



Florence School District Sued Over Christian Club by a Florence Teacher!

Pastor Randy Pfaff “We Did Nothing Wrong”

by Candy Thompson

On May 28th when I contacted Randy Pfaff, pastor of The Cowboy Church at Crossroads, he had been bombarded with requests for interviews and had been ‘live’ on Peter Boyles’ 710 KNUS News in Denver just before I called. Pastor Pfaff was on vacation and knew nothing about the lawsuit filed the day before against Florence School District by disgruntled Florence teacher Robert Basevitz until he started receiving phone calls from newspapers and TV reporters. Pastor Randy said, “We did nothing wrong. It was strictly voluntary and no one was coerced.”

Although Pastor Pfaff is not named as a defendant in the lawsuit as were the Principal of the high school

and the Superintendent, the student group called the Fellowship of Christian Athletes that he sponsored is accused of being “a front designed to allow Pastor Pfaff and the church to use the school as a platform for his ‘mission work’ of preaching to students and staff.” The suit argues that Florence High “operates largely to promote the evangelical Christian ideals of The Cowboy Church at Crossroads” which it contends is a violation of the establishment clause of the 1st and 14th amendments of the Constitution.

The plaintiff, Mr. Basevitz, who in the complaint states that he is Jewish, is in his first year at the Florence school system. Mr. Basevitz charges that he has suffered personal and unwanted contact with

government-sponsored religious symbols. Offended by any and all Christian activities, he went to the administration to complain but was not satisfied with the outcome. He complained that the crowds at the flagpole prevented him from entering the front door and was upset that it was suggested he could enter the side door. He also claims he was transferred to the elementary school without a reason.

The suit cites daily prayer at the flagpole, distribution of religious flyers in school, the use of the school’s P.A. system for church announcements, use of classrooms for weekly “Jesus Pizza” sessions, a prayer box in the faculty lounge, and the presentation of Bibles to graduating seniors at a school ceremony as

violations of the Constitution with Christianity as a state-sponsored religion at Florence High School. The suit would possibly ban any Christian activity in the Florence School District.

In his interview with Peter Boyle on 710 KNUS on May 28th, Pastor Pfaff explained that his call from God to preach came in the fall of 2009 when “God got-a-hold of me”. Though introverted by nature he did finally answer the call and his first church, a Cowboy Church, started with 7 peo-



Pastor Randy Pfaff

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

ple and grew to 100 in just 12 weeks.

He has been married to his wife Brenda for 35 years

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Oil Tanker Crashes on Hardscrabble, Leak is Minimal as Multiple Agencies Work Together

On Friday, May 29th, about 4:30 p.m., the Custer County Sheriff’s Office, The Wet Mountain Fire Protection District,

and Custer County EMS personnel responded to an accident involving a diesel tanker carrying oil at the 18.5 mile marker on

Highway 96. The vacuum tank truck had gone over the embankment with one occupant still in the truck. The driver was extracted

and air lifted to Parkview. He is in stable condition.

The WMFPD secured the scene and stopped the oil leak. The Cañon City Hazmat team was requested at the scene. They did an assessment of the amount of oil that had leaked out and deployed containment booms as a precaution to ensure that the oil would not reach Hardscrabble Creek.

The owner of the vacuum truck arrived at the scene and determined that they could safely pump off the oil, which had to be done before moving the truck. As darkness came upon the scene it was decided to cease all operations and resume the following morning.

The truck had come to rest on its side, and once it was up-righted, the diesel fuel was unloaded and it was determined that none had

leaked from its tank. The vacuum tank was then secured to the truck frame and winched back onto the road around 6 p.m., Saturday. An environmental cleanup team was on sight and requesting emergency approval from the Forest Service to begin the clean-up. The WMFPD remained on the scene, standing by for emergency decontamination of any personnel, should that be required. Thankfully, it was not, and they were released around 2:30 p.m. on Saturday by the Colorado State Patrol Hazmat Officer.

Members of the Custer County Sheriff’s Office remained on the scene for traffic control until the truck was removed from the scene. The highway was fully reopened around 6 p.m. Travelers should be aware that clean-up efforts will be underway for some time to come, so please use caution in the area.



The recovery crew works to drain the tank and prepare to remove the wreckage.

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From the Editorial Board

ON THE SHORES OF NORMANDY



There are certain dates that we believe everyone knows, and should never forget. Tomorrow June 6th is one of those days. On June 6, 1944 a most horrific and courageous event took place that started the final effort to save the world. Without the invasion of Normandy by Allied forces to secure a foothold in Europe, Hitler would have most likely been successful in controlling all of Europe. How different might our world be today if that would have happened? Here is how the History Channel website describes what we all know as D-Day:

On the morning of June 5, 1944, U.S. General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the supreme commander of Allied forces in Europe

gave the go-ahead for Operation Overlord, the largest amphibious military operation in history. On his orders, 6,000 landing craft, ships, and other vessels carrying 176,000 troops began to leave England for the trip to France. That night, 822 aircraft filled with parachutists headed for drop zones in Normandy. An additional 13,000 aircraft were mobilized to provide air cover and support for the invasion.

By dawn on June 6, 18,000 parachutists were already on the ground; the land invasions began at 6:30 a.m. The British and Canadians overcame light opposition to capture Gold, Juno, and Sword beaches; so did the Americans at Utah. The

task was much tougher at Omaha beach, however, where 2,000 troops were lost and it was only through the tenacity and quick-wittedness of troops on the ground that the objective was achieved. By day's end, 155,000 Allied troops – American, British and Canadians – had successfully stormed Normandy's beaches.

Tomorrow marks the 71st anniversary of the attack on the continent of Europe. We owe a deep debt of gratitude and respect to the courageous soldiers, marines, seamen, and airmen that flew over, parachuted behind, and stormed the beaches of Normandy 71 years ago tomorrow. God Bless them all.

ON GOLDEN POND

Courage comes in many forms and for many different reasons. We believe it takes one kind of courage to get up in front of your friends and neighbors and make them believe they are somewhere else watching something real happen right before their eyes. We are all awed by the world's greatest actors as they convincingly tell stories on the big screen, the little screen, or on stage. It is quite remarkable that something of that sort can happen right here in Westcliffe. Most of us over 50 years old remember the movie, "On Golden Pond," starring Henry Fonda and Katharine Hepburn as Norman and Ethyl Thayer as they spend summers at the pond in their twilight years. Well, over the last two weekends several lo-

cal residents did a superb job in recreating that story right here at the Jones Theater. Tom "Frosty" Frostman and Bonnie Mowry, as Norman and Ethyl, made attendees believe they were in that cottage and could actually see the pond out that window. They were truly fantastic. Four other locals joined them in telling the story of a cynical old man, which actually hit too close to home for many of us. Ray Varney as Charlie, Amy Moulton as Chelsea, Holly Wenger as Billie Ray, and Scott Chapman as Bill Ray also performed superbly. Scott also directed the play. Congratulations to them all. If you missed it, you missed a real treat. There is certainly talent and a little courage right here in our county. It was thoroughly enjoyable.

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The World Needs Individuals

by Barbara Penezic

“Speaking out and standing up for what you believe in takes strength of character and real courage. There will always be a group that will not appreciate your right to be an exceptional individual. Daring to stand out in today’s society is comparable to painting a big red target right in the middle of your back.” This is according to a woman who declines to have her name in print for the above stated reasons.

Case in point, a teacher has filed suit against the Florence school district, claiming unconstitutional promotion of religion at the district’s high school. Superintendent Rhonda Vendetti and High School Principal Brian Schipper have been named as defendants in the suit. For several years The Cowboy Church at the Crossroads, Pastor Randy Pfaff, has offered prayers at the flagpole before school each morning and once a week the group enjoyed a brief period of fellowship and pizza. This, of course, was strictly voluntary and many

students, teachers, and staff members have reported this morning time of prayer to be a wonderful asset to their day.

Paula McPheeters and Erin Hergert, founders of Pueblo for Positive Impact, a group fighting the expansion of the marijuana business in Pueblo County have also come under scrutiny. A Colorado Open Records (CORA) was requested by The Southern Colorado Growers Association for work records of the two ladies who are employed by Pueblo Community College. According to PCC President Patty Erjavec, “We addressed this with them and did our own internal counseling but there was nothing we were overly concerned with.” Ms. McPheeters related via e-mail that PCC and CCCS system found nothing in their records that violates policy or shows we abused state resources. Peter Strescino of the Pueblo Chieftain has filed another CORA request on the two ladies. Paula says, “I am beyond disgusted with the thuggery. Free speech on this issue is being threatened. We have a right as

citizens to speak.”

The World Needs Individuals

- Who cannot be bought
- Whose word is their bond
- Who put character above wealth
- Who possess opinion and a will
- Who are larger than their vocation
- Who do not hesitate to take chances
- Who will not lose their individuality in a crowd
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- Who will not compromise with wrong
- Whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires
- Who do not believe that shrewdness, cunning, hardheadedness, are the best qualities for success
- Who are not ashamed or afraid to stand for the truth when it is unpopular; who can say “No” with emphasis, although all the rest of the world says “Yes”

Author Unknown

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The Anatomy of a Prosecution

Analysis & Commentary
by Larry Luikart

Recently a local Judge commented he felt too many cases are brought before him either for a plea bargain or a dismissal. Why is this practice going on in Custer County? The answer has many moving parts involving numerous individuals.

The foundation of a criminal case, misdemeanor or felony, begins with the arresting officer. Each charge in the Revised Statutes has elements, steps if you like, that must be satisfied. The officer must understand the elements of the charge while protecting the constitutional guarantees afforded to the person arrested. Once the officer determines the elements of the charge have been satisfied, he/she prepares a report for consideration by the district attorney. Misdemeanor charges are prepared by using a summons while more serious charges are prepared on a much more formal and complicated Investigation Report.

If the report is poorly written by

the officer, or the elements of the charge have not been satisfied, or the arrestee's rights have not been protected, the district attorney will refuse to prosecute the case as presented. The DA may ask the arresting officer to redo the report, ask for more information, or he may recommend the case for dismissal. No DA will take a case into court if they do not believe the case can be won. The defendant is afforded the right to counsel and has a right to see all of the evidence gathered by the prosecution.

Often a good case with overwhelming evidence is pled out because the defense attorney knows the client will lose in a trial. The defense attorney will then try to get the best deal possible for his client. This plea process is used most of the time involving good cases. This is reasonable use of resources avoiding an unnecessary trial while providing for the fair administration of justice.

Prosecutors are traditionally overworked having a caseload of one hundred to one hundred fifty pending cases at any one time.

Rarely will the prosecutor have time to review each case unless the charges are very serious or the arresting officer insists on a review before the trial. Prosecutors are underpaid compared to what they could earn in other areas of their profession. Case information has grown some 60% recently while the number of prosecutors, for this District, have been cut by 20%. Increases in video and forensic evidence are primarily responsible for the file increases taking a great deal of extra time to prepare and review.

