

Track and Field: State Bound Bobcats



Crossley Franta, M. Freeburg Ham Lewenkamp Wommack Mullett

by Coach Jack Swartz

The Custer County Track and Field team finished their regular season this past weekend at the Pueblo West Invitational. For those athletes who were on the cut line for making the State Championships, this was it.

The girls were once again led by Serenity Ham, taking 4th in the 100 meter hurdles, breaking the school record with a run of 16.54 seconds. This time places her 2nd

in the state going into next weekend. Ham will be representing Custer County at the State Meet in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles, as well as the high jump. Katlyn Freeburg also had a great meet, making the finals in the 300 meter hurdles and placing 7th overall. Freeburg will be representing Custer County at the State Meet in the 300 meter hurdles as well. Emily Crossley took 9th in the shot put with a personal best of 31’2” and 12th in the discus throw. Crossley will

be representing Custer County in the discus at next weekends State Championships.

As for the boys, Corey Lewenkamp is not done. Lewenkamp followed up his record breaking weekend with another. Lewenkamp placed 2nd in the 3200 meter run with a new school record of 9:49. Lewenkamp also placed 1st in the 1600 meter and will be representing Custer County in both the mile and 2 mile. He is ranked 3rd for both events. Denver Mullett need-

ed a solid performance in the triple jump to ensure his place at State. Mullett showed up. His new personal record and state qualifying jump of 40’5” places him 10th in the state. Michael Franta and Dillon Wommack will also be representing Custer County at the State Meet in the 2-mile run and the 110, 300 meter hurdles respectively.

The State Meet starts Thursday May 14th and runs through Saturday, May 16th.

So God Made A Farmer: FFA Annual Banquet

by McKensie Penkoff

The Custer County FFA Chapter hosted their 2015 Parent/Member Banquet, “So God Made a Farmer” Sunday, May 3rd. Seniors, along with the top students, were honored for their accomplishments this past school year.

State Degree Recipients: Jaycie Cardenas, Ed Berry, Nicole Lorenzen, Erin McCarthy, Noah Tillotson, and Taylor Staton were honored for their accomplishments in receiving their State FFA Degree which they will be

Feldmann, Ashley Gillum, Seani Millard, Cody Young, and Ryan Young.

Greenhand Degree Recipients: Ian Aldrich, Micheal Evert, Megan Frahm, Scott Freeburg, Nicole Henrich, Halie Lemons, Elizabeth Mullett, McKensie Penkoff, Riley Smith, David Kinsey.

Seniors were recognized with their senior awards, Ashley Gillum received the Star Chapter Farmer and McKensie Penkoff the Star Greenhand Award.

As the evening progressed, Mr. and Mrs. Don and Phyl-

ness to serve, along with a positive attitude and a belief that young people can achieve levels of leadership that will positively impact our community. These characteristics are those that the FFA admires greatly and the Custer County FFA is honored to add Mr. and Mrs. Bishop to the list of honorary members.



The FFA Banquet: A great success!

Courtesy photo



FFA members in the park.

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presented with at State FFA Convention in June.

Chapter Degree Recipients: Casey Brandon, Daniel Brinkley, Andrew

lis Bishop were recognized with Honorary Membership to the Custer County FFA Chapter. The Bishops have supported the chapter and exhibited a willing-

drew Feldmann, Secretary - Ashley Gillum, Vice President - Sam Dunlap

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

SALUTE TO THE ARMED FORCES, VETERANS & PEACE OFFICERS



Tomorrow, Saturday, May 16th, is Armed Forces Day. Thought you might like a little history of that. Each service used to celebrate its own day. On August 31, 1949, the Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson, announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace all the separate ones. The single day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department – the Department of Defense. The USA, USN, and USAF all adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day, but supports Armed Forces Day also. The Department of Defense provides the following information:

In a speech announcing the formation of the day, President Truman “praised the work of the military services at home and across the seas” and said, “It is vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a desirable peace.” In an excerpt from the Presidential Proclamation of February 27, 1950, Mr. Truman stated: Armed

Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 1950, marks the first combined demonstration by America’s defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense.

There were several other purposes for holding Armed Forces Day. It was a type of “educational program for civilians,” one in which there would be an increased awareness of the Armed Forces. It was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job is performed and the role of the military in civilian life. It was a day for the military to show “state-of-the-art” equipment to the civilian population they were protecting. And it was a day to honor and acknowledge the people of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Armed Forces Day is a national observance in our country and celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May. Armed Forces Week

begins on the second Saturday of May and ends on the third Sunday of May, the day after Armed Forces Day. Because of their unique training schedules, National Guard and Reserve units may celebrate Armed Forces Day/Week over any period in May.

Tomorrow is a day to clearly honor those men and women serving in one of the Armed Services. Many of us have someone in our family or a close friend serving. Take the time to say something to them. Call them, email them, or even twitter, text, or Facebook them a quick thanks. Locally, we don’t have a parade, but there is a great celebration sponsored by Outdoor Buddies and hosted at A Painted View Ranch. The fourth annual Community and Armed Forces Appreciation Day will begin at 10 a.m., includes a free lunch, and will have numerous family activities, demonstrations and displays until 4 p.m. We all know that without our Armed Forces, and the men and women willing to serve in them, we would not still enjoy our

liberties and freedoms. The *Sangre de Cristo Sentinel* salutes all those actively serving all over the world in our Armed Forces. Take a moment to remember and thank them. Take a moment to pray for them, their families, and their safe return. Of course, it’s never a wrong time to thank any veteran! That is always appropriate. Later this month is Memorial Day on Monday, May 25th. Locally, there will be a parade on Saturday, May 23th, to “Honor the Fallen” and on Monday American Legion Post 170 will conduct a program in Westcliffe’s Veterans Park to properly recognize this solemn occasion. We stand free because of all of them. Thank You for serving!

And one more thing. Today, May 15th, is National Peace Officers Memorial Day. We owe a debt of gratitude to all those officers who have lost their lives while serving to protect us and enforce our laws. The *Sentinel* salutes all those serving in our Sheriff’s Department and all those serving across the nation. Thank You!

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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.**

**Anyone with information about these crimes
or any crimes should contact the Custer County
Sheriff’s Office at 783-0202 or 783-2847**

**Sangre de Cristo Electric’s
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Thank you, To All Those Who Helped with After Prom

Dear Editor -

We, the After Prom committee, would like to let all of the individuals and businesses that donated to this year's event know how much their generosity was appreciated. Many of the donors do not have children that attend or have attended our school but yet they demonstrated that our community cares about and supports our youth. Six members of our committee had the pleasure of helping chaperone After Prom. We enjoyed watching the students play games, visit with one another, and win prizes in a safe and non-stressful environment late into the night or should we say early into

the morning. Due to our rural setting this is not an opportunity that the students often get to experience. So once again, a heartfelt thank you to all of this year's After Prom donors and to all of the parents that allowed their children to participate. It is definitely a worthwhile event and we hope that the community continues to support this positive youth event.

The 2015 After Prom Committee - Paul & Candi Sage, Cathy McCarthy, Rebecca Gerringer, Sarah Woods, Carol Franta, Elizabeth Watson, Lori Short and Troy Bomgardner



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National Peace Officers Memorial Day: May 15th

Today, we reflect and honor fallen law enforcement personnel and their families throughout the United States.

As it states in the resolution proclaiming May 15th National Peace Officers Memorial Day, the police officers of America have worked devotedly and selflessly on behalf of the people of this nation, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves... have safeguarded the lives and property of their fellow Americans...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...these men and women by their patriotic service and their dedicated efforts have earned the



gratitude of the Republic.

According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, on average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States every 58 hours. Since the first known line of duty death in 1791, more than 20,000 U.S. law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice.

In 2014, 127 officers died

in the line of duty, and already in 2015, there have been 44, including one in Colorado. Honor is due these fine men and women, so let us remember their sacrifice today.

"When a police officer is killed, it's not an agency that loses an officer, it's an entire nation."

~Chris Cosgriff,
Founder of Officer Down
Memorial Page

The Clinic: The Land of Oz

Last week Dorothy clicked her heels three times and a minor miracle occurred (the *Sentinel* got an ad from the Clinic). But the Clinic had the curtain pulled back again on the Wizards running the money-losing entity when our favorite valley liberal newspaper, the *Tribune*, reported last week that newly appointed (appointed means the current Board Members voted him in) Board Member Steve Allen, who apparently re-

sides in Crestone, Colorado, and is not a registered voter here in Custer County had to resign because he is NOT, in fact, eligible to be on the Board. One of our reporters indicated (and we have not confirmed this yet) that Mr. Allen was voted in because he owns land in the county but, as it turns out, apparently the land is in a trust, and Colorado law EXPLICITLY states that owning land in a trust does NOT qualify you to

be an eligible candidate. It took me about five minutes on the Colorado special district website to find that out. Wonder why the Clinic Board didn't figure that out. Complications could reside from this as all votes taken by the Board during Mr. Allen's stay might be void. Due diligence seems to be a term not allowed in Oz. Another day, another hard-to-believe incident report from The Land of Oz. Editor/GG.

Congratulations, Michelle Weeks!

Michelle Weeks was awarded a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration - Finance on Saturday, May 9th, from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. In addition, Michelle was chosen to give the Student Farewell speech at the undergraduate commencement ceremonies in front of approximately 1,600 graduates and their families. Michelle will be employed with Inovest Portfolio Solutions in Denver beginning May 26th. Michelle is a 2011 graduate of Custer County High School and the daughter of Brenda



and Shawn Gaide of Westcliffe, and William and Jennifer Weeks of Ivyland, PA.



Inaugural Fund-Raising Banquet

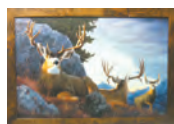
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Catfish and Rocky Mountain Oysters!

It was a great turnout, in spite of the wet spring weather last Saturday, for the fundraiser to benefit the Wild West Cowboy Church's Arena Team Ministry. There are big plans in the works for summer events, and they can use your support!

Next in the lineup is a full day of fun on Saturday, May 23rd. Head over after the parade for a concert by Fort Carson's Brass Ensemble and Ice Cream Social, followed by the Team Penning Buckle Series, with an 80% payout starting at 5 p.m.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson



Job Well Done, Rich!

Our heartfelt thanks to Rich Hrpcha who served on the board of Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources for nearly a decade. Rich recently resigned from the board for health reasons, where he was most recently president and also treasurer for a number of years. He was the point man during the construction of our beautiful facility, and worked hard behind the scenes to help us procure the ultrasound machine, which has been in operation for several months. His steady commitment,

wonderful humor, and unswerving faith made him a rock undergirding the ministry of the Lighthouse. Thank you, Rich, for your years of service to the young women and families in our community.



Rich at the ground-breaking of building the Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources.

Courtesy photo

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and President - Noah Tiltonson.

As the newly elected team, the first event was Monday, May 11th, where the team traveled to LaJunta to participate in the San Isabel District Leadership Conference. The main goal of the conference was to have members learn about career opportunities, and

be recognized for their accomplishments, as well as develop and enhance leadership skills. Noah Tiltonson was elected as San Isabel District V FFA Vice President.

FFA is a premier youth leadership organization centered on agricultural education. The success starts from what students are exposed to in middle and high school. Agricultural education allows students to learn

about new and upcoming innovations while preparing them to be college and career ready.

As an Officer Team and as a Chapter, we are encouraged and enthused about the upcoming year and look forward to sharing many more successes as we continue to learn and grow. A big THANK YOU to a community full of positive support! We will continue to make you proud.



FFA officers in the forefront congratulate freshmen Ag-1 students receiving Green Hand Degrees following the ceremony.

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A lot of people are familiar with the pressure switch on well pumps and its true, a simple turn of a screw changes the pressure setting. Caution!!! The improper setting of pressure switches has sold a lot of pumps and pressure tanks, in addition to costing people a lot

more for their monthly utility bill. It should be noted that when you check your pressure that at any time it is acceptable to be anywhere within the operating range of the switch. Gauges and pressure settings can also vary by a couple of pounds. Additionally the amount of water that's delivered to the house between the off to on cycle is determined by the size of the pressure tank.

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Memorial Weekend Parade to Feature Fort Carson 4th Infantry Division Band

This year's Memorial Weekend Parade will feature the renowned Fort Carson 4th Infantry Band. The event starts at 10 a.m. Parade entry applications are available at the *Sentinel* (610 Main Street, Westcliffe) and Town Halls in Westcliffe and Silver Cliff.

See the ad on page 1 for more details.

