

Outdoor Buddies Community and Armed Forces Appreciation Day

On Armed Forces Day, May 16th, Outdoor Buddies will hold the fourth annual Community and Armed Forces Appreciation Day honoring disabled Veterans and other military personnel and veterans.

Again this year, thanks to the generosity of ranch owners Ralph and Donna Hood the event will be held at A Painted View Ranch. The ranch is located three miles west of downtown Westcliffe at 3115 County Road 160. Activities will start at 10:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.

This is a family event and everyone is invited! There will be games, demonstrations, free food, and much more.

The Mounted Color Guard from Fort Carson along with representatives of local American Legion Post 170 will participate in the flag ceremony. Following the flag ceremony, the members of the mounted color guard team will perform an equestrian demonstration.

Outdoor Buddies volunteers will serve a free lunch consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato chips, iced tea, lemonade, and water. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Special guests include participation by soldiers from the Warrior Transition Unit and other soldiers and their families from Fort Carson and Haven Behavioral Hospital in Pueblo.

Planned activities include a Huey helicopter display, combat support field hospital display, static display of anti-mine machine, Humvees with soldiers in combat uniform, Raven drone demonstration, Action Trackstander, and off-road adaptive vehicle demonstrations, pack mule demonstration with mules (by local US Forest Service), archery range and fishing game (by local Colorado Parks & Wildlife), Mission Wolf's 30-minute educational program with wolves, and much more.

Special attractions for kids include a bounce house, ducky race (using



Ft. Carson Mounted Color Guard

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

an irrigation canal that runs through the ranch); stick pony barrel racing, animal balloons, face painting, and cotton candy.

Last year's event was a big success, so a large turnout is expected. Please plan to join the fun at A

Painted View Ranch on Saturday, May 16th.

For more details, contact Dwaine Robey at 783-9044 or dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org or McKenzie Huffman at 783-9100 or mckenzie@apaintedview.com.

Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club Veterinary Clinic and Dressage Demonstration

by Carol "Scoop" Clemenson

The Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club ("WM-VSC") held a well-attended veterinary clinic, tack sale, and English and Western Dressage demonstration on Saturday, April 25th.

Doctor Annie Schultz came from Salida and gave shots and checkups to the attendees' horses, dogs, and other animals.

The dressage demonstration was given by Jane Thomas from Sand Creek Ranch. Jane wowed the crowd with her expertise and finesse. She rode a Friesian stallion in the English dressage test, and her Quarter horse gelding for the Western dressage test. The WMVSC is constructing a dressage arena for the club.

There are two kinds of dressage - English and Western. You may ask "What is the difference between En-

glish Dressage and Western Dressage?" Many of the principles such as balance, relaxation, execution of movements, suppleness of the horse, and correct use of the rider's aids are the same among the two types of dressage. Both show a partnership between horse and rider that allow them to perform very difficult and precise moves. Dressage is in effect the art of riding.

Western riding involves using a western saddle, which is much heavier and larger than an English saddle. The main difference in these riding disciplines comes in how the horse moves. Western horses have a slower trot (or jog trot) which was meant to be an easy going trot that would cover a lot of ground without tiring the horse. The western horse's canter (lope) is also

generally slower and more relaxed. You ride an English horse with a shorter rein to help balance them - western horses are ridden on a slightly longer rein, but still in contact with the horse's mouth when riding dressage.

Western Dressage is bringing the English and Western worlds together through the time tested methods of Classical Dressage.

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Jane Thomas is now offering Western Dressage training at the Saddle Club.

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

The Liberal Progressive Solution to Everything – More Money, More Government



Dateline Baltimore... We've all watched the events unfold over the last few weeks in another big, urban city run for decades by Democrats. What's the problem? Why so much anger? The liberals like to say the Tea Party is just a radical, conservative bunch of old, angry white men. If true, it's a bunch of old, angry, white men because they see the loss of their liberties and freedoms and the violations of the Constitution. So, how would one describe the black, urban community? If you watched TV lately they seem to be just a bunch of radical, liberal, young, angry, black men. Why? One group is angry that there is too much government, too many taxes, and not enough personal responsibility. The other group is angry that there aren't enough government programs, not enough unearned entitlements, not enough government jobs, and poor educational opportunities. Perfect examples of the divergent views in America that deserves discussion.

First, let's be clear. We do not condone police violence, brutality, or oppression. Some of the recent problems have started over the killing of unarmed, black men. These incidents deserve a full review, investigation and justice as necessary. If police officers are guilty of crimes, they should be punished. All lives do matter, black ones, brown ones, yellow ones, red ones, purple ones, white ones, and blue ones. Peaceful civil demonstrations are justified to ensure elected leaders do the right thing. Violence, destruction of property, burning, and looting is NOT justified. Lawlessness of any kind, murder and beatings are never justified.

In Baltimore the same things are true. A young, black man may have suffered a lethal injury because of bad or improper behavior of some police officers. All the facts in this case are not known yet. The rioting, burning, looting, and attacks on the Baltimore police officers by the young "thugs" was total lawlessness and inappropriate behavior. Even the local black leaders called them thugs at first. Then that changed. Other black leaders took offense and decided to

criticize the attack on these young, angry criminals. They were called "misguided youths" and even praised for their "honorable" civil rights behavior. Their actions were justified by some because of all the alleged social injustice they've suffered. None of that had anything to do with Freddie Gray. Mr. Gray may have been handled poorly and even wrongfully arrested. A thorough investigation should reveal those facts. One thing is certain, those young, angry high-schoolers committed punishable crimes of their own and should not be praised. The TV coverage showed many peaceful demonstrators acting in a manner consistent with our Constitutional rights. However, the thugs took over at night, broke the law, and destroyed other peoples businesses and livelihoods. This behavior usually goes unpunished. Last Saturday the leaders of a "Victory Rally" cursed the CVS that was destroyed and praised the youth that went on the "Purge" and injured about three dozen police officers. Yes, they praised them, said things like "these are our babies" and "we are proud of them." They are calling them the new civil rights leaders. This is not good for America.

Look at what the current leadership of Baltimore is saying. The mayor said, "We gave space to those that needed to destroy." The State's Attorney prematurely charged six police officers (3 white, 3 black) and then told the rioters she heard their pleas for justice. The mayor said, "If three black women can't get justice for Freddie, who can?" The State's Attorney went on to say things like "I will seek justice on your behalf (the crowd). This is a moment. This is your moment. Our time is now." Doesn't sound like blind and impartial justice to us. How can those charged get a fair trial in Baltimore? The State's Attorney is biased and her "speech" was inappropriate and wrong. She is supposed to serve all the people in seeking justice. Why hasn't she charged the many rioters to seek justice for the business owners? When the demonstrators were asked questions about why they were demonstrating, the

marchers answered in a variety of ways. Mostly it was about the long term social injustices suffered by the black community in Baltimore. It's always that America hasn't given someone enough stuff, or there aren't enough programs, or there hasn't been enough "investment" in such and such. We watched all the Sunday talk shows. The liberal progressives were out in force. It was always the same story. Somehow the rest of us owe the urban dwellers more "opportunity." Of course "opportunity" and "investment" to a progressive means more money and more government programs to care for their every need. One lady, a NAACP lawyer, actually said that if the government would only provide more transportation, more housing, better education (whatever that means because anyone can learn to read, write, and do basic math if they want to) and more jobs, then everything would be hunky-dory and those "misguided" youths would be happy, happy, happy. The "War on Poverty" is 50 years old and has cost

tens of trillions of dollars and the results in America today are about the same, actually a little worse. Fifty years later in Baltimore, more blacks live in poverty and the black unemployment rate is about the same. Obama's Stimulus Bill sent \$1.8 billion to Baltimore in the last six years and we still see a lack of results. What happened to all that money? What have the Democrat leaders done? If the schools are still so bad, why don't they allow vouchers for school choice? They have no answers. They just want more money. Many of our parents and grandparents grew up during the depression. A common phrase used in the 40s and 50s was that "the world doesn't owe you a living." This is something America's big-city occupants need to understand. It's time for a real change. We all know the height of insanity is repeating the same things and expecting different results. It's not time for more money and more government. It's time to promote the traditional family structure and personal responsibility.

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Another Clinic Meltdown: More on the Clinic Alternative Universe

Editor/GG: Analysis and Commentary (Warning for liberals: Article contains sarcasm, satire, and other comedic elements. It needs it as it is a sad, depressing story. Do NOT read if offended. Do NOT request a special Custer County Commissioners meeting to whine. Do not bring the imam down from Denver to complain about hate speech. Do NOT try another boycott of the Sentinel.)

Well, well, well. A plethora of happy news about the Clinic: Another meltdown by the Clinic Director Delwin Lester. The Clinic finally publishes the promised Clinic/EMS financial breakdown figures after a public scolding. Former Clinic Board member publishes a scathing analysis of the prior Board's and Clinic Director's broken promises made during the new tax levy scam campaign. And, my oh my, click your heals three times Dorothy. The Clinic actually publishes an ad in the *Sentinel* after an 18 month or so boycott of the valley's leading newspaper (and the County's Paper of Record). There's more in the on-going financial disaster that is the Custer County Clinic, but one can only take so much in one sitting. So, let's get everybody up-to-date:

About a month ago, at a Custer Emergency Services coordinating meeting attended by all the major players in the valley, Sheriff Byerly admonished Clinic Board Member Bob Tobin for failing to publish the promised financial statements for the clinic showing the Clinic/EMS

breakdowns. And then a minor miracle occurred.

One day two weeks ago, the *Sentinel* gets a call from the Custer County Clinic, that they want to publish an ad in the *Sentinel* with the first quarter's financials in it! (Our readers thank you.) Now, don't forget - the Clinic has completely boycotted the *Sentinel* since our first article examining the Clinic's operation. So the boycott of the paper that dared to criticize the Clinic's Director's performance and the Board's and Director's business plan was broken!!! And folks, the boycott of the *Sentinel* by the Clinic (and let's be specific here, it was done by the prior Board, the Clinic Director Delwin Lester, and the current Board) is a perfect example of the unethical and unprofessional management and "leadership" that is running the Clinic. The Clinic has refused to run any public health announcements, financials, literally anything in the *Sentinel* because we dared to criticize them in a series of articles exposing their misdeeds. Remember that this is a public special tax district, supported by a huge tax assessment, created to serve the whole community. So they deprive a large percentage of Custer County residents any information on the Clinic that we ALL pay for in an immature and irresponsible information blank-out of the *Sentinel*. Nice. Real grown-up move boys. A real professional way to serve the whole community. You wonder why so many locals avoid the Clinic like the plague!

So, let's take a look at these published first quarter, 2015 financials. After saying essentially that it couldn't be done (and folks, this isn't the Pentagon budget, this is small outfit with a standard health based accounting system), the Clinic finally gave us the breakdown between the EMS operation and the Clinic operation. And lo and behold, there are some eye-opening numbers here. On the Clinic side, their net patient revenue income for the first quarter is a paltry \$211,332. (I guess all those grandiose "patient visit" numbers toted by the Clinic Director are really paying well!) But here's the truly shocking number: The "Operating Expenses" incurred for this period are \$362,863!!! (Hey, Director Lester, remember me telling you your expenses were way too high last year during one of our private meetings? "No, they aren't", he said. Hmmm.) Folks, if you are selling hot dogs for \$2 a barker, and it costs you almost \$4 to make them, you have a FAILED business! The Clinic just lost \$151,551 in the first quarter on a pure business operating basis! How come there are 100's of public and private clinics around the country MAKING money? How can any business be considered a "success" when they are losing money at this scale? They have a failed business model, totally inept management and to the Clinic Board, it's business as usual. But what's a tax dollar here in Happy Valley.

Now here's the really sickening part. Add in the

Clinic's mill levy (YOUR taxes) and Grants and Miscellaneous Revenue for the first quarter of \$128,435 and they ARE STILL LOSING MONEY!!! \$25,285 to be exact. If this was any real business, owned by grown-ups, heads would roll, and plans would be changed. But not here at the Clinic. It's only our tax money and Clinic management needs feeding.

But, believe it or not, there is happy news. Sort of. EMS's net patient revenue for the first quarter was a solid \$100,895 with expenses being \$135,115 giving it a small loss of \$34,220 on a pure operating basis. That's a pretty good report for a product that is very difficult to make a profit delivering. Good job EMS management and crew. Now add in the very small, old, mill levy and the big money from the new levy (\$86,331 total) and Grants and Misc. Revenues (\$40,474), deduct a possibly very suspicious "Non-Operating Expenses" amount (\$14,776) and you get an EMS Net Income or "profit" of \$77,809!!!

Let's annualize the EMS net income (\$77,809 times four quarters) and we get \$311,236. A little bit more than the new tax levy of \$275,000. Geez, maybe we didn't need the new tax levy! Now back to the first quarter results: the revenue from grants, etc., easily covers the \$34,220 EMS shortfall. So EMS made a profit WITHOUT THE TAX LEVY MONEY! So why did they accrue (take) \$86,331 from the new EMS tax levy? They don't need it. Note that the new,

big, tax levy yearly bite is UP TO \$275,000. They can take that or take none (i.e., if they don't need it they shouldn't take it.). So what are they going to do with the \$86,331 that EMS DOES NOT NEED? Is the Clinic going to take the money and use it for the failing Clinic business? Clearly illegal, most people would say. The EMS levy was specifically for EMS operations only. So, the only legal thing for the Clinic to do is to NOT take any of it and save us taxpayers a ton of money. I am a bit suspicious of their intentions here as they should have NOT accrued any of the tax levy as the Grant Revenue covered the \$34,220 shortfall.

And note in the financial statement that the Clinic folded the unnecessary EMS tax levy monies into the overall Clinic's bottom line, turning a \$33,807 overall Clinic operations loss into a manipulated \$52,524 profit. This is EXACTLY what everybody was warned about, the Clinic might take the dedicated EMS money to support the failed Clinic operations. This would be in violation of the EMS levy wording and illegal. Who would have thought that?

