in both the Mile and the 2 mile on Saturday, running season best times, and improving his spot for the State Meet to 2nd and 3rd respectively. Also running well for the boys was Michael Franta. Franta ran personal bests in the Mile and 2 mile to place 11th and 7th

respectively on Saturday in Limon. Also, scoring for the boys team was Dillon Wommack, placing 2nd in the 300 meter hurdles and Denver Mullett, taking 6th overall in the Triple jump. Casey Brandon showed well with a 45th place finish in the 100 meter dash and a 51st place finish in the 200 meter dash. The boys finished 10th out of 23 teams.

The Bobcat Track and Field Team has a busy upcoming weekend, Friday, April 10th, at Primero High School and Saturday, April 11th, in Salida. Saturday would be a great time to come out and cheer on the Bobcat Track and Field Team!



Bobcats Track Team: Front row, left to right: Audrey Hollinger, Sarah Gerringer, Hannah McNeal, Kirsten Benoit; Middle row, left to right: Jess Franta, Michael Batson, Corey Lewenkamp, Emily Crosley, Katlyn Freeburg, Caressa Moon; Back row, left to right: Dillon Wommack, Michael Franta, Denver Mullett, Madeleine Woods, Casey Brandon; Not pictured: Serenity Ham

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

Free Tech Help from Teens

The West Custer County Library is hosting a free technology instruction event, “Teens Teach Tech,” for all adults in the community who could use a little advice operating their laptops, tablets, cell phones, etc. Local teens can also help with social media like Facebook and Skype for adults who wish to stay in touch with family and friends. Instruction will be provided one-on-one in order to cater to each individual’s specific needs.

“This is a terrific opportunity not only for adults in the community but for teens as well,” said Jessica Carter, Youth Services

Librarian. “Participating teens will receive a Certificate of Appreciation for their volunteer hours. Any teen looking at scholarship opportunities should be thinking about building up their community service time, and this is a meaningful way to serve.”

The event is being held in the West Custer County Library Community Room on Thursday, April 16th, from 4:15 p.m. until 6 p.m. Light snacks will be provided.

For more information or to RSVP, please call the library at 783-9138 or email jessica@westcusterlibrary.org.



Patriot's Day

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Cotopaxi Pirates Win—Almost

by Jim Silver

On Friday, April 3rd, the Pirates traveled to Antonito for a double-header against the Trojans. The Pirates maintained a lead through 4 innings of play, showing 13-6 on the scoreboard at that point of the game. Justin Walden started on the mound and pitched those 4 innings, striking out 8 of the batters who faced him. The game got away from the Pirates in the 5th inning, when they were outscored by the Trojans 9-1. Neither team scored in the final 2 innings of play, but Antonito finished with an extra run to beat Cotopaxi 15-14.

Coach Christensen named Walden “Player of the Game” for his performance which was more than just his 4 innings on the mound. Justin, a junior from Custer County who plays 3rd base when he’s not pitching, can swing the bat also—as the coach describes: “He was 4-4 from the plate with 5 runs batted in, and he hit for the cycle” (meaning he hit a single, a double, a triple, and a home run!).

The Pirates came so close

in the first game, but couldn’t put it together on the field in the second and lost 0-15. Nevertheless, some good things are happening with the joint efforts of Cotopaxi and Custer County athletes. This season is just starting with some players’ stats showing 5 games played and yet others only a couple. Using this opportunity to note some season totals at the present, we can get better acquainted with how this team is coming together. Justin Walden has pitched the most innings with 6, followed by Cotopaxi sophomores Cody Lyons and Andy Bode with 5 and 4 respectively.

At bat, Walden, Noah Tillotson, Quinten Richards, Isaac Richards, Lyons, and Edgar Pedigo are swinging well. We’ve also seen all players practicing speed and technique in base-running, and it looks like it’s paying off. David Kinsey, Cody Lyons, Andy Bode, and Danne Ogden have all stolen from 3 to 5 bases, and the Richards boys lead with 8 for 8 attempts by Quinten and 12 for 12 by Isaac.

Head Coach Allen Paxton

is joined now in the practices at the Custer County Ball Park by Assistant Coaches Steve Schultz, retired Custer County baseball coach, and Jordan Hedberg, former teammate of Coach Paxton, class of 2005. Seeing these coaches in action on Tuesday and Thursday of most weeks, the local players are getting drilled in some very good fundamental baseball skills to contribute when they go north and down the hill to Cotopaxi. Show up at the ball park on most Tuesday and Thursday afternoons shortly after 4:00 p.m. and be impressed with what these players are learning (see this week’s *Sentinel* photo feature). By the time this issue of the *Sentinel* is in its readers’ hands, the Pirates will have played a home double-header against Sargent on Wednesday, April 8th. Come out to the next home games on Saturday, April 11th when Primero High School comes to play the Pirates. This is a conference double-header with the first game starting at 11:00. This is the last opportunity to see a home game until almost the end of the month. GO PIRATES!



Supporting Literacy

The members of the Collegiate Peaks Council of the International Literacy Association and the West Custer County Library recently worked together to create book baskets for the Lighthouse Pregnancy Center. Each basket includes a swaddling blanket, several children’s picture books, and a parenting book. The baskets are intended to assist new mothers in building a home library and to encourage parents to read to their children.

Pictured L to R: Jenna Smith, Jack Swartz, Stephanie Hargis, Leanne Stover, Candi Sage, Jessica Carter, Cheryl Pinnella, and Maegan Holycross

Courtesy photo



Bobcat Menu • April 13 - April 16, 2015

Monday breakfast
Pancakes
Sausage Links
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Cream Chicken/over Rice
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Tuesday breakfast
Scrambled Eggs
W. W. Toast
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Cheese Pizza
Birthday Cake
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Wednesday breakfast
Cheese Quesadilla
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Hamburger
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Thursday breakfast
Sausage Gravy
Biscuits
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Italian Dunkers
Breadsticks
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

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

KIDS

Friday, April 10, 2015

Lee Surrenders to Grant April 9, 1865

After five years of battles and the loss of over 650,000 lives, the American Civil War was nearing its end. The Confederate Army, commanded by General Robert E. Lee, was thinned by desertions and casualties. They were forced to leave the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, and then were blocked from joining the surviving Confederate forces in North Carolina. They were surrounded with no means of escape and with no food or supplies. On April 9, 1865, General Lee sent a message to Union General Ulysses S. Grant that he was willing to surrender.

They met at 1:00 p.m. in the parlor of the Wilmer McLean home in the village of Appomattox, Virginia, where General Lee surrendered his 28,000 troops. As was typical of their style, Grant arrived in his muddy field uniform while Lee was in his full dress attire including sash and sword. Lee asked what the terms of his surrender would be and Grant quickly wrote them down on a piece of paper: all officers and soldiers would be pardoned, and they would be sent home with their private property, including their horse that could be used for planting in late spring, officers would be able to keep their side arms, and the starving men would be given Union food rations.

When the band began to play a tune of celebration, General Grant interrupted, telling his officers, “The war is over. The Rebels are our countrymen again.” For several weeks there were scattered skirmishes, but the Civil War was considered ended on April 9, 1865.

Source: www.history.com

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A Pirate prepares to put “wood” to the ball.

Courtesy photo by Mark Pedigo

Pirates Sport Schedule

VARSITY BASEBALL

Saturday, April 11
11 a.m.: Primero at HOME (double header)

Friday, April 17
11 a.m.: Sierra Grande AWAY

Tuesday, April 14
4 p.m.: Cripple Creek Victor AWAY

GO PIRATES!

Bobcats Sport Schedule

TRACK

Friday, April 10
8 a.m.: Ray E. Choate Invitational at Primero

Thursday, April 23
2:30 p.m.: Primero Invitational at Primero

Saturday, April 11
8:30 a.m.: Salida Invitational at Salida

GO BOBCATS!



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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 03-15

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

On January 28, 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):
James A. Butler and Johanna S. Butler
Original Beneficiary(ies):
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GMAC Mortgage Corporation
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt:
Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC
Date of Deed of Trust:
September 26, 2006
County of Recording: Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust:
October 03, 2006
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.):
205840 Book: 564 Page: 42
Original Principal Amount: \$417,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance:
\$417,804.54

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 30, Spread Eagle Springs Subdivision, County of Custer, State of Colorado

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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, 05/27/2015, 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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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.

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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:

Hellerstein and Shore PC 5347 S. Valentia Way, Suite 100, Greenwood Village, CO 80111 (303) 573-1080
Attorney File # Butler/14-0116OSH

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. 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;
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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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Last Publication 4/24/2015
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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
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov
Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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

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:
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.

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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.

First Publication 3/20/2015
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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 collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following terms of office of Directors of the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District representing Division 1 (area encompassed by School District RE-3), Division 2 (area encompassed by School District R-32-J), Division 4 (Custer County), and Division 6 (area encompassed by Fremont County School District RE-2) shall expire June 1, 2015. Property owners having resided for one year in each of such divisions, respectively, may apply for appointment to the term of office commencing June 1, 2015 for a four year term expiring June

1, 2019. Any property owner eighteen years of age or older owning property within the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District and residing within the Division for which the appointment is sought is eligible for appointment to office. Applicants shall have backgrounds reflecting agricultural, municipal and industrial, and other interests in the beneficial use of water within the District.

Applications should be made to all of the following: The Honorable Charles M. Barton, Chief District Judge, 11th Judicial District, P.O. Box 279, Salida, CO 81201-0279, The Honorable Pattie P. Swift, Chief District Judge, 12th Judicial District, Alamosa County Courthouse,

702 4th Street, Alamosa, CO 81101, and The Honorable Gilbert Martinez, Chief District Judge, 4th Judicial District, P.O. Box 2980, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Applicants should submit a letter in writing setting forth the applicant's desire and qualifications to be on the Board. Applications will be accepted until thirty days prior to June 1, 2015.