Photos by *Sentinel* staff from 2014 parade

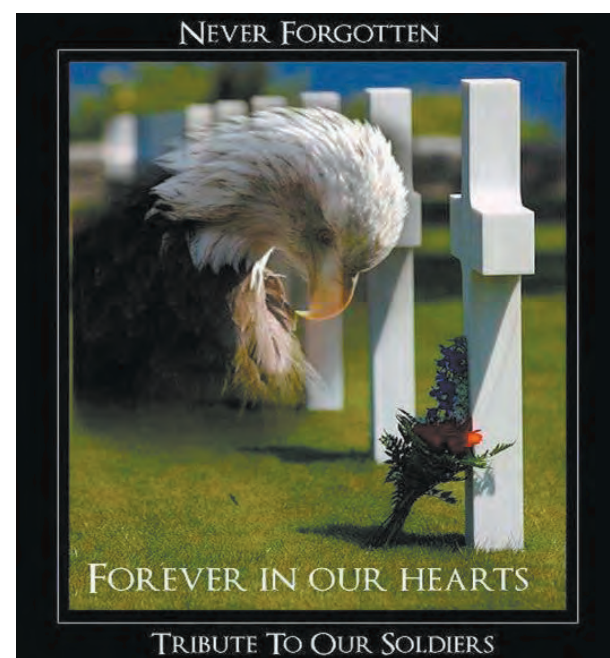


2015 Annual Memorial Day Observance in Westcliffe All Are Invited



The American Legion Post 170, Auxiliary Unit 170, Sons of The American Legion Squadron 170, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12063 are presenting the eleventh annual Memorial Day Observance at Memorial Park (4th Street at Hermit Road) in Westcliffe on Monday, 25 May 2015, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend this special occasion. This year's observance includes a tribute to veterans who have served our country, who are currently serving in the Armed Forces and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their Country. Our guest speaker will be American Legion past Department of Colorado Commander Carol Kennedy, LTC (Ret), USAFR/NC. Ceremonies at this year's observance offer introduction, recognition, and thanks to all Veterans who have served our Country. Taps will be played and the Honor Guard will offer a three-volley rifle salute followed by folding and placement of the Flag. The National Anthem will

be presented by Don Paul, Guy Madden, Howard Smith, Toni Lang, Greg Kuhn, and Don Panella. Following the ceremonies, refreshments will be served by Auxiliary Unit 170. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be held at Custer County School in the east gym. For information please contact Post 170 Public Information Officer Bob Dreher at (719)783-2462 or email at robertedreher1@gmail.com.



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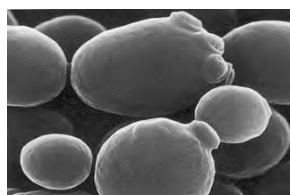


by Jeremy Carr

I wouldn't know anything about drinking alcohol because I'm only 18 and I'm a goood boy, so I'll stick to what I know best and talk about the wild yeasts these drinks are made from.

Not so long ago, in a land not so far away, every mom's kitchen had a batch of yeast starter growing quietly in a jar, lovingly stored away in the corner. Its job was to help with all the delicious and fluffy baked goods. Around the turn of the twentieth century, this iconic, healthy starter began to slowly disappear from homes across the land. As it disappeared, a new culture was introduced using the same name. Of the many species capable of leavening bread, only a minuscule percentage are sold today. The most common being *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (baker's yeast) is a different strain from what is commonly used in alcohol fermentation. That strain is called Brewers Yeast. Most people had no idea there was a change from homegrown yeast to the store bought strain. Today, people don't even know there is such a thing as naturally occurring yeast, much less know how to gather, cultivate & store it.

Wild or natural yeast is different from commercially produced yeast. Commercially produced yeast is specifically bred to rise quickly and have a neutral flavor. On the other hand, wild yeasts vary greatly in their ability to rise and in their intensity of flavor. Some wild yeasts can barely raise a pancake while others make bread taste so darn good you would swear it came from heaven. The flavor of wild yeasts range from sweet to sour and will often take a little while longer to rise. Everywhere you go, they will taste and



***Saccharomyces cerevisiae*:**
Translated literally means
"sugar fungus of the beer".

Courtesy image

act slightly different.

Different yeast strains gravitate and attach to the substances they grow best on. Yeast that is best for making wine will attach itself to grape skins, where as the ones which are good for making beer and bread, grow primarily on hops and wheat respectively.

So how do you catch, cultivate, and store wild yeast? The yeast will find and attach to whatever you give it to eat. Yeast spores are floating everywhere in the air. Catching yeast is so simple a cavemen can do it. History records leavening bread before the time of Moses and the first Passover. Remember in the Bible, when the angel told the people to only make unleavened bread? The angel was telling them to bake their bread without yeast instead of as they normally would.

Now for the good part:

Wild Yeast Starter

1 1/4 C. unbleached all-purpose white or wheat flour (organic works well too)

1 cup of warm water

Glass jar

A piece of cheesecloth or other very porous material

Metal lid ring or a rubber band

- Wisk flour and water together
- Pour into a jar
- Cover with cheese cloth using ring lid or rubber band and let stand until the batter bubbles and rises. This may take anywhere from overnight to a week!
- The water will evaporate slowly, so add a little more water and flour every 12 hours. Approx. 1/2 C each
- Continue adding the same every twelve hours for one week or until your starter is brisk and bubbling

To store your yeast in a dry form, like the little, dry yeast gradules found in commercial packets place the foamy and top creamy layer of the yeast on a sol-

id surface in a dehydrator or low oven and allow to slowly dry. Careful not to bake, as baking would kill the yeast. The temp should not exceed 115 degrees. After the yeast is dry, break up and seal in a dry container. Commercial yeast cultures in the packets have been professionally dried and vacuumed packed so don't expect yours to look exactly the same

Wild yeast starter recipes are not set in stone and often resemble grandma's recipes with a pinch of this, a dash of that, and a sm-igin here and there. Bear in mind though, when you begin working with wild yeasts, there is always going to be a starter or two you have to toss out due to contamination and start again from scratch.

There are also Potato Yeast and Fruit Yeast Starters recipes available on the internet.

Now get ready to say EWE!

Most commercial yeasts on the market today are genetically modified and can be as foreign to our bodies as the pink, slime mystery meat sold in fast food places across the country. This GMO'd yeast can cause chronic health problems, including diabetes, Celiacs disease, along with many other digestive problems that plague the United States.

According to Caleb Warnock author, "Natural yeast breaks down harmful enzymes in grains, maximizes the nutritional availability of natural vitamins, minerals, and fiber in wheat, converts wheat into an easily digestible food which will not spike your blood sugar level. Natural yeast is both pre-biotic and pro-biotic, encouraging important good bacteria in the body. It discourages weight gain, and turns the phytic acid found naturally in wheat into a cancer-fighting antioxidant"

Warnock, ("A Natural History of Yeast, and Why It Matters," 2012).

Now that you know exactly how to capture wild yeast,

See YEAST
on page 7

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Colorado: Sharing the Pain: Bennet Wants Colorado Renewable Energy Standards to Go Nationwide

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Sen. Michael Bennet is apparently oblivious to what's going in the state he represents.

Despite the disastrous renewable energy standards forced down the pockets of Coloradans, Bennet is working to share that pain with all Americans through a bill he is co-sponsoring to nationalize the requirements.

The Senate bill is almost identical to what is happening in Colorado that would cause electricity bills to escalate, and requires that 30 percent of all power be generated by renewables.

However, while Colorado Democrats gave the utilities a timetable that stretched until 2020 to complete the process, Bennet's national bill allows Americans a little more time to make the final adjustment – until 2030 – with at least an eight percent cross-

over in place by 2016.

According to the lead sponsor, that other Udall, Tom, of New Mexico, forcing power companies to sell expensive electricity to consumers makes it cheaper for consumers and saves the planet from climate change.

Apparently, basic economics of supply and demand ceases to exist in the world of Senate Democrats. Last time we checked, raising the price of the supply also raises the cost for those making the demand.

We guess we should be thankful that Democrats are not pursuing the 50 percent standard that was initially considered in Colorado.

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YEAST

From page 6

go outside, stretch out your arms, stick out your tongue and spin around as fast as you can. You know you want to! As for me, I am waiting patiently to turn 21.



HOW TO MAKE HONEY MOONSHINE

Ingredients
1 Gallon Honey
5 Gallons Water
1 Package Yeast

Procedure:
Heat 2.5 gallons of water to 160F and stir in 1 gallon of honey until completely dissolved. Add an additional 2.5 gallons of filtered water. Cool to 70F. Aerate. Add yeast. Transfer to carboy for fermentation and settling. Distill.

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Courtesy image

Honey Whiskey Recipe:

Citation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHn84z_jr1k
http://readynutrition.com/resources/survival-food-series-3-ways-to-naturally-make-yeast_02032011/
("A Natural History of Yeast, and Why It Matters.", 2012).
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHn84z_jr1k
<http://www.motherearthnews.com/real-food/wild-yeast-zmaz80sozraw.aspx>

Disclaimer:

No Honey Bees were harmed in the writing of this article; the yeast however is another story.

This article was brought to you by a still sober 18 year old.

As always, never substitute someone else's opinion for your own good judgment and taste. Do your own research to keep yourself and your family safe.

Please join us for an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social

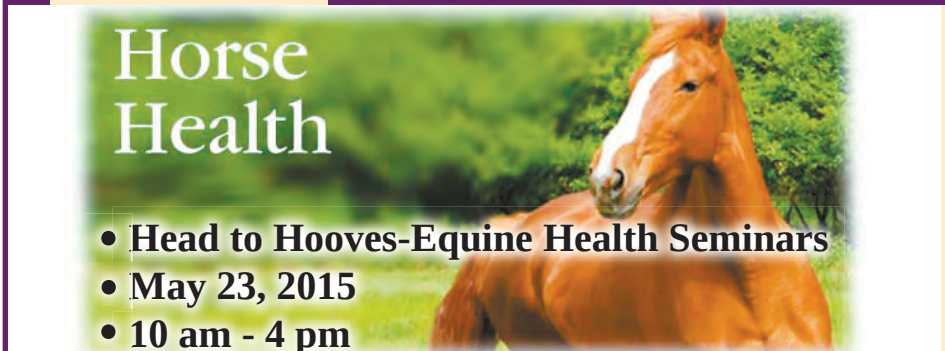
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Horse Health

- Head to Hooves-Equine Health Seminars
- May 23, 2015
- 10 am - 4 pm

A full day of different seminars demonstrations, door prizes, raffles and more!
Deanna Jordan, DVM "Vaccination and Deworming-What, When, and Why" and "Equine Joint Therapy and Maintenance".

Birgit Burtlechner, Equine Dental Technician, IAED Certified. **Equine Dentistry Lecture and Demonstration.**

Nikki Zeller, DVM. **Equine Chiropractic and Acupuncture Demonstration.**

Purina Feeds will be giving a presentation on equine nutrition.

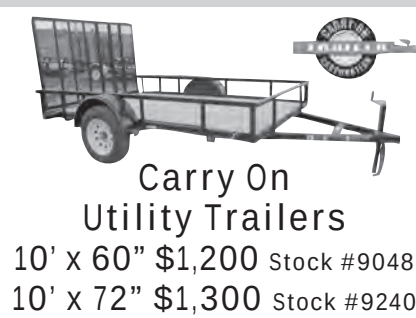
Valley Feeds. Your local feed store will have a display and information available.

Come and visit with these professionals as they give seminars and demonstrations! Door prizes and raffles will be given away at the end of the day. You could win a dental exam and float and more!

RSVP by May 20th 719-783-9100 or mckenzie@apaintedview.com



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Bobcats Sport Schedule

TRACK

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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It's Peanut Butter Jelly Time! An Update from Families Matter to Custer County

by Christy Morrell

Families Matter to Custer County would like to say thank you to our local restaurants and share our appreciation for their generosity and caring hearts! Our board has been very busy over the last few weeks contacting all of our local restaurants to request their participation in a wonderful, new program. Most have agreed to help our school-age children in

qua Works Credit Union for generously agreeing to laminate the cards for our kids!

We'll also be offering classes every month or so, with the first one being held very soon. This free class will focus on teaching you how to perform simple, home repairs on your own. Minor issues around the house can create a real problem if you don't know how to fix things yourself

automotive repair class is next on the schedule. This class will be led by Mr. Dave Woolery. Date and time will be announced soon.

Compassionate Hearts, a grieving parents support group will be holding a lunch meeting on June 8th, 12:00 p.m. at Ranchers Roost. This will be an incredibly informal gathering for anyone who is interested in joining a group for grieving parents. If you have suffered the loss of a child, grandchild, or stepchild by any means, you are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Shelly Nordyke at 719-371-3045.

Families Matter would also like to encourage the youth of our community to check out the new Explorers Program offered by the Custer County Sheriff's Office. This program is a great way for our older kids to get a firsthand view of how law enforcement works and to build their own leadership and personal skills. Youth ages 15-21 are invited to participate in this program. If you are 14, have graduated 8th grade, and entering 9th grade this fall, you are eligible as well. Contact James at the Sheriff's Office for more info or to sign up!

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the community. They will be keeping PB & J in their restaurants and any child with a business card that Families Matter will provide to them will be given a free PB & J sandwich, no questions asked, simply by showing their card. This is an amazing way to help the children of our community! We also thank Minne-

and can't really budget for someone to come in and do it. Mr. Al LeCuyre will lead this class at Lange Hall (next door to the Lutheran Church) on Saturday, June 2nd, at 2 p.m. All adults and students age 6th grade through 12th currently enrolled in public, private, or home school are invited to attend. A simple,



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Basketball CLINIC

This basketball clinic is open to all players going into 4th through 8th grade. Come out and work on your skills!
Basketball season will be here sooner than you know it!
Skills being taught:

- Dribbling
- Shooting
- Passing
- Defense
- Offense
- Screens
- Lay-ups
- Team Play

Camp will include snacks and water.
Each day will be \$10 or \$17 for both.
Both days will be in the EAST GYM.

When: JUNE 27th & 28th
Time: 9:30am-12pm
QUESTIONS??
CALL KRISTEN FOSTER 719-429-4152





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Local Mountain News & Notices

Library Offers Free Summer Events for All Ages

This summer everyone is invited to discover their personal hero, perhaps even the hero within, at the library with the “Every Hero Has a Story” summer reading program. The West Custer County Library in Westcliffe will be offering a variety of free programs for children, teens and adults between May 28 and July 9. Also, all ages can sign up to earn prizes by keeping up with their reading this summer. All teens and adults who black out their Summer Reading Bingo sheets will get a chance to win a special prize.

