



MEMORIAL WEEKEND
2015 PARADE
Saturday, May 23rd
at 10:00 a.m.



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**The parade will start at
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in Silver Cliff and proceed west
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Eagles Summit Ranch
Fundraiser a Huge Success

by George Gramlich

When we kicked off the *Sentinel's* fund drive to pay for 12 Fort Carson wounded warriors to come to Eagles Summit Ranch (ESR) in Custer County for one of their week long rehabilitation programs in our March 13, 2015, issue, we had no idea what the results would be. The cost for the 12 soldiers for the week was \$12,000. So that was our goal. And that's a lot of money.

Three months later, with God's help, we met and exceeded our goal. We received large donations and small donations. We even received donations from out-of-state. Slowly the money started coming in and about a month ago we met our \$12,000 goal. And it still kept coming - and coming. A week after that we hit \$13,000. Then last week we hit \$14,000, and is I write this on Wednesday, May 20th, we just hit an unbelievable \$16,150!

God Bless you, folks. Eagles Summit Ranch, founded by Pastor Dave Roe-ver, is one of the premier wounded warrior rehabilitation programs in the country. Bar none. They have a dinner and graduation ceremony Friday night at the end of each session. Around 100 to 150 local residents come to the dinner graduation at ESR's main conference building where ESR supplies the main course and the guests are asked to bring a side dish. After the meal and an introduction by Pastor Roe-ver, each soldier comes to the podium and tells their story. There are no words to describe the emotional depth that they relate regarding their issues. Over the years of attending these, I can say that the vast majority of wounded warriors that have attended the program improved dramatically during the course of that short week. It is truly a moving experience. The ESR staff is simply inspirational.



The graduation dinner for our 12 soldiers will be Friday, June 12, at 6 p.m. We need a huge community attendance for this one as these soldiers from Fort Carson are OUR soldiers and they need our support (one of the things that truly move the wounded warriors is the amount of people who show up for the dinners to hear their stories and thank them personally for their service). Mark it on your calendar. The *Sentinel* will provide details in our June 5th and 12th issues including a map. Come and thank a soldier on June 12th, they truly appreciate it.

Please see the complete list of contributors to this worthy cause on page 6.

A Memorial Day Message
from Dave Roe-ver

by Pastor Dave Roe-ver,
Founder of Eagles Summit
Ranch and The Roe-ver
Foundation

When we bought property in West-cliffe, built Eagles Summit Ranch, and began conducting our program for the military, I knew we had chosen a very special location. Of course the beauty is beyond description. The people are kind and respectful. But the patriotism is off the charts! Westcliffe is a community that still honors those who have fought for the freedoms we enjoy, and Memorial Day is particularly special because so many paid the ultimate price for that freedom.

Yes, we may attend a parade and wave the American Flag. We may have

a backyard cookout and enjoy time with family and friends. We may tell a Veteran passing by on the sidewalk 'Thank You' for serving. But our patriotism doesn't end when the sun sets. Our patriotism isn't something we conjure up for a 'holiday'. It's much more than that.

Patriotism to us is a lifestyle in which we have the privilege to be thankful. Every time we attend the church of our choice, travel across the country without prior permission from our government, quit one job and start another, and many more things, we have exercised our freedom bought by the blood of someone who cared more for the common good rather than themselves.

Memorial Day by definition is a day set aside to remember those who have died while serving in the Armed Forces. In our hearts, Memorial Day is a day to be grateful for all we have and enjoy, realizing the price paid to cover the cost of our blessings! For those of you who have someone in your family that made that ultimate sacrifice, the grateful community of Westcliffe says 'Thank You!' We honor their sacrifice today and every day and we thank you for the price you have paid as well. I always think of the words of President Abraham Lincoln written to Mrs. Bixby who lost her sons in battle, "Oh the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so cost-ly a sacrifice on the altar of freedom."

Juveniles
Arrested for
Criminal Mischief

On Saturday, May 16th, two juveniles, 12 and 13, were taken into custody and later released to their parents on charges of misdemeanor criminal mischief. The charges have been forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for direct filing. This is the second incident in recent weeks of criminal mischief and subsequent arrests of two juveniles for the crime. Neither incident are related.

Sunday, May 10th, the juveniles used blue and green spray paint to tag several businesses and park structures in Veteran's Park. The graffiti included some vulgarities and was highly visible and offensive to the public. The entire incident was completed in five to ten minutes resulting in six victims sustaining an estimated

\$880 damage to their property.

There was another incident involving paint on the Westcliffe Supermarket and another business in Westcliffe on April 25th. The Sheriff's Office has a lead in this case but is asking for your assistance if you have any information in regard to this incident.

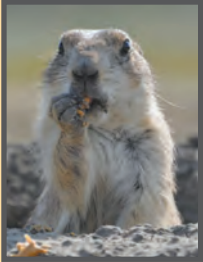
If anyone has any information on that particular crime or any crime, please contact the Sheriff's Office at 783-0202 or the TIPS line at 783-2847 to remain anonymous.



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*The Lord
is on my side;
I will not fear.
What can man
do to me?*

Psalm: 118:6
NKJV

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

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

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Our Opinion... From the Editorial Board

Understanding the Memorial Day Holiday

Monday, May 25th, is “observed” Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a U.S. federal holiday when the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces are remembered. Many different types of ceremonies honoring the Civil War dead (over 600,000) began occurring all over America after the war ended. 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 on May 30th. We are told that date was selected because it was not the anniversary of any particular battle and the optimal date for flowers to be in bloom. This tradition quickly grew and by 1882, Memorial Day was adopted and observed all over America. At first, Memorial Day speeches became an occasion for veterans, politicians, and ministers to commemorate the Civil War and the “atrocities” of the “other side.” By 1870 much of the wartime rancor was gone and it became a time to praise the brave soldiers of both the North and the South. After WWII the theme changed and started to honor the sacrifice of all those who protected our freedoms. By the middle of the 20th Century, Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who had died while in military service. Many observe Memorial Day by visiting memorials and cemeteries. Graves of military veterans are usually marked with an American flag. Locally, the VFW and American Legion make sure that is done at all the cemeteries in Custer County. They deserve our thanks for that honorable and important gesture in properly memorializing our fallen heroes. In 1966 President Johnson signed a proclamation naming Waterloo, New York, as the birthplace of Memorial Day starting a hundred years before in 1866. Ironton, Ohio, lays claim to the nation’s oldest, continually running Memorial Day Parade which was first held in May 1868. The official name of Memorial Day was declared by a federal law in 1967. In June

1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act which moved four holidays, including Memorial Day, from their traditional date to a specific Monday in order to create three-day weekends. This Act moved Memorial Day from May 30th to the last Monday in May. There was an initial unwillingness to comply, but all 50 states finally adopted the change within a few years. Many believe that this has caused a significant loss of the sacred and solemn observance of our war dead to just a weekend to celebrate the beginning of summer. The three-day weekend act mentioned above was strongly supported by big business and the labor unions to promote business, recreation, and tourism. Several of the holiday date changes caused no concern and were welcomed. But many didn’t understand why a day to remember and honor our fallen war heroes would be included. In 2002 the VFW stated, “Changing the date merely to create a three-day weekend has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed a lot to the general public’s nonchalant observance of Memorial Day.” Since 1987, and until his death in 2012, Hawaii’s Senator Daniel Inouye, a World War II veteran, introduced a measure every year to return Memorial Day to its traditional date. Congress has not seen fit to do that. So, for too many Americans it has become just another day off and a day for the special sales, frolics at the beach, and backyard BBQs. These are the Americans that wish each other a “Happy Memorial Day.” Thankfully, many other Americans understand the meaning and attend the parades, memorial ceremonies, and visit the many military and civilian cemeteries to honor the fallen. Locally, the Wild West Cowboy Church and *Sangre de Cristo Sentinel* are sponsoring a parade dedicated to our fallen heroes and the freedoms that have endured because of their sacrifice. It will be held tomorrow Saturday, May 23rd, at 10:00 a.m. One way to show your respect would be to march in or attend the parade. This remembrance can be done properly in many other ways however. The National Moment of Re-

membrance Act signed into law in 2000 encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation. As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states: “It’s a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day.” You can fly the American flag and, if you do so, please observe the following protocol: **On Memorial Day the American flag should be raised briskly to the top of the staff and then solemnly lowered to half-staff until noon. It should then be raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day.** You can also take the time to let young citizens know that their freedom has been paid for in over 60 military actions that have claimed over 1.2 million lives over our 239 years. You can attend the above mentioned parade and you can attend the local observance ceremony on Monday, May 25th, conducted by American Legion Post 170, its Auxiliary, its

Squadron, and VFW Post 12063. It begins at 10:00 a.m. at Westcliffe’s Memorial Park. If you haven’t ever attended one of these, you are missing a great chance to understand and observe the real meaning of Memorial Day. You could also take a few minutes to visit a local cemetery and pay your respects to the flag-adorned gravesites. Public displays of patriotism are essential if we are to remember our history and honor those who died while serving our country. Memorial Day observances have come to include not only those that died in war but all those that previously served and risked their lives and those currently serving. We encourage all citizens to take some time this weekend to properly observe this sacred day in our Nation’s history. We all enjoy our freedoms because of the sacrifices made by the men and women who served or are serving in our Armed Forces. God Bless those that died in battle; God Bless those that have “faded away”; God Bless those actively serving, and God Bless America!



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Called To Write His Answer

by Candy Thompson

(Editor/GG: Candy Thompson is one of our volunteer reporters in Fremont County. She is very active in the pro-life movement. She was recently invited to the five day Christian Writers Conference and won first place for her essay "Called to Write His Answer".)

The philosophies of this world and vain imaginations have no answer for the anger and depression that held me in bondage for so many years. In the dark recesses of my mind, I kept all the justifications and blame for that word I could not even utter: "abortion", not one but three.

Denial had a huge penalty, stealing the feelings that made my soul human and connected me to the world around me. Analyzing and reasoning only led to a deeper pit of confusion causing even my mind I had depended upon to fail me. The psychiatrist called it a transference psychosis. Yet, what I denied in the conscious

realm found an outlet in the physical with a life-threatening diagnosis: Crohn's Disease, incurable in the medical world. Divorce didn't free me from the tormentor of my soul.

Try as I may, I could not find the answer to my situation and the problems I faced as a young mother of two, divorced and teaching school, in what seemed like a hopeless situation. The needs of my children were immense with my son being put in a locked classroom for emotionally disturbed children at one point and my young daughter never having known her father. Guilt threatened to consume me and fear was my companion.

The feminist rhetoric that had sounded so true in college had been tested and found lacking. "I can take care of myself and don't need a man to support me," were the words of a rebellious woman who had scoffed at God's plan for her to be loved and protected. Turning back to God would mean

returning to a world that had not been a part of my life for almost 20 years, His church. Repenting and turning to Jesus to me at that time meant fitting in and finding acceptance among people who would probably be my accusers if they really knew me. I could put up a good front, but inside I carried the pain and shame that I had never shared.

God knew what it would take to get to my heart and had mercy on me and brought a man into my life who wanted to love and protect me and help raise my children in a Christian home. After recommitting my life to Jesus, The Lord took us far away from everything I had known and placed me in His body of believers where I heard His word for me, His answers for every problem. Bit by bit, line upon line and truth upon truth, the lies I had believed about myself began to be replaced with the unchanging word of a God who cannot lie.

"There is therefore now no con-

demnation..." (Romans 8:1a) were words of life, words of healing, words that I never heard in the psychiatrist's office. "...and by His stripes we (you) are healed" (Isaiah 53:5b) were words of life that my surgeon never spoke. Set free by the truth that never changes and cannot lie, I began to accept His love and forgiveness for me.

A renewed mind and a new identity, beauty for ashes and a robe and ring for a prodigal were there for a daughter who had squandered her life, her health, and her children. Many were His treasures for me when I began to receive His answers for the impossible. Healing of Crohn's Disease came after two life-threatening perforations and surgeries. The surgeon's answer, "Don't 'think you're healed, you have abscesses all over your intestines and we only took out what we had to," wasn't the answer that God gave me in His promise that He sent His word and healed me of ALL my diseases or in the prayer

prayed by our pastor that this sickness was not unto death but would be for the glory of God. Whose report would I believe?

It was 25 years before I could mourn the three children I had lost and acknowledge them openly and not fear the condemnation from the self-righteous. It's all about God who died for this sinful woman, who had me on His mind even when I was His enemy, who helped me overcome all my hurt and pain and who deserves all the honor and glory.

In this world of confusion where everyone has an opinion, there is an answer that will never fail and brings life and abundant life. It's found in God's word, motivated by love and manifested by faith. How He has blessed me with every good gift! A loved wife for 33 years, now a mother and grandmother whose greatest joy is children who serve the Lord and three children who wait for me in Jesus' arms, all reasons to write His answer for a lost world.