But there is another factor in play here, as pointed out in ex-Clinic Board member Chuck Ippolito's letter to the *Sentinel* a few weeks ago: During the Clinic's sales campaign to get the new levy, the Clinic Board and Clinic Director all promised that part of the levy would be used to pay benefits to the EMS workers. And as Chuck point-

ed out, this is NOT being done. The EMS workers (I would assume at least most of them) are being limited to sub 36-hour weeks so that the Clinic does NOT have to pay them benefits. Why would they (including Director Lester) do this when the money is there and they promised the community that the EMS workers would be taken care of? Did they lie to us back then to justify the tax levy size? This is what Chuck was asking in his letter.

And why has there been such an astronomical turnover in Clinic and EMS personnel over the last two years? (And more are happening right now.) Jobs are hard to find here in the valley and dozens of dedicated, hard-working EMS people, nurses, and even doctors have quit the Clinic. Private, exit interviews with many of the departed employees reveal one common thread - a toxic, hostile, work environment created by Clinic management. Note the multiple public meltdowns by Clinic Director Delwin Lester last year (the most famous being the one at the courthouse where he was reprimanded by a senior Custer County employee). And to reinforce that behavior, I personally experienced a Lester magic management moment, when seconds after being seated in his office last year (I wanted to talk to him about improving the communication flow between the *Sentinel* and the Clinic. I kid you not.), he shuts the door, sits

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Thank you, from Family of Charles Tomsick

We would like to thank everyone who prayed, who sent cards, who called providing words of encouragement, and those who drove to Denver in order to visit Charlie during his recent illness and passing. You were a tremendous support and encouragement to Charlie, and to the family. Thank you!

Family of Charles Tomsick

Thanks to the Many People Who Helped Pass the OHV Ordinance

It seems that I have received most of the credit for the OHV ordinance passing, however, there are several others that deserve to be recognized.

The OHV proposal goes back a few years. Other people involved include the mayors of both Westcliffe and Silver Cliff, a councilman from Westcliffe, and the Sheriff. Several members of the Cliffe Riders OHV club were involved in collecting signatures on a petition that favored OHV use on county roads, but none more involved than Larry Lowe. A committee consisting of Larry Weber, Don Schafer, and Jerry

Tracewell, representing the OHV club, submitted the petition to the Custer County commissioners. A second committee was formed to study other OHV ordinances around the state, with Susan Akin doing most of this research, which was presented to the commissioners. A third committee was formed representing most of the facets of Custer County, the Mayor of Silver Cliff, Westcliffe Councilman Art Nordyke, Deputy Mike Halpin, Clint Smith (Assistant County Attorney), Commissioner Kit Shy, a Custer County Road and Bridge employee, and Airport Board member, and myself. We met to discuss

the proposed ordinance. Clint Smith drafted the ordinance and the committee presented it to the commissioners.

I want to thank all of those involved, especially the County Commissioners for their supporting votes. Other supporters of the ordinance are Dave Rover from Eagles Summit Ranch, the Custer County Community Economic Development Committee, and the Custer County Tourism Board. So as you can see I was just one of the cogs in the wheel.

*Rick Ashwood,
Rural Custer County*

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Dear Sentinel:

I am enclosing a check for \$100 so that you may possibly educate some progressives that actually have an open mind and care about what is going on in this country and our community. So, take the \$100 and pick three people that you believe want

to be educated or could be educated, and give them a subscription to the *Sentinel*. I want this to be anonymous because, with progressives, you never know when one of them might use the IRS or some other bureaucracy if they don't like our views.

Thanks, from a local business.

The British Are Coming!

As part of an across the nation fund raising event, four young lads from the United Kingdom are cycling for six weeks to support "Joel's Wish". Joel Lawrence of Ludlow, England, tragically passed away from stomach cancer at the age of 19. It was Joel's dying wish for money to be raised for young adults with cancer. It was also Joel's dream to travel across America. The Rotary Club of Ludlow caught on to that dream and as a result, the four man team from Ludlow is cycling from San Francisco to New York City. For more detailed information of this remarkable adven-

ture, check out their web site at www.Joel'swish.org, where there are electronic links that will accept donations, read their blog, and follow them live via satellite tracking devices.

The team will be arriving in Westcliffe this Sunday May 10th. The Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club is hosting them with a meal and reception at Tony's Mountain Pizza in Silver Cliff from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. Come meet them and enjoy some fun and food. Order from the menu, and a cash bar will be open in the community room. A cash donation will be tak-

en to help support this very challenging adventure to help cancer patients and their families meet medical expenses.

On Monday the 11th, it's on to Pueblo, and eventually to Lamar, visiting the Rotarians there. Seven more Rotary clubs are extending helping hands as they continue across country to Times Square in New York City. Everyone in the valley is invited to meet this merry band of travelers!

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Patrick Lynch, President,
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Whether you ride in a Stetson or breeches, whether you work to perfect the shoulder-in or sliding stop, you can benefit from teaching your horses to carry themselves in a more balanced fashion.

Dressage can be done by every horse regardless of breed, color, sex, talent, or level of training. It requires no special equipment nor a lot of money. Dressage builds confidence and will help you become a

better rider. It builds muscle-tone and will make both you and your horse stronger and healthier.

This training is not just for the members of the Wet Mountain Saddle Club. Everyone is invited to the dressage clinics. It is very exciting when you see someone riding that is in complete communication with their horse. It is very pretty to watch.

For more information, or to join the WM-VSC and receive their newsletters, please contact Annie Kerns at anniekerns@centurylink.net or Jane Thomas at janethomas@wildblue.net.



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Offended Paper Punishes Taxpayers

News and Commentary,
by Paul "SageGrouse"
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In its most recent attack on the tax payers of Custer County, the *Wet Mountain Tribune* enlisted the services of an attorney representing the Colorado Press Association to push again for the release of records that apparently do not exist.

Following the decision of the Board of County Commissioners on January 13th to award the county legal notices publishing contract to the *Sangre de Cristo Sentinel*, the *Tribune* filed a broad request for records and correspondence related to the decision after failing to change that decision through a public mud-slinging campaign and a special meeting of the BOCC, which amounted to the same thing.

The assistant county attorney responded to the records request as was deemed appropriate by the BOCC. In late April a letter dated February 23rd apparently showed up in the County Clerk's office stamped but not post marked. That letter was from the attorney representing the Colorado Press Association to Assistant County Attorney Clint Smith requesting clarification on the records request response and seeking further action.

Adding to the already mounting legal expenses caused to the tax payers of Custer County by the offended newspaper, Attorney Smith has again reviewed records and drafted a response to the inquiry of the attorney. This is in addition to the expense of the previous review of records and response to Editor Jim Little's request.

Meanwhile the Assistant County Attorney has spent substantial time and resources to draft a formal county policy related to all such future requests. Part of the difficulty in dealing with this request can be attributed to the fact that no policy existed. Past requests had been handled in a legal and civil manner with county staff being helpful in providing the requested information.

All of this expense to the tax payers of the county has been generated by the management of the same paper that recently complained about the amount expended by the county on legal fees to defend itself against a previous frivolous legal action it was dragged into and recently exonerated in by the court.

For those who no longer remember after so much time has passed and so many colorful conspiracy theories have been spread by the editor of the *Tribune* and his fans, a review may be in order. The basic facts of the awarding of the publishing contract are as follows:

In 2014, for the first time in the history of the county, there were two newspapers of legal standing according to the Colorado Press Association to publish legal notices in the county. The County Commissioners requested bids for this service from both papers. The sealed bids were opened, reviewed and read into the record at the November 26th public meeting of the BOCC. They reflected, in simple terms, that the bid by the *Tribune* was received November 17, 2014, and sought to perform the service for the legal maximum allowed of 44 cents per line. The *Sentinel* bid

to perform the same service for less than half that amount at 16 cents per line.

The Chairman of the Board, Allen Butler, determined that the decision to award the contract would be made at the January 13, 2015 BOCC meeting when the new board and chairman would be in place.

At the January 13th public meeting, the content of both bids was again reviewed. Commissioner Shy made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Attebery, "To appoint the *Sangre de Cristo Sentinel* as the county's legal publication for the 2015 calendar year." Commissioner Kattnig abstained from the vote saying that having just taken office, he didn't have enough information of the bidding process.

The litigious *Tribune* sent local attorney Jay Printz to discuss the matter in the public meeting. The editor of the *Tribune*, Little was not present. Representatives of the *Sentinel*, Editorial Board Member Mike Hess and Managing Editor George Gramlich also discussed the matter at the public meeting, and each Commissioner shared their perspectives on the decision at this public meeting.

The vote stood as made and Mr. Little and *Tribune* fans have objected ever since, arguing that the decision was something other than a simple decision to purchase the same service for a lesser amount for the citizens of the county. Unhappy with any decision other than one in their favor, the *Tribune* is now racking up unnecessary legal expenses for the citizens of the county. Possibly this makes even more clear that the right decision was made to begin with.

vote one word to the actual allegations (Is there a little bit of a persecution complex in the air?). Reminds me of the responses Director Lester sent to the *Sentinel* after a few of *Sentinel* reporter Paul Sage's articles on the Clinic last year: instead of addressing the issues in a factual matter with a Letter to the Editor so that the community could hear both sides, Lester sends me emails with the informative response of "I'm going to sue you..." or words close to that effect. That was real helpful Lester. Adds to the discussion. And remember folks, the *Sentinel* did not receive one iota of comment from the Clinic Director or Board after any of the articles we ran over the last 18 months on the Clinic. Clinic Board of Directors: Time for some changes. (And don't sell us out to some outside health/hospital corporation that doesn't give a darn about our county. Keep OUR money in Custer County.)

We'll keep you posted as the latest Clinic news from its alternate universe develops. Over and Out for now.



Can You Help?

The Custer County Sheriff's Office is requesting the public's help with an ongoing investigation.

On 4/25/15 an unknown party(s) vandalized 50 Main Street, Westcliffe Super Market, by throwing blue paint on the building. The same evening paint was thrown onto 102 South 3rd Street in Westcliffe.

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MELTDOWN

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down, his eyes bug out of his head, and starts screaming at the top of his lungs like a 4 year old who got his Linus doll taken away. He wouldn't shut up. In 35 years of national and international business meetings, I have never seen anything like it. (Clinic Board members: If you think this management is good for the Clinic, you should resign. Period.)

And this brings us to the latest meltdown. Last week Clinic Director Lester wrote a rebuttal letter to Chuck Ippolito's letter concerning the broken promises made by the Clinic. Lester, of course, only sends it to the liberal paper in town (Lester: It's MY ball and you can't have it). So how does Lester rebut Chuck's allegations? In a rambling rant, Director Lester attacks Chuck's character and honesty (Chuck is a devoted public servant and one of the leading citizens in the county) and does not de-

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Lunch will be provided to all volunteers.

Obituary Charles Kastendieck

Life-long Custer County resident, Charles Kastendieck, 90, passed away on Saturday, May 2nd while vacationing with family in Wasilla, Alaska. Charles was an avid fisherman and hunter; Hope Lutheran Church Member, Trustee, and Elder; World War II Veteran; Silver Cliff Postmaster; Silver Cliff Town Trustee; Business Owner; and wonderful husband (married to Phyllis for

sixty-five years before her death in 2013), father of four (Vickie, Richard, Mick, and Nickie), Grandfather of 22, and Great Grandfather of 14.

Charles will be cremated in Alaska and a memorial service will be scheduled in Westcliffe at Hope Lutheran Church the second week of June, 2015. More arrangements will be announced at a later date.

Obituary Joy Jeanette Christensen

Joy Jeanette Christensen, 37, died in her home in Grantsville, Utah, on April 23, 2015. She was born on July 12, 1977, in Longmont, Colorado, daughter to Gerald Vernon Hoel and Deborah Kay Brown.

Joy spent her childhood in Colorado where she graduated from Skyline High School and went on to graduate from Front Range Community College with a bachelor's degree in nursing. Joy pursued a career in oncology at Longmont United Hospital in Longmont, Colorado, that later lead her to elderly care and hospice where she found her true calling in life and was able to touch many souls. She truly enjoyed talking and spending time with the elderly, especially the WWII veterans. At the age of 25, she relocated to Provo, Utah, where she met and married Larry Scott Christensen and the two

had their son Bryant Parker Christensen on March 4, 2012. That is when she discovered her second calling in life as a wonderful, caring mother. Joy was such a blessing in so many people's lives. She will go on forever in our hearts and our memories. Joy is preceded in death by her mother, Deborah Kay Brown. She is survived by her husband, Larry Scott Christensen, and son, Bryant Parker Christensen of Grantsville, Utah; her father, Gerald (Joyce) Hoel, of Westcliffe, Colorado; and her siblings Stephen (Christie) Hoel of Firestone, Colorado; Aaron (Brigette) Hoel of Las Vegas, Nevada; Tammy Susbilla of Dallas Texas; and Kerry (Linda) Hoel of Loveland, Colorado; Amanda (Jeremy) Wooley of Orem, Utah; Tabatha Contreras of Lehi, Utah; nieces and nephews, Camden and Chandler Hoel



(Stephen), Kaitlyn Gunther, Karson Hoel (Aaron), Brian Susbilla and Nikkole Rote (Tammy), Skylar Taygen (Amanda), and Tiffany Tollman (Tabatha).

Services were held at the Willow Creek Ward, 410 Shelly Lane, Grantsville, Utah. A viewing was held on Friday, May 1, and started at 6 p.m. and ended at 8 p.m. Another viewing was held Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. with funeral services following. Interment is at the Larkin Sunset Lawn located at 1300 South 2350 East, Salt Lake City.

Bobcat 5th Graders Adopt-A-Grandparent

Recently, the 5th grade students became inspired by Kid President's Guide to Being Awesome. We began to look at creating a Change Project. The students spent time brainstorming and came up with some amazing ideas of how they can make a difference.



Bobcat 5th graders have created an "Adopt-A-Grandparent" program at VALI.

Courtesy photo

The class ultimately decided to create an "Adopt-A-Grandparent" program. Each week during the month of May, the students will walk to Valley Assisted Living and spend time with a resident. Their goal is to get to know a resident on a deep level

and build a sustaining relationship that will continue beyond 5th grade. Students have already brainstormed questions to ask, gifts/treats to bring, or games to play.