Registration for children and teens will begin at the Custer County School’s West Gym at 1 p.m. with the Westcliffe Comic Con. Dress up as your favorite super hero or sci-fi character and come on in for games, arts and crafts, a Cosplay contest, and meet local real-life heroes and artists. Registration for adults starts at the library on May 28. For more information on summer reading, contact the library at 783-9138.

CHILDREN’S EVENT SCHEDULE (Birth – 10 years)

Thursday, May 28, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
SUMMER READING PROGRAM REGISTRATION & WESTCLIFFE COMIC CON

Location: Custer County School’s West Gym

Start your summer heroically by signing up for our Summer Reading Program, “Every Hero Has a Story.” Kids 0-17 are eligible to participate whether they live here in the valley or are just staying for a while. The Comic Con kick-off will inspire heroes of all ages with games, Cosplay, local hero appearances, create-your-own comic station, a superhero photo-op, and more.

Thursday, June 4, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
PLANTING NEVERLAND

Location: Hermit Park Pavilion

Kids will build their own Neverland garden complete with flowers, fairies, and pirates. This magical event is co-sponsored by the High Altitude Garden Club of Westcliffe.

Thursday, June 11, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
OPERATION W.E.S.T: SPY ACADEMY

Location: Custer County

School Multi-Purpose Room

Kids will enroll in W.E.S.T., Westcliffe’s Excellent Spy Training, for an afternoon of code breaking, bomb detecting, and more top secret espionage education.

Thursday, June 18, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
PACA POWER!

Location: Hermit Park Pavilion

Animals can be heroes too, and the Paca Peace Alpacas are coming to show kids how. This event is co-sponsored by Paca Peace Ranch for Youth.

Thursday, June 25, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
BE THE BUILDER

Location: Custer County School Multi-Purpose Room

Kids will discover the joy of building with their own two hands at this toy making workshop. Can they build it? Yes, they can! This event is co-sponsored by Construction Solutions of Colorado, Inc.

Thursday, July 9, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
LORDS AND LADIES

Location: Custer County School Multi-Purpose Room

The children’s summer reading program will end with a bow as kids gather to craft their royal regalia and then celebrate with a courtly tea party. This delicious event is co-sponsored by The Garden Tea Room.

TEEN EVENT SCHEDULE (Ages 11-17)

Thursday, May 28, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
SUMMER READING PROGRAM REGISTRATION & WESTCLIFFE COMIC CON

Location: Custer County School’s West Gym

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Wednesday, June 3, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. – 3p.m.
RADIO REBELS

Location: West Custer Library Community Room

Learn to share your music with the masses. All teens who attend this workshop will get the chance to DJ their own “Music Your Way” segment live on-air. This event is co-sponsored by the KWMV radio station.

Wednesday, June 10, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
JUST FOR LAUGHS

Location: West Custer Library Community Room

An event that is literally “just for laughs”, teens will learn more about a little-known, real-life superpower as they laugh, chortle and chuckle. This event is co-sponsored by certified Laughter Yoga leader, Jacque Keller.

Wednesday, June 17, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
EDIBLE ART

Location: West Custer Library Community Room

Wish you could decorate your cake and eat it too? Find out the tricks of the cake decorating trade at this frosting-topped event.

Wednesday, June 24, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
SWORDS OF CHIVALRY

Location: Custer County School Multi-Purpose Room

Let the games begin! Teens will experience the bravery and honor of knighthood, learning fighting and defense techniques from a master swordsman from the Black Falcon School of Arms.

Wednesday, July 8, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
MESS WITH THE BEST

Location: Hermit Park Pavilion

Based on the Marine Corps Crucible, this event offers physical and mental challenges that will give teens a hands-on opportunity to see what being a hero is all about. This event is co-sponsored by American Legion Post #170.

ADULT EVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 4, 6:30 p.m.
SPICE & ICE

Location: West Custer Library Community Room

Class Size: 22

Create your own gourmet-flavored, homemade

ice cream in minutes. Add a fabulous family recipe for chai and you have desert nirvana. Class size is limited so register early.

Thursday, June 11, 6:30 p.m.
SNAPSHOT SAFARI

Location: West Custer Library Community Room

In this wacky photo scavenger hunt, teams race to solve the clues using their detective skills with on-the-spot goofy team selfies for proof. Gather for snacks, prizes and what promises to be a hilarious slideshow at the end.

Saturday, June 20, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

DJUST DJEMBE

Location: West Custer Library Community Room

Class Size: 12 per session

A hands-on introduction to the art of African Drumming. Class size is limited on both sessions so register early.

Thursday, June 25, 7 p.m. DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY: AMERICANS AT THEIR BEST

Location: West Custer Library Community Room

Did you realize we have heroes in our midst? Join us to hear compelling

stories from those who have served this country. This event is co-sponsored by American Legion Post #170.

Thursday, July 9, 6 p.m.
MURDER AT THE BECKWITH

Location: The Historic Beckwith Ranch

Group Size: 30

Whodunnit? You are cordially invited to a night of fun, food and sleuthing at one of the area’s premier historic locations. Uncover the clues and solve the mystery over a potluck feast. Only 30 may attend so sign up early.

 Bobcat Menu • May 18 - May 21, 2015

<i>Monday</i> breakfast Waffles Ham Fruit, Milk lunch Cheese Pizza Choice of Veg. Choice of Fruit Milk	<i>Tuesday</i> breakfast Scrambled Eggs W. W. Toast Fruit, Milk lunch Hot Dog Choice of Veg. Choice of Fruit Milk	<i>Wednesday</i> breakfast Kitchen Choice Fruit Milk lunch Kitchen Choice Choice of Veg. Choice of Fruit Milk	<i>Thursday</i> breakfast Kitchen Choice Biscuits Fruit, Milk lunch Picnic Sack Lunch
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Elementary: Main dish, bread, milk, choice of 1 veg. & 1 fruit
Middle & High School: No Salad Bar

KIDS

Friday, May 15, 2015

Amelia Earhart

Solos Across the Atlantic: May 20, 1931

One of the most famous Americans in all of aviation history is a woman by the name of Amelia Earhart. Amelia was born on July 24, 1897, in the neighboring state of Kansas, in the city of Atchison. From childhood she was always interested in flight. And so she flew.

In 1928 she was the first woman (as a passenger) to fly from Newfoundland across the Atlantic and land in Burry Port, Wales. The plane was piloted by Wilner Stultz.

In 1931, already known as the aviatrix pioneer she married the famous publisher George Palmer Putnam in Noank, Connecticut.

It was on the 20th of May, 1931, when she flew, solo, across the Atlantic Ocean from Newfoundland landing in Ireland May 21st. It made her the first woman in history to make that solo flight.

In 1932, August 24-25 Amelia successfully did a solo transcontinental flight.

Amelia Earhart was best known as the first aviatrix to fly solo across the Atlantic in an attempt to circumnavigate the earth in 1937. Tragically, during this attempt she and her co-pilot Fred Noonan disappeared somewhere in the Pacific Ocean.

Inspite of all efforts to search for the plane and the pilots, they were not found.

The official date of her death is listed as January 5, 1939.

Sources: www.historyorb.com

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



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.

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

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

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www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov

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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: Buxman Kwikte, Douglas J. Kwikte # 23268 & Buxman Kwikte 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

**Custer County School District C-1
Special School Board Meeting
Admin Conference Room
May 21, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.
For the good of the students
of Custer County Schools**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome of Guests (remind guests to sign-in and indicate if they wish to speak)
3. Modification/Approval of Agenda
4. General Public Comment Session - (Comments will be limited to three minutes)
5. Executive Session - C.R.S 24-72-204 (3)(a)(XI)(A), C.R.S. 24-6-402(3.5), C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(9) - Superintendent Semifinalist Applicant Background Report/Screening
6. Open Session - Action Item - Selection of superintendent vacancy applicant finalists
7. Items Introduced by Board Members
8. Adjournment

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Why Are Flags Up All Over Town?

News Release
by Bob Dreher,
Public Affairs Officer
The American Legion
Post 170,

For the past several years, Post 170 of the American Legion has managed a program called "Flags for Main Street." Through the help of donations and local grants, Post 170 has made it possible to mount up to 50 U.S. Flags on every lighted power pole from the east side of Silver Cliff to the west side Bluffs and on highway 69.

Flags are put on display for six major patriotic holidays every year. Those holidays include Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Patriot Day and Veteran's Day.

This May three national patriotic events happen in short order. Peace Officers Memorial Day is Friday, May 15; Armed Forces Day is Saturday, May 16; and Memorial Day is Monday, May 25. In observance of all three of these patriotic holidays, Flags for Main Street will be on display from May 15 through May 26.

Additionally, by Presidential Proclamation, US Flags will be at half-staff for Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15 and from dawn to noon on Memorial Day May 25.

Peace Officers Memorial Day is an observance that

pays tribute to our local, state, and federal peace officers who have died in the line of duty. The holiday was created on October 1, 1961, when Congress asked the president to designate May 15 to honor peace officers. John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law on October 1, 1962.

Armed Forces Day: President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force Days.

The single day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense.

Armed Forces Day is in observance and thanks to all of the current members of the Armed Forces and Veterans. It is a day to thank our Veterans, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen. It is a day to celebrate their contribution to our great country. The Armed Forces Day event at A Painted View Ranch is a day to say thank you in person to our service members. See you at A Painted View.

Memorial Day, which is ob-

served on the last Monday of May, commemorates the men and women who died while in the military service. Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by act of Congress. In observance of the holiday, many people visit cemeteries and memorials, and volunteers often place American flags on each grave site at national cemeteries. A national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

Our Memorial Days are observances of the sacrifices of our military members and peace officers. These are days of solemn reflection and quiet thanks. These are not days of celebration but of patriotic respect. At our community Memorial Day observance at 10 a.m. on May 25 we will experience the process of conducting a military and peace officer funeral service. See you there at Memorial Park.

Custer County Republicans Lincoln Day Luncheon and Auction

Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 1 pm

Custer County Multi Purpose Room - \$15 per person
Pot luck. Bring a salad, side dish, or dessert.
Meat dishes furnished by the Custer County
Republican Central Committee members.

Speakers:

Steve House, Colorado Republican Central Committee, Chair
Jim Wilson, Colorado Representative District 60 from Salida
Kevin Grantham, Colorado Senate District 2 from Cañon City

Auction Items:

Flags flown over the national and state capitals
Baskets, cakes, cookies, maps, surprise items

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On Golden Pond at the Jones Theater

The Westcliffe Center at the Jones Theater announces the opening of its 2015 summer season of live theater productions with the classic comedy/drama, On Golden Pond. The play stars long time Westcliffe Players favorites Tom "Frosty" Frostman and Bonnie Mowrey as the elderly couple revisiting their summer cottage, as they have done each season for many years. The story unfolds as their daughter Chelsea, long estranged from her father, pays them a visit with the son of her new fiancée. Troubles emerge as hidden feuds are reawakened. Can the tranquility of

Golden Pond solve their problems and reunite this troubled family? The comedy drama plays at the Jones Theater 119 Main Street in Westcliffe on two weekends. Friday, Saturday, May 22, and 23, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 24, at 2 p.m. It repeats Friday, Saturday, and Sunday May 29, 30, and 31. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased on line at www.jonestheater.com or at Candy's Coffee Shop at 116 S. 2nd Street in downtown Westcliffe or at the door before the performance. For further information, please call the office at 719-783-3004.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of Custer County School District C-1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and has been filed in the office of the superintendent where it is available for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a Regular meeting of the Board of Education of said District at the Custer County School

great room on June 9, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

Any person paying school taxes in said district may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register his objections hereto.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated May 12, 2015

Custer County School District C-1

Bob Jolley, Board Secretary

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"Brew with a View and Vino Too"

Let's do it again Silver Cliff & Westcliffe. It all takes place in downtown Westcliffe, Saturday, May 30th from 1 - 5 pm. \$25.00 Entry fee includes a glass while supplies last.

SORRY. NO PETS ALLOWED.

While you wet your whistle with your favorite brews and vinos too, enjoy good music and good food from local vendors. You will also get a taste of 740 square miles of Wow, the backdrop for this event. "Brew with a View and Vino Too at the 'Cliffs'" will feature beer and wine from the following:

Brews

New Belgium
Oskar Blues
Blue Moon
Leinenkugels
Redd's
Lagunitas

Alaskan
Sam Adams
Stella Cider
Eddyline Brewing
Full Sail Beer
Mixxed Tails

Great Divide
Shock Top
Woodchuck Cider
Sierra Nevada
Firestone Walker
Stella Artoris
Bristol Brewing Company

Vinos

Vino Salida
Barefoot Refresh

Experience big town fun in a small town atmosphere while discovering one of Colorado's hidden gems. Join us, Saturday May 30th 1 pm - 5pm.

Buy your tickets ahead of time at: thecliffscolorado.com go to the C.A.R.T. tab and click on Brew with a View and Vino Too at the bottom you will see buy now.

SORRY. NO PETS ALLOWED.