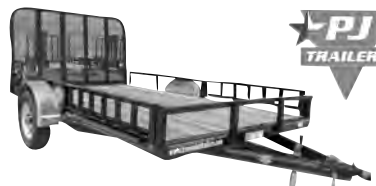
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On Tuesday, May 19th, this slide occurred approximately half-way between mile markers ten and eleven. Within a few hours, Fremont County temporarily opened a single lane, however, the road was very saturated with rain water, and drivers were advised to take an alternate route.

Sentinel photo by Audrey Slater

Memorial Weekend Events

Saturday, May 23rd

7:30-10 a.m. Frontier Day Open House at Deer Mountain Fire House begins

10 a.m. Westcliffe Parade

1 p.m. Fort Carson Brass Ensemble Concert and Ice Cream Social at the Wild West Cowboy Church

2 p.m. Parade at Deer Mountain Fire House

5 p.m. Team Penning Event at the Wild West Cowboy Church

Sunday, May 24th

2 p.m. Custer County High School Graduation Ceremony

Monday, May 25th

10 a.m. Memorial Day Observance in Memorial Park (4th St & Hermit Rd)



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Local Mountain News & Notices

Tim Swartz: Custer County's New Veteran Service Officer

by George Gramlich

Tim Swartz, Custer County's new Veteran Service Officer (VSO), has ambitious plans for the office for the coming year. Recently hired by the county, Tim has an extensive background in the military and civilian life with regards to helping soldiers and getting this job is a dream come true.

Tim enlisted in the Army in 1979 and was in the 122 Signal Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division for most of the time between 1979 and 1985. From 1986 to 1992 Tim was recruiting for the Army in Chicago (his hometown). Finally, from 1992 to 1996, Tim was a transition counselor at Fort Carson, Colorado. After leaving the Army, he worked in medicare sales where he often helped veterans with coordinating medicare with the various civilian government health programs.

Tim recently successfully completed the Colorado Department of Veteran Affairs' VSO four-and-a-half-day certification course which he says was very informative.

The top priority for Tim for the coming year is to get an accurate "head" count of the veterans in the county. The VSO computer has only 66 names in it but the Veterans Administration (VA) says there are 490 veterans receiving some form of government assistance in the county. Tim estimates that there might actually be



Tim Swartz, Custer County VSO

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

about 1,000 veterans in the county.

One of his other goals is to develop a client folder for each veteran and at a minimum, have a sit-down review with each veteran once a year around their birthdate and update their status. The key, Tim says, is that he wants to be "proactive" rather than "reactive" with his clients.

Tim has set up a client computer work station with a printer that any veteran can use to determine or obtain benefits. The VSO office hours are currently Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Tim hopes some possible additional funding from the state this year will allow him to expand the hours and days.) The office is in the County's Annex Building (yellow in color) on Rosita Avenue next to the County Courthouse building. He asks all veterans to call and come and visit.

Custer County Sheriff's Office Welcomes Deputy Samuel Berkeland!

Deputy Berkeland graduated POST Academy in Colorado Springs on Friday, May 15th, reported for duty on Monday, May 18th, and was sworn in as Custer County's newest officer on Tuesday, May 19th. Ms. Cathy Labrecque, the coordinator of the Pikes Peak Regional Law Enforcement Academy speaks very highly of Mr. Berkeland and his potential as a law enforcement officer.

Mr. Berkeland grew up in Colorado Springs and spent considerable time in Custer County at his family's summer home and for hunting season. After graduating from high school in 2009, he answered the call to serve his country by joining the Marine Corps. Mr. Berkeland served for five years as an 0311 infantryman. He spent his first two-and-a-half years at Navy Base Kitsap - Bangor, Maine, guarding strategic assets, and making meritorious lance corporal and then corporal. After that, he was with 3rd Battalion 4th Marines in Twentynine Palms, California, for a couple years before deploying to Afghanistan.



Sheriff Shannon Byerly introduces Deputy Sam Berkeland during his swearing-in ceremony.

Mr. Berkeland says, "I don't feel like I've done enough for my country and I wanted a chance to serve and give back to the community. And this is a community that I truly love and somewhere that I want to be a part of. So, if I'm going to serve somewhere, why not serve somewhere that I love?"

Mr. Berkeland has been coming to Custer County regularly to do ride-alongs with the officers beginning only a month into his training at the academy. He clearly had his heart set on becoming a deputy here, and we are very pleased to welcome him to our community as our newest Sheriff's Deputy!

Frontier Day

Deer Mountain Fire
Protection District and
The Red Suspenders
Support Group

are hosting an
Open House
Saturday, May 23rd
6181 CR 28 (Copper Gulch)

The day begins with a breakfast
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Introducing: 4th Infantry Division Band to be Featured in Westcliffe's Memorial Day Parade

From the first formations of the Continental Army, bands were included in the ranks to provide music for two main purposes: ceremonial functions and bolstering troop morale. Army bands have borne the customs and traditions of the Army service, incorporating the legends and practices of the past, and representing them in the present. The band carries the lineage and tradition of their units into the public view as they march as the vanguard of a wide variety of traditional ceremonies. The mace, the baldric, and the drums of an Army band display the battle honors of the division or unit it serves.

The 4th Infantry Division Band was constituted July 30, 1943, as the Band, 4th Infantry Division, and activated at Fort Dix, N.J., Aug. 4, 1943. Redesignated Dec. 1, 1943, as the 4th Infantry Division Band, the band traveled to Europe

with the division and performed in England, France, and Germany during World War II. The band's tour lasted until early 1946 and entitled the band to battle streamers for Normandy, northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe.

In September 1966, the band arrived at the Division Base Camp south of Pleiku, South Vietnam.

For its cumulative efforts in Vietnam during the period 1966-1970, the band also earned two Vietnamese Gallantry Crosses with Palm, a Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation, and battle streamers for Counteroffensive, Phase II; Counteroffensive, Phase III; Tet Counteroffensive; Counteroffensive, Phase IV; Counteroffensive, Phase V; Tet '69 Counteroffensive; Summer-Fall 1969; Winter-Spring 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; and Counteroffensive, Phase VII.

The band returned to the United States and moved to Fort Carson where it stayed from 1970 to 1995. In 1995, the band moved with the Headquarters, 4th Infantry Division to Fort Hood, Texas. During the period of persistent conflict since 2001, the 4th Infantry Division Band has supported Operation Iraqi Freedom three times, resulting in the awarding of three more Meritorious Unit Commendations.

After a 14-year absence, the 4th Infantry Division Band returned to Fort Carson. Half of the band deployed in support of Operation New Dawn in 2010. Most recently, the band was deployed to Afghanistan to support the Divisions efforts on the War on Terrorism.

Please see www.mybase-guide.com/army/40-658-17266/fort_carson_4th_infantry_division_band

CCCS MAP Tests Show Good Growth

by Superintendent Chris Selle

With the end of the school year upon us, sharing student achievement results with the community seems appropriate. I intended to do this several weeks ago. However, because of the tragic events in our school, and the subsequent necessary responses, I have not had the opportunity to share this information. Due to changes in the state testing, we will not have much information from state testing (CMAS and PARCC) until late next fall. Thus, the only results available to us come from a test we give two or three times a year called Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). This test is a nationwide test and is a common assessment utilized in many schools.

The MAP test taken in the fall establishes each student's learning growth objective measured against a national norm. The winter test tells us how well students are doing in meeting their objectives. Though our state testing results from 2013-2014

were below expectation, the results from this year's MAP testing shows strong academic growth. The number of individual students at the national norm increased on 79.4% of the tests. On 74.2% of these tests, more than half the students met their calculated growth projection. The national average for students meeting calculated growth projection is generally 50-60%.

MAP student growth results can be aggregated into a metric for the entire class. The goal for this metric would be 100% as that would indicate that every student made their projected academic growth. On 80.6% of the tests, classes exceeded 100%, and the aggregate for the district was 146%. Thirteen of the tests were in excess of 150% and six of the tests were in excess of 200%. These results show academic growth by Custer County School District students that notably exceeds national norms during the 2014-15 school year.

Brew with a View and Vino Too

Let's do it again "Brew with a View and Vino Too".

Where? At the 'Cliffs, Silver Cliff & Westcliffe.

It all takes place in downtown Westcliffe, Saturday, May 30th, from 1 - 5 p.m. \$25 Entry fee includes a glass while supplies last.

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 18 brews and 2 choices of wine.

Experience big town fun in a small town atmosphere while discovering one of Colorado's hidden gems. Join us for "Brew with a View and Vino Too at the 'Cliffs", Saturday, May 30th 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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Way To Go Bobcat Triathletes!



On Wednesday, May 13th, the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Bobcats took part in a triathlon and did fantastic! Below are the top results for each grade. Great job, Bobcats!

4th Grade:

Swim - one length of the pool
Bike - 2.5 miles
Run - 1/4 mile

Girls:

1st - Samantha Gray, time 12:58
2nd - Erika Weaver, time 13:29
3rd - Emma Rush, time 14:52

Boys:

1st - Garrett Stephanich, time 11:34
2nd - Ty Bomgardner, time 12:53
3rd - Ashtin Wetendorf, time 13:30



5th Grade:

Swim - 2 lengths of the pool
Bike - 2.5 miles
Run - 1/2 mile

Girls:

1st - Brooke Flynn, time 15:04
2nd - Kyleigh Martin, time 15:42
3rd - Mara Backsen, time 16:19

Boys:

1st - John Shepard, time 12:53
2nd - Ben Penkoff, time 13:04
3rd - Chad Lewis, time 17:03 (he could have placed higher but hung around to make sure his teammate that fell, Eryn, was okay!!)



6th Grade:

Swim - 2 lengths of the pool
Bike - 2.5 miles
Run - 1/2 mile

Girls:

1st - Lira Eicher, time 17:00
2nd - Kaydin Moore, time 18:14
3rd - Damienne Forte, time 18:26

Boys:

1st - Wesley Curtis, time 15:39
2nd - Colin Hess, time 16:16
3rd - Wyatt Aldrich, time 16:29



Sentinel photos by George Gramlich

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7 Athletes, 6 Medals

Custer County Track and Field Scores Yet Again at the State Meet

by Coach Jack Swartz

This was it. The last meet of the season and the last High School meet for a lot of Custer County's best: the Colorado Track and Field State Championship, held at Jefferson County Stadium. The State Meet places out to 9th, with each athlete 9th or higher receiving a State Championship medal. Custer County qualified 7 athletes for State, half of the team. Highlighting the group going were sophomore Serenity Ham and senior Corey Lewenkamp.

Thursday afternoon would be the start of the meet for the Bobcats with Ham qualifying for the finals in the 100 meter hurdles. Also competing on Thursday was senior Denver Mullet. Making his first state appearance, Mullet

took 7th in the triple jump with a mark of 40' 2". The marquee event Thursday night was the 3200 meter race. The Bobcats had two seniors in the race, Michael Franta competing in his first ever State Meet, and senior Corey Lewenkamp competing in his 4th state meet. Franta would place 17th in a time of 10:57. Franta finished his senior year breaking 11 minutes for the 2 mile three times in the last three weeks. As for Lewenkamp, being one of the most decorated athletes at Custer County, he would not disappoint. Seeded third to start the race, Lewenkamp ran a great race to take 2nd place. State runner up in a new school record of 9:41. Lewenkamp has re-broken his 2 mile school record three times in the last three weeks.

Friday brought about more qual-

ifying for finals with senior Dillon Wommack and Serenity Ham making it to the finals for the 300 meter hurdles. Also competing in the 300 meter hurdles, at her first state appearance was junior Katlyn Freeburg. Freeburg would end up 15th. Junior Emily Crossley also made her State debut in the Discus. Crossley being a first year thrower took 15th with a throw of 91' 8".

The last day of the State Meet is filled with tension, happiness, and agony. The Bobcats would enjoy a lot of happiness. First up was Ham in the final of the 100 meter hurdles. Ham came into the meet ranked 4th. She would place 3rd in a time of 16.81 seconds. Ham's first top 3 finish at the State meet. Next up was Dillon Wommack in the 300 meter hurdles. Wommack ran a personal best to make the finals and would

taking 3rd in a new school record of 48.07 seconds. Last on the track for the Bobcats, would be Corey Lewenkamp. Lewenkamp would also be looking for the upset coming into the race seeded 3rd. Lewenkamp would run a tough mile ultimately placing 2nd again in a time of 4:31 with a great finish.

For Lewenkamp, in his senior year, he is the undisputed number two in 2A. Lewenkamp placed 2nd at the Cross County State Championships and added 2 more State Runner Ups to Lyons High School athlete Paul Roberts.

To summarize the weekend, the boys track and field team with 4 athletes at the state meet placed 7th as a team. An amazing accomplishment. The girls would place 19th with just 3 athletes.



Bobcat Trackstars! back row, left to right: Dillon Wommack, Michael Franta, Corey Lewenkamp, Denver Mullet
front row, left to right: Serenity Ham, Emily Crossley, Katlyn Freeburg

Courtesy photo by Coach Joy Parrish

The Custer County Track and Field team continues its proud tradition of taking athletes to the State Championships and leaving with hardware.

