

After Prom Party Keeps Students Safe Thank You, Community!

by Troy Bomgardner

The CCHS After Prom capped off a night of celebration for 50 high school students on Saturday and into the wee hours of Sunday morning. The chaperoned party is free of alcohol and drugs and has become a tradition for CCHS students. The students go from Prom to the After Prom party and this year they checked in at Tony's Pizza and began the party with a variety of games that involved cash prizes for the students. Students played blackjack, darts, twister, and musical chairs with the chance to earn dollars for their efforts. "This was a new twist to After Prom this year with giving away lots

of cash to keep the party exciting," said counselor Troy Bomgardner. "It seemed they really had fun trying to earn a few extra dollars."

The next stop was the school and a game of blind volleyball with beach balls. The students were divided up into teams and played volleyball with black plastic placed over the nets. Again, the teams were awarded cash as prizes and the games were very competitive. "The blind volleyball was different," exclaimed senior Kristian Curtis. "It kept us active and the night seemed to go quick." The party bus next headed to Cliff Lanes for black light, glow ball bowling and arcade games.



Prom attendees at the Feed Store Restaurant.

Sentinel photo by Paul Sage

Before heading back to Tony's for breakfast, the party bus stopped to wake up Mr. Swartz, the STUCO sponsor, which follows the tradition of waking up a faculty member during the night. "I enjoyed the bowling and the good selection of prizes," said senior Layne Geroux. "It was a fun, relaxed night!"

A Sugar and Spice Bakery breakfast helped the students get ready for the big prize drawing consisting of over \$4,000 in prizes. CCHS juniors and seniors

names were placed in the hat and drawn randomly. Students cheered for their classmates as they won TV's, computers, Kindle's, I-pods, Go-Pro's, and assorted prizes. All prizes and cash were donations from Custer County businesses and citizens. "The community was wonderfully supportive and so generous in their compassion towards these great youths," said committee member

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Great shooting, men!

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

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God saw
everything that
he had made,
and, behold,
it was very good.

Genesis 1:31
NIV



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These were the principles that guided our founding fathers and which we believe are still relevant. These are the principles that will guide our reporting and be the basis of all our views.

We will not be constrained by the illogical, misleading and inaccurate thinking and use of "political correctness" but by truth, facts, logic and common sense.

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From the Editorial Board

THE REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS

WHAT IS GOING ON?



Not long ago we wrote about the great things that happened in the November 2014 election. Conservative gains were made at all levels in America. Gaining Republican control of the U.S. Senate was the most significant achievement. Removing Harry Reid from his destructive control of the most "deliberative body in the world" seemed to be a major accomplishment. We did caution, however, that the Republican-controlled Congress would have to be strong and do the hard, but right, things in stopping this liberal progressive, out-of-control president and administration. Well, they are not off to a real strong start. Their first failure was not getting the XL Keystone Pipeline passed with a veto-proof majority. Just recently, this Congress proudly beat their chest as they passed another gargantuan spending bill which allows doctors to bill Medicare for more money. Once again they've played on the ignorance, stupidity, and fear of the American people. Starting in 1997, and several times since, they proudly "reformed" Medicare to reduce its costs and save it forever. After they took credit for that several times, they turn around in 2015 and undo all that reform as they proudly announce "saving" Medicare by borrowing more money to pay for more care that we cannot

afford. So first they take credit for "saving" Medicare by reducing costs and then a few years later they take credit for "saving" Medicare by raising costs. We really are ignorant, stupid, and afraid. Politicians know this and so they play both sides of the drum to enhance their chances of reelection. Several liberal progressive senators like Michael Bennett (D-CO) wanted even more money added. Of course, it was all in the name of the children. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) wanted more money for women's health. How can anyone be against women and children? Senators Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Marco Rubio (R-FL) voted against the bill because it won't be paid for by some of the billions of wasted dollars this leviathan government spends. So the bottom line is that several hundred billion dollars will be added to the crushing debt. And like Hillary says, "What difference, at this point, does it make?" Just put it on the people's tab, right? Republicans were supposed to stop that kind of insanity. Instead, they led the way, 392-37 in the U.S. House and 92-8 in the U.S. Senate. McConnell and Boehner both failed. But they sure succeeded in helping their re-election chances.

Just last week this Republican-controlled Senate confirmed Loretta Lynch

as the new U. S. Attorney General. She will provide little, if any, change from the disastrous and politically-motivated Eric Holder. We are left to wonder why the Senate confirmed this partisan attorney who, during her hearings made it clear she is committed to a political party, not the rule of law. It is also very clear she will continue the "social justice" agenda of the president and the politicizing of the Department of Justice. She will not enforce the laws of this nation as written. This has nothing to do with her race or gender. It has everything to do with her answers during her hearings that Obama's illegal amnesty policies were "reasonable" and don't violate the law or that the "civil asset forfeitures" happening under this administration are not a problem. Civil forfeiture is when the government seizes the assets (money and property) of a citizen who has NOT been convicted of a crime. Then the citizen must prove their innocence. Sounds a little backward doesn't it? During her tenure as a U.S. Attorney in New York she approved the seizing of almost \$115 Million of assets between 2011 and 2013. She also wouldn't answer truthfully on Operation Fast and Furious and even suggested that the IRS scandal had been resolved. Lynch supported all of these bad policies and actions. These

positions should have disqualified her. And does anyone really believe she will go after Hillary's government emails and personal server? So, how did she get confirmed by a Republican-controlled Senate? First, 20 Republican senators (the usual line up of RINOs) voted for cloture. That allowed the confirmation to come to the floor for a simple majority vote. The Democrats had 46 votes. They needed 14 Republican votes to reach cloture. Once there, they only needed four Republican votes to get her confirmed. They got ten. Lynch should have never come to the floor for a vote. You should know that one

of the 20 Republican senators was Cory Gardner (R-CO). When he won the election against Udall we had great hope. This is a big disappointment. Gardner wasn't, however, one of the ten that voted for her. But you can be sure he will "proudly" announce that he voted against her. Hollow and meaningless! He knew that there were five Republicans who had already announced they would vote for Lynch. His mistake was voting for cloture and he was wrong to do that. Gardner failed us. Sadly, we are watching "status quo politics" as usual. We expected more. We deserve more.

PROM

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Rebecca Gerringer. "I was really touched at how much the community gave!" Committee member Candi Sage added, "Once again, our community has come forward to support our students with a safe and fun choice after Prom. Many, many thanks to the Under Sheriff and Posse members who remained awake throughout the event to ensure the safety of everyone involved in Prom and After Prom! What a great way to show the youth in our community that we care about them and their futures!"

After Prom continues to grow after being re-instituted three years ago. Over 80% of the students who attended Prom came to After Prom. "This event really takes the entire community to pull off," said Bomgardner. "Each year it just gets bigger and our students this year needed a party like this and it was fun to see the smiles and laughter as the students celebrated in an atmosphere free of alcohol and drugs. The students really made the party; they were model citizens (except for pranking Mr. Swartz!) and the community would have been really proud of them!"





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Hats Off to the Sentinel

I've heard the *Sentinel* called the "Tea Party Pamphleteer" by some local liberals and that it was not a "real" newspaper. I'd like to inform some people in the valley that after only 21 months, the *Sentinel* had their first 28-page edition on April 24, 2015. One would think that if the other paper in town was in business for over 100 years, they could do better than the 12 or (sometimes) 16 pages they crank out each week.

The *Sentinel* newspaper is always a great read, but last week's was especially impressive.

The small, all-female employee staff did a tremendous job last week (whoops, I forgot there is a man working there, and he didn't do badly either). Great job to one and all at the *Sangre de Cristo Sentinel*.

Y. Phillips,
Abenaki Reservation,
Rural Custer County

**PS: Way to go, Sheepdog!
Keep on barking!**

Imagine a Society Without Cops

I read the article by Dave Smith in the "We the people..." section of the *Sentinel*. Sadly for average citizens, the left in this country has a faux-scandal of "racism and cops." It is a gift that keeps on giving. We now have another incident in Baltimore complete with minority rioters smashing police cars, breaking store owners' windows, and looting those stores. If one screens every story for any given week in America and only focuses on those where a white cop interacts with a black suspect, an alarming but fictional story could emerge. This story becomes "newsworthy" only if one ignores all the instances when a white cop saves a black victim of an auto accident, a home fire, delivers a black baby, and/or puts his life at risk to save a minority. This is the kind of culture the popular media has created. We all should keep in mind that many in the media are willing and even eager to lie to make the story "juicy"... remember "Hands up, don't shoot." So, we now have the extreme left calling for an unarmed police force in "sensitive" neighborhoods. We have New York City cops being brainwashed with minority super sensitivity and political correctness. I'm concerned that the same kinds of politically correct rules of engagement that are currently being forced on our military will be forced on our nation's police. While this is happening, the fact that most black people in America are killed by black murderers is being totally ignored by the popular media, the nation's justice department, and the current administration.

One can legitimately ask, how the kind of black on black crime in the nation's bastions of liberalism, American cities, can exist at all. New York's Mayor Bill de Blasio, arguably the most liberal mayor

since John Lindsey, with all of his Progressive ideology and mixed racial family can have a city where cops must undergo special mind-altering procedures. One would think that de Blasio will not be happy until dead policemen become a daily occurrence. Let's see what kinds of candidates for police jobs will show up when answering ads for employment. I'm confident that the good, hard-working citizens of black communities, many prisoners in their own homes and apartments, want an effective police force on duty. I've used New York City as an example, but the same can be said about Chicago, Baltimore, Boston, St. Louis, and dozens of other cities run by liberal mayors and liberal city councils. Rural and small town America should find no comfort because political correctness will eventually pervade all cultural environments. Why? Well, there are many low information citizens on the voter rolls and ignorance and apathy have never been healthier in our history. New voters brainwashed with liberal ideals are being manufactured with every high school and college graduation ceremony.

Let's, for a moment, imagine a society without cops. Imagine hoodlums running around doing whatever with impunity. What you have is a Clock Work Orange society. What our society needs is willing and able candidates for law enforcement careers. These well-trained police officers with the backing of their communities will continue to help maintain a safe and law-abiding society. I urge all readers to think about our community's future. Thank you.

Joe Cascarelli
Westcliffe, CO

Local Mountain News & Notices

Great Discussions at the Sheriff's Accountability Meeting

by Paul Sage

A number of issues were addressed on April 23rd at the monthly Sheriff's Community Accountability Committee Meeting. Sheriff Byerly discussed that progress is being made on a couple of the projects undertaken since he has become Sheriff.

The protective "cages" are now installed in all but a few of the older patrol vehicles, providing a new level of safety for the officers as they work in the county.

The Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD) system went on line on April 7th in a test mode. The test mode allows everyone using the CAD system to get used to using the new system and to work out any bugs that may be found in it or the way it is used. The system is scheduled to become fully operational on May 7th.

Some of the goals of using the new system are to make the dispatch quicker, more accurate, and more reliable. Sheriff Byerly stated that one of his main goals for the system is that deputies "will spend a lot less time in the office writing reports and spend a lot more time out engaging the community."

When the discussion turned to the implications of the legalization of marijuana in Silver Cliff, there was a

lively discussion about the topic. One individual challenged state information that "last year in the state of Colorado, we had 13 deaths directly related to the use of marijuana, primarily edibles." This citizen didn't believe that and cited what he said was a CDC study indicating that where medical marijuana was legalized, use by young people decreased.

An audience member questioned why just the town of Silver Cliff should be allowed to vote on a matter like this, which will affect the entire county. Sheriff Byerly responded that because Silver Cliff is an incorporated town, they can do this. They have the ability to set their own ordinances and the county is not able to intercede. It has been done in many other areas, and the town can do this.

Sheriff Byerly explained that while he will enforce whatever ordinances are enacted, his experience has taught him to be personally and professionally opposed to the move. He brought up that there are many related problems that come with legalization. He cited the example of his experience in Fremont County where thieves stole a car to drive it through the wall of a medical marijuana dispensary to steal the products.

Additionally, continued

officer and posse member training were addressed at the meeting. Sheriff Byerly pointed out the challenges of accomplishing these things - some newly mandated by the state - with an inherited budget that has no funding allocated to things like training or weapons and ammunition.

Problems associated with a more than normal permissiveness on the part of parents toward drinking by their kids was discussed by the Sheriff and members of the audience. Issues with the angle parking on the small section of Main Street in Westcliffe were also discussed with the Sheriff indicating to the audience that it is really a matter for the town to work out.

The Sheriff pointed out that both towns have requested better ordinance enforcement in their town limits, and his staff has been working to respond to these requests. As a result of this and overall better enforcement, "our revenue on tickets has already surpassed the mid-year level in the last couple years. We're already 35% beyond what they would be for the middle of the year."

Audience members were generally complimentary of the Sheriff's efforts and expressed appreciation for his openness in having these monthly forums.



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Local Mountain News & Notices

CenturyLink May Save the Day for Ride The Rockies WI-FI

News, Analysis and Commentary
by Paul Sage

Questions were recently raised about why everyone couldn't just get on board with the Custer County Economic Development Corporation's (EDC) (a private LLC corporation) proposal for spending \$50,000 of grant and pledged money to provide a Bluffs (the west end of Main Street) and Westcliffe Main Street WI-FI system.

Like our great leader's socialized insurance plan, everyone would like free WI-FI if it worked and was sustainable. It appears that there is no solid plan in the EDC's proposal to sustain the system financially once it is installed. The assumption that, surely once the system is operating, the thriving business owners in the town will be lining up to empty their deep pockets for continued service may not be true.

The leadership of the town of Westcliffe, like the county commissioners, have come under fire for not just jumping on board with the EDC's (a private corporation) plans, and were actually accused of hindering the process. In point of fact, it is illegal for the governments to provide the service, as pointed out by the town attorney. As to more recent accusations about Westcliffe hindering WI-FI installation on the Bluffs,

that should now be cleared up since the San Isabel Land Protection Trust, which has control of the Bluffs, denied the request for putting up any verticals (poles or towers) on the Bluffs, thus effectively putting an end to this proposal.