For more information call 719-371-3208 or 719-783-2282
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*But seek the kingdom of God,
and all these things shall be added to you.*

Luke 12:31, NKJV

2015 Bobcats Track & Field



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Local Mountain News & Notices

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 a paraprofessional/clinic aide (school nurse). This position will consist of approximately four hours per day as a paraprofessional and four hours per day as a clinic aide/school nurse. Starting salary for this position is

\$11.27 per hour, but open to negotiation based on previous school nursing or paraprofessional experience. Full health insurance and PERA benefits will be provided as well. Nursing certification is not required, however, applicants with any type of nursing certification will be given preference. The application deadline for this position is 4:00 p.m. on June 1, 2015, and the approximate start date will be August 17, 2015. Classified staff applications are available at www.custercounty-schools.org or the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe, Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in employment.

The **Custer County School District** is accepting applications for 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.

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“Spirit of The Valley”

KWMV radio requests local artists to submit hangable art to “Spirit of The Valley,” a juried exhibition to be held at the KWMV studios in the Porth Building, 103 South Second Street in Westcliffe. This will be a rotating exhibit. Accepted submissions will be on display for a period of time subject to the discretion of both KWMV and the artist. “Spirit of The Valley” will open in conjunction with the KWMV Spring Open House on Saturday, May 23. Submission deadline is Thursday, May 21. Please contact Paul Leach @ 783-9750 or paul.leach.co@gmail.com for details on how to submit your work.

Pictured above, left to right: Joanie Liebman, Elaine Hall, and Roger Wise await your submission of hangable art.

Courtesy photo

Call 719-783-3360 or email sdc.sentinel@gmail.com.

The deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is Monday at 5 p.m. for that week’s edition.



Come and Worship



Christian Science
9:30 a.m. Worship
8 Bassick Place
Westcliffe

Church of Christ
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
1:30 p.m. Worship
Wed., 6 p.m.
818 Ohio Street
Silver Cliff
719/783-4601

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
10 a.m. Sacrament Mtg.
12:10 p.m. Sunday School
240 Ridgeline Drive
Westcliffe
719/783-9356
719/404-4585

Community United Methodist Church
8 a.m. Worship
10 a.m. Worship
202 S. 6th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2511

Cody Park Community Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
1517 County Rd. 27A
Cotopaxi
719/942-3462
719/942-3526

Cotopaxi Community Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
20326 Hwy. 50
Cotopaxi
719/942-4185

First Baptist Church of Westcliffe
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
417 S. 6th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2498

High Country Mennonite Church
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
110 Rosita Avenue
All Aboard Westcliffe Bldg.
Westcliffe
719/783-9045

Huerfano Community Bible Church
10:30 Sunday Worship
7 p.m.: Thursday Bible Study
603 Leon Street
Walsenburg
(719) 251-9053

Hope Lutheran Church
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship
3rd & Powell Streets
Westcliffe
719/783-9773

Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church
Diocese of Pueblo
11 a.m. Sunday Mass
10 a.m. Tuesday Mass
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday Adoration
109 S. 5th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-3507

Our Lady of Mt. Zion Catholic Church
11 a.m. Mass
3rd Sunday of each month
210 S. 2nd Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2491



*Don't love the world and what it offers.
Those who love the world don't have the Father's love in them.
Not everything that the world offers--
physical gratification, greed,
and extravagant lifestyles--
comes from the Father.
1 John 2:15 - 16 GW*

Sangre de Cristo Fellowship
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship
Tuesdays 7 - 9 p.m.: Prayer Mtg
120 Jerry Drive
Westcliffe
719/783-0903

Sangre de Cristo Seminary Chapel
10 a.m. Worship
6160 County Rd. 130
Westcliffe
719/783-2447

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
10:30 a.m. Worship & Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Fellowship
3rd & Rosita Streets
Westcliffe
719/783-2477

St. Patrick's Anglican Church
11 a.m. Worship
401 2nd Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2500

Valley Bible Fellowship
10 a.m. Worship
116 Hermit Lane
Silver Cliff
719/783-9050

Westcliffe Community Church
10 a.m. Worship
103 N. Adams St.
Westcliffe
719/429-4256

Wetmore Baptist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
Wetmore
719/784-4197

Wetmore Community Church
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
County Rd. 395
Wetmore
719/784-0596

Wild West Cowboy Church
3 p.m. Sunday School
4 p.m. Worship
Followed by Potluck
Tuesdays 6 p.m.: Bible Study
60260 Hwy. 69 North
Westcliffe
719/783-2676

Eateries

Alpine Lodge
6848 Cty. Rd. 140 • Westcliffe
719/783-2660
Wed. - Sunday, 5 - 10 p.m.
Sunday Brunch
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Reservations recommended

Belle's Backyard BBQ
100 S. Third Street •
Westcliffe
Wed. - Thur., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Fri. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
719/371-3737

Campstyle Cookin'
108 S. 2nd St. • Westcliffe
719/783-0533
Mon. - Sat., 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Candy's Coffee
106 S. 2nd St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9516
Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Chappy's Mountain View Bar & Grill
213 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-0813
7 Days a Week
11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Hunger Buster
824 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9228
Closed until May

Letter Drop Inn
6654 Cty. Rd. 328 • Rosita
719/783-9430

The Lodge at San Isabel
59 Cty. Rd. 371 • San Isabel
719/489-2280

The Mining Company Restaurant
60 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9144
Mon., Thurs. - Sun.,
7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tues. 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Closed Wednesdays

Nacho Mama's
404 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719/783-3331
Mon. - Sat., 12 - 8 p.m.
Sunday 12 - 7 p.m.

Oak Creek Grade General Store
12 miles north on
Cty. Rd. 255
719/783-2245
Sat., 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Closed for the Winter

Rancher's Roost at Cliff Lanes
25 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-2147
Mon. - Sat., 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sun. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

St. Andrews Golf Course Café
800 Copper Gulch Rd. •
Westcliffe
719/783-9410
Open daily for lunch
Starting at 11 a.m.

Sangrita
212 Main • Westcliffe
719/783-4054
Reservations recommended
Tues., 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Wed. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Closed Sundays

Silver Cliff Mountain Inn
700 Ohio Street • Silver Cliff
719/783-2688
Open 7 days a week
Sun. - Sat., 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Silver Cliff Pizza Company upstairs in the Silver Dome Saloon
110 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719/783-9499
Call for hours

Subway (inside JR's Fuel Stop)
425 S. 6th St. • Westcliffe
719/783-2748
Mon.-Sat., 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sundays 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sugar & Spice Mtn. Bakery
411 Main St. B • Westcliffe
719/783-4045
Tues. - Fri., 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat. 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Closed through January

Tony's Mountain Pizza
630 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719/783-9300
Mon. - Wed., 4 - 9 p.m.
Thurs. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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

Friday, May 15
National Peace Officers Memorial Day – flags at half-staff
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie, “Woman in Gold” Drama PG-13

Saturday, May 16
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Community and Armed Forces Appreciation Day at A Painted View Ranch, sponsored by Outdoor Buddies

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

7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie, “Woman in Gold”

Sunday, May 17
1 p.m. – Lincoln Day Dinner, Custer County School Multi-Purpose Room
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.: Wet Mountain Saddle Club Youth

Mentoring Program; More info, contact Elin Ganschow at 783-2222 or 371-9556

2 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie, “Woman in Gold”

Friday, May 22
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Live play, “On Golden Pond.”; special active military and student discount

Saturday, May 23
10 a.m.: Memorial Weekend Parade down Main St.
1 p.m.: After the parade, Ice Cream Social at the Cowboy Church, 2 miles north of Westcliffe on Highway 69; Entertainment by the Fort Carson Brass Ensemble; Donations gratefully accepted.
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Live play, “On Golden Pond.”; special active military and student discount

Sunday, May 24
2 p.m.: Jones Theater: Live play, “On Golden Pond.”
2 p.m.: Custer County High School Graduation - East Gym

May 25
Memorial Day - flags at half-staff until noon, then raised to full-staff
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.: Memorial Day Observance in Veterans Park

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 Schlachbach’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

Sheriff’s Report...

On the dates below, there were 108 calls for service to the Sheriff’s Office, 4 to EMS and 1 to the Fire Department. As of May 13th there were 7 males in the county jail.

05/07/15 T-15-345
1757 hours - Party (Johnson, Michael - DOB in 1969) was arrested on Rosita Road on warrants out of other counties.

05/09/15 15-02486
0631 hours: A deputy was dispatched to CR 260 where a vehicle registered to Hornby, Frederick (DOB in 1947) of Cripple Creek was involved in a rollover accident and abandoned.

05/09/15 15-02495
1619 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Hwy 96, MM 3 for a report of a bull on the highway side of the pasture fence. The call was resolved without incident.

05/09/15 15-2502
1849 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Edelweiss Drive in Blumenau where a vehicle driven by Bourn, Ethan (DOB in 1991) of Colorado Springs had slid off the road. The driver was not injured and the vehicle was not damaged, whereby allowing Mr. Bourn to drive from the scene.

05/09/15 15-2505
2258 hours: Deputies were dispatched to 27 Columbine Drive to a 911 call, an active domestic violence call. When they arrived they determined there had been a verbal argument only. No arrests were made and no report taken.

05/10/15 EMS
1002 hours - Transported party to St. Mary Corwin

05/11/15 15-0076
0750 hours - Officers responded to an accident in the area of Copper Gulch Road. Fire and EMS units also dispatched.

05/11/15 EMS
0750 hours - Responded to assist with accident in the area of Copper Gulch Road.

05/11/15 WMFD
0750 hours - Responded to assist with accident in the area of Copper Gulch Road.

05/11/15 EMS
1159 hours - Transported party to Parkview Medical Center.

05/12/1515-02537
0441 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Eagle Springs Ranch to investigate a residential alarm. The premises was secure. False alarm.

05/12/1515-0079
0648 hours: A deputy was dispatched to the Subway on 6th Street in Westcliffe for a possible assault. Louis Devanney (DOB in 1944) of Silver Cliff and Charles Williams (DOB in 1961) of Westcliffe were charged with Disorderly Conduct.

05/12/1515-0080
1149 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Harmony Circle in Antelope Valley to investigate a telephone scam. The caller advised the party they had won a car and money from Publishers Clearing House. The subject told the party to send \$1,400 to register the vehicle in order to claim their winnings.

05/12/15 15-02549
1320 hours: A deputy served civil papers to a party on Wakeeney Drive in Rosita Hills.



The Sheriff’s Corner from Sheriff Byerly

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



Hello to everyone again as spring is in full swing in Custer County. It has been an exciting and new adventure for us here at the sheriff’s office this week as we went live with the new Computer Aided Dispatch Center this past Thursday. As with any new system, we are still working out some kinks and trying to get up to speed but I am anxious to really see what the system can do for all of us once we are functioning at full speed with it. Deputy Dryer kicked off the week helping the High School Seniors celebrate their last week of high school. He, along with Deputies James Barr and Mike Middleton, cooked some hotdogs and hamburgers for the seniors and wished them well as they get ready to take the next step in their lives. What a truly exciting time for them.

We also acknowledge a lesser known day on May 15th, the Peace Officers Memorial Day. On this day, a memorial wreath will be placed at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC. The names of the officers who were injured or paid the ultimate sacrifice the past year are recognized as they went into harm’s way to protect the innocent. It is a day when governmental entities recognize those sacrifices by lowering the flag to half-staff. So when you see Old Glory flying at half-staff on Friday, please take a moment to remember the 127 officers who died in 2014 serving the communities they love.

This week’s question was offered by the *Wet Mountain Tribune*:
How will law enforcement change to accommodate the high volume of crowds expected to visit this summer?

I would like to say that you really won’t see a big difference from our deputies as our county warms up and there is a large influx of people into the county. The reality is however, we get much busier. As always, you will see more emergent responses with patrol vehicles as traffic accidents increase and general incidents where a law enforcement presence is needed. As summer approaches we are still operating with the same number of deputies we have all year long so you may have to wait a bit longer for a deputy to respond if you need one. Obviously with some of the major events coming to town this summer, you will see many Posse members out lending a hand and really demonstrating community involvement as they volunteer to assist the Sheriff’s Office in the many requested security

details. I would ask that if you see a Posse member, tell them thank you for what they do. Without their help, we could not have the assorted festivities within the community as we simply don’t have enough paid deputies to serve these functions.

Because of the warmer weather you will see the Deputies with their windows down trying to enjoy the summer air like everyone else and hopefully you can catch them out walking around the towns visiting with those lucky enough to be outside. As part of a co-operative agreement with the Forest Service, the Sheriff’s Office patrols the assorted Forest Service Trail Heads and Camping areas throughout the county. As everyone knows there is also the assorted Search and Rescue missions that will inevitably occur as people venture into the forest for recreation. So needless to say, there will be no shortage of work for the deputies and everyone else associated with the office. I can promise you we will stay vigilant and do our very best to serve everyone who lives in or comes to Custer County this summer.

As always, I would request the community call the Sheriff’s Office anytime you need assistance or witness suspicious activity. We want to help you and ask that you assist us by reporting these incidents quickly so we can serve you efficiently and professionally. Your vigilance and assistance with suspicious activity or criminal behavior is valuable and a resource we appreciate. If you have questions, comments, or want to report suspicious activity, please contact the Sheriff’s Office at 783-2270 or anonymously on the TIPS line, at 783-2847.