Youth Soccer: The Custer County Goal Miners

by Jim Silver

The "Goal Miners" brought their 8-week season to an end on Saturday, May 16th. The team won this contest, making their record for the season 5 wins and 3 losses. The Custer County boys were one team in a league of nine, and faced each of their opponents just once in the season, starting at the end of March. All games were played at the Florence Pathfinder Park on Highway 115 on Saturday mornings, so each week's match-up required some travel-time and commitment on the part of coaches, players, and their "fan base."

The best way to get introduced to these young athletes and the game they play is to talk to the coach, and that happens to be Dave Bennett, Transportation Supervisor for Custer County Schools. The Assistant Coach is third-grade teacher Jenna Smith. The "Goal Miners" are an all-boys team in a co-ed league. Of the team of eight, four boys are seasoned veterans from last year's team. The boys are all kindergarteners or first-graders, so an 8-week season most likely seems long enough to them. Likewise, the playing time of four 10-minute periods would undoubtedly stretch the attention span of these young athletes.

This age group plays on a 40-yd. x 30-yd. field, and play as a team of three. Goals are smaller, and there is no opponent playing the goal-keeper position. Coaches for both teams are on the field with their players, and they not only coach their respective teams but also referee the game. They thus provide



Picture above, left to right, back row: Coach Bennett, Corban Martin, Colt Moulton, Brandon Richardson, Bridger Bennett; front row: Creed Ingram, Micah Teague, Wesley Bennett, and Christian Ortega.

To the right: Coach Smith

Sentinel photos by Jim Silver



on-the-spot instruction and fair and balanced officiating.

Coach Bennett describes the objectives of youth soccer at this age level in these terms: He and Coach Smith are both experienced coaches teaching an introduction to the game of soccer, with an emphasis on technique, ball control, and tactical awareness. These same terms could be applied to coaching at any level, one would think. It would simply look different from the task at hand for the coaches of boys this age. Coach Bennett has coached at high school and college levels, so keeping minds focused on the game would mean something other than players not picking and throwing dandelions at one another—as it was with these little guys at one of their practices.

Practice was held each Friday afternoon for about an

hour at the Westcliffe park on Hermit Lane. With one day of preparation for each week's game, these boys have come a long way under the direction of these coaches. Dave Bennett mentioned that the "Goal Miners" youth soccer program was started a number of years ago by local resident Pat O'Connor, so Coach Bennett is keeping that name alive. The parents or grandparents are also an integral part of the program, giving these young boys a chance to learn to play a game they can enjoy and excel at into adulthood.

Thanks to these coaches for providing another opportunity for the youth of this community! Watch for their announcement for the start of practice for next season, sometime after the first of the year. There's room for more players to turn out and learn to play the game of soccer.

KIDS

Friday, May 22, 2015

Hollywood Icon and Real Life Hero: Jimmy Stewart

One of the best known Hollywood icons, James Stewart, or Jimmy, was born on May 20, 1908, in Indiana, Pennsylvania. He grew up to become a professional actor famous for his distinctive speech, a drawl, coupled with a simple-man persona typifying the average, middle class, American man.

He starred in numerous movies during the golden age of Hollywood including such classics as "Vertigo", "Rear Window", "It's a Wonderful Life," and "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington". Jimmy was nominated for five Academy Awards and won one.

What is not widely known, however, is that as successful as he was in the movie industry, he was also a great success as a military man. Jimmy Stewart signed up with the U.S. Army at the start of the Second World War and became the first American movie star in military uniform. Through his career in the military, he flew many combat missions including an attack on Berlin, Germany, when he led the 2nd Bomb Wing. After the war he was promoted to full colonel and distinguished himself as one of very few to rise from private to colonel in just four short years.

He continued to star in movies through the years of the fifties and sixties while still in the Air Force, retiring from the military in May 31, 1968 after 27 years of service. Then President Ronald Reagan promoted Jimmy to Major General.

James Stewart, famous actor and successful military man, died on July 2, 1997, at the age of eighty nine as a result of heart failure. A man who lived a good life and served his fellowmen well, Jimmy was and will always be a great American.

Sources: www.historyorb.com

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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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(800) 222-4444
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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 Kwitek, Douglas J. Kwitek # 23268 & Buxman Kwitek P.C., 601 N. Main, Suite 200, Pueblo, Colorado 81003. Telephone number, 719-544-5081.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Custer County School District C-1
Special School Board Meeting
Admin Conference Room
May 22, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.
For the good of the students
of Custer County Schools**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome of Guests
3. Modification/Approval of Agenda
4. General Public Comment Session
5. 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 Items
 - a. Selection of superintendent vacancy applicant finalists
 - b. Personnel Hires
 - i. Athletic Director (recommended by secondary principal Barb Jones)
 - ii. High School Spanish Teacher (recommended by secondary principal Barb Jones)
 - iii. High School Science Teacher (recommended by secondary principal Barb Jones)
7. Items Introduced by Board Members
8. Adjournment

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Club America Memorial Day Hours

After attending the local Annual Memorial Day observance that remembers those who died while serving in our country's armed forces, head on over to Club America WMV, a community non-profit family aquatics, health, and recreation center.

The club is open from noon to 4 p.m. on Monday, May 25. A lifeguard is present and children can swim without an adult in the pool, with a signed waiver.

Additionally, one lap lane will be open.

Public swim rates are \$8 for adults, \$5 for youth up to age 17, and \$7 for seniors at least 65 years old. The day rate for non-members to enjoy the full facility which is the pool, weight room, sauna, and classroom, are \$12 for adults and \$10 for senior citizens at least 65 years old. Youth 15 to 17 can also pay the day rate of \$5 to use the weight room, classroom, and swim, with

a signed waiver.

Regular summer hours resume Tuesday, May 26. Club America summer hours are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday with the pool closing at 7 p.m., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Summer public swim with a lifeguard on duty is Monday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

Call the club at 783- 0750 for more information.

Southern Colorado Community Band Concert Hermit Park Pavilion 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 7, 2015 FREE

The band is based in Cañon City and has been kicking off the summer season in Westcliffe for over ten years. Musicians are from around Southern Colorado including Westcliffe. Music will be traditional concert band music plus several numbers from the group's Big Band.

Hermit Park in Westcliffe may be reached by turning south on 4th St off of Main St. (AKA Hwy 96). Proceed four blocks on 4th St. to the pavilion and parking lot. The covered pavilion will have seating space (some chairs provided) along with a few picnic tables and is surrounded by a mowed soccer field for more seating. Pack a picnic lunch, chairs, and come for some fun!

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed 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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PUBLIC NOTICE Custer County BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Tentative Agenda

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2015

9:00 AM

Meeting Location: County Courthouse /Court Room

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Audience introduction
Approval of minutes
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
Review Vouchers and Sign Checks
- Open Contractor Sealed Bids for the deconstruction of the donated indoor arena building 4-H
- Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Custer County/Wet Mountain Fire Protection District
- Hazard Mitigation Contractor Recommendation – C. Coleman
- 10:00 AM FIRST READING County Open Fire and Open Burn Ordinance

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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 Burglechner, 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

Team Penning Buckle Series with 80% Payout

*Sponsored by The Wild West Cowboy Church
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Dates: May 23rd, June 13th, and August 22nd*



*Three contestants per team, \$25 per person
1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will receive payout
Buckles will be awarded to first place high point team on August 22nd
Registration starts at 5 pm and ends at 5:45 pm
Event starts at 6 pm*

Rockin W Arena is located at 60260 Hwy. 69, Westcliffe, Colorado
1 mile north of town

For more information contact Bonnie Yarbough at 719-942-3682

Armed Forces Day

Saturday, May 16
Celebrated at A Painted View Ranch



Local Mountain News & Notices

Classifieds

For Sale

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

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

The Custer County School District is accepting applications the following positions: High School Social Studies Teacher and 5th Grade Teacher. Interested applicants may contact Chris Selle at chris.selle@ccbobcats.net or 783-2357 to request application materials, pick up applications at the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe, or download an application from the school district's website at www.custercountyschools.org. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does

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Lost

Prescription sunglasses lost on Friday, May 15, believed to be at a merchant's establishment. If found, please call 783-2779. Please leave a message.

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May 23, 24, and 25: Yard Sale 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 408 South 3rd Street, Westcliffe

Call
719-783-3360
or email
sdcsentinel@gmail.com

Be Aware! A Note from Sheriff Byerly:

I want to let everyone know about some criminal activity going on in surrounding areas. Last weekend several homes in the Beulah area were burglarized. Guns and other household items were stolen. On Tuesday, May 19th, at least two homes in the Rye area were burglarized, and one homeowner heard some noises and discovered two hispanic males had entered the house. These two individuals match the description from the Beulah thefts.

The suspects are hispanic males in their early 20's, driving a smaller silver car, possibly an Audi, with a red hood and a spoiler.

These individuals are targeting rural homes, so be cognizant of this and consider locking your doors. If you see a vehicle matching the description of the suspects car, please call the sheriff's office immediately at 783-2270.

*Thank you,
Sheriff Byerly*

The Recycle Bins Are Moving

Effective June 1st, the recycle bins will be moved from the parking lot of the Sheriff's Office to the west end of the parking lot at the Fire Department.

(Hwy 69 N. and 4th St. in Westcliffe)

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. - Sat., 5 - 10 p.m.
Sunday Brunch
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Reservations recommended

Belle's Backyard BBQ
100 S. Third Street • Westcliffe
719/371-8358
Wed. & Thur., 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Chappy's Bar & Grill
213 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-0813
Mon. - Thurs., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri. & Sat., 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sundays, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Hunger Buster
824 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9228
Mon. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

JB's Café
104 Main Street • Westcliffe
719/783-3033
Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wed. - Sun., 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Closed Mondays

Letter Drop Inn
6654 Cty. Rd. 328 • Rosita
719/783-9430
Wed. - Sun.: Starting at 5 p.m.

The Lodge at San Isabel
59 Cty. Rd. 371 • San Isabel
719/489-2280
8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Tuesdays

The Mining Company Restaurant
60 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9144
Mon., Thurs. - Sun.,
6:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tues., 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Closed Wednesdays

Nacho Mama's
404 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719/783-3331
Mon. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Bar stays open later

Oak Creek Grade General Store
12 miles north on
Cty. Rd. 255
719/783-2245
Please call ahead

Rancher's Roost at Cliff Lanes
25 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-2147
Mon. - Fri., 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat. & Sun., 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

St. Andrews Golf Course Café
800 Copper Gulch Rd. •
Westcliffe
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Sangrita
212 Main • Westcliffe
719/783-4054
Sundays, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Tues. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Memorial Day Weekend:
Fri. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sun. & Mon. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed Tuesday May 26th
Reservations recommended

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.

Subway (inside JR's Fuel Stop)
425 S. 6th St. • Westcliffe
719/783-2748
Mon.-Sat., 6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sundays, 7 a.m. - 9 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.

Tony's Mountain Pizza
630 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719/783-9300
Mon. & Tues., 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Wed. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sundays, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Local Mountain News & Notices

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 145 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office and 6 to EMS. On May 19th there were 6 males and 1 female in the county jail .

05/13/15 2015-02573
0620 hours: A deputy served civil papers to a party on CR 396 in Wetmore.

05/13/15 Deer Mtn EMS
1320 hours: The Custer County Sheriff's Office dispatched Deer Mountain EMS to Texas Creek Lane in Cotopaxi for a female in medical distress.

05/13/1515-0083
A deputy was dispatched to Pheobe's Castle Gifts on Hwy 165 to investigate a report of trespassing.

05/13/15 15-0084
1525 hours / Hwy 96; 1/2 mi. east of Wetmore / Traffic Summons: Juanita Decker (DOB in 1947) of Westcliffe was issued a summons for speeding, 82 in a 55 mph zone, and passing on a double yellow line.

05/13/1515-0085
1548 hours / CR 129 / Traffic Stop - Arrest: Deborah Cisan (DOB in 1955) of Evergreen was arrested for DUI.

05/14/15 EMS

0258 hours - Transport to Parkview Medical Center.

05/14/1515-0086
0811hours - Party (Beauvais, Bart - DOB in 1988) was cited for speeding (5-9 over).

05/14/15 15-0090
1336 hours - Officers took a report of vandalism near the 300 block of Edwards Street. Incident is under investigation.

05/14/15 15-0091
1724 hours - Party (Hooks, Luke - DOB in 1983) was cited for speeding (10-19 over) near the the 1000 block, County Road 328.

05/14/15 15-0092
1743 hours - Party (Szymkowicz, Colin - DOB in 1988) was cited for speeding (20-24 over) near the 58000 block of Highway 69 - South.

05/14/15 15-0093
1824 hours - Party (Pickoff, Arthur - DOB in 1948) was cited for speeding (20-24 over) near the 57000 block of Highway 69 - South.