CenturyLink, the predominant provider and only owner of fiber optic cable in the area, was not "in on the bidding for this," according to a company representative, when EDC was moving forward with its plan. Had they been, EDC may have found out that CenturyLink already had plans in place to install new equipment in their central office (C.O.) on 4th Street in Westcliffe (scheduled for the next two to three weeks), which could support this.

During a meeting last night (April 27) sponsored by the town of Westcliffe, a large group of CenturyLink technicians, and engineers, discussed the problem. Their preliminary proposal looks something like running the fiber optic line from their C.O. on 4th Street down to the end of the pole line at the Westcliffe Supermarket which would be the WI-FI source for the Bluffs area. Then at a later date, run an additional cable on the existing pole lines up Main Street (east) with drops at every corner for future connections. For events at the Bluffs, CenturyLink

would provide and hook-up a WI-FI trailer at the grocery store, fiber-optic connection box. This WI-FI trailer is capable of providing 1,250 lines at 350mbps to flood the Bluffs area with massive amounts of WI-FI. CenturyLink would provide this service for **free**. The WI-FI trailer is covered with CenturyLink info, and they consider it a great advertising opportunity. This would be perfect for the Ride The Rockies event coming up.

Since this project was not initially budgeted by CenturyLink for this year, it will require a lot of juggling to make it happen on short notice for the Ride The Rockies event. One must wonder why CenturyLink was not involved in the EDC planning phase, or apparently, the EDC bidding process.

To their credit, CenturyLink will still push to get this, or a number of other temporary solutions in place in the short time remaining for the Ride The Rockies event. What is reassuring though, is that CenturyLink plans to implement WI-FI along the length of Main Street in the near future. How this impacts EDC's \$50k plan to implement WI-FI in Westcliffe is anybody's guess. A phone call a few months ago by the EDC people might have helped both parties.

NWS Pueblo SKYWARN Weather Spotter Training in Custer County

WHAT: SKYWARN Weather Spotter Training by the Pueblo National Weather Service office

WHERE: Westcliffe, 720 Rosita Rd., Search & Rescue Building

WHEN: May 7th, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

WHO: Current NWS Pueblo weather spotters and anyone else with an interest in volunteering

Weather spotters are volunteers who report weather conditions, such as large hail, damaging winds, tornados, snowfall, etc., directly to the Pueblo National Weather Service office via a toll-free 800 telephone number, the internet, or social media.

The training will include weather safety, how the volunteer weather spotter is

involved in the warning decision-making process, and severe weather procedures and identification. Still photos and videos will be shown in the severe weather procedures and identification section, including local cases.

Information from weather spotters has often allowed for confirmation of severe weather after an official warning has been issued, and occasionally are the first notice that severe weather has developed in the area.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the following e-mail: thomas.magnuson@noaa.gov

In addition, a volunteer weather observer network called Co-CoRaHS exists in Colorado. Those who would like to provide their readings of snowfall and precipitation to the Colorado Climate Center in Fort Collins each day can easily do so. For more information, visit this web site... <http://www.cocorahs.org>

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Certain wells require a more extensive test than others. Deep wells with limited production and small pumps take an extended period of time just to pump out borehole storage let alone any formation storage. Only then can any testing be done. If the pump is sized too small a test may not be feasible. This is where some contractors have had trouble and end up in court. The amount of time

required, far exceeds that allotted by a two-hour test. Formation storage is an un-known factor and has led to many a bad well test when the well was drilled or tested after. Failure to allow for the possibility of formation storage when testing results in false production rates being reported. As the TV show says it all can be calculated with math if you know what to look for.

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Explorer Scout Parker Cromer Receives Accommodation

by Charlotte Burrous

If it hadn't have been for Explorer Scout Parker Cromer, it may have been more difficult for law enforcement to catch a fugitive on the run.

For his efforts, the Florence Police Explorers Post No. 911 awarded Mr. Cromer a Letter of Accommodation during an informal ceremony recently. It came about on April 11, when Custer County Sheriff's Office deputies, Fremont County Sheriff's Office deputies, and Cañon City Police officers were involved in a multi-jurisdictional incident, originating in Custer County that passed into Fremont County and culminated with the apprehension of a suspect in Cañon City, said Deputy David Baroz, who read the letter to the crowd.

"Florence Police Explorer Parker Cromer provided critical information to the whereabouts of the aforementioned suspect," Baroz said. "Without that information from Parker Cromer at that critical moment,



Deputy David Baroz stands with Explorer Scout Parker Cromer and Deputy Mike Fetterhoff after Parker receives a Letter of Accommodation during a Florence Department Explorer Post 911 meeting.

Photo courtesy of Becca Cromer

it would have been difficult to locate the suspect." During this time, Parker had arrived home prior to law enforcement's arrival. At that moment, he heard the emergency sirens approaching and at the same time heard a commotion on the roof of his residence and decided to investigate. Parker used safe tactics to provide a positive location of the suspect then provided it in a timely and safe manner, which led to the

apprehension of a suspect, Baroz said.

"We, therefore, (recommend) Parker Cromer be commended for his professionalism and courageous acts in the service of this community. Mr. Cromer's actions are a testimony to the quality of training received by law enforcement and Florence Explorers and the caliber of individuals who are a part of the Florence Department's Explorers Program."

SANGRE SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB

ATTENTION MEMBERS AND POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

The Sangre Shooting Sports Club's Annual Range Clean-Up Day will be Saturday, May 9th, from 9 a.m. until Noon. Please plan on attending. Bring work gloves, hand tools, rakes, and shovels. Refreshments will be provided. Thank you, and see you then.

Birdhouse Bonanza Fundraiser Auction

Dundee Memorial Park (DMP), a park for people and their dogs, will be hosting its 2nd annual Birdhouse Bonanza Fundraising Auction starting June 5, 2015. For just a \$5 entry fee, contestants purchase an undecorated birdhouse, paint/decorate it, and return it to be auctioned off on June 18, 2015. Contestants will

be eligible to receive a cash prize. If interested in participating, please contact Mary Foreman at (303) 358-7833, or stop by the Wapiti Real Estate office the week of May 1, 2015, to pick up an undecorated birdhouse. All proceeds from the auction benefit DMP. Thank you for your participation and support.

Learn About All Things Potatoes!

May 9th at the Custer County Library at 9 a.m. The Custer County CSU Extension is offering a free class on how to grow potatoes. Samuel Essah from the San Luis Valley Research Center is responsible for educating potato growers on best management practices that lead to a successful, sustainable, and economic production of potatoes, while minimizing environmental impact. There will be certified seed potatoes on hand for you to take home and plant for yourself. When you join the Backyard Gardener's Program, you can choose from four different varieties of certified seed potato. All you have to do is plant them and report back on the progress of your potatoes. You keep the potatoes you grow! Please come into the Extension office or call 783-2514 for more information and to sign up.



The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.

Thomas Jefferson

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SILVER CLIFF: Appliances will be picked up on SATURDAY, May 9th. Call Town Clerk Ileen Squire to make arrangements.

WESTCLIFFE: Appliances will be picked up SATURDAY, May 9th. Call Town Clerk Kathy Reis to make arrangements.

TO HAVE AN APPLIANCE PICKED UP, TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP CLEAN UP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

SILVER CLIFF: ILEEN SQUIRE AT 783-2615

WESTCLIFFE: KATHY REIS AT 783-2282

Lunch will be provided to all volunteers.

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Appleseed Marksmanship Clinic at Sangre Shooting Sports Club Range April 25, 26



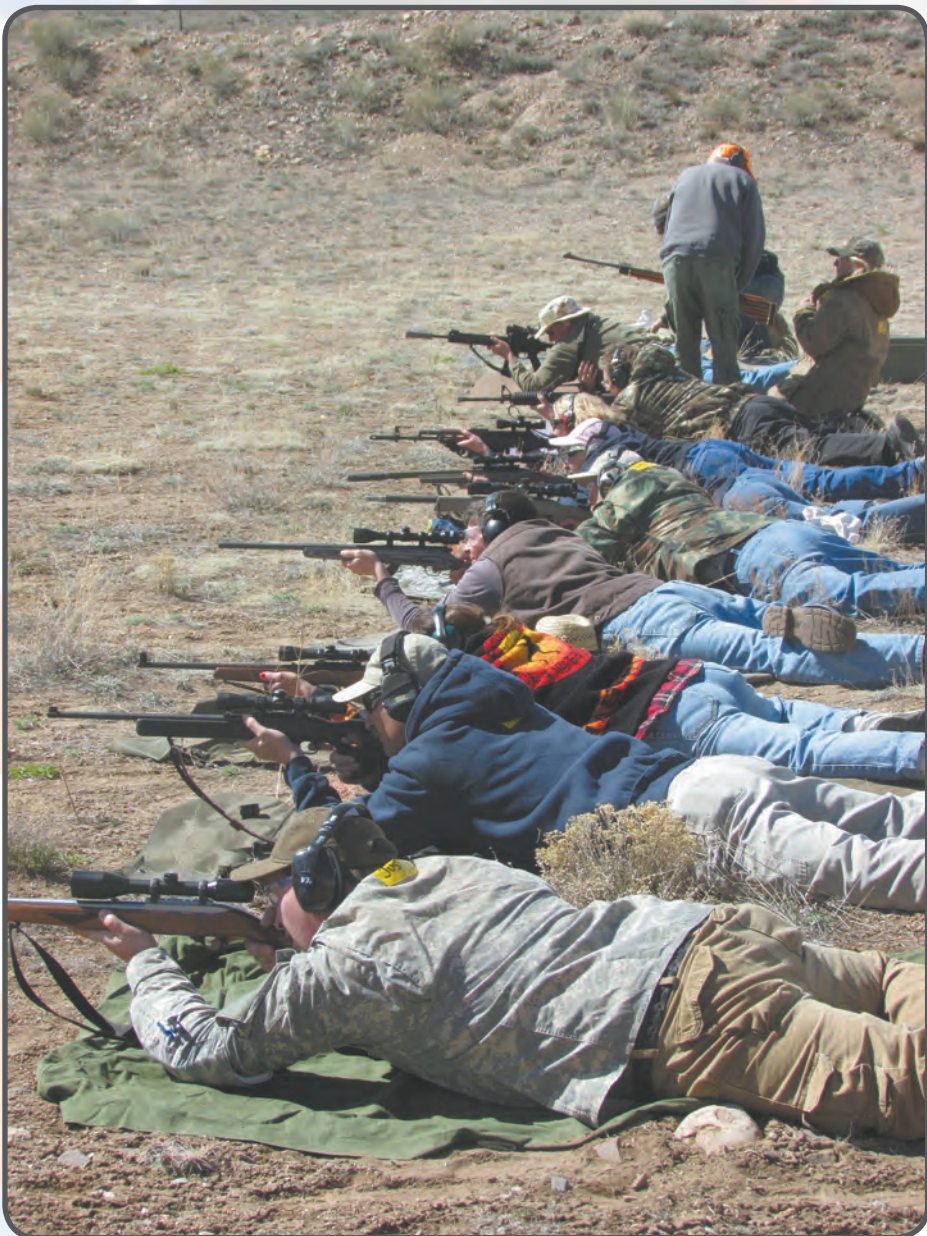
The Appleseed weekend starts out with Appleseed "Shoot Boss" Jim Heath going over the basics.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich



Frank Oberlin, owner of Critical Path Manufacturing in Silver Cliff, did an outstanding job all weekend with his extremely trick LWRC AR 15 with a a Trijicon ACOG scope. He almost got his Rifleman patch on Sunday in the driving rain.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich



The attendees spent most of Saturday working on how to shoot from the prone position. The targets were set at 25 meters. Mostly semi-auto rimfire rifles were used but there were a couple of AR15's, an M1 Garand, and an AK74. The targets were very, very small.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich



Lisa ("O.K. - Oath Keeper") Franks, co-owner of Hayden Outdoors Realty, brought a monster 8mm rifle to the event. She had never shot a rifle before. Shoot Boss Jim Heath loaned her a Ruger 10/22 and by Sunday was shooting excellent groups. A great performance for a gung ho rookie rifle lady.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich



The *Sentinel's* Assistant Editor, Katherine ("AK") Brenchley, brought her Galen ("Bubbles") Studebaker (of On Mark Arms) tuned AK74 and let the big boy talk all weekend. She was getting good groups from the 5.45x39 rifle.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

***For more information about this
outstanding program, go to
www.appleseedinfo.org.***

Local Mountain News & Notices

Appleseed Marksmanship Clinic at Sangre Shooting Sports Club Range April 25, 26



Custer County resident, Justin Miller, ran a nice AR15 in the snow/rain on Sunday and a Ruger 10/22 on Saturday. Justin always had a smile on his face, even in the hail storm.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich



The survivors at the end of the day on Sunday. Shoot Boss Jim Heath said it was one of the toughest, gung ho, crews he has ever seen. During the hail storm Jim asked the group if they wanted to continue, and to a person they responded, "Let's do it!". Every single participant dramatically improved their rifle shooting skills over the weekend. We would like to thank Sangre Shooting Sports Club for putting on the event, and especially board member Mike Allen for doing all the grunt work to make it happen. They are thinking about having another one in early fall. From the left: Yvonne Phillips, Aaron Pelouze, Appleseed Shoot Boss Jim Heath, David Bandish, Appleseed Instructor Tom Kravis, Steve Barton, Randy ("Iceman") Kempf, Frank Oberlin, Roxanne Kempf, Kat Brenchley, and Justin Miller. (Lisa Frank left earlier on Sunday). A great, patriotic American weekend.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich



Roxanne ("Rox") Kempf, co-owner of On Mark Arms in Silver Cliff, shot excellent groups on Saturday.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich



Yvonne ("Princess") Phillips, the only Native American (Abenaki) at the clinic almost got her Rifleman patch in the rain on Sunday. She will be back for another one.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich



Oak Creek Grade resident, David ("White Boy") Bandish, amazed everyone with his lightening operation of his bolt action rimfire (everyone else had a semi-auto). He came within a few points of earning his patch on Sunday which was simply astounding. Great job, David.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich



The attendees checking their targets on Saturday.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

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Custer County Sheriff's Office Explorers Program



Interested in Law Enforcement?