Enjoy the spring and I look forward to seeing you around the county!
Until next time, may you be blessed,
Sheriff Shannon Byerly

dispatched to Harmony Circle in Antelope Valley to investigate a telephone scam. The caller advised the party they had won a car and money from Publishers Clearing House. The subject told the party to send \$1,400 to register the vehicle in order to claim their winnings.	05/12/15 15-0081 1651 hours / Hwy 96 & CR 396 / Traffic Summons: A party was issued a summons for speeding and expired vehicle registration.	Rusk was issued a summons for Failing to Yield.
05/12/15 15-02549 1320 hours: A deputy served civil papers to a party on Wakeeney Drive in Rosita Hills.	05/12/1515-0082 1701 hours / Hwy 69 & CR 215 / Traffic Accident : A deputy was dispatched to an accident in which Logan McPhail (DOB 19540829) of Howard ran into a ditch to avoid hitting Harvey Rusk (DOB 19201202) of Westcliffe.	05/12/152015-02557 1709 hours: A deputy attempted to serve civil papers to a party on CR 396 in Wetmore. Negative contact was made.
		05/12/15EMS 1819 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched in Silver Cliff for a female suffering from a high fever. The patient was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

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403 W. 5th St. Florence

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Armed Robbery at Florence Kwik Stop

Can you help?

Media Release
from Detective Megan Richards,
Fremont County Sheriff's Office

May 10, 2015 at approximately 11:00 a.m., Florence Police Department responded to Kwik Stop, 217 Church Ave., in Florence, Colorado, on a report of an armed robbery.

The suspect is described as a white male wearing blue jeans and a gray hoodie. Suspect was in a silver sedan missing all hub caps except the rear passenger side, and had a vice grip attached to one of the lug nuts on the front passenger wheel.

No injuries were reported.

If anyone has any information, please call dispatch at 719-784-3411 or Fremont County Crime Stoppers at 719-275-STOP.



Photo courtesy of Fremont County Sheriff's Office

"Less Lethal" Shotgun Rounds, Taser, Used to Subdue Knife Thrower

Cañon City Police Department is investigating a case that happened around 7 a.m. May 4 at 1026 Sherman Avenue in Cañon City.

According to the press release, "a suicidal male, armed with numerous knives (threatened) to blow his house up."

The police identified the man as 49-year-old Roy Mondrago, who had fought with his wife before she left the house earlier. When officers attempted to "de-escalate the situation," Mondragon threw a knife at the officer, which missed. At that point, Mondragon barricaded himself in the house, but ran out the front door several times to throw more knives at the officers, which "barely missed them."

Along the way, the officers then decided to shoot less lethal shotgun rounds at Mondragon the next time he ran out of the house, the release said. Which they did, however, he entered his house once more, barricading himself once again.

At that point, the officers shot out the front window of the house with the "less lethal rounds" then subdued Mondragon with a taser. Officers then entered the house and took him into custody before transporting him to St. Thomas More Hospital where he was treated with non-life threatening injuries.

"No officers or deputies were injured in the incident," the release said.

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FBI Director Confirms Islamic Threat in U.S.

ABC News reports that FBI Director James Comey told ABC and a small group of reporters that there may be thousands of Islamic State recruits in the United States being radicalized through social media. He also said that finding them was like searching for a needle in a haystack and "increasingly the needles are invisible to us." Comey says that IS is using social media and other "radical, poisonous propaganda" to encourage joining and traveling to the "caliphate to fight," but also saying "if you can't travel, kill where you are." Comey said, "It's almost as if there is a devil sitting on the shoulder saying, 'Kill, kill, kill, kill' all day long." There is. They call him Allah.

This is a pretty stark observation for a government that has continuously painted Islam as a religion of peace. Furthermore, Comey should be asking of his boss, the "president," why the border remains open, and why the Justice Department refuses to enforce immigration laws. It seems that the government has assisted in creating the problem of Islamic infiltration and colonization in this country, and now, is pointing out the obvious without admitting it's complicity. One of the terrorists in Sunday's attack in Garland, Texas, had been investigated by the FBI, indicted and convicted on terrorism charges, but never went to prison. Instead, because of legal technicalities, he was sentenced to probation.

It seems a strange game that the government is playing. They allow the terrorists into the US. They even promote Islam as a peace-

ful religion. They keep an eye on and track terrorist wannabes and when they catch them, the would-be terrorists end up in community service programs rather than in jail or being executed. All the while, the government is saying there is a terrorist threat within the country. That an attack could happen any minute. Keeping people on edge, getting them to report one another, and tightening down on civil rights and freedoms. Too much evidence points to a government that is allowing a deadly threat so it can apply stronger control to the law abiding.

The government uses each threat to tighten its grip on society. It lets terrorists in and then tells us there is a terrorist threat. When a terrorist strikes, it takes away more privacy and increases surveillance on all citizens using the excuse of finding needles in a haystack. Now that terrorism is becoming "mainstreamed" through social media and recruitment of domestics, it becomes inevitable that there will be more attacks. This is very real. Islam is trying to take down America. That means you and me. Christ said in John 10:10, "The thief comes not, but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." You see the difference? Speak and live Christ; make disciples through your words and example; change the nation.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
www.dailyjot.com
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The Garland, Texas Shooting Proves We've Been Looking at Radical Islam All Wrong

by Allen West,
AllenBWest.com

I've been listening to so many chime in on the recent Islamic jihadist attack here in Garland, Texas. It seems there is a contingent of individuals, irrespective of political philosophy, who embrace a sentiment that the event held was wrong. They believe it instigated the attack, and that everything must be done to ensure Muslims aren't offended. This is, of course, all over the Mohammed drawing contest.

But is the real issue not about "offending" Muslims, but about something far deeper?

Consider the rampant anti-Semitism and how Jews are referred to as apes and other disparaging monikers — by Muslims. And even in the text of the Koran, it refers to finding Jews who are hiding and killing them. There are shouts of "death to Israel" and some Islamic groups have in their charters the destruction of the Zionist State — Israel.

Christians must endure having the symbol of our faith, the Cross, immersed in urine as "art" or the Virgin Mary covered in excrement. There are cases across America where Christians are being told their faith must be separated from their business practices in order to accommodate others. And we have written here frequently about the assault by the secular humanist Left against Christian prayer in schools and in our military.

All of this goes on but neither Jews nor Christians react with anger and violence.

And so maybe the real reason why we in the West are willing to surrender our freedoms, rights, and liberties in the case of Islam is because they have an anger management issue, which we are reluctant to confront.

Christians may see the act of homosexuality as a sin, but in Islam they punish it with death. I don't hear the gay community condemning those actions. Can it be that the intolerant are doing exactly what they want — using fear,

intimidation, coercion, and violence to silence us and cause us to crumble under our own hand?

The Muslim Student Association at a university demands the film "American Sniper" not be shown and what happens — the film is not shown. After all, we don't want the heroic service of a U.S. Navy SEAL in combat to offend Muslims...they might get angry. If you speak the truth regarding Islam you are deemed an Islamophobe and end up having to have personal security...after all, they might get angry — murderously so.

The Council for American Islamic Relations forces a university to cancel a speaker...they might get angry.

Islamic terrorists behead Christians, slaughter men, women and children and burn to death a Jordanian fighter pilot, but we're told to "get off our high horse" because we're no different. Remember, we did bad things during the Crusades, which began because Muslims were attacking Christians in the Holy Land...but don't say that, because they might get angry.

This is not about offending Muslims. It is a reflection of our surrender because we — ok, some folks — have been cowed into acquiescence.

And that is the goal all along. Islam is one of the world's most violent ideologies. I do not have the time to list all the combat engagements and conflicts that have been launched in the name of Allah and Mohammad since 622 AD. If you want to get together and discuss that, I'd be more than happy.

Then again, somebody may say I am inciting and offending Muslims by talking about the history of Islamic conquest and jihadism...they might get angry.

As Megyn Kelly stated to Bill O'Reilly, "If Muslims are offended by Jews, do Jews deserve to be attacked and killed?" Ms. Kelly, that is the whole *raison d'être* of Hamas.

This morning on Fox and Friends, former U.S. Navy SEAL Rob O'Neil stated something, which I found rather

disturbing. He said it wasn't smart to hold a Mohammad art contest which offends Muslims. He went on to say that Muslims also are offended by pictures of other prophets of Islam — Moses and Jesus. What?

First of all, chronologically, it is impossible for Moses and Jesus to be prophets of something that did not exist until 612 AD — when Islam was introduced by Mohammad and the first convert was his first wife, Kadeisha. Secondly, I find it purely ludicrous and hysterically hypocritical that Islam would claim two Jewish men as their own prophets. Lastly, from a theocratic perspective, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has nothing in common with the doctrines and theocratic construct of Islam. Islam is a collective, theocratic-political, ideological system. Christianity is all about individual salvation and redemption through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

But what this shows is how the Islamofascists are winning the information war to have a former U.S. Navy SEAL say something like this on national TV and not even be challenged.

However, Rob O'Neil did say something profound. He stated that those two Islamic jihadists sought to attack our First Amendment rights here in Garland. And subsequently, they were introduced to the Second Amendment.

In the end, perhaps instead of cowering away and shamefully seeking appeasement to people with anger management issues, we should be the principled and resolute adults. Let's stop giving in to the temper tantrums of the kids. And if they get too unruly, then break out the belt and beat their butts.

After all, it does say in the Bible in the wise words of Solomon, "spare the rod and spoil the child." Those two jihadis killed here in Garland, Texas, were indicative of an ideology of some very spoiled children.

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So About That So-Called 'Charity'...

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

I have to admit, this is a pretty impressive tax return.... and belies a simple question: *Why would anyone "donate" to such a "charity"?*

\$144 million in direct contributions and grants; \$149 million in total revenue (2013 numbers); of that \$8.9 million went to grants paid (that is, about 5.9% of the funds that came in went to charitable causes.)

The rest was either "absorbed" (that is, the "charity" still has it) or was paid out in things like executive

compensation.

You might be interested in knowing that the "charity" had 35 employees with reportable compensation (that is, over \$100,000) and their top five combined had \$2.6 million in direct (that is, cash) compensation and another \$278,000 in benefits for approximately \$3 million -- or 1/3rd of all spending on "charitable causes". On a grossed-up basis the charity spent \$21.8 million on salaries and wages or approaching three times what it spent on "charity."

In fact this "charity" spent as much on travel (\$8.4 million) and more on con-

ferences and similar confabs (\$9.2 million) as it did on actual grants for charitable purposes.

What is this "charity"?

Bill, Hillary, and Chelsea Clinton's so-called "charity" that was operating while Hillary was Secretary of State and continues to operate today.

Again, if you were not trying to buy influence of some sort exactly why would you donate to a so-called "charity" that only spends 5.9% of the money received on actual charitable programs?

Go ahead, folks, tell me what possible motivation someone who is rich might have in "giving" to such a foundation when virtually none of your money is going to go to actual relief causes such as feeding poor people and helping disaster victims.

Oh, by the way, that's not really much of a one-off either. In 2012 (the previous tax year) the ratio of spending on charitable programs to "contributions" was just under 15%.

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Homeland Security Failures Keep U.S. at Risk

by JudicialWatch.Org

(Editor/GG: How can you have any security in this country with Nobama allowing hundreds of thousands of illegals to enter this country without any problem. He is encouraging this to destabilize our country. We have 93 MILLION Americans out of work and he won't stop this invasion.)

Two disturbing reports published this month by different sources help illustrate how the perpetual failures of the nation's Homeland Security agencies continue to leave the American public extremely vulnerable to serious attacks.

The first comes from the 9/11 Review Commission, a panel charged with evaluating the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) progress in eradicating the intelligence gaps leading up to the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history. Congress created the commission last year to determine if the FBI had adopted the recommendations made by the special task force—also created by Congress—that thoroughly studied the 2001 terror attacks that killed thousands of innocent Americans in New York, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania.

Inconceivably, the 9/11 Review Commission found that a decade and a half after Islamic terrorists attacked the U.S., the FBI still has lots of work to do to adequately protect the nation. The agency needs to expand its domestic intelligence capabilities as well as its global reach to properly deal with transitional criminals and lone wolf terrorists, the commission writes in a lengthy report. The FBI must implement reforms to complete its transformation into a threat-based, intelligence-driven organization, according to the report, which was put together by

former Attorney General Ed Meese, former 9/11 Commission member Tim Roemer, and Georgetown professor Bruce Hoffman, who studies terrorism.

The panel was critical of the FBI's joint terrorism task forces' ability to detect terror plotters before they strike and found that the agency's computer hacking investigations were lacking. The FBI also needs to enhance its ability to gain intelligence from the public and properly analyze it, the report says, revealing that the agency is behind when it comes to advances in law enforcement capabilities. "This imbalance needs urgently to be addressed to meet growing and increasingly complex national security threats, from adaptive and increasingly tech-savvy terrorists, more brazen computer hackers, and more technically capable, global cyber syndicates," the commission writes in its report. The director of the FBI, James Comey, said he "overwhelmingly" agreed with the panel's findings and recommendations. The agency has only had 14 years to get its act together!

As if this weren't horrifying enough, violent immigrant street gangs have spread all over the U.S. and present a "significant public safety threat," according government statistics obtained by the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS). A large number are associated with the most violent Central American gangs like the infamous Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) and the 18th Street gang. Federal immigration authorities arrested significant numbers of these gang members in California, Texas, Chicago, New York City, and the Washington, D.C., metropolitan areas, the CIS report says. Large concentrations were also arrested in Atlanta, Charlotte, and south Florida.

These violent thugs are roaming U.S. streets, mostly running illicit operations, because DHS—created after 9/11 to keep the nation safe—has failed miserably to protect the border. In fact, the information published in the CIS report comes straight from the DHS agency responsible for enforcing immigration laws, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Since 2005 ICE has arrested over 32,200 gang members, leaders, and associates, the figures show. Bottom line is that, in addition to large transitional gangs, smaller immigrant gangs that operate locally or regionally are a problem all over the United States, in urban, suburban, and rural areas. The government's negligence—allowing these illegal immigrant criminals in the country to begin with—has allowed the problem to spread like wildfire.