Compounding all of the above issues is the matter of funding for the Prosecutor's Office. The level of funding in Custer County borders on repressive. Recently, the district attorney requested a funding increase from the four-county 11th Judicial District. He was summarily turned down by the county commissioners in all four counties. The Custer County Commissioners justified their decision on the basis of 'no one else is doing it so why should we' mentality. They had a perfect opportunity to set a precedent

but lost the moment. Makes you wonder if the other three counties proposed jumping off a cliff would our commissioners agree to that, too?

There is no office for the prosecutor at the courthouse. Without a private office the Prosecutor cannot interview law enforcement, witnesses, victims, or anyone else who might be involved in a trial. The people of Custer County cannot expect professional service if there is poor funding and no professional environment in which to work!

The prosecutor cannot take more cases to trial without a major increase in funding. Our new Sheriff has already demonstrated he is pro-active which will translate into more arrests requiring more prosecutions. The county commissioners must find a way to increase the prosecutor's budget and they must find some private office space for the prosecutor in the courthouse. Working out of the same room where the coffee pot for the Court is located is ridiculous. This situation cannot be allowed to continue. Surely, there

is some way for the county commissioners to move funding in the current budget and then meet the increase requested by the district attorney (using some independent thinking would be nice) in future budgets. We cannot complain a citizens about poor prosecutions if we are unwilling to provide the funding and the proper work environment for them. Please contact the county commissioners with an urgent request to rectify this problem immediately.

(Reporter Notes: I am a retired law enforcement officer so this issue is not new to me. I saw many good cases in my career that should have gone to trial dealt down because of inadequate funding for prosecution. Custer County is the worst I have ever seen in this regard.

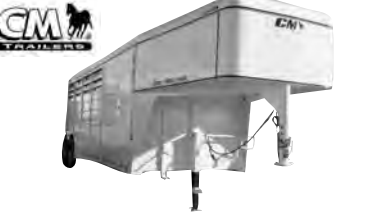
A special "thank you" to Thom Ledoux, 11th District, District Attorney and Custer County Sheriff Shannon Byerly for their contributions to this article. I tried for several weeks to get an interview with Judge Peter Michaelson for his comments but I was unsuccessful.)



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and together with people from their fellowship have reached out to the youth of Florence for nearly four years to give of their time and their resources to show them love with nothing expected in return. It began when Pastor Randy went to local Florence High School in 2011 with the idea of sponsoring a Christian club. He got approval from both the Superintendent and the Principal and then went through the process of fingerprinting and a background check to meet the qualifications of the district.

November 2011 was the first meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Huskies, later changed to Fellowship of Christian Athletes early in 2015 when Pastor Pfaff was no longer allowed to attend the meetings. The club has always met the requirements of having an adult volunteer with volunteer church members and faculty members without any negative feedback from students, faculty, or administrators nor criticism for any participation in school functions.

Pastor Pfaff's heart is for the students and he believes his presence has been a positive influence on the school. It was a student at that first meeting who suggested that they pray daily at the flag-

pole rather than only once a year at the national "See You at the Pole Day". They committed to pray every day holding hands and having short prayers from 7 a.m.-7:25 a.m., starting with just a few and growing to 50-100 students including faculty members and administration at times.

The club meetings began after school for an hour the first school year 2011-2012 and then were approved for meeting at lunch. The church provided pizza and water, 99% of everything, all paid for by the church without any mention of their name. Pastor Randy emphasized that no one made students stay. They could get their pizza and leave. The lunches grew from feeding a few - maybe five or six - to feeding over a hundred students. They invited guest missionaries at times and would pray with students who wanted it and have Bible study or just talk and listen.

Pastor Pfaff was careful to emphasize that every step of the way they got official approval and followed the rules in forming the Christian club and in all of its activities, whether Bible studies or praying or just fellowship. Even though the church paid thousands of dollars for pizza and other things for lunches, they never once proselytized, wanting nothing in return according to Pastor Randy.

Pastor Randy said that the plaintiff, Mr. Basevitz, was told that he could start a club of his own when he objected to the Christian club, but that Basevitz said he didn't want to, it was too much work. It is the pastor's opinion that the Jewish teacher was not interested in having equal access with a Jewish club, but only in stopping the Christian club and the Christian influence they were having. The teacher complained that he felt excluded because he is Jewish. The Fellowship of Christian Huskies met for three years and had no problems for those years until Mr Basevitz complained to the school.

Pastor Randy says he has not been back in the school since January and that the kids were told to separate themselves from him, even though he's just wanted to be there to listen, love, and pray if they wanted prayer. He believes that his influence has been good for the kids and that even though he has never seen Basevitz, he believes that the lawsuit is about money and that he really does hate Christians.

The Cowboy Church at Crossroads, the church Pastor Randy and his wife started, has been using the school for their Sunday services, but is paying more than others who use the school, some who aren't charged at all, according to Pastor Pfaff. He expects



Students meet for morning prayer outside Florence High School.

Sentinel photo by John Penezic, Jr.

they will be asked to leave before too long.

Pastor Pfaff says that we are a Christian country founded by Christians and that Christianity should not be banned from the schools. He has been called by Christian attorneys and others who have offered help and believes that Christians are under attack and need to speak out.

However, Pastor Randy also believes that this is "an exciting time for Christians to stand up" and he is doing just that continuing to say, "We did nothing wrong," defending what he did with the Fellowship of Christian Huskies at Florence High School. "This was a place where kids could come to be accepted and feel safe and were never coerced in any way," and he feels sad for their sakes that it has come to this.

(Editor/GG: A bunch of us from the Sentinel went to the Cowboy Church at Crossroad's service last Sunday at Florence High School. It was inspirational seeing God's presence in a (forced) secular environment. Pastor Randy gave a stirring sermon where he reviewed the law suit in context with Psalms 91 and 1 Corinthians 1:17. The key to Pastor Randy's success is that he knows that kids won't come to a church, so he GOES TO THE KIDS. It's isn't easy, but that's where these lost souls are. Jesus didn't stay in Nazareth waiting for people to come to him. He hit the road. The Cowboy Church at Crossroad's service is at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, at Florence High School (Highway 67). The church office phone is 719-784-7611 and Pastor Randy's email is rpfaff@bresnan.net. Please drop by and lend these folks some words of encouragement.)



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Eagles Summit Ranch Wounded Warrior Graduation Dinner June 12

by George Gramlich

Eagles Summit Ranch (ESR) is having the graduation dinner for their Wounded Warrior rehabilitation June 8 to 12 session for twelve Fort Carson soldiers on Friday, June 12. This is the session that the *Sentinel*-sponsored ESR Fund Drive this spring was for. (Thank you so much, donors, for making this happen). Pastor Dave Roever will be the main speaker with the new ESR Directors, Beverly and Jerry Shoemaker, being the hosts. The core of the evening (after the meal) is each

one of these soldiers comes to the podium and tells his story. For the vast majority of them, it is the first time they have told their painful tale in front of a public audience. It is a truly moving experience. And it is always great to hear how much these brave men and women appreciate the large, local attendance at these events. They are often astounded at the number of people who come to hear their stories and support them.

So, please put this important event on your calendar June 12, 6 p.m. Support our Wounded Warriors with your presence. It is important to them. ESR supplies the main course. Please bring a side dish if you can.



Directions to Eagles Summit Ranch

Unless you are coming from Oak Creek Grade, you'll want get to Highway 96, running east and west from Westcliffe to Pueblo.

From Westcliffe via Oak Creek Grade:

Take Oak Creek Grade (C.R. 255) approximately 12.5 miles to the Fremont County line. Take a right (east) on Fremont C.R. 66 for a mile or so till it ends at a stop sign. Make a right onto C.R. 271 and go south for about a mile. Then make right onto C.R. 265 (the ESR starts there at the intersection). Go about a quarter mile and then make a right turn into the ESR iron gate main entrance.

To get to Highway 96:

From Colorado Springs: take Highway 115 south out of town all the way to Florence, CO. At the Carl's Jr. fast food restaurant, turn left (south) onto Highway 67, toward Wetmore, CO. At Wetmore, turn right (west) onto Highway 96.

From Pueblo: on the south side of town, Highway 96 goes west out of town toward Westcliffe, CO.

From Cañon City: Highway 50 is the

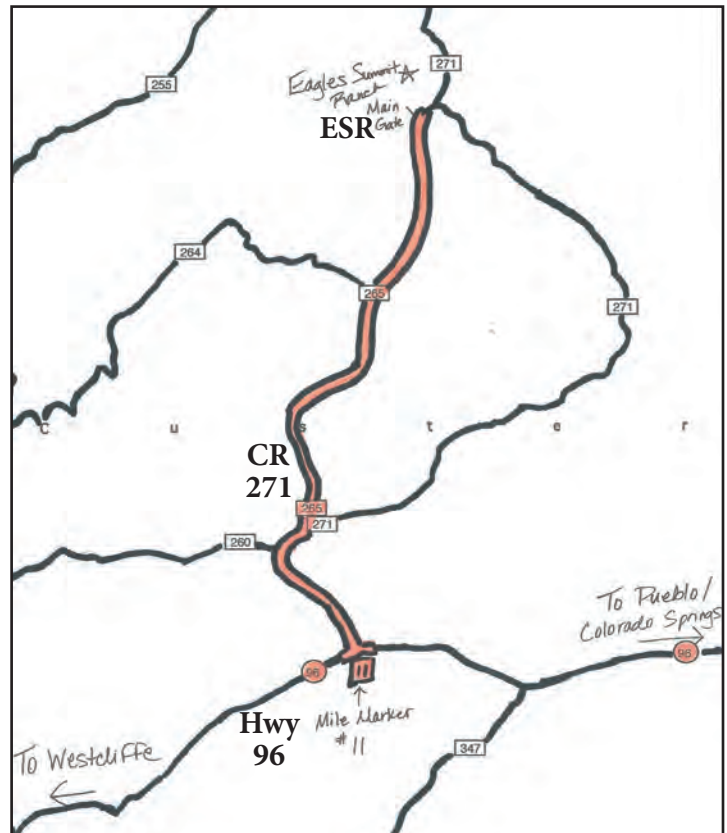
main road in town. From Highway 50, go south on Mackenzie Road next to The Home Depot. Mackenzie Road dead-ends at Highway 115. Turn left (east) on Highway 115 toward Florence, CO. In Florence, take Highway 67 south toward Wetmore, CO. At Wetmore, turn right (west) onto Highway 96.

From Westcliffe: go east on Highway 96.