05/14/15 15-0094
1917 hours - Party (Howedeshell, Travis - DOB in 1992) was arrested and charged with distribution of a controlled

substance. Party was transported to the Custer County Detention Facility.

05/15/15 EMS
1247 hours- Responded to assist party who was airlifted to Parkview Medical Center.

05/15/15 WMFD
1301 hours to assist with Flight for Life landing.

05/16/15 15-0098
0930 hours - Officers took a report of possible vandalism/throwing rocks at a residence near the 500 block of Broadway in Silver Cliff. Report is under investigation.

05/17/15 15-2660
0148 hours- Officers took a report of a younger male in a black hoodie that was seen loitering in the alleys, around 4th Street in Silver Cliff. The person in question had been spotted this morning and at random times throughout the week. Officers were unable to locate the subject, but will continue to look into the matter.

05/17/15 15-0106
1524 hours- Officers responded to a one vehicle roll-over on CR 255, MM 4. The driver (Boss, Thelma - DOB in 1966) was uninjured and was the only

party involved.

05/17/15 15-0109
2239 hours- Officers took a report of a possible domestic violence/harassment issue from a walk-in party in the lobby of the CCSO. Though both parties involved are Custer County residents, the incident in question had occurred earlier in the evening in El Paso County. The Colorado Springs Police Department will continue to look into the matter as given that the potential crime occurred in their county, it now falls under their jurisdiction.

05/18/15 15-0110
0549 hours- Party (Miles, Ryan - DOB in 1984) was cited for speeding (72 in a 55 zone), in the area of HWY 96, MM 27.

05/18/15 EMS
0844 hours - Responded for an assist with a party on CR 328. Medical checked on the individual while on scene. Party refused transport to a medical facility.

05/18/15 15-0113
2209 hours - Party (Whitehead, Xavier - DOB in 1989) was issued a citation (on Main Street, Westcliffe) for driving while his license is currently in a "Cancel/Deny" status.

05/19/15 EMS
0649 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched in Silver Cliff for male suffering from a possible broken ankle. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

05/19/1515-0116
1310 hours / Rosita Road / Traffic Summons: Perry Smith (DOB in 1959) of Westcliffe was issued a summons for speeding, 10-19 mph over the limit.

05/19/15 EMS
1617 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to the Custer County Clinic to transport a female suffering from an altered mental status. The patient was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

05/19/15 EMS
1730 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to the Custer County Clinic to transport a male suffering from hypoxia and a bowel obstruction. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

05/19/15 2015-02721
1813 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Main Street in Silver Cliff to investigate a report of a suspicious person.

Events Calendar

May 1-30, Tuesdays - 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 22
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Live play, "On Golden Pond," special active military, student discount

Saturday, May 23
7:30 a.m.: Frontier Day Open House at Deer Mtn. Fire Dept. begins, parade at 2 p.m.
10 a.m.: Memorial Weekend Parade, Main St., Westcliffe
1 p.m.: Ice Cream Social at the Cowboy Church, 2 miles north of Westcliffe on Highway 69; Entertainment by the Fort Carson Brass Ensemble; Donations appreciated

5 p.m.: Team Penning Event at Cowboy Church

7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Live play, "On Golden Pond," special active military, student discount

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

Monday, 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

Thursday, May 28
1 - 3 p.m.: West Custer County Library's Summer Reading Program Registration & Westcliffe Comic Con in the West Gym at Custer County School. Contact the library for

more details at 783-9138

Friday, May 29
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Live play, "On Golden Pond," special active military, student discount

Saturday, May 30
1 - 5 p.m. Brew with a View and Vino Too - downtown Westcliffe, call 783-2282, see details on page 7
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Live play, "On Golden Pond," special active military, student discount

Sunday, May 31
2 p.m.: Jones Theater: Live play, "On Golden Pond"

Saturday, June 6
7 a.m. - noon Sign-up & 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tee Times: Custer County Cares About Cancer Golf Tournament at St. Andrews Golf Course

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

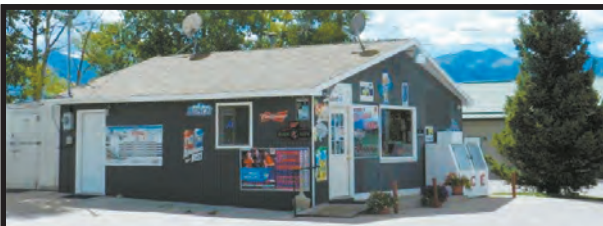
6 p.m.: Closed Big Book study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172, or Emilie at (719) 371-5974
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Custer County Community Band practice in band room at high school

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 Schlabach'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



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Luke 1:37, NKJV

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Memorial Day

A Time for Remembering

by
Charlotte
Burrous

He only had one close call during his four tours in Vietnam. “A mortar round landed about ten yards from the billets, but we were all in the bunker on the other side of the billets,” said Tom Buholtz. He said, he loved serving in the Army. “My pride and joy over there was learning the helicopters. Your experience level from Vietnam was probably about six years to one (from what you could get) in the states. We were constantly working. It wasn’t busy work. It was with purpose.”

Serving with the 247th Medical Company especially touched him because the helicopter ambulances he maintained helped to rescue wounded soldiers from the battle fields so they could be treated for their wounds. “That’s where I got most of my desire to be over there with a mission that was meaningful with the medical evacuation,” he said. “Rather than destroying everything, (I had the opportunity to) return our wounded and injured troops to hospitals.”

His stint in the military began in June 1960 after graduating from high school in Fairport, New York.

After basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, he went through fuel and electrical system training then spent the remaining three years in Fort Stewart, Georgia, during the Cuban Crisis. In 1963, he reenlisted then went through Aircraft Maintenance School be-



Tom Buholtz, U.S. Army, Retired

Courtesy photo

fore he was deployed to Vietnam for the first time in 1964. From there he was transferred to Germany for 14 months. But he wasn’t done yet.

“I returned to the states and joined up with the 9th Infantry,” Buholtz said.

At this point, he was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, then deployed to Ben Cat, Vietnam, in 1967. It was at this place he joined a medical evacuation detachment which he said was ideal to supervise the maintenance of the helicopters because there were only seven in his unit. Before he finished his 20-year career, he served in Vietnam two more tours then retired December 31, 1980 as a sergeant 1st class. “I came back to Fort Carson because I had friends,” Buholtz said. “When I was here before I did a lot of fishing and hiking.” After retirement, he worked for 27 years as an auto mechanic in Colorado Springs, then retired a second time in 2007 before moving to Cañon City. Since then, he has joined the American Legion Post 13. “He has made a life time commitment to serve God and Country,” said Department of Colorado American Legion Past Commander Tim Grabin. “He is still serving today through the American Legion.”

by Ed Whitcraft,
RGTP

The Fremont County Republican Party hosted an “It’s A Wrap” event at Centennial Park on May 16, 2015. It was an opportunity for our State Representatives to meet with their constituents giving them a review of what transpired during the 70th Legislative year here in Colorado. The Chairman of Fremont County Republican Party, Richard Hollabaugh, opened the ceremony with a short introduction of the day’s events. He was followed by Cañon City High School JROTC students who raised the American Flag while Gregory Carlson played *Reveille* on his trumpet. *The Star Spangled Banner* was sung by Sawyer Versaw. This was followed with an invocation by Tom Goodin. The four students representing the JROTC were 2nd Lieutenant John Anderson, Sergeant Major Dalton Coseboon, Staff Sergeant Corey Adams, and Private Elainia Falls.

Richard then introduced Senator Kevin Grantham, District 2, Representative Clarice Navarro, District 47, and Representative Jim Wilson, District 60. Senator Grantham opened by telling the audience that he spent most of his time this year as a member of the Budget Committee. He also stated he was very disappointed that they could not repeal any of the gun control measures. He also work with the Rural Energy

It’s A Wrap

Policy and some gains were made to assist customers by reducing costs. Representative Navarro stated what a privilege it was to represent a portion of Fremont County. She also complimented Senator Grantham and Representative Wilson on their hard work during the last legislative session. She said she mainly came so we the people could ask her questions. Representative Wilson mentioned how important it was for all the legislatures to work together in order to get some work done.

After the opening comments, the constituents in attendance started asking questions of the elected representatives. One of the questions asked was what was being done about the Division of Wildlife not being able to account for 30 million dollars in their budget. Representative Wilson said that the Division was buying up lots of property. He also stated that the Division’s expenditures were more than their income. The question to my estimation is still open. What is being done to account for the 30 million? Another question was asked about all the testing that the schools were being required to give. What is being done to alleviate this burden on our students and teachers? Mr. Wilson sponsored HB 1323 that would reduce the testing at the schools by approximately 23 percent. Representative Navarro also stated that all the legislature agreed

to see how this affected the schools before passing more legislation. Mr. Wilson also said this bill will allow schools to use pencil and paper in lieu of the computer. Many smaller schools were experiencing lots of down time because the testing programs could not test more than one entity at a time. This bill is on the Governor’s desk awaiting his action. The Department of Transportation closed down a cross over lane on Highway 50 between Fremont County Airport and Penrose due to an issue caused by the opening of a vehicle bone yard on the north side of Highway 50. The problem is that the crossover was also used by residents that lived on both sides of the road. Now residents have to drive either to the County Airport turn or Penrose turn to make a north or south exit. The question was asked what is being done to resolve this issue. Representative Navarro stated that there has been conversation with the Department of Transportation but to date no resolution has been reached. Meanwhile, Fremont County residents have to be inconvenienced with no known fix in site.

Many other questions were asked and answered as this was an excellent opportunity for voters to have a face to face with those who represented them. The event came to a climax with all present enjoying hot dogs, chips, and a drink. Get Involved and Be Informed.

Flashback on Main Street

by Charlotte Burrous

Reminiscent of the 1950s, it took the couple back to a time when they were teenagers. As part of their 55th wedding anniversary celebration, Castle Rock residents David and Pat Winkler attended the Flashback on Main Street festivities on May 15th, along with several other activities in the area. “A friend set this up for us,”

she said. “(David) has terminal cancer so (our friend) wanted to give us a special weekend for our anniversary.” The couple took advantage of it with a trip to Queen Anne’s Tea House for lunch then listening to Flash Cadillac and looking at the cars parked on Main Street. On Saturday, they planned to go to the big car show at the Abbey, visit the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park, and ride the Royal Gorge Route Railway train. “We’re from the ‘50s,” David said. “That’s our (era). I graduated from high school in 1955 (while Pat graduated in 1958).”

It was a little different for Cañon City resident Alyhra Gayle, who has attended the Flashback on Main Street for the past seven years. “(I am fascinated by) the 1950s,

the cars, Flash Cadillac, sock hop, everything,” she said. “If I was able to be born in an era, (1950) would be the era I would choose. I need it. I love it. This is really fun.” It may be the first time for Daniel Kelsch of Fort Carson, but he said he was having fun. “I love it,” he said. “I’m a fan of classic cars.”

In the meantime, Krista and Bryson Brady also attended the events on Main Street with their children, Gauge, 3, and Airian, 1. “(I like) the music, Flash Cadillac, the cars, and everything,” Krista said. Bryson agreed. “I came to have fun and get out of the house,” he said.

Fremont Community Foundation sponsored the event to raise money for nonprofits in Fremont County.

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A Time to Speak

Ecclesiastes 3 opens by declaring, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Solomon goes on to write in verse 7, "a time to keep silence, and a time to speak." It is our time to speak. As we head into the weekend, and perhaps even through the doors of our church, it is a time to speak. The Holy Spirit has led me this week, without any preconception, to write about leadership, the nation's moral condition, and the church's role in both. So many people have written me expressing their concerns that they are not hearing the Word preached in their church; that self-help teachings are trumping the gospel; that it's like drinking 2% milk because there is no meat. It is a time to speak.

Pastors, teachers, preachers, priests, and reverends should not be in the pulpit or in leadership positions if they are not supporting sound doctrine. So many of them have made it clear that you are not to question their teaching because they are God's man in charge. But, like in the time of Jesus, the pharisees and sadducees were teaching doctrines of man and had led the eyes of their flocks away from the word and their hearts away from the truth. After Christ's ascension, these religious leaders beat, imprisoned, and killed those who taught the truth of Christ. At one point, Peter and the Apostles told them, "We ought to obey God rather than men." Take your Bibles to church. Follow what is being taught. Learn. Speak.

Some have written me saying that most of what their pastor says is good, but he supports certain

things that are against the Word of God. I would say, as hard as it is, one thing should happen--either the error is respectfully pointed out to the pastor and he repents, or find another church. But if you are going to speak, know your scripture and its context. Be able to have a discussion, educate, be educated, do so in love, covered in prayer and with great humility. The Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 3:16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." This is a delicate subject, but accountability to the Word is paramount.