We had our first visit yesterday and the kids were so excited to get to know their

resident. They worked to establish things they had in common with their resident. They were amazed at the stories of life shared by the residents. We are excited to see this project through and look forward to the positive relationships being built and nurtured.

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Making Moments Matter

by Michelle Pedigo

This summer thousands of children across the nation will attend summer camps. There are camps just about everywhere with just about anything to match a child's interest. But, what if you've never been to camp, or don't know what kind of camp you want to go to, or even that you could actually go to camp? What if you don't live with your family, and someone else makes all your decisions for you, where you live, where you go to school, what you do? This is the case for children in foster care. This summer, 64 kids in foster care will come to camp right here in the Wet Mountain Valley, thanks to Royal Family Kids Camp.

Royal Family Kids Camps is the nation's leading network of camps and mentor clubs for children of abuse, abandonment, and neglect. Royal Family Kids Camps was started by a pastor and his wife in California. Their vision ultimately spread to what it is today with churches across the nation

and worldwide holding camps following the model developed by the founders.

The whole reason for the camps is the KIDS who are typically in foster care, although some may have been adopted or are referred through the local social services department. It's a camp where kids get to be kids and do all the things you'd expect at summer camp. Some of these kids have never even been out of their town, much less experienced camp. In addition to swimming and hiking and riding horses and all the other usual camp activities, there's a talent show where the kids are the stars, and even a birthday party where each kid gets his own personalized cake and presents, too!

It is difficult to know how to explain what camp is like and the amazing things that happen for each child. Amazing things happen for the staff, too, as they watch the kids literally transform before their eyes during the 5 days. It's something that really almost has to be ex-

perienced. Sadly, many, if not most, of you will not have that opportunity. And certainly it isn't for everyone to be at camp. But you can still participate! As a team, the staff raise money so foster families only pay a \$25/child administration fee, and we cover the additional \$475. I am privileged to be part of the staff this year, and I would like to invite you to be part of camp too. Just go to this link for my fundraising page: <https://www.groupnev.com/ColoradoSprings-MichellePedigo>, where you can read more, see camp photos from prior years, and become a supporter of camp. (Royal Family KIDS, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity. Donations and gifts are tax-deductible, as allowed by law.)

If you would like more information about Royal Family Kids Camp, or my involvement, please contact me, Michelle Pedigo (mbpedigo03@gmail.com or 303-870-7162). I'd be happy to share more!

Congratulations, Nathaniel Ley!

Nathaniel Ley graduates from Western State Colorado University in Gunnison, May 9, 2015, with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Information Science and a minor in Geography. He made the Dean's List for academic honors summer terms 2013 and 2014. Nathaniel has been a member of Western State's Symphony and Varsity bands for four years and currently is a guest musician playing tuba for Western's Orchestra and Chamber Ensembles. As a student, he was employed at the IT Help Desk and also worked for Western's Information Technology Department. Nathaniel will continue to work at Western State part-time as an IT professional. He also plans to work for Rocky Mountain Biological Lab-

oratories in Gothic/Crested Butte where he did his Computer Information Science internship.

During his senior year, Nathaniel's computer design project included a collaboration with Western's art department showcasing a kinetic sculpture which employs computer and mechanical engineering with a visual art form. The sculpture was on display at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, University of Kentucky, Lexington, in April 2014.

Nathaniel graduated from Custer County High School



in 2009. He is the son of Thomas and Susi Ley of Westcliffe and grandson of Mary Hofmann of Cañon City.

2015 Lincoln Day Dinner to be Held Sunday, May 15

This year's Lincoln Day dinner and auction sponsored by the Custer County Republican Committee will take place Sunday, May 17th at 1 p.m. at the Custer County School multi-purpose room. The cost will be \$15, plus a side dish to be shared. Meat dishes will be provided.

—Several flags flown over the capitol buildings in Denver and Washington, D. C. and other significant places will be up for auction and chairman Sheron Berry promises many other interesting items up for bid, also.

Speakers will include Kevin Grantham,

Colorado Senate representative from District 2 (Cañon City), Jim Wilson, district representative 60 from Salida and Steve House, chairman of the Colorado Republican Central Committee.

Custer County Republicans have also invited the Republican chairmen from Pueblo County, Becky Mizel; from Chaffee County, Dave Slavish; and Richard Hollabaugh from Fremont County.

This event, one of the most important fundraisers of the year for local Republicans, is open to the public.



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The Few, The Proud, The Bobcats!

by Jim Silver

Coach Troy Bomgardner's weight training class got a taste of what it takes to be a United States Marine last Thursday morning, April 30th. Sargent Obery, Marine Corps recruiter from Pueblo, and Private Lanier visited Custer County High School to administer the CFT—Combat Fitness Test—to twelve students in the weight training class, as well as to Coach Bomgardner himself. Sargent Obery is a combat veteran with a tour in Afghanistan and five-plus years in the Corps. Private Lanier has just completed boot camp and is spending time while on leave before reporting to his first duty station, accompanying the Sargent and telling everyone how great it is to be a Marine. This was most definitely a "show and tell" opportunity for the two Marines with more showing than telling. Certainly, they hope to spark some



The Ammo Can Lift, part of the Combat Fitness Test.

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

interest in the Corps on the part of these and other Custer County students.

The CFT was modified slightly for the high school students and consisted of three activities, all completed in the hour-long class period. First, the students—both boys and girls—ran 400 meters as fast as they could (Marines would be tested with a half-mile run). The second exercise was the two minute "Ammo Can Lift." The Marines demonstrated the standing press of the 30-pound ammo can, from under-the-chin to full extension overhead, and stated that a fit Marine could approach one

rep per second. The third test was "Maneuver Under Fire." Of course, there was no fire, and the activity was so complex that it's difficult to describe. In a 50-yard course, it involved everything from push-ups to crawling, to running, running with 2 ammo cans, dragging a partner for 10 yards, and finally, carrying that partner about 40 yards back to the starting point.

Following the test, Sargent Obery took a few minutes to describe the rationale for the CFT and the importance of physical fitness, which transfers to mental and emotional fitness for Marines. He gave the Custer County students high marks for their performances. It was an opportunity for each to take the challenge and be stretched in their physical conditioning – most likely beyond the level of a typical hour spent in weight training class with Coach Bomgardner.

When it was all said and done, there was a quick opportunity to ask a few students what they thought of the CFT. Sarah Gerringer exclaimed, "I liked it!" Casey Brandon's take was much the same, "Let's do it again!" Taiyr Seilkhan, exchange student soon to return home to Kazakhstan, said that he didn't think he wanted to join the United States Marine Corps. But actually, he was echoing this reporter.



The final portion of Maneuver Under Fire was to carry a partner about 40 yards, back to the starting line.

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver



Bobcat weightlifters: back, left to right: Sgt. Obery, Cody Koble, Lane Geroux, Randy Bailey, Coach Troy Bomgardner, Taiyr Seilkhan, Casey Brandon, McKensie Penkoff, Hannah Schlabach, Pvt. Lanier, front row, left to right: Jordan Rhodes, Serenity Ham, Ashley Gillum, Sarah Gerringer, Bryce Roscoe

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

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Custer Athletes Wow 'em!

by Coach Jack Swartz

The Custer County Track and Field team made its way to Pueblo Friday (May 1st) for the Pueblo Twilight Meet. With the State meet being 2 weeks away, all the top schools were in Pueblo and with that kind of competition, there were fast times and far distances to be had. Being a small 2A school, it was not likely for any Custer County athletes to place in the meet. We like to prove people wrong. Corey Lewenkamp is one of the most decorated and successful distance runners Custer County has ever seen. With the distance events being held at the end of the meet, under the lights, Mr. Lewenkamp did not disappoint. Lewenkamp started his night in the marquee heat of the mile, Lewenkamp would run a near perfect race to take 7th overall breaking his own mile record with an amazing time of 4:27. Shattering his previous record by 6 seconds. Lewenkamp was not done however, being one of the few athletes to double, Lewenkamp came back in the

2 mile against yet another stacked field, placing 5th overall in a time of 9:50. Again breaking his own 2 mile record by 11 seconds. Both of Lewenkamps times will qualify him for the State Meet in 2 weeks. Corey was not the only Bobcat to come out swinging against the big schools. Lewenkamp's distance partner Michael Franta broke the 5 minute barrier in the mile (46th in 4:59) and 11 minutes in the 2 mile (43rd in 10:51). Franta's 2 mile time is good enough for 17th in the state with one week to go. Dillon Wommack used the fast competition to his own benefit as well, placing 10th in the 300 meter hurdles in 43.60 seconds, a personal best. Wommack also ran a personal best in the 110 meter hurdles, placing 14th in 17.12 seconds. 12th and 14th respectively in the State. Not to be shut out of the field events, Denver Mullet had a personal best in the Triple Jump, marking at 39'4" for 18th in the state rankings. The Lady Bobcats were not hiding from the larger

teams Friday night either. Katlyn Freeburg ran a personal best in the 300 meter hurdles, placing 11th in 51.49. A time good enough for 14th in the State. Also running the 300 meter hurdles was Serenity Ham, placing 8th for the girls in a time of 50.09. Ham is 5th in the state for the 110 hurdles and 8th for the 300 meter hurdles. The girls would not be denied in the field events either, Emily Crossley placed 12th in the discus with a throw of 99'11". That throw places Crossley 12th in the state. The girls shot put proved to be a personal record haven with both Crossley and Audrey Hollinger breaking 30'. With one meet to go before the State meet, the top 18 for each event qualifies for the 2A State Championship. If the standings hold, the Track and Field Team would be sending half of their team to the State Championships. They compete next at Pueblo West in a two-day meet, Thursday (May 7th) and Saturday (May 9th).

Family Fun Time at Magic Moments

A great time was had by all at Magic Moments, 'Kids Night Out' family dinner last Thursday, April 30th. Kids and adults enjoyed delicious favorites of homemade chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, and more. Families made a craft of a family garden, with the flowers representing each family member growing in the happy sunshine together. Information was shared regarding a check-off list for preschool readiness. Children participating in Magic Moments who are headed for preschool next year will be working on these abilities all summer. Playgroup is the perfect place to have fun playing with friends and prepare for



Kids Night Out participants from April 30th show off their artwork.

Courtesy photo

entering preschool and or kindergarten. Parents have a great time as well. Families with children preschool age to infant are welcome to come to playgroup each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at the Magic Moments building across from the Mennonite Church on Jerry Street. All program services are free. Call the Program Director, Terra Raye at 783-2112 to find out more.

Pirates Pound the Pioneers— Again!

by Jim Silver

The Cotopaxi Pirates were visited by the Pioneers from Cripple Creek-Victor on their home ball field on Tuesday, April 28th, and the Pirates finished their 2015 season with a 21-3 victory! This was the third time these teams have met. The Pioneers came out on top in only the first game, long ago on March 13th. Just 2 weeks ago Cotopaxi set a school record for points scored in their 30-5 win over the Pioneers, and this recent game is no less satisfying. Kobe Lewsader started on the mound and pitched 4 innings, facing 19 batters and striking out an impressive 11! Lewsader walked just a single batter, three batters got hits, and 2 runs were scored, and he posted a 1.75 ERA—once again, "impressive" is a good word to use—and Lewsader is given credit for the win. Cody Lyons pitched the final inning and kept the Pirates out of trouble with one strikeout for his final time on the mound this season.

Just as in the win over Manzanola 3 days previous, Coach Christensen played everyone on the team, and 19 players stepped up to the plate. Eleven of them accounted for runs on the scoreboard: Pedigo, Q. Richards, Tillotson, I. Richards, Cauthron, Lewsader, McEwen, Bode, Walden, Walsh, and Kinsey. Five players showed once again that they've learned to pay attention to the base-running coaches and that accounted for stolen bases: Leatherbery, Tillotson, I. Richards (twice), McEwen, and Bode. In yet another situation giving those players credit for listening to their coaches, 5 runs were scored on errors: Tillotson (2 runs), I. Richards, Cauthron, and Walsh. Head Coach Ryan Christensen said simply, "It was nice to win 3 of the last 5 games to end the year." Throughout the season, he has made observations to this effect, "The kids are getting to know each other and are starting to learn the game," and, "The players are beginning to come together as a team." For the benefit of any Sentinel

reader who is not aware of how Custer County and Cotopaxi players came together just after that first game against Cripple Creek to become a combined Cotopaxi Pirates team – it was simply a case of both schools' teams needing each other. The CC players got some good coaching Tuesday and Thursday afternoons with Coach Allen Paxton and his assistant coaches Steve Schultz and Jordan Hedberg on their own field in Silver Cliff, then went on the road to practice Mondays and Wednesdays and to play games. They joined Coach Christensen and Coaches Shane Armenta and Terry Hiebert and the rest of the Pirates team. A "home game" wasn't quite as convenient for the Custer County fans, but the drive north on #69 and down the 1-A cutoff to Cotopaxi worked as well as it did for the players they were following. The players in both schools got to play some baseball, got to become a better and better team, and that made it all a lot more fun for everyone!

Bobcat Menu • May 11 - May 14, 2015			
Monday breakfast Cheese Quesadilla Fruit Milk lunch Italian Dunks Breadsticks Choice of Veg. & Fruit Milk	Tuesday breakfast Scrambled Eggs W. W. Toast Fruit, Milk lunch Hamburger or Chicken Patty Sandwich Birthday Cake Choice of Veg. & Fruit Milk	Wednesday breakfast Waffles Ham Fruit, Milk lunch Chicken Nuggets Corn Bread Choice of Veg. & Fruit Milk	Thursday breakfast Sausage Gravy Biscuits Fruit, Milk lunch Chili w/ Crackers Choice of Veg. Choice of Fruit Milk
Elementary: Main dish, bread, milk, choice of 1 veg. & 1 fruit No Salad Bar			

KIDS Friday, May 8, 2015

When You Thought I Wasn't Looking

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator,
and I immediately wanted to paint another.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you make my favorite cake for me,
and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick,
and I learned what it means to serve one another in brotherly love.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I heard you pray over me and kiss me goodnight,
and I felt loved and safe.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw how you handled your responsibilities even when you didn't feel good,
and I learned what it means to glorify God in all things.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you give of your time and money to the church
and people in need, and I learned that God loves a cheerful giver.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw tears come to your eyes and I learned that
sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you praying and reading God's Word, and
I learned to depend on and trust in Him, too.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say
"Thanks, Mom, for all the things I saw –
when you thought I wasn't looking."