**Custer County Sheriff's Office is starting
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Obituary

Donna Nadine Brock-Colwell

Donna Nadine Brock-Colwell of western Fremont County, Colorado, went home to be with Jesus in the cold dark early morning hours of March 26, 2015, at the age of 70 years, 26 days. She was injured in a car wreck on March 25, coming home from bowling. Although she fought hard all day and into the night, her body simply wasn't able to endure the damage and battle back. She loved deeply, and was loved by many. Donna was a big part of our world, and she will be forever missed.

Donna, born February 20, 1945, in Puyallup, Washington, was the fifth of seven children. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, sister-in-law, and aunt. She is survived by her husband David Colwell of Colorado, daughter Tamara Colwell-Brewer (Daniel) of Georgia, son Richard (Hannah) Colwell of Colorado, and son James (Tamara) Colwell of Colorado. She is also survived by her sister, Dianne Brock-Graham (William) and brother Billy (Eileen) Brock of Washington state. Donna loved her eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren, and a large number of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Louis Vernon Brock and Myra Gay Predmore, sisters Delta and Darlene, and brothers Boyd of Washington and John of California.



August 19, 1960, at fifteen years of age, Donna met her future husband, David Colwell, then sixteen, in Tacoma, Washington, while both were in ninth grade. They were inseparable through their high school years. They were married



September 8, 1962, in Tacoma. Through moves to eight states required by David's career with the Federal Prison Service, their family grew and prospered. Donna made friends easily, and left good memories and good friends all over the country.

Donna loved life, and did her best to live each day to the fullest. She understood that each day may be the last chance to say 'I love you' to her family and friends. She loved to say 'Don't worry, be happy'. She loved Jesus Christ, her Savior, and her church friends. She also enjoyed the guilty pleasure of pulling the occasional slot machine handle. She had a forty-plus-year commitment to the TOPS Club, and joined a local chapter following each move.

Donna thought a day without music was wasted. She loved country-western and rock music. She always felt "today's music ain't got the same soul; give me that old time rock and roll". She was convinced the king of rock would always be Elvis

Presley, and collected his music and souvenir items.

Final arrangements and cremation were entrusted to Harwood Funeral Home, Cañon City, Colorado. A celebration of Donna's life was held at the Free Methodist Church in Canon City on March 31 with Pastor Bob Basham officiating. For years Donna had made her family promise to play Bridge Over Troubled Waters at her funeral, and had requested her dear friend Coleen, in her beautiful voice, sing Spirit in The Sky. The family was glad we were able to make both promises come true. Donna's grandson Russell gave a very moving eulogy to his grandma to a standing room only group of friends and family. Thank you to all those who came to help us celebrate our dear Donna, some from fifteen hundred miles away and some from right here at home. A Donna Colwell Memorial account was established at Cañon National Bank, Cañon City, to help with final costs.

Donna, you may be gone, but your memory lives on in all the lives you touched. Farewell until we meet again over the rainbow.

***"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are
many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you.
I am going there to prepare a place for you.
And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and
take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.
You know the way to the place where I am going."***

John 14:1-4, NIV

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Bobcats Track: Many Personal Bests at Primero Invitational

by Coach Jack Swartz

After an unscheduled weekend off due to the efforts of Mother Nature, the Custer County Boys and Girls Track and Field team traveled to Weston, Colorado, for the Primero Invitational on Thursday, April 23rd. The track and field team is getting down to the wire with two meets left to qualify for the State Championships.

The girls team was lead by Sophomore Serenity Ham. Ham placed 1st in both the 100 meter hurdles and the 300 meter hurdles. Ham ran a personal best in the 300 meter hurdles, a time good enough for 5th in the

current 2A state rankings. Also placing for the girls was Audrey Hollinger, taking 6th in shot put and setting a new personal best. Almost placing for the girls at Primero were Katlyn Freeburg (8th in Triple Jump), Sarah Gerringer (7th in the 800 meter run), Emily Crossley (8th in the shot put). Top 6 in the event score for the team. Kirsten Benoit (32nd in the 100 meter) and Hannah McNeal (30th in the 200 meter) also competed for the girls.

The boys team had several personal best set in the 100 meter by Casey Brandon (22nd) and Jess Franta (40th). Placing for the boys were Michael Franta

(3rd in the 3200 meter, 5th in the 1600 meter), Corey Lewenkamp (2nd in the 800 meter, 5th in the 400 meter), and Denver Mullett (4th in High Jump). Also competing for the boys was Michael Batson (18th in Discus).

The girls placed 10th as a team out of 16 teams, while the boys placed 11th out of 19 teams. Both teams are back at it Friday, May 1st, in Pueblo at CSU - Pueblo for a Twilight Meet. Another great opportunity for the athletes to improve on state rankings or jump into the top 18 for 2A. State rankings can be found at max-preps.com.



Bobcats Track Team: pictured front, left to right: Hannah McNeal, Sarah Gerringer, Emily Crossley, Corey Lewenkamp, Jess Franta, Katlyn Freeburg, Audrey Hollinger, and Serenity Ham; Back, left to right: Head Coach Bruce May, Michael Batson, Dillon Wommack, Michael Franta, Denver Mullett, Casey Brandon, Coach Jack Swartz, and Coach Joy Parrish.

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

Cotopaxi Pirates Beat the Bobcats!

by Jim Silver

Just so our readers aren't left totally confused for long, the Manzanola Bobcats came to Cotopaxi to play baseball last Saturday, April 25th. Nine of the Cotopaxi team wore their Custer County ball caps when they traveled north and down into the canyon with "Local Coach" Allen Paxton that day, but this season they're playing for the Pirates. The game belonged to the Pirates, as they started off in the first inning with a 3-0 lead, scored 4 more runs in the fourth inning and 2 in the fifth. Thus far in the game, Manzanola remained scoreless. They put points on the scoreboard in the final 2 innings, 3 runs in the 6th and then 1 in the 7th. The Pirates didn't add runs, but the 9-4 final score showed them to be the winning team!

Head Coach Ryan Christensen summed up the game this way: "We played all aspects of baseball on Saturday—hitting, pitching, fielding, and baserunning." The Coach's assessment is born out by the stats, that this was a whole-team effort. Runs were scored by 7 of the players: Pedigo, Q. Richards, I. Richards,

Lewsader, Bode, Walden, and Kinsey. In baserunning, 5 players accounted for the total 7 bases stolen: Pedigo, I. Richards, Lewsader, Bode, and Walden. Fielding errors were fewer than at times and were less costly, as well.

About the game stats, the Coach brought the game into focus with these words: "One stat that stands out is that Justin Walden (starting pitcher) had 16 strikeouts! This ties the Cotopaxi school record! Justin was amazing!" He went on to say more about the Custer County player he's coached this season, that "his leadership and desire to succeed are true qualities that are found in successful young people." Justin was named "Player of the Game" by the Coach.

Walden pitched into the 7th inning, facing 27 batters and posting a 2.21 ERA. He then turned the baseball over to Kobe Lewsader

who made quick work of the rest of the game. Kobe showed good poise on the mound as he faced just 2 more batters, striking out one to end the game. This was a very satisfying win for the Cotopaxi Pirates!

The Pirates will face for the third and final time this season the Pioneers of Cripple Creek-Victor. This last game is once again on the home field, and it will be in the history books by the time this issue of the *Sentinel* is being read. The game will have been played on Tuesday, April 28.

Let's hear from Coach Christensen once again: "It's really too bad that the season is over on Tuesday, as we're starting to play much better together. I am truly proud of our whole team and hope that they will all have the desire to make themselves better by participating in summer baseball programs!"



Justin Walden, throwing for 16 strikeouts.

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver



Bobcat Menu • May 4 - May 7, 2015

Monday breakfast
Pancakes
Ham
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Corn Dog
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Tuesday breakfast
Scrambled Eggs
W. W. Toast
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Soft Beef Taco
Pumpkin Bread
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Wednesday breakfast
Bagels, Cream Cheese
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Pasta w/ Meat Sauce
Garlic Roll
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Thursday breakfast
Sausage Gravy
Biscuits
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Nachos
Rice.
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

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

KIDS

Friday, May 1, 2015

May 1, 1960: "The U-2 Incident"

The American U-2 spy plane was put into service by the CIA in 1956. The plane was technologically advanced, capable of flying at altitudes above 70,000 feet and equipped with state-of-the-art photographic equipment. During the Cold War era, this plane was considered to be out of the reach of Soviet air defense. Indeed, that was the case—until 1960. That year, Soviet missile technology caught up.

CIA pilot Francis Gary Powers took off from Peshawar Air Station in Pakistan on that May 1st, and eight surface-to-air missiles were launched by the Russians, all aimed at the U-2 plane. One hit was all that was necessary. Powers ejected, and both he and the plane hit land safely, immediately coming under Soviet control.

This incident became an embarrassment for President Eisenhower, who had been assured that the plane was equipped with a self-destruct mechanism so that its technology would not be compromised by coming into the hands of an enemy. That system failed Powers' attempt to activate it. Diplomacy broke down between the President and Premier Khrushchev. Powers was tried and convicted of espionage and was sentenced to 10 years in prison. In 1962, however, he was released in a "spy swap."

Because of the politically sensitive nature of his capture, Powers was not received with a "hero's welcome," initially. It took time for him to finally be recognized as serving with honor, but Francis Powers did not live to see that happen. He died in 1977 at the age of 47 in a helicopter crash, while working as a TV station pilot in California. Even in his death, there's a story worth researching of an honorable person's unselfish decision as a pilot. His family received his many military awards, and finally, the Silver Star medal in 2012.

Sources: www.wikipedia.org and www.history.com

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CORNER

Bobcats Sport Schedule

TRACK

Friday, May 1

12:30 p.m.: Pueblo Twilight at CSU - Pueblo

Saturday, May 9

8 a.m.: Cyclone Invite at Pueblo West



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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

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

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

On January 28, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

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

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

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

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

TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

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www.consumerfinance.gov
DATE: 01/28/2015

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

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee



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

Hellerstein and Shore PC 5347 S. Valentia Way, Suite 100, Greenwood Village, CO 80111 (303) 573-1080
Attorney File # Butler/14-01160SH

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 05-15

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

On February 24, 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):
Donovan Baggett and Amanda Baggett
Original Beneficiary(ies):
U.S. Bank National Association ND.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt:
U.S. Bank National Association as Successor by Merger of U.S. Bank National Association ND
Date of Deed of Trust:
May 10, 2005
County of Recording: Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust:
May 18, 2005
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.):
201385 Book: 523 Page: 120
Original Principal Amount:
\$137,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance:
\$130,815.77

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.

EXHIBIT A

A PORTION OF TRACT 1, MCKINLEY MOUNTAIN RANCH ESTATES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 71 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SAID PARCEL BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 1 OF MCKINLEY MOUNTAIN RANCH ESTATES AS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER OF CUSTER COUNTY, COLORADO, ALL IN CUSTER COUNTY, COLORADO, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT 1; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST ON THE WEST LINE THEREOF, 347.16 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREON DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND.

THENCE ON THE FOLLOWING 6 COURSES:

- 1) SOUTH 87 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST, 3840.55 FEET; THE NEXT 3 COURSES SHALL BE ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT 1
- 2) SOUTH 40 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST, 292.57 FEET;
- 3) ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT, LENGTH = 104.64 FEET, RADIUS = 640.21 FEET, CENTRAL ANGLE = 09 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 53 SECONDS, CHORD = 104.64 FEET, CHORD BEARING = SOUTH 36 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST
- 4) SOUTH 31 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST, 215.47 FEET;
- 5) NORTH 84 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT 1, 3497.31 FEET;
- 6) NORTH 02 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT 1, 347.16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PARCEL.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 12855 COUNTY RD 255, WESTCLIFFE, CO 81252 PARCEL #: 10028652

Also known by street and number as: 12855 County Road 255, 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, 06/24/2015, 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 5/1/2015
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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;

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www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 02/24/2015

Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee in and for



the County of Custer, State of Colorado

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee

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

Messner & Reeves LLC
1430 Wynkoop Street, Suite 300,
Denver, CO 80202
(303) 623-1800
Attorney File # 7328.0311

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.

SHERIFF'S COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE FOR PUBLICATION

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

Sheriff's Foreclosure Sale No. **15-CCSS-001** was commenced in the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to that certain Order for Entry of Judgement and Decree of Foreclosure ("Judgement and Decree") entered on December 31, 2014 by the District Court of the **County of Custer**, Colorado in Civil Action No. **2014 CV 030015, The Hatchet Cat-tle Company v Jeremy M. Kibler, as Trustee of the Jeremy M. Kibler Living Trust and Kaycie P. Kibler, as Trustee of the Kaycie P. Kibler Living Trust** to foreclose the deed of trust described as follows ("Deed of Trust"):

Original Grantor:
Jeremy M. Kibler, as Trustee of the
Jeremy M. Kibler Living Trust and
Kaycie P. Kibler, as Trustee of the

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Kaycie P. Kibler Living Trust
Original Beneficiary:
Jerald A. Seifert and Robert A. Jolsen, Jr.