/s/ Robert M. Senderhauf
Robert M. Senderhauf
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District

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Westcliffe, Colorado

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TASTING ROOM

*at 307 Main Street in Westcliffe
opens TODAY, Friday, April 10th from 3-8 p.m.*

9HealthFair

**OWN YOUR HEALTH
Saturday, April 18**

7:00 am - 12 Noon

**at the Custer County School
709 Main Street, Westcliffe**

Low Cost Screenings:

Blood Chemistry Analysis \$35.00
Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) \$30.00
Blood Cell Count \$20.00
Hemoglobin A1c Blood Screen \$30.00
Vitamin D Screening \$45.00
Colon Cancer Screening Kit \$25.00
*(For best results, fast for 12 hours before test and drink plenty of water)

Free Screenings:

Blood Pressure, Ht./Wt./Body Mass Index, Vision, Hearing, Lung Function & many more.
Free Pap Smears, Breast Exams, and Testicular Exams by appointment only.
Limited Hep C and HIV Testing also available.
Call: 783-3369

**Early registration is available online until April 16th
at www.9healthfair.org/findafair**

Custer County Baseball Players at Practice

Practice Tuesday and Thursday at 4:15 pm



Lewsader on the mound.



Back row from left: Assistant Coach Jordan Hedberg, Tylor Howdashed (Sophomore), Noah Tillotson (Junior), Justin Walden (Junior), Kobe Lewsader (Freshman), David Kinsey (Freshman), Assistant Coach Steve Schultz, and Head Coach Allen Paxton. Front row from left: Tait Parsons (Freshman), Edgar Pedigo (Freshman), Kyndall McEwen (Junior), and Sam Dunlap (Junior). Not available for picture Tyler Schlabach (Junior) and Dylan Schoch (Freshman).



Pedigo performing base-running drills.



McEwen chasing down a fly-ball.



Coach Hedberg one on one with Tillotson.



Fielding practice, Tillotson snagged a fly-ball.



Base-running drills with Howdashed and Parsons in the background.



The coaches have a plan.



Fielding practice, Pedigo teaming up with Howdashed.



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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

The following is a list of all bills presented, audited, and ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Custer County, Colorado, from their respective funds at the regular meeting on March 31, 2015.

Custer County Payments for Airport Fund
Payments From March 1, 2015 Through
March 31, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ASCENT AVIATION GROUP INC	POS CHARGE	30.00
CENTURYLINK	SERVICE	104.88
DIVERSE DATUM WIRELESS	WIRELESS SRV	60.00
NORUP GAS INC	SERVICE	315.00
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	SRV	127.00
	Final Totals...	636.88

Custer County Payments for Capital Improvement
Fund Payments From March 1, 2015 Through
March 31, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES INC	CAD SYSTEM LICENSES	656.00
IPPOLITO/CHUCK	CAD SUPPLIES FOR INTL	544.35
KS STATE BANK	SHERIFF '14 DOD RAM PYMT	5,999.75
UNITED REPROGRAPHIC SUPPLY	ASSR MAPPING COPIER	94.38
	Final Totals...	7,294.48

Custer County Payments for Tourism Fund
Payments From March 1, 2015 Through
March 31, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
HOWARD/CINDY	FEB/MAR WEBSITE WORK	288.00
WESTCLIFFE CONTEMPORARY	2015 SP MARKET GRANT	700.00
	Final Totals...	988.00

Custer County Payments for Human Services Fund
Payments From March 1, 2015 Through
March 31, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
	Final Totals...	10,822.10
	Payroll...	13,887.90

Custer County Payments for Road and Bridge Fund
Payments From March 1, 2015 Through
March 31, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ACORN PETROLEUM INC	FUELS	16,775.77
AFLAC	AF W/H	59.90
AIRGAS INTERMOUNTAIN INC	SUPPLIES	1,266.22
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	555.12
AT & T MOBILITY	SRV	201.84
BLUE FLAME GAS	WETMORE SHOP SRV	945.00
CANON GLASS INC	GLASS REPLACEMENT	233.44
CENTRAL BUILDING SUPPLY INC	SUPPLIES	575.44
CENTURYLINK	WETMORE SHOP SRV	181.81
CENTURYLINK	WC SHOP SRV	506.82
CHALLENGER ELECTRIC	WC SHOP SRV	155.60
CRESTONE GRAPHICS	SUPPLIES	264.00
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	10,145.58
CUSTER COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC	CDL PHYSICAL	214.00
D A LUBRICANT CO	OILS	1,655.50
DEGREE RANCH	SUPPLIES	250.00
DRIVE TRAIN INDUSTRIES	SERVICE	268.00
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	GARNISHMENT	546.00
GCR TIRES & SERVICE	TIRES	15,230.00
HOBBY/TROY	GUTTER & FACTA	75.00
J J KETTLER & ASSOCIATES INC	SUPPLIES	668.87
KNECHT HOME CENTER OF CANON	SUPPLIES	203.99
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	SHOP SUPPLIES	326.03
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	51.80
LITZ AUTO SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	11.28
MCCANDLESS TRUCK CENTER LLC	STARTER	197.21

MHC KENWORTH	PARTS	557.30
MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	CRANL/HOIST	3,073.29
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	PARTS	764.09
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	MISC SIGNS	2,618.21
NORUP GAS INC	SRV	848.16
OAK DISPOSAL SERVICE	DUMPSTER SRV	421.50
PRECISION GARAGE DOORS LLC	SRV CALL/PARTS	1,293.00
PROCOM	NEW HIRE TESTING	34.00
PSI SYSTEMS INC	SRV/PARTS	252.96
PUEBLO BRAKE & CLUTCH	MISC PARTS	824.95
QUILL CORP	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,179.79
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	SRV	357.20
SKYLINE STEEL	CULVERT SUPPLIES	7,219.08
SSR AUTO SUPPLY INC	SUPPLIES	12.36
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	399.99
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	SUPPLIES	1,689.76
WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO	PARTS	4,966.96
WRIGHT ELECTRIC LLC	SERVICE	1,253.00
XEROX CORP	COPIER	45.84
4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	115.01
	Final Totals...	79,250.67
	Payroll...	38,516.32

Custer County Payments for Emergency Services
Fund Payments From March 1, 2015 Through
March 31, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	69.61
AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE	CN W/H	20.00
CENTURYLINK	OEM LANDLINE	101.75
COLEMAN/CHRISTE		318.66
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	4,853.51
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	OEM FUEL	14.89
FMD OF COLORADO	TRAINING MEDIA	125.00
GEROUX/KRISTINA R	REIMB	197.39
HOLT/WM	SHERIFF POSSE TRAINING	1,000.00
MCCARTHY/JOSEPH	REIMB	16.81
PF COMAC	HMLND SEC GRANT 2013	2,898.00
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	100.00
TONY'S MOUNTAIN PIZZA	CERT	600.00
WET MTN FIRE PROTECTION DIST	REPEATER REPAIR	124.00
WILCOX/ELLEN	TRAINING REIMB	24.94
	Final Totals...	10,464.56
	Payroll	11,257.57

Custer County Payments for General Fund
Payments From March 1, 2015 Through
March 31, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ALTUS ENVIRONMENTAL LLC	WC LNDFL SAMPLES	198.00
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	289.42
AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE	CN W/H	82.60
AT & T MOBILITY	SERVICE	887.17
ATTEBERY/LYNN	REIMB	135.50
BARR/CHRIS	REIMBS	110.16
BEARD DMD PC/BYRON R	INMATE	352.00
BERG HILL GREENLEAF & RUSCITTI	PROF SRVS	525.00
BLUE FLAME GAS	WCCL SERVICE	810.00
BOBCAT TRUCKING LLC	LOAD RECYCLING CARDBOARD	200.00
CARD SERVICES	TREAS ACCOM	83.00
CDPHE	LNDFL DOC REVIEW	437.50
CENTURYLINK	WCCL FIRE SRV	438.72
CENTURYLINK	SERVICE	4,684.48
CHASE CARD SERVICES	SWANA CONF REGISTRATION	750.00
CIVIL AIR PATROL MAGAZINE	SHERIFF AD	145.00
CLUB AMERICA WMV	MEMBER W/H	45.00
CRESTONE GRAPHICS	ASSR SUPPLIES	335.85
CURTIS/SHONDA	MTG MEALS	188.64
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INS W/H	29,729.60
CUSTER COUNTY EXTENSION	REIMBURSEMENTS	264.81
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	MAR LANDFILL SALARY REIM	6,804.08
CUSTOM CAGE	FOREST SRV GRANT EQUIP	2,220.00
D & T VENTURES LLC	ASSR WEBSITE 2015	5,100.00