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

~ Anonymous

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Bobcats Sport Schedule

TRACK	
May 9 8 a.m.: Cyclone Invite at Pueblo West	May 15 -17: State Track Meet at Jeffco Stadium, Lakewood, Colorado (11 a.m. on 15th, 8 a.m. on 16th & 17th)



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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE

The following is a list of all bills presented, audited, and ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Custer County, Colorado, from their respective funds at the regular meeting on April 30, 2015.

Custer County Payments for Airport Fund
Payments From April 1, 2015 Through
April 30, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ASCENT AVIATION GROUP INC	2057 GALS AV GAS	7,739.27
ASSURANCE PARTNERS	D & O POLICY	3,094.12
B & D AUTOMOTIVE	AIRPORT TRACTOR BATTERY	250.94
CENTURYLINK	SRV	104.88
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	FUEL	18.67
DIVERSE DATUM WIRELESS	SRV	60.00
JOLLEY/ROBERT	REIMB KOESTER/ANDERSON	134.92
NORUP GAS INC	SRV	74.00
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	SRV	53.42
	Final Totals...	11,530.22

Custer County Payments for Capital Improvement
Fund Payments From April 1, 2015 Through
April 30, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
IPPOLITO/CHUCK	CAD EQUIPMENT	37.75
UNITED REPROGRAPHIC SUPPLY	ASSR COPIER MAINT AGREE	81.00
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING	ASSR MAPPING COPIER	262.64
	Final Totals...	381.39

Custer County Payments for Emergency Services
Fund Payments From April 1, 2015 Through
April 30, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	69.61
AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE	CN W/H	20.00
CENTURYLINK	OEM SRV	103.48
COLEMAN/CHRISTE	REIMBURSEMENTS	216.51
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	GARNISHMENT	710.69
CRESTONE GRAPHICS	SUPPLIES	219.75
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	4,853.51
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	FUEL	17.94
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	CODE RED EXT 03-16	4,450.00
ENGLEHART/TOM	CCP-HSG	375.00
MED-TECH RESOURCE INC	SUPPLIES	1,965.45
PENROSE TRAUMA	RETAC	150.00
QUILL CORP	SUPPLIES	94.65
SOUTHLAND MEDICAL	HSG	451.05
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	100.00
WARRIOR KIT	SUPPLIES	500.00
	Final Totals...	14,297.64
	Payroll...	9,534.68

Custer County Payments for Human Services Fund
Payments From April 1, 2015 Through
April 30, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
	Final Totals...	11,217.80
	Payroll...	13,764.13

Custer County Payments for Tourism Fund
Payments From April 1, 2015 Through
April 30, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ARTERBURN FINE ART	MAPS/TEAR SHEETS & BC	1,650.00
BOURBON STREET PRODUCTIONS	VIDEO ADS PRODUCTION	2,999.70
MINDS EYE GALLERY		120.00
	Final Totals...	4,769.70

Custer County Payments for Self Insurance Fund
Payments From April 1, 2015 Through
April 30, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
COLORADO STATE TREASURER	UNEMPLOY BENEFIT REIMB	5,712.00
	Final Totals...	5,712.00

Custer County Payments for Road and Bridge Fund
Payments From April 1, 2015 Through
April 30, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AFLAC	AF W/H	39.90
AIRGAS INTERMOUNTAIN INC	TANK RENTALS	408.04
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	555.12
AT & T MOBILITY	SRV	204.34
BEACH REDI-MIX	BARRIER BLOCKS	300.00
BLUE FLAME GAS	WETMORE SHOP SRV	135.18
CENTRAL BUILDING SUPPLY INC	SUPPLIES	584.29
CENTURYLINK	WETMORE SHOP SRV	185.04
CENTURYLINK	WC SHOP SRV	305.33
CHRISTENSEN/RUSTY	SUPPLIES REIMBS	225.07
CITY OF FLORENCE	WATER HAULED IN WETMORE	12.00
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INS	10,145.58
CUSTER COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC	CDL PHYSICAL	214.00
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	WETMORE EXP REIMB	34.43
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	GARNISHMENT	546.00
FARICY FORD	ELECTRICAL REPAIRS	416.30
GCR TIRES & SERVICE	SUPPLIES	325.25
INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICE	SUPPLIES	827.99
J J KELLER & ASSOCIATES INC	COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS	266.00
KNECHT HOME CENTER OF CANON	SUPPLIES	307.97
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	51.80
LITZ AUTO SUPPLY	PARTS	123.96
MARC	MISC FLUIDS	396.24
MCFARLAND OIL	FUELS	15,051.74
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	PARTS	291.31
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	MESH SIGNS/FREIGHT	1,195.32
NORUP GAS INC	SRV	583.45
PAWNEE BUTTES SEED INC	SEED MIX	399.51
PRECISION GARAGE DOORS LLC	SRV CALL/PARTS	2,164.00
PSI SYSTEMS INC	SWITCH	144.51
PUEBLO BEARING SERVICE	SHOP SUPPLIES	90.32
PUMPS AND MORE LLC	GASKETS	15.80
QUILL CORP	SUPPLIES	92.99
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	SRV	1,231.60
RYE SEPTIC SERVICE LLC	SEPTIC PUMPS	600.00
SAFETY-KLEEN CORP	WC/WETMORE SRVS	570.26
SKYLINE STEEL	SUPPLIES	7,987.99
SNAP ON TOOLS	INSPECTION UNIT	465.95
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	399.99
TOOLS PLUS INDUSTRIES	MARKING PAINT	683.26
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	MISC SUPPLIES	1,741.78
WHITEHALLS ALPINE BG	SLC MULTI GREASE	231.00
WRIGHT ELECTRIC LLC	SERVICE	748.50
XEROX CORP	COPIER CHGS	49.74
4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	SRV CALL	5,175.67
	Final Totals...	56,524.52
	Payroll...	40,435.21

Custer County Payments for General Fund
Payments From April 1, 2015 Through
April 30, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ALTUS ENVIRONMENTAL LLC	5163 OLD LANDFILL	1,688.15
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	289.42
AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE	CN W/H	82.60
AT & T MOBILITY	SRV	898.29
ATTEBERY/LYNN	VAC/BAGS	255.53
AUSTIN AUTOMOTIVE	LANDFILL VEH REPAIR	886.48
BERG HILL GREENLEAF & RUSCITTI	PROF SRVS	8,838.90

BILL'S TELEPHONE SERVICE	PROGRAMMING	95.00
BLUE FLAME GAS	WCCL SRV	180.00
BUSINESS INK CO	LIQUOR POSTING SIGNS	74.00
BYERLY/SHANNON	BADGES REIMB	190.00
CASP	ANNUAL MEMBER DUES	40.00
CDPHE	SWUF QRTLTY REPORT	681.77
CDPHE ADMIN DIV & FIN SRVS	OWTS PERMIT SURCHARGES	100.00
CENTURYLINK	WCCL/FIRE SRV	439.10
CENTURYLINK	SERVICE	3,662.56
CHASE CARD SERVICES	LNDFL MTG ACCOM	272.05
CIEMATOX LABORATORY	BLOOD KITS/BA TESTING	61.70
CLUB AMERICA WMV	MEMBERSHIP W/H	45.00
COLORADO CO CLERKS ASSN	CLERKS CONFERENCE X 2	500.00
COLORADO CORONERS ASSN	WENZEL CORONERS CONF	400.00
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INS W/H	29,105.43
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	LANDFILL SALARY REIMBS	5,932.08
CUSTOM CAGE	PATROL CAR CAGES FS GRNT	1,480.00
DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES		312.54
DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES	P & Z LEASES	174.19
DOUBLETREE HOTEL	CORONER CONF ACCOM	312.00
EXPRESS TOLL	TOLL ROAD FEES	11.85
FAMILY DOLLAR	BLDG SUPPLIES	83.55
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	GARNISHMENT	442.00
HENRICH/JAMES D	REIMBS	55.43
IPPOLITO/CHUCK		65.69
JIM'S TIRE SERVICE	SHERIFF TIRES	785.28
KATTNIG/ROBERT (BOB)	REIMBS	75.00
LANG/CHRISTINE	MILEAGE	27.50
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	64.75
LIVENGOOD/DEBBIE	TRAVEL/MEALS	247.30
MB POLICE EQUIPMENT	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	188.28
MCDONNALL/DONNA	CBA GRANT WORK	360.00
MOHR'S	CBA GRANT SUPPLIES	110.00
MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING CO INC/THE	BOCC PUBLISHING	168.96
M7 BUSINESS SYSTEMS	ASSR NOD FORMS	45.58
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	SHERIFF REPAIRS	1,873.53
NORUP GAS INC	LNDFL SRV	158.66
OAK DISPOSAL SERVICE	LNDFL FACILITIES	111.10
OFFICE OF THE DIST ATTORNEY	PROF SRVS	6,909.92
PIQUETTE ENTERPRISES LLC	APRIL ACCT	771.50
QUILL CORP	P & Z SUPPLIES	98.96
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	SHERIFF SRV	580.80
RYE SEPTIC SERVICE LLC	LNDFL SRV	300.00
SAM'S CLUB	JAIL NON FOOD SUPPLIES	237.34
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	LNDFL SRV	53.15
SBA STRUCTURES LLC	SITE RENTAL	131.00
SHY/CHRISTOPHER (KIT)	REIMBS	75.00
SMART/NORMAN R	TRAVEL/MEALS REIMB	172.37
SMITH/CLINTON A	PROF SRVS	1,840.00
STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	272.71
STATE OF COLORADO	APRIL MVR DELIVERABLES	410.77
SYMBOLARTS LLC	SHERIFF BADGE/BOX SEAL	95.00
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	900.00
TDS PUEBLO CO	SHERIFF CHGS	8.30
ULINE	RECYCLING SUPPLIES	1,117.66
US BANK	SHERIFF DEPT CHARGES	645.66
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	LANDFLL	958.01
WESTCLIFFE PETROLEUM	SHERIFF TIRE REPAIR	29.00
WET MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE	CLERK PUB	171.00
WIRELESS DATA SERVICES	SHERIFF RADIO INSTALL	423.50
	Final Totals...	78,663.47
	Payroll...	93,943.16

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



STATE OF COLORADO COUNTY OF CUSTER

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

**Debbie Livengood
County Clerk**

**Date published: May 8, 2015
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Westcliffe, Colorado**

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

Last Publication 5/29/2015

Name of Publication

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

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

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

Federal Consumer Financial
Protection Bureau

P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 02/24/2015

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

Virginia Trujillo

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee



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

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 Cattle 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

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.

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**** 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 follows: 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

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

Ordinance No. 15-01

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED ON FIRST READING ON THE 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2015, AND

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

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on page 14**

2015 Cotopaxi Pirates A Combined Effort



Tillotson



Back row from left: Coach Shane Armenta, Coach Terry Hiebert, Ethan Cauthron, Lauren Buss, Kobe Lewsader, Andy Bode, Noah Tillotson, Quinten Richards, Justin Walden, Cody Lyons, Manager Chance Gulliford, Coach Alan Paxton, and Head Coach Ryan Christensen. Front row from left: Jesse Walsh, Danne Ogden, Kyndall McEwen, Issac Richards, Aubrey Whipple, Dylan Schoch, Edgar Pedigo, David Kinsey, Tait Parsons, Manager Frank Ogden, and Manager Levi Barr. Not available for picture: Tyler Howdeshell, Bridgette Leatherbery, Tyler Schlabach, Sam Dunlap, Austin Kirkland, Charles Stone, and Caitlyn Cole.



Walden



Lewsader



Walden



Kinsey



Q. Richards



Bode



Lyons



I. Richards



Q. Richards



Pedigo

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Classifieds

Classes

Tai Chi classes starting May 20 at **Club America**. Call for info at 783-0750.

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.

◆
The **Custer County School District** is accepting applications for the following **coaching positions** for the 2015-2016 school year: head and assistant middle school volleyball coaches; assistant middle school football, boys and girls basketball,

and wrestling coaches; head middle school girls track coach; head and assistant high school boys basketball coaches; and assistant high school wrestling coach. For more information, please call Greg Cravens at 783-4948 or pick up applications at the administration office at 709 Main Street in Westcliffe between the hours of 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday. 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.

Mothers Day Special

Mothers Day Weekend Special. Moms workout or swim for **FREE** at **Club America**. 783-0750

Real Estate

Lori Kastendieck
Independent Broker
Real Estate
Westcliffe Broker.com
719/269-0653
Serving buyers & sellers since 1982

Services

SEPTIC PUMPING
(719) 783-2747 or Cell (719) 371-3523 Please call Art Nordyke for your septic pumping and inspections.
Don't let your septic fail!
NORDYKE SANITATION

◆
CHAINSAW SHARPENING
Accurate sharpening. Multiple chain discount. Chain loops made to order and repaired.
Ring J.B. 719/783-4448

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015
9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
Wetmore Fire Station**

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Audience introduction
Approval of minutes
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
Maintenance on the Airport Fuel System
Staff Reports: Colorado State University
Extension Agent

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

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Custer County School District C-1 Regular School Board Meeting Great Room - May 12, 2015 - 4:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome of Guests
3. Modification/Approval of Agenda
4. General Public Comment Session
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes of regular board meeting on April 14, 2015
 - b. Acceptance: Resignation letter from Teresa King
6. Reports from Students/Staff
 - a. 5th Grade Cardboard Recycling
 - b. Adult IT classes - information enclosed
7. Reports from Public
 - a. Excellence in Education report
 - b. Accountability report
8. Board Committee Reports - Accountability Committee, BOCES, FFA, Legislative Update, Preschool Advisory
9. Action Items
 - a. Approval: Personnel Hires
 - i. Anita Gregg - Office Secretary (recommended by superintendent Chris Selle)
 - ii. Athletic Director (recommended by secondary principal Barb Jones)
 - b. Approval: Check Vouchers
 - c. Approval: Financial Reports
 - d. Approval: Policy JICDB (Extracurricular Code of Conduct) - first reading
 - e. Approval: Health Insurance Renewal
 - f. Acceptance: FY16 Preliminary Budget
 - g. Approval: 2015-2016 Classified At-Will Employment Notices
10. Principal's Reports
 - a. Elementary – Holly Anderson
 - b. Secondary – Barb Jones
11. Superintendent's Report
12. Items introduced by Board Members
13. General Public Comment Session
14. Executive Session (If needed)
15. Adjournment

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Sheriff's Report...

