

Custer County Search and Rescue: Another Successful Mission

Monday night about 9:45 p.m., Custer County Search and Rescue (CCSAR) received a call from the Sheriff’s Office reporting two 21-year-olds, one male and one female, were stuck on the downslope of Crestone Needle. After climbing the Needle earlier in the day, the pair took a wrong turn and became disoriented. Fortunately, they were well prepared, with proper clothing and technical climbing gear, and were experienced climbers. But it was getting dark, with the temperature dropping, and very windy as they were descending. They attempted to anchor off, but the anchor blew and the young lady fell approximately ten feet, the young man falling nearly thirty feet.

Among their gear, the pair had an emergency locator beacon, which transmitted their exact location to SAR, but would not allow two-way communication. They were, however, able to transmit a message to the young woman’s mother in Avon, Colorado, who in turn alerted Saguache

and Custer Counties. Pinpointing the location of the stranded pair at 13,500 feet just above Cottonwood Lake, CCSAR Administrator, Co-Captain, and Incident Commander John Leavitt began coordinating the rescue effort.

This is by far the most common mission that CCSAR responds to, having handled a similar mission in the exact location last summer. Knowing it would be an eight-hour climb, Mr. Leavitt escalated the mission and began coordinating the Colorado Search and Rescue Board (CSRB) based in Evergreen, Colorado, and with HAATS, the National Guard’s High Altitude Army Training Site, out of Eagle to assist with a Blackhawk helicopter, and cream-of-the-crop technical ice climbers from around the state, including climbers from Western State in Gunnison, Aspen, Vail, Buena Vista, and Boulder.

Around midnight, Mr. Leavitt received communication from the stranded female that she had been



HAATS Blackhawk setting down near Custer County Search and Rescue Building on Tuesday morning.

struck by a large stone that had become dislodged, badly bruising her hip, and possibly causing internal injuries. This, in addition to possibly hypothermia, had SAR personnel fearing the worst.

However, around 7 a.m., the pair was able to place a cell phone call, alerting rescuers they had been able to repel down to Cottonwood Lake. This was about the same time the Blackhawk was en route, and they were

able to pick up the climbers and transport them back to Westcliffe. Mr. Leavitt had Flight For Life on standby in case relay transport was needed. Miraculously, neither climber was seriously injured, and Mr. Leavitt was able to order Flight to stand down.

Crediting marvelous turnout from Custer County’s Search and Rescue Team, in addition to resources from around the state, this mission had the best possi-

bly outcome. Custer County is incredibly fortunate to have the SAR team that we do, and is always looking for volunteers who want to make a difference.

If you’re interested in joining this outstanding group of individuals, please log on to custersar.org for more information and an application under New Members.

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*Come to Me,
all you who labor
and are heavy
laden, and I will
give you rest.*

Matthew 11:28,
NKJV

Quilt & Stitch Expo of Pueblo



by Carol “Scoop” Clemenson

The annual Quilt & Stitch Expo in Pueblo was again an astounding success. With 63 vendors it is one of the biggest quilt shows in the country. Some of the Colorado vendors present were: Great Gifts for Quilters, Colorado Springs; Sew-Ciety, Inc., Castle Rock; Quilting By the Animas, Durango; and Drag-onfly Moon, Colorado Springs.

Westcliffe’s own Olde Schoolhouse Quilters were there in force. Look for their upcoming show at the Olde Schoolhouse Museum.

Pictured: Olde Schoolhouse Quilters raffle quilt.



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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

The President Blinks!



Last Tuesday was a rather eventful day for America and its citizens. First, it was announced that Cuba would be removed from the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism. This, we are told, is because Cuba hasn't done anything really bad in the last six months and they promised to behave better in the future. They still harbor terrorists from around the world, but since the president wants not to continue what he considers bad policy started before he was born, what's the problem? This seems to be his way – make peace at any cost. Cuba doesn't have to really prove anything about changing its oppressive communist regime behavior that has caused thousands to flee at great personal risk. It appears another bad deal is being made. America opens trade and travel to Cuba which will pump millions of dollars into the tightly controlled Castro regime. It's not clear what the Cuban people get out of this. Americans get another vacation spot and some Cuban cigars.

Secondly, Hillary Clinton started her *"I'm just one of you and I want to be your Champion"* tour in Iowa. We guess this "commoner" approach is based on her and Bill being "dead broke" when they left the White House and why they had to steal some of the furniture

as they departed. Just another big deception from her. She promptly gave a little speech listing four things she wanted to accomplish. Three of them were "motherhood and apple pie" things like "build the economy" which everyone would agree with. The fourth thing was to amend the Constitution to deny citizens' rights to donate "big" money to political campaigns. This is so strange coming from her since she and Bill were the pioneers of raising obscene amounts of money for Bill's campaigns, whether it was American or Chinese. They also turned the Lincoln Bedroom into a "Motel 6" to raise money but she now wants to inhibit our First Amendment rights. Listen to her very carefully, America. The most remarkable comment she made when ending was that she needed to get America "back on the right track." We bet her "good friend" in the White House really liked that comment. Let's see if her "folksy" approach, which avoids the press, works this time. We hope most Americans are not fooled by her. Her negative poll numbers on honesty and trustworthiness are rising and even the liberals want some opposition in their primary. One question should be asked EVERY time she appears in the media. Where are the people's emails?

Lastly, it looks like Congress stood up to this president. Even though Secretary of State Kerry was there pleading with the Democrats to not "spoil" the Iranian Nuclear Framework, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted 19-0 to pass on legislation to the full Senate and House that would mandate that Congress gets to approve or disapprove any deal with Iran. When Senators Boxer (D-CA) and Kaine (D-VA) spoke out, Obama and Kerry knew they couldn't get this bad deal slipped past the American people and the veto threat was null and void. We applaud all of the 19 Senators for doing what is right for all Americans and exercising their responsibilities under the separation of powers authority. It was high time. This was a real blow to the president's continued overreach of his executive authority.

He had no choice but to "blink" and he did just that. Consider this silly statement about the legislation from White House spokesman Josh Earnest. "Enough substantial changes have been made that the President would be willing to sign it because it would reflect the kind of compromise he would be willing to sign." That is classic Washington-speak gibberish. The president only dropped his veto threat because he was rebuked by his own Democrats. This nebulous and wishy-washy "framework" and the conflicting comments from Iran on the parameters of the deal forced Congress to stop the early Christmas present to the Ayatollah. They don't get many things right in the U.S. Capitol but they did this time. Thanks Senators. So last Tuesday was quite eventful. One out of three is better than nothing.



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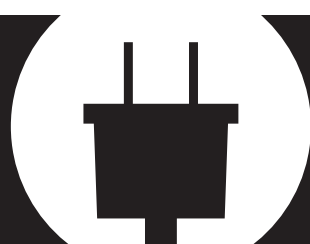
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Things to “Bear” in Mind This Spring

by J Cascarelli

Black bears will be leaving their dens soon after five months of hibernation. We are lucky here in Custer County because we have a healthy bear population. For several years, bear specialist and local resident, Vic Barnes, used to give a bear seminar at the Old Stone School House on Fourth Street in Westcliffe.

I attended several of these sessions. Unfortunately, Vic will not be presenting his black bear information this year. In the past, he always played to a “packed house” of 60 or 70 attendees. For me, watching and listening to the attendees was always a treat. Bears are as smart as a dog and learn quickly. They also appear to transfer what they have learned to their off-spring. We don’t know how they do it, but important survival information is passed along to cubs.

Thanks to Walt Disney and literally hundreds of documentaries on the National Geographic Channel and other programming, many mistakenly think that bears are not dangerous. Why else would so many locals encourage bears to approach their homes? I have a neighbor who told me that they fill bird feeders to the brim with sunflower seeds and love it when the bears come up on their porch to eat them...the seeds I

mean. Another neighbor invited me over to his place to see his steel overhead garage door peeled back like the lid of a sardine can. He kept bags of cracked corn in his garage to feed the wild turkeys (illegal, by the way). Still another acquaintance sent me photos that he took of the bear that was on his porch drinking the humming bird nectar from his feeders.

While these close encounters may seem charming, they are so very dangerous for several reasons. Once a bear makes the association that humans equal food, they are habituated forever. They are now a danger to the “feeder” and the “feeder’s neighbors.” These now habituated bears are also a danger to any campers or hikers with whom they come into contact. The sad fact is that the Colorado bear specialists are correct when they caution the public that “a fed bear is a dead bear.” Unfortunately, when a person stumbles into a bear while hiking or camping, he/she has no idea about that bear’s history of experiences. What we do know is that when a bear creates a nuisance two times, it is euthanized.

I remember the last time that I attended a Vic Barnes’ bear seminar. During the question and answer period, several of the attendees were trying to get Vic to acknowledge that an “occasional” feeding was just fine. Vic tried

his best to persuade the folks that this feeding of wild predators was simply a bad idea (and illegal). He looked over to me with a helpless look in his eyes. I stood up and addressed the group. Here was my opening line. “No one in this room has a door on his house or on his car that would keep a bear out.” I followed with, “If that bear wants in because he wants more food or if the feeder is empty, that bear will get in.” Some of the attendees looked at me like I had two heads. There were a series of “yes, buts...” from unconvinced part-time residents. Sadly, few were convinced that feeding bears is a bad idea. I can only conclude that this is still a common practice.

I have an extensive library of bear books, maybe 50 or so. I have had two close encounters with grizzlies near Yellowstone Park. I’ve seen at least 50 black bears in the wild in Pennsylvania, Colorado, and on Vancouver Island. We have several friends who have had their homes broken into by local bears, both while they were away and while they were at home. While exciting, there is no doubt in my mind that bears, while magnificent, can easily kill a human. When I think about young children playing, all those squeals and sounds of play, sound an awful lot like a rabbit, a fawn, or a cub bear in distress. When bears see or smell a human, I want them to run away.

Feeding bears just encourages them to approach.

Like many of you, we hike and used to allow our dog to run loose for a little exercise. We are not sure what she would do if she saw or encountered a bear in the wild. Some dogs give chase, while others try to chase until the bear reverses the process and chases the dog. Naturally, the dog will usually run back to the owner with the bear not far behind. Dog owners, hikers, campers, and wildlife viewers should have a plan regarding what to do if a bear takes too much interest. The bear should be taken seriously. Some means of protection, i.e. bear spray or a good handgun, is practical equipment when in the wild. Don’t forget that two years ago a local real-estate agent found a bear sleeping in a tree just outside his office when he arrived at work, right here in Westcliffe. So, remaining vigilant in the back country and in town is prudent.

Personally, I’m a “prepare for the worst and hope for the best” kind of guy. I do not go hiking or riding without a side-arm of sufficient caliber to use in an emergency. All

residents of the Wet Mountain Valley must re-evaluate their outlook as far as large predators are concerned. In addition to bears, I’d add mountain lions, coyotes and feral dogs to the list. When one of these approaches a human with eyes fixed, head lowered and hair hackles up, it is time to act with aggression and purpose. To help you be prepared, you may want to buy a new book that I just added to my collection, *When Man Becomes Prey: Fatal Encounters with North America’s Most Feared Predators* by Cat Urbigkit. The KINDLE edition is only \$9.99.

Remember, documentaries on TV are carefully staged with enough “feel good” to implant the wrong information about predators into our minds and the minds of our children. I urge you to be cautious and decisive.



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I have come to a resolution myself as I hope every good citizen will, never again to purchase any article of foreign manufacture which can be had of American make be the difference of price what it may.

Thomas Jefferson

Founding Father and Third President of the United States

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best location for water. Most contractors work around these problems as if they are commonplace and they are! The problem is the homeowner pays for all the extras related to these debacles. Some projects have wasted in excess of 5 figures and the owner does not even realize why.

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C-1 Work Session and Regular School Board Meeting

by Larry Luikart

The Custer County School Board met to hear the nuts and bolts of a proposal from Mr. John Miriam regarding a superintendent search process. Mr. Miriam is associated with CASB (Colorado Association of School Boards) but he works as an independent search consultant.

It became immediately clear that the C-1 Board has a time crunch problem. Colorado state law requires the District to have a superintendent in place by July 1, 2015. There are other time related issues required which quickly made it clear the Board needed help to get this position filled by the July 1, 2015, date.

The Board, in consensus after hearing Mr. Miriam's presentation, decided to present the proposal at the upcoming regular scheduled meeting. The cost to the District for the search will be \$7,000. The Board cannot formally vote, to accept or reject a contract in a work session.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. and Chairman Gaide called the regular meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed guests proceeding immediately to the Modification of the Agenda.

Barb Jones asked to be moved up on the schedule due to a meeting in Denver. The Superintendent Search Proposal was added along with a procedural requirement of approval from the Board for the History Club trip.

Principal Barb Jones spoke to the Board regarding the end-of-year testing and meeting with parents regarding students in danger of not passing. Madeleine Woods received recognition as a Boettcher Scholarship recipient. Principal Jones pointed out that Ms. Woods has a

decision to make, since the Boettcher Scholarship can only be used in Colorado and Ms. Woods has also been accepted to Harvard.

Michael Franta is a finalist for the Hurliman Scholarship. His interviews are this week.

Ms. Jones and Mr. Bamgardner met with Mr. Butch Gemin to explore the possibility of offering accelerated, on-line classes for gifted students.

Ms. Jones attended a job fair at University of Northern Colorado on April 2-3. She will also attend a job fair at CSU, Ft. Collins on April 15.