D & W SERVICES LLC	SHERIFF IMPALA TIRES	240.70
D A LUBRICANT CO	LANDFILL OIL	891.55
DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES		311.73
DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES	DATA PROCESSING	174.19
DRYER/CARL	REIMB	37.70
ENDPOINT DIRECT	TAX NOTICES	46.83
FAMILY DOLLAR	BLDG SUPPLIES	50.15
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	GARNISHMENT	442.00
FOX DRUG INC	INMATE RX'S	95.75
GREEN/ELIZABETH	REIMBS	425.24
HENRICH/JAMES D	REIMB	55.43
INSIGNIA COLORADO	BADGES	331.20
INTERNATIONAL ASSOC PROPERTY	RENEWAL	50.00
KATTNIG/ROBERT (BOB)	REIMB	75.00
LANG/CHRISTINE	MILEAGE	27.50
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	64.75
FEHN/LISA	REIMB	19.05
MCDONNALL/DONNA	REIMB	68.50
MCFARLAND OIL	LANDFILL FUEL	1,302.95
MOORE'S HEATING AND COOLING	ANNEX VENTS	650.00
MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING CO INC/THE	BOCC PUBS	127.96
MULTICARD	ID PRINTER LABOR	207.00
NACRC	MEMBERSHIP DUES	55.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	SHERIFF PARTS	50.73
NORUP GAS INC	SHERIFF COMPLEX SRV	3,132.15
OAK DISPOSAL SERVICE	CRUIS DUMPSTER	44.00
OFFICE DEPOT	PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPLIES	206.00
OFFICE OF THE DIST ATTORNEY	PROF SRVS	6,909.92
ORGERON/ANNA	REIMBS REG/ACCOM VSO TRN	605.78
PHINAC	PIT REGISTRATION	120.00
PIQUETTE ENTERPRISES LLC	MARCH ACCOUNTING	771.50
REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY	TESTING	50.38
RIVER CITY SUPPLY LLC	CCPHNS SUPPLIES	600.00
RODEWAY INN	CLERK REGIONAL CONF ACCM	177.00
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	SHERIFF SRV	489.60
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	LANDFILL SRV	53.15
SBA STRUCTURES LLC	SITE RENTAL	131.00
SHY/CHRISTOPHER (KJT)	REIMBS	707.41
SILVA/LORRAINE	VSO OFFICE RENT	100.00
SIMPLEX-GRINNELL	SHERIFF COMPLEX REPAIRS	1,358.95
SMITH/CLINTON A	PROF SRVS	1,645.00
STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	135.52
STATE OF COLORADO	MVR DELIVERABLES	72.05
STOLITZ/US/GAIL		1,356.16
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	900.00
TDS PUEBLO CO	SHERIFF TIRES	553.28
TRUJILLO/VIRGINIA	REIMB	134.00
U S POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE MACHINE POSTAGE	2,000.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	BOX 1489 RENTAL	112.00
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	GRNDS/BLDG SUPPLIES	132.85
WESTCLIFFE PETROLEUM	SHERIFF TIRE REPAIRS	15.00
WESTCLIFFE SUPER MARKET	JAIL FOOD	629.10
WET MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE	VSO HELP WANTED	196.00
WILCOX/ELLEN	REIMBS	151.33
YOUNG/ROBIN	REIMB	166.00
	Final Totals...	84,272.57
	Payroll...	91,832.96

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF CUSTER

I, Debbie Livengood, County Clerk in and for said county, and in the state aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, full, and correct list of all office bills allowed paid by the Board of County Commissioners of said county and state, at the regular meeting held in March 2015, as shown by the records and files of my office. Given under my hand and official seal this month of March A.D. 2015.

Debbie Livengood
County Clerk

Date published: April 10, 2015
Sangre De Cristo Sentinel
Westcliffe, Colorado

Local Mountain News & Notices

Classifieds

For Rent

Available May 1st: 4 Bedroom 1 1/2 Bath house in Silver Cliff. Attached garage. \$700/month plus utilities. Trash provided. No smoking/pets. (719) 783-2821

One bedroom house with in-floor heating. Water and garbage paid. Renter pays propane & electric. No smokers, animals. \$475. Unfurnished. Call 783-4037

For Sale

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

Help Wanted

Electrical apprentice wanted. Must be willing to travel. Résumé, three work references, and dependable vehicle required. Please call 719-214-8588

The Custer County School District is accepting applications for an **Athletic Director**. This is a part time position that offers a starting salary of \$12,000 annually, but open to negotiation based on previous athletic director experience. Full health insurance and PERA benefits are negotiable with this position. Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27. Classified staff applications are

available at www.custercountyschools.org or the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in employment.

The Custer County School District is accepting applications for an **Office Secretary** through Monday, April 20 at 12:00 p.m. This position offers a starting salary of \$15.07 per hour and full health benefits. Classified staff applications are available at www.custercountyschools.org or the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in employment.

Custer County School District C-1 is accepting applications for **school bus drivers** for the 2015-16 school year. Applicants that possess a Colorado Class A or B driver's license with a P (passenger) and S (school bus) endorsement will receive first priority. Training will be available for interested applicants that do not possess the correct license endorsement(s). Starting salary for this position is \$12.74 per

hour, but open to negotiation based on school bus driving experience. This position also provides a full district benefits package 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.

Real Estate

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Accurate sharpening. Multiple chain discount. Chain loops made to order and repaired.
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Events Calendar

Friday, April 10

6:00 p.m.: Jones Theater: 2nd Street Dance Studio performance, "Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas"; Tickets, \$15 for adults; \$7 for kids 12 and under

Saturday, April 11

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Saddle Cleaning Class at Wet Mtn Valley Saddle Club: Cost \$5, Limited space. Contact Tiffani at wmvsaddleclub@gmail.com

2 p.m.: Jones Theater: 2nd Street Dance Studio performance, "Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas"; Tickets, \$15 for adults; \$7 for kids 12 and under

Sunday, April 12

2 p.m.: Jones Theater: 2nd Street Dance Studio performance, "Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas"; Tickets, \$15 for adults; \$7 for kids 12 and under

Saturday, April 18

7 a.m. - noon: 9 Health Fair at Custer County School, 709 Main Street, Westcliffe
8 a.m.: Wet Mtn. Valley Saddle Club: Vet Clinic and Tack Sale; Noon: Dressage Demonstration

Sunday, April 19

11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.: PATRIOTS DAY, Veterans Park, Cañon City; Guest Speaker Stewart Rhodes, founder of Oathkeepers

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

EMS

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board then rightfully decided to reduce the last installment to \$6,000. This failure by the district to fulfill yet another promise resulted in a loss of \$8,000 in donated funds to EMS.

The county is now reviewing the recent EMS System Consultation Report and is trying to decide who is best suited to operate EMS. One of those scenarios is to leave EMS in the hospital district. However, a decision to leave EMS where it is today must be very carefully considered. An organization's success is often determined by its rank and file who provide their services on a day-to-day basis with their professionalism and the skills they have trained for. Through their dedication and willingness to provide the best medical care around, our EMTs have a proven track record of this. The weak link in this success story may very well be the actions or inactions of its executive management (defined here as the executive director and the board of directors). The hospital district's current executive management has clearly demonstrated that they can be untrustworthy; with a pattern of broken promises as well as contempt toward the taxpayers, their charity benefactors, and even their own employees. Can Custer County truly afford to trust our health, safety, and, yes, even our very lives, to a management group like that?

Chuck Ippolito,
Silver Cliff

(Editor/GG: The author of this letter is Chuck Ippolito, former Clinic Board member who resigned last year over the Board's refusal to address the chronic Clinic mismanagement issues and who also refused to promote to the voters a new mill levy know-

ing that many of the promises they were going to make would not be kept. Chuck knows exactly what is going on at the Clinic. Year after year of failure caused by Clinic management and a Clinic Board that can not see the obvious: (1) the Clinic Director's "management" has led to the resignations of dozens of excellent, dedicated employees and volunteers over the last few years and (2) the Clinic Director's and Board's business model is a complete failure (they can't see past the classic health industries rural health models that are doomed into today's environment). The Clinic Director and Board have been trying for years to get a large hospital organization to come in and take over running the show. That is not the answer. We don't want to lose local control over our Clinic. The large organizations they are looking at have no concern about Custer County. There is a better solution.

A growing number of concerned citizens are coming to these conclusions: (1) EMS must become an independent district (or go to the Fire District). The Clinic has failed to use the new tax levy as promised and has shown open hostility to even having EMS as part of the district. Take the existing EMS mill levy monies to a new EMS district, find competent management, and save EMS. (2) We need new, effective, innovative Clinic management (i.e., Clinic Director) that is not straight jacketed to the failed health industry's business models and practices and knows how to actually manage people with respect and dignity. (3) We need to privatize or semi-privatize the Clinic. And that takes leadership, something the Clinic is currently completely void of. Private enterprise, entrepreneurship, and innovation can save our health services here in the valley. Clinic Board: wake up! Fix the management issues and reach out to the incredible successful active and retired entrepreneurial community here in the valley for solutions. They actually have a track record of success and not failure. Status quo is bankruptcy.)

The Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club

Saturday, April 18

- **VET VACCINE CLINIC 9 am-Noon / Horses, Dogs, & Cats**
 - **TACK SALE 9 am-1 pm - 10% Comm to Support Saddle Club / 15% for non-member / Bring your tack for sale!**
 - **WESTERN & ENGLISH DRESSAGE DEMO at 1 pm / Free to Public!**
 - **ROYALTY FUND RAISER - Morning Refreshments, Hot Dog Lunch, Bake Sale / SUPPORT OUR GIRLS!**
- Please Call Annie Kerns @ 783-2886 to Sign Up & Info**

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14, NIV

Sheriff's Report...

There were 139 calls for service on the dates below. On Sunday, April 5th, there were five males in the county jail.

04/01/15 T-15-259
0748 hours / Hwy 96 east of Butler Street / Traffic Summons: McClelland, Tommy (DOB in 1955) of Leadville was issued a summons for speeding 10-19 MPH over the limit.

04/01/15 T-15-260
0754 hours: A deputy responded to an accident on Hwy 96 MM 23. Beihl, Amanda (DOB in 1992) of Colorado Springs hit a deer. The automobile sustained minimal damage, allowing the vehicle to be driven from the scene under its own power.

04/01/15 I-15-1762
1159 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Mill Street in Silver Cliff to investigate a report of a juvenile party threatening to commit suicide.