There were 126 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 8 to EMS, and 2 to the Fire Dept on the dates below. As of May 5th, there were 6 males and 1 female in the county jail.

04/29/15 T-15-333
0905 hours: A deputy Red Tagged an abandoned vehicle registered to Elizabeth Barr of Colorado Springs. The vehicle was partially blocking the eastbound lane of CR 328 at approximately MM 10.

04/29/15 I-15-2270
1330 hours: A deputy met with a party at the Sheriff's Office to take a report of a potential liquor code violation. The individual reported her husband is making moonshine in their garage for private consumption.

04/29/15 EMS
1515 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to the Custer County Clinic for a three-year-old male with a 105-degree fever and low oxygen saturation levels. The patient was transported to Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs.

04/29/15 EMS
1840 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to Valley Assisted Living in Silver Cliff for an 82-year-old female suffering from a serious nosebleed. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

04/29/15 I-15-2278
1935 hours: A deputy arrested Bayless, Michael James (DOB in 1963) of Penrose on a warrant for failure to appear in court.

04/30/15I-15-2290

1:24 AM - Officers made contact with a party who reported witnessing some vandalism around Silver Cliff and in the area around the Silver Dome. Incident is under investigation.

04/30/15 EMS
1126 hours - EMS responded to Schoolfield Road for assistance with a 911 call.

04/30/15 WMFD
1136 hours - WMFD responded to the area of Schoolfield Road for assistance in landing Flight for Life.

04/30/15 T-15-335
1510 hours - Officers responded to a report of an accident, in the area of County Road 191, MM 3, where a vehicle had driven off of the road. The driver of the vehicle (Mitchell, Sandra - DOB in 1961) was cited for DUI and booked in to the Custer County Detention Facility.

04/30/15 T-15-336
1907 hours - A party (Gavlke, Steven - DOB in 1957) was cited for speeding (10-19 over) in the area of the 500 block of Main Street in Westcliffe.

05/01/15 I-15-2316
Officers responded to a report of an unattended death at 429 Spread Eagle Drive. Party appeared to be deceased due to natural causes. Nothing further at this time.

05/01/15 O-15-56
1900 hours - Officers responded to a report of criminal mischief/vandalism at 102 South 3rd Street in Westcliffe. Incident is under investigation.

05/02/15 T-15-337

0722 hours - Officers made contact with a party (Benesch, William - DOB in 1957) that was found to have a warrant. Party was taken into custody and transported to the Custer County Detention Facility.

05/02/15 T-15-338
1752 hours - Party (Wallace, Lance - DOB in 1977) was cited, near the Ophir Creek Campground, for operating a motor vehicle without a valid drivers license.

05/03/15 T-15-343
1232 hours - Party (Stewart, Jason - DOB in 1977) was cited for speeding (10-19 over) in the area of HWY 69, MM3.

05/03/15 EMS
2131 hours - Transported party to Parkview Medical Center.

05/04/15 T-15-345
0609 hours - Party (Patterson, Kevin - DOB in 1978) was cited for speeding (10-19 over) in the area of HWY 96, MM 25.

05/04/15 T-15-347
1234 hours - Party (Green, Scott - DOB in 1972) was cited for unsafe driving after backing into a gas pump at 802 S. Main Street in Westcliffe.

05/04/15 T-15-348
1500 hours - Party (Strickland, Sandy - DOB in 1976) was cited for speeding (15-25 over) in the area of HWY 96, MM 4.

05/04/15 WMFD
1634 hours - Responded to 129 Cherokee Trail to check on a CO² alarm.

05/04/15 EMS
2013 hours - Transported party to Parkview Medical Center.

05/05/15 Deer Mtn Fire
0231 hours: The Custer County Sheriff's Office dispatched the Deer Mountain Fire Department to Hwy 50, MM 257, for an overturned semi leaking fuel.

05/05/15 I-15-2377
0518 hours: A deputy was dispatched to South Street in Silver Cliff to investigate a report of someone throwing rocks at a house.

05/05/15 T-15-351
0614 hours: A deputy responded to an accident on Hwy 96 and Bunker Hill Road in Silver Cliff Ranch. Peachey, Neil (DOB 10-24-90) of Westcliffe hit a deer.

05/05/15 EMS
0620 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to the lobby of the Custer County Sheriff's Office for a 65-year-old male complaining of high blood pressure. The patient refused transport.

05/05/15 EMS
1148 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to the Custer County Clinic for a 47-year-old female suffering from abdominal pain. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

05/05/15 EMS
1333 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to the Custer County Clinic for a hypoxic 68-year-old male suffering from neurological deficits. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

05/05/15 I-15-2397
2115 hours: A deputy arrested Stuart, John Michael (DOB 03-08-49) of Westcliffe on several

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

Saturday, May 9
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.: San Isabel 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: www.fremontarts.org/brewlala.html

5 p.m.: Rocky Mountain Oyster & Catfish Fry at Wild West Cowboy Church; \$10 Adults, \$5 Kids 10 & Under. Proceeds benefit WWCC Arena Team Ministry

Wednesday, May 13
Bobcat Triathlon (4th, 5th, and 6th graders), a collaboration between Club America WMV and Custer County Elementary School; 783-0750

Thursday, May 14
4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.: "Thursdays After School" co-sponsored by West Custer County Library in Community Room next to library. Free food, fun, games, prizes!

Saturday, May 16
Noon - 2 p.m.: "It's A Wrap" at Centennial Park, Cañon City. 70th Legislative Year in Review sponsored by Fremont County Republicans. Bring lawn chairs; free hot dog/beverage to first 100 people. Meet Rep. Clarice Navarro, Sen. Kevin Grantham, and Rep. Jim Wilson

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

Fridays and Saturdays
1 - 4 p.m.: Custer County Community Sharing Center, Inc., 120 North Third St. (formerly Schlabbach's Market Place)

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



Cotopaxi Lions Student of the Year

The Lions Club held a banquet Saturday for family and community members to honor the 12 recipients of the Student of the Month Award given throughout the year to Cotopaxi Junior and Senior High students. The students were given the opportunity to compose an essay on positive peer pressure.

A committee of Lions Club members judged the entries and chose Brianna Carey, a Cotopaxi freshman, as the winner of the Lions Club Student of the Year.

Pictured above, left to right: Betsy Denny, Jan Kulick, Student of the Year, Brianna Carey, and Calvin Troutman.

Courtesy photo



Cotopaxi Elementary School Pride Kids

Pictured left to right: Sydney Vincent, Zachery Winkler, Trinity Stiller, Kelsey Teter, A.J. Simpson, Bo McGinniss, Simon Stiller, and Hayden Will.

Picture taken by Mrs. Mia Will

Police Week and National Peace Officers Memorial Day

Whereas the police officers of America have worked devotedly and selflessly in behalf of the people of this Nation, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and

Whereas these officers have safeguarded the lives and property of their fellow Americans; and

Whereas by the enforcement of our laws, these same officers have given our country internal freedom from fear of the violence and civil disorder that is presently affecting other nations;

Whereas these men and women by their patriotic service and their dedicated efforts have earned the gratitude of the Republic: Now, therefore, be it resolved that May 15 of each year has been designated Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of the Federal, State, and municipal officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty, and...

Designating in each year the calendar week during which such May 15 occurs as Police Week, in recognition of the service given by the men and women who, night and day, stand guard in our midst to protect us through enforcement of our laws.



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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

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To Bear Arms or Not to Bear Arms
That was the Question at the 77th Annual Blossom Festival

by Barbara Penezic

Glorious weather, awesome floats, marching bands, and a record breaking number of parade viewers made the 77th Annual Blossom Festival one for the record books. The numerous floats speak volumes about the creativity and patriotism of the Cañon City area participants and amazing parade watchers. There were, however, a few tense moments when the Royal Gorge Tea Party was advised by a parade official that the bearing

of arms in accordance with 2nd Amendment Rights would not be permissible this year. After a little discussion and some negotiating, the Royal Gorge Tea Party prevailed; members and the float center piece (a well-constructed Minute Man) complete with a replica flintlock were allowed to honor their legal right to bear arms. In the words of a Tea Party Official, “HOO-HA!”

Be Informed

Get Involved

Cañon City Presents
8th Annual Flashback

by Charlotte Burrous

Take a step back to the 1950s and spend an evening when the eighth annual Flashback on Main will take center stage from 5-11 p.m., May 15th in the 500 and 600 block of Main Street in Cañon City. The evening will offer a variety of activities, including music, games, cars, and much more.

“Flash Cadillac will be on stage at 7 (p.m.),” said Fremont Community Foundation member Dan Brown. “Adam Ashley will come out (at 5:30 p.m.) to warm up the crowd. He’s a local musician.” Co-sponsored by Cañon City Merchants, the event also will offer the Budweiser beer tent in both blocks and entertainment throughout the eve-

ning. Hotrods will show up at 4 p.m., to the 500 and 600 block of Main Street, where members of one of the hotrod clubs will park “your classic or cool car” along the street on a first come, first served basis, Brown said. Other activities include a hula hoop contest, a twist contest, bungee jumping and a race car track. “We’ll have a hula hoop contest and a twist contest before Flash Cadillac,” he said. “We (also) have bungee jumping and race car track (for the kiddies).” To purchase beer, everyone must be at least 21 years old, and the alcohol must stay within the designated boundaries. Organizers encourage participants to bring lawn chairs or blankets to the outdoor event. For more information, call Brown at 371-1202.

The Sentinel is now available at the following locations in Fremont County:

Barry’s Den
27077 U.S. Highway 50

Cotopaxi General Store
20204 U.S. Highway 50

Mr. Ed’s
1201 Royal Gorge Blvd.
(Hwy 50) in Cañon City

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

Duo Car Shows Coming to Fremont County

by Charlotte Burrous

Looking at cars is always a good way to spend a weekend. This month, the 33rd annual VMCAA Antique and Special Interest Car Show will be held, starting at 8 a.m. - May 16th on the campus of the Abbey. “We’re expecting at least 400 cars,” said VMCAA committee member Kathy Kunselman. In addition, a swap meet will be featured along with a flea market, crafters, a variety of food vendors, and old cars for sale. “(The show will feature) anything from the first cars, the early 1900s, right up to brand new,” Kunselman said. “We have both restored or original, as well as modified and hot rods. We have everything for every taste.” In conjunction, Applewood will play a plethora of oldies throughout the

day. Trophies will be awarded for first and second place in each category at 3 p.m.

The next day, the Florence Merchants Car Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 17th, in downtown Florence. During the day, the Old Dawgs band will perform a variety of ‘50s and ‘60s music for the crowd while they stroll along the street to view the cars. Also featured will be the Valve Cover Racing at 11 a.m. Prizes also will be presented. Most of the antique stores and restaurants will be open for the crowd to shop and dine. “It’s a laid back car show. It’s still a non-judging affair,” Upton said. “It’s just fun to come out, show off your car, socialize and shop, it gets bigger every year.” For more information, call Upton at 502-403-5204.

Walk Run Bike for Life Event

by Charlotte Burrous

Taking a stroll in the park is a fun way to spend an afternoon, especially when it’s for a worthwhile cause. On May 16, the Canon City Pregnancy Center will host its annual Walk for Life in Veterans Park. “Our registration starts at 3:00,” said executive director Kristy Slaughenhaupt. “Kick off is at 4:00.” Other activities include live music, food cooked by Atmos Energy, face painting and more. Snow cones also will be available. This year, participants may participate in one of three events, including a two-mile walk, a 5K run that goes up the River Walk to Tun-

nel Drive and a seven-mile bike ride. “All of them are appropriate for all ages,” Slaughenhaupt said. “Anybody who participates will receive a free T-shirt.” People can pick up flyers at the center at 508 Greenwood, KRLN/Star Country Radio or several businesses around town.

“It’s been going on for more than 25 years,” she said. “This just funds the Pregnancy Center. It helps support parents and families to help ends meet, and offers educational programs for families.”

For more information or to pick up pledge forms, call 719-275-7074.

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 otherwise 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 Officer Sweeney 719-240-4873 josh.sweeney@pd.florencecolorado.org

Cañon City's 77th Annual Blossom Festival Parade



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The Daily Jot

Daily reporting and analysis of current events from a biblical and prophetic perspective.

NOTE: When writing about God and Jesus, The Daily Jot means YHVH as God and Yeshua Ha Mashiach as Jesus--the actual original names and the true nature and character of them.

America Burns, President Lectures, Leaders Hide

There is a tremendous void of leadership in this country. The bulk of the people in charge are not statesmen, neither are they leaders, nor are they virtuous people with honor and integrity to lead. America elected a man of color, hoping upon hope that he would do as he promised--bring Americans together, bridge the racial divide. That hasn't happened. Tensions between blacks and whites has increased during this presidency and is, quite frankly, at a tipping point. What does the "president" do? He lectures Americans about solving the problem by paying attention to it everyday, not just when a CVS drugstore is burnt to the ground. That helps a lot, Captain Obvious. We don't need lectures, we need leaders.

The White House posted some of the "president's" remarks as if they were news. In reality, they are empty words that inflame rather than unite, demonstrating that he has no desire to influence the situation for the benefit of all Americans. His White House post said, "We don't just pay attention to these communities when a CVS burns, and we don't just pay attention when a young man gets shot or has his spine snapped. We should be paying attention all the time because we consider those kids our kids, and we think they're important and that they shouldn't be living in poverty and violence." No dialogue. No solutions. No leadership. His remarks seem to encourage more destruction across the country.