It gets worse: the Obama administration actually offers illegal alien gang members amnesty. The CIS report offers an example, a gangbanger named Emmanuel Jesus Rangel-Hernandez, who was arrested in North Carolina for the murder of four people. That didn't stop him from getting legalized under the president's controversial Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), a special amnesty for "young people brought to the United States through no fault of their own as children." Now many of them run gangs that have evolved from small-time street criminals, the CIS report reveals, to flourishing criminal enterprises with an international network of affiliates that employ sophisticated technology and weaponry.

Please see: www.judicial-watch.org/blog/2015/03/homeland-security-failures-keep-u-s-at-risk/

Colorado: Bill Giving \$10 Billion to Prop up Colorado Public Pensions Killed

by Joshua Sharf, WatchDog.Org

(Editor/GG: Did a little research on this the other day. The Colorado Dems wanted to bet the ranch on some extremely risky financial "instruments" that any sane investor would shun. They would have completely bankrupted PERA when (not "if") they went bad. Thank goodness the Republicans killed it. Elections count.)

The Colorado Senate Finance Committee voted Tuesday morning to kill the attempt to issue up to \$10 billion in Pension Obligation Bonds to shore up the state's public pensions. The vote was 3-2, along party lines.

It came even as supporters attempted to amend the bill to permit legal and financial analysis to continue, while preventing issuance of the bonds themselves. Authorization would have required another vote in next year's Legislature.

Amendments would have instructed

the state's public pension system, Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA), to conduct a study on the merits of the proposal, and the executive branch to seek a court opinion on the legality of the issue. Both supporters and opponents had pointed to Article X of the State Constitution which prevents the issuance of multi-year debt without a vote of the people.

The deal was the result of detailed negotiations among the Governor's Office, the treasurer, and PERA, and with only two days left in the 2015 legislative session, the idea is dead for this year.

However, much of the opposition was based on the difficulty of fully understanding the complex financial maneuver in only a few days of discussion and hearings, and the possibility remains of reviving the proposal next year.

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What Happens When an IRS Agent Cheats on His Taxes? He Gets Promoted!

by Casey Harper, FreedomOutPost.com

(Editor/GG: Do you think we need to make some fundamental changes in this country?)

Turns out working for the IRS means you don't have to pay them.

Nearly 1,600 IRS employees didn't pay their taxes over the last ten years, and more than half of those willful tax cheats weren't fired because the commissioner saved their job, according to a new inspector general report released to the public Wednesday.

Some employees even got promotions less than one year after they were caught cheating on their taxes.

Section 1203 of the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act clearly states that IRS

employees who cheat on their taxes must be fired unless the IRS commissioner intercedes to save their jobs. Well, those commissioners have been busy saving hundreds of the tax cheaters' jobs over the last decade.

The government oversight audit exposed that 1,580 had willfully cheated on their taxes but only 620, or 39 percent, actually left the agency.

That means 960 IRS employees who willfully cheated on their taxes only received minor discipline such as "suspensions, reprimands, or counseling."

The common tax offenses included claiming the First-Time Homebuyer Tax Credit without buying a home and repeatedly filing late Federal tax returns.

Even after the cheating employees' managers said the employees were no longer credible, commissioners still refused to fire them.

In response to the report, the IRS has publicly said it will try much harder in the future and pointed out that this is a small percentage of its 85,000 employees.

"The IRS is committed to ensuring that employees meet their tax compliance responsibilities. It's important to note that the IRS has a more than 99% tax compliance rate, the highest of any major federal agency," the IRS said in a statement.

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1 Corinthians 2:9, NKJV



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Incoming: Here's My Message to the Muslim Students Association Canceling American Sniper

by Allen West,
AllenBWest.com

(Editor/GG: Colonel West tells it like it is. Time to stand up. Molon Labe.)

It is the highest grossing war movie in U.S. history but — as we've reported previously — it is in the target sights of Muslim students. Once again, a showing of "American Sniper" has been canceled, this time at the University of Maryland, College Park.

As reported by Foxnews.com, "The University of Maryland announced it will postpone indefinitely an upcoming screening of "American Sniper" after Muslim students protested — calling the film Islamophobic, racist, and nationalistic.

"American Sniper only perpetuates the spread of Islamophobia and is offensive to many Muslims around the world for good reason," read a petition launched by the university's Muslim Students Association. "This movie dehumanizes Muslim individuals, promotes the idea of senseless mass murder, and portrays negative and inaccurate stereotypes."

"The critically-acclaimed film about the life of Navy SEAL Chris Kyle was supposed to be screened May 6 and 7. It was "postponed" on April 22 by the university's Student Entertainment Events (SEE). While SEE did not mention the Muslim Students Association's petition, they referenced a meeting with "concerned student organizations" about the film. "SEE is choosing to explore the proactive measures of working with others during the coming months to possibly create an event where students can engage in constructive and moderated dialogues about the controversial topics proposed in the film," read a statement from SEE posted on the university's website. The Muslim Students Association posted a Facebook message praising the university's capitulation to their demands."

"Praising the university's capitulation to their demands" — in other words, the surrender of our freedom of speech and expression. Now, I find it doggone funny that the Muslim Students Association (MSA), an organization affiliated with the Muslim

by campus police, arrested, and ordered never to step on the Valdosta State campus again.

Are we upside down or what?

Regarding the MSA protest, I'm starting to believe something is up with states that begin with the letter "M." I know this banning of "American Sniper" has occurred at the Universities of Missouri, Michigan, and now Maryland — where next, U-Mass?

But who are these individuals to tell an American university what can be shown on its campus? I wonder if the movie, "Twelve Years a Slave," was shown at the University of Maryland? And if these MSA students believe "American Sniper" is offensive to Muslims it means they are supportive of Islamic terrorism and jihadism.

If they stand for freedom, liberty, and democracy, they should not be offended. As a matter of fact, Kyle's exploits came primarily in Al Anbar province — Fallujah and Ramadi — is it offensive to these Muslim students that ISIS, the reconstituted al-Qaida in Iraq, is now driving Muslims from their homes in Ramadi? Then again, MSA is affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood, which is affiliated with Hamas and supports Islamic terrorism and jihadism, so maybe the gist of all this is that these Muslim students are upset to see the story of a heroic American who fought against their compatriot jihadist brothers.

Maybe they don't want the truth to be known about the savage barbarism of their associates. And the University of Maryland SEE and leadership is so cowardly that they succumb to these "demands."

The president of the University and the SEE should have sent back a simple letter with a one-word response, "Nuts." Now, the question I have, is there a Coach John Harbaugh on the campus of Maryland, someone who will stand up to these stealth jihadists who would seek to advance their intolerance in order to suppress our rights? And let me ask a very basic question — why are they here in America studying in our schools and universities promoting their beliefs which are counter to our Constitutional Republic?

So what the heck does beheading Christians create? What kind of climate exists in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the hotbed of ISIS recruiting? What type of community atmosphere exists for Christians and Yazidis in Mosul?

[T]he Muslim Student Association said, "American Sniper" creates a "dangerous climate for Muslim students and severely devalues the community atmosphere."
So what the heck does beheading Christians create?

"Breyer Hillegas, president of the university's College Republicans, told Fox News that he was furious about the cancellation. "Universities are always trying to satisfy the political correctness police and worry about who they might offend — rather than standing up for principle and the First Amendment of the Constitution," Hillegas told me. He said the College Republicans had been behind the effort to convince SEE to show the film. "If the university prevents a movie like that from being shown — it promotes intolerance and stifles dialogue and debate — and goes directly against the atmosphere that the University of Maryland is supposed to support," he said.

What do the University of Maryland Campus Democrats have to say on the matter? Crickets. Their silence is deafening — and telling.

So here is my message to the MSA:

I and many other Americans deployed to Muslim countries to bring a chance for liberty and freedom. We lost our brothers and sisters. Some lost their limbs — all gave some, some gave all. And to have you here in our country "demanding" the story of one of our own not be told is offensive.

Your time is running out, as we will not tolerate the intolerant for much longer. You will be crushed and defeated, because in America we just don't take crap for too long — regardless of the complicit bond you've found with progressive socialists — stretching from the White House to the College and University campuses — Islamic fascism will not prevail in these great United States of America.

Two words: Molon Labe!

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The Muslim Students Association posted a Facebook message... "Praising the university's capitulation to their demands" — in other words, the surrender of our freedom of speech and expression.

Brotherhood, is allowed to operate freely on our colleges and universities in the first place. I furthermore find it unconscionable that this group of 250 who signed this petition would influence the decision on a campus of some 28,000.

However, consider this irony: black students were allowed to freely stomp on the U.S. flag at Valdosta State College and an Air Force veteran who sought to claim the flag for proper disposition was physically restrained

If they don't like the film, then doggone, don't go see it! But, how dare they make a "demand" and worse, Maryland caved.

"We sincerely appreciate your commitment to exercising your freedom of speech to create an inclusive, just and safe campus community," MSA wrote. Furthermore the Muslims Student Association said "American Sniper" creates a "dangerous climate for Muslim students and severely devalues the community atmosphere."

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Now We Pay For Our Refusal

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

(Editor/GG: Karl is spot on. The libs in this state who voted for and support the unconstitutional gun laws that went into effect in Colorado last year (including the local socialists here in Westcliffe who want a ban on carrying any firearms in our parades) are, in an incremental fashion, attempting to disarm us. One little step at a time. These people are traitors to the Constitution. And the NRA? A disgrace. They have been giving Harry Reid an A rating for decades - a "man" who despises the Constitution and is corrupt to the core. And where the heck were they two years ago in Colorado? Too busy counting our membership fees....)

We have, for years, listened to the NRA and others telling us that "it's ok" to have restrictions on open or concealed carry, "it's ok" to require permits, "it's ok" to have "gun-free zones" and that **law-abiding citizens** need to "pay respect" to those who demand that we disarm on a general and specific basis.

When the threat was simply criminals, that might have sort of worked, although if you live in a high-crime area and can't realistically leave you might disagree. Here's looking at you, Chitcago!

I have long advocated that the 2nd Amendment is very clear and leaves no room for interpretation -- it states that you and everyone else have a natural right to self-defense -- here, today, now, everywhere. You have the right to keep and bear, that is, carry, the means of that defense with you everywhere, all the time for the simple reason that you cannot possibly know when you might need it. You are the one who decides; openly or concealed, and what you wish to carry for this purpose whether it be a mouse gun in your pocket or a "Dirty Harry" magnum on your belt, a shotgun in the car or some combination. **Criminal sanction may, under any just set of laws, only be applied if and when you misuse the means of that self-defense to initiate aggression against others and at no other time; mere possession irrespective of when and how is not misuse any more than it is "misuse" to have a fire extinguisher on your person even though there is presently no fire.**

Indeed, most people will go through their lives and never actually need to use a firearm defensively, just like few people actually use a fire extinguisher in anger at any time in their life. **I witnessed an occasion to use one in anger as a teenager when a passing motorist had his car catch fire in front of my house; I**

had an extinguisher available for immediate use, fortunately, and passing it to him enabled him to put the fire out and save his vehicle from destruction. A second time, about 10 years ago here in Florida, I thought I was going to have to grab for it as well (yes, one of the first things I installed in my home after buying it here was a **fire extinguisher**; I still keep one where it is easily accessible due to that past need!) but was able to deal with the situation without discharging it (they make a heck of a mess when used, by the way.) That latter incident had the potential to burn down my house. Odds are I will never need said device but I still will keep and maintain one in good working order at my home while on my boat it's actually required by law that I have a working fire extinguisher available for immediate use even though it's highly unlikely I will ever need one there either.

We have allowed ourselves to be lectured to and told that no such need for defensive weapons exists, and those who insist that there are "requirements" for the exercise of your fundamental right to self-defense are being "reasonable" -- and then, you only may exercise that right to possess defensive weaponry some of the time and in some fashion, not as and when you choose. In some states

such as Florida open carry is prohibited, period, and in all states where permits are required **they come up on your driver's license when it is run by law enforcement which means that, if you enter a hostile state, automated plate scanners on modern cop vehicles expose you to harassment for doing nothing other than driving even if you (recognizing and respecting their hostile climate toward self-defense) have no firearm with you.** This is not conjecture either; it has happened on multiple occasions and is a strong reason not to get a concealed carry permit if you live in a low-crime area but travel frequently, particularly given the fact that cops seem to abuse and even shoot people without probable cause on a shockingly-regular basis and rarely is anything done about it (never mind that suing or even prosecuting won't bring your dead butt back to life.)

No, we blew it, folks, and we blew it badly. We sat and let the NRA and others tell us that it would be ok if we played "Elmer Fudd"; after all, they weren't after our hunting weapons. The problem is that this horse-dung wasn't ok even if the threat was just the common criminal and it's certainly not ok when the threat profile includes terrorism by armed nutjobs.



As of today it officially, by their own pronouncement, does.

ISIS has allegedly announced -- **that is, declared** -- a six-month shooting spree and claims **71 members in America** ready to strike. **They allegedly have named five states**, all of which have varying forms of **registration or restriction** on your 2nd Amendment rights, and all of which **we**, as Americans, have foolishly tolerated.