Current Beneficiary:
The Hatchet Cattle Company
Date of Deed of Trust:
September 8, 2008
Recording Date of Deed of Trust:
September 11, 2008
Recorded in Custer County:
Reception Number 211086
Original Principal Amount:
\$457,268.96
Outstanding Balance:
\$529,315.69

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 38-38-101 (4)(i), you are hereby notified that under the Judgement and Decree, which is the subject Evidence of Debt, I am ordered to sell the property more specifically described as follows:

A parcel of land in Section 23, Township 22 South, Range 70 West of the 6th P.M., Custer County, Colorado, being more particularly described as follows:

All that portion of the SW1/4 of said Section 23 lying East of the Easterly right of way line of Colorado State Highway No. 165 And All that portion of the W1/2SE1/4 of said Section 23 lying East and North of the Easterly and Northerly right of way line of said State Highway No. 165 And All that portion of the S1/2NE1/4 of said Section 23 lying East of the Easterly right of way line of said State Highway No. 165, Less a parcel described in Book 299 at Pages 242-243 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of Custer County, State of Colorado.

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

LEIN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

As of December 31, 2014, the outstanding balance due and owing pursuant to the Judgement and Decree is \$ 529,315.69

NOTICE OF SALE
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will, at **10:00 a.m.**, in the forenoon of **June 11th, 2015**, at the office of the Sheriff, 702 Rosita Ave., Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness evidenced by the judgement and Decree secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale, and other items allowed by law, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication: April 24, 2015
Last Publication: May 22, 2015
Published in: Sangre De Cristo Sentinel Westcliffe, Colorado

**** Bidders are required to have cash or certified funds to cover their highest bid at the time of the sale. Certified funds are payable to the Registry of the Custer District Court.**

DATE: **March 10, 2015**

Sheriff of the County of **Custer**,
State of Colorado

Shannon K. Byerly
By: Shannon K. Byerly, Sheriff

The name, address and telephone number of the attorneys representing the legal holder of the evidence of debt are as fol-

lows: BuxmanKwitek, Douglas J. Kwitek # 23268 & Buxman Kwitek P.C., 601 N. Main, Suite 200, Pueblo, Colorado 81003. Telephone number, 719-544-5081.

THE ATTORNEYS LISTED ABOVE ARE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On February 9, 2015, a handgun was found at the Sangre Shooting Sports Club's range. It is deemed to be abandoned property. If you believe this is yours and you have proof of ownership, please contact Deputy Dryer at the Custer County Sheriff's Office (719-783-2270) by May 10, 2015.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015
9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /
Commissioners Room**

**Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Approval of minutes:
Audience introduction
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
Staff Reports: Airport Advisory
Board, Public Health, Office of
Emergency Management, Human
Resource/Finance, Human Services
11:00 AM: Special Events Liquor
License Public Hearing – Friends
of Beckwith Ranch – D. Livengood
11:15 AM: Special Event Liquor
License Public Hearing – San
Isabel Land Protection Trust –
D. Livengood**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015
9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /**

Commissioners Room

**Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Approval of minutes:
Audience introduction
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
- Appropriation of the Title 1
Funding
Staff Reports: VSO, Treasurer,
Planning and Zoning, Road
Bridge/Landfill**

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	Clinic	EMS	District
Patient Revenues - Net Allowances	211,332	100,895	312,227
Operating Expenses	(362,863)	(135,115)	(497,978)
Income (Loss) from Operations	(151,531)	(34,220)	(185,751)
Property and Specific Ownership Tax			
Revenue-Less Collection Fees	108,728	86,331	195,059
Grants, Contrib, and Other Revenues	19,707	40,474	60,181
Total Non-Operating Revenues	128,435	126,805	255,240
Non-Operating Expenses	(2,189)	(14,776)	(16,965)
Net Non-Operating Revenues & Expenses	126,246	112,029	238,275
Net Income (Loss)	(25,285)	77,809	52,524

More detailed financial information can be found on our web page at www.custercountyclinic.org under the documents and forms tab. If you have questions, please contact the Hospital District at the clinic or call (719) 783-2380.

Custer County Medical Clinic & EMS Services: 704 Edwards Avenue, Westcliffe, CO 81252

Custer County High School Prom 2015

April 25 at The Feed Store



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Trail's West
Wet Mountain Treasures

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After Prom Committee Members: Carol Franta, Rebecca Gerring, Cathy McCarthy, Paul and Candi Sage, Lori Short, Sarah Woods, Elizabeth Watson, and Troy and Anita Bomgardner

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Events Calendar

May 1-30
Tues. - Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: 68th Annual Blossom Festival Art Exhibit at Fremont Center for the Arts, 505 Macon, Cañon City; \$3 fee

May 1
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie, "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"

May 2
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie, "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"

May 3
2 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie, "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"

May 9
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.: San Isabelle View Cemetery Community Clean Up Day. General property cleanup. Bring shovels, rakes, and gloves; trucks, pickups, and trailers are welcome! Free firewood - you haul! Trees have been trimmed.
9 a.m. - Noon: Annual clean-up day at the Sangre Shooting Sports Club's Range. Members and potential members bring work gloves, hand tools, rakes, and shovels. Refreshments provided. Thank you! See you there!
3 p.m. - 9 p.m.: 2015 BREW LA LA! Veterans Park, Hwy 50 & 3rd, Cañon City, (719) 275-2790. For info/ticket prices: www.fremontarts.org/brewlala.

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

Classifieds

For Sale

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

16' insulated garage door R 16.4, queen-size bed/box spring/headboard, 2 twin beds, picnic table, dining table and 4 chairs, book case. **Call Robert 719-371-0106**

Help Wanted

The **Custer County School District** is accepting applications for the following positions: **High School Science Teacher** and **High School Spanish Teacher**. Interested applicants may contact Chris Selle at chris.selle@ccbobcats.net or 783-2357 to request application materials, pick up applications at the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe, or download an application from the school district's website at www.custercountyschools.org. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in employment.

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

The Custer County School District is accepting applications for an **Athletic Director**. This is a part time position that offers a starting salary of \$12,000 annually, but open to negotiation based on previous athletic director experience. Full health insurance and PERA benefits are negotiable with this position. Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27. Classified staff applications are available at www.custercountyschools.org or the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in employment.

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Sheriff's Report...

There were 111 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 3 to EMS, and 2 to the Fire Department on the dates below. On April 27th there were 4 males and 1 female in the county jail.

04/22/15 I-15-2078
1130 hours: A deputy was dispatched to the Custer County Clinic to investigate a report of a 73-year-old female jogger bitten by a dog where County Roads 141 and 150 meet. The deputy located the owner of the dog and verified that the dog's rabies shot was current. The jogger chose not to press charges.

04/22/15 EMS
1516 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to Valley Assisted Living in Silver Cliff for an 88-year-old female suffering from hypotension and a low body temperature. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

04/24/15 T-15-317
1549 hours - Party (Schwanke, Jurgen - DOB in 1951) was cited for speeding (20-24 over) in the area of the 5700 block, HWY 69 South.

04/24/15 T-15-218
2127 hours - Party (Leach,

Timothy - DOB: in 1971) was cited for driving a defective vehicle (Missing/damaged tail light) while license suspended/revoked, in the area of Main Street & Broadway in Silver Cliff.

04/25/15 T-15-322
1854 hours - Officers responded to a roll-over accident on County Road 220. No injuries were reported. The driver (Vasquez, Patricia - DOB: 12/19/1947) was cited for Careless Driving and Speeding (10-19 over).

04/25/15 EMS
1904 hours - EMS responded to area of roll-over (CR 220) for assistance.

04/25/15 WMFD
1908 hours - WMFD responded to area of roll-over (CR 220) for assistance.

04/26/15 I-15-2022
0627 hours - Responded to the Westcliffe Supermarket for a report of vandalism on the property. Investigation is ongoing.

04/27/15 T-15-329
0800 hours - Deputies out with abandoned vehicle on Macy Road. Vehicle tagged. Owner contacted and moved the vehicle.

04/27/15 I-2224
1548 Report of a reck-

less driver in Township of Westcliffe; deputy unable to locate .

04/27/15
Welfare check on resident in San Isabel without power. Deputy made contact; resident was fine.

04/28/15
0535 hours: A deputy was dispatched to the Aspen Acres subdivision to investigate a report of downed power lines. The deputy cordoned off the area and San Isabel Electric was contacted to repair the power lines.

04/28/15 I-15-2240
1053 hours: A deputy served civil papers to a party on CR 215.

04/28/15 I-15-2242
1201 hours: A deputy served civil papers to a party on Ferris Drive in Silver Cliff Heights.

04/28/15 EMS
1458 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to the Custer County Clinic for a two-month-old male in respiratory distress. Flight for Life was activated and the Wet Mountain Fire Department was dispatched to establish a Landing Zone for Flight. The patient was flown to Memorial Hospital.

U.S. Forest Service Fuels Reduction Project Near the Lake Isabel Community: May 2nd

The U.S. Forest Service - San Isabel National Forest- San Carlos Ranger District is inviting the public to come and see one of their fuels reduction project on National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, May 2, 2015. There will be a USFS crew working and available for information sharing.

National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is a national effort to raise wildfire awareness and help protect homes, neighborhoods and entire communities, while increasing safety for wildland firefighters.

The USDA Forest Service works with our neighboring communities through Community Wildfire Protection Plans, hazardous fuels reduction projects, fire

prevention education and outreach, and local agreements that address fire support. All these actions compliment community efforts to reduce their wild-fire risk.

This project will provide a strategic fuel break in the area that firefighters could utilize in the event of a wildfire. Project is located between mile markers 5 and 7 along Colorado Hwy 78 also known as the 12 Mile Road. For more information on National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day go to Web site: <http://www.nfpa.org/wildfirepreparednessday>

You may also call the San Carlos Ranger District at 719-269-8500 or follow us on Twitter @PSICC_NF.

Wet Mountain Baseball Sign-up is Underway

T-ball is for 4-6 year olds and costs \$25. All practices and games will be held in Westcliffe.

Rookies is for 6-8 year olds, Minors is for 9-10 years olds, and Majors is for 11-13 year olds. The cost for these teams is \$50. Games will also be held once a week in Cañon City with practices held at the Silver Cliff town park.

Please call Shelly Penkoff at 783-2666 to get your player registered.

Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT School Board Meetings:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

sdc.sentinel@gmail.com

PARCC Testing....Testing..... Testing.....Testing.....

*Analysis and Commentary
by Barbara Penezic*

Nearly 85% of members who responded to a recent poll indicated that the amount of standardized testing is causing them to seriously consider leaving the profession. This was according to a recent media release from the Colorado Education Association.

Teachers in the RE-1 Cañon City District wore black on Friday to mourn the loss of instructional time due to testing. Teachers say they will wear black again this Friday but stress this is not a protest against the district, just the overwhelming testing. The testing is completed on-line and bandwidth is a problem. To ensure there are no glitches during testing, the wireless internet for the rest of the school is shut down. This equates to no computer for up to a month causing students' regular course work and special projects to be delayed. Computers and computer labs must be shared as well interfering with classes that use them as part of their curriculum. This is even more upsetting when you know that students are being mandated to take tests on subject matter they have not even studied, such as Algebra.

Dominic (Nick) Carochi, Director of Student Services, had this to say about the amount of state mandated testing, "It's a State law that students have to test but, if the student didn't test and parents broke the State law, the parents weren't punished. Instead they (the state) punished the school. The fear is that schools may not have certain kids test on purpose because

they weren't doing so well. For example, if you decided to opt your child out of testing last year, you broke state law, even though, they (state) say you can opt out you are still breaking the law. They won't punish you, they will punish the school. At the High School in our district we are judged on these things; academic achievement 15%, academic growth 35%, the rating performance is Perfect high level, we missed this rating by ½%, Yellow Improved, this is where our district is, and Priority Improvement.

There is a magic number here. Our entire district accreditation rating is lowered by one level if we don't have 95% of our kids testing. The law was made to make kids test, but they punish the schools if the parents break the law, so it has been a mess from day one. Is that the stupidest thing you've ever heard? That is what we have been living with for the past 20 years. Now with all this controversy over PARCC, after testing pretty much starts, the legislature is getting so much heat," Mr. Carochi, smiled and continued saying, "Thank you, thank you very much (the public) they are saying well we aren't going to punish schools anymore. Reduced testing is everyone's stance. Everyone feels this way. When Bill Ritter was governor he passed all this legislation, then he bailed because he knew the money wasn't there. Then at the same time the federal government gets back involved and there is all the Gates' money, all the private money, and they are saying, 'If you increase your teacher evaluation process, make it more rigorous, if you do

all these new assessments, adopt the new Core Standards in Math and English we will give you all this money' to help your state do all these things, and Colorado said, 'Yes!' We have all these new laws that were passed when Ritter was governor and no money to pay for it, well now we have the money, so then they mashed up with Race to the Top monies through President Obama's stuff that is how we are in the mess we are in."

After a few moments Mr. Carochi added, "My biggest concern in all of this is quality teachers are getting out and young people aren't coming in because the job has gotten so ridiculous. It is proven that the number one influence in a child's education is the teacher, not curriculum, not testing, but the teacher, and we've made education such an ugly thing, the government has pitted parents against the school and made it this wrestling match; this ugliness that teachers are, 'like why would I do that?' Personally I hate all this testing, but if I'm out there as the leader of the District saying I don't believe in this ... how is it going to filter to the teachers, and by the way, our District is judged by the results of those tests so we have to put on a happy face and do our best and have our kids do their best cause our schools are rated on how they do on these darn tests." In conclusion, the Director of Student Services encourages all concerned parents and residents to continue lobbying the Legislature, express your concerns about all the tests.

Be Informed

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Special Medical Marijuana Licensing Board Approves Four Applicants

by Barbara Penezic

OPC 14-005 Today's Health Care, LLC dba Today's Health Care (Optional Premises Cultivation-Commercial Greenhouse) request for issuance of an Optional Premises Cultivation license for an indoor grow operation located at 1015 Highway 115 in the Beaver Park/Penrose area was approved with minimal discussion. Representatives: Natalie Romolt/Angela Morton were out of state and did not make an appearance.

OPC 14-006 Mile High Green Cross, LLC, dba Mile High Green Cross, LLC request for issuance of an Optional Premises Cultivation license for an indoor grow operation located at 685 Highway 115-unit A in the Beaver Park/Penrose area was approved. Representative Adam Ziegler was in attendance and he was asked about some odor mitigation problems and his answers were accepted by the Commissioners.