04/01/15 T-15-261
1309 hours: Baker, William (DOB in 1953) of Cotopaxi reported to a deputy at the Sheriff's Office that he had backed into a parked car on Hermit Lane.

04/01/15 I-15-1769
1805 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Hwy 96 MM 23 to investigate a report that a tree had

fallen across the highway blocking the westbound lane. CDOT was contacted to remove the debris. The road was reopened at 1927 hours.

04/02/15 O-15-046
Officers took a report of stolen mail, out of the mailboxes, in the area of CR 291. Report is under investigation.

04/03/15 I-15-1821
1542 hours - Officers responded to a disturbance between a male, and female, at 205 South Butler. Parties were able to peacefully separate from the incident. Officers have offered to do a civil stand-by, for the retrieval of any property, at a later date.

04/03/15 O-15-1821
1615 hours - Party (Coleman, Adam - DOB in 1984) was arrested, at 110 Main Street, for a violation of the terms of his probationary status.

04/03/15 T-15-262
1725 hours - Party (Street, Daniel - DOB: in 1986) was cited for speeding (10-19 over) in the area of Copper Gultch Rd, MM 4.

04/03/15 T-236-15
1902 hours - Party (Gerringer, Lillian - DOB in 1996) was cited for speeding (10-19 over) in the area of CR 129, MM 2.

04/04/15 T-15-266
0724 hours- Deputies responded to a roll over accident 53003 Hwy 69. EMS & Fire also responded to the scene.

04/04/15 T-15-267
1205 hours - Deputies, EMS, & Fire all responded again to a roll over accident at 3001 C.R. 140.

04/04/15 T-15-268
1645 hours - Deputy responded to vehicle stuck in mud & snow on Ophir Creek.

04/04/15 I-15-1853
2211 hours - Deputies responded to a report of domestic violence at 575 C.R. 390 in Wetmore. One male party arrested.

04/04/15
2248 hours - deputy on scene with a roll over at MM 21 on HWY 96. Driver had been picked up by friends. Asked CSP to handle this accident as Deputy was needed elsewhere.

04/05/15 I-15-1871
2011 hours - Officers responded to a dog complaint at 1575 CR 305. No charges were filed.

04/06/15 T-15-272
0750 hours - Party (Davis, Bruce Lee DOB in 1938) was cited for speeding (43 in a 25 MPH school zone) in the area of the 800 block of Main Street.

9 Health Fair Custer County Saturday, April 18th

9Health Fair Custer County will be held April 18th from 7 a.m. - Noon at the Custer County School. Our 9Health Fair includes a \$35 Blood Chemistry Screening which provides information about blood sugar (glucose), cholesterol, triglycerides, liver, kidney, bone, and muscle function and may show warning signs of diabetes, heart disease, and other concerns. Other affordable screenings include a \$30 Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) screening for men, which checks for prostate gland issues and cancer; a \$20 Blood Cell Count screening, which checks the health of your blood; a \$45 Vitamin D screening which measures your baseline Vitamin D level; a \$30 Hemoglobin A1C screening which gives an average blood sugar level over the past 2-3 months; and a \$25 Colon Cancer Screening Take-Home Kit which

checks for colon cancer. Free screenings such as Blood Pressure, Breast Exams, Pap, Prostate/Testicular, Oral, Hearing, Foot, Skin, and more are offered at specific locations, as well.

New this year is our Wellness Center which will offer information about a new weight management program called Weigh and Win, massage, acupuncture, and laugh yoga. We will also be offering free Hepatitis C and HIV testing.

9 Health Fair advances health awareness providing people with the tools they need to take responsibility for their own health. 9Health Fair makes available life-saving, professional health screenings, and education programs in over 130 sites in communities throughout Colorado and beyond (Nebraska, Wyoming, Kansas). Start-

ed in 1970 by the National Institutes of Health and 9NEWS, 9Health Fair became an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in 1987 and has impacted 2 million lives in its 36-year history. 9Health Fair is Colorado's largest non-profit, volunteer-driven health fair program and holds unique endorsements from the Colorado Medical Society, the Colorado Nurses Association, and the Colorado Hospital Association. Major sponsors for 9Health Fair include 9NEWS, Quest Diagnostics, Comcast, and King Soopers. Special thanks to the Colorado National Guard for its continued 9Health Fair support through delivering supplies to volunteers and sites around the state. Thanks to many of our local individuals, businesses, and organizations who contribute to make our local health fair a success.

Fire Season Has Arrived in Colorado Lack of Snow Increases the Threat

by Paul Sage

Snow totals for the year at the South Colony reporting station at 80% and the spring winds kicking up should serve as a reminder that fire season has arrived in Colorado. To put the problem in perspective, we would still need another six feet of snow to bring the area to normal moisture levels.

Tall dry grasses and brush from last year's plentiful moisture in the area increase the danger we face this year. Property owners need to be mindful of the need to remove these hazards from their own properties.

Creating defensible space around your home, access road, and outbuildings is a must for any firefighting

efforts that may be necessary to be successful. Not doing so not only jeopardizes your property, but also threatens the lives and safety of those who may have to respond to a fire in your area.

Do your part for the safety of everyone involved.

Specific information and guidance on fire mitigation for your property can be easily obtained from a number of local sources.

The Custer County Office of Emergency Management is a great resource for fire mitigation information. They can be reached at 719-783-2410.

The local office of the National Resources Conservation Service District can provide guidance. They

can be reached at 719-783-2481.

The local office of the U.S. Forest Service is another helpful resource. They can be reached at 719-783-2079.

The Wet Mountain Fire Protection District 719-783-3130 is another resource available to you. They will even do a site visit to your property to explain the things you need to do to help keep your property safe.

There are a number of local companies and individuals who can help you accomplish tree removal and cleanup to help keep your property safe. Any of the contacts above can guide you to the resources you might need to get the job done.

Court Report...

Shambarger, Jason James - Charges – Aggravated Robbery (five different charges), Menacing (three different charges), Assault in the second degree, assault in the third degree, criminal mischief, cruelty to animals, violation of a protection order, and crime of violence. DA moved to dismiss case due to the defendant's death. So ordered.

Pennewill, Kristofer Aron - Charges – Possession of a dangerous weapon, a machine gun. Bond set at \$2,000. Case

is dismissed with prejudice upon waiver of extradition.

Ball, Chris Allen – Charges – Defendant was sentenced on 4/03/2015. The defendant pled guilty to burglary of dwelling. Defendant was originally sentenced on 8/01/2014 to probation – which is now revoked on 4/3/2015 after admission of violation. Defendant shall serve 90 days in jail consecutive to any other sentence imposed. Assessed \$3,349.50.



Due to space constraints, we will run the Sheriff's Corner in next week's issue. Please check back!

WESTCLIFFE

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The clean-up day for Westcliffe and Silver Cliff is scheduled for May 9, 2015. Look for the advertisement in the paper for details regarding the specifics regarding the types of items and cost for disposal if any.

The work day for the Board was tabled until the two absent trustees are able to pro-

vide available days to meet.

Mr. Keffer discussed the need for some paving on Main Street but the project will involve coordination with Round Mountain. Some of the pavement has buckled from a possible water leak or some other undetermined cause.

There were no further additions to the agenda and no Public Comments before adjournment.

Custer County is currently under a Burn Ban

NO OPEN BURNING

Pot Grows 9/Penrose 0

by Barbara Penezic

The Fremont County Commissioners in special meeting once again voted as if one to allow yet another pot facility to take root in Penrose, Colorado. The rights, needs, and wishes of numerous Penrose and Fremont County citizens came in second place as the marijuana industry was given the green light to proceed with its unprecedented take-over of this once family friendly rural community.

Commissioner Bell looked as if she had not slept well and every nuance of her face shouted “NO” but when she opened her mouth the vote she cast was a clear, strong “AYE.” Ms. Bell told the public she had turned to the Lord to help her with this decision, the hardest choice, she had been called upon to make in the past 5 years. The Commissioner then cited this bible verse: Genesis 1:12, the land produced vegetation: plants bearing seeds according to their various kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. This verse caused her to hope there was good in marijuana. I heard one lady telling her friend, “I wish she had read further in her bible, you know, the verse about reaping what you sow.”

Commissioner Payne told the listeners, emotion does not equal what is right or wrong. We must consider that Mr. Haight is entitled to his personal property rights. Unfortunately, this bolstering of Chris Haight’s rights negatively impacts the character of the area. In reviewing the county’s master plan, in the section for Penrose, it states under Strategies (B1.1) that “Goals for growth, growth management, and District development patterns will be generated through public input. While the public has closely followed these meetings in regard to the proliferation of marijuana businesses, it is obvious public input has been heavy and it would seem the bulk of it has been extremely negative. Amendment 64 allows for local municipalities to craft their own rules and regulations, which can include limiting the number of marijuana – related businesses that are allowed in a given area and not allowing the enactment of this amendment to trump the rights of the citizens.

Commissioner Norden was in agreement with Bell and Payne giving his approval of allowing the historic Apple Shed to be used for pot production. Mr. Norden suggested that the preservation of this building falls to the public domain. It is up to the private sector to safe-

guard the historic nature of the Apple Shed but no one had come forward to purchase the building. Could be that your everyday, hard-working citizens do not have access to that pot of money that seems to follow the pot industry. Commissioner Norden did say that many of the objections to this latest marijuana facility had to do with Location, Location, Location, and the Commissioners had given this objection due consideration before voting yes. Mr. Haight will be opening this business within 1,000 feet of two churches and the public park. Among the six pages of findings and facts the Commissioners provided to the public under number 11, it states in part, the locations of the churches, like the park, is not an automatic disqualifying factor for a marijuana business. Number 14 of the findings states that since 2012, a disproportionate number of locally-unregulated medical marijuana cultivation businesses were established in the Penrose area. These operations began prior to enactment of the Fremont County medical marijuana licensing regulations. As a result and with some justification, many citizens in the area have expressed a belief that Penrose may be at or near “saturation” point for medical marijuana businesses. The Board is aware of this situation, which likely arose due to the absence of local regulations.