Junior/Senior Prom will be April 25th from 8:00-Midnight at the Feed Store Restaurant. After-Prom activities last until Sunday morning, April 26th. Be sure to check the school calendar for lots of upcoming events in May.

Meagan Holycross reported on the middle school trip to Washington, noting the Air and Space Museum along with the Holocaust Museum were favorites. The students received a compliment from Ms. Holycross for their superior behavior on the trip.

Mr. Brady Hines reported on the upcoming trip for the History Club to Mesa Verde. The students will tour the historic site spending the upcoming weekend there. The Board approved the trip by policy requirement due to students being gone overnight.

A number of School Policy documents were approved as a third reading. The Board accepted and approved the Unified Improvement Plan. The Board agreed to the CASB Superintendent Search at the rate of \$7,000.

The 2015-16 Certified Staff Contracts were approved unanimously with the excep-

tion of Mr. Thompson who was separated at Dr. Davis's request. Dr. Davis offered constructive criticism regarding the hiring process for Mr. Thompson. She made her argument based on Mr. Thompson's lack of qualifications as a teacher (no state certification) and in regard to his lack of training (no formal training to teach English). She made it crystal clear her argument had nothing to do with Mr. Thompson personally. Dr. Davis indicated her angst is centered in the Board and she said, "I hope as a Board we never do this again." Mr. Lee and Superintendent Selle both commented that Mr. Thompson has done a superior job this year. Ms. Gaide commented, "It is not always possible to get the best qualified people for positions in the District." Obviously, the Board members were talking past each other. Dr. Davis was referring to the Board itself and some of the other members took her comments as a personal attack on Mr. Thompson. Mr. Thompson was approved by a three to two vote with Mr. Jolley and Dr. Davis voting "No."

Principal Anderson gave her report, which primarily centered on the transition of the elementary students from traditional percentage grading to a "standards based" form of evaluation. Ms. Anderson said she could discuss this for eight hours and still need more time for it to really be clear. CMAS testing and other testing continues.

Mr. Selle discussed the financial issues facing the District. There will be an increase in recurring revenue from the projected \$33,000 to a new projection of \$47,000. But the one time governor's adjustment of \$106,000, at the writing of this article, has now been eliminated. The

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Marijuana Industry Exploding All Over Colorado Coming Soon to a Town Near You

Commentary
by Paul Sage

As the Silver Cliff marijuana study committee continues to mull over the financial benefits of the pot industry to the town, the state legislature is attempting to regulate the very process proposed for the town.

The process of extracting extremely potent concentrated hash oil from marijuana plants involves something resembling making pipe bombs sometimes with similar results. The pot stems and leaves are packed in a steel tube and highly volatile butane (the stuff in your Bic lighter) is poured through the pot stuffed tube, extracting the hash oil with THC concentrations up to 80%.

Unfortunately, the resultant oil, sometimes called "ear wax", is contaminated with the butane. The explosive gas can be allowed to dissipate or more often is cooked off as the oil is boiled. At any point in the process this can and sometimes does go horribly wrong. Even a static electric spark can ignite the butane gas. Cooking it invites an explosion.

"At least 30 people were injured last year in 32 butane explosions involving hash oil" in Colorado, according to a Colorado Springs *Gazette* article last week.

There has been no discussion as to where the butane soaked residual pot is then disposed of, but it would be safe to assume it would just be dumped on the properties involved in the process.

A state House committee recently voted to make cooking hash oil with explo-

sive gasses in private homes a felony, reflecting the disastrous track record of this process so far. There has been no discussion of regulating the commercial process, which is generally treated as a financial matter only regulated by the state revenue department.

A recent FEMA emergency services bulletin – the bulletins that warn of terrorist threats, disease outbreaks, and other major catastrophes – reported on "Hash Oil Explosions Increasing Across U.S."

In one of these small-scale, residential operations gone awry in Leadville recently, the homeowner/drug producer and one of his dogs were severely burned. His second dog, the house, several vehicles, and the surrounding woods were a total loss. Fortunately, this small-scale incident did not spread into a large forest fire in this case.

So far there have not been catastrophic failures in the relatively new commercial operations undertaking this process like the new one in Pueblo County or the one proposed for Silver Cliff. Like the spinning nuclear centrifuges in Iran, the inevitable result is only a matter of time.

Meanwhile, democratic Representative Joe Salazar of Thornton, where a local couple cooking hash oil blew up their house while their three-year-old daughter was present, proposed allowing pot use for Colorado residents on probation and parole. After all, "If it's in the Constitution, you should have the right to use it on probation," Representative Salazar was quoted as saying in the Colorado Springs *Gazette*.

Superintendent Selle Correction

Superintendent Selle has notified us that our short announcement last week of his resignation contained an error on his contract terms with CCCS. Mr. Selle's contract was for a three year period 2012 - 2015 with some extension terms. He wanted the public to know that he completed the three years he originally agreed as his resignation is at the end of the three year contract period. The *Sentinel* apologizes for any confusion.



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Laughter Yoga at the 9Health Fair

Laughter Yoga Leader Jacque Keller hosts weekly sessions on Saturdays from 2:15 to 3 p.m. at the library community room. Keller will also be at the 9Health Fair this Saturday, April 18th. She will have information about the health benefits of Laughter Yoga. There will be a short demonstration on the gym stage at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to join the fun or just watch.

Laughter Yoga was developed in 1995 by Dr. Madan Kataria, M.D. along with his wife and yoga instructor Madhuri Kataria. The doctor was writing an article for a health journal and wanted some field experi-

ence. Laughter Yoga is now practiced worldwide. Keller received her certification from the Laughter Yoga International University.

It has been proven scientifically that 20 minutes of laughter is sufficient to develop full psychological benefits. The body does not know the difference between fake or real laughter, so people are encouraged to "fake it 'till you make it." During Laughter Yoga, exhalation is longer than inhalation ridding the lungs of residual air which is then replaced by fresh air with a higher level of oxygen. Laughter Yoga teaches the body to take deeper breaths and flush stale air

from the lungs.

With regular practice, Laughter Yoga helps people develop a positive mental attitude, release stress, anger and negativity, and incorporates attitudes of forgiveness, generosity, and compassion.

No reservations and no yoga experience are necessary to attend any Laughter Yoga session. It can be done standing or sitting in a chair. All ages and abilities are welcome. There is no fee for the Saturday sessions, but donations are accepted.

For more information, email Keller at laughingjacque@gmail.com.

Public Service WI-FI Initiative Progresses

The El Pomar matching grant has been approved and deposited with the Upper Arkansas Regional Service Council (that has a IRS 501 c(3) designation) to support our efforts. Now we can initiate actions in support of the selection of the necessary resources to design, procure, and install our Public Service Wi-Fi system.

For those that have already pledged money, or those that would like to, toward the matching fund requirement, the information for making your donation is listed below.

These contributions will be tax deductible to the limit of your own particular income and tax situation. Please coordinate this with your tax advisor or accountant.

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Thanks to each of you for contributions to this significant effort.

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The 'Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program' (TEFAP) Commodities will be distributed on April 22nd. New rules will require persons to show verification they live in Custer County. Types of valid verification would include ID, utility bills, or mail received at your current address. Distribution to the eligible public will start shortly after 8 a.m. as soon as volunteer staff are prepared. Distribution will take place at the south end of the scale house behind the court house. Consumers should have access to freezer space as some of the items need to be kept frozen until used.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Change Minds One Step at a Time *National Alliance for Mental Illness Walk 2015*

Pueblo/Cañon City, CO

Take strides with NAMI Southeast Colorado as we walk to raise awareness and fight stigma about mental illness. NAMIWalk Southeast Colorado 2015 will be held on Saturday, May 16, at City Park, Pueblo, located at 800 Goodnight Avenue. Check-in begins at 9:00 a.m. and the walk starts at 10:00 a.m.

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI advocates for access to treatment and services and is committed to raising awareness and hope for all those in need.

The purpose of NAMIWalks is not only to raise funds, but to raise public awareness

and eliminate the stigma associated with mental illness. There is no registration fee but walkers are encouraged to obtain donations from family, friends, and co-workers.

NAMI Colorado affiliates provide education and support programs across our state. These programs have reached thousands of family members and people living with mental illness. The trained volunteers teaching our classes, facilitating support groups, and making presentations to the public have directly lived the experience of dealing with a mental illness or caring for a loved one with mental illness. There is never a charge for any of the programs that NAMI offers.

To register for the Pueblo NAMIWalk 2015, go to www.namiwalks.org/colorado and select NAMI Southeast Colorado.

The Broadband Effort in Custer County

by Larry Luikart

Mr. Charles Bogle, heading up the broadband effort in Custer County, spent some time with this reporter to discuss the initiative. Broadband is defined by the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) as the ability to transmit data downloaded at 25Mbps (25 million bits per second) with upload speed at 3Mbps. The CenturyLink DSL line at this reporter's home operates at a download speed of 3.4Mbps and upload at .39Mbps. A quick comparison indicates the primary advantage of broadband. It is incredibly fast compared to DSL and light years ahead of dial-up.

The second reason for implementation here in Custer County is predicated on economic impact. As the world continues to demand the need for more and more transmission of data (streaming video, complex websites, larger data mining applications, and a million other applications), the need for faster data transfer becomes not only wanted but necessary. The current status of broadband in the five-county Upper Arkansas Area County of Governments resulted in the proposal of a five-year Strategic Plan with the intent of 80% of the area having good broadband when completed. The state of Colorado through DOLA (Department of Local Affairs) required various groups combine applications rather than have every county in the state submit-

ting a request.

Mr. Bogle explained the planning for the Ride the Rockies bike event emphasized in a very pointed way the need to have broadband Wi-Fi available during the event. Although some people don't care one way or the other it appears this group was particularly concerned about connectivity with the outside world during their time in Custer County. This reality pushed the idea of getting some form of service established for them.

Phase 1 of the Strategic Plan calls for the installation of enough broadband equipment to reach from the Bluffs (west limit) to the junction of Highway 69 south (east limit). The cost of this first phase will be \$50,000. The El Pomar fund through a grant supplied the first \$25,000 of the necessary money. A group of interested citizens has been contacted to supply as much of the remaining money as possible. Mr. Bogle explained approximately \$19,000 (at the writing of this article) has been collected. The Broadband Committee has secured a bridge loan to cover the remaining funds if necessary.

Eight to nine technology companies have been contacted to prepare bids for Phase 1. There has been no decision regarding who will receive the bids. Although Mr. Bogle admitted time is short for getting the installation done before the Ride the Rockies event

but indicated he believed it would be done.

The maintenance and repair of the broadband network is expected to be low for the first ten years. The group funding any needed repairs or maintenance to the system will be Custer County Economic Development for now. The future needs and costs associated with maintenance and repairs and who pays for them are still being negotiated.

Mr. Bogle projected in the not too distant future ALL communications - phone, computer, video and data - will be carried on broadband. The transmission of data will either be accomplished with existing companies or new ones that can get the broadband distributed. He emphasized this is a time and money endeavor. Implementation of broadband in the Rocky Mountains presents significantly more challenges than in the flat lands. Air signal transmissions will be FM on a line-of-sight basis to/from the towers. Mountains and valleys are not very helpful for such requirements. Low population densities also present an issue when companies are considering significant capital expenditures for infrastructure development. A broadband company may not want to invest the capital for just a few year-round customers or worse yet for part-time customers.

Time will tell and money will determine just how far this project can proceed.

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Building Trades Class, 2014-15 House Project: “Eight Weeks to Finish”

by Jim Silver

When the construction crew arrived at the building site on Monday, March 30th, Mr. May got them started with this announcement: “Today, we’ve got eight weeks to go. We’ve got to make every day count.” Mr. May is the instructor of the Building Trades class, and the “crew” in this case is five Custer County High School students: Tylor Howdashedell, Cody Koble, Colton Lind, Weldon Rusher, and Justin Walden. Koble and Lind are the experienced hands on the project, since they took the class last school year. The first man to arrive that day was Larry Weber, volunteer instructor at the job site every day throughout the school year. He is there to lend hands-on supervision and eyes trained by many years of experience in the construction trade.

Returning to the construction site for more photos a week later brought yet another view of how extensive the learning experience of these students is on this project. Mr. May was guiding the crew through a lesson in practical math, as they were putting in place tube forms for deck piers at the front of the home. They were getting ready for concrete delivery the following day, having done seven of the same forms on the back side of the house the previous day. “Practical math,” in this case, the application of the Pythagorean Theorem to determine proper placing and spacing of the forms in respect to the front door. It seemed that the students were paying attention and following the teacher, but it definitely took the reporter back a few years to high school geometry class, and now to spellcheck. Who else

still remembers what “A-squared +B-squared=C-squared” means--and how to use that information? The custom-designed home sits within the Silver Cliffs subdivision. Mr. May drew up the blueprints for the 48x28 ft. structure, and the students were part of the in-classroom preparation phase of the project. Actual work at the site began around the first of October 2014. The home belongs to Guidance Counselor/Football Coach Troy Bomgardner and his wife, Anita. The owners plan to move into their new home in August, so professionals will take over when the school year ends. Building Trades projects are a win-win situation for both education and each year’s homeowner. The homeowner pays for materials and donates funds to the Building Trades program. In

exchange, he ends up with a quality-built home. The students work from 10:30 a.m. to after noon Monday through Thursday, and Mr. May says this equals about 8 hours per week. They’ve been involved with each phase of construction, starting with site prep by Brad Hartbauer of Bobcat Excavating. Batson Plumbing and Hough Electric have each done their initial work and will be returning for completion of the project. Both Brads and Carl Batson are all professionals who are good at letting the students get some experience by working along-side them, commented Mr. May. Trusses have been delivered, and will be put in place by the students. Roofing will then be subbed out, and the students will be helpers. They will get extensive deck construc-

tion experience with an elevated deck in back and a roofed-over entryway deck as well. And, the students will get into drywall and interior work before the end of the school year. Bruce May and Larry Weber believe in what they’re teaching these young men, as they pass on various methods of accomplishing given tasks and proper use of tools of the trade, always with an eye for safety on the job. The students get to experience all of the building trades. They may discover just the niche that fits for a career as they leave high school, or will at least have the ability to be a future homeowner with the know-how to save himself some money.