Pastors, please do not take this message as an affront. You above all, must adhere to the Holy Scriptures. Don't accept what somebody else taught you or is teaching, or the latest thing. Find out for yourself. Renew, re-energize your love for the Word. If someone questions you, use the opportunity to educate and learn. We are facing a time where people are leaving the church in droves. That means that they are giving up on God, giving up on the certainty of heaven or hell. So many are tickling the ears with what people want to hear, but that leaves them unsatisfied and without a firm foundation to face life. Remember the Word does not return void; those who drink of it do not thirst; those who eat of it, do not hunger. Forget the marketing. Go to the market. It is a time to speak.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
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I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13, NKJV

Colorado Health Exchange Board Votes to Scoop Up Millions From Two Higher Fees

by Katie Kerwin McCrimmon,
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(Editor/GG: This is exactly what socialism looks like. A bureaucracy is created to fulfill some pie-in-the-sky liberal dream. Completely unqualified, politically-connected people are hired to manage it. The workers don't care. The bureaucrats can simply vote to STEAL as much money from the taxpayers that they need to run the failed organization without going to the voters. So all is well in liberal never-never land. This government health exchange has been a COMPLETE disaster from day one with out-of-control spending and a simply horrible enrollment system. Any real company would have been out of business two months after it started. But no, let's steal millions more from Colorado health insurance customers to prop this up. And the final irony, note in the article they are even taxing health insurance customers who DON'T EVEN USE the Exchange!)

Despite fury from lawmakers the day before, Colorado's health exchange board voted on Thursday (May 14th) to collect millions of additional dollars from all Colorado health insurance customers, even those who have nothing to do with the exchange.

On top of that "broad market assessment," the board also voted to more than double the user fees levied on people who buy insurance through Colorado's exchange. Those user fees will rise from 1.4 percent to 3.5 percent on each plan sold through the exchange.

The higher broad market fee is projected to allow Connect for Health Colorado to scoop up about \$20 million in 2016. It has been set at \$1.25 per member per month on all health insurance customers this year and will rise to \$1.80 per member per month next year. Health insurance companies repeatedly have said they pass the fee straight to customers.

The other fee — which is charged to people who buy health insurance plans through the exchange — is projected to bring in \$10 million in 2016, \$25 million in 2017, and \$28 million the following year.

But those financial projections are based on aggressive enrollment targets that exchange managers may have trouble meeting.

Thus, even with the cash infusion, Colorado's health exchange may not survive.

Once projected to operate for about \$26 million a year, the outgoing interim CEO Gary Drews now expects the exchange to cost at least \$54 million a year to run. The exchange has been hemorrhaging cash to prop up sales of private health insurance.

So far, about 150,000 people have signed up for the private insurance, while one in five Coloradans now qualifies for Medicaid, the public health insurance program for low-income people and the disabled.

An oversight board from the Colorado legislature plans to keep taking a close look at exchange operations and the chair of that board, Senator Ellen Roberts, R-Durango, this week said she hasn't decided whether Colorado's exchange is worth keeping.

Some other state-based exchanges are finding the costs of running their exchanges far too high and they are now considering folding into the federal health exchange. But, a decision from the U.S. Supreme Court that is due in late June could undermine the federal exchange if the justices rule that the it cannot hand out tax subsidies to make health insurance cheaper.

For now, Colorado will continue with a state-based exchange and the new interim CEO, Kevin Patterson, will press state and federal officials to cough up significant cash to help pay for thousands of Medicaid customers who have enrolled in health coverage through an exceedingly expensive Connect for Health call center.

Before the vote, exchange board member Steve ErkenBrack warned fellow board members that "there was a lot of skepticism" from lawmakers about fee hikes. ErkenBrack, who is the CEO of the health insurance company Rocky Mountain Health Plans did not vote on Thursday, citing a conflict of interest. His fellow board members voted unanimously to support both of the fee hikes.

Adela Flores-Brennan, another board member who attended Wednesday's marathon five-hour hearing at the legislature, noted that lawmakers are "concerned about performance issues and putting more funding into the marketplace when there are complaints that they've been hearing from their constituents."

Before voting yes, board member Dr. Mike Fallon said he, too, is angry about increasing fees on Coloradans who don't use the exchange while Medicaid clients get free health insurance and neither the state nor federal government is paying anything to enroll them through the exchange.

"Medicaid needs to pay its fair share," Fallon said. "It is both politically infuriating and it's unfair to the people of Colorado who don't participate in the exchange. And it would take the pressure off of HCPF (the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, the state's Medicaid managers) to do the right thing."

Board member Eric Grossman told exchange managers that they cannot keep coming back for additional cash, but that's exactly what has happened as the exchange has finished spending nearly \$200 million in federal startup grants.

Drews insisted that financial sustainability is possible, but only if "all the pistons" fire perfectly.

That job will now fall on the new interim CEO, who started his job one week ago. Along with lobbying hard for Medicaid dollars from his former colleagues at the state where Patterson used to work for the governor, Patterson plans to tie all enrollments to revenues.

"We wanted to get as many people enrolled (as possible)," Patterson said. "If you're starting to build your expenses, you want to make sure they're tied to a revenue source. Who is enrolling whom?"

Patterson said he wants to dramatically improve the small business portal for the exchange while at the same time appealing to individuals who no longer can buy the old plans that don't include new, required essential benefits.

Grossman summed up the frustration that is building in all quarters.

"What we're hearing loud and clear from this board is that this is a step toward sustainability," but he noted, "we've heard this story before."

Said Grossman: "We can't have this problem again."

Please see: <http://www.healthnews-colorado.org/2015/05/15/exchange-board-votes-to-scoop-up-millions-from-two-higher-fees/>

QUOTE OF THE DECADE

"A liberal's paradise would be a place where everybody has guaranteed employment, free comprehensive healthcare, free education, free food, free housing, free clothing, free utilities, and only law enforcement has guns. And believe it or not, such a place does indeed already exist: It's called Prison."

Sheriff Joe Arpaio
Maricopa County, Arizona Sheriff's Office

UN Reveals Horrifying Islamist Sex Markets

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Yes, Islamists are terribly offended by pictures of Mohammed, but they don't seem to have much problem with enslaving, raping, and brutalizing women. Nope, that's just business as usual – at least according to a report prepared by a United Nations official.

As reported by the Daily Mail, “an Islamic State terrorist group forced a sex slave to marry 20 fighters and even made her undergo surgery each time to restore her virginity, a United Nations official said.

The group paraded and traded Syrian and Iraqi girls in ‘slave markets’ before the victims were shipped to other provinces, according to Zainab Bangura, special envoy on sexual violence in conflict, who travelled to five countries and interviewed dozens of women and young girls who had survived brutal sexual abuse.

She said the girls were routinely stripped naked before being categorized and shipped off.

‘ISIL has institutionalized sexual violence and the brutalization of women as a central aspect of their ideology and operations, using it as a tactic of terrorism to advance their key strategic objectives.’

Bangura completed her research late in April and visited Syria, Iraq, Turkey, Lebanon, and Jordan.

In February, reports said militants fighting in Syria were seeking medical attention to improve their sexual prowess and subjecting their wives to ‘brutal, abnormal’ sex acts, according to local doctors.

The Daily Mail says, “‘Yazidi women and girls, some as young as five, taken from their homes earlier in the year were also regularly raped and abused by fighters,’ survivors said.”

“A human rights office also published a horrifying report earlier in the year describing killings, torture, rape, sexual slavery, and the use of child soldiers by the extremists, suggesting they may be guilty of ‘war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide’.”

Gee, ya think? But you sure don't want to make them angry by drawing cartoons. Oh, no, because if you make them angry, they'll do something REALLY bad. Because beheadings, burning people alive, throwing gay people off roofs, torture, rape, and sexual slavery aren't bad enough.

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BLM Plan to Close Over 1,000 Public Routes in Western Colorado

by Marjorie Haun,
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(Editor/GG: Whose land is it? Ours (the public) or nut-case, liberal, autocratic bureaucrats from Nobama's BLM arbitrarily deciding that we can't travel on public roads that have been there for decades for some unsubstantiated environmental reasons? This folks is what liberalism looks like. No difference between a liberal and a fascist.)

MESA, Colo.

A plan that will close nearly 2,000 miles of public roads that have previously been open for use by the people of Mesa County is creating a public backlash against the Grand Junction field office of the federal Bureau of Land Management.

The BLM's Resource Management Plans (RMP) regulate the access and types of traffic allowed on roads on public lands. Road maintenance and seasonal closures are also detailed in such plans.

But the most recent RMP in Mesa County indicates the BLM's intent to limit access to public roads which have traditionally been open to motorized, horse, and foot traffic. Accessible routes will decrease from the current 3,469 miles to just 1,777. The BLM has not offered a clear justification for its planned road closures, which has left many in Mesa County frustrated and baffled.

The *Grand Junction Daily Sentinel* reported that people with physical disabilities are especially troubled by the BLM's plans. The May 2nd article detailed a protest by 250 who gathered outside the BLM field office in Grand Junction:

“As the gathering made plain, people with disabilities enjoy camping, fish-

ing, and hunting as much as anyone, but the travel management section of the BLM's resource management plan for the area seems not to notice, protesters said.”

In the *Sentinel* article, Joyce Tullio, a regular user of the public routes who is dependent on medical oxygen, complained, “The areas we like to go in, they're closing them off. People who can hike or ride bicycles ... they can go in those areas, but I'm being locked out.”

The BLM, not unlike other federal agencies, is not required to collaborate with local governments when formulating RMP for a given area. The planned closure of roads, most of which were established decades ago, will effectively close off tens of thousands of acres of public lands to human access.

The Mesa County Board of Commissioners has expressed grave concern about the potential economic impact of such a move. Issues overlooked by the BLM in the latest plan included watersheds, oil and gas leases, and local economies. On May 8th, the *Grand Junction Daily Sentinel* quoted a letter written to the BLM from the Mesa County Commissioners:

“BLM fails to adequately consider the effects its proposed management strategy will have on current and future oil and gas exploration and development activities, and the associated socioeconomic impact on Mesa County, its local communities, and the state of Colorado,” the letter says.

Reduced leasing opportunities also reduce the possible revenues due to the county from federal mineral leases, the commissioners' letter says, as it notes that the proposed plan fails to account for development of the Niobrara and Mancos Shale formations, which hold significant oil and gas re-

serves.

The plan as proposed “contrasts with the federal government's longstanding policy of encouraging responsible energy development and motorized trail use on federal lands under multiple-use principles,” the letter says. “The changes reflect a philosophy working to reduce and limit natural resource extraction throughout western Colorado's federal mineral estate and force overcrowding of increasingly popular motorized recreation.”

The Mesa County Commissioners went on to request a six-month review of the BLM's plans before the agency proceeds with any closures, which according to a BLM representative, is “unprecedented.”

There also appears to be conflicts between federal law and the BLM's proposed closures. According to Brandon Siegfried, the President of the Public Lands Access Association,—as quoted in the *Daily Sentinel*—“Most of the routes facing closure were established 50 years ago or more. Federal law requires the BLM to treat such historic routes like highways, which cannot be closed through a resource management plan.”

In western Colorado, the ratio of federal-managed lands to private lands is significantly higher than in the rest of the state. Agricultural, economic, recreational, and various private interests of local citizens is dependent upon access through a vast and complex road system.

Although the BLM may find the growing backlash from citizens and elected officials against its proposed road closures “unprecedented,” it is likely to grow in western Colorado.

Please see: <http://watchdog.org/218578/blm-pubic-routes-colorado/>

Veto Bait: Obama Threatens Military Spending Over Sage Grouse Listing

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Folks, do you see how deranged liberals are? Veto the entire armed forces budget over a bird? Not a new theme for the libs. Let's see, destroy the entire power production industry in the U.S. and rape the citizens with increased electric bills over imaginary global warming? Destroy the most productive vegetable farmland in the country (California's central valley) over a completely useless tiny fish. The list of this is endless. Ugh.)

President Obama has pledged to veto the entire defense spending bill set for passage in the House on Friday because it forces the government to postpone for a decade the listing of the sage grouse as endangered.

We kid you not.

The White House issued their list of demands Tuesday stating that unless the

grouse and numerous other provisions were removed, Obama would just kill the whole bill that pays for our military defense.

The Administration strongly objects to section 2862, which would mandate a delay until 2025 in listing or deciding not to list the Greater Sage-Grouse under the Endangered Species Act and would effectively override longstanding principles of major Federal land management statutes, including the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the National Forest Management Act. Such unprecedented delays undermine science-based decision-making, are unnecessary for military readiness, and are ill-advised for purposes of public land management. Such delays create uncertainty for landowners and businesses, and effectively suspend unprecedented collaborative conservation efforts that have been developed with extensive public input. Additional provisions would

divest stewardship of federal land from federal agencies, requiring these lands to be managed consistent with State-approved management plans. Moreover, existing law already allows the Secretary of Defense to obtain an exemption of any action from the requirements of the Endangered Species Act for reasons of national security.

Is that a load of bunk or what?

Essentially, the Obama administration is calling the states a bunch of liars when officials out here say we need the time to further ongoing conservation efforts to save the darn bird in order to prevent the listing. According to Obama, states should just drop everything, wasting the tens of millions of dollars we've already spent.