During the KOAA coverage of the Apple Shed, Lisa Leyden referred to this as the latest development in the “Penrose Medical Marijuana Industry.” According to Elaine Sheridan this may not be what many in Penrose like, but it is factual. This kind of publicity does not encourage people to buy homes and bring their children here; it does however lead to decreasing property values for those who bought property before the Cannabis Invasion; and, Yes, there is more to come! Six more operations are in the wings with hearings pending. An unidentified woman said, “While this is disappointing, I can’t say many of us expected anything else. It was obvious that our commissioners have bought into the marijuana industry’s propaganda.” She paused to wipe a tear from her eye and clear her throat, then added, “Penrose has become known as “The Pot Mecca of Fremont County,” and I hope the commissioners will remember it happened on their watch. The choices they have made have consequences that will impact the lives of Penrose residents for years to come.”

Be Informed

Get Involved

Grand Reopening of Royal Gorge Bridge & Park

by Charlotte Burrous

After a devastating fire destroyed much of the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park in 2013, like a phoenix it is rising from the ashes. During the weekend of May 8, the park will celebrate its grand re-opening with music, food and much more.

As part of the celebration, Vice President and General Manager Mike Bandera announced there are new features in the park. “(Several) weekends ago, we were able to open the gondola along with the theater with a brand new presentation,” he said. Consisting of two clusters of three, the gig-back gondolas, which were manufactured and installed by Leitner Poma, will hold 24 passengers in each car. “You have three (cars) going one way and three going the other so they dock on each side at the same time,” Bandera said. About 30 percent more people will be able to ride across the gorge in the gondolas, holding 48 passengers. “You sit down, completely surrounded by glass,” Bandera said. “You can see all the way to the bottom of the gorge, 360 degrees around so it’s sort of five-star as opposed to the two-and-a-half stars.”



Gondolas at the Royal Gorge.

Courtesy photo from RGB&P

Other features include a mini train and a newly remodeled zip line. “We were able to put a new zip line in the air space we already own, running parallel to the gondolas,” Bandera said. “It’s about 2,300 feet long and 1,200 feet over the Arkansas (River), which makes it the highest zip line in North America.” When riding on the zip line, passengers will be able to travel 40 miles per hour, taking about 45 seconds to zip over the gorge. Tickets for the zip line are \$40 per person.

At the end of April, the children’s play land will be completed, which will feature a new carousel, a gigantic climbing structure with nets and ladders, a water feature and a maze area.

The Royal Gorge Bridge and Park is located at 4218 CR 3A and is open from 7 a.m. until dusk seven days a week. For ticket information, contact the park at 275-7507.

Children’s Art Display at Fremont Center for the Arts

by Charlotte Burrous

It’s a way for children to exhibit their art in a public place. For the umpteenth year, the Fremont Center for the Arts will host its annual Fremont County School Exhibit during the month of April.

“The whole point is to give children (an opportunity) to exhibit in a gallery,” said FCA Board President Jeanne McGee. “Right now, we’re exhibiting the high school and middle school students’ artwork. We have six schools exhibiting now when this comes down (April) 18th we’ll put up the elementary exhibit.” She credited Cañon City for providing sponsorship so the show is free. “It’s one of our biggest attended (shows),” McGee said. “Every mother, fa-

ther, grandmother, grandfather, and uncle (along with siblings) will all come to see it.”

“I think all people are born with creativity and it’s only through society that we become inhibited,” McGee said. “And children are not inhibited. It’s wonderful to see their creativity juices flowing and their teachers who influence them. These people are our future artists.”

Grades first through fifth artwork will be on display from April 18-25. Opening receptions will be held for each school. FCA is located at 505 Macon Avenue and is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 275-2790.

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

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

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

Royal Gorge
Tea Party
2nd Thursday
6:30 p.m.
Core Knowledge
School Gymnasium
890 Fields Ave.
Cañon City
www.royalgorgetea-party.com

Fremont
Republican
Central
Committee
4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Sunflower Bank,
lower level
831 Royal Gorge Blvd.

Southern
Colorado
Survivors
1st Sat at 8:30 a.m.
Mugs
1520 Royal Gorge Blvd
Cañon City

Please let us know about an upcoming event or meeting you would like to see printed here, or covered in an upcoming issue.

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1201 Royal Gorge Blvd.
(Hwy 50) in Cañon City

Cotopaxi
General Store
20204 U.S. Highway 50

Here 4 You
2975 CR 27A (Copper Gulch Rd)
in Cotopaxi

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Christianity Under Attack

Whether it is “hands up, don’t shoot,” Bowe Bergdhal served with “honor and distinction,” or the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, it seems that the American people are all too willing to listen to the hysteria of a biased news media and special interest groups rather than check out the facts. Property has been lost, lives ended, and reputations harmed because an ill-informed public allows lies and misinformation to lead them by the nose to the slaughter house. “Who cares,” they might say, “It doesn’t affect me.” There is one issue, however, where if we as Christians don’t start standing strong and speaking boldly as we ought to speak, it will impact generations. Our religious freedom is under attack.

When the Founding Fathers of America wrote the Constitution, there was one God in mind--the God of the Jews and Christians. This is what they meant in guaranteeing religious freedom. Much has been written in their own words about Christianity; about being from many walks of life, but generally having the same religion; that God granted us a nation and that it was our duty to elect Christians to serve wisely. Our Republic was modeled after Exodus 18:21, “Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be be rules of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.”

In fact, Islam at that time, was considered a strange and evil cult. John Quincy Adams wrote: “In the seventh century of the

Christian era, a wandering Arab of the lineage of Hagar, the Egyptian, combining the powers of transcendent genius, with the preternatural energy of a fanatic, and the fraudulent spirit of an impostor, proclaimed himself as a messenger from Heaven, and spread desolation and delusion over an extensive portion of the earth.” Thomas Jefferson had to commission a U.S. Navy to fight the Ottoman Empire-sanctioned pirating of U.S. ships and the enslavement of U.S. citizens by the Islamic Barbary pirates. Yet the current “president” infers Islam’s influence on early America was a positive one.

Your religious freedom, the very keystone of your rights as an American, are under vicious attack. An Islamic Marxist “president,” his administration, the news media, the homosexual lobby, the abortion lobby, the Islamists are all pointing the spear at your religious freedom because they know that faith in the one true God is the only bulwark that stands between liberty and their statist goals. No one checks the facts, but it is always assumed the Christian or Jew is at fault. Christianity is not about what God can do for you, it is what we are supposed to be doing for God. When so many are wringing their hands and asking what to do, God has already told us--make disciples, overcome evil with good, speak boldly of the gospel, having done all, stand. Don’t wait for a leader. The leader is Jesus Christ and he dwells in you. Let’s go!

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
www.dailyjot.com
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For with God nothing will be impossible

Luke 1:37, NKJV

School Principal Gets Smacked by ACLU for Praying for His Students

by Allen West,
AllenBWest.com

Today I received the following email from a mother whose son attends Walnut Hill Elementary/Middle School in Keithville, Louisiana.

She wrote, “I wanted to get in contact with you because this week my son’s school principal came under attack by the ACLU. A parent (who is not affiliated with the school) contacted the ACLU because they heard our principal was praying for the kids. The community is definitely standing strong and rallying by him. We are having prayer at the pole tomorrow at 10 am central time. I invite you all to please come help us show this is still the America that’s a nation under God!”

But not if the ACLU has anything to do with it.

Marjorie Esman, executive director of the ACLU in Louisiana writes that the job of the school principal is to teach and uphold, rather than violate the le-

gal rights of all.

In her letter to the school superintendent, she says, “It has been brought to the attention of the ACLU Foundation of Louisiana that (Walnut Hill) has engaged in a pattern of religious proselytization by sending messages to parents invoking prayer, and through a lengthy ‘Principal’s Message’ on the school’s website.”

“This letter is to inform you that these messages violate the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and comparable provisions of the Louisiana Constitution, and they must stop immediately.”

Principal Albert Hardison had the gall to post this Principal’s Message on the school website entitled, “Truly We are Blessed” which contains this apparently offensive language:

“On mornings when the sun is beaming or hidden, our student prayer group, “Hornets for Hope,” pray and give thanks to the Son of God for carrying our school over the thorns of

negativity and the thistles of discord, and setting it gently on the petals of harmony and the lily of tranquility. Our “Hornets for Hope” thank God for giving us a school that believes in God, family, and education.”

Yep, them’s fightin’ words if you ask me, and must never be uttered in public lest they violate the legal rights of all.

The ACLU has urged the school to immediately remove all religious references from the school website, educate the staff regarding the Constitutional protections of students and staff from religious indoctrination, and tell the principal that neither he nor his staff may include religious references of ANY kind in school communications.

So, no Happy Easter for YOU kids.

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Scientists Say New Study Is a ‘Death Blow’ to Global Warming Hysteria

by Michael Bastasch,
Daily Caller News
Foundation, DailyCaller.com

A new study out of Germany casts further doubt on the so-called global warming “consensus” by suggesting the atmosphere may be less sensitive to increases in carbon dioxide emissions than most scientists think.

A study by scientists at Germany’s Max Planck Institute for Meteorology found that man-made aerosols had a much smaller cooling effect on the atmosphere during the 20th century than was previously thought. Why is this big news? It means increases in carbon dioxide emissions likely cause less warming than most climate models suggest.