MMC 14-004 Virtual Marketing LLC dba Maggie's Farm (Medical Marijuana Center-Pharmacy) request for issuance of a medical marijuana license on a property located at 3055 E. Highway 50 Cañon City, Colorado, was approved. Representative Winston Conkling was also asked about odor mitigation to which he replied that the people can't smell any pot unless they are aware that marijuana is present. He was admonished by Commissioner Bell not to make snide comments directed at Penrose residents who were in attendance but not authorized to speak. Mr. Conkling responded, "Ask them not to slur or threaten me when I leave here."

OPC 14-007 Colorado Springs, LLC, dba Pure Intensions Wellness Center request for issuance of an Optional Premises Cultivation License for a property located at 685 Highway 115 unit B, in the Beaver Park/Penrose area was approved after a lengthy discussion. Representative Jared Doi told the commissioners that complaints of odor by the Coyote Den and the Gooseberry Patch could possibly be attributed to Mr. Zeigler's ventilation at the grow located in Unit A. There had also been a break-in and other concerns connected with Mr. Doi's property. Commissioner Tim Payne said he would like to see a plan or table the decision on this property. Following more discussion the motion was made to approve with contingencies and the vote to approve was unanimous.

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More Fremont County News:

See "Water Increase to be Minimal for Florence Residents" on page 23

KOPS 4 KIDS

**Florence Police Department will be holding its first
KOPS 4 KIDS
golf tournament May 9, 2015, at Sumo Golf Course**

Money raised from this event will go to benefit the underprivileged children in our community. The goal is to raise enough money to sponsor 10 kids to be able to take a day and buy Christmas presents for their loved ones with an officer escort.

Our goal is to have a meaningful impact on an entire family who would go without during the holiday season.

**If you are interested in participating or sponsoring, please contact
Officer Cline 719-269-0407 byron.cline@pd.florencecolorado.org or
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A Society of No Morals is Not a Society

When reviewing the headlines across America, one has to wonder what happened to our society. "Man cited for killing uncooperative computer with handgun," "Suspects armed with AK-47 rob man of I-Phone and wallet near Liberty Bell," "Cal Poly Queer Student Union holds 3-day sh*t-in for gender neutral bathrooms," "Illegal accused of raping 10-year-old girl," "DEA Chief to resign over sex parties," "Clinton purged emails contained references to lesbian lovers," are just a few of the headlines that we see--the type of which are seen most every day. There is a lack of common sense, morality, and decency enveloping our nation like a dark fog. We are fast becoming a society that is not a society.

Couple these daily headlines with policies such as changing the definition of marriage, refusing to secure our borders, promoting the homosexual agenda, expanding abortion through mandatory healthcare, using the homosexual agenda to limit First Amendment rights of free speech and religious freedom, pitting various ethnic and cultural groups against one another, and we have a clearer understanding of what produced the headlines. Have we become a nation where the quest for equality has diminished morality and the basic premise of law and government? Al Sharpton owes millions in back taxes, yet a Christian small business is shut down for refusing to cater a same-sex wedding. Hmmm.

In civil society, people give up some liberties for the protection of government. In a Republic, such as the United States, government is supposed

to protect the rights of its citizens equally under the law. Those rights are enumerated in the Constitution. The Constitution was derived from God's laws. Now I know many will argue that several of the Founders were not Christians. This is revisionism. While some may not have been Christians, they all knew that law was given by God and understood that the Bible was the irrefutable documentation of law. It is when law is twisted and interpreted wrongly that those protections and liberties become blurred and society declines. This is evidenced in declining morals.

When the foundation of society--the family--is broken, there is a decline of society. Those ungodly people who wish to redefine marriage, a covetous government taxing so heavily that both parents believe they have to work, and a host of other attacks on marriage and family all contribute to breaking down society. Eventually, lawlessness prevails as in Judges 21:25 as "every man did that which was right in his own eyes." More so, when the church disengages by preaching from the pulpit a self-indulgent, emotional, and extra-biblical gospel, the people become busy on themselves rather than exercising their citizenship in the kingdom. We are becoming a non-society. Many have given up. But remember when the disciples asked Jesus who, then, could be saved, He replied, "with God all things are possible." Pray and act.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
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"Therefore by their fruits you will know them."

Matt 7:20, NKJV

University Removes 'Straight Pride Week' Posters

by Kyle Olson,
EAGNews.Org

(Editor/GG: Notice the libs pulled the poster on "free speech" grounds. You can't make this stuff up. Just like here in Westcliffe, Colorado - If it ain't lib speech, it's no speech.)

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio

Youngstown State University administrators didn't take too kindly to a group of students not wanting to hear about everyone's sexuality.

The unidentified students distributed "Straight Pride Week" posters around campus that called for May 1st-8th to be a time to celebrate being straight.

"Join us in celebrating straight pride week at YSU by not annoying the s**t out of everyone about your sexual orientation!" the poster reads.

"It's easy to join, too! Just come to YSU, then go about your day without telling everyone about how 'different' you are."

The poster says it is "brought to you by the students that are sick of hearing about your LGBT pride. Nobody cares about what you think you are, or what you want to have sex with.

"We have nothing against your sexual orientation. We just don't give a ****."

Student government leaders were quick to condemn the posters on "free speech" grounds.

"We have to be careful with the whole free speech issue. But then if you actually read through it, it seemed like it went way further than a free speech issue. There were swear words and took it a little further than the aver-

age free speech should go," Student Government President Michael Slavens tells WKBN.

"When you are talking about minority activism, it is very easy that if you are in the majority to say, 'Well, this sort of activism is not necessary. This sort of zeal in your activism is over the top.' For minorities who experience discrimination, that is not the case," Student Government Vice President Jacob Schriener-Biggs adds.

The Student Government Association Executive Committee also weighed in with its own statement:

It has been brought to the attention of several SGA Executive Board members that "Straight Pride" posters have been hung across campus, seemingly in response to LGBTQIA efforts to promote diversity and foster a culture of acceptance on campus. Though SGA respects the free speech of all YSU students, these postings were not authorized, contained vulgar language, and, unfortunately, miss the point of minority activism.



The posters were reportedly indented as a way to not show differences among students, but YSU's public information officer Ron Cole says the posters run counter to the college's mission to "create a diverse campus," according to WFMJ.

Cole says the university is investigating and whether any student code violations occurred.

"If any are found, disciplinary action could follow," the news station reports.

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Gitmo Terrorist Who Killed U.S. Army Sergeant Freed In Canada

by JudicialWatch.Org

An Al Qaeda terrorist guilty of murdering a U.S. Army sergeant and "transferred" from Guantanamo to Canada by the Obama administration has been released from an Alberta prison while he appeals his conviction for war crimes.

His name is Omar Ahmed Khader and he's a member of Canada's "first family of terror," according to an international news report that confirms Khader's father was an associate of Osama Bin Laden who moved his family to Pakistan to support the Afghan mujahideen in its war against the Soviet Union. In 2010 Khader was convicted of five war crimes, including throwing a grenade that killed Army Sergeant Christopher Speer

in Afghanistan during a 2002 combat operation.

Khader spent around a decade at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and in 2010 cut a deal to serve the majority of his sentence in Canada. Under the terms, he admitted being an "alien, unprivileged, enemy belligerent" and throwing the grenade that killed Sergeant Speer. In 2012 Khader was taken to Canada, where he evidently began working on an appeal. This month a Canadian judge ordered the release of the jihadist while he appeals his U.S. convictions. Canadian government officials argue that the judge has no jurisdiction to hear the unprecedented bail application from an offender convicted abroad and returned to Canada, according to a national news story.

The bottom line is that this terrorist, like so many others who have returned to jihadist causes after leaving Gitmo, never should have been released. To meet his longtime goal of closing Gitmo, President Obama has tried clearing out the military compound that still houses the world's most dangerous terrorists, including 9/11 masterminds Khalid Sheikh Mohammed (KSM), Ramzi Binalshibh, Ali Abdul Aziz Ali, and Mustafa Ahmed Adam al Hawsawi as well as USS Cole bomber Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri. In December Judicial Watch reported that the U.S. government put an Al Qaeda operative that had been freed from Gitmo on a global terrorist list and offered a \$5 million reward for information on his whereabouts.

Hundreds of Gitmo terrorists who have been discharged over the years—under a program that started with President George W. Bush—have reengaged in terrorism. In fact, Judicial Watch has been reporting this for years based on U.S. intelligence sources. Back in 2010, JW wrote about a report that the Director of National Intelligence gave Congress documenting that 150 former Gitmo detainees were confirmed or suspected of "reengaging in terrorist or insurgent activities after transfer." At least 83 remained at large, according to the document.

Please see: www.judicial-watch.org/blog/2015/04/gitmo-terrorist-who-killed-army-sgt-lived-at-bin-laden-compound-freed-in-canada/

Ball and Chain: Democrats Pick Planned Parenthood Over Justice

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

It looks like Democrats may be confused. Yesterday, the Senate Judiciary Committee heard testimony on Senate Bill 268, which would allow prosecutors to charge perpetrators for the death of a fetus as in the horrific case of Michelle Wilkins, whose daughter Aurora was brutally cut from her stomach and died. Despite the clear gap in the legal system for this type of heinous crime, Democrats seemed desperate to define this bill as personhood, when it explicitly is not. The bill specifically exempts:

“...an act committed by the mother of her unborn child; a medical procedure performed by a physician or other licensed medical professional at the request of a mother of her unborn child or the mother’s legal guardian; or to the lawful dispensation or administration of lawfully prescribed medication....”

And it only applies to the death of a fetus in the following circumstances: murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide, vehicular homicide, assault in the first degree, assault in the second degree, as-

sault in the third degree, and vehicular assault.

Yet, Democrat front group after Democrat front group lined up yesterday to willfully ignore the very explicit and narrowly-defined language in the bill in their attempts to link it to the much-reviled personhood. Someone should tell Colorado Right to Life because the pro-personhood group came out against the legislation...because it wasn’t personhood.

“Because they chose to include language that is not life-affirming and, in fact, legitimizes Planned

Parenthood’s grisly business of killing babies, Colorado Right to Life has no choice but to honor God and oppose the bill, as written.”

Nonetheless, the verbiage deniers on the left screamed yesterday that this bill was personhood (it’s not), that the bill punishes mothers who seek abortions (it doesn’t), and/or punishes doctors who perform abortions (it doesn’t). In fact, their claims were so outrageous that one had to question whether any of them had actually read the bill.

But, the *Denver Post*, not exact-

ly a bastion of pro-personhood folks, agreed that this gap in justice is unacceptable.

Republican Sen. Ellen Roberts, who is pro-choice, described it best: “This bill, I don’t see it about abortion. I see it as criminal justice.”

Too bad Democrats are so beholden to Planned Parenthood that they can’t support justice for a horrific crime.

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Hades Has Frozen Over

by Karl Denninger,
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Call Satan; he needs to get one of his many to check the furnace down there.

I actually agree with Bernie Sanders (U.S. Senator and an avowed socialist) on something.

Specifically, I agree that so-called “free trade” treaties and other agreements we have entered into with various nations over the last 30 years have utterly decimated American manufacturing and threaten to destroy our economy if not halted and reversed.

Bernie is right that asking Americans to “compete” with starving Vietnamese peasants who are willing to accept 56 cents/hour, made possible by so-called

“free trade” that exempts such goods from tariffs, is a gross abuse of Americans. The Vietnamese might be ok with it, but we should not be.

Bernie is also right in that literally millions of American jobs, upwards of five million in fact, have disappeared as a direct and proximate result of both NAFTA and Chinese “free trade” agreements.

But the real problem that faces America is that offshoring, even if there was not such a gross wage disparity (and there is) ultimately cannot work and neither can the so-called service economy.

Consider this folks -- all economies are, at their root, about providing what you need and that is where

value creation resides. It is the creation of value that allows for pulled-forward production through the mechanism of borrowing.

What value is created when I cut your hair and you, in turn, do my taxes? I can't eat the hair or the tax return and your car won't run on either.

At it's core, you must mine, manufacture, or grow things in your nation for it to be prosperous. That is what increases your asset base, not “stawk prices” or any such claptrap as “intellectual property.” Price is not value nor is it an asset; the “service” side of the economy distributes the wealth that comes from the goods-producing side. If there is no, or an insufficient, goods-producing side then your economy is

destined to collapse.

There is a common screed from people like Bernanke and other so-called academics that as economies mature and become “better” (maturation being thought of as positive) it trends toward service-oriented. This is simply false; a full-service economy instantly implodes as everyone starves!

There are no simple or fast solutions to this problem but we had better cut the c**p or we'll find out what happens when you get on the wrong side of the curve with these “developments” -- and I guarantee, you won't like it.

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Ohio Teachers Strongly Dislike Common Core Tests

by Joy Pullmann,
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(Editor/GG: These Common Core tests (“PARCC”) are the same ones our lovely liberals have forced on our Colorado kids. They have been a disaster. Read the evaluations from the Ohio educators below. It is astounding. Colorado legislature: Get rid of these as soon as possible. And get some “common” sense.)

Ohio Senate Education Committee Chair Peggy Lehner has been instrumental in keeping Common Core in Ohio despite several years of vigorous grassroots efforts to replace it with higher-quality academic standards. Recently, she commissioned a survey of teachers, principals, and superintendents to see what they think of the state’s new tests, which are the second half of the Common Core initiative (after benchmarks that forecast what the tests will contain). By a 100-to-1 ratio, teachers and superintendents “strongly disagree” the tests “went well” compared to those who “strongly agree.”

Of the 6,657 teachers who responded,

only 51 “strongly agreed” the tests went well, while 5,427 “strongly disagreed.” An even larger proportion of teachers “strongly disagreed” the students were given an appropriate amount of time to complete the tests.