Please see the accompanying photo feature on pages 12-13.



Patriot's Day
Sunday April 19, 2015
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Pirates Sport Schedule

VARSITY BASEBALL

Friday, April 17
11 a.m.: Sierra Grande AWAY (2 games)
Saturday, April 25
11 a.m.: Manzanola at HOME

Bobcats Sport Schedule

TRACK

Thursday, April 23
2:30 p.m.: Primero Invitational at Primero
Friday, May 1
12:30 p.m.: Pueblo Twilight at CSU - Pueblo

SCHOOL

From page 5

CRS money of \$90,000 is still off the budget for 2015-16. BOCES has made some tremendous adjustments so the expected increases in that area appear to be flat or just slightly higher.

Mr. Selle spoke about the continuation of the Mountain Valley Support Group and the implementation of a program, Source of Strength which is aimed at

suicide prevention.

Mr. Selle created a diagram listing the testing requirements under the general heading of CMAS. It was enough to make your head hurt. Mr. Selle like most educators has said in repeated meetings students are tested too much. His diagram just added emphasis to that observation.

The Board adjourned the regular meeting into Executive Session to discuss student issues.

Punctuation to the Rescue

The West Custer County Library is offering locals another chance to use a comma and save a life with the “Let’s Eat Grandma!” program. Librarian Jacque Keller will cover some of the most common grammar and punctuation mistakes and prep participants to be more accurate communicators.

No registration is required for this free refresher course on Tuesday, Apr. 21 at 5 p.m. at the Library Community Room at 209 Main Street in Westcliffe. Call the library at 719-783-9138 for more information.

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Back to Back Meets Provides 26 PR's for Track and Field Team

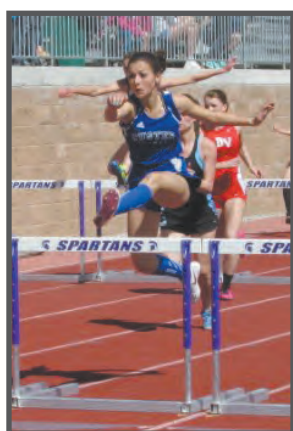
by Coach Jack Swartz

It was a busy weekend for the Custer County Track and Field team but the athletes stepped up when they needed to. Friday (4/10) the team traveled to Primero High School only to follow up on Saturday (4/11) at Salida High School. The back to back meets are an opportunity for the athletes to feel what it takes to compete in consecutive days just like the State Meet in May.

For the Lady Bobcats it was a break-out weekend for Emily Crossley. Crossley placed 4th and 2nd respectively in the Discus achieving a personal record (PR) of 91' 06", a 20 foot improvement from the weekend before. Crossley was joined by Audrey Hollinger placing in the throws, taking 5th in the Discus along with 5th and 7th in the shot put. Not to be outdone by the throwing empire, Serenity Ham took 2nd in the Triple Jump at Primero only to follow that up with a 2nd place finish at Salida in the High Jump. Ham also took 1st place in the 100 meter High Hur-

dles at both Primero and Salida. Katlyn Freeburg kept the girls rolling with a 4th place finish in the Triple Jump and 4th in the 300 meter hurdles at Primero. Sarah Gerringer ran a personal best in the open 400 meter dash for her 2015 debut at Salida. Also providing personal bests for the girls were Kirsten Benoit and Hannah McNeal in the 100 meter dash at Salida. The Lady Bobcats placed 5th at Primero as a team, while taking 7th in Salida.

The boys added to the success of the weekend, led once again by Corey Lewenkamp. Lewenkamp ran in five events between the 2 meets, taking 1st in four of them. Lewenkamp took 1st place in the mile and the 800 meter runs both days running away from the competition and took 3rd place in the 400 meter dash, in a rare appearance. Dillon Wommack continues his growth as a hurdler, taking 2nd in the 110 High Hurdles both days along with a 2nd place in Primero and a 4th place in Salida for the 300 Meter hurdles. Wommack wasn't done, setting big PR's in



Serenity Ham 1st in the 100m. hurdles

Courtesy photo

the triple jump, taking 4th at Primero and High Jump taking 3rd in Salida. Denver Mullet added to the haul as well, taking 6th and 4th in Triple Jump, while placing 4th in High Jump at Salida. Michael Batson made his 2015 debut with PR's in both the Shot and Discus in Primero and Salida, along with Casey Brandon and Jess Franta in the 100 meter Dash. The boys finished 6th at both Primero and Salida in the team standings.

The Custer County Track and Field teams compete next at Gunnison on April 18th.

Cotopaxi Pirates Nipped by Primero Bulldogs

by Jim Silver

Last Saturday, April 11th Primero High School from Weston came to Cotopaxi for a league double-header, and the Bulldogs left with two wins for their day's work. The Pirates were up against a good team in this 1A match-up, with the Bulldogs standing at 4-2 overall this season and undefeated in league play, 4-0. Primero simply won the first game 12-4, staying ahead of the Pirates inning-by-inning. At bat, Quinten Richards and brother Isaac each scored a run and Isaac posted an RBI. David Kinsey scored the other 2 runs, and Kobe Lewsader batted in a run but didn't get the opportunity to score himself. Lewsader and "Q" Richards each stole a base, and Kinsey stole 2.

The second game must get the most attention here, the intention being to make it obvious that the scoreboard doesn't tell the real story of the game. As Head Coach Christensen said to the team at the post-game talk by all 4 coaches, "We are close." He went on to say that what he hates about

the game of baseball is the same thing that he loves: how an inning, or even a play, can so quickly turn the direction and momentum of the game. More of his own words will come later, but first some details. The Pirates were ahead through 4 innings of play, starting with a commanding 8-1 lead at the end of the 1st inning. They scored a couple more in the 3rd to lead after 4 innings 10-2. All players in the line-up contributed to this offensive effort, which says a lot.

Justin Walden started on the mound and pitched just into the 5th inning. He faced 23 batters and struck out 10. The Pirates were in control of the game through 4 innings of play, on defense and at bat. Once again, Coach Christensen: "We play well for a very long time within a game and then let the wheels fall off in one inning. Once we learn how to make the 'simple plays,' we will then win a lot of ball games." The Bulldogs put 8 runs on the board to 0 for the Pirates in the 5th, and as if that wasn't enough, followed

with 15-3 in the 6th inning. Neither team scored in the 7th. Following the game, freshman Isaac Richards was awarded the game ball by the coach, who commended him for staying the course at the tiring position of catcher for both games.

Later, after time to process the game, the Coach reiterated what he'd said to the team hours before: "We are close. It does not seem that way when folks look at at the final score. But the whole picture is different in my eyes. [The team] is a great group and already much better in one month. They are struggling for a win, but improving each and every time on the field. That's the fun part of the whole thing! Now, let's see if we can finish the season strong!"

The Pirates face two opponents in away games next on the schedule. They will have traveled to Cripple Creek-Victor on Tuesday, April 14. On Saturday the 17th they meet up with Sierra Grande High School from Blanca with the games being played at Alamosa High School. GO PIRATES!



Bobcat Preschoolers Visit the Library

The afternoon preschool class listens to a story read by Children's Librarian Jessica Carter during a recent field trip to the West Custer County Library for Week of the Young Child.

Courtesy photo by Amy Moulton



Bobcat Menu • April 20 - April 23, 2015

Monday
breakfast
French Toast
Ham
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Nachos, Rice
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Tuesday
breakfast
Scrambled Eggs
W. W. Toast
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Sloppy Jo
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Wednesday
breakfast
Bagel, Cream Cheese
Ham
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Chili, Corn Bread
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Thursday
breakfast
Sausage Gravy
Biscuits
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Turkey/ Cheese Wrap
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

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

KIDS

Friday, April 17, 2015

"The Shot Heard Around the World" April 19, 1775

These words by Ralph Waldo Emerson in his "Concord Hymn" told the story of what came to be called the Battle of Lexington. But, there is more to be learned about this "skirmish" and the Battle of Concord, a neighboring village--both fought on that same day. Emerson gave credit, or blame, for that first shot to the Patriots, but that is not certain. Nevertheless, these battles marked the outbreak of the Revolutionary War.

The colonists had developed an "alarm and muster" system for the quick response of local militias, and this went into operation when they learned that the British were planning an expedition out of their base in Boston. The purpose of the expedition was to seize stores of weapons and gunpowder and to capture Patriot leaders John Hancock and Samuel Adams. The alarm utilized church bells, beating drums, and firing shots. This time, it was kicked off by the now famous rides of Paul Revere and two others, Dawes and Prescott. The British realized that they had lost the element of surprise when they marched into Lexington at dawn. Militiamen were assembled, though their intent was to be only a show of military determination.

Commanders of both the Patriots and the British had ordered their men to hold fire. Nevertheless, a shot came from somewhere. A lack of discipline among the British troops played a role in the quick escalation of the engagement, as they began to fire without having been given an order. Eight militiamen were killed and ten were wounded. Only one British soldier was wounded. Thus began the War of Independence, which would last until the Treaty of Paris was signed on November 30, 1782.

Sources: www.eyewitnesstohistory.com and www.history.com

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 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

Also known by street and number as: 1614 Chalis Drive, 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, 05/27/2015, 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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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

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

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee



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

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.

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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

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

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

Parcel A:

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

1. North 00° 32'55" East, on the West line of said Section 36, 3719.41 feet;
2. North 50° 18' 52" East, 1690.11 feet, to a point on the west right of way line of Custer County Road No. 215 (Copper Gulch Road);
- The next 10 courses shall be on said West right of way line:
3. South 01° 39' 47" West, 195.21 feet;
4. Curve right, central angle 00° 50'31", radius 92518.69 feet, length 1359.53 feet;
5. South 02° 30'18" West, 118.38 feet;
6. Curve left, central angle 23° 25'38", radius 464.07 feet, length 189.75 feet;
7. South 20° 54'50" East, 197.48 feet;
8. Curve right, central angle 16° 21'17", radius 1222.62 feet, length 348.99 feet;
9. South 04° 33'33" East 309.67 feet;
10. Curve right, central angle 16° 57'36", radius 909.00 feet, length 269.07 feet;
11. South 12° 24' 03" West, 168.21 feet;
12. Curve right, central angle 01° 03'15", radius 10816.25 feet, length 198.98 feet, chord bearing South 12° 55'52" West;
13. North 76° 32'42" West, 50.00 feet;
14. South 41° 51'56" West, 181.33 feet;
15. South 53° 58'00" West, 75.00 feet;
16. North 53° 47'02" West, 72.56 feet;
17. North 79° 57'10" West, 200.00 feet;
18. South 88° 10'20" West, 121.06 feet;
19. Curve left, central angle 180° 00'00", radius 50.00 feet, length 157.08 feet, chord bearing South 88° 10'20" West;
20. South 01° 49'40" East, 32.00 feet;
21. South 88° 10'20" West, 140 feet;
22. South 02° 41'05" West, 250.91 feet;
23. North 89° 31'42" East, 761.55 feet, to a point on said West right of way line of County Road No. 215;
24. South 14° 30'49" West, on said right of way line, 816.62 feet;
25. South 30° 27'10" West, leaving said right of way line, 1159.60 feet;
26. South 00° 00'00" West, 133.20 feet;
27. North 85° 44' 15" West, 103.82 feet;
28. Curve left, central angle 39° 39'00", radius 297.38, 205.80 feet, length 205.00 feet;
29. South 54° 36'45" West, 41.72 feet;
30. Curve right, central angle 96° 40'54", radius 81.40 feet, length 137.36 feet, chord bearing North 77° 02'48" West;
31. Curve right, central angle 29°31'42", radius 159.35 feet, length 82.12 feet, chord bearing North 13° 56'30" West;
32. North 00° 49'21" East, 373.57 feet;
33. Curve right, central angle 90° 00'00", radius 42.00 feet, length 65.97 feet, chord bearing North 45° 49'21" East;
34. South 89° 10'39" East, 82.64 feet;
35. South 42° 36'32" East, 45.66 feet;
36. South 02° 33'28" West, 310.00 feet;
37. North 44° 25'22" East, 325.00 feet;
38. North 16° 18'26" East, 250.99 feet;
39. North 72° 25'46" West, 286.33 feet;
40. South 02° 33'28" West, 150.00 feet;
41. South 47° 33'28" West, 49.58 feet;
42. North 89° 10'39" West, 155.54 feet, to a point on the West line of said Section, Township 22

South, Range 73 West of the 6th P.M.
43. North 00° 49'21" East on said West line, 335.16 feet, to the point of beginning.
Parcel B:
Beginning at a point in the said NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ of Section 1, Township 22 South, Range 73 West of the 6th P.M., from which the Northwest corner thereof bears North 03° 53'30" West, 995.60 feet; (said point of beginning being on the East right of way line of Colorado State Highway No.