What do aerosols have to do with anything? Well, aerosols are created from human activities like burning coal, driving cars, or from fires. There are also natural aerosols like clouds and fog. Aerosols tend to reflect solar energy back into space, giving them a cooling effect that some-

what offsets warming from increased CO₂ emissions.

The Max Planck study suggests “that aerosol radiative forcing is less negative and more certain than is commonly believed.” In layman’s terms, aerosols are offsetting less global warming than was previously thought. And if aerosols aren’t causing as much cooling, it must mean carbon dioxide must be causing less warming than climate models predict.

“Going forward we should expect less warming from future greenhouse gas emissions than climate models are projecting,” write climate scientists Pat Michaels and Chip Knappenberger with the libertarian Cato Institute, adding that this study could be a “death blow” to global warming hysteria.

Independent climate researcher Nick Lewis put out a study last year with Georgia Tech’s Dr. Judith Curry that found that the climate’s response to a doubling of atmospheric CO₂ levels — a measurement called “climate sensitivity” was 1.64 degrees Celsius.

Lewis revised his findings based on the Max Planck aerosol study and found something astounding: climate sensitivity drops dramatically. Lewis also looked at climate sensitivity estimates given by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change — often regarded as the world’s top authority on global warming.

The IPCC’s latest assessment put climate sensitivity between 1.5 and 4.5 degrees Celsius. The IPCC says that despite “the large uncertainty range, there is a high confidence that aerosols have offset a substantial portion of [greenhouse gas] global mean forcing.”

Basically, the IPCC says aerosols deflect a lot of warming — the opposite of the Max Planck study’s finding.

But incorporating the results from the Max Planck study dramatically reduces the upper bound estimate of climate sensitivity from 4.5 degrees to 1.8 degrees Celsius.

To put this into perspective, atmospheric concentrations of CO₂ currently stand at

around 400 parts per million, if this were to double, according to the IPCC’s estimates temperatures could rise as high as 4.5 degrees Celsius.

But incorporate the Max Planck study results and warming would only be as high as 1.8 degrees Celsius — less than half what the IPCC originally predicted.

Michaels and Knappenberger say Lewis’s findings basically eliminate “the possibility of catastrophic climate change—that is, climate change that proceeds at a rate that exceeds our ability to keep up.”

“Such a result will also necessarily drive down estimates of social cost of carbon thereby undermining a key argument used by federal agencies to support increasingly burdensome regulations which seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions,” write Michaels and Knappenberger.

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Here's Exactly Why the Religious Freedom Act is so Important

by Allen West,
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I've been watching the debate over Indiana's Religious Freedom Act — and now Arkansas has adopted similar legislation. Now, in full disclosure, I support civil unions believing that marriage is defined as a relationship between one man and one woman — the traditional view. I fully support anyone choosing within his or her "pursuit of happiness" to enjoy in a relationship with someone of the same sex — privilege to choose, not a mandated right.

What I find interesting is this liberal progressive leftist rant over "fairness." I am still wondering who are those people in the far away rooms that determine what is fair or what is for the "social good".

Here in America, our First Amendment right is for freedom of religion, but it seems some are seeking a freedom FROM religion — and they can freely choose NOT to have a religious faith.

But what is most disconcerting about the argument I hear presented from the left is that they feel my right to freedom of religion is trumped by someone else's choice of sexual partner.

I remember a quote that goes something like this, "the right of an individual to throw a punch stops at another individual's nose." So let me present a simple question: is it fair for someone to be forced to accept a lifestyle choice from another that is inconsistent with their freedom of religion and free exercise thereof? That's what it says in the Constitution, if that still matters.

Thomas Jefferson, in his letter to the Danbury (CT) Baptist Convention advanced the premise that America would not have a

Head of State who is also the Head of Church. That was what he meant by separation of church and state. Jefferson also put forth that he did not want a nation where the state could subjugate religious beliefs to the state. Sounds pretty simple to me, but are we on a different path?

Consider a baker in Oregon who is a Christian, and when asked to bake a wedding cake for a same sex marriage humbly declined based upon free exercise of religion. It was not a rejection of the patrons because of their sexual behavioral choice — it was the event.

I am quite certain the same baker would have humbly declined to bake a cake for a polygamous event or something else inconsistent with their beliefs. Is it fair that that baker has lost their business and been viciously attacked? Or how about a photographer who humbly declines a request to shoot a same sex marriage due to their religious belief. Is it fair that the state, i.e. the government, should bring suit against them and destroy their business? Somehow I don't think that was what Jefferson had in mind.

Therefore, have we come to a point in America where the right of an individual to hold religious beliefs is being made subject by way of coercion, intimidation, and government tyranny to the whims of a minority? Maybe, just maybe that's why Indiana Governor Mike Pence signed the Religious Freedom Act — to protect those with religious beliefs — which are not radical — from persecution. Then maybe we are no longer a nation with a Judeo-Christian faith heritage that respects and honors Christian principles. If that be the case, and this is the opening towards a secular humanist state, just say so.

I find it odd that we are now

in the religious persecution mode, which is why Pilgrims came to America in the first place.

And get this impeccable irony — the White House releases a statement against Gov. Pence while sitting at the table trying to get a nuclear deal with a country, Iran, that hangs gays and lesbians. Yep, I know, such hypocrisy isn't just laughable but disturbing.

This isn't about denying gays and lesbians service. They are individuals and no one is putting up a sign — unlike what my mom and dad had to endure.

However, is it really fair to force a private sector business owner to do something against their First Amendment right to the freedom of religion and the free exercise thereof? And sadly, we have charlatans like Al Sharpton who will try to equate this to race — incomparable. When I walk into an establishment there are two identifying characteristics — male, black. There are no other behavioral aspects that are known, unless, I feel so compelled to broadcast such in an attention-grabbing stunt.

So, in conclusion, this ruckus is much ado about nothing — other than a certain group that seeks to impose its lifestyle and behavioral choice upon others. Now that, ladies and gents, isn't fair — and it's even more unfair when the state is complicit by way of coercive policies allowing one to throw the punch, forcing the other to take it on the nose.

I think we need to have a conversation in America about what is a right, and what is a privilege.

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The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand

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Useful Idiot at Tampa Bay Times: "Shall Not Be Infringed" Doesn't Mean What It Says

by Tim Brown,
FreedomOutPost.com

I don't know how many times one can go over the Second Amendment and not get the clear language contained in it. In fact, I don't know how many times one can read the Constitution and not see that it is not law per se enforced upon the people, but rather enforced upon the federal government, but there are still ignorant, useful idiots in the media that are called "the press," who still don't get it. Or perhaps they do get it, but they are just open communists who are seeking to remove the right to keep and bear arms by Americans. Such may just be the case with the *Tampa Bay Times*.

In an editorial piece in the *Tampa Bay Times* titled Public Safety Sacrificed on Altar of NRA, Scott Keeler seems to be having a problem with the right of Americans to keep and bear arms, especially when it comes to the multiple pro-Second Amendment bills that are currently going through the Florida legislature, including one that would allow students to defend themselves on college campuses with guns. Additionally, a bill was defeated, which would have banned backyard shooting ranges.

According to Keeler, all of this is a "blatant disregard for public safety."

"None of these decisions make any practical sense, and their only result will be to stoke more violence," Keeler writes. "Senate Bill 290, which allows gun owners to carry a weapon during a riot, hurricane, or other declared state or local emergency, will have the effect of putting more weapons into the hands of nervous people at the very time they are reeling from a crisis. Florida law already allows gun owners to transport their weapons in vehicles even if they don't possess a state-issued concealed weapons permit; this bill is not about

helping people who don't want to leave a weapon behind but about allowing them to pack heat on the streets in the most volatile situations. Do hurricane shelters really need a higher level of anxiety?"

Oh, I get it. Scott Keeler wants only criminals to have arms during times of emergency. They desire that law-abiding citizens be unarmed and unprotected. This person actually believes that we live in the Magic Kingdom of Disneyland. They believe that law-abiding people with guns, who have trained themselves and educated themselves to use such weapons cannot be trusted, but thinks nothing of the criminals who care nothing for law, property, or the lives of their victims. That is what is going on in this emotional drivel pouring forth from the TBT.

As for the issue of being upset about an incident involving people who shot up another residence with their semi-automatic rifles, while firing them in their backyards, all I can say is making a law would not have stopped them from being stupid nor the house being shot up. Those people should be charged with negligence and made to restore the property. However, a law would not have stopped it from taking place.

"This legislature continues to put the NRA and weapons before sanity and public safety, without any bounds for what constitutes responsible gun ownership," Keeler claims. "And lawmakers are all too content to dispense with the views of law enforcement when police raise valid concerns about balancing gun rights with law and order."

Actually, if we are honest, the NRA throughout its history has actually eroded the rights of gun owners, as Felix Bronstein has clearly documented here: <http://freedomoutpost.com/2013/03/whose-side-is-the-nra-really-on/>

However, the punch line of this *Tampa Bay Times* editorial is, "The answer to more violence and disaster is not more guns, and gun rights are not absolute."

Oh, really? Not according to the statistics. Not only is America first in the world in gun ownership, but she is not even in the top 100 countries in terms of murder rates, but most of those murders occur in concentrated areas where this useful idiot's kind of thinking and laws have been applied.

The government is not given authority to infringe in any way on the rights of the people. Any legislator who proposes any type of legislation to do so should be considered an enemy of the people as he is the one who said he understood such language and said he would uphold such language.

Gun rights are absolute. They are absolutely necessary to defend life, liberty, and property. They are, as the Declaration of Independence pronounces, inalienable God-given rights given to us by our Creator, the Lord Jesus Christ. If someone misuses their weapon to harm or murder someone else they should be brought to justice for such crimes, but that is not a reflection on either the arm (whatever type it is) or the rights protected under the Second Amendment.