U.S. Reps. Jared Polis and Diana DeGette tried to do Obama's dirty work for him through an amendment to the bill stripping the

grouse language.

Despite Polis's seat on the powerful Rules Committee, he couldn't even get his own committee to approve their amendment and it was kicked to the curb last night.

The grouse language is in the defense bill because a recent Army report revealed that listing the bird would severely cripple nearly a dozen military facilities throughout the West.

Other provisions that Obama's veto missive found offensive was the allowance of the Gitmo detention facility for terrorists to remain open, and the refusal of Congress to include another round of base closures in the fiscal year 2016 funding.

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The False Position Presented by Democrats Warren/Deblasio

by Karl Denninger,
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(Editor/GG: Karl nails it again. Big government (i.e., liberalism) is the cause of our economic (and moral) destruction. If you are having a bad day, cut this article out and send it to a local liberal, facts make them crazy. We can "care" too.)

Elizabeth Warren and DeBlasio present the usual nostrums that liberals love to put forward, but they are intentionally misrepresenting the record of the last 50 years -- and they know it.

In this land of big dreams, there was never a dream bigger or more important than the one so deeply rooted in our values that it became known as the American Dream. Across generations, Americans shared the belief that hard work would bring opportunity and a better life. America wasn't perfect, but we invested in our kids and put in place policies to build a strong middle class.

We don't do that anymore, and the result is clear: The rich get richer, while everyone else falls behind. The game is rigged, and the people who rigged it want it to stay that way. They claim that if we act to improve the economic well-being of hard-working Americans -- whether by increasing the minimum wage, reining in lawbreakers on Wall Street or doing practically anything else -- we will threaten economic growth.

They are wrong.

The authors go on to advocate for "protecting" Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, a higher minimum wage, forced paid "family leave", "reining in the cost of college", "infrastructure spending" and similar.

Here's the problem: It wasn't "trickle down" economics that caused the problems we face today. That had exactly nothing to do with the expansion in the cost of college, for example -- how could it have?

Why do you think college is so darned

expensive? The professors will tell you it's not their salaries, which haven't expanded much. No, it's other things -- it's ridiculous, palatial-style accommodations in place of block-style dorms, fancy-pants recreational facilities and football stadiums, and a tripling of the "administrators" in the colleges who don't teach a single hour of class. It's also so-called "professors" like Warren herself who get paid six-figure salaries to teach a single class.

How is such an edifice supportable? Only through making "money free" -- that is, government programs that not only hand out "money" (really DEBT) like candy to anyone who asks but then also, at gunpoint, prohibits the discharge of that debt if you go bankrupt!

Thus is lost all market discipline in the cost of college, and the entirely-predictable things happened: The cost of college went from a cash transaction anyone could handle by delivering pizzas while in school to something that now often adds up as a \$100,000 or greater debt burden on a graduating young person that follows them through life and destroys their economic future.

Who caused that? Elizabeth Warren's politics did.

Is there one good idea in her and DeBlasio's missive? Yes, there is -- ending trade deals that are nothing more than wage and environmental arbitrage plays -- but not just stopping new ones, repealing all the existing similar agreements such as NAFTA.

As for "fair enforcement of laws", Warren could go after the medical and insurance industries, which combined operate as an effective cartel and are the cause of much of the destruction of the middle class and family economic health on their own -- but she doesn't. My evidence for this? 60% of all bankruptcies are caused by medical debt and the share of the economy consumed by the medical system as a percentage of GDP has expanded by

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This Federal Judge Could Stop Local Coal Mining in Colorado

by Marjorie Haun,
WatchDog.Org

(Editor/GG: Another instance of the liberals destroying middle class America.)

MOFFAT, Colo.

Moffat County in western Colorado is run on fossil fuels, and local jobs in the coal industry comprise one of its key economic drivers. On May 8th, a federal judge ruled in favor of the environmentalist organization, Wild Earth Guardians (WEG), which filed lawsuits against the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) on the basis that it was out-of-compliance when it approved the plans for the Colowyo and Trapper coal mining projects.

The OSM is a branch of the Department of the Interior, and oversees leasing processes for various surface mining operations on federally-managed lands. Lawsuits against the OSM, such as those filed by WEG, can impede, and even stop, coal exploration and extraction processes altogether.

The full withdrawal of OSM leases could potentially devastate Moffat County. According to a *Craig Daily Press* article, the Colowyo mine employs around 250 people and adds \$12 million annually to local and state economies. With an entire population of less than 13,000—which is shrinking—the loss of 250 good-paying coal jobs poses a real threat to all sectors of the economy in Moffat County.

The federal judge in this case, R. Brooke Jackson, granted the effected companies a 120-day window in which to review and revise current plans, but the ruling leaves little room for error and will bring a close

to all mining operations by Colowyo if full compliance is not met. According the *Craig Daily Press*:

The court has provided the Office of Surface Mining with 120 days to "take a hard look at the direct and indirect environmental effects of the Colowyo mining plan revisions and provide public notice and an opportunity for public involvement before reaching its decisions."

If this process has not been completed within the 120-day window, an order to halt mining operations will be issued immediately.

In reference to the potential mine closures, Judge Jackson said, "I find that the benefits of immediate vacatur do not outweigh the potential harms." His position seems to favor the scenic "view" from nearby recreational areas over human and economic concerns. The article goes on to say:

Jackson supported Guardians standing argument, stating that members of the organization, specifically Jeremy Nichols, climate and energy program director for Guardians, suffered a verifiable injury.

'Using lands within view of the affected area may establish injury-in-fact when the aesthetic and recreational value of the lands would be harmed by the challenged activities,' he wrote.

According to U.S. Census data, per capita income in Moffat County, at \$24,577 per year, is well below the average in Colorado, which is \$31,109. Mineral extraction, agriculture, and a small tourism industry provide the basis for the local economy.

But out of those economic sectors, jobs in the mining

industry far outweigh the others in income and benefits. The average Colowyo job pays \$44,000 per year. And, according to one study by the National Mining Association, the indirect job creation for a typical coal miner is 1:3, so for every one coal job, there are three additional jobs created to support the mines themselves and the housing, schooling, and other needs of the miners and their families. The ruling by Judge Jackson could result in the loss of 1,000 jobs in Moffat County.

Unfortunately for the coal community in Moffat, and other regions of the country, WEG is relentless in their efforts to shut down mining operations. The *Craig Daily Press* article says:

The claim against Colowyo and Trapper mines was originally part of a larger complaint from [Wild Earth] Guardians regarding mines in New Mexico, Montana, Colorado, and Wyoming.

The WEG website discloses their goal to eliminate all forms of coal mining in the Mountain West:

Wild Earth Guardians is challenging every new Interior Department plan to sell coal. We are forcing a new paradigm that will make coal more expensive and thus, clean energy more competitive. At every turn we will fight the coal industry to keep coal in the ground.

With the ruling in Moffat County by Judge Jackson, local coal companies face regulatory complications that will certainly make it more expensive to mine in the area, and if WEG has its way, it will become impossible.

Please see: watchdog.org/218293/coal-colorado-federal-judge/

VA Whistleblower Sheds Light on Billions Spent in Violation of Federal Law

by Jonah Bennett, Daily
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DailyCaller.com

(Editor/GG: Sick. Note that the whistleblowers memo to VA Secretary Robert McDonald on the \$6 BILLION dollars of wasted funds went completely unanswered and, this is the complete arrogance of these bureaucrats. Secretary McDonald said, when asked about it, that it was not his problem, that the whistleblower should fix it!!!)

A culture of "lawlessness and chaos" reigns at the Department of Veter-

ans Affairs when it comes to purchasing goods and services for the Veterans Health Administration, according to senior official Jan R. Frye.

Frye, deputy assistant secretary for the office of acquisition and logistics, first brought to light problems of abuse back in March. He decided to air the information publicly after his 35-page memorandum to VA Secretary Robert McDonald went completely unanswered.

The sum total of the chaos amounts to at least \$6 billion in wasted funds spent

in violation of federal contracting rules, *The Washington Post* reports.

One of the most egregious methods designed to skirt federal rules is the use of purchase cards for large-scale purchases totaling billions. These purchase cards are normally intended to make it easier to acquire small items conveniently. Instead, employees used the cards to subvert contracting rules, bringing in \$1.2 billion dollars worth of prosthetics. VA employees often collaborate together to split purchases across cards to keep the total under \$3,000 dollars, all

the while purchasing items far over that limit.

Aside from waste is the larger problem of underhanded purchasing undermining the health and safety of veterans, since the whole point of competitive bidding is to ensure the selection of quality drugs and medical supplies.

This isn't a new phenomenon. According to Frye, the problem has persisted for years because employees continually misuse 23,000 purchase cards held by the VA.

McDonald issued a response Thursday, thanking

Frye for bringing up allegations and promising the inspector general would examine his claims. If any evidence of harm is found, the government watchdog will forward the information to the Department of Justice. Possible criminal charges may follow.

However, McDonald said Frye owns the scandal. "[I]t's Jan's responsibility to fix it," McDonald told Government Executive.

While Frye greatly respects McDonald, he was frankly shocked. Since becoming a reluctant whistleblower, Frye says he has been total-

ly shunned by the department.

"I hope VA is embarrassed, ashamed," House Veterans' Affairs Committee chairman Rep. Jeff Miller said, upon hearing the news at a hearing. "I'm tired of hearing the same thing over and over and over again. Nothing is changing regardless of what leadership is telling this committee. Nothing is changing."

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The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand

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Wake Up, America

by Karl Denninger,
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As I pointed out to Allen West earlier this morning we have two choices in this country when it comes to the Islamo-nutjobs: *Be prepared to defend ourselves at all times and in all places, or consign ourselves to the fact that some percentage of them will get what amounts to a free shot at us.*

"I think there's been an uptick in the stream of threats out there," Texas GOP Rep. Mike McCaul, chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security, told "Fox News Sunday." "We're seeing these directives on almost a daily basis. It's very concerning. Terrorism has gone viral."

This is not unexpected. In fact, it cannot be otherwise. There's no way to prevent people from *talking*, and technology means they will do so using increasingly-difficult to watch and monitor means and methods *irrespective of what the government, or law enforcement, may want or think.*

It is a fact that we have coddled and *encouraged* Muslim nutjobs who think that being "insulted" gives license to armed criminal violence. We have *encouraged* this behavior through our media and politicians cowering at their feet, refusing to stand for Free Speech *worldwide* and our collective failure to insist that a *perceived insult is simply not a license to commit murder nor is it a reason to ban or discourage speech -- end of discussion.* The outrageous double-standard of "shaming" people who speak in a way that you don't like **while at the same time ignoring those on your side of the political spectrum who do the same thing** is cowardly and in fact **exactly** what ISIS claims a right to do: *Control speech through violence such that only their offensive speech and actions are ok and everyone else's is proscribed and punished, up to and including by death.*

Further, there is no crime in **thinking** about doing something ugly, only in **actually taking a step forward furthering a plan to do so.** And finally, "they" (the terrorists) only need to be right once; *law enforcement has to be right 100% of the time, and **present 100% of the time.***

Neither law enforcement nor the military can be either of those two things; that's an impossible remit and we all know it.

There is only one means available for we, the people, to put a stop

to this -- make our nation and her people such an uninviting target **that the nutjobs decide they'd rather go play somewhere that is less likely to wind up with them dead instead of us.**

The Founding Fathers knew all about these risks to a civil society, they debated them at length and then wrote a nice, short sentence that speaks directly to the point in our Constitution. It reads:

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

We have spent the last 100 years, more or less, *ignoring the Second Amendment* to varying degrees. There are ten thousand or so "laws" on this point *most of which are flatly unconstitutional* and we, the people, have sat still for it in the name of "reasonable" constraints on a sentence **that factually permits none.**

Look folks, this is real simple: When some nutjob decides to get out of his car and start shooting you can hope there's a cop there (unlikely) and you can pray one will get there before he shoots you (even more unlikely) **or you can be armed and have at least a fair crack at stopping that j***** right there, right now.**

When you have two seconds to either act or die, the cops will be around to zip your corpse up in a black plastic bag in a few minutes.

This doesn't mean you won't be in mortal danger; quite to the contrary, in that if you have to draw a weapon **it is precisely because you are in mortal danger that you are within your rights to do so.** Indeed, there is no guarantee of success in being armed; you may die anyway. But you, at that moment of extreme need, will have a fighting chance to live. Today, right here and now, you have less of one and it's all of our fault. That's not because you can't go get some sort of permit and whatever **but because this willful and intentional interference with the Second Amendment decreases the odds of said nutjob encountering effective resistance to their evil plans and as a direct result you are at much greater risk than you should be.**

We, the people, need to insist that all of our State and local governments, **along with the federal government,** cut the c*** right here, right now, today.