These results are, quite simply, astounding. More than half the state’s superintendents responded, an astronomically high response rate for a voluntary online survey. The vast majority also said technological problems were a significant obstacle to completing the tests.

Also significantly, at the same time it had switched to new Common Core math and English tests, Ohio had switched to new social studies and science tests from a private vendor. Educators were far less dissatisfied with the non-Common Core tests than with the Common Core tests.

These survey results vindicate years of warnings from Common Core opponents that the tests will be a train wreck, both because they demand technology far beyond what most schools can support and because Common Core itself is nebulous and

unlikely to produce clear test questions.

The results also require state policymakers to make a big decision. Will the facts on the ground change their evidence-free support for Common Core? In the private market, this would hardly be a question. Nobody buys anything that has an average rating of three or lower on Amazon.com’s five-star rating system. But because states essentially have a monopoly over K–12 education, lawmakers are often more likely to listen to special interests who give them political cover and campaign donations than the people who have to live with their policies.

What Ohio lawmakers do with these survey results will reveal their real masters. Based on their previous blind support for Common Core, the prospects aren’t good.

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Marines May Be Forced to Lower Standards to Appease Obama

by Allen West,
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Recently, we reported about the results of female Marines seeking to complete the Marine Infantry Officer Course (IOC) — ZERO — as well as female Marines attending Infantry Training Battalion, School of Infantry-East. We also compared that with the Army and females being allowed entry into the Ranger Training Assessment Course (RTAC) and that twelve will be going onto Army Ranger training.

Well, it seems the Marines have drawn the ire of the Obama administration via the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, General Dempsey. That's just not the result Obama was looking for.

As reported by the *Washington Times*, "Two years ago, Army General Martin Dempsey, the nation's top military officer, laid down an edict on the Obama administration's plan to open direct land combat jobs to women: If women cannot meet a standard, senior commanders better have a good reason why it should not be lowered.

Today, the "Dempsey rule" appears to have its first test case. The Marine Corps just finished research to see if female officers could successfully complete its rigorous Infantry Officer

Course. The IOC diploma is a must to earn the designation of infantry officer. Of 29 women who tried, none graduated; only four made it through the first day's combat endurance test."

"Marine Corps public affairs said it did not have the data on which tasks proved the toughest for women. But one particularly demanding upper-body strength test is climbing a 25-foot rope with a backpack full of gear. A candidate who cannot crawl to the top fails the test. Traditionalists see the 0-29 performance as a call to arms by those inside the Pentagon who are determined to have significant numbers of women in the infantry. They are on the lookout for standards they believe are no longer relevant in today's battlefield."

"The pressure is on the services from the White House's politically correct crowd vis-a-vis Obama's Pentagon appointees, who will force the services to accept degraded standards," said Robert Maginnis, a retired Army officer and author of the book "Deadly Consequences: How Cowards Are Pushing Women Into Combat."

So, will the U.S. Marine Corps be forced to justify why its IOC training is so hard? Will they have to go

before the Sanhedrin of the Pharisees of political correctness and explain why anyone needs to be able to climb a rope with a full gear pack? Will the Commandant of the Marine Corps be called into General Dempsey's office and be forced to explain every single standard of the Marine IOC and justify its existence? Will the Corps be forced to surrender its standards of excellence?

"General Dempsey laid down the law this way: "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?"

Am I making this stuff up? Sadly, no.

"Capt. Maureen Krebs, a Marine Corps spokeswoman, said the ongoing review of standards is a double-check to make sure each one is specific to a particular job, is relevant to the operation and is "gender-neutral" — meaning each one must be the same for men and women. "We're looking at all of our standards for the ground combat arms right now to ensure that they hit all three of those requirements," she said.

There you have it, folks. We are moving towards a military that is gender-neutral — the objective of social egalitarians. To them, the military is just like any occupation. Everyone should have equal outcomes and equality of access regardless of the mission. Anything else just isn't fair.

What is not fair is that we have a bunch of absent-minded civilian ideologues who want a ground-breaking, historic moment. You can just bet there will be a female to pass Army Ranger School — and she will be on the cover of Time magazine, all over the mainstream media, and of course will get a Rose Garden ceremony. Recently, I spoke to a young man, an Infantry officer, who was to attend Ranger school but was told there wasn't an available slot. I wonder why?

ISIS is beheading Christians and driving civilians from Ramadi. Meanwhile, the Obama administration is questioning the standards for the Marine Corps Infantry Officer Course.

Unbelievable.

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Wages Declined As Immigration Surged: CRS Report

by Rachel Stoltzfoos, Daily Caller News Foundation, DailyCaller.com

(Editor/GG: You want to know why you are poorer now every year? Illegal and legal immigration causes wage depression. The Obama government is actually encouraging illegal immigration, in fact, we are being invaded. This causes wage suppression and increased taxes to pay for these illegal's medicaid, medicare, housing, and education. This is simply devastating our country. Which is exactly what the ruling elite want.)

Wages and share of income for the bottom 90 percent of American wage-earners declined over the past 40 years, as the foreign-born population increased dramatically, data requested by the Senate Judiciary Committee shows.

Since 1970, the foreign-born population of the U.S. increased 325 percent, the Congressional Research Service found, while wages for the bottom 90 percent of earners decreased by 8 percent and their share of income by 16 percent.

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker weathered sharp criticism from Democrats and some conservatives this week after saying immigration policy should put American workers first.

"In terms of legal immigration ... it is a fundamentally lost issue by many in elected positions today, is what is this doing for American workers looking for jobs, what is this doing to wages," he told Glenn Beck in an interview, reported by Breitbart News.

The CRS charted the correlation between wages and the number of foreign-born workers in the U.S. between 1945 and 2010. Before 1970, wages rose sharply as the number of foreign-born persons declined. But after 1970, that population increased dramatically as wages stagnated, increased slightly and then dropped.



Source: Congressional Research Service Report

From 1945 to 1970 wages for the bottom 90 percent of earners increased by 82.5 percent, and their share of income rose slightly, while the foreign-born population in the U.S. fell by 11.2 percent to 9.7 million.

But between 1970 and 2013, the foreign-born population increased by 324.5 percent to 31.6 million people. At the same time wages fell by 7.9 percent and share of income by 15.5 percent to 53 percent of total income.

The foreign-born population will reach 51 million by 2023, which is the largest share of total population

ever recorded in American history, the U.S. Census Bureau recently projected.

Nearly one in five U.S. residents will be an immigrant by 2060, largely because of legal immigration, not illegal immigration, a Center for Immigration Studies analysis of the Census data found. And immigrants will account for 82 percent of population growth in the U.S. from 2010 through 2060.

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CRIME He Allegedly Put Knife to Texas Grandma's Neck — Then His 'Eyes Got Big' at Her Next Nine Words

by Jason Howerton,
TheBlaze.com

A 74-year-old grandmother in Fort Worth, Texas, left a would-be robber's eyes "big" as the man nearly lost his life trying to hold her up with a knife on Monday.

While Jewell Turner sat in her minivan outside her doctor's office, she said a man approached her and tapped on the driver's side window. The grandma said she offered the man directions when he inquired — but she had no idea what he really had planned.

"Never thought that when I turned my head that that young man would stick a knife to my throat," she told NBC Dallas/Fort Worth.

The suspect then reportedly threatened, "I don't want to hurt you, but I want your money. And I will hurt you if I have to."

***'You back off,
or I'll blow your head off.'***

But on this particular day, Turner said, she felt like she should bring her small handgun with her for self-protection. She also had a pocket knife with her, but opted for the firearm for obvious reasons. Within seconds, the tables were turned.

"I just reached down, got the gun and turned around and pointed it to his face. And I told him, I said, 'You back off, or I'll blow your head off.' And his eyes got big and he just backed up and he took off walking down the street like nothing happened," Turner recalled.

She said the "devastating" incident reminded her that there is a "dark side" to the world. The woman also apparently caught a glimpse of her own "dark side."

"I noticed there was a dark side in me, too, because when I first pulled that gun on him, I actually wanted to shoot him. But I stopped and thought about it," Turner said.

The woman described the would-be robber as a white male in his mid-20s with pale skin and blonde hair, according to NBC DFW. He was wearing a dark hat and camo jacket. Reports didn't indicate that police had apprehended or charged the suspect.

As for the grandmother, she said she hopes the incident won't prevent her from seeing the good in people after her life was put in danger trying to help a stranger.

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Sheriff to Legislators: I Refuse to Enforce Your Unconstitutional Gun Law

by Tim Brown,
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As things develop in Josephine County concerning the Bureau of Land Management's threats against the owners of the Sugar Pine mine in southern Oregon, the sheriff of that county said that neither he nor his office would enforce a state law, which legislators are attempting to pass that would expand background checks to include private sales.

Senate Bill 941, a 23-page monstrosity that completely oversteps the authority of government against the people, is called the Oregon Firearms Safety Act. The bill was passed by the Oregon senate on Tuesday by a vote of 17-13. It will now head to the House, where Socialist Democrats believe it will have a swift and easy passage.

Politicians were also called out by the Oregon Firearms Federation for not being truthful with those they serve.

"The Senate debate proved that supporters of SB 941 did not read it or were willing to lie about it," the organization wrote on its website. "Senator Prozanski said you would be able to loan a firearm to someone to go hunting, but that's not true unless you were with them at the time they were hunting. He said the bill would not prevent a transfer to a person who was 18 to 21. That is also false. This bill is riddled with contradictions and unenforceable provisions."

"Over 20 counties have expressed

their opposition to this terrible invasion of privacy," the OFF wrote. "Sheriffs have said they oppose it and will not enforce it."

The bill would not only expand background checks to include private sales of guns, but also include transfers between family members and neighbors.

However, Josephine County Sheriff Dave Daniel is having none of it. Daniel is new on the job, following in the footsteps of Sheriff Gil Gilbertson, who had previously written a letter to Joe Biden concerning federal gun laws warning him, "Any rule, regulation, or executive order repugnant to the constitutional rights of the citizens of this county will be ignored by this office."

According to the Examiner, "Sheriff Dave Daniel announced to the media on Tuesday that he and his department won't enforce a state law."

"Sheriff Daniel, who is the new top cop for Josephine County which shares a border with northern California, told reporters that he believes this latest gun control law goes against his county's charter," wrote Jim Kouri of the Examiner. "He also said his department doesn't have a sufficient number of deputies to pursue law-breakers who are committing a frivolous misdemeanor."

Daniel, though new to the job, is simply joining a long list of Oregon sheriffs who are taking a preemptive stand against what they believe to be

unconstitutional legislation by socialist servants of the people.

Sheriff Tim Mueller of Linn County, along with other Oregon sheriffs, also took a similar stand in 2013 against federal encroachment against the rights of citizens to be able to purchase guns. Mueller even went so far as to write a letter to Vice President Joe Biden to inform him that he would not be enforcing any presumed authority of the federal government regarding gun control.

"It all started when my deputies and I started getting questions from folks out there in the community wanting to know exactly what my position was," he said at the time.

Sheriff Mueller believes that no crime, no matter how heinous, should prompt politicians to take away liberties.

"Making criminals out of honest citizens, that's not the right path to go down," said Mueller.

Now, these constitutional sheriffs are dealing with government tyranny at the state level and they are holding their ground. They need the support of the people as they are the last line of defense between the people and tyranny in their county.

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But We Only Need Ten Rounds? Dozens of Rounds Fired to Bring Down Felon

by Bob Owens,
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One of the most common avenues of attack for gun control supporters is the attempt to limit the ability of citizens to own the standard-capacity magazines that a given firearm was designed to use.

These opponents of your Second Amendment rights claim that you don't "need" a standard-capacity magazine, and have pushed some states to adopt arbitrary 15, 10, or even 7-round magazine limits.

The reality of the matter, of course, is that the Second Amendment was intended to ensure that the citizenry always maintained access to arms and accouterments of contemporary military utility, including unrestricted magazines. Thomas Jefferson himself purchased two rifles with detachable 22-round magazines which he sent west with Lewis & Clarke on their famous expedition to the Pacific Ocean and back.

Indeed, Jefferson's Girandonis might have proved useful in a home invasion that turned into a rolling gun battle early Wednesday morning that saw more than 40 shots fired before arriving police finally brought down an armed home invader.

An armed man was shot and killed by a Fort Worth officer early Wednesday after he exchanged fire with another man and then with police, authorities say.

Fort Worth police responded to a shots fired call shortly after 2 a.m., Wednesday, at a home in the 200 block of North Retta Street. The victim told police he confronted an armed intruder in his home and was shot in the hand before running out the front door.

"There was a very large active gunfight," police Sgt. Steve Enright said Wednesday.

Police say the intruder walked out a back entrance and circled around

to the front, where he again opened fire on the other man and officers who had arrived at the scene. An unnamed officer returned fire, fatally wounding the intruder. Dozens of bullet casings were strewn around the neighborhood, just northeast of downtown.

The resident and home invader engaged in a running gunfight that spilled out of the home as the homeowner retreated and the criminal, serial felon Reginald McGregor, pursued him around the home. Two Fort Worth officers arriving to the scene of the home invasion engaged McGregor, killing him.

The simple fact of the matter is that an average human being in a high stress situation does not typically have the training or ability to place accurate rounds on a moving target. Police average a hit rate of less than 20% when they are forced to use their handguns in the line of duty. That less-than-20% hit rate doesn't

even mean officers hit the target where they were aiming, either; officers typically hit suspects outside the "center of available mass" target at which they were trained to aim.

There is simply no justification to handicap law-abiding citizens with the sort of magazine-capacity limits some anti-liberty states force upon their residents, especially as law enforcement groups themselves—including the FBI—are beginning to transition away from slightly lower capacity .40 S&W and .357 Sig handguns to higher capacity 9mm pistols.

"Shall not be infringed" clearly applies to magazines, and citizens should be allowed to own whatever magazine they desire to own and use in their defense against criminals and tyrants alike.

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The "Law" Versus the Rule of Law.