69), thence on the following 10 courses:

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

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

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

First Publication 3/27/2015
Last Publication 4/24/2015
Name of Publication:
Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
Westcliffe, Colorado

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

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

Colorado Attorney General
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Denver, Colorado 80203
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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 col-
lector 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 de-
scribed Deed of Trust:

On January 14, 2015, the undersigned
Public Trustee caused the Notice of Elec-
tion 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 pro-
vided 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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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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Virginia Trujillo

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee



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

Borenstein & Associates, LLC 13111 E
Briarwood Ave. # 340, Centennial, CO
80112 (303) 768-0200

Attorney File # 14-00476

The Attorney above is acting as a debt col-
lector and is attempting to collect a debt.
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that purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Custer County BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Tentative Agenda

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015

9:00 AM

Meeting Location:

Wetmore Fire Station

Call meeting to order

Pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

Amend agenda
Audience introduction
Approval of minutes
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
- Transfer of Funds \$7,600.00 from
County General to the Airport Fund
- Wetmore Community Center/Library
Project
- Appointment of a Local Broadband
Steering Committee Discussion
- VALI Assisted Living MOU
re: usage of County Courtesy Vehicle

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE OF CUSTER COUN-
TY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF
THE STATE OF COLORADO, REG-
ULATING THE OPERATION AND
USE OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES
ON THE PUBLIC ROADWAYS OF
CUSTER COUNTY

Ordinance No. 15-01

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CUSTER COUNTY, A POLITICAL
SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF
COLORADO, THAT:

Whereas, the Board of County Commis-
sioners deems it is in the best interest
of the citizens of Custer County and the
general public that the operation and use
of off-highway vehicles on the public
roadways of Custer County be regulated
as authorized by §33-14.5-110, C.R.S.,
and

Whereas, there has been full compliance
with all statutory requirements concerning
notice to the public of this proposed Ordi-
nance and publication of said Ordinance,
and the public has now been afforded full
opportunity to be heard on this proposed
Ordinance at a regular meeting of the
Board of County Commissioners; and
Whereas, more than 30 days have now
passed since this Ordinance was approved
by the Board of County Commissioners in
accordance with the procedures prescribed
in §30-15-404 through §30-15-407,
C.R.S.,
NOW THEREFORE, this Ordinance is
declared to be in full force and effect
as of the date signed by the Chairman
of the Board of County Commissioners
and attested to by the County Clerk and
Recorder below.

PART ONE: DEFINITIONS

1. "Off-highway vehicle" means any
self-propelled vehicle that is designed
to travel on wheels or rubber tracks in
contact with the ground, designed pri-
marily for use off of the public highways
and public roadways, and generally and
commonly used to transport persons for
recreation purposes. "Off-highway vehi-

cle" does not include the following:

- Vehicles designed and used primarily
for travel on, over, or in the water;
- Snowmobiles;
- Military vehicles;
- Golf carts;
- Vehicles designed and used to carry
persons with disabilities; and
- Vehicles designed and used specifical-
ly for agricultural, logging, or mining
purposes.

2. "Public roadway" means the entire
width between the boundary lines of every
county road located within Custer County
and publicly maintained by said county
when any part thereof is open to the use of
the public for purposes of vehicular travel.
"Public roadway" does not include those
portions of State Highways 67, 69, 78,
96 and 165 which are located in Custer
County and which are maintained and
regulated by the Colorado Department
of Transportation, nor does it include the
roads located within the town limits of the
Town of Westcliffe and the Town of Silver
Cliff.

3. "Safety belt system" means a system
utilizing a lap belt, a shoulder belt, or any
other belt or combination of belts installed
by the manufacturer of an off-highway
vehicle for the purpose of restraining the
operator and passengers.

PART TWO: VIOLATIONS

1. No off-highway vehicle shall be oper-
ated at any time on any public roadway
within Custer County unless the operator
of the off-highway vehicle is at least 16
years of age and has in his or her posses-
sion a valid motor vehicle driver's license
or operator's license.

2. No off-highway vehicle shall be oper-
ated at any time on any public roadway
within Custer County unless the operator
of the off-highway vehicle is insured to
the minimum level required by the State
of Colorado for the operation of automo-
biles.

3. No off-high way vehicle shall be oper-
ated at any time on any public roadway
within Custer County unless the vehicle is
properly registered and numbered with the
Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife
in accordance with the provisions of §33-
14.5-102, C.R.S., and the validation decal
issued by the division shall be affixed to
the off-highway vehicle in the manner
prescribed by the division.

4. No off-highway vehicle shall be oper-
ated at any time on any public roadway
within Custer County while towing a
sled, toboggan or other similar device
intended to be used for recreational
purposes. A utility trailer may be towed if
it is attached to the off-highway vehicle
by a rigid bar and is equipped with a red
reflector attached to the rear of said trailer.
Transporting passengers or occupants in a
trailer towed by an off-highway vehicle is
prohibited.

5. No off-highway vehicle shall be oper-
ated at any time on any public roadway
within Custer County unless it is equipped
with the following:

- At least one lighted head lamp and
one lighted tail lamp, each having the
minimum candlepower prescribed by
regulation of the Colorado Division of
Parks and Wildlife;
- Brakes and a muffler and spark
arrestor which conform to the standards
prescribed by regulation of the Colora-
do Division of Parks and Wildlife.

6. No off-highway vehicle shall be oper-
ated at any time on any public roadway
within Custer County between the hours
of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

See PUBLIC NOTICES
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CCHS Building Trades Class



"Let's get started!"



Koble better than "eye-balling it".



Howdashell with nail gun.



Mr. May and the home's view.



Mr. May instructing Lind (left) and Walden.



Lind bending rebar.



Rusher (left) and Koble measuring for a cut.



Mr. Weber supervising Rusher (low) and Koble (high).



Rusher making a cut.



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7. No off-highway vehicle shall be operated at any time on any public roadway within Custer County for the purpose of plowing snow or for modifying the grade or drainage of said public roadway.

8. No off-highway vehicle shall be operated at any time on any public roadway within Custer County with more occupants or passengers than intended by the manufacturer’s design.

9. If an off-highway vehicle is equipped with a safety belt system by the manufacturer of said vehicle, every driver and every passenger of a vehicle so equipped shall wear a fastened safety belt at all times while the off-highway vehicle is being operated on any public roadway within Custer County.

10. The operator of an off-highway vehicle on the public roadways of Custer County shall also comply with all traffic ordinances of Custer County regulating the operation of motor vehicles on said roadways within the county.

11. This Ordinance shall be enforced by law enforcement officers and peace officers duly sworn and authorized to enforce laws and ordinances in Custer County, as well as by any person or persons designated by the Board of County Commissioners as special county enforcement officers.

PART THREE: PENALTIES

1. Any person who violates paragraphs (1) through (9) of Part Two shall be guilty of a class 2 petty offense and upon conviction for a first violation thereof shall be punished by a fine of \$50.

2. A subsequent violation of paragraphs (1) through (9) of Part Two by the same person shall also be a class 2 petty offense, but upon conviction for a second offense the violator shall be punished by a fine of \$150.

3. A person who violates paragraphs (1) through (9) of Part Two for a third time or more shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of \$300 for each such violation and

no portion of such fine may be waived or suspended by the sentencing judge.

4. The penalty assessment procedure set forth in §16-2-201, C.R.S., shall be followed for any violation of paragraphs (1) through (9) of Part Two of this Ordinance. The penalty assessment notice shall be a summons and complaint containing identification of the alleged offender, specification of the offense and applicable fine, a requirement that the alleged offender pay the fine or appear to answer the charge in the county court for Custer County at a specified date and time, and any other matter reasonably adapted to the effectuation of this Ordinance. A duplicate copy shall be sent to the clerk of the county court.

5. A person who is charged with and convicted of violating a traffic ordinance as set forth in paragraph 10 of Part Two shall be punished with a fine as specified in the fine schedule set forth in §42-4-1701 and §42-4-1703, C.R.S., and §42-4-1708 to 42-4-1718, C.R.S., except that the fine or penalty for a violation charged and the surcharge thereon if authorized by county ordinance shall be paid to the County Treasurer.

6. If the person given a penalty assessment notice chooses to acknowledge his guilt, he may pay the specified fine in person or by mail to the County Treasurer within 20 days from the date of issuance of the penalty assessment notice. If he chooses not to acknowledge his guilt, he shall appear in county court as required in the notice. Upon trial, if the alleged offender is found guilty, the fine imposed shall be that specified in the notice for the offense of which he is found guilty. Customary court costs may be assessed against him in addition to the fine.

7. All revenues received by the County Treasurer for fines imposed and collected pursuant to this ordinance shall be allocated as follows: 80% to the county sheriff; 20% to the county road and bridge department. For the first year this ordinance is in effect, the county sheriff shall allocate and set aside not less than 20% of any such revenues received from fines collected pursuant to this

ordinance for the purpose of informing and educating the public regarding the existence of this ordinance and explaining what operations of an off-highway vehicle are allowed and what operations are not allowed on the public roadways of this county.

PART FOUR

Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be effective immediately following adoption on second reading and shall apply to off-highway vehicle violations occurring or committed on or after said date.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED ON FIRST READING ON THE 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2015, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED IN THE SANGRE DE CRISTO SENTINEL.

The Board of County Commissioners for Custer County, State of Colorado

Christopher L. (Kit) Shy, Chairman

SEAL:
ATTEST:

Debbie Livengood, County Clerk and Recorder

ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING ON THE 30th DAY OF APRIL, 2015, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY REFERENCE TO TITLE ONLY IN THE SANGRE DE CRISTO SENTINEL.

The Board of County Commissioners for Custer County, State of Colorado

Christopher L. (Kit) Shy, Chairman

SEAL:
ATTEST:

Debbie Livengood, County Clerk and Recorder

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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

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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.

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Events Calendar

Friday, April 17
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie, “Kingsman: The Secret Service” - R

Saturday, April 18
7 a.m. - noon: 9 Health Fair at Custer County School, 709 Main Street, Westcliffe
9 a.m.: Wet Mtn. Valley Saddle Club: Vet Clinic;
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Tack Sale; 1 p.m.: Dressage Demo
10 a.m.: Fire Truck Pull, 400 block of Main Street, Florence; games for kids; food available at Good Thyme Café
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie, “Kingsman: The Secret Service” - R

Sunday, April 19
11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.: PATRIOTS DAY hosted by the Liberty Action Group from Pueblo, Veterans Park, Cañon City; Guest Speaker Stewart Rhodes, founder of Oathkeepers

Thursday, April 23
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.: Wet Mtn. Valley Food Cooperative hosting organizational meeting for potential Westcliffe Farmers Market vendors; Community Room next to Westcliffe Library

Friday, April 24
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie, “Paddington” - PG

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

Call 719-783-3360 or email sdc.sentinel@gmail.com.
The deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is Monday at 5 p.m. for that week’s edition.

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Sheriff's Report...

On the following dates, there were 126 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 10 to EMS, and 3 to the Fire Dept. On April 14th there were six males in the county jail.

04/07/15 T-15-279
0739 hours / Hwy 96 MM 24 / Traffic Summons: Zeller, Nikki (DOB in 1972) of Westcliffe was issued a summons for speeding, 20-24 mph over the limit.

04/07/15 T-15-280
0739 hours / Hwy 96 MM 24 / Traffic Summons: Williams, Denae (DOB in 1986) of Pueblo was issued a summons for speeding, 25-39 mph over the limit, and driving with a suspended license.

04/07/15 O-15-49
0915 hours: A deputy is investigating possible criminal trespass and theft of property on CR 305 in Centennial Ranch.

04/07/15 T-15-282
1320 hours / Hwy 69 MM 55 / Traffic Summons and Arrest: Altazar, Joseph (DOB in 1951) of Westcliffe was issued a summons and arrested. Altazar was operating an ATV on a state highway without a registered driver's license.

04/07/15 I-15-1910
1524 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Main Street in Westcliffe for a civil stand-by.

04/07/15 O-15-501717
hours: A deputy arrested Stuart, John Michael (DOB in 1948) of Westcliffe on several outstanding warrants.

04/07/15 EMS
2132 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to CR 171 in Ute Mesa for a 75 year old woman who had collapsed. Flight for Life was requested and the Wet Mountain Fire Department was dispatched to establish a Landing Zone for Flight. The patient was flown to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

04/08/15 I-15-1916
0658 hours: A deputy was contacted to investigate an unknown substance and two unknown items found in an open can of Mountain Dew.

04/08/15 I-15-1914
0715 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Butler Street in Silver Cliff to investigate a harassment complaint.

04/08/15 EMS
0945 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to 5th Street in Westcliffe for an unknown medical emergency called in by Lifeline Medical Alert. The call was a false alarm. The medical alert device had malfunctioned.

04/08/15 I-15-1917

1106 hours: A party contacted the Custer County Sheriff's Office to report a possible IRS scam. The individual received a call purportedly from the IRS threatening to sue her. The party stated they do not owe any money to the IRS.

04/08/15 EMS
1238 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to the Custer County Clinic to transport a stable female patient suffering from severe abdominal pain. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

04/08/15 EMS
1250 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to CR 341 for a 55 year male suffering from chest pains. The patient was transported to St. Mary-Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

04/08/15 EMS
2124 hours / Ambulance Run: The Custer County Sheriff's Office dispatched Deer Mountain EMS for a female victim of an assault.

04/09/15 EMS
0927 hours - EMS responded to the Custer County Clinic for a transport to St. Mary-Corwin.

04/09/15 I-15-51
2333 hours - Officers responded to Valley Ace Hardware for a report of disorderly contact and possible theft. Incident is still under investigation.