Case in point: The "president" says the destruction is good news because it has brought awareness. He said, "This is not new, and we shouldn't pre-

tend that it's new. The good news is that perhaps there's some newfound awareness, because of social media and video cameras and so forth, that there are problems and challenges when it comes to how policing and our laws are applied in certain communities and we have to pay attention to it." This coming from a man who picks and chooses which laws he wants to apply--can anyone say: offshore drilling, defense of marriage, border security, health care, electioneering? This is the type of twisted logic that causes civil unrest and disenfranchisement.

Most Presidents would bring people together, have dialogue and work toward a solution. This "president" says riots are a good thing because they bring awareness and that police shouldn't enforce the laws in "certain communities." And it's not just the "president," although he is in a good position to do something constructive. Leadership in the Black community isn't coming from the churches, its coming from insurgent Islamist groups like the New Black Panthers, Nation of Islam, and other radical elements. There is no leadership from the White community, none from Congress, nor from governors, and especially not from the church. Jesus said in Matthew 12:25, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand." We are a nation divided with a vacuum of leadership.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
www.dailyjot.com
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The Gay Destroyers Blew Their Own Heads Off

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

(Editor/GG: The fact that this is even before the U.S. Supreme Court is disgusting and a sure sign of the complete disintegration of our once moral society. The gaystapo, the gay mafia, whatever you want to call these narcissistic, shameless fascists, is simply a tool of the liberals as they tear down our Christian nation and replace it with a godless, peasant class ruled by wannabe bolsheviks. Pray for Our Nation, 2 Chronicles 7:14.)

I'll make a prediction: *The gay activists lost their own case in the US Supreme Court.*

That's right -- they didn't lose simply because they should have lost, they lost because their true agenda was exposed; their campaign of deception, of "inclusiveness", was exposed at the Court and the Justices took notice of it.

They're going to lose on that basis.

Among the points in support of this was a *statement* from the Justices that the applicants "are not trying to join the institution of marriage; *they*

are trying to change what that institution is."

This is not only beyond the remit of the court; **it is beyond the remit of anyone just as you can't change a man into a woman by cutting off a body part and adding artificial parts onto his body; you can make him look like a woman but he is still a man.**

I suspect that was enough to doom the case, standing alone. But it didn't end there; the Obama Administration attorney, under questioning from the Justices, admitted that they are likely to revoke tax exemptions from colleges and other institutions if they do not "comply" with such a policy. *For example, a Catholic University would be forced to allow same-sex couples to cohabit in on-campus housing, never mind that a gay couple couldn't get married in a Catholic church by a Catholic priest in any event!*

In other words, such a couple would not attend because they're Catholic and wish to live in a religious fashion under Catholic dogma as that's **impossible** as a matter of Catholic Doctrine for said gay couple; *their entire purpose in attending said*

school would be to destroy the institution by attacking its tax exemption. Yet despite that **obvious and blatant** act of bad faith the government will stand with them and come after the institution, effectively allowing them to use the government's monopoly on the use of force **to assist them in an intentional act of destruction taken with malice aforethought rather than inclusiveness.**

I don't believe the Justices will allow that to happen.

But if they do then **we the people of America** must not allow the Justices and their demonstrated willingness to allow *these malevolent, intentional acts of vandalism and worse* to stand as valid.

For their part Christian ministers and others of conviction have already thrown down that gauntlet by stating that they will not comply.

The interaction between those two, should it come to it, ought to be well worth observing -- from well beyond a minimum safe distance.

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The Dirty Little Secret No One Wants to Admit About Baltimore

by Allen West,
AllenBWest.com

(Editor/GG: Folks, cut this article out and give it to a liberal neighbor or acquaintance. Watch their heads explode. Every word of this article is true. The democrats have destroyed the black family starting with Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty in the sixties. Did you see that black mother slapping her teenage son around because he participated in the riots? Good on her! But nobody in the lackey media asked the central question: Where was the father? Thank you, Democrats, for destroying the American family and replacing it with the hopelessness of socialism.)

The population of Baltimore is 622,000 and 63 percent of its population is black. The mayor, state's attorney, police chief, and city council president are black, as is 48 percent of the police force. But as 36-year-old Robert Stokes says, "You look around and see unemployment. Filling out job applications and being turned down because of where you live and your demographic. It's so much bigger than the police department."

Everyone wants to have an honest conversation about

race, so let us endeavor to do just that. Now, of course, when you speak the hard truth about race issues in America – and not just the liberal progressive talking points – and you're white, you'll be branded a racist. And if you're black, well, y'all just watch the comments below and see the denigrating drivel.

As posted on Breitbart.com by John Nolte, "Contrary to the emotional blackmail some leftists are attempting to peddle, Baltimore is not America's problem or shame. That failed city is solely and completely a Democrat problem."

"Like many failed cities, Detroit comes to mind, and every city besieged recently by rioting, Democrats and their union pals have had carte blanche to inflict their ideas and policies on Baltimore since 1967, the last time there was a Republican Mayor. In 2012, after four years of his own failed policies, President Obama won a whopping 87.4% of the Baltimore city vote. Democrats run the city of Baltimore, the unions, the schools, and, yes, the police force. Since 1969, there have only been two Republican governors of the State of Maryland. Elijah Cummings has represented Baltimore in the U.S. Congress for more

than thirty years."

"As I write this, despite his objectively disastrous reign, the Democrat-infested mainstream media is treating the Democrat like a local folk hero, not the obvious and glaring failure he really is. Every single member of the Baltimore city council is a Democrat. Liberalism and all the toxic government dependence and cronyism and union corruption and failed schools that comes along with it, has run amok in Baltimore for a half-century, and that is Baltimore's problem. It is the free people of Baltimore who elect and then re-elect those who institute policies that have so spectacularly failed that once-great city. It is the free people of Baltimore who elected Mayor "Space-to-Destroy".

Mr. Nolte is white and we all know the invectives which will be hurled his way — but he is absolutely correct.

I was watching the news reports from Baltimore and hearing all the condemnations from some about being kept down and the lack of jobs, opportunity, good schools — then why do these blacks keep voting for the same people? And this isn't a phenomenon isolated to Baltimore.

Every single, major urban center in America is run by Democrats — more specifically, liberal progressives, black or white. The morass that became Detroit. The killing fields of Chicago. The depravity of Washington, D.C. The shame of South Dallas. And, yes, even the place that was once my home, Atlanta — even with all the successful black entertainers.

Now, I remember the first black mayor of Atlanta, Maynard Jackson. That guy was a leader and even spoke at my high school Baccalaureate. But today, Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed has done such a bang-up job that the Atlanta Braves are moving to Cobb County!

Just do the assessment yourselves. Who are the elected officials heading up the urban centers? And where does one find the most dire socio-economic statistics?

Yet we hear these rioters blame whites — well, they need to make sure they're specifically blaming the correct whites — those on the left. Blacks have been herded into these inner city clusters, a new economic

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Aurora, Colorado: School Blocks 5-Year-Old From Eating Oreos Packed in Lunch

by Kyle Olson,
EAGNews.Org

(Editor/GG: Here is where we are at: Americans who believe in the Constitution read this and are horrified that a teacher tells YOUR kid NOT to eat the lunch YOU made for him/her. A liberal (which is, in reality, virtually all democrats today) reads this and says the teacher did right - the government knows what your kid should eat, not you. It's the government's kid, not yours. Lesson: Vote conservative at all political levels, all the time. Especially locally where they can do great damage (just look around at some of our local officials and special districts). Every one of these statist, collectivist, liberals you vote in is a cancer on liberty. They don't believe in American Liberty. They don't believe our rights came from God. They worship Lenin, Stalin, Alinsky, and Nobama. Vote for liberty and freedom, folks, not for the shackles of liberalism. And, for the record, a RINO is the worst of all, a shape-changer wrapped around a commie core.)

AURORA, Colo. -

A Colorado preschool blocked a girl from eating part of her lunch af-

ter a teacher deemed it "unhealthy."

Leeza Pearson says she packed for her daughter, a student at Children's Academy, a ham and cheese sandwich, string cheese and a four-pack of Oreos.

When her child returned home, the cookies were still in the lunchbox, along with a note from the school:

"Dear Parents, it is very important that all students have a nutritious lunch. This is a public school setting and all children are required to have a fruit, a vegetable and a heavy snack from home, along with a milk. If they have potatoes, the child will also need bread to go along with it. Lunchables, chips, fruit snacks, and peanut butter are not considered to be a healthy snack. This is a very important part of our program and we need everyone's participation."

Pearson's daughter says her teacher didn't allow her to eat the cookies during lunch, because "they don't have enough nutritional value," according to 9 News.

The school plead ignorance about the note, saying it should not have gone out to any parent. They say it is not school policy to tell

children what they can or can't eat for lunch.

"What the school thinks is healthy for her is not what I think is healthy for her," the mother says. "That's between me and her and our doctor - not the school."

It's not the first time Oreos have been treated like contraband.

School students read, the Daily Mail reports.

"The students do NOT have to eat the Oreo if they do not wish to do so."

It also isn't the first time a school has tried to regulate a home-packed lunch.

The Richmond, Virginia, school district issued a no-

"What the school thinks is healthy for her is not what I think is healthy for her," the mother says. "That's between me and her and our doctor - not the school."

Last month, a science class was learning about the Earth's tectonic plates using Oreos.

A permission slip was sent home to Pennsylvania parents, requiring approval to allow their child to eat the cookie at the conclusion of the lesson.

"The students may eat the Oreo after the investigation if this is okay with you," science teacher Darlene Porter's note to parents of Welsh Valley Middle

tice to parents telling them home-packed lunches were permissible with a doctor's note.

"Parents are to be informed that students can only bring lunches from home if there is a medical condition meriting a specific diet, along with a physicians note to that regard," it read.

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The Lies Keep Coming (Greenie Fantasies)

By Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

Count on Bloomberg to lay the horse**** on hard and heavy....

The race for renewable energy has passed a turning point. The world is now adding more capacity for renewable power each year than coal, natural gas, and oil combined. And there's no going back.

Suuuuure it is.

Bloomberg cites the "expansion" of solar panel capacity. Well, ok, except for a few problems, with the most-serious being that the sun doesn't shine all the time, yet your demand for power doesn't disappear when the sun does.

So how do you get the power when the sun is not out?

Well that's easy -- you have to have standby capacity ready to go. This means you must have a fossil-fuel plant ready to run for the case when there's no solar available. And that, my friends, is a problem because the capital cost has to be absorbed.

When running the numbers, you must account for this, but the "renewable" people *never* do. If you do, then the so-called "solar" energy is *extremely* expensive and always will be, sim-

ply because you must back up every Gigawatt of it with something that will be available *whenever it is demanded*. The alternative is that you get to black someone out when the energy can't be had.

Of course, the claim is that this is all about "climate change." That's horse**** too, but nobody cares anymore about the blatant **fraud** that has been perpetrated on the public when it comes to CO².

Then there's the nonsense about "electric cars"; it's a nice fantasy but that's all it is. Among other problems is the fact that lithium, the key component in batteries, is expensive and what's worse is that it has to be dug out of the ground. Mining isn't exactly ecologically kind, you see, but we don't care *because it all happens "over there" where we can't see it*, such as in China.

Further, there is no escape from physics and thermodynamics - specifically, energy density. A lithium battery is *always* going to lose to an internal combustion engine on range (and badly so) because the battery has to carry its oxidizer *inside the case*; the engine gets it from the atmosphere. Yes, the electric car is more efficient in the car but the power has to come from somewhere and the *system efficiency* from that point to the road is not much different, if any at all, from

the internal combustion alternative.

Fuel cells sound interesting, but *where do you get the fuel?* For the uninitiated, fuel cells typically run on hydrogen; the simplest source for it is natural gas, which is (mostly) methane or CH₄. You can chemically "reform" it to get the H₄ out (as 2H₂) but now you have the carbon left over, which winds up as CO₂. *This is exactly identical to burning the methane to make power, incidentally. Maybe you can explain how that's "greener" than simply burning the methane in the first place? Oh, I know -- it happened "over there" where we didn't see it.*

It never ceases to amaze me that the public simply doesn't understand this; after all, a huge percentage of the population never took a physics class or made sure that *High School* was appropriately named in terms of retention of what they did learn. But this doesn't excuse publications and their writers; there's a presumption that when you shoot off your mouth you have at least a passing grade in the subject matter that underlies your argument.

Unless, of course, you're part of the lamestream media.

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The Difference Between a Socialist and a Communist

A quote from Mike Vanderboegh on his blog site, sipseystreetirregulars.blogspot.com:

"I once got my daughter, Zoe, in trouble at school when she answered the social studies teacher's question, "What is the difference between socialism and communism?" A socialist, she explained (as she had learned at her daddy's knee), was a communist who had not yet found his AK-47 or the will to use it, and a communist was a socialist who had found his AK-47 and would kill you with it."



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Oyster Farmer: 'We Are Terrified of the Government'

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

(Editor/GG: Outright tyranny. This could be any small business in the U.S. Welcome to liberalism. Look what the Westcliffe libs tried to do to the Sentinel.)

The National Park Service used falsified data to shut down an 80-year-old oyster company in Point Reyes, California its owner claims.

Drakes Bay Oyster Company operated in Point Reyes for decades until National Park Service officials used falsified data to force Kevin Lunny's family-run oyster farm to shut down. The experience has left its mark on Lunny: "We Are Terrified," he told lawmakers during a hearing Thursday.

"Let me be clear, we did not fail as a business," Lunny said in his prepared testimony. "This was not bad luck. Rather, the Park Service engaged in a taxpayer-funded enterprise of corruption to run our small business out of Point Reyes."

Lunny made this statement in response to a question by Republican Rep. Raul Labrador asking whether or not Lunny felt like there could be consequences from his testimony against the National Parks Service.

Even Democratic California Rep. Jared Huffman admitted that in the rush to get rid of industry from Point Reyes, government officials and environmentalists

"overstated" evidence that Lunny's farm was harming the environment.