Once you are on Highway 96, look for mile marker number 11. At this mile marker, there is only one road you can turn on, and it only goes north. This road is County Road 271, and it is a dirt road. Turn North on County Road 271. You

are now 6 miles from Eagles Summit Ranch. You will drive over three cattle guards. County Road 260 turns to the left after the second cattle guard. Keep going straight on 271, and after you cross the third cattle guard, you will come to a Y in the road. Stay to the left, which is County Road 265. If you look ahead on 265, you will see a 35 mph speed limit sign. Don't make any other turns after this and you will run into the Eagles Summit Main Gate. Enter here and someone will assist you.

Note: If for some reason you veer to the right instead of the left at the Y, you will still run into Eagles Summit Ranch. It is just a few miles longer.



Dear Custer County residents,

'Cliffs Action Revitalization Team (CART) thanks all those that have volunteered for Ride the Rockies and those that have agreed to remain as part of a volunteer data base for other events. We are now reaching out to the residents of Custer County to be part of this data base. There are many events throughout the year and there could be more, but we need help.

If you are interested in helping, CART would love to hear from you. If you are interested please contact Yvonne Keyston at 719-371-5922 or ylkeyston@live.com. Many hands make the work load so much easier. The contact list would remain with CART, your contact information will not be shared.

Thank you
CART Board of Directors



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Obituary Charles "Chuck" Kastendieck

Memorial Services will be held Tuesday, June 9, at 4:00 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe for life-long Custer County resident Charles Melvin Kastendieck. 'Chuck' went to heaven to be with the love of his life, Phyllis, on Saturday, May 2, while vacationing with family in Wasilla, Alaska. He was 90 years old.

Mr. Kastendieck was born in Westcliffe on October 18, 1924, to Henry and Ethel Kastendieck (who were both some of the first German settlers to the valley) and graduated from Custer County High School in May 1942. Chuck later married his best friend and soulmate, Phyllis, and they celebrated sixty five years together in 2012. Phyllis was also a life-long Custer County resident and preceded him in death in December 2013.

Chuck was a World War II Veteran who served in the Army. Together, Chuck and Phyllis owned dairy farms in the Westcliffe valley and also in Cañon City; he worked at the Colorado Penitentiary in Cañon City and the CF&I in Pueblo; he owned his own meat cutting business; he and Phyllis were the owners of the 96 Cafe in Silver Cliff; and served as Silver Cliff Postmaster until his retirement. Chuck was active as



a member, elder and trustee of Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe; served as Silver Cliff Town Trustee; and was an avid fisherman and hunter. He was a successful hunter almost every year beginning in adolescence and spanning until bagging a bull and cow elk over the last two hunting seasons.

He is survived by four children: Vickie (Ken) Patterson of Westcliffe, Richard Kastendieck of Westcliffe, Mick (Lori) Kastendieck of Westcliffe, and Nickie (Roger) Sandefur of Wasilla, Alaska. Chuck was a Grandfather of 22

and Great Grandfather of 14 with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents (Henry and Ethel) and a brother, Chester Kastendieck.

Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, June 9 at 4:00 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe. Graveside services will immediately follow at Ula Cemetery. A dinner given by the family is scheduled at Lange Hall following graveside services. Those wishing to, may make memorial contributions to Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe.



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Ayn Rand

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The Hardscrabble Mountain Trail Run This Sunday

The 3rd Annual Hardscrabble Mountain trail run is set for this Sunday, June 7, 10 a.m. at the Bear Basin Ranch. There will be 5k and 10k races all on private land.

From the San Isabel Land Protection Trust's website:

This won't be your 'ordinary' trail race!

In addition to the rare opportunity to run on private, protected land, race-goers, and other guests will party down after the run during a post-race fiesta with beer, live music, prize drawing, and a delicious lunch. Guests are encour-

aged to bring their family, friends, picnic blankets, and chairs to enjoy a day celebrating land conservation at Bear Basin Ranch.

Let's run together to protect land, water, and wildlife in southern Colorado! All proceeds to benefit San Isabel Land Protection Trust.

The website notes that you may still register Sunday morning at the race site. The cost is \$45.

For more info please see: www.sanisabel.org/hardscrabble-mountain-trail-run or call (719) 783-3018.

*Let each of you look out
not only for his own interests,
but also for the interests of others.*

Philippians 2:4, NKJV

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Custer County Cares About Cancer *Golf Tournament*

Saturday, June 6th

**Two-round scramble golf tournament
at St. Andrews Golf Course**

1 mile north of Hwy 69 on Copper Gulch Rd. just north of Westcliffe
sponsored by the Custer County Cares About Cancer,
a non-profit organization.

First round sign-in at 7 a.m., start 8 a.m.;
Second round sign-in at 12 p.m., start 1 p.m.

**\$65 per golfer; dinner catered by Alpine Lodge
included. Silent auction includes Bronco tickets;
\$20 for non-golfers.**

Contact Julie Olomon (719) 269-8608



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Dear Custer County residents

‘Cliffs Action Revitalization Team (CART) is a 501(c) 3 formed in 2010 as a Colorado Main Street Candidate (CMSC) following the Eight Guiding Principles-Comprehensive, Incremental, Self-help, Partnerships, Identifying and capitalizing on existing assets, Quality, Change and Implementation. As a CMSC, CART works within Main Street Four Point Approach of: Organization-establishes consensus and cooperation by building partnerships among the various groups that have a stake in the commercial district; Promotion-takes many forms, but the goal is to create a positive image that will renew community pride and tell your Main Street story to the surrounding region; Design - means getting Main Street into top physical shape and creating a safe, preserving a place’s historic character, inviting environment for shoppers, workers, and visitors and Economic Restructuring - strengthen your community’s existing economic assets while diversifying its economic base. For more information on the Colorado Main Street Program please visit the website for Department of Local Affairs DOLA.

CART’s mission is to foster stewardship of our heritage, culture, history; promote a dynamic and prosperous business environment; and establish an inviting gathering place, preserving traditional downtown as the center of our community. We need your help. There are many projects that we could use your help in. If you want our community to be strong, vibrant and if you feel you can help in one of the above areas, please reach out and let us know. Please contact Yvonne Keyston at 719-371-5922 or ylkeyston@live.com to get more information on how you can help.

Per the CART bylaws the Board of Directors shall at all times include at least one representative from each of the following categories: Owners of property or business located in the Downtown Improvement and Revitalization District, and persons employed or living in the District. As you can see you can be part of revitalizing our community even if you live in the incorporated county.

Beckwith Ranch Casino Night to be Rescheduled

The Beckwith Ranch fundraiser, Cattlebaron’s, which was to be held on Saturday, June 13, has been canceled. “Unfortunately, we just didn’t have the ticket sales which would allow us to go through with the event,” Teresa Farish, Chair of the event and Friends of Beckwith Board member, shared.

The event team has been working to put the event together since January, the itinerary which was including two bands, The Frost Mountain Clan and 10W40, the best cowboy dance band in Colorado. “We want to thank all those who have supported the event with sponsorships, with over \$3,000 in funds collected. “The evening was featuring appetizers, a mac and cheese bar, barbecue dinner, and coffee bar by local resident and FOB Board member, Kathy

Drelling of Buffalo Gals catering, plus a full array of specialty cocktails, beer and wine, featuring Westcliffe’s own Sangre Distilleries.

Blackjack and poker tables were planned along with a full table in the Texas Hold ‘em players for the tournament. There were over 30 silent auction items donated including a \$1,000 luncheon for 20, nights lodging at Hillside Cottages and in Cripple Creek, antiques and cowboy collectibles, Vino Easel parties, a tea party for six at the Ranch, five pieces of original art by local artists, other artisan pieces, and much more.

“We’ve been focusing on the planning and preparations. We never thought we wouldn’t have the attendance that five years of the casino nights had until the Memorial weekend when

reality set in. We had only sold 17 tickets as of June 1st, and the last year of the casino night there were over 140 there supporting the Beckwith Ranch fundraising event.”

There has been an overwhelming positive reaction by those who have given to the June event to reschedule and the Cattlebaron’s event committee is considering that, possibly with an August or September date.

“So, stay tuned! We would appreciate hearing from everyone if you would like us to reschedule the event and if you would like to attend,” Teresa said. “We want to keep Beckwith Ranch as a viable historic jewel right here in Custer County. “Comments can be sent via the website, www.BeckwithRanch.org or mailed to us at Beckwith Ranch, PO Box 178, Westcliffe.

4-H Foundation Supports In-Depth Education for 4-H Members



The 4-H Foundation, a charitable organization that supports the needs of 4-H members and their families, has donated \$300 for Custer County students who will be attending a clinic in Fremont County right before the Custer County Fair, July 13-19.

Kirk Steerwalt, a well-known judge and trainer for lamb and steers, invited Custer County students to join Fremont County’s kids in time to take their fair animals to a higher level for the fair events.

Six Custer County youth signed up and will benefit from the foundation’s donation.

There is still time to participate in the upcoming clinic in Fremont County, July 9, 10, and 11, if a youth is a member of an existing 4-H club in Custer County. Call 719-783-7278 to inquire about a partial scholarship to this clinic, please call A Painted View Ranch at 783-9100 or e-mail mckenzie@apaintedview.com.

The 4-H Foundation depends on the families of 4-H members for support. This year at the fair, they are asking all families to donate a very nice baked item for the Bake Sale that takes place during the livestock sale Sunday, July 19. Please use the e-mail above for more information or to make a promise for a donation.

High on Art in the Wet Mountains

The Southern Colorado Watercolor Society (SCWS) in partnership with Sangres Art Guild (SAG) presents “High on Art,” a watermedia exhibition at 3rd Street Gallery, Westcliffe, Colorado. Show will run August 1-28, 2015

This exhibit unites a variety of Watermedia techniques and will be judged by

Westcliffe Artist Gerald Merfeld. Artist Reception Saturday, August 1, from 4-6 p.m. Food and beverages will be served.

Contact Info:
3rd Street Gallery
5900 N Hwy 69 Westcliffe, CO
Hours: Thurs-Mon 11-4PM
sangresartguild.com

*Judge not, that you be not judged.
For with what judgment you judge,
you will be judged;
and with the measure you use,
it will be measured back to you.*

Matthew 7:1-2, NKJV

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Laughter & Spies

Part of the West Custer County Library District's Summer Reading Program

The valley will be filled with laughter and dozens of stealthy secret agents next week as the West Custer County Library District's Summer Reading Program for all ages continues.

Adults can join in a wacky photo scavenger hunt around Westcliffe and Silver Cliff in which teams race to solve the clues using their detective skills. On-the-spot goofy team selfies will be all the proof they need to show they have discovered each secret destination. Gather for snacks, prizes and what promises to be a hilarious slideshow at the end. Interested participants will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 11 in the library's community room to get started. No pre-registration is required.