04/10/15 EMS
1451 hours - Reported, and responded to, a motor vehicle accident in the area of HWY 50 and McKenzie Junction. No injuries to report.

04/11/15 T-15-290
0415 hours - Officers responded to a 911 call reporting a vehicle that went off the road on HWY 96, MM 8.5 -- Incident was turned over to Colorado State Patrol for investigation.

04/11/15 EMS
0415 hours - Responded for assist with roll-over on HWY 96, MM 8.5

04/11/15 WMFD
0415 hours - Responded for assist with roll-over/flight-for-life landing on HWY 96, MM 8.5

04/11/15 EMS
1312 hours - Responded to the Custer County Clinic to transport a party to Parkview Medical Center.

04/11/15 T-15-291
1642 hours - Party (Abanto, Julio - DOB: in 1946) was issued a citation for speeding (20-24 over the posted limit) in the area of HWY 69 and Edwards Ave.

04/11/15 T-15-293
2102 hours - Officers arrested a party (Law, Thomas - DOB in 1978) after his failure to yield

in the area of Main Street and HWY 69 North.

04/13/15 T-15-297
1550 hours - Party (Espinoza, Joseph - DOB in 1996) was cited for speeding (10-19 over) in a school zone, in the area of the 700 block of Main Street.

04/13/15 I-15-1995
1910 hours - Deputies responded to report of an altercation in the parking lot of Tony's Pizza in Silver Cliff. Officers made contact with two parties who were on their way to Pueblo and had been arguing outside of their vehicle. The incident was determined to be non-violent and exclusively of a verbal nature. No charges were pressed.

04/14/15 Deer Mtn EMS
0718 hours: The Custer County Sheriff's Office dispatched Deer Mountain EMS to a medical emergency on CR 27A, just south of the Cody Park Church.

04/14/15 I-15-2020
April 13 / 2132 hours: Saguache County requested assistance from Custer County Search and Rescue, via the Custer County Sheriff's Office, for two stranded hikers in the area of South Colony Lakes and Crestone Needle. It was too dangerous to attempt a climb of the Needles in the dark so the search resumed at daylight on April 14.

04/14/15
0724 hours: The Wet Mountain Fire Department was dispatched to establish a Landing Zone for a National Guard Black Hawk helicopter participating in the rescue. The hikers, who had climbed down to Cottonwood Lake, were picked up by helicopter and brought to the Search and Rescue building at 0800 hours.

04/14/15 T-15-298
0813 hours / Main and 3rd Street, Westcliffe / Traffic Summons: Ziegler, Douglas (DOB in 1950) of Pueblo was issued a summons for speeding 5-9 mph over the limit in a school zone.

04/14/15 EMS
1024 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to 1st Street in Silver Cliff for a 64-year-old male who had fallen off a ladder. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

04/14/15 EMS
1029 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to the Custer County Clinic to transport a 71-year-old male experiencing chest pains. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.



The Sheriff's Corner from Sheriff Byerly

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

Hello again from the Sheriff's Office! I have received many positive responses to this article and want to thank the newspapers for their willingness to help our office share what we consider to be important information as it is requested by the community. I would also like to remind everyone of the next Community Accountability Group meeting on April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Search and Rescue Building, 710 Rosita Ave. in Westcliffe. Hopefully, you can join us. This week's question was posed from the Wet Mountain Tribune:

What has been the biggest change for the office since being sworn in?

When a question like this comes up I think perspective is really the key to this answer. If you were to ask the Patrol Deputies, Detention Deputies, or Dispatchers, they may all come up with different answers. In my opinion the biggest overall change would probably have to be adaptability by the employees. From day one I have asked and at times demanded the members of our team approach the job with a different mindset. As I have shared, we are making great strides to improve the use of technology within the office. This takes a willingness to change the way things have been done for quite a while. We are upgrading equipment and streamlining processes to increase productivity and efficiency. We have cut costs in several areas which have allowed us to purchase much needed equipment and conduct training. We are in the process of developing an entire new policy manual to provide guidance for the employees. We have asked the employees to work smarter and take pride in their daily routine at work.

All of this change takes time and patience, which is oftentimes difficult. With several priorities, we can't do everything at once and many of the areas require funding we don't necessarily



have right now. This different approach requires the employees to be willing to make changes and understand it is for everyone's benefit. That, of course, can be hard to sell and a challenge for long-time employees. I also commend everyone within the office for being willing to listen and agreeable to try this new approach. We have had some growing pains as anyone would expect, but it has gone well to this point. I am happy we have only lost one employee and four new deputies have joined us at the Office. I know we will continue to grow as an organization and over time, we will be able to address many areas each of us believes is important to develop.

As always, I encourage the community to call the Sheriff's Office anytime you need assistance or have concerns. We are a small group of individuals dedicated to our county, friends, and neighbors. Your vigilance and assistance with suspicious activity or criminal behavior is valuable and a resource we appreciate. If you have questions, a complaint, or want to report suspicious activity, please contact the Sheriff's Office at 783-2270 or anonymously on the TIPS line, at 783-2847.

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

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Apple Shed Representative Matt Koch Named New Fremont County Planning Director

by Barbara Penezic

Matt Koch, Cornerstone Land Surveying Inc., has been named Fremont County Planning Director. He will succeed retiring director Bill Giordano. This name may be recalled as one of the representatives in the recent SRU permit connected with the Apple Shed hearings. Matt Koch and Chris Haight were named as representatives in the SRU 14-004 Thressor, LLC which was approved unanimously by the same board that hired Mr. Koch as Planning Director, allowing the Medical Marijuana Infused Product Manufacturing facility to operate in the Apple Shed building in Penrose.

Mr. Koch is a native to the area and a graduate of Cañon City High School. His education is rounded out by having attended Pueblo Community College and the University of Southern Colorado where he studied Civil Engineering Technology. The entire Board participated in interviewing six highly qualified

applicants for the vacancy because of the role it will play in future development of Fremont County. The Board members and Matt Koch were well known to one another when Mr. Koch appeared at the Apple Shed hearing and when they conducted the interview for the new Fremont County Planning Director. The Board also appointed Mr. Koch to serve in the ‘elected position’ of County Surveyor in recent years. A position he will likely be allowed to retain as he begins the duties of Planning Director on April 30, 2015.

According to Commissioner Norden there are only a few times each year that Koch has been called upon for those (surveying) contract services.

Retiring County Manager George Sugars feels that Koch will bring special insight to the position having worked with the department on the other side of the counter representing clients for various zoning and permit applications over the years. Several Fre-

mont County area residents have also voiced their concerns about Mr. Koch and his past relationship with the Board and special interest groups. They wonder if it will be special insight or personal bias that Mr. Koch will bring to the table. The growing number of medical marijuana facilities springing up in Penrose have already changed the nature of this small town and the residents are justifiably fearful of what the future holds for them.

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Reporters Thoughts: The residents I spoke with are everyday, hard-working citizens of Fremont County and they decline to have their names printed. They are hesitant to anger what they see as the Influential and Financially Strong Leaders of Fremont County. This is why it is so important to vote for the people who will be responsible for shaping the future of the local area we live in. Vote!!

Local Girl to Compete in Elks National Hoop Shoot

by Charlotte Burrous

For the first time ever, a Cañon City student will compete in a Elks National Hoop Shoot contest later this month.

Jerika Moore, a seventh grader at Cañon City Middle School, recently qualified through several stages as one of 12 students in the nation to compete in the Hoop Shoot on April 16-19 in Springfield, Massachusetts.

After competing in the local competition for several years, going to Nationals is a dream come true for her.

“I was really proud of myself because it’s pretty far from where I got before,” said 13-year-old Jerika, who placed second in last year’s state competition. “I’ve done it every year (since I was 7).”

When she discovered basketball, she enrolled in the sport with the Cañon City Recreation District then expanded into the traveling teams, which she is still very much involved.

As a point guard and outside wing positions, she said she plans to play basketball as long as she can.

“I like being out on the court, having fun and having my teammates around me,” Jerika said.

Winning has not always come easy though.

“I usually practice for about an hour (a day),” Jerika said. “I’m (also) on the Tigers team and a Colorado Springs team.”

According to a press release, the Elks “Hoop Shoot” offers opportunities to students ages 8-13 to participate in the local, district, state, and regional competition. At the national level, six winners, a boy and a girl, in each category will be named.



Jerika Moore 13 displays trophy she won at the Elks State Hoop Shoot

Courtesy photo from the Moore family

The winners will each receive a trophy and their names inscribed on the plaque at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

She said she is ready and looks forward to the contest.

“It’s all gravy from here on out,” said her father Mike.

In her spare time, Jerika, who is a member of the National Junior Honor Society, also enjoys playing softball and soccer. Daughter of Mike and Kristi Moore, she also has a sister, Drew, 17, who also is active in sports.

To watch a live play by play of the Hoop Shoot on April 18, visit www.elks.org/hoopshoot.

Fremont County Passes Two Year Ban on Medical Marijuana Facilities

by George Gramlich

The Fremont County Board of County Commissioners passed a 24 month ban on any new medical marijuana facilities. The resolution’s wording is as follows:

“In consideration of (a) Resolution placing a 24-month temporary moratorium on the construction, alteration, or use of any building, structure, or properties for a medical marijuana business facility (optional premises cultivation, marijuana infused product facility, medical marijuana center) and also upon the submission, acceptance, processing and approval of Fremont County Medical Marijuana Business Licenses, excepting however, such medical marijuana businesses that are lawfully established as of the date of this moratorium and are holding or pending issuance of valid state and local licenses.”

The Commissioners repeated that there is a already a permanent ban on any recreational marijuana facilities. All three Commissioners, Ed Norden, Tim Payne and Debbie Bell voted for the resolution.

Florence to Be A Main Street Community

by Charlotte Burrous

Florence could be the next community to become a Main Street community.

During the April 6th meeting, the Florence City Council authorized Mayor Keith Ore to sign the Community Assessment agreement, where the Downtown Colorado Inc. will work with the community to identify key areas to develop in Florence.

In November, two representatives from Downtown Colorado, Inc. spoke about bringing it to this community.

“We received a planning grant and a grant from DOLA,” said City Planner Wade Broadhead. “Downtown Colorado Inc. will conduct this assessment on May 11-12. As soon as we sign this agreement, they’ll get their team together and they’ll come up with an agenda. The team will offer small break out meetings along with public hearings.”

When asked, he noted the grants will pay for the cost of the assessment.

“We have the grant,” Broadhead said. “We put in some money; DOLA puts in some money and we essentially close it out for \$18,000. Our share is \$9,000.”

He said there might be a way to save some of the \$2,000 in expenses that have not been budgeted for.

“This is the first step (to take) if we eventually want to become a Main Street

Community, which gets us a little more recognition around the state and the nation,” Broadhead said.

In the visitors section, Chief Mike DeLaurentis introduced Chris Meredith as the new director of the Combined Regional Communications Authority E911/Dispatch Center.

Retired from Colorado State Patrolman, he spent 27 years with them.

“One of his many duties over the years was he was in charge of the communication center,” DeLaurentis said.

Following the chief’s remarks Meredith spoke to the council.

“I’m always happy to come out and visit with the various partners with the communications center to make sure not only the center communicates well, but also we communicate back and forth,” he said.

He said this was a good opportunity for him to relocate with his family to rural Colorado, where his daughter was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant with the State Patrol.

“When this opportunity came up, I thought this was not only a way to re-energize myself, but also a direction to be a part of something larger and be able to assist the community with public safety,” Meredith said.

The dispatch center, which is scheduled to open July 1st, will be located on the fourth floor of the Fremont County Judicial Center.

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Hillary Says
She Fought
Against Children
and Families--Yep!

The announcement to run for President of the United States is very important. It is the first time for a campaign to introduce or reintroduce the candidate to the public, to dream a little with Americans, to establish the type of candidacy and issues the campaign will have going forward. Such is the case with Hillary Clinton. Hillary Clinton’s announcement that she is running for President did not disappoint--unless you are a Christian American hoping for a change in the Democratic Party. The *UK Daily Mail* focused its analysis of the Hillary Clinton campaign announcement on her massive wealth accumulation since being in politics and how this most important campaign announcement was botched. First, the timing. Timing is everything. Clinton’s Chief of Staff John Podesta upstaged her announcement with his own email to a group of donors, saying, “I wanted to make sure you heard it first from me -- it’s official: Hillary’s running for president.” Podesta is the founder of the Center for American Progress--a leftist, socialist-oriented Washington D.C. think tank, noted for guiding the current “president’s” domestic and foreign policies. Podesta was also the chief of staff for former President Bill Clinton. This signals to the American public, who care to dig deep enough to find out, that the same hallmark policies of the current Administration will be waiting in the wings of the White House should Clinton win. The second mistake is a little more telling. The *UK Daily Mail* reports

that Hillary’s campaign announcement stated: “From her mother’s own childhood--in which she was abandoned by her parents--to her work going door-to-door for the Children’s Defense Fund to her battling to create the Children’s Health Insurance Program, she’s fought children and families all her career.” Catch that?--“... she’s fought children and families all her career.” Indeed, this is more true than not. Clinton has been a radical advocate of Planned Parenthood (translated abortion), the homosexual political agenda, and a promoter of Islam. What is more detrimental to children and families than that combination? She is an advocate for family destruction. Clinton’s campaign ran an ad to demonstrate her statement. *AFP* reports “When Jared Milrad and Nate Johnson participated in a video about “big changes,” they had no idea their same-sex wedding plans would feature in Sunday’s campaign launch by Hillary Clinton.” There you go. A person running for the highest office of the land cannot control her chief of staff in messaging, her announcement had a major typo, and her platform is more the same of what we have. This exposes her lack of care for the position and her assumptions toward Americans. Deuteronomy 32:28-29 says, “For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them. O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!” Be wise with understanding and discernment. Do not be deceived.