Original transcript of Mike Vanderbough's speech on Patriot's Day at Cañon City, Colorado

This is my original speaking copy. I didn't finish it until just before I stepped up to speak. This will not contain the ad libs interspersed throughout. (Editor/GG: Go to www.libertyactiongroup.com to see the video of Mike's speech.)

You know, I've given a few Patriot's Day speeches the past few years -- from the steps of the Connecticut state capitol to Bundy Ranch in Nevada. But I couldn't have chosen a prettier or more meaningful venue than here in Colorado this beautiful Sunday morning -- the 240th anniversary of the battles at Lexington and Concord.

I wasn't able to go to church this morning but God was close by. As I drove down out of Custer County just after dawn, I was struck dumb with the power and majesty of God as the light played off the mountains in colors both stark and shaded.

It was breathtaking. How anyone can see such grandeur and not be convinced of the power and majesty of the Almighty Creator is beyond me. Amen?

You know we think we have mountains in North Alabama -- but they're just foothills of the old, tired Appalachians. But those (points to mountains outside Cañon City) -- now THOSE are mountains. The other thing I noticed as a member in good standing of the armed citizenry, is that it is VERY good KILLING ground. This is freedom-fighter country, folks. May God have pity on any tyrant who tries to invade here.

The scariest thing about the present regime is that they have made every day "opposite day" by re-defining reality as they choose to see it. Up is down. Deviancy is normal. War is Peace. Freedom is slavery. -- And worse, lawlessness is now codified as law -- but ONLY as they wish it to be -- and only applying to their enemies -- that is, to the rest of us -- and not to THEM.

There is a scene in *A Man For All Seasons* that applies here. Sir Thomas More is arguing with a young lawyer, William Roper. Roper accuses More: "So now you give the Devil the benefit of the law!" More answers, "Yes! What would you do? Cut a great road through the law to get after the Devil?"

But increasingly, our would-be rulers are discovering to their horror that there is NO unconstitutional law that they can pass that we cannot nullify with armed civil disobedience.

"Yes!" shouts Roper, "I'd cut down every law in England to do that!" And More replies: "Oh? And when the last law was down, and the Devil turned 'round on you, where would you hide, Roper, the laws all being flat? This country is planted thick with laws, from coast to coast, Man's

laws, not God's! And if you cut them down, and you're just the man to do it, do you really think you could stand upright in the winds that would blow then? Yes, I'd give the Devil benefit of law, for my own safety's sake!"

The Founders understood this, especially after the Alien and Sedition act crisis almost tore the young Republic apart -- never pass a law that you're not willing to see your own worst enemy enforce upon you. They knew this from John Locke who wrote a century before -- Locke understood that the rule of law in a constitutional republic is a precious and necessary thing for it protects all and keeps the game fair and free. But as Locke warned:

Whenever the legislators endeavor to take away and destroy the property of the people, or to reduce them to slavery under arbitrary power, they put themselves into a state of war with the people, who are thereupon absolved from any farther obedience, and are left to the common refuge, which God hath provided for all men, against force and violence.

It is more than a little ironic that those of us who swore an oath to the rule of law of the Founder's Republic find ourselves forced to become law breakers in fidelity to that oath. But here's the truth that our present would-be rulers don't get -- THE RULE OF LAW PROTECTS THEM FROM US FAR MORE THAN IT PROTECTS US FROM THEM!

The collectivists currently in charge of the Executive Branch and those in charge of this state believe that the law is whatever they say it is because they won the last election. We understand that the rule of law means that any law must be subject to the limits of the Constitution. As their definition of "law" means that they have the power to compel you -- regardless of the constitutionality of their purpose -- I leave it to you to decide who is in fact "law-abiding" and faithful to the rule of law as the Founder's understood it.

As for me, I have made my decision -- so have all those in states like Colorado, Connecticut, New York, Maryland, and now Washington state who must confront the reality of unconstitutional laws and who have decided that armed civil disobedience of such

laws is the only course open to men and women who wish to remain free but who find themselves behind enemy lines. -- For this we are called many things including "insurrectionists," "seditionists," "anti-government," and even "traitors." To these people, all who resist them are "traitors."

But I tell you this and I'll tell the world:

TREASON TO A GOVERNMENT BASED UPON TREASON TO ITS OWN FOUNDING DOCUMENT IS NO TREASON AT ALL! It is merely obedience to God and the truest expression of the inalienable and natural rights to life, liberty, and property that HE gave us. It is also an act of fidelity to the rule of law and the Founders' Constitutional Republic. Anyone who tells you differently is selling something.

Never pass a law that you're not willing to see your own worst enemy enforce upon you.

And what they are selling is the notion that you, the individual, must subordinate yourself to their benevolent collective -- OR ELSE. What they are selling is that YOU are an "enemy of the people," not them -- that YOU are "anti-government," not them -- that YOU are a "law breaker" and a criminal, not them, because you believe as the Founders did that an unconstitutional law is null and void. And what they are selling is the lie that they aren't what their actions prove them to be -- what the Founders would have called them -- DOMESTIC ENEMIES OF THE CONSTITUTION!

What they are selling is a lie told by pathological collectivist liars in service of those liars and their hidden purpose -- to satisfy their insatiable appetites for your liberty and your property even at the cost of your life and the lives of all you hold dear. THAT is the steel fist of tyranny that they wrap their sweet lies around, hoping you won't notice until it is too late. For collectivism is the oldest form of human moral disease. And like the Terminator, it cannot be bargained with, it cannot be appeased, it can only be defeated. Collectivism in the last century consumed hundreds of millions of innocents and STILL has practitioners who want more -- and more -- and more.

But increasingly, our would-be rulers are discovering to their horror that there is NO unconstitutional law that they can pass that we cannot nullify with armed civil disobedience. From Connecticut to New York to Maryland to Colorado and now Washington state, at every turn the tyrannical laws they passed after Sandy Hook have been negated. NEGATED! And the elites don't know whether to defecate or go blind. Connecticut and New York have non-compliance rates between 85 and 90 percent! In Washington state, Michael Bloomberg bought himself a universal background check law which is nothing more than a lawful gun owner registration act. For their purposes of citizen disarmament, this is far more effective than firearm registration. It's us potential troublemakers that they want to identify.



Mike Vanderbough, founder of the III Percent Movement, and guest speaker at the Patriot's Day Celebration.

Sentinel photo by Paul Sage

But you know what? The unpromising firearms owners of Washington state came together at the state capitol in the largest firearm rights demonstration ever staged there. TWO THOUSAND ARMED MEN AND WOMEN MET, DEFIED THE TRANSFER LAW AND . . . NOTHING HAPPENED! Nothing happened despite the threats of state authorities to arrest us all. They denied us a permit -- the Washington state activists said, "That's all right. We don't need no steenkeeng permits!" When we got there, the state had every access to vehicles blocked with barricades. The Liberty for All leadership said, "You take them down or we will." The authorities decided that discretion was the better part of valor. In the end, we held our rally, defied Bloomberg's Law, and received the praise and thanks of the state police for the professional way we conducted ourselves.

Will you join the nationwide conspiracy for liberty? It is not without risk, but somewhere the Founders will be smiling.

In the end, all Michael Bloomberg and his paid minions could do was grind their teeth in frustration. Since that time there have been other rallies defying Bloomberg's Law. At the last one, in direct violation of the hated Intolerable Act, I was presented with this --

Meet Mrs. Bloomberg -- Charlotte to her closest friends. She is named after Michael Bloomberg's mother. I take her around to every rally and speaking engagement these days to grind in the message that there is no unconstitutional law that can be passed that we cannot negate, defy, resist, evade, and smuggle in opposition to. This is dangerous ground. BUT IT IS NOT GROUND THAT WE CHOSE. IT WAS CHOSEN BY

THE DOMESTIC ENEMIES OF THE CONSTITUTION FOR WHOM THE RULE OF LAW MEANS NOTHING MORE THAN A FART IN THE WIND.

Which brings me to Colorado today. You know your legislature refused to repeal the magazine ban last week. So, in honor of those arrogant tyrants, I brought them a present.

(Assistant dumps a box of magazines on the grass in front of the dais.)

Here's a box filled with fifty misdemeanors -- magazines that mysteriously appeared in your state yesterday coincidentally with my arrival. Now these are "politician grade" magazines. We have smuggled hundreds of perfectly reliable magazines into Connecticut and Colorado over the past two years. We call those "freedom fighter" grade magazines -- you can bet your life on them. But politician-grade magazines. . . well, like politicians they are unreliable and probably won't work as advertised. They are perfect, therefore, for presentation to anti-gun politicians.

What I am looking for here today is co-conspirators in liberty. I am looking for volunteers to take these misdemeanors, present them in whatever otherwise legal method that you choose, along with the message -- "This was smuggled into Colorado in violation of your law. Now that you've taken possession of it, why don't you go arrest yourself?"

Or words to that effect.

So the alternative is yours -- will you join the nationwide conspiracy for liberty? It is not without risk, but somewhere the Founders will be smiling. And remember this -- THE ENEMIES OF LIBERTY CAN ONLY MAKE YOU A SLAVE TO THEIR APPETITES WITH YOUR OWN PERMISSION AND INACTION. The choice is yours. Do I have any volunteers?

(Every magazine was picked up by a member of the audience. There was no lack of volunteers.)

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.



Heroes or the Hallucinated

When I was a boy—a very long time ago—I delighted in books. I developed a bond of friendship with them, especially tales of adventure that featured stories of independence, imagination, self-reliance, and the overcoming of great obstacles. The chronicles of the early mountain men, pioneers and settlers were particularly intriguing. When a circumstance of impossible odds was presented, it was always fascinating to imagine what I would have done in a similar scenario.

More than one youngster was so spellbound by the Robinson Crusoes of literature that sleep finally captured them with the company of a book and flashlight under the covers. Schoolyards across America were often privy to youthful conversations about the trailblazers who were presented on the printed page. Eyes gleamed when the consumers of these dramas considered what great deeds they might accomplish with their Daisy rifles.

Our parents' generations fought a horrific war to preserve our right to dream of individual heroics and accomplishment. When they chose to impart information to us concerning that wretched conflict, it was usually to make a point about the necessity of victory. We played Little League Baseball with the complete understanding that there would be winners and losers. We did not expect a trophy for defeat.

Even as the greatest generation won the war, their children went on to construct the greatest economy in the world, an economy built upon principles of individual achievement. As a matter of practical curiosity, I wonder what book titles future adolescents may look to for inspiration. The imagination runs wild with possibilities....

What Difference Does It Make and Effective Email Eradication by Hillary Clinton

Fiction with Feelings is Better than Facts by Barack Obama

Making Millions with Climate Change by Al Gore

A Fifth of What? by Lois Lerner

Inventing Racism for Your Financial Advantage by Al Sharpton

The Art of Passing Unread Legislation by Nancy Pelosi

The Joy of Unequal Application of the Law by Eric Holder

Give Me a Deal, Any Deal by John Kerry

When Charlton Heston led ancient Israel out of Egyptian bondage to freedom, God instituted a form of government for the pilgrims of the wilderness that would be most close-

ly likened to a republic. When someone asked Benjamin Franklin what kind of government our forefathers had forged for the colonists, he answered, "A republic, if you can keep it." This "in God we trust" style of administration worked well for 400 years when the Hebrew nation followed the basic guidelines. In due season, human nature being what it is, the people voted and demanded a king. They had observed neighboring nations and desired to emulate the larger government approach. The idea of the king furnishing cradle-to-grave provisions was a magic lure that few fish could resist. The prophet Samuel issued a stern warning concerning the consequences of such a shift. His lecture testified that the king would eventually control the entire economy, and all of the population would become subservient to his will (1 Samuel 8). Nevertheless, the ballots were cast for the king. The transition was gradual to the extent that, to the uninformed, it was imperceptible. Eighty years later when Solomon entered the "White House" things were dramatically different. The emphasis was then on one man—the king—and his alleged accomplishments. Large government was firmly entrenched, and Samuel's words had found complete fulfillment.

Perhaps the greater tragedy in the epilogue is from that point forward personal heroics disappear in the narrative of the Scriptures. Kings and government become the primary theme. There are no more heroes like Moses or Joshua, Gideon or Samson. David's dealing with Goliath had come to a sad conclusion. Individualism had been successfully eradicated in favor of a one-size-fits-all fascism. This form of misguided nationalism ultimately led them to cave in to Babylonian captivity. The circles of history demonstrate populaces leaving bondage to return like a dog to the same vomit. The only champions during the span of the subjugation were the prophets who cried out against the abuses of monarchs and mortals. Jesus even indicated that they were frequently vilified and hated for their voices of protest (Matthew 5:12; 23:13).

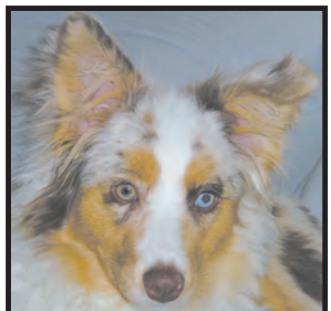
On the contemporary scene, after whom should I encourage my grandchildren to pattern their thinking? Big-time, steroid-injected athletes negotiating for obscene contracts, or the Hollywood types basking in ridiculous lifestyles, or corrupt politicians who have asked these children to pay a debt they did not incur? I wonder if the pay czar has his crosshairs on those groups? I trow not!

Methinks David and Robinson Crusoe will serve them well!

A Sheepdog Barks!