Teens will be having a major laugh attack in the library's community room during this week's "Just for

Laughs" event led by certified Laughter Yoga leader, Jacque Keller. It has been proven scientifically that 20 minutes of laughter is sufficient to develop full psychological benefits. The body does not know the difference between fake or real laughter, so students ages 11-17 are encouraged to "fake it 'till you make it." With regular practice, Laughter Yoga helps people develop a positive mental attitude, release stress, anger and negativity, and incorporates attitudes of forgiveness, generosity, and compassion. No special clothing or equipment needed for this afternoon of chortles and chuckles on June 10, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. No advanced sign-up is required.

Kids will enroll W.E.S.T., Westcliffe's Excellent Spy Training at this super stealthy, top-secret event "Project W.E.S.T.: Spy Academy". The future

007's will be learning bomb detection, code breaking, laser security evasion, and more on Thursday, June 11, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Custer County School Multi-Purpose Room. This event is open to children ages 0-10. No advanced sign-up is required, but cadets are advised to be prompt in order to participate in each training activity.

Children, teens, and adults who have not already signed up to earn prizes for keeping up with their reading and experiencing new things this summer can register at the library Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Summer Reading Program and all its events are free.

For more information, please call the library at 783-9138 or visit www.westcusterlibrary.org.

Club America Punch Card Discount

Get into the swim of things this summer at Club America aquatics and fitness center in Silver Cliff. For a limited time, the club is offering a discounted public swim punch card.

A youth, 10-visit, summer, public swim, punch card can be purchased for \$25.

Adults at least 18 years old can purchase a 10-visit, summer, public swim, punch card for \$70. Seniors at least 65 years of age can purchase a 10-visit, summer, public swim, punch card for \$60.

All summer public swim punch cards are valid through August 31, 2015. Public swim when a lifeguard is present is held Monday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. throughout the summer. The regular daily public swim rates are \$5 for youth, \$8 for adults, and \$7 for senior citizens.

For more information or to purchase a discounted summer public swim punch card, stop by the club. Hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Custer County OHV Ordinance As a reminder...

ATVs and UTVs are allowed on County Roads, subject to the provisions of the ordinance. Violations of those provisions will result in penalties, similar to motor vehicle violations; including fines and penalties payable to the Custer County Treasurer. Violators may also be required to appear in Custer County Court, wherein customary court costs may also apply. In part, the ordinance states:

- * **State Highways are NOT included in the ordinance.**
- * **Operators are required to be at least 16 and possess a valid motor vehicle driver's or operator's license.**
- * **The operator of the off-highway vehicle must be insured to the minimum level required by the State of Colorado for the operation of automobiles.**
- * **The off road vehicle must be properly registered and numbered with the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife and the current validation decal must be properly affixed to the vehicle.**
- * **No toboggans, sleds, or similar devices intended to be used for recreational purposes shall be towed.**
- * **The off-road vehicle must have at least one lighted head lamp and one lighted tail lamp; brakes, a muffler, and spark arrester.**
- * **No operation of off-road vehicles can occur between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.**
- * **All traffic ordinances shall be adhered to.**



2nd ANNUAL WESTCLIFFE

CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

(All Commissions go to Amish School)

Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 9:30 am

Rodeo Grounds in Westcliffe, Colorado



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GUNS: Winchester Model 12, 1912, 12 Gauge; Colt 38 Special; New Winchester's; More Coming; New Tanning Board/Hide Stretcher.

TOOLS: Dewalt Drill; Delta Table Saw; Craftsman Table Saw; Electric Stick Welder, Good Variety of Carpenter and Woodworking Tools; Cement Mixer with Honda Motor.

FURNITURE: Hand Made Quilts; New Dining Room Table w/4 chairs; Log Furniture: Poly Lawn Furniture; 2 Porch Gliders; Log Baby Crib; Nice Variety of Used Furniture; Like New Oak China Cabinet; Household Items.

ANTIQUES: US Cavalry Bits & Spurs; Ornamental Bear Traps; Wood Beam Plow; Cultivators; Ornamental Wheels; Singer Sewing Machine w/Stand; Carriage Lamps; Wrenches, Scythes; Milk Cans; Corn Planter; Egg Crate; Egg Basket; Copper Bucket; Copper Kettle; Cast Iron Cookware; Butter Churn; Slaw Cutter; Rug Beaters; Crocks; Criswald Waffle Iron; Sleds; Wood Planes; Cross Cut Saws; Sausage Stuffer; Oil Lanterns; Pulley; Hay Harpoons; Pepsi Tray; Punch Bowl w/Cups; Large Painting of Teton Mountains; Small Primitive Hutch; Whiskey Barrel; Ox Yoke.

This is a partial listing. Plan on selling in 2 to 4 rings. Lots more to come.

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\$2.00 and Under is Donated

Check In:

Friday, June 26th All Day and

Saturday, June 28th till 8:30 am

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joe Raber: Andy Hertzler:

Home: 719-783-2294 Home: 719-221-8626

Cell: 719-431-3137 Cell: 719-221-5052

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KIDS Friday, June 5, 2015

Remembering a Great General: George S. Patton

One of the greatest generals in all of military history, a true leader of men known for his fierce determination and skills, was American General George S. Patton. Born in San Gabriel, California, on November 11, 1885, he became one of the United States' most successful generals and played an important and decisive role in the Allied Operations in North Africa, Sicily, and Germany during the second world war.

Patton graduated from West Point in 1909 and competed in the 1912 Paris Olympics in the Pentathlon distinguishing himself by finishing fifth in a large field of competitors. In 1915 he saw his first military action on the Mexican border fighting against Francisco "Pancho" Villa. When the U.S. entered the first world war in 1917, Patton was sent to France and became an ardent supporter for the use of tanks which was a new invention. He quickly gained expertise in its effective use in war. In September 1918, he led 350 tanks in battle and won the Distinguished Service Cross for his bravery and heroism even after being shot in the leg during combat.

After the war he continued to work with tanks and develop aspects of tank warfare. When the United States entered the second world war in December 1941, Patton was assigned to North Africa. He was then a commanding general and with his flamboyant style was featured on the cover of *Time Magazine*.

In 1943 Patton was part of the Allied invasion of Sicily where he was very successful.

His most notable achievement was as Commander of the U.S. Third Army during the Battle of the Bulge. A small section of the U.S. Army came under siege in Bastogne, a small town in Belgium. Patton who was on the offensive in a different area turned his army and, under heavy German attack, successfully relieved the trapped American forces. It was hailed as a magnificent redeployment of troops in a very short time.

After the war Patton returned to America to a hero's welcome. Tragically, upon returning to occupied Germany to continue his service in December 1945 he died in a vehicular accident. A great military leader, Patton will always be remembered by his nickname "Blood and Guts" for his bravery and heroism.

by Fred Hernandez

Sangre de Cristo Sentinel • Westcliffe, Colorado

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE

The following is a list of all bills presented, audited, and ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Custer County, Colorado, from their respective funds at the regular meeting on May 29, 2015.

Custer County Payments for Airport Fund
Payments From May 1, 2015 Through
May 29, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ASCENT AVIATION GROUP INC	POS CHARGE	30.00
CENTURYLINK	SRV	104.88
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	DIESEL FUEL	29.15
DECKER/JACK	OFFICE SUPPLIES	21.20
DIVERSE DATUM WIRELESS	SRV	60.00
FAMILY DOLLAR	CLEANING SUPPLIES	10.75
NORUP GAS INC	SRV	70.00
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	SRV	49.69
	Final Totals	375.67

Custer County Payments for Capital Improvement
Fund Payments From May 1, 2015 Through
May 29, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
IPPOLITO/CHUCK	CAD SUPPLIES REIMB	318.28
UNITED REPROGRAPHIC SUPPLY	ASSR COPIER MAINT AGREE	81.00
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING	ASSR MAPPING COPIER	262.64
	Final Totals...	661.92

Custer County Payments for Conservation Trust
Fund Payments From May 1, 2015 Through
May 29, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
SCHULTZ/STEVE	CAL RIPKIN 2015 CONTRIB	3,000.00
VALLEY PARK REC & YOUTH CENTER	2015 CTF CONTRIBUTION	2,000.00
WET MOUNTAIN VALLEY ROTARY	2015 CTF CONTRIBUTION	3,000.00
	Final Totals...	8,000.00

Custer County Payments for Emergency Services
Fund Payments From May 1, 2015 Through
May 29, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	69.61
AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE	CN W/H	20.00
CENTURYLINK	OEM SRV	103.97
COLEMAN/CHRISTE	REIMBURSEMENTS	210.61
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	GARNISHMENT	510.54
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	4,853.51
QUILL CORP	OEM OFFICE SUPPLIES	400.85
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	100.00
	Final Totals	6,269.09
	Payroll...	10,181.94

Custer County Payments for Tourism Fund
Payments From May 1, 2015 Through
May 29, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ARTERBURN FINE ART	OHV BROCHURES INV 3399 A	332.08
BOURBON STREET PRODUCTIONS	VIDEO ADS PRODUCTION	2,999.70
CLEAR CHANNEL AIRPORTS	SEC DEP COS AIR CONTRACT	3,150.00
HOWARD/CINDY	APR/MAY CONTRACT WORK	606.56
MARCUM GROUP MEDIA	YRLY HOSTING RENEWAL	216.00
MOUNTAIN MAIL/THC	SUMMER ADVENTURE GUIDE	960.00
PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN	DAILY RECORD ADVEN GUIDE	850.00
WEISENBACH/ROBERT	SUPPLIES REIMB	280.28
	Final Totals...	9,394.62

Custer County Payments for Self Insurance Fund
Payments From May 1, 2015 Through
May 29, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
TASC	TASC ADMIN CG SHARE	130.95
TASC	TASC ADMIN RB SHARE	130.95
	Final Totals	261.90