“Blessed is the man
who trusts in the Lord,
And whose hope is the Lord.”

Jeremiah 17:7, NKJV

If No One Will Tell the Truth
About Bowe Bergdahl, I Will

by Allen West,
AllenBWest.com

(Editor/GG: Colonel West tells it like it is! Why would our President trade five Taliban, murderous, big-shots who will kill our soldiers again for a U.S. Army deserter? Why?)

Did anyone notice that the veteran community hasn’t made a huge deal about Bowe Bergdahl? You know, the POW/MIA organizations – they weren’t beating down doors. Sure, no one wants an American soldier left behind but there was no burning fire when it came to Bergdahl. Perhaps it’s because of what was just recently revealed - which some already knew about - from a 2009 classified report on the disappearance of the Army soldier. That report should have been declassified immediately upon the return of Bergdahl, so we wouldn’t have needed another investigation.

Nonetheless, the details of that report are now being slowly leaked out, and they are highly disturbing.

As reported by Foxnews.com, “A 2009 NCIS investigation into Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl’s activities while in Afghanistan reveal that there is clear evidence Bergdahl was “going over to the other side with a deliberate plan,” Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer said on Fox News’ “The O’Reilly Factor” Monday night.

“Shaffer, a former military intelligence officer and Fox News contributor, said two senior sources told him that the Naval Criminal Investigative Service investigation included a forensic review of his computer, which show Bergdahl’s apparent intent to travel to Uzbekistan. “He was going to go off to Uzbekistan,” Shaffer told Fox News’ Bill O’Reilly. “He had made contact with local Afghans and wanted to be moved to Uzbekistan and then made contact with the Russians because he wanted to talk to Russian organized crime ... “Clearly he was not all there relating to what he was doing,” Shaffer told O’Reilly. “I think we’re going to see more and more, as this report is made public that there were a number of disconcerting things within Bergdahl.”

I just have to ask, how widely is this being reported by the liberal progressive media outlets? I for one cannot believe the entire Obama administration knew nothing about this report and investigation, as they proceeded with the exchange of Bergdahl for five senior Taliban leaders.

And don’t forget...those five Taliban leaders are free to depart Qatar on or about 26th of May. And reports are rampant that ISIS is expanding its recruiting efforts in Afghanistan – which is where these five will certainly return.

There’s no need to debate the charges brought against Bergdahl. They are serious in every manner — especially the misbehavior before the enemy, which resulted in the deaths of six soldiers who were on search and rescue operations for Bergdahl.

The question that has to be answered is why would President Obama go so over the top with the whole Rose Garden ceremony? Why would Susan Rice state that Bergdahl served with “honor and distinction?”

Could it be that no one in the White House actually had any clue about the details of the NCIS report? For me it is unbelievable that President Obama would not do the due diligence to learn the complete background on this episode before unilaterally approving this exchange. And why was it that the Obama administration gave the Taliban exactly what they asked for, these five senior leaders?

I could almost understand one – just one insignificant unlawful enemy combatant being held in GITMO, but not five senior leaders. And to think, President Obama actually just told Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker that he needs to “bone up” on foreign policy – that is hypocritically laughable.

My assessment is that Barack Obama, Valerie Jarrett, and Susan Rice knew exactly everything about the Bergdahl desertion episode – but in their arrogance felt they could just get away with a “feel good” moment. This is the problem when you live in an echo chamber where you have no connection to the American peo-

ple and certainly not with the warrior code. Furthermore, this gave President Obama an opportunity to release the worst of the worst from GITMO as validation that anyone else could be released. Again, it’s evidence of basing policy not on reality but rather on election cycle campaign promises and rhetoric.

This will be an embarrassing moment for the Obama presidency, but only if it’s widely known. I’d love to see a Media Research Center analysis of time dedicated to the Bergdahl story on ABC, CBS, NBC, MSNBC, CNN, and PBS. I’d have thought this would be front page on the *New York Times* but instead Tom Friedman was dispatched by the *Times* to the White House to give Obama a platform to convince Americans his bartering with Iran is a noble endeavor – which it is not.

The truth is quite clear, “A military source also told Fox News there was strong intelligence after Bergdahl’s 2009 disappearance indicating he was handed over to the Taliban about 10 days after he left his base, and that the group wanted him. The source, who is familiar with the investigation and efforts to recover Bergdahl, said there was an effort to pick up Bergdahl — and potentially block his crossing into Pakistan — but the intelligence was either bad or old and the effort was not successful.”

So the recent false narrative being disseminated on liberal progressive media outlets that Bergdahl left his combat outpost due to issues with his platoon and that he wanted to report them is as valid as “hands up don’t shoot.”

Bowe Bergdahl is a deserter. But the greater issue here is whether President Obama was clueless about Bergdahl’s actions – which were documented in the 2009 NCIS investigation — or worse, is he complicit with the return of senior enemy leadership while this enemy still combats our men and women deployed in Afghanistan? Sadly it could be both.

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More Bad News from the
Colorado Health Exchange

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.
com

Just days after the Governor signed off an audit of Colorado’s Obamacare exchange, there was another round of news about cost overruns and increased user fees.

Sane people are left wondering: will the madness ever end?

From Health News Colorado:

Health exchange managers

plan to increase user fees and assessments on Coloradans who buy health insurance in order to fund exchange costs that could soar to \$44 million a year.

Previous managers of Connect for Health Colorado had for years said that Colorado’s exchange would be financially self-sustaining this year and would cost \$26 million a year to run.

To summarize: not only has the system failed to be

self-sustaining as promised, but it is also costing nearly twice as much to operate as initially predicted. Worse still is that the increased user fee of 3.5 percent that is being proposed will mean Colorado’s exchange is charging users exactly as much as the federal system.

Interim CEO Gary Drews tried to put a positive spin on the news by saying that other state-based exchanges are also having prob-

lems. But doesn’t that just further prove the entire system is fatally flawed?

Hopefully, the factions of lunatics that were opposed to the audit of the exchange are somewhere right now burying their heads in the sand.

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Over 9,000 SpecOps Troops Express Concerns in Survey About Women in Combat

by Jonah Bennet, Daily Caller News Foundation, DailyCaller.com

(Editor/GG: Surprised they made this public. The complete submission to the left by our "Flag" (i.e., generals) officers over the last 8 years has been very depressing. The ones who stood up to fascism were fired and the ones left running the show have placed career (really power, ego, and money) over country. Sad.)

Troops in special operations units, of both genders, are overwhelmingly concerned that political pressure will cause leaders to cave on important training standards, a series of surveys conducted by the Associated Press and RAND Corporation reveals.

The surveys, which went out to 18,000 special operations troops and had a 50 percent response rate, were a part of the Pentagon's initiative to determine whether any combat positions should remain exempt from women by the official deadline in January 2016, the Associated Press reports. Women make up approximately 14 percent of the active duty military.

Along with worries that standards would drop and sexual assaults would rise, women who also took the surveys expressed concern about degrading the perception of women in uniform.

According to them, the abolishment of the ban "might result in the lowering of the standards in what are currently our male-only occupations, and that would then reflect on either them or on the women who come into those occupations," Andy Hamilton, an expert who knows details of the survey and works closely with members of U.S. Special Operations Command, told the Associated Press.

The top tiered units of the military operate the most difficult conditions on the planet and require training to push the most qualified members to their mental and physical limits. The units are small, self sufficient, and deployment environments are often extremely dangerous and often without immediate, direct support.

As a part of 2012 initiative forwarded by then-Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, all combat roles must be opened up to women. Panetta allowed the military branches time to adapt, but defense officials have stated that January 2016 is the deadline, and they are preparing to use the survey results as an opportunity to re-educate troops. If certain units object, they have to give serious reasons as to why some roles should count as exceptions and remain male-only.

In an interview with *Time Magazine* in 2013, retired Army Lt. Col. Robert Maginnis argued in his book, *Dead-*

ly Consequences: How Cowards Are Pushing Women into Combat, that the Pentagon is "kowtowing to their political masters and radical feminists to remove exemptions for women in ground combat in defiance of overwhelming scientific evidence and combat experience."

Maginnis pointed to an example back in 2013 when chairman of the Joint Chiefs General Martin Dempsey rescinded a 1994 rule excluding women from ground combat roles. In the press conference announcing the move, Dempsey stated, "If we do decide that a particular standard is so high that a woman couldn't make it, the burden is now on the service to come back and explain to the secretary, why is it that high? Does it really have to be that high?"

A total of 68,800 people belong to the command, 3,000 of which are civilians. Around 7,200 positions have been opened up to women in special operations units.

At the moment, officials in the U.S. Special Operations Command have confirmed that the next stage of research is to examine the "social and cultural challenges of integrating females" into combat roles that are currently male-only.

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Colorado: Students Complain About Teacher-Created Posters '101 Things Black and Latino Girls Should Know'

by Victor Skinner, EAGNews.com

DENVER Students at Denver's Marin Luther King Jr. Early College high school are speaking out against posters they believe promote stereotypes about black and Hispanic students. Several students complained to school officials about posters plastered around campus this school year that promote the "101 Things Black and Latina Girls Should Know," and "101 Things Every Young Man of Color Should Know," Fox 31 reports.

Some of the statements on the girl posters included: "Wearing too much make-up looks like a clown. Twerkin' and grinding ain't cute. Experience holding a book (not a kindle or read-

ing on the Internet) this is so important for you to remember how far you have come as Black and Brown people," according to the news site.

Messages for black and Hispanic males reminded students there are more rewarding careers than rapping and playing professional sports.

"That's highly offensive, that's pretty derogatory toward very specific groups of people," student Victor Corrl told Fox 31.

"There are some things that should not be said at all," said student Christina Arzate.

Kayla Matton, another student at Martin Luther King Jr. Early College high school, believes the messages on the posters shame the school's namesake.

"This man died for us to have our rights, for black and whites to be together, all races," she said. "For a poster to be in a school pointing it toward, specifically black and Latina girls. I don't like that."

The news site also spoke with child psychologist Sheryl Ziegler, who said many of the poster's messages were beneficial, but officials shouldn't have targeted specific races.

"Initially, it was just a shock to see that in this day and age we would be almost racially profiling our young girls," she told Fox 31. "I think the percentage of kids getting something positive from this, who will think twice about their hygiene or appearance, I think is much less than if they thought more carefully regarding the sensitivity on

the delivery of it."

School officials removed the posters because of the complaints from students and teachers.

In a prepared statement, district officials said they understand "the concerns raised by those who found the poster offensive and are reviewing this situation so that we can help prevent issues like this in the future," according to the news site. "And, we will continue to work to support responsible and effective conversations about diversity in our schools."

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Colorado Springs: Military Revives Almost-Abandoned Mountain Base to Protect Against EMP Threat

by Liz Klimas,
TheBlaze.com

The Cold War-Era bunker in Colorado Springs that was designed to protect the U.S. military's command in the event of a nuclear bomb is getting a

U.S. Northern Command and NORAD, said at a briefing that some military communications equipment was moving into the mountain.

This time, the military is turning toward the Chey-

enne Mountain Complex signed to be that way, but the way it was constructed makes it that way."

A "solar EMP" is caused by a flare shooting out from the sun, sending extreme radiation toward Earth. Such natural events can re-

plex. The defense contractor will "[provide] NORAD authorities with accurate, timely and unambiguous warning and attack assessment of air, missile, and space threats," the company's news release stated of the work it expects to complete by 2020.

"Raytheon has deep expertise in sustainment and modification solutions that include sensor and software

systems, radars, command and control, and range-engineering services," David Wajsgas, president of Raytheon Intelligence, Information and Services, said in a statement. "We look forward to working closely with the Air Force in this important area of national security."

After NORAD and NORTHCOM's command center moved to Peterson

Air Force Base, also in Colorado Springs, in 2006, the Cheyenne Mountain Complex was officially re-designated as the "Alternate Command Center" in 2008.

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The entrance to the Cheyenne Mountain Complex. Military officials said they are moving some communications equipment into the complex because of its ability to protect against the effects of an EMP.

new purpose after many of the operations once inside Cheyenne Mountain have been moved over the years.

The Cheyenne Mountain Complex originally housed the control room for the North American Aerospace Defense Command, which later moved to Peterson Air Force Base not far away. But last week, William Gortney, commander of

enne Mountain Complex for protection from electromagnetic pulses. EMPs can occur naturally, but the threat of artificial EMP attacks have been a popular discussion point of late.

"Because of the very nature of the way that Cheyenne Mountain is built, it's EMP-hardened," Gortney said, according to Defense One. "It wasn't really de-

Courtesy photo by NORAD

sult in "radio blackouts and GPS navigation errors," according to NASA. EMP bombs could have similar effects, knocking out communication systems and more.

Last week, the Defense Department awarded Raytheon a \$700 million contract to "support threat warnings and assessments" for the Cheyenne Mountain Com-



How Do You Spell 'Hypocrite'?

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

(Editor/GG: As Karl says below, "The left is full of people like this...". Think local.)

Two examples here for you to show that these people are not propounding on policy matters that they actually believe in.