What is going on in Baltimore? I just listened to a couple of bizarro-world press conferences. In the first one the mayor made an outrageous statement that they let the situation get out of hand because of the 1st Amendment. You know - the one that says you have the right to assemble and have the space to destroy as much personal property of someone else that you feel compelled to. Mayor "Stephanie" is in way over her head. Yes, indeed, the mayor proudly announced that they had given those that wanted to destroy as much space as they needed. I'm not making this up. Then the "4-star" Police Commissioner came on the next day and told the press that his officers had to be careful to not overreact in protecting the property and businesses of other citizens because the rioters, looters, and thugs were only 14,15, & 16 year olds. These were just kids he told us and the city leaders behind him all clapped. I'm not making this up. Of course the kids were big enough to injure about a dozen police officers. Then the Police Commissioner told us how he has brought a "new culture" to the Baltimore Police Department that works with the youth and that he has been doing the job for two and one-half years. Yet we hear the people on the street say they can't trust the police and they are out rioting, I mean, demonstrating and protesting because of how Freddie Gray was killed by the police. Then we find out Mayor Stephanie doesn't think she needs help from others even though her city is getting ransacked. Then a city councilman or two spoke up. One complimented the Mayor and Police Commissioner for the great job they were doing and another one said and I quote, "I'm p***ed off!" Wow I am awestruck by this magnificent leadership. Then the President of the United States blames the media for exposing all the burning and looting and then blames the Republicans in Congress for not following his agenda. I'm not making this up. Tuesday night the Maryland state senate leader tells a Fox News reporter that he needs to turn off his camera lights because that is what has all the "peaceful citizens"

agitated while they are breaking the curfew. Like I said before; this is bizarro-world. I'm guessing the "peaceful citizens" might not like the TV cameras around because they don't want to be "filmed" while they are peacefully kicking in a store window, burning a police car, or "shopping" without money or credit cards. At the second press conference Mayor Stephanie quickly made a few comments and got away from the microphones as quickly as possible. She had no intention on answering any questions. She did try to tell us that she had been misquoted. That's a big laugh as it was played over and over about a thousand times. No leader should ever encourage lawlessness. When the citizens are asked to explain what the problem is they say something like Freddie Gray was brutalized and killed by the police. We understand that the Police Commissioner needs to explain what happened to Freddie Gray and then take the appropriate action. When asked how the burning and looting of the businesses in their own neighborhood is a logical step in demanding justice for Freddie Gray, we get the old "poverty, unemployment, incarceration rates, and bad schools" explanation. Really? Why do these things exist in Baltimore? The city is 63% Black. The leaders of the city are all liberal progressive Democrat Blacks. So why do all these bad things exist? Why haven't the Black leaders fixed these problems? One reason is because this situation has exposed the fact that these are weak, ineffective, unqualified leaders with no real agenda that can fix anything. After listening to the Mayor and the Police Commissioner it's no wonder the city is in such bad shape. The Mayor may be a nice lady, but she is no leader. The Police Commissioner is useless. There have been plenty of recent examples of what happens next after an unarmed black man dies at the hands of the police - warranted or not. I can't imagine what they and the other city leaders were saying in their meetings. Did they think things were just going to remain peaceful after the funeral? Did they really believe they wouldn't have to explain what happened to



Gray? Did they really believe they could just let the "kids" arrange for a "Purge" and attack the police and they could just look the other way? Showing up with only 200 cops to control an announced riot is not only stupid, it's foolish. Their weak and feckless response warrants their resignations. They didn't serve the community well and they don't deserve to be in charge. The Mayor was negligent for not asking the Maryland Governor for help in a timely manner. The Police Commissioner was negligent for putting an inferior force on the street to deal with a known and fully expected riot. Leaders don't let a small grass fire in windy conditions turn into a raging forest fire. Yet, that's exactly what these two weak leaders did. The citizens of Baltimore should remember this. Baltimore is just another big broken city run by liberal progressive Democrats. Their weak and ineffective policies create all the unhappiness and unrest. When it explodes they blame the lack of government services and government money. More nanny state entitlements are not the answer. Unearned entitlements ARE the problem. As everyone "searches" for answers and solutions keep this fact in mind. The press is so excited about the mother that smacked her kid and took him out of the riots. That was a good thing and we can only hope more parents will respond like her. However, I was concerned by one thing she said when interviewed. She said, "I am a single mom with six kids." Might that be the root of the real problems? Might that be what the national discussion should be about? Maybe two-parent families and responsible fathers are part of the solution. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Obama Administration Admits It Granted Amnesty to Gang Member Accused of Murdering Four

by Chuck Ross,
DailyCaller.com

(Editor/GG: Multiply this by tens of thousands. Intentionally unleashing these illegal, murdering gang members into our country. This is treason.)

In a shocking admission, the Obama administration says that it should not have awarded deferred deportation status to Emmanuel Jesus Rangel-Hernandez, an illegal immigrant with known gang ties who stands accused of murdering four people in North Carolina, including former “America’s Top Model” contestant Mirjana Puhar.

Rangel-Hernandez, 19, was granted amnesty under President Obama’s unilateral amnesty program, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, U.S. Customs and Immigration Services (USCIS) director Leon Rodriguez admitted in a letter sent Friday to Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley’s Senate Judiciary Committee.

Rangel-Hernandez allegedly killed Puhar and three others in Charlotte in February.

In his letter, Rodriguez admitted that Rangel-Hernandez received work authorization and amnesty through DACA despite being a documented gang member.

Rangel-Hernandez came to the attention of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in 2012 because of a marijuana charge and applied for DACA on January 22, 2013. His gang affiliation was not known to federal authorities at the time, Rodriguez stated.

But the agency did know about his gang ties by the time USCIS approved Rangel-Hernandez’s DACA request on August 26,

2013. After he received DACA approval, deportation proceedings against him were dropped in December 2013.

“Based on standard procedures and protocols in place at the time, the DACA request and related employment authorization should not have been approved,” Rodriguez admitted.

In the letter, Rodriguez states that Rangel-Hernandez’s gang ties should have been flagged by USCIS’ Background Check Unit (BCU) and that his DACA application should not have gone through.

“While records indicate that, pursuant to standard protocols as stated above, the case was appropriately sent to the BCU based upon the derogatory information in the background check, the outcome of the resolution process and final decision did not comply with USCIS policy,” Rodriguez said.

“Given the fact that the individual was identified as a known gang member, his request should have been denied by the adjudicator.”

“This statement by USCIS confirms what we have feared — that USCIS is not doing a thorough job reviewing the individuals who it allows to stay in this country under the President’s deferred action program,” Grassley, a Republican, said in a statement on Tuesday.

“It’s no secret that USCIS staff is under intense pressure to approve every DACA application that comes across their desk, and based on this information, it’s clear that adequate protocols are not in place to protect public safety.”

“The fact is that this tragedy

could have been avoided if the agency had a zero tolerance policy with regard to criminal aliens and gang members,” Grassley continued.

North Carolina Sen. Thom Tillis, a Republican member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, also faulted the Obama administration’s implementation of the amnesty program.

“The flawed implementation of the President’s blanket deferred action program has created a loophole that allows dangerous criminals who came here illegally — even known gang members — to stay in the country,” Tillis said.

In his letter, Rodriguez stated that he is acting to prevent such errors from happening again.

He ordered refresher training courses for all immigration service officers who adjudicate DACA applications and for all members of the Background Check Unit.

The training was held at USCIS headquarters between March 30 and April 10, Rodriguez stated.

He also said that the agency is reviewing prior DACA approvals “to determine if requests from known gang members were processed in a manner consistent with standard protocol.”

He stated that the agency has identified other cases that “merit further review.” The review should be complete in the next several weeks, Rodriguez stated.

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Water Increase to be Minimal for Florence Residents

by Charlotte Burrous

Utility bills are going up one more time. But at least it won’t be by much.

Recently, the Florence City Council increased the debt retirement tap factor on the water bills slightly for the City of Florence and a little more for the regional entities, which are Coal Creek, Rockvale, and Williamsburg.

“This is how much people pay on their debt service bill. In April 2013, the council passed a motion setting the expectations that the debt service fee would go up by \$1.60. However, when we went through it, instead of going down, what we found is the proposal for Florence residents is to (increase it by) 4 cents from \$28.62 to \$28.66. For those folks of the entities that we service, it will go up 13 cents (from) \$26.23 to \$26.36,” said City Manager Mike Patterson. “As much as we don’t want the tap factor to go up, we’re working very hard on economic development. We’re very happy (it didn’t increase any more than that).” In conjunction, the council also approved a slight increase in water rates for East Florence Water Association. “We determined the cost and then we broke it down. We are able to charge a reasonable number. Basically, the bottom line is the monthly bill for the (East Florence Water Association) would go up \$383.40 a month total so that means for their 107 or 114 customers, it’s going to be a little (more than) \$3 per customer for (East Florence),” Patterson said. “We’re setting the debt retirement tap factor to \$26.36 per customer.”

In a related matter, the council also approved a resolution, setting rates for containerized trash service.

“Right now we don’t compete with the other two garbage companies in town on 2-yard services,” Patterson said. “They provide 2-yard services. We don’t. We have extra 3-yard containers. We can get right into the business and set rates, breaking them down to equivalent rates. This puts us in a spot where we’re very competitive. We’re giving a 3-yard service price for 2-yard container prices.

In an unrelated matter, the council authorized Patterson to accept the offer as presented by Pioneer Sand and Gravel. “We met with them,” he said. “We were an objector when they went to the Fremont County Planning Commission when they asked to expand their pit.” Recently, Patterson met with Pioneer Sand and Gravel officials, who sent a written proposal, stating it would pay the city \$4,950 in either cash or product available to help fix the gravel and chip seal portion of the road and in Sumo, \$2,500 this year for maintenance on Bear Paw and Sumo Development. They also want to contribute \$2,500 per year for maintenance in that area, then \$2,500 at the end when Siloam Road opens up to (Colo. Hwy) 67.” The company also is offering to sell the city a base at a reduced price of \$5 per ton. “We feel like this is a pretty good offer from them,” Patterson said. “The county doesn’t really want them to go the other way because they would be responsible for a substantial portion of the county road plus a hair-pin turn and several switchbacks on the road. My recommendation is for you to authorize me to accept this offer and move forward for them to make the financial payments to the city until such time the Siloam Road Extension out to (Colo. Hwy) 67 is complete,” Patterson concluded.

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"Takin' It To The House..."

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representative Jim Wilson
HD 60, April 26, 2015

When the sun sets on May 6th, the first half of the 70th General Assembly will be over. However, as we go into the final week and a half, you can anticipate plenty of activity and fireworks ...not necessarily in that order! There are still a bunch of bills to be heard in both chambers and bills were still being filed as late as last week. With the adjournment deadline fast approaching, things will be moving quickly!

The blowup from last week over SB15-175 (repeal of the 15 round limits on ammunition magazines) is history, but drama is still alive and well. This time the drama spotlight was focused on my assessment bill, HB15-1323. My Democrat co-sponsor (House Ed. Chairman Buckner) has been ill, forcing the delay of hearing the bill on the floor of the House. Finally, due to time constraints, I had to present the bill on Friday without my co-sponsor. Now for the plot...

As I indicated in last week's column, the assessment debate has come down to a "battle of bills" between the House (HB15-1323 – an attempt to follow the 1202 Task Force's recommendations to reduce assessments) and the Sen-

ate (SB15-257 – an attempt to do only the Federal minimums for assessments). Instead of a debate over the merits of HB15-1323, the morning was spent arguing over whether or not to include an amendment to get out of Common Core and tasking the Colorado Department of Education with making three optional assessments available. I was placed in the no-win position of keeping the bill clean while not "torpedoing" two of my Republican colleagues' amendments. I agreed with what they were trying to do, but I could not allow my bill to become muddled with non-Task Force issues. It was like making my way through a minefield at midnight – not fun!

When the dust had settled, neither amendment passed, but my colleagues were upset that the concepts in their bills did not get attached onto HB15-1323. As I said in the floor debate, "I understand and support what you are trying to do, but it is a case of 'Right Concept – Wrong Venue'." One Republican posted that a vote against the amendment was a vote to keep Colorado in Common Core – wrong! A vote against the amendment was to keep HB15-1323 focused on reducing the number of assessments as per the 1202 Task Force's recommendations. Stay tuned...with time run-

ning short and legislators growing weary, more "blow-ups" are likely to come!

A short TABOR heads-up...a question may be on the ballot this fall to ask the voters if the state can keep the tax revenues generated by marijuana. If the voters do not agree, the tax revenue will be refunded and the dollars to regulate and enforce legalized marijuana will have to be taken from other state programs. A second TABOR question may show up on your state income tax form. HB15-1374 would allow taxpayers to check a box on their tax return if they want the state to keep their TABOR refund to "invest in state services". This late bill has a lot of support to let the taxpayers decide the fate of their TABOR refund.

Be sure to stay informed during the final stretch – bills will move or die quickly as the days count down. Both Senate and House members will be pulling out all the stops to shepherd their bills through the process during the last days. If you have questions about bills (or votes) in this race to the finish, please call us: 303-866-2747 or e-mail us at wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us.

Yours for HD 60 -- Representative Jim Wilson

WHO'S COUNTING?

US NATIONAL DEBT

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SCANDAL SCOREBOARD

FAST & FURIOUS: FIRST CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC WITH THE DEATH OF BORDER PATROL AGENT BRIAN TERRY.

NO RESPONSIBILITY YET!

NOW ON DAY #1,599

1ST AMENDMENT ATTACKS ON U.S. PRESS BEGAN WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPLIED FOR A SEARCH WARRANT AGAINST JAMES ROSEN.

NO ACCOUNTABILITY YET!

NOW ON DAY #1,271

TERRORIST ATTACK IN BENGHAZI FOLLOWED BY RELENTLESS LIES AND COVERUPS.

NO ACCOUNTABILITY YET!

NOW ON DAY #952

IRS TARGETING OF CONSERVATIVE GROUPS ADMITTED BY LOIS LERNER.

NO ACCOUNTABILITY YET!

NOW ON DAY #721

OBAMACARE STARTED ON OCTOBER 1, 2013, BASED ON LIES, INCOMPETENCE, AND BUDGET BREAKERS. NEEDS TO BE REPEALED.

NO ACCOUNTABILITY YET!

NOW ON DAY #578

VA NON-TREATMENT OF VETS LEADING TO EXCESSIVE WAITS AND DEATH LISTS.

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