Custer County Payments for General Fund
Payments From May 1, 2015 Through
May 29, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ALMOND/TIM	REIMB	113.78
ALTUS ENVIRONMENTAL LLC	WESTCLIFFE LNDFL	944.25
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	289.42
AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE	CN W/H	82.60
AT & T MOBILITY	SRV	899.53
ATTEBERRY/LYNN	REIMBS	154.97
CDPHE	ON-LINE CERTS	131.00
CDPHE	WESTCLIFFE LNDFL ANNUAL	1,000.00
CENTURYLINK	WETMORE FIRE/WCCL SRVS	439.10
CENTURYLINK	SERVICE	3,707.35
CLUB AMERICA WMV	MEMBER W/H	45.00
CORDANT HEALTH SOLUTIONS	DRUG TEST PROB CLIENTS	305.00
CRESTONE GRAPHICS	DEPUTY BUSINESS CARDS	50.00
CSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION	QRTLY CONTRACT YOUNG	3,325.00
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INS W/H	28,186.65
CUSTER COUNTY EXTENSION		760.46
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	SHERIFF FUEL	2,516.28
D & D PILOT CAR SVC	SHERIFF COMPONENTS	382.00
DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES		312.54
DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES	P & Z LEASE	174.19
EL PASO COUNTY	AUTOPSY FEE	1,330.00
EXPRESS TOLL	SHERIFF E 470 TOLL	16.85
EXTRA PACKAGING CORP	CORONER SUPPLIES	306.12
FAMILY DOLLAR	BLDG CLEANING SUPPLIES	64.40
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	GARNISHMENT	442.00
FRANK'S UPHOLSTERY	SHERIFF VEHICLE REPAIR	225.00
HENRICH/JAMES D	REIMB	55.43
HOLT FAMILY FUNERAL HOME	REMOVAL/TRANSPORT	275.00
IPPOLITO/CHUCK	REIMBS	133.45
KATTNIG/ROBERT (BOB)	REIMB	75.00
LANG/CHRISTINE	MILEAGE TO WETMORE MTG	27.50
LED5 LLC	CLERK SRV	1,022.50
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	64.75
LEHN/LISA	POSTAGE REIMB	1.63
MB POLICE EQUIPMENT	UNIFORM SUPPLIES	106.66
MCFARLAND OIL	LANDFILL FUEL	1,658.30
MITCHELL/BARRY	EPR RADIO REPROGRAMMING	350.00
MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING CO INC/THC	BOCC PUBLICATIONS	93.20
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	SHERIFF REPAIRS	1,014.10
NORDYKE/ARTHUR	CCA TRAVEL REIMB	150.00
NORUP GAS INC	LNDFL SRV	326.50
OAK DISPOSAL SERVICE	CRTHS DUMPSTER	44.00
OFFICE DEPOT	EPR SUPPLIES	57.97
OFFICE OF THE DIST ATTORNEY	PROF SRVS	6,909.92
PIQUETTE ENTERPRISES LLC	MAY ACCOUNTING	771.50
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE MACHINE QRTLY	775.89
POSTMASTER	PO BOX 209 RENTAL	114.00
PSYCHOLOGICAL DIMENSIONS P C	PSYCH EVAL POST CERT	200.00
QUILL CORP	P & Z SUPPLIES	450.00
RAINBOW PLUMBING	JAIL SINK ISSUES	100.00
RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLY	ASSR SUPPLIES	101.75
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	SHERIFF SRV	297.60

SAM'S CLUB	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	306.29
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	LANDFILL SRV	53.15
SBA STRUCTURES LLC	SITE RENTAL	131.00
SHY/CHRISTOPHER (KIT)	REIMB	75.00
SMITH/CLINTON A	PROF SRVS	2,110.00
STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	105.75
STATE OF COLORADO	MAY MVR DELIVERABLES	244.87
STATION/STEVEN	FUEL REIMB	25.00
STOLTZFUS/GAIL		159.00
SWARTZ/TIM	VSO CONF TRAVEL	114.29
SYMBOLARTS LLC	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	95.00
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	900.00
TONY'S MOUNTAIN PIZZA	VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION	1,052.18
TOTAL OFFICE SOLUTIONS	CLERK SUPPLIES	496.48
ULTRA MAX	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	1,182.00
US BANK	TRAINING ACCOM	377.10
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	GRNDS/BLDG SUPPLIES	222.39
WESTCLIFFE SUPER MARKET	JAIL FOOD	589.72
WET MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE	PUBLIC HEALTH AD	345.60
YOUNG/ROBIN	TRAVEL REIMBS	670.00
	Final Totals...	70,654.96
	Payroll...	92,729.82

Custer County Payments for Road & Bridge Fund
Payments From May 1, 2015 Through
May 29, 2015

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ACORN PETROLEUM INC	FUELS	3,838.00
AFLAC	AF W/H	39.90
AIRGAS INTERMOUNTAIN INC	WELDING SUPPLIES	638.22
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	555.12
AT & T MOBILITY	SRV	204.34
ATCO	BRAKE CLEANER	60.00
CASI COLORADO ASPHALT & EZ STREET COLD MIX		2,520.00
CENTURYLINK	WETMORE SHOP SRV	182.00
CENTURYLINK	WC SHOP SRV	395.43
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	10,145.58
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	REIMB	20.51
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	GARNISHMENT	546.00
GALETON GLOVES	SUPPLIES	844.70
GCR TIRES & SERVICE	TIRES	2,937.73
J J KELLER & ASSOCIATES INC	HAZ/SAFETY TRNG SUPPLIES	269.00
KNECHT HOME CENTER OF CANON	BULBS	23.94
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	MISC SHOP SUPPLIES	580.45
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	51.80
MAVERICK EQUIPMENT LLC	MISC FITTINGS	244.53
MCFARLAND OIL	FUEL	16,095.39
MHC KENWORTH	SPRINGS	1,328.08
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	MISC PARTS	3,613.99
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	SIGN SUPPLIES	1,024.69
NORUP GAS INC	SRV	20.18
QUILL CORP	OFFICE SUPPLIES	493.91
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	SRV	1,001.44
SNAP ON TOOLS	TOOLS	82.70
SSR AUTO SUPPLY INC	SUPPLIES	446.48
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	399.99
TRANWEST TRUCKS	VALVE KIT	103.07
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	SUPPLIES	469.97
WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO	MISC SUPPLIES	527.96
WESTCLIFFE PETROLEUM	PROPANE REFILLS	61.60
WESTCLIFFE SUPER MARKET	CLEANING SUPPLIES	56.55
WHITEHALLS ALPINE BG	244 FOR DIESELS	172.80
XEROX CORP	COPIER	45.84
	Final Totals...	50,021.89
	Payroll...	35,828.25

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

MAY EXPENSES

From page 10

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF CUSTER

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

Debbie Livengood
County Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Custer County Planning Commission will hold a workshop to review the updated Master Plan on June 8, 2015 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Custer County Court room.

The agenda is posted on the bulletin board located in the hall of the Custer County Courthouse. Copies of the agenda are available in the Custer County Planning and Zoning Office.

Anyone wishing to comment may do so at the workshop or by mail to Custer County Planning and Zoning Office, P.O. Box 203, Westcliffe CO 81252; by fax 719-783-9907; or by e-mail Jackie@custercountygov.com

Ordered published by
Vic Barnes, Chairman
Custer County Planning Commission

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 06-15

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

On April 1, 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):
Thomas Anderson and Amy Anderson
Original Beneficiary(ies):
Well Fargo Bank, N.A.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt:
Well Fargo Bank, N.A.
Date of Deed of Trust: October 18, 2012
County of Recording: Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: October 25, 2012
Recording Information
(Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.):
219950 Book: 702 Page: 283
Original Principal Amount: \$108,109.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$104,752.32

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.

NORTHWESTERLY 200 FEET OF MAMMOTH LODGE, SURVEY NO. 158A, LYING NORTHEASTERLY OF CUSTER COUNTY ROAD NO. 143, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LODGE FROM WHICH THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH,

RANGE 70 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., BEARS SOUTH 20°07' EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1695.2 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 21°18' EAST 200.00 FEET ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LODGE; THENCE SOUTH 68°42' WEST, 195.41 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE SAID COUNTY ROAD; THENCE NORTH 37°48'30" WEST 108.60 FEET ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LODGE; THENCE NORTH 68°42' EAST 254.68 FEET ALONG THE SAID LINE OF SAID LODGE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Also known by street and number as: 6398 CO RD 271, Westcliffe, CO 81252-8517.

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, 07/29/2015, 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.

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

Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 04/01/2015
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:

McCarthy & Holthus, LLP C/O Holly Shilliday,
7700 E. Arapahoe Road, Suite 150,
Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122
Attorney File # CO-15-661723-JS

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2011105

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to

LORETTA LYNN BEACH FLORES

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 18th day of November A.D. 2011, the then County Treasurer of the County of Custer, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Donald L Kaufman, the following described real estate situate in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

AN UNDIVIDED ONE-FOURTH (1/4) INTEREST IN AND TO THE MOUNTAIN BOY LODGE MINING CLAIM S#15331, THE PATENT FOR WHICH IS RECORDED IN BOOK 48 AT PAGE 272 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OF CUSTER COUNTY, COLORADO.

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Donald L Kaufman;

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2010;

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Loretta Lynn Beach Flores for said year 2010;

That said Donald L Kaufman, on the 21st day of April, 2015, the present holder of said certificate, (who) has made a request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said Donald L Kaufman at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on the 24th day of September, A.D. 2015, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 28th day of May, A.D. 2015.

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer

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PUBLIC NOTICE Custer County BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tentative Agenda
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015
9:00 AM

Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /Commissioners Room

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Approval of minutes:
Audience introduction
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
Map Preservation Update – C. French
Review of Ordinance 2015-2 Custer County Open Fire and Open Burn
Staff Reports: Airport Advisory Board, Public Health Agency, Office of Emergency Management,

See PUBLIC NOTICES
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Florence Pioneer Museum

The Florence Pioneer Museum is located at 100 East Front Street in Florence. Their objective is to collect, preserve, and interpret the rich, historical heritage of Florence, Colorado, the surrounding mining towns, and eastern Fremont County. The museum is open during the summer months on Tuesday through Saturday from 1 pm to 4 pm. There is no admission charge but donations are welcome.



PUBLIC NOTICES

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Human Resource/Finance, Human Services.

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

(audio recordings of the BOCC meetings are available for public review or purchase)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015
9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /Commissioners Room

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Approval of minutes:
Audience introduction
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Resolution #15-05 Implementation of the County Noxious Weed
Resolution #15-06 Vacating a Portion of Coronado Road
Executive Session
New/Old Business
- Colorado Division of Housing (CDOH) Single Family Owner Occupied (SFOO) Housing Rehabilitation Community Block Grant from UAACOG.
Staff Reports: CSU Extension, VSO, Treasurer, Planning and Zoning Report, Road and Bridge, Landfill/Recycling

10:30 AM PUBLIC HEARING
Vacating of a portion of Coronado Road, Conquistador Filing 1, running southwesterly from the south line of County Road 160 (Hermit Road) to the southeasterly line of Lot 8, Conquistador Filing 1 to the Coronado Road Owners Association. Resolution #15-06

11:30 AM FIRST READING Custer County
Open Fire and Open Burn Ordinance #15-02 –

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Custer County School District C-1
Special School Board Meeting
Admin Conference Room
June 5, 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 Hiring
6. Open Session - Action Items
 - a. Personnel Hires - Superintendent
 - b. Approval: Superintendent contract effective July 1, 2015 - as presented
7. Items Introduced by Board Members
8. Adjournment

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Custer County School District C-1
Regular School Board Meeting
Great Room - June 9, 2015 - 4:30 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. Consent Agenda
 - a. Acceptance: Minutes of regular board meeting on May 12, 2015
 - b. Acceptance: Minutes of special board meeting on May 22, 2015
 - c. Acceptance: Minutes of special board meeting