Perhaps this *Tampa Bay Times* editor needs a lesson in the Constitution. I would be happy to make sure he got a full course on the issue if he merely clicks on the Contact button at the top of the page, but my guess is that he isn't interested in being educated, but is more interested in being the useful idiot that he is.

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Texas Bill Would Bar Physicians From Talking Guns With Patients

by Bob Owens,
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If one Texas lawmaker's bill is passed, patients may have a few less questions to answer at the doctor's office.

Stewart Spitzer (R-TX) has authored a bill which would essentially bar doctors from talking about guns with their patients. House Bill 2823 was introduced March 16th and not only prohibits doctors from asking if there are guns in the household, but also recommends doctors who continue to talk to patients about firearms be punished.

"Pediatricians are asking children away from their parents, 'Do you have guns in your house?' and then reporting this on the electronic health records, and then the federal government, frankly, has access to who has guns and who doesn't," Spitzer said in a recent interview about the proposed legislation. He said he experienced the phenomenon firsthand when he took his daughter to the doctor, who asked her whether there were any guns in the house.

While HB2823 has some parents breathing a sigh or relief, the medical community has had a far less enthusiastic reaction.

"We, as physicians, ask all sorts of questions—about bike helmets and seat belts and swim-

ming pool hazards, dangerous chemicals in the home, sexual behaviors, domestic violence. I could go on and on," said Gary Floyd, a Fort Worth pediatrician and board member of the Texas Medical Association, in an interview with the *Texas Tribune*.

While the bill would allow doctors to discuss guns with patients deemed suicidal, Spitzer says that in most cases discussions about firearms are "not appropriate." Spitzer, a surgeon, said he wanted to make sure that doctors "have the right not to ask that."

Doctors are currently reporting who has access to guns and who doesn't based on patient answers to medical questionnaires. I teach my children to never answer any questions pertaining to our household when I am not present, but with the feds wanting to weigh children at daycare facilities and public schools already dictating what foods children should eat, we need to take every opportunity we can to eliminate the government's reach into our homes. HB2823 is a step in the right direction, but we should all speak to our children about keeping our families' business private and out of the government's intrusive reach into our parental rights.

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Friendly Fire: Change.org Petition Calls for Heads Over Denver School Deals...That Bennet Made

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Ah, libs eating their own. Medium rare please. Hold the onions. They do get a bit edgy when the “free” money (that is somebody else’s hard-earned money) disappears and they have to use their own. And they love these internet petition drives where there is no verification of those signing (especially our very own Custer County Democrat Party vice chairman: his famous “anti-2nd Amendment/July 4” petition a few years ago where only a fraction of the petition signers were from Westcliffe was truly a classic in attempted deception.)

We are going to go out on a limb and say that the Denver County Teachers Association (union), apparently part of the Colorado Education Association (union), was not entirely aware of who it was attacking when it started petitioning the Denver school board to “demand Wall Street banks return the \$300 million taken from Denver schools.” And, credit default swaps are pretty tricky, so we’ll give the DCTA a hand.

The real villain in this mess is none other than the most vulnerable Senator in America right now – Democrat Sen. Michael Bennet.

Here’s a snippet from the petition:

Wall Street banks have tak-

en more than \$300 MIL-LION from Denver Public Schools. This is money that should have reduced class sizes, prevented program cuts, and provided the best possible education for our kids.

Denver Public Schools entered into three toxic interest rate swaps in 2008 with JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, and Royal Bank of Canada. From 2008-2011, our schools lost \$105 MILLION to these banks. From 2011-2013, we lost another \$38 MILLION.

The deals were terminated in 2013, but doing so resulted in the following massive fees:

JPMorgan Chase: \$42 MILLION; Wells Fargo:

\$34.4 MILLION; Bank of America: \$70.5 MILLION; Royal Bank of Canada: \$35.1 MILLION

That’s roughly \$182 MILLION in termination fees alone. Denver taxpayers will continue to pay off these deals until 2037.

Nearly \$200 million in fees is a lot. And, here’s where Michael Bennet comes in. Bennet was superintendent of Denver Public Schools from July 2005 through January 2009, when he was appointed to fill the Senate seat vacated by then-Sen. Ken Salazar. In the spring of 2008, DPS needed to raise funds to plow back into classrooms (or so the

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Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim



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

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



The Predicament of Drought

California governor Jerry Brown was forced to announce severe statewide water restrictions due to lack of snow and rain. If it hasn’t been vocalized, it’s only a matter of time before the God of the Bible and its adherents will receive some criticism for this difficulty. Most often in today’s world, God is blamed for major disasters but very little, if any, credit is given for the blessings of life. So many seem to desire a God who will treat them with no choice as far as benefits, but want to maintain a free will in relation to sin or self-will.

The tsunami of December 26, 2006, displaced millions of people and some 200,000 perished. “I don’t understand how a God of love could allow such a thing to happen” is the common statement that follows such an event. Not one of the countries that were primarily affected claim Christians as a significant percentage of their population. Why is it that the gods these nations worship are never called into question? It is always the God of the Patriarchs who is held responsible. Is that not in and of itself an acknowledgment of His Sovereignty? If it isn’t, shouldn’t the critics at least have the intellectual honesty to blame the gods of the persons who suffered?

The prophet Elijah marched onto the canvas of Scripture by announcing to the nefarious King Ahab that rain had officially ceased until the prophet declared otherwise. This notification was undoubtedly taken with a huge grain of salt but its fulfillment was verified three years later. When a very irritated Ahab was finally confronted by Elijah, all the King could say was “Art thou he that troubleth Is-

rael?” The man of God responded, “I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father’s house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.” (1 Kings 18:17-18)

The brash Elijah proceeded to challenge Ahab’s 450 prophets to a spiritual duel which involved asking each god to consume a sacrifice with fire from heaven. Baal’s men initiated the mother of all praise and worship by praying, crying aloud and even cutting themselves until “the blood gushed out upon them.” All to no avail! Adding insult to injury, Elijah mocked their efforts with taunting ridicule. It appeared that no amount of sacrifice could arouse their god.

Has California not offered enough to pacify the goddess of mother nature? In spite of worshiping at the altar of climate change, instituting demanding emissions controls, condemning belching cows, introducing a host of new rules for the coal industry which will significantly raise rates and threaten the reliability of the electrical grid, and even encouraging more municipalities to outlaw plastic grocery bags, the silence is deafening. What else could be done to gain the attention of this absentee deity? Have not her loyalist printed bumper stickers featuring a picture of the earth and urging others to give her deference. Does not Governor Moonbeam have all of the prophets of cultural diversity at his disposal? Perhaps they should be gathered together in one great conclave to appease the goddess of indifference. Their unified voice may garner greater influence than Ahab’s diviners.

After a long day of these

religious shenanigans, Elijah commanded that his sacrifice be doused with four barrels of water three times. After uttering a 63-word prayer, his God responded with fire from heaven consuming the sacrifice and all that was around it.

Martin M. Hyzer recorded an interesting piece of history. In the early spring of 1877 Minnesota farmers surveyed their lands, dreading the first hordes of locusts that had caused widespread destruction the summer before. Another such plague threatened to destroy Minnesota’s rich wheat lands, spelling ruin for thousands of families.

Suddenly, Governor John S. Pillsbury proclaimed April 26th to be a day of fasting and prayer, urging that every man, woman, and child ask for divine help. A strange hush fell over the land as Minnesotans solemnly assembled to pray. The next morning temperatures soared to mid-summer heat. The warm earth began to stir with the dreaded insects.

This was a strange answer! Three days passed. The unseasonable heat hatched out a vast army of locusts that threatened the entire state. Then, on the fourth day, the sun went down in a cold sky and frost gripped the earth that night. Most of the locusts were destroyed as surely as if fire had swept them away! When summer came the wheat waved tall and green. April 26th went down in history as the day on which a people’s prayer had been answered.

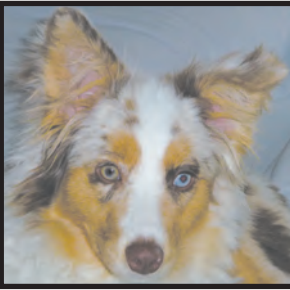
Elijah said to Israel, “How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.” This may be a perfect opportunity for California to make the same decision.

A Sheepdog Barks!

We’ve now heard the greatest presidential gibberish and nonsense of all times – the “Obama Doctrine.” What it really is: a string of meaningless phrases and nonsensical words that amount to a whole lot of bull fertilizer. Wouldn’t have expected anything more from this clown. First a few words about the “Framework” of the upcoming “deal” with the notorious terrorists and liars from Iran. Can anyone respect a deal being made between two liars? The answer is NO! WOOF! Other than Obama’s blind and stupid followers most of the world knows this is a one-sided deal favoring the complete and final development of a nuclear bomb for Iran. The whole point of these negotiations was to STOP these crazy, radical thugs from getting a nuclear warhead. Yet now the Obama & Kerry Twins (O&K) are saying this “good” deal only “delays” the “breakout” period and that’s enough. What the heck good is that? Even Obama used to say America’s policy was that Iran could not have a nuclear weapon. Apparently what he really meant and just said was that Iran couldn’t have one “on his watch”, but later is okay. “ON HIS WATCH!” Really! So this is all about Barack, not America and its secure future. He gets this phony deal, kicks the can down the road (supposedly for about 10 years) and then he’s gone and living the luxurious life of a former President of the United States (POTUS). This guy turns my stomach. I’m sure I’m not the only sheepdog that eats Pepto Bismol tablets like M&Ms. Yes, I know that this is only the framework and the devil in the details won’t be made known until June 30th. Any bets on that? Didn’t think so! If Congress fails to insist on their Constitutional rights, like they have previously, we might never know what’s in the deal until it is already a deal. Remind anyone of Pelosi and Obamacare? Five years later and the nasty details are still being exposed in that health care debacle. There are five major things wrong with this “framework.” It allows the continued development of ICBM delivery systems, the spinning of

thousands of centrifuges, the continued operation of a hardened underground facility, has no intrusive, unannounced inspections, and includes NO sanctions to encourage compliance. These things all favor Iran and what does America, Israel and the rest of the Mid-East get? Maybe a few months or years before the Iranians join the North Koreans. Clinton supposedly had a similar deal with them. It also was to be “enforced” by the IAEA, another feckless United Nations agency that is corrupt and useless. They are notorious for hearing no evil, seeing no evil, and reporting no evil.