There are only two options: We either reverse this act of idiocy here and now, demanding that government honor the 2nd Amendment as written or we're all targets and when we're unable to defend ourselves it will be our responsibility.

Let me put it simply: If you don't stand and demand adherence to our founding legal documents right here, right now and you or your family and friends are killed by these animals you will have forfeited of your own free will your right to defend your life and the lives of your family and for that reason you will be responsible for having chosen to not fight back.

You will instead die like a pig being slaughtered in a meat packing house.

IT IS ON YOU, AMERICA. STAND UP TODAY AND DEMAND RECOGNITION WITHOUT EXCEPTION OF THE RIGHTS OUR FOUNDERS DECLARED TO BE UNALIENABLE AND FUNDAMENTAL TO ALL HUMAN BEINGS OR YOU FACE THE VERY REAL RISK OF GETTING CUT DOWN BY THESE MURDEROUS JACKASSES TOMORROW.

WHAT IS YOUR CHOICE?

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Guns: The Difference Between the Garland, Texas Jihad and Charlie Hebdo Attacks

by Tim Brown, FreedomOutPost.com

(Editor/GG: Celebrate our 2nd Amendment in the Westcliffe July 4th Parade by marching with the Southern Colorado Patriots Club. Don't take our freedoms for granted.

The Islamic jihad attack in Garland, Texas, at the Inaugural Muhammad Art Exhibit and Contest should be held up as an example of one of the many reasons people should be well armed. Compare what took place on the evening of Sunday, May 3rd, here in America to that which took place just months before at the offices of the satirical magazine *Charlie Hebdo* in France. What made the difference in the jihadists meeting their Maker and those in France? Guns.

Keep in mind that in both incidents, Islamic jihadists are at the center of the threat to liberty, free speech, and life itself. Also, keep in mind that they are behind many of the advances of the gun confiscation crowd in America, as well.

If you recall, at least two masked Islamists, now known as Cherif and Said Kouachi, were armed with AK-47s. They believed they were on a mission from Allah, according to the teachings of the Koran. Their mission was to slay the infidels who insulted their so-called "prophet."

It was reported that the two opened fire on police, as well as members of the *Charlie Hebdo* staff.

The total dead was twelve with sev-

en injured.

"We have avenged the Prophet Muhammad," witnesses said they heard the jihadists scream.

Other attacks also occurred in Paris over the next couple of days.

The problem for the citizens of France was that they were not armed in order to fend off the attack the Kouachi brothers brought on them. They were victims not only of Islamic jihad, but also of their own government because they had been disarmed.

As a side note, at least some in Australia began to rethink such disarmament after Islamic jihadist Haron

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Black Man Shoots Unarmed White Man, Ruled Justified

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I have often read keyboard racists claim that black men cannot use firearms for self defense, that the courts will always find against them, no matter what. This is a pernicious lie that is destructive to the rule of law in the United States.

In this story from Florida, a black man defends himself from what appears to be a version of the "knock-out game". He is hit in the face, draws his firearm, then shoots another attacker who is charging at him. The video does not show him doing anything to provoke the attack.

His attackers appear to have been drunk. If the races were reversed, I would expect the same result, except that the media would be shouting out headlines about a white man shooting an unarmed black man. From newspress.com:

An investigation showed the shooter, 28-year-old Jehrardd Williams, shot and killed in self-defense as he was being charged by a shirtless man who had been yelling racial slurs at him

minutes earlier, according to a Lee County Sheriff's Office report.

Williams shot Dakota Fields, of Fort Myers, three times as the 24-year-old rushed toward him, the report said. Fields died six miles down the road from the restaurant after the SUV he and friends left in struck a car at the foot of the Edison Bridge.

A study of Florida's "stand your ground" law found that black people are more likely to successfully use the defense than are white people. Most homicides are intra-racial. Black people tend to kill other black people, and the same goes for white people. It is true that more black people murder white people than vice versa, but that is to be expected when you consider that black people have a much higher murder rate.

From thedaileycaller.com:

But approximately one third of Florida "Stand Your Ground" claims in fatal cases have been made by black defendants, and they have used the defense successfully 55 percent of the time, at the same rate as

the population at large and at a higher rate than white defendants, according to a Daily Caller analysis of a database maintained by the Tampa Bay Times. Additionally, the majority of victims in Florida "Stand Your Ground" cases have been white.

Black men and women are learning that their right to bear arms for self defense is protected under the 'shall issue' concealed carry laws, just like citizens of any other color. Stand your ground laws mean that you do not have to submit to a beating by white racists any more than white men or women are required by law to submit to a beating by a black mob.

The sooner that black people learn that they can trust the rule of law, the faster that black homicide rates will fall.

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eral government has known about Simpson for some time and called him a "wannabe" terrorist. They've been tracking him for years. At the same time, this same federal government has been going after Americans' gun rights. Does anyone else see a problem here?

The thing to keep in mind is not that a police officer was able to take down the jihadists, but the fact that it was a gun used by someone seeking to protect others that prevailed. I'll bet those in the Charlie Hebdo office wished they had been armed that fateful day.

If nothing else, this only proves the point of the NRA's Wayne Pierre, who commented, "The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun."

Next time an elected official wants to put forward legislation to restrict your ability to acquire, keep or bear arms, remind them of Garland, Texas, and then remove them from office.

Read more at <http://freedomoutpost.com/2015/05/guns-the-difference-between-the-garland-texas-jihad-and-charlie-hebdo-attacks/#LeY5UMoB-MY99ZTB4.99>

But It's All About Discrimination You See

by Karl Denninger,
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Yeah, you see, it's **actually** the Christians that are the bigots..... or wait, maybe it's not? (from shoebat.com):

"No one targeted pro-gay bakeries, but gay activists target Christian bakeries. "Support Gay Marriage" is one Christian bakery was sued for refusing to put that slogan on a cake for an event to support the gay agenda. Yet Christian bakeries that refuse to make pro-homosexual marriage cakes are getting sued left, right, and center. They get fined, they get death threats, and they lose their businesses.

So Shoebat.com decided to call some 13 prominent pro-gay bakers in a row. Each one denied us the right to have "Gay Marriage Is Wrong" on a cake and even used deviant insults and obscenities against us. One baker even said all sorts of profanities against Christians and ended the conversation by saying that she will make me a cookie with a large phallus on it."

And how many of those bakeries have been sued, threatened, or prosecuted by State Authorities? **Zero.**

Even better -- the alleged "pizzeria" that refused to cater a gay wedding..... never did refuse.

They were asked, hypothetically -- and in fact said they didn't care who came in to eat at their restaurant (gay, straight, blue, green, Martian or whatever); it was **actively supporting** an act their religious beliefs forbid they were opposed to and did not wish to support.

Note that the openly gay bakeries above, numbering 13 in a row that were polled, have not been (1) trashed on social media, (2) threatened with being burned to the ground, (3) sued, (4) prosecuted by state authorities or in any other way had the same sanctions they demand be imposed on Christian bakeries -- and pizzerias -- imposed upon them!

"ABC-57 reporter Alyssa Marino's editor sends her on a half-hour drive southwest of their South Bend studio to the small town of Walkerton (Pop. ~2,300). According to Alyssa's own account on Twitter, she "just walked into their shop [Memories Pizza] and asked how they feel" about Indiana's new Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

Owner Crystal O'Connor says she's in

favor of it, noting that while anyone can eat in her family restaurant, if the business were asked to cater a gay wedding, they would not do it. It conflicts with their biblical beliefs. Alyssa's tweet mentions that the O'Connors have "never been asked to cater a same-sex wedding."

So what did that business get for such a response? **They were inundated by knowingly false reviews on Yelp (that's libel folks) by people who have never been there** and in fact a female coach at a high school not too far away tweeted what looks like a threat to commit arson:

"Who's going to Walkerton, IN to burn down #memoriespizza w me?"

Betcha she wasn't charged.

So let me see if I get this right.

You can pray at any church you want, as long as it's not Christian.

You can have any religious beliefs you want, as long as they're not Christian.

You can live by any religious code you'd like, as long as it's not Christian.

We are in **fact** passing laws and enforcing them **that act to punish people based on their religious beliefs and the fact that they live their lives by those beliefs, so long as that belief system is Christian.**

This comports with the First Amendment and **does not** in fact exhibit a violation of The Constitution, **Federal** anti-discrimination law, never mind various laws enjoining threats to violent felonies (arson, for one)..... **exactly how?**

Does someone mind explaining how this concerted set of activities does not reach both State and Federal Racketeering and extortion statutes and why we who are not part of this pressure group should not boycott all states and corporations that back this sort of cp -- starting right now and continuing forevermore until these bigots are prosecuted under the very law they are screaming about and got changed to their liking!**

And, yeah, this is aimed at you Sales-Force and Starbucks, to name just two of many.

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**For you were bought at a price;
therefore glorify God in your body
and in your spirit, which are God's.**

1 Corinthians 6:20, NKJV

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Monis somehow acquired a gun, managed to take hostages in a sixteen-hour standoff in a Sydney café and murder two of them while injuring several others. Sen. David Leyonhjelm of Australia's Liberal Democratic Party claimed that it was the tyrannical gun laws of Australia that had made a "nation of victims" and called it "unforgivable."

But let's compare what took place at Charlie Hebdo with what occurred on the evening of Sunday, May 3rd, in Garland, Texas. First, consider that in America there are tens of millions, if not more, people who are well-armed and know how to use their weapons. They understand that being well-armed is vital to the security of a free state, not to mention to defend their own lives and those around them.

As Pamela Geller set forth to push back against the encroaching Sharia we are seeing across the globe and in our own country, she made sure that when she began to promote the event that she had gotten over the top security. That meant having men who were well-trained and well-armed.

Geller, a gutsy lady, decided to host an exhibit and offer a contest in which participants would draw Islam's Muhammad. Most of the drawings were not of the same caliber as Charlie Hebdo. Nevertheless, they did make a point. The event was also held on the same grounds as the "Stand with the Prophet" conference, which took place back in January. You'll recall at that event, which occurred at the same time as Geller's free speech rally, denied access to many reporters.

There is no doubt that Geller and those in attendance knew that a possible attack could come. After all, not only were they giving jihadists the middle finger, but they were in Texas, where reports have been coming in that members of the Islamic State have a camp on the Mexican/Texas border.

Though the two Islamic gunmen were armed and had additional ammunition in their car, neither Elton Simpson nor Nadir Soofi were able to fight off the security that met them and took them down in the streets before they were able to get inside the event and commit mass murder.

Understand that the fed-

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.



Jezebel Reborn?

The Bible makes the claim that history provides a telescope into the future and even goes so far as to suggest that all major human dramas, politics, and personalities have been played out before us. "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there anything whereof it may be said, See, this is new? It hath been already of old time, which was before us." (Ecclesiastes 1:9,10)

Does the searchlight of Scripture shine brightly enough to shed some illumination on Hillary Clinton and who would serve as an appropriate proto-type of the acknowledged Democratic Presidential candidate? We will present a Biblical personality and allow the reader to determine if the parallel is sufficient to make a case.

Ahab, a king over the northern tribes of Israel, gained an unenviable reputation..."And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that were before him." (I Kings 16:30) Now Ahab, not content to be designated as the worst ever, throws gas on the fire..."And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him." (I Kings 16:31)

Ahab and Jezebel became artful politicians, but their administration was shrouded with scandal, chicanery, and malicious activity. The queen possessed an intense hatred for all of their political and religious adversaries which resulted in seeking their absolute destruction. (I Kings 18:13; II Kings 9:7) The death of others never appeared to make a dent on Jezebel's conscience; if not in words, her attitude certainly reflected a "what difference does it make" posture. She attempted the elimination of Elijah the prophet, believing he was the leader of a great rightwing conspiracy. (I Kings 19:1,2,18)

Jezebel, the consummate carpet-bagger, understood the necessity of political allies and made every effort to preserve their allegiance (I Kings 18:19) even though their

presence and ideology was an enormous detriment to the nation. Her aspirations were purely directed toward personal gain. Never was this more apparent than in the case of Naboth who owned a vineyard adjacent to the palace. Ahab coveted this prime piece of real estate and desired to buy it, but the owner resisted based on the obligation of "inheritance of my fathers." The king pouted but his loving wife intervened, promising her husband that she would find a remedy for the problem. After all, what would be his would also be hers. Who wants to be "dead broke" when you leave the White House? Jezebel utilized the advantage of coalition to arrange perjured testimony against Naboth resulting in his death. Capital punishment is never a problem to liberals if it works to their advantage, and an e-mail cover up is provided. Bengazi, Vince Foster, Whitewater, cattle futures, and one half million dollar speaking engagements help flesh out the skeleton that Scriptures type.

For the theologically interested, notice how Naboth follows the path of Jesus Christ almost "to the letter" in regard to his death. Christ was murdered at a religious festival (I Kings 21:9) and had false witnesses against Him (vs. 10). He was betrayed by the religious and political leaders (vs.11), and was killed outside the city (vs. 13). The entire incident provides a classic picture of how far some will go to gain benefit.

The most sobering indictment is leveled when the Scripture compares the activities of Jezebel to witchcraft (II Kings 9:22) which, of course, introduces an invisible personality into the equation. Satan as the god of this world (II Cor. 4:4) possesses power to elevate his own but prayer is a wrench in the tool chest of every Believer to slow the leaks that would sink the ship of our Republic.

Perhaps the most remarkable testimony of God's grace is found in the Bible's last book when Jezebel's sins are called into remembrance but is followed by "And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not." (Revelation 2:21) Time will tell if the type breaks down or if it continues. Keep your wrench handy and use it often.