"No one has apologized," Lunny said.

Drakes Bay Oyster Company is located in Northern California's Point Reyes National Seashore, where it has been for decades. Point Reyes isn't your typical national park because it was created to preserve the historic coastline where people have been settled since the Gold Rush. It was never intended to be a major tourist attraction like Yellowstone.

For decades the Park Service had a good relationship with the oyster company, but that all changed in the mid-2000s. All of a sudden, NPS officials started blaming the company for an 80 percent decline in the local harbor seal population. Officials also blamed Lunny's farm for upsetting the ecological balance of Drakes Estero.

But all of these accusations against Drakes Bay Oyster Company turned out to be completely false. The National Parks Service lacked any scientific data to back up its claims that the company was killing seals and hurting the local environment. In fact, studies done by the U.S. Geological Survey and the California State Health Department showed the Parks Service was completely wrong.

NPS, however, didn't stop there and kept making false claims against the oyster company.

"The Park Service misrepresented that study," Lunny said. "They instead attempted to demonstrate harm by substituting data from a sixty-year-old study conducted at the Sea of Japan and attributing it to our farm."

"For example, in assessing the noise impact of our small outboard motor boats, the Park Service, rather than measuring our

level, was willing to admit that false science was being used against us, or to at least correct the record and stop the false accusations."

The Interior Department's own inspector general even found misconduct by agency officials and that they misrepresented facts. But even so, the inspector general was powerless to stop Parks Service officials from attacking Lunny's business.

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boats on our soundscape [as required], instead used the measurements from a seventy-horsepower, 700cc Kawasaki jet ski in New Jersey," Lunny added.

Lunny appealed to higher ups at the National Park Service for help in the matter and to correct the record on false statements made by the agency, but he got no help from the government.

"The local Park Service staff was not willing to correct the false claims, so we went to the Regional Director," Lunny said. "No help there. Then we went to the Park Service Director, and finally the Secretary of Interior. No one, at any

Eventually, Drakes Bay Oyster Farm closed its doors because of the litigation and regulatory actions taken by the federal government.

"What the Park Service did to our family was unconscionable," Lunny said. "This polluted legacy of false science has tainted our dealings with state and federal agencies, and has resulted in unnecessary regulatory and legal action against our family and our farm."

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Colorado Dems Laughably Suggest State Should Run Private Retirement Accounts

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Behind this is the eventual lib attempt to take all private pension monies when the dollar crashes and the libs can't cut the checks for the American gulag peasants anymore. There has been a lot of talk about this from the socialists in Europe for the last few years. No money, no control over the majority of Americans who have become dependent on government welfare (in all its forms). Controlling the management of the pensions is the first step. At this point, I wouldn't be laughing too hard.)

Just a little over a month after rating agency Moody's stepped in and told the state of Colorado that it needed to shore up its ailing public pension fund, state House Democrats have proposed the state fund private companies' retirement accounts, too. We know it's somewhat preposterous. From the *Denver Business Journal*:

"The House on Thursday approved House Bill 1235, which would create a task force to study how Coloradans are saving for retirement and then to propose any solutions that the Legislature could implement. But it did so on a fully partisan 33-30 Democratic-majority vote, leaving the bill in jeopardy as it heads to the Republican-led Senate."

As it should be, in jeopardy, that is. This is a terrible idea. Fortunately, it's scheduled to be heard today in the Senate kill committee.

Colorado already has the 16th largest long-term liability – \$29 billion – despite efforts to stem the ballooning liability. The head of Colorado PERA told the *Grand Junction Sentinel* that eventually the fund would be solvent – in 35 years.

That's why it's so funny that House Democrats would propose that the state take over small business pension funds. Colorado cannot even pay for

its own employees, much less some kind of bastard offspring of the Colorado Health Exchange and PERA pushed by the left-leaning Bell Policy Center.

One CEO, 24- or 25-year-old Jacob Zax, who appears to still live at home, is supportive of the plan, telling the *Denver Business Journal*:

"Generally speaking, I trust the government. For a simple plan like this, a government-validated plan, it would reduce some of the stress about having to do this."

That's probably what some said about Obamacare. To that we say, if you trust the government to handle this, you haven't been paying attention.

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The Second Amendment Corner

Liberty's Line in the Sand

2015



What's Right With Kansas? Constitutional Carry Bill Passes

by Bob Owens,
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Congratulations, Kansas. You are about to rejoin those free states allowing constitutional carry.

Kansas is poised to join a handful of other states that allow their residents to carry concealed firearms without a permit after the Legislature gave final approval Wednesday to a bill backed by the National Rifle Association.

The measure was headed to Republican Gov. Sam Brownback despite some lawmakers' misgivings about the state dropping its requirement that anyone seeking to carry a concealed firearm undergo at least eight hours of training. Brownback's office didn't say what his plans are, but he's signed every other major gun-rights measure sent to him since taking office in January 2011.

Kansas would become the fifth state to allow concealed carry without a permit everywhere within its borders, according to the NRA.

"Carrying a gun is a lifestyle," said Republican Rep. Travis Couture-Lovelady. "The government should trust its citizens."

West Virginia was actually slightly ahead of Kansas in passing a constitutional carry bill through its legislature, but the bill was vetoed by West Virginia's Democrat Governor, Earl Ray Tomblin. West Virginia's legislature seems to have the votes to easily override Tomblin's veto, and we hope that the legislature will take up that override vote soon.

You'll note that both Kansas and West Virginia were able to get as far as they have without obnoxious and intentionally provocative open carry demonstrations near schools, in the legislature, or in private businesses that unnecessarily added additional hurdles and gave gun control groups ammunition to fight against us.

Tactics matter.

Firearm rights campaigners in other states need to study carefully how the organizations in Kansas and West Virginia are building coalitions. In both of these states, supporters worked diligently and with resolve, while making sure not to do anything to generate or intensify opposition.

Anyone who looks at trends is well aware of the fact that firearms freedom is spreading in all but the most restrictive and liberty-challenged states. The momentum is on our side and legislators in both major parties know it. We will prevail... as long as some of the more "politically challenged" on our side don't get in our way.

Fight smart. Win.

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"It's a Duel"

Gun Control in Oregon Takes a Page from Colorado's Repeal Battle

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

They say that Imitation is the highest form of flattery. Gun rights advocates in Oregon are quickly rounding up their political ammo to combat a Democratic Senate and House as a bill mandating background checks on private gun sales picks up steam, taking a page from Colorado.

After passing a Senate vote, the bill has already sparked petitions to recall three Democratic legislators, including one who accepted campaign money from gun-rights groups before signing on as the sponsor of the controversial bill. Republican backlash has so far created space for over eight hours of public testimony from citizens concerned for their rights.

For Coloradans, it's gun control déjà vu, since three significant gun control laws in 2013 prompted the successful recall of Democrats Sen. Angela Gi-

ron and Senate President John Morse, as well as the resignation of Sen. Evie Hudak. While Oregon legislators don't seem too concerned about the local petitions against them, we'd like to highlight the history of the battle in Colorado as a warning.

Forcing legislation through a friendly Senate and House will seriously irk constituents who believe in their constitutional rights. In Colorado, sheriffs, legislators, small business owners, and private citizens took aim at the laws before the ink was dry, despite Democrat arrogance. Former Senator Giron confidently told The Huffington Post in 2013 that:

"I think it's without a doubt that we're going to make it through this [recall] ... We are going to be making some history here."

That sounds uncomfortably familiar to Sen. Chuck Riley of Hillsboro,

Oregon, one of the Senators facing a recall petition. He told the Statesman Journal that:

"There's no reason to think that you're going to be recalled for doing what you said you were going to do in your campaign."

We'll see about that, Sen. Riley.

Colorado is a bellwether for gun control battles. Oregon Democrats should have paid more attention to the power of constituents to successfully repeal legislation and recall legislators. Even with a Democratic majority, Colorado is already proof that underestimating recall petitions is the Dems' fatal flaw. One of them, at least.

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Politifact Admits: Handgun Waiting Periods Don't Save Lives

by Bob Owens,
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You would think that anyone with a modicum of common sense would know that handgun waiting periods have little to no impact on criminal activity.

Professional criminals do not get their firearms through legal avenues, but through theft, the black market, straw purchases, and the Department of Justice.

Opportunistic and "crime of passion" criminals running on emotion, either typically A) already have firearms, or B) use other objects as weapons when a firearm isn't available, typically to the same deadly end, and typically through much more prolonged and brutal attacks with impact or stabbing weapons.

Politifact felt compelled to challenge a Wisconsin State Senator who mentioned this self-evident fact.

Amid a surge in murderous gun violence in Milwaukee, the Republican-controlled

Wisconsin Senate voted to repeal a state law that requires a two-day wait for handgun purchases.

Just before the April 21, 2015, vote, the author of the bill, state Sen. Van Wanggaard, made this waiting-period claim:

"There's no statistical evidence that it reduces violence whatsoever," the Racine Republican declared.

With the repeal bill moving to the GOP-controlled Assembly, and likely headed for GOP Gov. Scott Walker, let's see if Wanggaard is right.

It must have nearly killed Politifact to concede that Wanggaard's statement is "mostly true."

Wanggaard said, "There's no statistical evidence that" a waiting period for handgun purchases "reduces violence whatsoever."

There is research to indicate that handgun waiting periods are linked with lower suicide rates. But we did not find evidence that

waiting periods coincide with less violence being committed by one person against another. If such evidence emerges, we may revisit this item.

As it stands, Wanggaard's statement is accurate but needs clarification — our definition of Mostly True.

But even that admission is selling Wanggaard short. The ruling should have been "Entirely True," and here's why.

Politifact—always reliably left-leaning in their biases—cited only well-known gun control sources throughout their "fact check," and didn't bother to challenge their "experts" nearly as much as they did this state senator.

If they were that honest, they'd have to concede that there is no evidence whatsoever that a 48-hour handgun waiting period even prevents suicide.

Sadly, depression is a real and seriously debilitating mental illness for many people, and one that we have not been able to fully

understand the root causes of, much less successfully treat. People suffering from long-term and cyclical depression and other mental health maladies are simply not struck by a one-time desire to harm themselves that never again occurs.

Sadly, I've witnessed this firsthand with numerous people. I've seen the results of both successful and unsuccessful attempts more times than I care to think about, and the one common denominator is that those people who seriously want to end their lives will eventually find a way to do so.

The best these anti-gun "experts" can legitimately claim is that a 48-hour waiting period may keep someone from using that specific implement to end their lives during that very brief time period. The reality of the matter, however, is that there are many options for suicide other than firearms, as the incredibly suicidal and gun-free Japanese

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Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim

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

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



Legalized Extortion

Cartoonists have periodically characterized Satan as a little red fellow with a pitchfork standing on someone's left shoulder, whispering destructive urgings. This imp of unrighteousness often faces a competitor on the other shoulder who suggests a more rational and moral approach. This portrayal of the battle of good and evil actually extends beyond the illustrative power of the printed page into full-blown reality. When the recent activities and proposals of our elected leaders are considered, there are only two possibilities: total insanity or an invisible influence bent on absolute destruction entering the equation.

The present budget of \$3.9 trillion with Obama bailouts of 614 billion which have bolstered 950 banks, auto companies, and assorted other Democratic favorites will explode the average calculator. Not only is this irrational, it's immoral and can only be compared to legalized extortion. That amount cannot be extracted from an unwilling public and be called virtuous. To compound the financial quagmire, Washington has engaged in a systematic rollback of policies previously based on higher ground. Stem-cell research is being accelerated while science is discovering adult stem cells are just as effective. International abortions are funded even though the vast majority of the American taxpayers oppose the expenditure.

At the risk of sounding too theological, we have found ourselves at a crossroads of national schizophrenia---and God must be consulted if any logical answers are to be obtained. The apostle Paul said, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Ephesians 6:12) The en-

tire text suggests a satanic army exists that has four divisions with as many targets. Principalities, the first on the list, have to do with governments. (Jeremiah 13:18) It is similar to the word municipalities, only broader in scope. Daniel 10 indicates a demonic prince (hence, principalities) is assigned to every nation in the world to confound, confuse, and to lead the parade of incorrect thinking.

The idea that Lucifer has this authority is untested, as illustrated in Matthew 4:8-9: "Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him (Jesus) all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me." Jesus didn't refute the satanic claim of ownership, as the Bible acknowledges the devil to be the "god of this world." (2 Corinthians 4:4). Hence a prayer that most are familiar with: "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:9,10) Clearly the Kingdom has not yet come, and God's will is largely being ignored on earth.

Before we assume the role of fatalist and throw up our hands in despair with the usual assertion "what will be, will be," the remainder of the scriptural formula should be digested. Paul continues the narrative by proposing a spiritual armor to withstand the wiles of the devil. His choice of the word "wiles" indicates "wily, crafty, underhanded, cunning, deception, fraud, trickery," according to Mr. Webster. This is the same man who said, "If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and author-

ity, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity."

The highway of history is littered with discarded protection that has all the appearance of a retreating Iraqi army. The helmet of humble salvation has been cast aside in favor of a proud look and lofty eyelids. Society feeds on a self-congratulatory diet of Oscars, Emmys, Golden Globes, People's Choice Awards, Grammys, Country Music Awards, etc. The breastplate of righteousness is in the weeds, having been replaced by movies, music, language, and morals that would have made a 19th century pimp blush. The armor for the legs is compared to truth, and any street fighter (the devil is best) knows the legs must go.

The prophet added, "And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." (Isaiah 59:14) The feet that once were shod with the gospel of peace have been given over to the thrift store in preference for a glitzy pair purchased at the mall of relativity. Considered to be an article of antiquity, the shield of faith is no longer considered necessary and has been reassigned to the wall of the museum of curiosity. "The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:17) has been dismissed in preference for the artillery of higher critical thinking. Excalibur is occasionally pulled from the rock in a presidential campaign or a national emergency, but is otherwise left to be disdained by Ivy League intellectuals.

No wonder the arrows of the enemy are piercing the heart and soul of our nation. The voice of the angel on the right shoulder has been reduced to a whisper, but He is still there if anyone is listening.