And now let’s examine the “Obama Doctrine” on foreign policy and keeping America and Israel safe. In 2013 Obama rattled off four or five things Iran didn’t need in order to develop a peaceful nuclear program. Sadly, he gave them all back to Iran in this “deal of a lifetime” as he calls it. It might be the deal of a lifetime – for the Iranians. We know Obama has zero negotiating skills. Otherwise, why would he have traded the five worst Taliban detainees for a known deserter? But, I digress. Here are a few things he told the *New York Times* while explaining his doctrine: “We will engage, but we preserve all our capabilities.” What? Pure unadulterated poppycock! Does anyone know what that means? We will engage what? And we will preserve all what capabilities. What exactly does that mean? Was he considering giving away OUR nuclear power? He then said “We are powerful enough to test these propositions without putting us at risk.” Pure gibberish! Phrases that mean nothing. Test? Is this just a big test to see if we can trust the Iranians to do what they say they will do? Obama says we can always defend ourselves and Israel. Defend? Why would we wait until Iran is a nuclear threat and able to strike out so we can then defend ourselves? We should and must take the initiative here and really prevent them from being a threat in the first place. Force might be the only real answer. But before that it should be a united international com-



munity that imposes such severe sanctions that Iran is brought to its knees and the people revolt. That is the alternative that should be “tested” before war. However, war might be the only thing that will stop the demented Iranian leaders from their quest. Once they have a nuclear warhead they will intimidate the world. Now is the time to stop them. Not later in a defensive mode. Obama’s doctrine is nuts. This is all designed to gain a foolish and temporary agreement to delay trouble past his presidency. Remember, it was Obama himself that said this deal would prevent Iran from “breaking out” with a nuclear warhead “on his watch.” Really? What about on America’s watch? Any deal should protect America and Israel forever, not just during Obama’s last 20 months. So now the language of the Obama administration is that this deal alters the “breakout pathway” for Iran from a few months to a few years. That simply isn’t good enough. This Congress, and that includes the Democrats, must stop this insanity. They need to proceed with the debate, gather the secret details and vote to prevent a bad deal from happening. The Commander in Chief has already been derelict in his duty. If Congress fails to exert their authority here they will also be derelict in their duties. Just because previous Congresses let former presidents grab too much power doesn’t make it right. Now is the time to follow the Constitution. There is too much at risk for anything else. And our last point. Obama says that to make Iran recognize Israel as a state as part of these negotiations would be a “fundamental misjudgment.” The only fundamental misjudgment involved here is that Americans elected Obama to be the POTUS – twice! WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH



“Takin’ It To The House...”

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representative Jim Wilson
HD 60
April 4, 2015

Last week we talked about “March Madness” coming to the Capitol in the form of the state budget – known as the Long Bill. The Senate did not disappoint us in the excitement department and there will be no less excitement in the House this week as the Long Bill takes center stage. Nearly everything in each chamber goes on hold while Representatives and Senators debate the state budget.

This past week the Senate gave preliminary approval to a \$25 Billion budget bill. The bill includes \$9.6 Billion in discretionary spending including a 6.4% increase (or \$573 Million) over the current budget. The Senate battled over student testing, immunizations, and religious freedom laws. Even though the bill was put together with a bipartisan panel, over 75 amendments were proposed during more than 8 hours of debate. The vast majority of the proposed changes were defeated on party line votes.

A few amendments exposed some strange bedfellows in the GOP Senate caucus. In one instance, the majority of the Senate Education Committee pushed an amendment to end funding of the PARCC assessments. Republican leaders had to side with Democrats to defeat the amendment. Two other significant amendments found Senators again

crossing the aisle. A Republican effort to cut \$1.2 Million from the state’s immunization program was defeated on a bipartisan vote. In another debate, 3 rural Republicans joined the Dems to add \$750,000 to an economic development grant program for rural areas of the state.

The House will now tackle the Long Bill. If the drama in the Senate was any indicator, the debate in the Democratic House should be exciting as well. Look for many of the amendments defeated in the Republican Senate to reappear in the House. If amendments are added in the House, the Long Bill will have to go back to the Senate for their concurrence. If the Senate does not concur with the House version of the Long Bill, a Conference Committee will be appointed to work out the differences. So much fun in such a short time!

While the House was waiting on the Long Bill to come over from the Senate, several committees were rushing bills onto the calendar. The House Education Committee was no exception. Two of my bills (Rural Flexibility – HB15-1321 and Data Reporting – HB15-1322) were read across the desk on Monday and slated to be heard in committee on Wednesday. Rep. Petterson (Democrat Co-Sponsor on both bills) and I were hard pressed to get our presentation and witnesses together in 48 hours! Somehow we were able to pull everything together – the Flexibility Bill passed 10-1 and the Data



Bill was laid over for action this week (in between the Long Bill).

The other big bill to be heard during “Long Bill Week” is the House Assessment Bill: HB15-1323. The Senate will be hearing their version of the assessment bill (SB 15-257) this week as well. With all the controversy over testing across the state, both of these bills will have heated discussions. If I were a bettin’ man, I would wager that the assessment bills will have to be worked out in conference committees...

This will obviously be an interesting week. With \$25 Billion at stake and \$573 Million in new money available to be spent, tempers will flare! Questions? Call us at 303-866-2747 or e-mail us at wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us .

Yours for HD 60 --
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End ‘Food Stamps’

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The screaming is getting louder and more desperate by the day... (from wsj.com)

The House Republican proposal to block grant the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is ill-timed and ill-advised. SNAP, formerly known as the food-stamp program, provides a lifeline for senior citizens, persons with profound disabilities, and working families with children relying on part-time hours at a minimum-wage job. Four out of five SNAP recipients are children, people with disabilities, the elderly, or working adults who don’t make enough to make ends meet.

As the economy improves, more people are moving off SNAP. Since participation hit its peak in December 2012, the number of people receiving SNAP benefits has declined by 1.5 million. Congressional Budget Office projections indicate a 2%-4% reduction in SNAP recipients annually for the next five years.

Uh huh.

So, why can I buy carbohydrate-laced garbage with “food stamps”? Indeed, other than booze and tobacco I can buy dang near anything in the store with it. Further, it’s loaded on what looks like a credit card and the eligibility requirements have been dropped to an effective zero barrier, so long as you’re of, materially, lower-than-average income.

Wilisack wishes to crow about “1.5 million” people fewer getting benefits, but FY15s number is only down from FY2012 by about 271,000. Cherry picking your data much, I ask?

But what’s far worse is that the 46 million-odd recipients are some one-seventh of the entire population -- young, old, and everything in between. Are you really going to argue that one person in every seven requires this support? And, if you are, exactly what sort of indictment does this present against the government for policies that have driven labor offshore and otherwise damaged the lower-income segments of society?

I have no particular quarrel with helping people who really need it as a means of temporary support. But I believe strongly that such support should come in the form of physical distribution of food, not “money” that can be used at the discretion of the individual to buy whatever they want. It should be designed in such a fashion as to not promote further dependency (e.g. fast carbohydrates, processed foods, anything with trans fats or otherwise “ready to eat”, etc.) but rather should come in the form of uncooked beef, pork, chicken, and vegetables along with basic spices (e.g. salt, pepper, and a few additional inexpensive things) that the recipient must take home and prepare. Alternatively, for those who argue this is unreasonable to require, we can literally hand out soup to anyone willing to stand in line and fill their cup.

What we do now not only doesn’t work it creates monstrous medical problems later on -- that we’re then told we have to pay for as well.

It’s not time to “reform” food stamps it is time to scrap the program entirely.

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PETITION

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story goes). Bennet and now-superintendent Tom Boasberg struck a deal with JP Morgan to create some kind of “exotic” funding mechanism literally weeks before the entire market bombed. Here’s how the school board allegedly fell for

the scheme, according to the *New York Times*:

“To members of the Denver Board of Education, it sounded ideal. It was complex, involved several different financial instruments and transactions. But, Michael Bennet, now a United States Senator from Colorado, who was superintendent of the school at the time,

and Tom Boasberg, then the system’s chief operating officer, persuaded the seven-person board of the deal’s advantages, according to interviews with its members.”

Wait, so this was all Bennet’s idea? That’s interesting. Bennet cuddles up to Wall Street and school kids lose. Sounds like a winner of a campaign

message. For Republicans, that is.

Oh, and, definitely sign that petition. Maybe your friends should, too.

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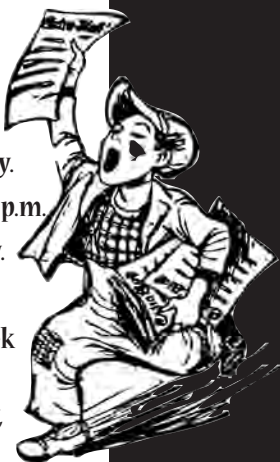
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