We'll start with Leonardo DiCaprio, who has made a lot of noise about how Globull Warming is going to submerge many low-lying islands and atolls around the world. He has "tirelessly" advocated for "change" in this regard and claims he really believes this nonsense.

Well then, perhaps you can explain why he would build a monstrous luxury eco-resort on such an atoll near Belize?

He bought this land, apparently, a decade ago. He has been a "tireless" advocate for Globull Warming alarmism the entire time and still is, and yet he intends to put together and

develop on this land that he claims to believe will be inundated with water luxury residences starting at \$5 million in price?

If he really believes this then he is going to try to sell something he thinks has no value at all as it will be submerged!

Yeah.

Second, we have Elizabeth Warren, darling of the left and a potential presidential candidate for 2016. One of her most-common positions is continued garfing about the cost of college and how the financing of same puts students and their parents into punishing and outrageous debt, often without good prospect for earnings to pay it off.

So far so good, but then we have the fact that Warren has been paid about \$400,000 a year as a professor of law to teach... wait for it.... one class. That's right, she teaches one whole class and gets more than \$400 large a year for doing so.

Might I ask rather impolitely how anyone can garf about how bad the college situation is (and it is) while personally profiting from it to the tune of \$400,000 annually?

The left is full of people like this -- and if you want to know why I turn my nose up at nearly all of them it's because it is usually dirt trivial to find such an instant among "prominent" people on that side of the aisle.

This is not to say that the hard-right folks aren't guilty, too; they are. But before you start talking to me about so-called "progressive" things you need to deal with the fact that if the issue is the high cost of college, as Warren likes to claim, she has no right to speak until she forfeits every penny she has made back to the students she "taught" while allegedly claiming that college is "too expensive."

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REBELLION: Hundreds of Thousands of New Yorkers Refuse to Register So Called "Assault Weapons" Ahead of April 15 Deadline

by Bob Owens,
BearingArms.com

(Editor/GG: And don't kid yourself, fellow Coloradans, the democrats in this state (including our just lovely liberals right here in Custer County) would love to have a law like this.)

Poor Andrew Cuomo.

Due to the tyrannical actions of Andrew Cuomo and his allies in the state legislature, New York residents are required to register an estimated 1 million firearms designated as "assault weapons" under the NY SAFE Act by April 15.

Unfortunately for the Governor and his allies, it appears that the open revolt of most of the

state's law enforcement leaders against NY SAFE—who correctly view the law as a blatantly unconstitutional assault on the state constitution and the Second Amendment—means that non-compliance is overwhelming.

While NY State Police refuse to publicly share the number of firearms that have been registered (citing a provision of the NY SAFE Act itself), leaks purporting to be from within the agency suggest that compliance might be as low as just 3,000-5,000 firearms. There is no way to conclusively verify this paltry figure which suggests that 99.5% of New Yorkers are thumbing their noses at Albany, but it may very well be a credible figure.

Why?

Non-compliance rates of 85%-90% or more are the rule when draconian gun control laws demanding registration are passed in the United States. Those rates are normal even with relatively popular support from voters and law enforcement. Those dynamics of "popular support" are assuredly not in play in New York.

While gun registration may be exceedingly popular south of the Tappan Zee Bridge, and in a few pockets upstate, many (if not most) law enforcement officers and gun owners in the state have publicly rebelled against the law. Many municipal and county governments have joined them in open defiance. Gun owners in

New York are well aware of the fact that their county sheriffs, state police, and local officers don't intend to enforce the law, a stance that many law enforcement leaders have announced publicly.

Knowing that the chief law enforcement officers in most counties have announced that they will not enforce the law, a non-compliance rate exceeding 95% and perhaps exceeding 98% does indeed seem plausible.

As New York Assemblyman Bill Nojay (R-Pittsford) noted previously:

"The rank and file troopers don't want anything to do with it," Assemblyman Bill Nojay (R-Pittsford) said Monday. "I don't know

of a single sheriff upstate who is going to enforce it."

"If you don't have the troopers and you don't have the sheriffs, who have you got? You've got Andrew Cuomo pounding on the table in Albany," Nojay said.

Andrew Cuomo has demonstrated that he has the political power to ram through unconstitutional laws in Albany. What he's also unwittingly exposed is his complete inability to enforce them.

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California Officially Bans Hunters From Using Lead Bullets

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

(Editor/GG: Another hit on the 2nd Amendment. And don't forget most libs in Colorado supports this. July 4th is coming up. Show them it ain't gonna happen here.)

The lead bullet ban comes from legislation signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown, a Democrat, in 2013 that required lead bullets to be phased out of the state by no later than 2019. The bill was signed after environmentalists and animal rights activists convinced state politicians that lead bullets poisoned

animals that condors and eagles fed on — causing them to be harmed in turn.

A bill that designated "lead-free" hunting zones was signed into law by former Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2007. By 2008, California hunters could not use ammunition containing more than one percent lead by weight within range of California condors.

But the Commission's decision Thursday makes California the first state to completely ban lead bullets for hunting. Hunting groups argue the ban is intended to stop hunting altogether in the state because ammo

prices will skyrocket.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation released a survey last year saying that "higher ammunition prices will drive 36 percent of California hunters to stop hunting or reduce their participation."

What was the main reason for stopping or reducing hunting? A 300 percent price difference between lead bullets and non-lead bullets, depending on the type of round. Non-lead bullets make up only a small percentage of the ammunition market and manufacturers say they would have a hard time ramping up production of this ammo without serious price increases.

"In summary, prohibiting use of alternative [lead]

ammunition will have significant effects on the state economy, wildlife conservation, and hunters' ability to enjoy the outdoors," according to the report. "These negative impacts need to be carefully considered by those responsible for the well-being of California's residents and wildlife."

Critics of the law even argue there is no guarantee that alternatives to lead, like copper, are going to be any better for the environment.

But environmentalists insist that banning lead bullets will protect wildlife. They say non-lead bullets are less prone to fragmentation and will mean fewer birds — and even people — inadvertently consume a lead-tainted animal.

So, why are ammo makers not willing to make non-lead bullets? Federal regulations, for one thing, at the U.S. Bureau of Tobacco and Firearms mean the agency must approve non-lead bullets being sold on the market. *The Californian* reported last summer that the agency was holding up company petitions to make non-lead ammo.

But why? Well, non-lead bullets may be "greener," but they are also much deadlier for law enforcement agents. Most non-lead ammo is brass, which is used to make armor-piercing bullets that can rip through body armor worn by law enforcement agents.

The Californian reported in June, "There were 19 petitions that the ATF has received from companies for

new material technology in bullets, which are in a holding pattern ... There is an exemption in the workings for sport shooting, but that is hung up in the bureaucracy as well."

But conflicting federal and state regulations over non-lead ammo only bolster critics' claims that the lead bullet ban is a de-facto ban on hunting. The federal government is preventing companies from making non-lead bullets, but California won't allow hunters to use lead ammo.

It looks like a Catch-22 for hunters.

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by Bob Owens,
BearingArms.com

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Gun owners would receive tax breaks for voluntarily turning in

high-powered assault rifles under new legislation proposed Monday.

The Support Assault Firearm Elimination and Education of our (SAFER) Streets Act expected to be reintroduced next week by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) would provide gun owners with an incentive to turn in their firearms to local police departments.

"Assault weapons are not about hunting, or even self-defense," DeLauro said. "There is no reason on earth, other than to kill as many people as possible in as short a time as possible, that anyone needs a gun designed for a battlefield."

Though DeLauro is in favor of

stronger guns laws that would completely ban assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition, she emphasized this bill would not force gun owners to turn in their firearms.

The legislation would provide up to \$2,000 in tax credits for gun owners who voluntarily hand over assault weapons to their local police departments.

Rep. DeLauro (D-Vulcan) and the handful of Democrats who support her in the House apparently have given little thought as to how gun owners might use such an act to

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Colorado Budget Woes: Democrats Prioritize Politics Over Kids

By ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: You see, the libs "It's for the children" was just a smoke-screen. It's all about power and control.)

This week, the State House debated the state budget. Last Friday, we posted Republican Senate President Bill Cadman's epic scolding of Democrats who complained about the budget (tip: it was Democrats' bills the budget funded). This week, the Republicans pointed out that Democrats gutted K-12 education funding.

While schools were expecting a total one-time funding of around \$200 million, through the budget process, schools received just a fraction of that – \$25 million. House Minority Leader Brian DelGrosso (R-Loveland) offered an amendment to the state budget bill, S.B. 234, that would have made \$15 million available to

Colorado's Department of Education, but Democrats blocked the funding.

From a House Republicans' press release:

"Colorado's general fund revenue has grown by more than 43% or \$2.8 billion dollars since 2009, yet Democrats are not willing to take money away from their own pet projects to boost funding for education," said DelGrosso. "Every superintendent across the state has said the recessionary cuts are still greatly impacting school districts and I am frustrated House Democrats refuse to hear their concerns."

Do Democrats have a pet project that ranks higher than education funding? Does the Colorado Education Association know that the Democratic Party has bigger priorities than funding education, some of which could go to increasing teachers' salaries?

Since 1996, the Colorado Education Association has given over \$4.3 million to candidates and political organizations with \$533,000 alone in 2014. In fact, since 1996, teachers unions from across the country have flooded Colorado with nearly \$12 million in campaign contributions. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that, in fact, almost all of those donations went to liberal candidates, ballot measures, and causes.

It sure seems like money not well spent. After all, what good is it for unions to elect Democrats when Democrats put partisan politics over funding teachers? If we were a teacher, we would ask for a dues refund.

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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 President's Sermon

President Obama re-chastised Christians for not expressing enough love. The obvious response is...in comparison to what or who? Perhaps the beloved leader believes that the killings, beheadings, rapes, slave trade, pillaging, and general suffering that Muslim terrorists utilize are a more acceptable form of human behavior. As ridiculous as that may sound, one cannot help but wonder why Mr. Obama's criticisms are frequently leveled at Christians rather than the real perpetrators of murder and mayhem.

It is generally recognized that the basic tenets of Christianity are love, mercy, and God's grace which are not only to be embraced by its adherents but also expressed, but the very existence of these virtues demonstrate an opposite pole. These attributes would be totally unnecessary if there were no violations that required forgiveness. It may come as a great surprise to our liberal friends that there actually are some things that God hates, and He itemizes them without apology to anyone. “These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:” (Prov. 6:16).

The list begins with “a proud look”. Most serious Bible students understand the principle of first mention. In a nutshell, the first time a word is used in the Scriptures, it most often establishes a precedent for its usage that follows. After the Exodus, Moses is in conversation with his father-in-law Jethro who submits this observation: “Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them.” (Exodus 18:11) This first

mention of human pride when considered in the context of the chapter has to do with Egypt and its gods subjugating Israel. A similarity could be drawn when a President declares he has a phone, a pen, and the authority of executive order which allows him to ignore Congress, the Constitution, and the American people.

The second evil that God despises is “a lying tongue”. All recent polls indicate that the public no longer trusts the White House to consistently dispatch the truth. Fast and Furious, Benghazi, Lois Lerner, Obamacare, and Veteran abuse are but a few of the lies this regime has perpetrated. One has to wonder who these folks are keeping company with. Jesus said of the Pharisees, “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.” (John 8:44)

The next object of God's hatred is “hands that shed innocent blood”. If God hates it, common sense would dictate that the country's leadership call it for what it is in the boldest of terms. God has never referred to murder as “work place violence”. World events would indicate that any President could articulate the phrase “Muslim, bloodthirsty, murdering killers” without tarnishing the office. To shirk compels some to believe another agenda is in place.

“An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations” follows. Again first mention... “And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and

that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Gen. 6:5). Notice the intensity of the wickedness, its inward source, its habitual practice, and its absolute control. Has the total preoccupation of “hope and change” been greatly responsible for America's downward spiral?

“Feet swift in running to mischief” is number five on the list of corruptions. “And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews.” (Esth. 8:3) The king is a Persian (modern Iran) who is being persuaded to annihilate the Jews. Anyone who is complicit is guilty of mischief according to God's vocabulary. Obama's disdain for Israel is becoming more obvious with every occasion of defection.

Number six is “a false witness that speaketh lies”. God doubles down on lying, for this is the second reference to it. The LORD clearly puts a premium on truth. Jesus said “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” (Jn. 14:6) Any individual who values political expediency over truth couldn't possibly be in close fellowship with Jesus.

“He that soweth discord among brethren” is the last and called an abomination which is worse than the average sin. Can anyone honestly remember an administration that was more divisive in its politics, behavior, and attitudes than the present one? Before the President does any more preaching to Christians, he would be well served to sermonize in front of a mirror.

A Sheepdog Barks!

WOOF! The LPSDs must be so proud they are bustin' at the seams. Three of their most revered leaders of the Democrat wolf pack have made startling announcements and comments this last week or so.

First was Harry Reid. The man who did great things for Obama, but not for America, recently admitted to intentionally lying about Mitt Romney not paying taxes. When asked if he wanted to express remorse he instead arrogantly boasted that “he didn't get elected did he?” Another LPSD with no character nor conscience. WOOF! Not really surprising just very disappointing. And I haven't heard one of the wolf pack speak out about how wrong that was. Why would they? In fact they are getting ready to support another LPSD, sans character, for president of the United States. Peas in a pod except it's a she-wolf this time. Her howl and bite are just the same though, actually maybe worse because she can fool even more sheep. By the way, I have received some complaints about my calling all the LPSDs the same thing. One told me he was no socialist. Another told me he was not a progressive. You get the picture. I told them as far as I was concerned they are all Liberal Progressive Socialist Democrats. However, I didn't have the time to be more specific in each case. So I suggested to them that they pick the letters they like and go with that. For instance, they could be an LPD, or a SD, or an LP or even just a D. Whatever makes them happy. In fact, one of my favorites would be an LSD. Reminds me of what most of them took for fun in the 60's and 70's. Problem is they are still hallucinating and that is what's causing most of America's big problems. WOOF!