- on May 28, 2015
- d. Acceptance: Minutes of special board meeting on June 5, 2015
- e. Approval: MOU with South Central BOCES
- f. Approval: School district legal counsel - Caplan and Earnest
- g. Approval: School district financial auditor - Swanhorst and Company, LLC
- h. Approval: School district IT consultant - HMC
- i. Approval: School district health insurance broker - Golenda Insurance
- j. Approval: School District property, liability, and worker’s compensation broker - CB Insurance
- k. Approval: Public posting sites for BOE agendas (Admin Office, entrance by Great Room, Main School Office)
- l. Approval: Senate Bill 191 Assurances
- m. Approval: Student Handbook
- n. Approval: Letter of Intent to Participate in November School Board Election
- o. Acceptance: FY16 NCLB Funds
- p. Approval: CCSTAR Intergovernmental Agreement
6. Reports from Students/Staff
7. Reports from Public - Excellence in Education report
8. Board Committee Reports - Accountability Committee, BOCES, FFA, Legislative Update, Preschool Advisory
9. Action Items
 - a. Approval: Personnel Hires
 - i. Paraprofessional/Clinic Aide (recommended by superintendent Chris Selle)
 - b. Approval: Check Vouchers
 - c. Approval: Financial Reports
 - d. Approval: Policy JICDB (Extracurricular Code of Conduct) - third reading
 - e. Approval: Deletion of policy JICDC (Middle School Extracurricular Code of Conduct)
 - f. Approval: Deletion of policy JJD (Student Activity Fees)
 - g. Approval: Governor’s Interest Free Loan Program Resolution for FY16
 - h. Approval: FY16 Budget and Appropriation Resolution
 - i. Approval: Digital text pilot project for AP US History and 4th Grade Social Studies
 - j. Approval: Changes to bank account signature/ signature stamp
10. Principal’s Reports
11. Superintendent’s Report
12. Items introduced by Board Members
13. General Public Comment Session
14. Executive Session (If needed)
15. Adjournment

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Sheriff’s Report...

On the dates below there were 135 calls for service to the Sheriff’s Office, 4 to EMS and 1 to the Fire Dept. On June 2nd, there were 5 males and 1 female in the county jail.

05/27/15 15-02946
0104 hours: A deputy was dispatched to investigate a report of a suspicious person/vehicle in the parking lot of Cliff Lanes in Westcliffe. The party had run out of gas and was sleeping in his car.

05/27/15 15-02952
1049 hours: A deputy was dispatched to CR 118 to escort an officer of the Colorado Humane Society who was conducting an investigation.

05/28/15 15-0143
0623 hours: Party (Novak, Dru - DOB in 1996) was cited for speeding (10-19 over) near the 600 block of Main Street, in Westcliffe.

05/28/15 EMS
1343 hours: Responded to transport party to Parkview Medical Center.

05/28/15 15-0144
2133 hours: Party (Haga, Christopher - DOB in 1959) was cited for failure to stop at a posted sign near Franklin Street, in Silver Cliff.

05/29/15 15-147
0823 hours: Party (Mckeown, Barbara - DOB in 1948) was cited for speeding (80 in a 65 zone) at the 1.5 MM, Highway 96.

05/29/15 EMS
0825 hours: Call from the Custer County Clinic requesting an ambulance to transport a party to Parkview Medical Center.

05/29/15 CCSO
1630 hours: Custer County Sheriff’s Office, Fire, and

Medical personnel responded to an accident involving a diesel tanker carrying oil at the 18.5 MM, Highway 96. Hazmat crews and Flight for Life were also on scene to assist. Accident was cleared without further incident.

05/30/15 EMS
0745 hours: Medic 3 responded to transport a party to Parkview Medical Center.

05/30/15 15-0150
1322 hours: Party (Schlabach, Shawn - DOB in 1994) was cited for speed (10-19 over) in the area of County Road 241.

05/30/15 15-0151
1514 hours: Officers responded to an accident at 50 W. Main Street. No injuries were reported. A police report was taken. Nothing further at this time.

05/30/15 15-0153
1942 hours: Party (Conner,

Donald - DOB in 1977) was cited for driving while suspended, on Highway 69-North.

05/30/15 15-0154
2003 hours: Party (Jones, Car-ey - DOB in 1963) was cited for speeding (10-19 over) and driving with an open container (while not intoxicated), on Highway 69-South.

06/01/15 15-0157
0959 hours: Party (Thrun, Timothy - DOB in 1944) was cited for speed (10-19 over) on Highway 69-South.

06/02/15 15-0159
0638 hours: Party (Lopez, Kristie) was cited for speed (10-19 over and fictitious plates) on Highway 67

06/02/15 15-0160
0717 hours: Party (Loggitt, Tyler) from Williamsburg was cited for speed 10-19 over on Highway 96

6/02/15 15-0161
0719 hours: Party (Radway, Paul) was cited for speed 20 plus mile per hour on Highway 96

06/02/15 SAR
1235 hours: Pueblo County Dispatch received a 911 call of three missing hikers near Bishop’s Castle. The lost hikers were able to call 911 with coordinates. Search and Rescue was activated and located the hikers East of Bishop’s Castle. All three were okay.

06/02/15 SAR
1517 hours: Pueblo County Sheriff’s Office called to report another missing party between Beulah and Bishop’s Castle. Custer County Search and Rescue was in the area all ready so a search was conducted. The party was located by Pueblo County Sheriff’s Office in Pueblo County.

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Classifieds

Concrete

Driveways, sidewalks, and patios. Water diversion specialist. Over 30 years' experience. 429-0219.

For Sale

One pick-up truck and 1965 Ford, short-bed, modified; Antiques and miscellaneous for sale. Call 719-281-1210

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

Help Wanted

Help Wanted: Deputy Sheriff

Starting Salary dependent on experience. Applications always accepted. Applications available at 702 Rosita Ave, Westcliffe, CO 81252 or send an email to: cbarr@custercountygov.com Applications can be emailed.

**MUST BE POST
CERTIFIED AS A
LEVEL I OFFICER AT
TIME OF APPLICATION**

Deputy Sheriff
Job Description:

A Deputy Sheriff with the Custer County Sheriff's Office has many duties. A deputy for this office is responsible for the adhering to Statutory Requirements, traffic control, calls for service, livestock calls, wildlife calls, assisting any other emergency agency, civil service process, assist with jail operations, assist with court security and all other duties as assigned.

A deputy sheriff for this agency will be expected to arrive to work on time, work shift work, work holidays, work assigned shifts, occasionally work overtime and maintain a pleasant atmosphere for the citizens and staff they are in contact with. This office is an emergency service agency and lunch breaks are a paid working lunch and at times you may be expected to work through your lunch break. A deputy sheriff is required to stay alert to their surroundings and ready to respond to calls for assistance at all times.

Full Custer County Benefits are included in this job opening. These benefits include medical insurance, sick time accrual, vacation accrual and retirement.

The Custer County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for a fulltime Communications Dispatcher. This position is a full-time position with benefits. Hourly \$11.00. All applicants must: be able to pass a background check, work shift work, work holidays, be flexible with shifts, age 21 or over, no felony convictions, must be able to learn computer applications.

A dispatcher with the Custer County Sheriff's Office has many duties. A dispatcher for this office is responsible for the dispatching, communications and safety for the following county personnel: Sheriff Department (Deputies, Jail Staff, Posse Members & Search and Rescue), Medical (Ambulance Corp, Clinic Staff, Flight for Life), Fire Department, the County Coroner and Division of Wildlife. A dispatcher will also be required at times to monitor and communicate with National Law and the Custer County Road and Bridge radio traffic.

Please pick up applications at the Sheriff's Office, 702 Rosita Ave, Westcliffe, CO 81252. Questions please call or email Kristi Geroux at kgeroux@custercountygov.com 719-783-

2270. Applications must be submitted by July 1st.

HELP WANTED
Frontier Pathways Scenic Byway is seeking a temporary, part-time coordinator to manage a public outreach planning grant. For a full job description, email: kendrab@pueblochamber.net.

Real Estate

**Lori Kastendieck
Independent Broker**
Real Estate
Westcliffe Broker.com
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Serving buyers & sellers since 1982

Services

SEPTIC PUMPING
(719) 783-2747 or Cell (719) 371-3523 Please call Art Nordyke for your septic pumping and inspections.

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NORDYKE SANITATION

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

Town of Silver Cliff PRIDE CODE ENFORCEMENT NOTICE

The Town has given the residents three years to start bringing the exterior of their properties into compliance with the Pride Code.

Clean Up Day was May 9, 2015. This was a great opportunity to get started.

As of June 11, 2015, the Town will enforce the Pride Code and administer the fines as required. If a property owner feels they cannot meet this deadline, they may contact the Town Hall to arrange a suitable plan and timeline to bring their property into compliance.

Anyone needing a copy of the Pride Code can pick it up at the Town Hall at 612 Main Street in Silver Cliff on Monday - Thursday from 7 am - 5 pm or call 719-783-2615 and one can be emailed or sent to you.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in making Silver Cliff a better groomed community.

Please call 719-783-3360 or email sdc.sentinel@gmail.com to place your ad. The deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is Monday at 5 p.m. for that week's edition.

Events Calendar

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 - Contact Julie Olomon (719) 269-8608
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Wet Mtn. Valley Saddle Club "Work Party" with complimentary lunch for volunteers
6 p.m.-10 p.m.: Stampede Dinner/Dance Fundraiser at the Saddle Club - Contact Annie Kerns 783-2886
Tuesday, June 9
9 a.m.: Middle School Volleyball Camp: east gym
4:30 p.m.: Regular School Board Meeting: great room
Wednesday, June 10
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Westcliffe Farmers Market
12 p.m.: Middle School Volleyball Camp: east gym
6:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: A Taste of Shakespeare - A preview of the Shakespeare performances, meet the actors, and get an overview of the plays.

Thursday, June 11
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Sangre Art Guild Fine Art Show "Colorado Magic" at 3rd St. Gallery, 59000 N. Highway 69, Westcliffe
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.: OPERATION W.E.S.T. SPY ACADEMY; Location: Custer County School Multi-Purpose Room; Kids will enroll in W.E.S.T., Westcliffe's Excellent Spy Training, for an afternoon of code breaking, bomb detecting and more top secret espionage education.
6:30 p.m.: SNAPSHOT SAFARI; Location: West Custer Library Community Room; ADULTS: In this wacky photo scavenger hunt, teams race to solve the clues using their detective skills with on-the-spot goofy team selfies for proof. Gather for snacks, prizes and what promises to be a hilarious slideshow at the end.

Recurring Events and Business Hours

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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.: Jaminin' 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 Saddle Club. 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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Assemble at 9:15 AM, July 4th at the east end of Main Street (Hwy 96), Silver Cliff/ Westcliffe, CO at the open field just west of the Mining Company Diner (with convenience store and gas station). Look for the Southern Colorado Patriots assembly area (Gadsden Flags, Tea Party Flags, and guns, guns, guns). Plenty of places in town for breakfast and lunch. March is about one mile long, takes about 45 minutes. Short Rally at end of parade.