A Sheepdog Barks!

I constantly get questions from new readers about the strange "sounds" and "abbreviations" in my column. This column was inspired by an article I read many years ago called "**On Sheep, Wolves, and Sheepdogs.**" We print it every six months or so, but new readers can always find it on our web site at **sdcsentinel.com**. It will help you understand.

Today I'm reprinting excerpts from several of my previous columns. I'm calling this one "**The New Readers Guide to Reading and Loving the Sheepdog Barks Column.**" WOOF!

WOOF! HOWL! BAA! From time to time I am asked by new readers "what's up with the 'Sheepdog Barks' column and all those animal sounds?" Please read the article by Lieutenant Colonel Dave Grossman, U.S. Army (Retired). It is long but full of important thoughts. The old, retired, Army Vietnam veteran that he quotes had it exactly right. Sheep are in denial and need protecting. If you've read it before, read it again. I read it over and over. All sheepdogs should refresh and renew their spirits every so often. The message from LTC Grossman is mostly about recognizing and fighting evil. I believe that those Liberals (aka Wolves) who are trying to destroy America are evil. When they speak, they **HOWL!** I believe most Americans are sheep. They do little or nothing. When they speak they go **BAA!** I have decided to be a sheepdog and protect the sheep's liberties and freedoms from the wolves. I go **WOOF!** It is an "alarm bark" which warns the sheep of the presence of or the actions of Wolves (aka LPsDs) and our need to be vigilant and fight back. Join me. We need millions more sheepdogs. Write me back at the paper. I would love to hear your barks. WOOF!

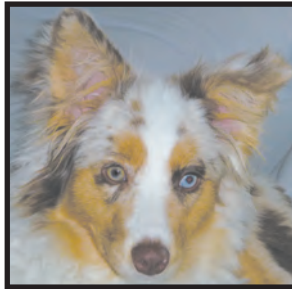
At first I tried to separate the liberals from the progressives, the socialists, and the Democrats. I finally tired of that and decided to lump them all together as **Liberal Progressive Socialist Democrats or LPsDs**. Saves me a lot of time and space.

By the way, I have received some complaints about my calling all the LPsDs the same thing. One told me he was no socialist. Another told me he was not a progressive. You get the picture. I told them as far as I was concerned they are all Liberal Progressive Socialist Democrats. However, I didn't have the time to be more specific in each case. So I suggested to them that they pick the "letters" they like and go with that. For instance, they could be a

LPD or a **SD** or an **LP** or even just a **D**. Whatever makes them happy. In fact my favorite would be an **LSD**. Reminds me of what most of them took for fun in the 60s and 70s. Problem is they are still hallucinating and that is what's causing most of America's big problems. WOOF!

Not long ago I added a new animal and a new sound — **MEEOW!** Here is why:

Last week in the paper I called the Republican leaders in Congress, and some of their followers, "**straw lions.**" That is because they don't "**roar**", they "**mew**." They remind me of a combination of the lion in search of courage and the scarecrow in search of a brain that accompanied Dorothy to see the Wizard, thus the term "straw lion." Boehner and McConnell are in the lion pride leadership roles but are the weakest. When they were campaigning this last time they "roared." Made us feel good about seizing control of the zoo we all know as Washington, D.C. (aka Congress). But right out of the chute they failed to pass a veto-proof, XL Keystone pipeline bill. This was a "no-brainer." Boehner "roared" for about a month and then rolled over and passed a clean DHS bill in support of Obama's unconstitutional amnesty plan. MEEOW! McConnell couldn't convince 12 Democrat senators that it was in America's interest to support the XL Keystone pipeline bill. MEEOW!



thers would not recognize the America they created if they were alive today. I saw a sign the other day that said we now have the government our Founding Fathers tried to prevent. Sadly true! Why and how has this happened? I'm not sure anyone can absolutely pinpoint one or two specific reasons but after careful sheepdog consideration of the last 50-70 years, I have easily attributed ALL our problems to the Communist-Socialist-Liberal-Progressive sequential-thought-process that has occurred during that period. Oh, I dropped the word communist ever since I read a book by W. Cleon Skousen called, "*The Naked Communist.*" In 1956 Mr. Skousen, a retired FBI agent, wrote about the American Communist Party Manifesto; 45 communist goals to take over America. Most of these goals are now part of the Democrat Party Platform so I don't need to be redundant. WOOF!

These OIALPA anecdotes will serve to remind and alarm us to the dangers of Liberal Progressive rule and ideology that is destroying the America that



The Cowardly Lion from the Wizard of Oz

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From time to time as I heard about, or read about, some insane anecdote in America, I would think this can only happen in an "LPsD" America. I wanted to share them occasionally so I've identified them with the abbreviation **OIALPA** which means "**Only In A Liberal Progressive America.**"

The America (and the world) that the LPsDs have created is beyond mind-boggling, bizarre, and almost completely incomprehensible. I'm convinced our Founding Fa-

many of us grew up in and that our Founding Fathers intended to pass on. Considered individually, these kinds of things may not seem like much. Considered together, and in the context of the LPsD's overall plan to implode America, these might keep you awake at night. WOOF!

Hope this helps you enjoy and understand my column.

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH

The Insidious VA Culture: Bureaucrats Show Their True Colors in Bonus Battle

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com
(Editor/GG: Folks, this isn't limited to the VA. The entire federal government has grown into a corrupt money-making machine for the "employees" where bonuses are rewarded for failure and anybody actually trying to improve the system is punished. Another example, the IRS is simply a disgrace and the bosses there are getting tens of millions of dollars in bonuses.)

The problems at the VA are not mismanagement flukes that can be cleaned up with a few strokes of a housekeeping broom.

These are problems so deeply ingrained in the bureaucratic culture that even a new agency secretary, exhaustive congressional oversight, and an angry public outcry have failed to correct the runaway mismanagement.

Despite Secretary Robert McDonald's claims that 900, make that 60, employees were fired because of their negligence that led to the deaths of numerous veterans last year, that number of fired employees is actually zero, according to Concerned Veterans of America.

That \$10 billion Veterans Choice Program Congress created last year to alleviate the backlog of doctor appointments? *Stars and Stripes* reports that's not working well either:

But after a hurried rollout that has led to confusion as to exactly who is eligible and what they need to do to coordinate treatment, officials now say only 37,648 medical appointments have been made through April 11.

That figure represents only a tiny fraction of eligible patients. The Choice plan is supposed to be open to patients

who live more than 40 miles from a VA hospital or clinic or who have been told they would have to wait more than 30 days for VA care. As of April 1, there were almost 432,000 appointments pending in the VA's scheduling system involving a wait that long.

However, it is the ongoing dispute to complete construction of the Aurora hospital — now over budget by nearly one billion dollars — that shows the absolute commitment of agency bureaucrats to themselves, over the veterans they are tasked to protect.

Rather than pay for the outrageous cost overruns out of their own pockets by forfeiting bonuses, like the \$64,000 received by Glenn Haggstrom, the now retired official who ran up \$2 billion in cost overruns at four VA hospital projects including Aurora, they want veterans to feel the pain, again.

The VA wants the Aurora financing to come out of emergency funds that were appropriated by Congress to help clean up last year's scandals, money specifically authorized to hire more medical staff and for "minor" construction projects. That leaves taxpayers on the hook, again, to refill that \$5 billion account, if the \$1 billion is extracted to pay for Aurora.

We expect to hear Deputy VA Secretary Sloan Gibson whine and complain at today's 1:30 p.m., Senate Committee hearing at the Aurora City Council Chambers that these outrageous bonuses are crucial to the operation of the government agency.

Whereas hiring doctors and nurses to take care of veterans, well, that can wait.

The House Appropriations Committee this week passed the VA funding bill for fiscal year 2016, and it contains

some pretty harsh language for the Obama administration, while signaling that Congress is willing to put a temporary hold on the Aurora construction if the VA can't get its act together:

The Committee is seriously disturbed by recent findings of gross facility construction mismanagement with the VA Aurora, Colorado, hospital project, in particular, the cost overruns that are now estimated at \$930,000,000. The Committee expects a detailed explanation from the administration within 30 days from the filing of this appropriations report about: (1) whether there is justification to continue the project, as opposed to re-scoping the project, renovating the existing hospital, or pausing to recompet the project; (2) how the administration proposes to finance further costs for the hospital in a deficit-neutral way; (3) what personnel actions have been taken against those responsible for the project's mismanagement; and (4) what program oversight and management controls have been installed for current and future VA construction projects.

U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman's bill to use the hundreds of millions of bonus money for the next few years to complete construction is still at play, and looking to be a good alternative considering appropriators this week also voted to slash the bonus fund by \$100 million for fiscal year 2016.

When the VA bill heads to the House floor for a full vote, expect to see Coffman's measure offered as an amendment.

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plantation and in this 50th year of President Lyndon Johnson's Great Society — well, the unintended, or maybe intended, consequences are deplorable.

But Mr. Nolte does bring up an interesting comparative analysis. He writes:

"Poverty has nothing to do with it. This madness and chaos and anarchy is a Democrat-driven culture that starts at the top with a racially-divisive White House heartbreakingly effective at ginning up hate and violence. Where I currently reside here in Watauga County, North Carolina, the poverty level is 31.3%. Median income is only \$34,293. In both of those areas we are much worse off than Baltimore, that has a poverty rate of only 23.8% and a median income of \$41,385. Despite all that, we don't riot here in Watauga County. Thankfully, we have not been poisoned by the same left-wing culture that is rotting Baltimore, and so many other cities like it, from the inside out. We get along remarkably well. We are neighbors. We are people who help out one another. We take pride in our community, and are grateful for what we do have. We are far from perfect, but we work out our many differences in civilized ways. Solutions are our goal, not cronyism, narcissistic victimhood, and the blaming of others."

The truth is that it is a culture of dependency as promulgated by the race baiters and new plantation overseers of the inner city that has created what we're seeing play out in Baltimore. There is where the blame lies, but there are very few who are willing to admit just that.

Remember what ESPN sports commentator Stephen A. Smith said? He wished that for one voting cycle, the black community would vote Republican. Heck, they could do no worse — and look, even the people of the state of Maryland decided to try something different and elected a Republican governor. Who, when finally asked, immediately activated the National Guard to quell the violence and chaos which the Democrat Mayor of Baltimore failed to comprehend, and control. Perhaps what we're witnessing in Baltimore is the pure definition of insanity continuing to do the same thing and expecting different results.

Yes, the dirty little secret that no one wants to admit is that Baltimore, and so many other urban areas and inner city communities in America are a reflection of the abject failure of liberal progressive socialist policies as advanced by the Democrat party.

The preeminent question is whether or not those in Baltimore and other places will recognize who is truly responsible for their plight. Or will they continue to be manipulated and propagandized by the liberal progressive media and the poverty pimps like the one supposedly heading down from New York City?

John Nolte's piece was spot on and this is not about an American failure, it is about a Democrat failure. And ask yourself, who were the ones who developed the concept of urban economic empowerment zones — as opposed to the ones who have produced urban depraved enslavement zones?

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people can attest.

Both sides of the debate would like to find a way to get people in deep mental distress the help they need to find their way out of the pain and hurt that they are experiencing. Unfortunately, waiting periods have no impact on the seriously intent on taking their own lives

These waiting periods unfortunately do serve as an impediment to protecting the lives of those law-abiding citizens who may suddenly find themselves needing a firearm to protect themselves and their family.

It's time to end waiting periods in the 10 states that still have this archaic requirement on the books.

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“Takin’ It To The House...”

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representa-
tive Jim Wilson HD 60
May 3, 2015

The Golden Dome looks more like a “Golden Beehive” as the flurry of activity has reached a fever pitch in the final few days. Legislators are consumed with shepherding their last few bills through the process while lobbyists and special interest groups are “buzzing” around making sure late bills do not have any infamous “unintended consequences”. One major difference is that bees stop activity when the sun goes down...

Hopefully, if everything goes well, the calendar will finally be cleared and the first half of the 70th General Assembly will be adjourned sine die on the 120th day – May 6th. Adjournment sine die (from the Latin “without day”) means “without assigning a day for a further meeting or hearing”. If adjournment

takes place on Wednesday, the 70th General Assembly will not reconvene (unless there is a special session) until the first Wednesday in January 2016.

The end is in sight, but the view is still cluttered by a LOT of bills still in queue on both chambers’ calendars. Believe it or not, the rules are always suspended for the tail end of the session. Therefore, a bill can still be introduced, heard, and voted upon in both chambers in the last 3 days before adjournment! We are well past the 600 number for introduced bills as we go into the final week.

The showdown continues over the “battle of assessment bills” between the House (HB15-1323 – an attempt to follow the 1202 Task Force’s recommendations to reduce assessments) and the Senate (SB15-257 – an attempt to do only the Federal minimums for assessments).

Following late night meetings, multiple heated discussions and reluctant concessions, both bills passed their respective chambers at the end of the week. Another strategic meeting took place on Sunday afternoon to try to get the bills compatible with each other. I feel we are close to advancing a bill on to the Governor, but he will have to be comfortable with the product or our work will have been in vain. (i.e. veto)

Another bill still alive going into the final week is HB15-1388: Securitizing Contributions for Retirement Earnings (SCORE) Act. The *Reader’s Digest* version of the bill is rather simple. The SCORE Act would allow the State Treasurer to issue bonds backed by up to \$10B in PERA assets. The plan would take advantage of the spread between the low interest rates required to pay for the

bonds and the potential for higher, long-term returns received from investing the proceeds. The good news is that the plan could save employers \$4.5B in contributions. The bad news is, things could go south and the investment would not work out as planned. The SCORE Act is a classic case of “do the benefits outweigh the risks?”

Another PERA bill is proving that, just because a bill dies early in the session does not mean that it cannot experience a resurrection. HB15-1251 (PERA & Denver Public School 5-year True-up) sailed through the House only to be killed in the Senate. Miraculously, 140 bill titles later, it is back on the calendar as HB15-1391! Who said there is not life after death?

If things go well, the worker bees will produce some “honey” in the final hours. If not, the work begins



again in January... 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

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