We must make clear that we will not compromise. We must insist that the wide body of unconstitutional constraints on being armed are removed from the law **here and now. Not next legislative season, not next month, NOW.**

*No darn permits and no horse-dung about not being able to carry openly or concealed as each of us individually choose. Prosecute those who misuse weapons to commit assault or otherwise as the law directs -- not those who keep and carry them for lawful defensive purposes, whether in defense of self or others. The Second Amendment says permits and restrictions on the keeping and bearing of arms **are unconstitutional**, the language is clear; it's concise; there is no argument on that point **and further our position is the only reasonable defensive measure that we, as ordinary Americans, can take against a very real and very current threatened assault by religious nuts, say much less common criminals.***

If you want to designate specific areas with big signs as "gun free zones" (e.g. airports); go right ahead. There's a decent argument to be made about guns in the cabin of a pressurized aircraft, for example, but as soon as you put up a "No law-abiding citizens are armed here" sign **we as Americans must insist that you take full responsibility for the safety of everyone in that place, including the provision of full-time armed security.**

"It's going to get worse, not better," he said. "This is very difficult to stop."

This sort of nutjob crap is impossible to stop **and this is why each of us has every right to be capable of stopping it on our own in the gravest extreme. We do not have the right to a guarantee of success but we do have the right to even the odds.**

Nobody from any government has any right to interfere with your lawful right of self-defense. So says the Constitution and so says the very premise of any legitimate system of law -- that you have natural, unalienable rights and among them are your right to life.

The choice before you today is simple America: **Stand up now or fall down tomorrow -- bleeding to death.**

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Gun Rights Group Wins Access to Potentially Embarrassing NY Gun Registration Data

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(Editor/GG: This is what happens when the liberal fascists pass unconstitutional laws: WE WILL NOT COMPLY. Same horse poop here in Colorado with our lovely democrats passing all those anti 2nd amendment bills two years ago: WE WILL NOT COMPLY. July 4th parade coming up! WE WILL NOT COMPLY.)

A New York gun-rights group just won a state Supreme Court victory that could turn out to be incredibly embarrassing for Governor Andrew Cuomo and New York's rabidly anti-gun legislature:

A state Supreme Court judge has ruled that the state needs to make public statistical information on the number of assault weapons registered in New York.

The April 30th ruling in Albany was disclosed Thursday by the Shooters Committee on Public Education, a gun-rights group that sued last year after the state refused to release the details. State Police claimed the information was not public under a gun-control law passed in January 2013.

Paloma Capanna, a Rochester-area lawyer who represented the group, called the decision a major victory for transparency in government.

She said she would file an order demanding the release of the data if the state doesn't immediately comply; the state may also appeal. The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Bill Robinson, a Penfield, Monroe County, gun-rights activist.

What's so embarrassing for the state about this aggregate data?

The expected lack of it:

The April 15th deadline to register firearms deemed "assault weapons" under Governor Cuomo's NY SAFE Act has been met by hordes of New York gun own-

ers not rushing to register firearms, and the ceremonial burning of registration forms.

Unofficial estimates suggest that as few as 3,000-5,000 of the estimated 1-2 million firearms that have been redefined as "assault weapons" under New York's utterly arbitrary and blatantly unconstitutional law have been registered. Literally dozens of gun owners in the state of 19.57 million (2012) residents will take the opportunity to register today.

Cuomo and his anti-gun allies in Albany exploited the horrors of the Sandy Hook School disaster to ram through the NY SAFE—a gun control "kitchen sink" bill that was jammed full of absurd, inaccurate, often unenforceable provisions—and has been fighting a defensive battle ever since. Many upstate law enforcement officers have publicly stated their refusal to enforce the draconian law, and many gun owners reacted by refusing to comply with "assault weapon" registration requirements.

The vast majority of gun owners felt that this registration attempt was a possible prelude to a future confiscation effort. Non-compliance is thought to be stunningly high, something in excess of the estimated 90-percent non-compliance rate for registration in neighboring Connecticut. These are truly "just paper" laws which the citizenry has brazenly ignored, and which the state law enforcement agencies in both states dare not attempt to aggressively enforce for legitimate fears that they could trigger a violent insurrection.

New York and Connecticut have proven that they have the ability to pass draconian gun control laws.

They've also shown that they don't come close to having the ability to enforce them.

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Wrong Gun: Why the Most Popular Gun for Law Enforcement Is a Mistake

by Bob Owens,
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(Editor/GG: Uh, oh. This is gonna upset some people, but the article makes some good points. But what about forgetting to take off your safety, or, when the safety is off, the same situation exists. There is an old (and I mean real, real old) local retired Kansas City career LEO who likes a very good alternative: the SIG P series pistols (e.g., P226, P220, etc.) that have a double-action first shot then single action after that. The long, double-action first shot gives a little breather room for that quick trigger finger.)

The Los Angeles Times has published an editorial last week that is sure to cause some uncomfortable conversations (and more than a little denial) in law enforcement agencies around the country:

In terms of mechanical design, there are few flaws with Glock pistols. If a law enforcement officer, soldier, or citizen does exactly what they are supposed to do all of the time with cyborg certainty, there will be no problems with the Glock or other popular pistols mimicking its basic design. Unfortunately, "RoboCop" is only a movie, and humans are liable to make similar mistakes over and over again.

The underlying problem with these pistols is a short

trigger pull and the lack of an external safety. In real-world encounters, a short trigger pull can be lethal, in part because a significant percentage of law enforcement officers — some experts say as high as 20% — put their finger on the trigger of their weapons when under stress. According to firearms trainers, most officers are completely unaware of their tendency to do this and have a hard time believing it, even when they're shown video evidence from training exercises.

For more than 35 years, officer-involved accidental discharges with Glocks and Glock-like weapons have been blamed on a lack of training or negligence on the part of the individual cops. What critics should be addressing instead is the brutal reality that short trigger pulls and natural human reflexes are a deadly combination.

As the comments to the article clearly show, people are getting spun-up about the article, without really understanding it... or maybe they are simply in denial.

Mechanically, Glocks and similar pistols are incredibly solid and reliable designs. What they aren't is forgiving.

Utterly predictable and normal human physiological responses (startle response, symmetric sympathetic response, etc.) and psycho-

logical mistakes (forgetting to check the chamber on a design that requires the trigger to be pulled for disassembly) have repeatedly led to hundreds, if not thousands of negligent discharges. Many of those have been fatal.

Agencies that switch from other pistol designs to Glocks (and to a lesser extent, other short trigger pull, no external safety guns) typically see their number of negligent discharges soar. Agencies that switch away from Glocks to more forgiving designs typically see their negligent discharges decrease.

There has been institutional resistance to admitting that Glocks and similar designs are not good guns for law enforcement officers, and for each and every negligent discharge, there is a rush to blame the individual officer and the lack of training time most agencies have with their firearms.

That's all well and good... and utterly irrelevant.

It has been proven time and again that no amount of training will eliminate the issue. In one videotaped training session after another, about 20% of officers end up putting their fingers on the trigger of their guns when they shouldn't, and most of them don't even realize it, and are stunned when they are shown the undeniable truth in the video. According to experts I interviewed who have

trained tens of thousands of police officers this is consistent, regardless of the level of training.

We can continue to deny that "humans are gonna be human," or we can accept that people will make mistakes and switch to designs that have longer first-shot trigger pulls which are more forgiving.

DA/SA handguns like the Sig Sauer "P"-series, the Beretta 9 series and PX4 series, CZs, Smith & Wesson's metal-frame semis,Ruger's SR series, etc. can be shot just as fast and accurately as any short trigger pull design (the claim that the long double-action first pull creates misses is a myth), and that longer first-pull requires more deliberate action and is far more forgiving of our physiological and psychological mistakes.

Glock has an incredible marketing machine and customer support and a solid design that works exactly as designed, each and every time.

Unfortunately, until they start manufacturing failure-proof people, Glocks and other short trigger pull guns are going to be a bad choice for professions where high stress is a constant.

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Ferret Food: Prairie Dog Massacre to Commence at Wildlife Refuge

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Attention Westcliffe Town Council: P Dawg problem solved. But a note of caution is needed - ferrets also eat little dogs and cats and have been known to attack lycra-wearing bicyclists. And the left-leaning Prairie Dog Liberation Front, funded by local democrats, is just waiting to file a discrimination lawsuit. Harmony is never easy but we know you can do it. It takes a vil-

Here's some news Castle Rock can use:

It's okay to kill prairie dogs if it serves a higher environmental cause, like feeding the rodents en masse to ferrets.

Not just any ferrets, though. The critters must be the endangered black-footed variety like the ones being turned loose this fall in the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge.

In other news, the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge is now accepting prairie dogs for a new environmental relocation program called The Food Chain.

Okay, we made up the last part.

As for the glorious new feed-a-ferret project at the refuge, that was reported by the Denver Post's environmental activist-in-chief Bruce Finley. Without a single hint of irony, he writes:

The ferrets will help control prairie dogs that are threatening newly restored native prairie, each eating 100 to 150 prairie dogs a year, refuge manager Dave Lucas said. Eventually, the refuge will support 160 of the federally protected ferrets, Lucas said.



Their elongated bodies and super-sensitive snouts let them slink at night through underground tunnels



to prairie dog dens. They clamp their teeth into sleeping prairie dogs and devour them.

That sounds even worse than the fate of the elite Castle Rock prairie dogs that are being relocated for a shopping development.

Pity the poor prairie dog that isn't even safe in a wildlife refuge and is treated like food.

Wait till the Prairie Dog Liberation Front hears about this.

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Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim

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

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



Advantages of Victimhood?

Even the most casual observation of the societal structure of modern America leads one to a clear understanding of how to advance the individual or a cause. If attention is to be gained or a condition seeks applause or sympathy, the formula is simple: be a victim! The success of victimhood is undeniable. Consider the growing advantage that is enjoyed by blacks, homosexuals, Hispanics, illegal immigrants, the handicapped, the homeless, the obese, fast food workers, single parents, holders of large student loans, and all other losers in the lottery of life.

The first "victim" in recorded history was a murderer. When Abel brought his offering of a lamb to God, it was received because it pictured the One who John the Baptist called "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Cain's offering from his vegetable garden was rejected for the simple reason that "you can't get blood from a turnip." Cain's unwillingness to make the necessary adjustment and do the right thing fueled an angry spirit to the point of killing his brother. The Lord's judgment was "And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; when thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth." (Genesis 4:11-12) Cain, a candidate for capital punishment (Genesis 9:6) and lacking any appreciation of God's mercy, could only whine and paint himself a victim. "And Cain said unto

the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me." (Genesis 4:13,14)

Poor Cain, destined to experience unemployment, social rejection, and the comfort of a traditional home, must be justified in the murder of his bro. On a daily basis, blacks are killing their brothers in large cities across America, but this tragedy of blood is never addressed by Al Sharpton, Barack Obama, or the major news media because, after all, the killers are really victims. To perpetuate the narrative, victims need enemies: white cops provide an excellent villain.

In reality there has never been such a diverse group of people as Bible believing Christians. The Gospel has made its impression on people of all races, colors, and ethnic backgrounds, but the animosity that has been directed toward believers is without controversy. Our victimhood isn't even imaginary, both from the standpoint of Inquisitional history and current events. Could our agenda of evangelism be further advanced by utilizing the injured party trump card? Should Christians gather to riot, steal, and burn when bakeries and pizza parlors are threatened and vilified because the owners refuse to participate in a gay wedding? Perhaps prominent preachers should organize boycotts, marches, sit-ins, and civil disobedience to emphasize our minority status. More legislation needs to

be crafted to protect our rights.

These possibilities represent a degree of logic that feeds the fire of resentment when Christians sense a growing hostility toward our values and faith. Should the tactics of the world be employed to underscore our victim status? The very real difficulty is quite simple... Believers are to operate under an entirely different mandate. No one has ever been victimized more than Jesus Christ. Falsely accused and executed in the cruelest of fashion, He could only utter "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Hardly the words of America's demonstrating oppressed! God knows that a clear distinction needs to be drawn between people of the Book and the multitudes of malevolence. Otherwise, we will be perceived as just another gaggle of honking geese doing our usual migration of mischief.

The Lord also understands that those who wallow in victimville never achieve great things. Their thoughts are petty and aspirations are mediocre at best. The greatest stories of history and literature are those of overcomers who refused to cast blame or castigate but rather chose to use the obstacles of life as springboards to a higher plane.

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:4-5)

The Bible sure can mess up a good plan!

A Sheepdog Barks!

A few weeks ago we talked about the LPSD solution to absolutely everything – more money. WOOF!