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Any questions email the Southern Colorado Patriots at SCPatriotsClub@aol.com or see the SCP website at scpatriotsclub.com.

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

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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

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Boy Scouts Meet for a Fun Farewell

by Barbara Penezic

Troop 128 met recently at the United Presbyterian Church in Cañon City for a photo op and the opportunity to say goodbye. The church fellowship hall is home for the Boy Scout troop and other youth group meetings. Scoutmaster Mike Abbott and adult leaders Sharon Haunschild and Dion Potter mentor these young people as they mature into young adults to become our future leaders.

Graduation is always a bittersweet time for families and for the graduating students who will now be leaving the ‘nest’ and beginning their solo flight through life. This is especially true for Scout Troop 128 as several of their members will be moving on to begin college or military careers. Among this group of amazing young men we have an aspiring pediatrician, a young man who may devote his life to the ministry, a new recruit for the CB’s, a branch of the Navy; so many hopes and dreams that will be fulfilled by young men who have already proven themselves to be responsible leaders during their years with the Boy Scouts. We ask for prayers for the families of these young men as they adjust to their new role as ‘parents of grown children.’



Pictured top: Boy Scout Troop 128; right: Scout Master Mike Abbott; above: in the center is Leader Dion Potter and his sons Fred on the right and Walter on his left.

Courtesy photos by John Penezic, Jr.



Orchard of Hope Renamed

by Charlotte Burrous

For 15 years, it’s been a tradition. This year, the Orchard of Hope Foundation is changing its emphasis from walking to more of a festive atmosphere. In addition, it also changed its name to “Festival in the Park,” kicking off with registration at 8 a.m., followed by opening ceremonies at 9 a.m., June 13th, in Veterans Park. “It’s a whole lot like what we did before,” said Sandi Allen, one of the founding members. “We’ll do the first lap just like we always do. We’re honoring our cancer champions and we’re doing a balloon ceremony (but) we’re putting the emphasis on fun stuff to do for the family and kids. If they want to walk, that’s fine.”

For children and the young at heart: hay rides, pony rides, a dunk tank, bungee, and a bounce house will be provided, as well as Dawson Ranch Stables offering carriage rides. In conjunction, the teams will provide kids’ games at each of their booths. During the day, Colorado Springs band Mass Transit will perform a variety of music, starting at 9:30 a.m., followed by Cañon City band Applewood playing classic rock and roll songs at 1:30 p.m. Around 3 p.m., the organizers will read the names and release the balloons to wrap up the festivities. No entry fee will be charged.

by Ashley R. Smith

As the weather warms up, watch out for rattlesnakes!

Coming across a rattlesnake is almost as alarming as being caught by Lucifer himself and often our first instinct is to eliminate it from the planet. It is at this moment, of being caught off guard, that we may discover what kind of person we really are. We don’t have time to moralize and debate. What we choose in a split-second says it all.

The poet D.H. Lawrence had such a moment one hot, hot, summer day when he confronted a venomous snake at a water trough:

*Being earth-brown,
earth-golden from the burning
bowels of the earth
On the day of Sicilian July,
with Etna smoking.
The voice of my education
said to me
He must be killed,
For in Sicily the black, black
snakes are innocent, the gold
are venomous.
And voices in me said, If you
were a man*

Rattlesnake Steak

*You would take a stick and
break him now, and finish
him off.
But must I confess how I
liked him*

Lawrence had to decide right then and there, should he “finish him off” or be honored by the presence of this earth-golden creature?

It might be worth knowing that of the 30 species of snakes found in Colorado only a couple are harmful to humans. Another interesting fact is that the Prairie Rattler can be the color green as well as golden. This tidbit of trivia came to me in the form of a green diamondback coiled up at a girls camp facility where I was a leader in Rye, CO. Why it didn’t quickly slither away from hundreds of giggling girls I’ll never know. Thank heavens they didn’t see him and start a screaming stampede!

It’s not unusual to hear of families finding and killing several rattlesnakes on their property each summer. One Penrose couple’s German shepherd was bitten by a rattler. As a result, they felt compelled to dispose of four additional rattlers by summer’s end to protect their small children.

It’s always sad, but if you must kill a snake, at least don’t overlook the tasty treat that awaits you. When my dad was a kid he and his father would go on an annual rattlesnake hunt. They’d catch them and cook them over a campfire. Another option is to buy rattlesnake meat from authorized and licensed online stores for anywhere from a whopping \$100-\$300 a pound.

Just think, you could have an expensive delicacy crawling around your backyard! People swear it smells exactly like frying chicken and once you smell the aroma you’ll quickly overcome your fear and “bite back!”

I highly doubt D.H. Lawrence considered hosting a wild game barbecue in his backyard when he spotted his visiting serpent at the water trough. Instead he says:

*And truly I was afraid, I was
most afraid, But even so,
honoured still more
That he should seek my
hospitality
From out the dark door of
the secret earth.*

To Lawrence, the creature was “like a god”. If you do come across a snake and find its presence a beautiful wonder, just stay calm and back up as quickly and quietly as you can.

So what did Lawrence choose to do in the heat of the moment? Did he heed the call of the “earth” and honor “one of the lords of life,” or did the voices make him act like a man and “take a stick and break him now, and finish him off”?

He did neither.

He picked up a stick, threw it without the intent to kill, and with regret he immediately “wished he would come back, my snake”.

What would you do? Cave into fear and become a killer? Take in the beauty of the passing moment? Or crank up the grill and get out the spices?

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The USA Freedom Act, Really?

Stories abound about how drones have been found hovering over people's heads while they are giving speeches and news conferences; looking in people's windows as they are getting dressed or using the bathroom; flying around backyards; at football games; and the list goes on. With the "selfie" generation and all the technology that can record everything that happens, Americans are faced with a government that has been monitoring our phone calls everyday, has the power to track persons not affiliated with terrorism, and can ruin someone's life with a mere suspicion. Doesn't sound too patriotic, does it? But this is part of the Patriot Act and it expired Sunday at midnight.

The government still has much in place to detect terrorists and try to stop them--if it will use its tools. With all the millions upon millions of phone records the government has collected, the most recent Texas terrorist attack wasn't thwarted, even though the terrorist was known to law enforcement. The Patriot Act didn't stop the Boston Marathon bombing either, or Fort Hood. We really do not know how these phone records played in preventing any number of terrorist attacks. But you can bet Americans have paid the price of the Patriot Act by the sheer number of innocents who have been harassed by the government trying to transfer funds to needy relatives or to ministries they support, no-fly mistakes, and the soft tyranny it has created.

Never fear, though. The Big Brother enthusiasts in the federal government and in Congress have a

plan to bring the Patriot Act back in full swing. It's been re-labeled and re-branded as the USA Freedom Act. While this act eliminates the illegal collection of your phone records by the government and allows some legitimate tools to fight terrorism, it is far from the implications of its moniker. Ultimately, all Americans are suffering a loss of freedom and their Constitutional rights because a terrorist sponsoring, slave trading, drug smuggling, civil rights suppressing, worldwide crime organization is masquerading as a religion and getting away with it. It is called Islam. It is antithetical to freedom and what is right.

Another path should be taken for fighting terrorism in America--that is, to crack down on Islam, a death cult that threatens the very security of every man, woman, and child. Moreover, it threatens the eternal security of all of its members. All Americans are adversely impacted by a minority that seeks to establish a Sharia world order and to kill all Christians and Jews who do not convert or submit. Its pretty clear. Islam's holy book says in Sura 8:12, "I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Therefore strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them" This is a far cry from Jesus who said in John 15:12, "This is my commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you." That is a real act of freedom.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
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So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

James 1:19, NKJV

Report: Colorado's Winding Road to Recovery

by Johsua Sharf, Co.WatchDog.Org.

(Editor/GG: Note the out-of-control state general fund spending increases between fiscal years 2010 to 2015: an astronomical 39%, 2nd highest in the nation. The Democrats' expansion of medicaid is also producing astounding spending increases. This will soon bankrupt Colorado (and many, even most, other states) within a short period as the feds reduce their contribution rates. Bottom line folks: it's a fiscal pipe dream that we can spend this much and not go bankrupt within the next decade. We are all responsible for this - you just can't blame these head-in-the-sand politicians. We voted them in.)

Since the recession, there is good news and bad news for Colorado's fiscal situation, made clear by a new set of visualizations, a product of the Pew Charitable Trusts States' Fiscal Health project.

In some ways, Colorado is outperforming other states' recoveries. But its problems mirror those in other states, as it fails to take advantage of the recovery to improve its long-term situation, forfeiting increased revenues and their potential for long-term stability.

Colorado's revenues have recovered faster than those of most other states. Colorado's quarterly tax revenues are currently 14.7 percent above the peak, pre-recession quarter. That ranks as the 4th-best in the country, behind only North Dakota (126 percent), Illinois (23 percent), and Minnesota (17 percent). As of Q3 2014, 30 states still had not passed their pre-recession peaks:

At the same time, Colorado as a whole, has some of the most volatile tax revenues in the country, ranking 6th in volatility.

Considering the volatility in its tax collections, Colorado was wise in the rejection Amendment 66 in 2013, which would have raised an additional \$1 billion a year by creating a two-tiered state income tax.

Colorado's overall Volatility Score is 8.4, with the sales tax at 12.1 and the state income tax at 9.0. Not only has the state's tax revenue recovered nicely without the increase, the upper tax brackets of incomes taxes are known to be more volatile than flat income taxes, and Colorado's income tax volatility already slightly exceeds its overall volatility.

Colorado also has one of the higher employment rates in the country, at 81 percent, but even that is not yet fully recovered to its pre-recession peak of 83.4 percent. Pew rates the drop as "not statistically significant," although we have previously noted Colorado's and Denver's lower labor force participation rates.

Where Colorado has stumbled is on the spending side, as spending has risen at a much faster rate than the rest of the country. Between FY2010 and FY2015, Colorado's general fund spending increased 39 percent, second

only to North Dakota, at a time when the national median decreased by 3 percent.

Colorado's increases are also not the result of a sharper bounce-back from a particularly steep drop. Stretching the time frame back to FY2008, prior to the recession, Colorado's spending has increased 25 percent, third in the nation.

As a result, the days-in-hand for the state's reserves have dropped from 66 in 2013 to an estimated 28 days in 2015. While this is within hours of the 15-year average from 2000-2014,

constitutional restrictions imposed by Colorado's Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR), it was controversial at the time. The fee was imposed on hospitals on a per-patient basis. Language in the law explicitly prevented hospitals from passing the additional cost along to patients, either in the form of a separate line-item or an increase in charges.