But I digress. Let me get back to Hillary. So in her announcement about running for the presidency in a tweet or text or some such social media – selfie she said she wanted to be our champion. Seriously? I'm not sure how these politicians can keep a straight

face when they say such things. She really said the American people need a champion and she wanted to be our champion of choice. Can you imagine? The most corrupt woman in America wants to be our champion. See what I mean about hallucinating. She destroys government emails, lies right to the faces of the Benghazi victims' families, and takes money from foreign countries, yet she believes she can be our champion. Not a chance in my book. She is very clever and shrewd however. When she was losing to Obama in the 2008 campaign, she trotted out the ole' alligator tears. That didn't work however because she was up against an even bigger force than a crying woman. The tsunami wave of LPSDs that wanted to elect the first black president drowned her. Funny because we were all told Bill was the first black president. Oh well, “What difference, at this point, does it make?” Actually we still haven't elected America's first black president. Obama is America's first mixed race president. His mother was a white woman. He and his father are Kenyans. Never mind – that's old news. Just like all of Hillary's criminal, corrupt, and inept behavior will be old news as the LPSDs choose her to be their new champion – the first woman to be president whether she deserves it or not. Can't all you sheep see what is going on? The LPSDs must check off this box. It's time, don't you see? America must show the world it's righting all its wrongs so we need a “First Husband” to sleep in the West Wing. And if we elect Hillary, Bill will be doing a lot of “sleeping” in the White House. Mostly while Madam President is away on business trips – WOOF! Let's hope the Independents in this country are not fooled about the need for a president based on gender rather than other qualities like honesty and trustworthiness. Now on to the last reason the LPSDs are so proud lately.

Their beloved President Obama is off in Panama once again apologizing for America. You can actually



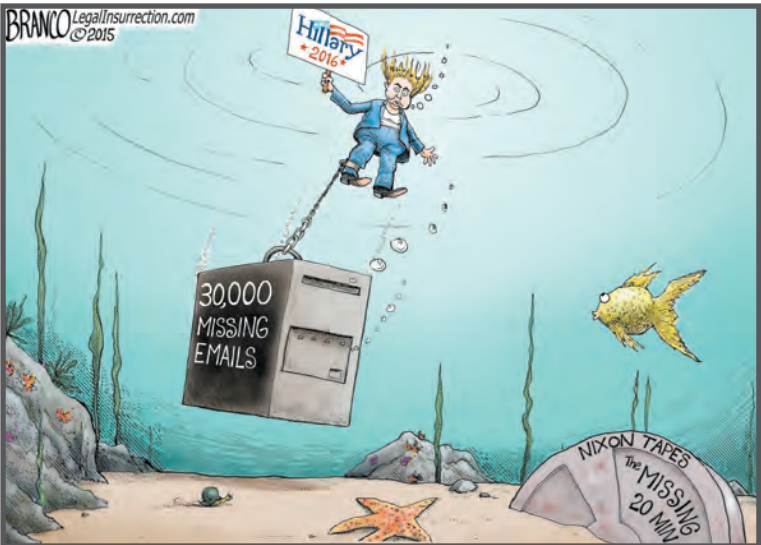
see the pleasure on his face when he gets to bash America somewhere else in the world. Yet we are expected to believe this man loves America. This sheepdog will never believe that. The dreams FROM his father are too important to him. His father hated America and all it stood for. Should we believe that Barack is much different? Why did he say he would “fundamentally transform” America? Notice he didn't say he would make it better, just that he would change it. I certainly believe he has tried hard to do that and it hasn't been for the better. He delights in bashing Christians and praising Muslims. He has actually tried to convince us that Muslims helped “create the fabric of this country.” Really? He knows exactly what he is trying to accomplish. Sadly, he's been far too successful over the last six years. He's got two more and intends to inflict as much more damage as possible in that time. America can surely not afford to follow him up with another LPSD like Hillary.

Yes the LPSDs must be so proud. At the top of their heap are people like Obama, Biden, Holder, Kerry, Reid, Pelosi, and Hillary (alternate spelling is HilLIARy). What an amazing and dangerous line up. And as soon as one of their wolf pack tries to speak the truth they attack and destroy him. Hopefully Senator Menendez (D-NJ) will speak more of the truth as they try to put him in jail. Why should he remain silent now? He just lightly criticized the president on Cuba and Iran and the DOJ charged him with felonies. Coincidence?? Not on your life! Maybe he'll tell the whole truth now. That would finally provide some real hope and change. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH

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

2 Timothy 1:7, NKJV



American Patriots Sought to Remove Communist Flag from Capitol Building

by Tim Brown

(Editor/GG: Here you go. Lib governor flying a communist flag at his capitol building. How many tens of thousands of Americans have died fighting communism. Why would a democrat fly a communist flag? Answer: He is trying to out do Nobama when he bowed/kow-towed to the chinese premier a few years ago. Shameless statists who hate America.)

Washington State Governor Jay Inslee posted the Communist Chinese flag between the American and state flag at the capitol building in Olympia in “honor” of his meeting with Cui Tiankai, the Chinese Ambassador, in which they were to discuss trade issues. However, on Saturday, American patriots showed up to remove the flag.

The activists, who carried their own yellow Gadsden flags, made their way to the capitol and they were assisted by a trooper with the Washington State Police. The trooper observed as a state worker removed the flag.

As the trooper made sure the flag was being removed, one person in the video can be heard saying, “That’s an offi-

cer I can support.”

Though the officer has not been identified, one activist did say that he was an Oath Keeper.

Apparently no part of the flag code seemed to be violated in the display of the Chinese flag, but it does make me angry that it would be flown anywhere in America for any reason. After all, China has its own country it can fly it over all it wants.

Anthony Bosworth posted pictures from the event on Facebook and posted that Governor Inslee is a “liberal, communist loving Governor.”

According to Jaime Smith, Inslee’s director of media relations, it is merely protocol to fly the flag.

“The governor will often meet with dignitaries when they come to town,” she said. “It’s a matter of protocol to fly their home country’s flag during their visit. Our state’s Department of Enterprise Services was going to lower the flag shortly after that anyway.”

However, Rep. Elizabeth Scott (R) was not pleased at all with the display of the flag. She told PolitiStick, “I was not amused to see this flag flying over our

state capitol, particularly when our governor just made a big show out of ‘shaming’ Indiana for joining 19 other states with legislation to protect freedom of conscience. So it’s okay to threaten a flower shop owner in our state with the loss of her house, business, etc., and we can mock other states for their attempts to protect freedom of conscience, but we’re totally fine flying the flag of a country that still throws people into prison camps because of their beliefs?”

Flying the Chinese flag on American soil is not an honor. It’s a dishonor to every American veteran who put on the uniform and fought the communists. It’s a dishonor to the people of Washington State as well.

I’m glad to see there were some people who got the word and stood up to do something about it. It’s also nice to see the peace officer stand alongside them in their endeavor.

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can spend in any way you desire.

Will you go for that shiny new Rifle Dynamics or Krebs Custom AK that you always wanted, but could never afford? How about a Noveske, BCM, or Colt AR-15? Personally, I’d be torn between spending my tax credit on a Tavor SAR now, or waiting a year and saving the money to buy a really nice precision rifle that I can glass with a sweet Steiner 5-25×56 in

just two more years, thanks to John Q. Taxpayer.

Now, is it morally repulsive to turn in “guns” to be destroyed under SAFER as it has been proposed?

Yes and no.

If you turned in actual functional firearms, yes, that would be morally repul-

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Sanity: Federal Court Rules Taxpayer-Funded College Can Bar WOMAN From Men’s Locker Room

by Eric Owens, DailyCaller.com

A federal district judge in Pennsylvania dismissed a lawsuit filed by a transgender student who wanted to use men’s bathrooms and locker rooms on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

The student, Seamus Johnston, was born female but identifies as a male.

Officials at Pitt’s Johnstown campus eventually expelled Johnston for repeatedly using a men’s locker room despite the school’s order that she not do so.

Johnston filed her federal lawsuit claiming that the school violated her civil rights by preventing her from using men’s locker rooms and restrooms.

Former President George W. Bush appointee Judge Kim R. Gibson of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania published his memorandum opinion on March 31.

Johnston lost on each of five claims concerning her desire to use men’s bathrooms and locker rooms on the taxpayer-funded Pitt Johnstown campus.

“[S]eparating students by sex based on biological considerations — which involves the physical differences between men and women — for restroom and locker room use simply does not violate the Equal Protection Clause,” the federal court determined.

Title IX, a comprehensive 1972 federal law which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, does not apply to Johnston’s situation, the court found, even though, as *Inside Higher Ed* notes, President Barack Obama’s Department of Education — which is manifestly not vested with judicial powers — has taken to applying Title IX to transgender cases.

A “sex stereotyping theory” doesn’t work either, the court explained.

“Indeed,” the court said, Johnston admitted that school officials allowed her to present herself with a “male gender identity in all material respects, with the one exception of the University’s policy regarding bathroom and locker room usage.”

She was “permitted to enroll in a men’s weight training course.” School officials accepted Johnston’s “name change to a traditional male name” and changed her records “to reflect the name change.”

School officials offered Johnston the chance to use the unisex locker room used by sports referees because male students had complained about Johnston’s use of the male locker room, notes *Insider Higher Ed*.

These and other concessions were not enough for the transgender student, however.

“Plaintiff argues that Defendants treated him differently from other males because he was transgender,” the court, which uses masculine pronouns to identify Johnston, concluded. “This contention is simply inconsistent with his other allegations that the University permitted him, without harassment or discrimination, to dress like a man, act like a man, change his name to reflect his male gender, and enroll in classes designated for males.”

Johnston had been enrolled at Pitt Johnstown for five undergraduate semesters from 2009 through 2011. She was a computer science major.

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“Takin’ It To The House...”

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representative Jim Wilson
HD 60, April 12, 2015

This past week the House gave preliminary approval to the \$25 Billion budget bill. (The bill includes \$9.6 Billion in discretionary spending including a 6.4% increase or \$573 M over the current budget.) The Senate proposed over 75 amendments, but the House held their amendment total to only 39! The vast majority of the proposed amendments were defeated on party line votes.

A couple of the amendments that survived were the Southern Chief railroad project in southeastern Colorado and the Highway 50 study from the Kansas line to Salida. The railroad project is a cooperative effort between Colorado, Kansas and New Mexico to raise enough funds to secure a Federal grant to upgrade the Amtrak line. (The line runs from Chicago to LA through Colorado.) The Highway 50 study will be funded by the counties and communities along the Highway 50 corridor to determine the feasibility of a four lane artery through southern Colorado.

Surprisingly, two proposed amendments to defund PARCC testing created a great deal of turmoil during the Long Bill debate. Opponents of PARCC and Common Core felt the best way to solve the problem was to defund the program. On the other hand, there are those that actually like the PARCC. Since I believe a school district should have the right to choose

what program works best for them, I spoke against the amendments. I would like to share that speech...

“Thank you Madam Speaker. Colleagues, I rise in opposition to this amendment. It is the ‘Right Premise – Wrong Process.’ We heard testimony in the House Education committee from folks who think PARCC is the greatest thing since sliced bread. We heard from School Districts that love PARCC. I personally do not know what they are thinking! (Now, here comes the ‘but’...) But, I believe in those people having a choice – this amendment takes away choice. I want you to hear me clearly – I do not believe in PARCC. I do not believe in Common Core. However, I do believe schools and districts should be able to choose what is best for their communities. As I see it, our taking PARCC away from those who want it, is no different than the Feds forcing PARCC onto those of us who did not want it! It should be a choice. This amendment contains a correct premise...it is just the wrong process. I urge a ‘No’ vote.”

The amendments went down with most of the R’s voting for them. When asked why I voted against the amendments, I replied: “We are supposed to be about having freedom, not taking it away”. In return, I asked why they voted for the amendments -- they replied: “We were making a point”. While at the Capitol, I want to make a difference, not a point... The combi-



nation to unlock the political padlock of cooperation under the Golden Dome is still 33-18-1 (33 House votes, 18 Senate votes and the Governor’s signature).

Two big issues take the spotlight this week in the House – a list of “Gun Bills” will be heard in the State Affairs Committee and the House Education Committee will take action on an assessment bill which addresses several of the issues in the aforementioned Long Bill amendments. I am a co-sponsor of HB15-1323 (the assessment bill) which is an attempt to reduce the number (and frequency) of assessments.

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Yours for HD 60 --
Representative Jim Wilson

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sive. If you’re turning in shot-out junkers that are beyond salvaging, or decide to follow my path and simply turn over store-bought, brand-new AR-15 lower receivers, you’re actually recycling.

On the other hand, you’re taking advantage of yet another government boondoggle that wastes a tremendous amount of taxpayer money on a hare-brained scheme cooked up by hate-filled, anti-gun, fiscally-irresponsible Democrats.

I’d be more upset over the plot to waste taxpayer dollars, if I wasn’t flipping through gun catalogs, trying to figure out what I want to buy...

Unfortunately, the bill has zero chance of passing a Republican Congress thanks to the bill’s stated intent, nor do I think it can get House Democrats to re-market the bill as the upgrade program it turned out to be.

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