A Sheepdog Barks!

There is a "war on Cops" going on in America and that's not healthy for America or Americans. Another cop was shot and killed in New York City. Two more police officers were shot and killed in Hattiesburg, MS. This has got to stop. The Police Forces in America keep us from complete anarchy. Some LPSDs are even suggesting that we don't need cops in certain communities. REALLY? These are very stupid comments. In fact, one has to study to be that stupid. Leaders like Obama, Holder, DeBlasio, and now Lynch need to stop with all the investigations and concentrate on prosecuting the criminals burning, looting, and killing. This attitude that all cops are bad is dangerous and wrong. In mid-December demonstrators were walking around the streets of New York City chanting, "What do we want? DEAD COPS! When do we want them? NOW!" Elected leaders need to stop with the false narratives (like Hands up, Don't shoot) and start defending our Police Officers. Al Sharpton does nothing to help the black community to do right, stop crime, or respect the police that defend these communities at great risk every day. He just promotes more violence in his "howling" for justice. Chris Rock and a few others have provided better advice: OBEY THE LAW! That would eliminate 99% of the problems. WOOF!

There is another sad event to relate today. Quid pro quo (one thing in return for another) is usually very hard to prove. Most clever and corrupt politicians are smart enough to know how to hide the direct link between the two actions to avoid any prosecution. The Clintons are masters at it and have been getting away with illegal stuff for years. But that's another story. On one of the Sunday talk shows I heard a man absolutely complete his part of a quid pro quo. Retired General David Petraeus, a man I used to greatly admire, gave an unbelievable response when asked about "leading from behind" in the Middle East. He gave a long rambling type of answer like how tough it is, but in the end,

credited Obama with good leadership. He just cashed in his last ounce of respect from me and I'm sure many other veterans. Of course this was a blatant and clumsy way of paying back Obama for the sweet deal the Department of Justice cut him in staying out of prison. Petraeus has a lot to answer for in my opinion. His role as CIA Director and the Benghazi talking points still need to be clarified to the American people. He knew he was already under investigation and obviously didn't speak the whole truth and nothing but. Petraeus was a great soldier. I can no longer say that about him as a man. It is shameful that he has "soiled" his military service, his uniform, and his reputation. One can't bite the hand that let's one out of the cage, can one? On Sunday he actually tried to tell us that Obama is a good leader. That's a full up, clear-as-a-bell Quid Pro Quo for me. I will no longer respect this soldier. He has become a typical politician. As I've asked many times before - where are our General Pattons? America needs some! WOOF!

I heard another man on the Sunday talk shows, one of the "straw lions" in the Senate - John McCain. I fear we have all been fooled once again. I don't believe the Iran nuclear deal legislation has any teeth in it. It's a sham. Apparently there is no veto-proof majority so it appears to be one of those "acts" that looks like Congress is exerting its Constitutional rights but actually is just another sham. More on this later, WOOF!

I will end today with a few more insanities that could happen "Only In A Liberal Progressive America" (OIALPA):

OIALPA: New Jersey. A third grade teacher gets her students to write get-well letters to a convicted Cop Killer. This murderer shot a cop in the face in Philadelphia in 1989, brutally killing him. This teacher "sort" of told this story to her kids in a way that the kids thought it would be nice to wish this cop killer a speedy recovery. REALLY! When caught she actually blamed the idea on the third graders. She is a sicko LPSD.

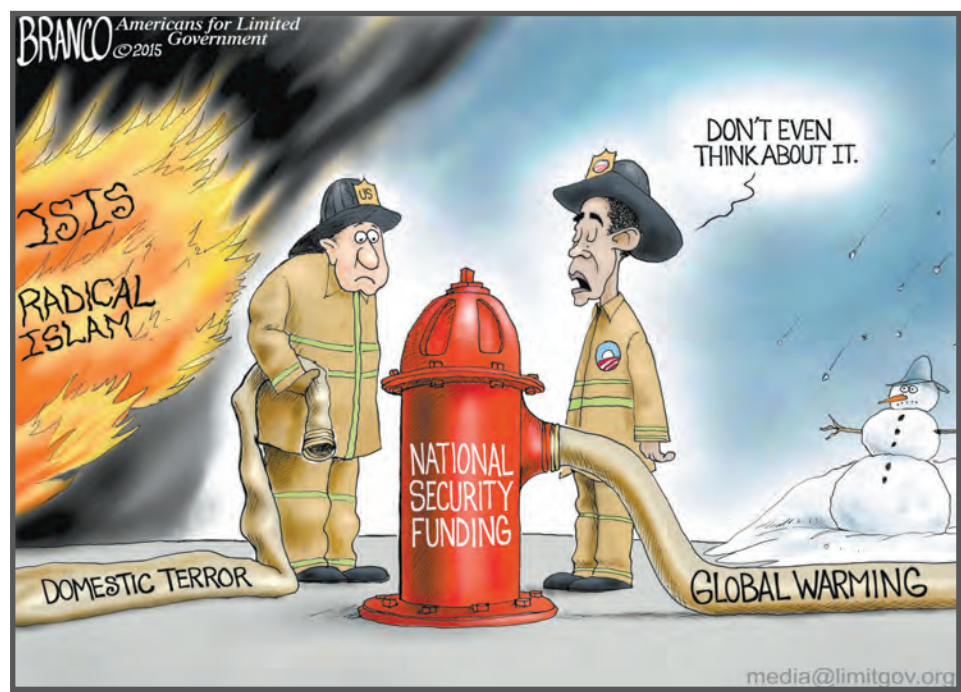


She has been suspended WITH pay. Kind of like a vacation. No doubt she will be reinstated. Parents beware. WOOF!

OIALPA: Police Department. Denver, CO. On 20 April each year the potheads in Colorado openly break the law and smoke marijuana in public. The cops look the other way. In 2015, smoking marijuana in public is still a crime but the cops went to the extreme in ignoring the problem. Denver Police spokeswoman Raquel Lopez said this. "We'd prefer not to buzz kill this 4/20 weekend. Consume responsibly and designate a sober driver now." An official statement like that is totally irresponsible. It is one thing to selectively enforce the law, it is another to actually tell the lawbreakers "go ahead we really don't care, just be careful and don't drive while stoked up, man." Spring Break in Colorado. Florida has nothing on this state. WOOF!

OIALPA: Rutgers University, NJ. Some students felt their mascot, the Scarlet Knight, didn't represent the diversity of their university. So they voted to create multiple mascots to better represent their diversity. Their current mascot is a white man with blue eyes and that "just isn't right" according to Emmet Brennan, Student Assembly Parliamentarian. The comment was also made that the school needed a female mascot, a black mascot, a Latino mascot. and a "third gender" mascot. God help us. Third Gender?? REALLY? Remember who is teaching these kids in our colleges and universities. LPSDs! Our youth are not being taught HOW to think in college, but rather WHAT to think. Parents beware! WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Colorado School Testing Agreement Comes in Session's Final Hours

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(Editor/GG: This is an excerpt from the long article on the testing bill passed last week by the Colorado legislature. Some good news on testing but they punted on withdrawing from Common Core State Standards and PARCC testing. Refer to the web address below to see the whole article.)

What the testing bill does
The compromise testing-reduction bill successfully walks a fine line between earlier proposals from the House and Senate.

The final plan makes changes both obvious and subtle in the Colorado Measures of Academic Success system, and its final shape remains to be determined, given that parts of the bill require sign-off by the federal government.

Two things definitely aren't in the bill. It doesn't withdraw Colorado from the Common Core State Standards nor from the PARCC multi-state tests. That's a sore point for some legislators and activist parent groups. And the bill doesn't reduce

testing enough for the Colorado Education Association.

Here are the details on the compromise's key points and how negotiators reconciled the differences between the two chambers.

High school testing – This was the big point of division from the start, and the recent expansion of CMAS tests into the 11th and 12th grades was the main spark for parent agitation and students opting out in the past year.

The federal government requires one set of language arts and math tests be given in high school. The House and Senate bills assumed that requirement would be met by 10th grade testing, but the two chambers disagreed over whether 9th grade tests should continue. Moving away from the assumption that full 10th grade testing was needed was a key factor in breaking the deadlock.

The compromise keeps the 9th grade tests but replaces the 10th grade CMAS exams with a college and workforce readiness test like the ACT Aspire. This test takes about three hours, compared to 11 for the two CMAS tests. Backers of the idea

hope Aspire or something similar will be more relevant and therefore more attractive to students. Students will continue to take the main ACT test in the 11th grade.

Because the federal government doesn't recognize 9th grade as part of high school, this provision will need federal approval.

One subtlety here is that because the two ACT-type tests aren't part of the federally dictated CMAS system, student opt-out rates wouldn't affect district accreditation ratings. Compromise supporters described this with the zen-like explanation that the tests are "not mandatory and not optional." Districts have to offer them, but students don't have to take them. The state would have to put the 10th and 11th grade tests to competitive bid every five years.

The current schedule of giving science tests one time each in elementary, middle, and high school will continue, but it's left up to the Department of Education to decide in which grades.

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Colorado: Governor Signs Welfare ATM Bill

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DENVER —

A bill intended to block ATM welfare withdrawals at strip bars, liquor stores, pot dispensaries, and casinos, which was introduced after a series of Watchdog.org stories exposed thousands of tax dollars taken out at those locations, passed the Colorado Legislature last month and Gov. John Hickenlooper signed it Friday.

House Bill 1255 sponsored by state Rep. Tim Dore, R-Elizabeth, and Rep. Dan Pabon, D-Denver was signed with about 30 other bills Friday, according to a news release.

In March, Dore told fellow lawmakers the legislation was prompted by a series of Watchdog.org stories.

"The Watchdog group that monitors issues throughout the nation (revealed this) and as soon as one organization looked at this, others verified it," he said.

House Bill 1255 allows the Colorado Departments of Human Services and Revenue to write rules requiring businesses to block their ATMs from accepting welfare-benefit cards. The bill also requires regular reports to lawmakers about illegal withdrawals, which have been banned under state and federal law for years, but Watchdog.org found continued despite of lawmakers' intent.

CDHS has opposed changes to welfare ATMs in the past but this year came on board after finding about \$500,000 a year was withdrawn at locations prohibited by state and federal law — that's about one percent of the total welfare withdrawals

"It's unusual for me as a social worker to support limiting access for people struggling with poverty," CDHS executive director Reggie Bicha told the committee in March. "Colorado needs a balanced way to deal with this."

The bill passed the House in March, the Senate two weeks ago, and was sent last week to Hickenlooper.

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“Takin’ It To The House...”

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representative
Jim Wilson HD 60
May 10, 2015

At 8:01 p.m. on May 6th, it was “Turn out the lights – the party’s over!” on the floor of the Colorado House of Representatives for the first half of the 70th General Assembly. The House adjourned sine die (from the Latin “without day”) and sent the 65 Representatives home until early January 2016 when another 120 day session will begin.

There were approximately 392 House bills and 290 Senate bills that had to be heard and voted upon within 120 days – quite a feat! One of the last bills to pass late on Wednesday evening was HB15-1323 – “Changes To Assessments In Public Schools”. HB15-1323 was a classic example of how convoluted and complex the path of a bill can take in becoming law. Just picture “follow the bounc-

ing ball” and you will gain an appreciation for the law-making process...

The idea behind HB15-1323 came in 2014. Legislators in the 69th General Assembly heard the outcry of “too much testing” but were unable to decide how to address the issue. As a result, they passed HB14-1202 which created a task force to study the assessment problem over the summer and make recommendations to the 70th General Assembly. The Task Force met multiple times in various parts of the state and presented their findings and recommended solutions to the Joint House and Senate Education Committees in January 2015. The result was the creation of SB15-215 – “Changes To Assessments In Public Schools” (sponsored by Sen. Hill (R), Sen. Kerr (D), Rep. Buckner (D) and Rep. Wilson (R). Sen. Holbert (R) (along with

others) did not like Sen. Hill’s bill and, as a result, SB15-215 did not see the light of day. And now, the plot thickens...

With SB15-215 out of the picture, Rep. Buckner and I (House sponsors of the bill) decided that if something was to be done to reduce the number of assessments, it was up to us. Therefore, we created HB15-1323 – “Changes To Assessments In Public Schools” (same title...nice touch, huh?). When Rep. Buckner and I filed our bill, we stirred the Senate into action again. Sen. Hill (R) and Sen. Merrifield (D) filed SB15-257 – “Education Standards & Assessments & Flexibility Pilot Programs” with Rep. J. Becker (R) and Rep. Singer (D) as the House sponsors. Both bills were amended to more closely mirror each other and, somewhere in the process, Representatives Becker and Singer were replaced

on the Senate bill by Rep. Hamner (D) and myself (I still have not figured out how that happened...). And, Senators Holbert and Kerr were added as Senate sponsors to HB15-1323 (Sen. Holbert is back again!).

So, when the smoke all cleared, HB15-1323 made it through both chambers and is awaiting the Governor’s signature. SB15-257 died on the House calendar. There were some 682 bill stories in the Capitol City during the 120 day session – this has been one of them...

In the end, Rep. Buckner and I were able to navigate the stormy legislative waters in a bi-partisan manner to do what is right for the students in the state of Colorado. They will be taking fewer assessments next year and the state of Colorado will still maintain accountability -- that was my goal from day one.



Next week will be the final edition of “Takin’ It To The House...” until next session. It will be the wrap-up edition. In the interim, you can e-mail us at wil-

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