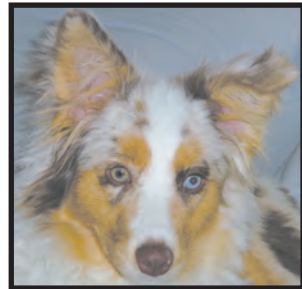
Yep, it don't matter what needs fixin', more money will fix it. Baltimore – more money, VA mistreating our wounded soldiers – more money and now the Amtrak train wreck – more money. Remember the LPSDs never let a good crisis go to waste. After Baltimore, Congressman Elijah Cummings (D-MD) said, "Policies from Washington, D.C., are not always kind to urban areas." What the heck does that mean? Trillions and trillions have been spent in the "urban areas" and mostly for naught. Entire housing projects were built and it wasn't too many years until they were destroyed. Why? Because no one earned them – it was government free stuff. If someone doesn't earn something they won't respect it. Why should they? Big Brother will fix it, make it better, or build us new ones. Just face it, after decades of Liberal Democrat leadership in these failing cities things have gotten even worse. More money and more liberal progressive policies and management and no improvement to show for it! Someone got rich off all that money but it wasn't the people. Wonder who it was? More money indeed! WOOF!

And remember the VA. Congress was so proud when they appropriated more money to solve all those problems exposed by the whistleblowers. And what good has that done? Almost none! Wait times are still extreme and quality care is still lacking. Bonuses for managers and leaders didn't suffer however. The quality of the VA health care programs and service will only improve when ALL members of Congress and the occupants of the White House get their medical coverage from the VA. That's the only way it will improve. WOOF!

Now let's break down the train wreck. The first thing the LPSDs did was send Nancy Pelosi to the microphone to blame the Republicans' hatred of Amtrak for the wreck. HOWL! This same idiot later in the week said we don't really know

what's in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Free Trade Agreement but we'll find out after we pass it. Can you believe that? WOOF! But that's another story – back to the train. Most of us believe the train wreck happened because the train was going 106 miles an hour around a curve designed for about 50 mph. Yep, that might do it. Probably human error, but we'll see what the investigation reveals. Amtrak was supposed to have implemented PTC (Positive Train Control) all over its rails. PTC would prevent that sort of thing by automatically reducing the train's speed. The LPSDs jumped right on that. "Not enough Money", they howled. The Republicans hate Amtrak and cut the budget, they howled. The CEO of Amtrak immediately came out and said that wasn't the case. He said the major failure for not implementing PTC was obtaining the necessary radio frequencies. How about that? Can you guess who controls that part of our leviathan government? Why, it's Obama and his administration. Imagine that! The Amtrak CEO got a few phone calls after that statement and just this last Sunday (May 17th) he finally "admitted" that the budget had been tough and he could have done a better job with more money. REALLY? I would have loved to hear those conversations. Amtrak has had plenty of money. It just needs to be spent more wisely. That's always the case. Nationwide our infrastructure has suffered because the state and federal politicians spent the money elsewhere. Our tax money for roads and bridges has been spent on social justice programs, free health care, food stamps, and free Obamaphones for everyone. More money, they howl. We just need more money and more government programs and everyone can live in Shangri-La. How wonderful that would be, they howl! Charles Krauthammer said it best: "It's brain dead liberalism." WOOF!

Did you notice how the Arab countries snubbed Obama last week? His White House Summit at Camp David was meaningless and a waste of time. The heads of state knew



that and didn't bother to come. One had a headache, another had to rearrange the socks in his drawer, and one went to a horse race. So they sent their Junior Varsity and diminished the President of the United States. It was basically a statement to Obama that "we don't trust you, you are not a leader, and you are lying about the deal with Iran." Those leaders know Obama is giving away everything and doing nothing to stop Iran from having a nuclear weapon. THEY KNOW IT! WOOF! WE ALL KNOW IT! WOOF! This was so embarrassing for the United States. The press conference was actually painful to watch. Obama uttered this sentence which I hope someone can help me understand. "We stand ready to work with you to urgently determine what actions may be appropriate." Throw in a couple dozen ers and ahhs, and you get true Obamaspeak (Howl!). NOTHING, he said NOTHING! And this was a prepared statement, not his usual ad-lib babbling. God help us. This man is the most destructive president in our history. He remains committed to doing as much harm to America as he can in his last year and a half. And for those of you that just haven't worked hard enough and just won "society's lottery" you should be ashamed. You need to work harder so you can give more of your lottery winnings to the poor. Just where does Fox News find all those people who are lazy and don't want to work for all the handouts they get. STOP that!, Fox News, you're making Obama mad! WOOF!

I can't end without bashing my favorite candidate – HilLIARy. Even some of the LPSDs are fed up with this corrupt woman. But, she'll always have a friend at ABC News though. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Female Warrior in Air Force Has Powerful Post on Sexual Assault

by Michele Hickford,
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(Editor/GG: Finally. A woman soldier fights back against the professional sexual victimization feminists. Liberalism has virtually destroyed unit cohesion in many parts of the armed forces. This brave lady tells it like it is. There might not be a general left in the armed forces who doesn't cow-tow to this Nobama mandated nonsense.)

We've written here on many occasions about the social engineering going on in the military. About how and when women should serve on the front lines with men. About whether or not standards should be changed to allow more women in combat and special operator positions. And about the incidence of sexual assault in the military (which seems to be happening more and more to men, actually).

Now, I have never served. But I have been a female all of my life (and intend to remain that way). And this female Airman's words certainly struck a chord with me.

"If you want to help me, you need to stop calling me a victim."

As published on the John Q. Public blog, this letter from an active duty enlisted Airman writing under the pen name of Kayce M. Hagen powerfully captures her thoughts after attending mandatory annual training given by her base's Sexual Assault Response Coordination (SARC) office.

The full text of the letter is below, but there's a key point she mentions which is important not only for the military, but the civilian world as well.

Men and women must walk on eggshells around each other lest any small gesture or word be taken as "offensive." And as Hagen writes, women can now destroy men's lives with just one sentence:

He sexually assaulted me.

Hagen says because the Air Force is trying to prevent sexual assault, it is isolating

women. And when they become isolated, they become targets. And when they become targets, they become victims.

"I am not a victim. I am an American Airman, I am a Warrior, and I have answered my nation's call."

Whoa. That's the sort of person we need defending our freedoms.

Here is the full text of Hagen's letter:

Dear SARC,

I got up this morning as an Airman in the United States Air Force. I got up and I put on my uniform, I pulled back my hair, I looked in the mirror and an Airman looked back. A strong, confident military professional stared out of my bathroom mirror, and I met her eyes with pride. Then I came to your briefing. I came to your briefing and I listened to you talk to me, at times it seemed directly to me, about sexual assault. You talked about a lot of things, about rivers and bridges, you talked about saving people and victimization. In fact you talked for almost a full ninety minutes, and you disgusted me.

You made me a victim today, and I am nobody's victim. I am an American Airman in the most powerful Air Force in the world, and you made me into a helpless whore. A sensitive, defenseless woman who has no power to protect herself, who has nothing in common with the men she works with. You made me untouchable, and by doing that you made me a target. You gave me a transparent parasol, called it an umbrella and told me to stand idly by while you placed everything from rape to inappropriate shoulder brushes in a crowded hallway underneath it. You put my face up on your slides; my face, my uniform, my honor, and you made me hold this ridiculous contraption of your own devising and called me empowered. You called me strong. You told me, and everyone else who was listening to you this morning that I had a right to dictate what they said. That I had a right to dictate what they looked at. That I had a right to dictate what they listened to. That

somehow, in my shop, I was the only person who mattered. That they can't listen to the radio because they might play the Beatles, or Sir Mix-A-Lot, and that I might be offended. That if someone plays a Katy Perry song, I might have flashbacks to a night where I made a bad decision. I might be hurt, and I'm fragile right? Of course I am, you made me that way.

You are the reason I room alone when I deploy. You are the reason that wives are terrified that their husbands are cheating on them when they leave, and I leave with them.

When I walk into a room and people are laughing and having a good time, you are the reason they take one look at me and either stop talking or leave. They're afraid. They're afraid of me, and it's because of you. They are afraid that with all of this "power" I have, I can destroy them. They will never respect me or the power and the authority I have as a person, or the power I have as an Airman, because I am nothing more than a victim. That I, as a victim, somehow I control their fate. With one sentence, I can destroy the rest of their lives.

"He sexually assaulted me."

I say enough. He didn't assault me, you did; and I say enough is enough. If you want to help me, you need to stop calling me a victim. If you want to save me, you need to help me to be equal in the eyes of the people I work with. If you want to change a culture, you need to lessen the gap between men and women, not widen it. Women don't need their own set of rules: physical training scores, buildings, rooms, raters, sponsors, deployment budgets. When I can only deploy with another woman 'buddy' you are telling me and the people around me that I can't take care of myself. When you forbid me from going into my male friends room to play X-Box on a deployment with the other people on my shift, you isolate me. When you isolate me, you make me a target. When you make me a target, you make me a victim. You don't make me equal, you make me hated. If I am going to be hated, it will be because of who I am, not because of who you have made me. I am not a victim. I am an American Airman, I am a Warrior, and I have answered my nation's call.

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600% over the last 50 years.

How? The same way it happened in the educational system: the government came in with their mandates and enforced those mandates with guns. What other explanation is there for a drug (e.g. Sovaldi) sold for \$90,000 here for a course of treatment while the same drug from the same company costs under \$1,000 in places like Bangladesh. Such a disparity could never exist without government goons threatening to arrest you and throw you in prison for buying in a free-market transaction, said drug in Bangladesh and then bringing it to the United States for sale. The same is true for various routine procedures such MRIs, never mind "forced trans-

actions" such as when you're having a heart attack.

If you charge someone a buck more a gallon for gasoline in the path of a hurricane you go to prison in the state of Florida (and most other places) but if you charge someone 600% the price of a cardiac procedure in Japan here in the United States when they're having a heart attack (and thus unable to choose to fly to Japan) that's not only legal, it is considered "perfectly fine" by Warren and her ilk.

Cut the crap Elizabeth and Bill; your "policies" with regard to government "support" of both medical care and education have caused much of the rot in the American economy.

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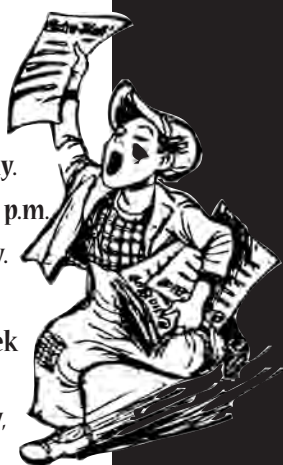
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"Takin' It To The House..."

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representative Jim Wilson HD 60
May 17, 2015

This will be the final "Takin' It To The House..." edition for the first half of the 70th General Assembly – a look back and a glance forward. The 2015 Session opened with 27 new faces out of the 100 House and Senate members. On the Republican side of the House, (out of the 31 members) there were only 5 that had more experience than I had. I was in my third year, so you can see the lack of "institutional memory"!

In addition to all the new faces, the split chambers created a new dynamic ensuring that only bills approved by both the Republican-led Senate and the Democrat-led House reached the Governor's desk. There were approximately 392 House bills and 290 Senate bills that had to be heard and voted upon within 120 days – being new and/or inexperienced did not matter...game on!

Because of the split chambers, one had to "play nice" with the other party in order for a bill to have a prayer of passing. I was fortunate enough to have success in gaining bipartisan support on 7 bills that made it to the governor's desk:

- HB15-1180 Concerning The Creation Of A State Sales And Use Tax Refund For Tangible Personal Property That Is Used In Colorado For Research And Development By A Qualified Medical Technology Or Clean Technology Taxpayer – Stimulates growth of small businesses (under 35 employees) in rural and urban communities by allowing tax refunds.
- HB15-1323 Changes To Assessments in Public Schools—Reduces the number of mandatory state assessments in public schools. It also codifies the consensus recommendations of the 1202 standards and assessments task force.
- HB15-1170 Increasing Post-Secondary and Workforce Readiness—Includes the percentage of high school graduates who enroll in a postsecondary education program as a factor to be taken into account as a measure of performance for Colorado public schools. Creates the position of the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Statewide Coordinator.
- HB15-1321 Flexibility and Funding for Rural School Districts—Supports rural school districts by exempting certain parental engagement and accountability committee requirements and invests \$10 million in small rural districts.
- HB15-1391 Concerning An Adjustment To The Total Employer Contribution Rate Of The Denver Public Schools Division Of The Public Employees' Retirement Association – This was

a "true-up" bill for the PERA System.

- SB15-138 Concerning Funding For The Accelerating Students Through Concurrent Enrollment – Allows Community Colleges to expedite enrolling ASCENT students in concurrent programs. Signed into law

- SB15-290 Colorado Student Leadership Institute—Creates a summer leadership program for eligible 10th and 11th grade students.

If you thought it was difficult getting bills through the "Split Chamber Filter" this session, wait until next year. Why is that? I am glad you asked! 2016 is another election year. With all 65 members of the House and half of the Senate up for re-election, the passing (or blocking) of a bill creates a political advantage which can have a bearing on an election race. Stay tuned – election years are SO much fun...

It has been an honor and a



privilege to serve HD 60 for the past three years. I strive to make a difference (not just a point) at the Capitol. I look forward to 2016. In the interim, you

can e-mail us at wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us or call 719-539-4452. Yours for HD 60 -- Representative Jim Wilson

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