The classification of the fee resurfaced this year when, for the first time in many years, overall revenues increased enough to provide Colorado taxpayers with an expected average \$50 refund under TABOR. Senate

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it also represents a drop from 10th in the country to the middle of the pack, at 19th.

There may be sound reasons for not maintaining a massive reserve -- citizens don't like to see their government sitting on large piles of their hard-earned cash -- but such a steep drawdown, at a time when the state's leadership was crying poor, also requires an explanation. As a state with especially volatile tax collections, reserve funds take on an added importance.

Pew also looked at the states' Medicaid spending, and here, Colorado is also outgrowing the other states.

In FY2009, the Democrat-controlled state Legislature passed an easing of the qualifications for Medicaid beginning in 2012, in response to Obamacare, but the costs began rising almost immediately. Colorado's increase of 4.9 percentage points of state revenue (not including federal moneys), is the 8th-highest increase in the country.

Much of the expansion was funded by a hospital provider fee, also passed in 2009. Because the fee was seen by many as an end-run around

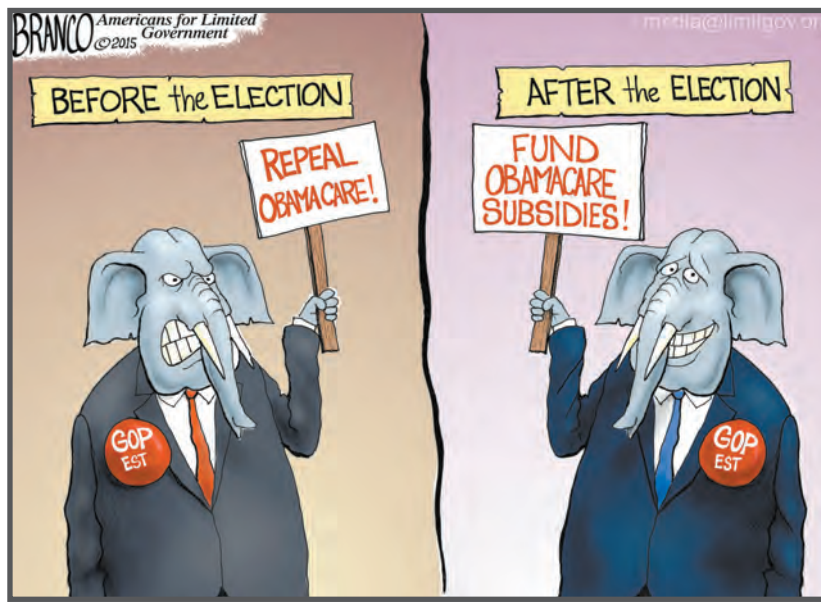
Republicans killed a proposal to reclassify the fee's proceeds, no longer counting them towards general fund revenue, and therefore no longer eligible to be refunded to taxpayers.

The increases prior to 2012 were largely driven by people losing their insurance through unemployment. Since 2012, the growth has been driven by the expansion in eligibility, which has significantly exceeded the state's original estimates.

The recently-passed FY2016 budget continues to increase Medicaid premium spending -- to \$2.51 billion, a 13 percent increase over FY2015's \$2.23 billion. That amount is spending from the general fund and from the cash fund supported by the hospital provider fee.

Overall spending is budgeted to rise to roughly \$25 billion, with roughly two-thirds of that coming from own-source revenue -- general funds and fee-based cash funds. General Fund spending will rise roughly 6 percent to about \$10 billion.

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Ten Thousand Commandments: Federal Regulations and Death of Middle Class America

by the Competitive Enterprise
Institute

(Editor/GG: Federal regulations cost about \$15,000 per household!!! You wonder why the middle class is disappearing. The more you work, the more the feds take. Both political parties are directly responsible for this - although Nobama and the libs have taken it to a whole new level in the last 6 years.)

Ten Thousand Commandments is the Competitive Enterprise Institute’s annual survey of the size, scope, and cost of federal regulations, and how they affect American consumers, businesses, and the U.S. economy. Authored by CEI Vice President for Policy Clyde Wayne Crews Jr., it shines a light on the large, growing “hidden tax” of America’s regulatory state.

The scope of federal government spending, deficits, and the national debt is staggering, but so is the impact of federal regulations, which now exceeds half the amount the federal government spends annually. Unfortunately, regulations get too little attention in policy debates because, unlike taxes, they are unbudgeted. They are also difficult to quantify because their effects are often indirect. In *Ten Thousand Commandments*, Crews compiles available data on regulatory costs and trends. By making the size, extent, and cost of Washington’s rules

and mandates more comprehensible, Crews underscores the need for more review, transparency, and accountability—for both new and existing federal regulations.

Highlights of the 2015 edition include:

- Federal regulation and intervention cost American consumers and businesses an estimated **\$1.88 trillion in 2014** in lost economic productivity and higher prices.
- If U.S. federal regulation was a country, it would be the world’s **10th largest economy**, ranking behind Russia and ahead of India.
- Economy-wide regulatory costs amount to an average of **\$14,976 per household** – around **29 percent of an average family budget** of \$51,100. Although, not paid directly by individuals, this “cost” of regulation exceeds the amount an average family spends on health care, food, and transportation.
- The “Unconstitutionality Index” is the ratio of regulations issued by unelected agency officials compared to legislation enacted by Congress in a given year. In 2014, agencies issued **16 new regulations for every law**—

that’s **3,554 new regulations** compared to 224 new laws.

- Many Americans complain about taxes, but regulatory compliance costs exceed what the IRS is expected to collect in both individual and corporate income taxes for last year—by **more than \$160 billion**.
- Some **60 federal departments, agencies, and commissions** have 3,415 regulations in development at various stages in the pipeline. The top six, federal rulemaking agencies account for **48 percent of all federal regulations**. These are the Departments of the Treasury, Commerce, Interior, Health and Human Services, and Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency.
- The 2014 Federal Register contains **77,687 pages**, the **sixth highest page count in its history**. Among the six all-time-high Federal Register total page counts, five occurred under President Obama.
- The George W. Bush administration averaged **62 major regulations annually** over eight years, while the Obama administration has averaged **81 major regulations annually** over six years.

Please see: <https://cei.org/10kc2015>

‘Free-Range’ Parents Win Reprieve in Maryland

by Blake Neff, *FreedomOutpost.com*

(Editor/GG: Welcome to the liberal police state where your children are not yours anymore.)

The right of parents to have their children walk by themselves received a boost in Maryland on Tuesday as two “free range” parents successfully vanquished an effort by the state’s Child Protective Services (CPS) to find them guilty of child neglect.

Danielle and Alexander Meitiv, who live in the D.C. suburb of Silver Spring, had their lives turned upside down in December after police stopped their children, 10-year-old Rafi and 6-year-old Dvora, while they were coming back from a park about a mile from their home. Even though the children told police they knew where they were and how to get

home, the police picked them up and drove them home, then notified CPS of the incident. Later, officials from CPS told the Meitivs they could no longer let their children go out unaccompanied and that if they defied this order they could lose custody.

Initially, CPS found the Meitivs responsible for “unsubstantiated neglect,” which would allow them to keep tabs on the family going forward, but Tuesday it was announced that through an appeal the Meitivs have been able to get the ruling changed to “ruled out,” effectively an acquittal.

“What we’re hoping this means is that they recognize we never should have been on their radar,” Danielle Meitiv told the Washington Post. “Nothing we have done should have triggered an investigation.”

The reversal may have been partly influenced by political pressure. In April, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan questioned CPS’s practices regarding the Meitivs, and said he hoped a “thorough investigation” would be made of their methods to avoid excessive meddling in families’ lives.

The Meitivs practice “free range” parenting, a strategy that gives children a great deal of personal autonomy and freedom of movement so that they have the opportunity to explore the world on their own terms.

The Meitivs aren’t out of the woods yet, however. While the initial case has been dropped, they are also under investigation for a separate incident in April, when their children were once again detained by police, this time for over five hours, for being at a park by themselves.

However, even with that case unresolved, the Meitivs are moving ahead with plans to sue Montgomery County’s police and child protection services. Even if they go free, the Meitivs say they are worried other families will face harassment from the state for the same decisions.

“We fear that our family and other Maryland families will be subject to further investigations and frightening police detentions simply because our and their children have been taught how to walk safely in their neighborhood including to and from school and local parks,” Danielle said in a statement, according to CNN.

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Hastert vs. Hillary: Justice for One Side Only

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

(Editor/GG: *As the noose tightens on America, the U.S. Department of "Justice" and their minions become more and more radicalized. The IRS felons (e.g., Louis Lerner), the bankers who literally steal 100's of billions of dollars, and the corrupt democrat politicians go unpunished while the statists prosecute Christian bakers. It is only the beginning. But don't get me wrong about Hastert, if he did what some news outlets are suggesting, he should be severely punished.*)

There's a double-standard here and it is at the core of much of what I find disgusting about modern politics.

Federal prosecutors indicted former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert last Thursday on charges he allegedly hid payments he made to an apparent blackmailer in order to compensate for and conceal "prior misconduct."

The 73-year-old Illinois Republican is accused of structuring the withdrawal of \$925,000 in cash in order to evade the requirement that banks report cash transactions over \$10,000.

He is also accused of lying to the FBI about the withdrawals.

The crime involved withdrawing nearly a million dollars in amounts under \$10,000 at a time so as to avoid triggering cash reporting requirements (which is a crime) and then lying to the FBI about it when questioned.

Well, yeah, if you're paying someone off and the point is to avoid disclosure of something then telling the FBI what it is and who it is sort of blows that idea up, doesn't it?

So let's leave aside the indictment for a minute and delve into what's going on at the core of this event.

The information we do have strongly implies that the "misconduct" has something to do with Hastert's life and activities before he became Speaker and is probably related to something long in his past.

In other words it might be something like an affair or similar -- or it might be worse. Maybe quite a bit worse.

Now here's where the problem comes in.

A Republican who gets

"caught" in such a thing, even if it dates long before he or she was in office and is purely-consensual and adult in nature is utterly screwed but, when it's a Democrat, it literally doesn't matter what the offense is. I point directly at Bill Clinton who was not only accused of he was caught repeatedly diddling various people and was accused of various acts of rape (Juanita Broderick anyone), never mind the more-recent allegations related to Bill Clinton and Epstein. Or shall we talk about Teddy Kennedy and Chappaquiddick for a minute and the fact that there was never any account rendered of exactly what happened that night?

Did Clinton's repeated, serial, and blatant sexual misconduct (at least toward his wife and maybe toward society) cost him his office? Nope. Did it result in him being "blackmailed"? Someone might have tried but if they did his response appears to have been along the lines of "go ahead and blow it out to the press; nobody gives a d**n because I'm a Democrat."

Similar allegations are out there regarding Hillary in this regard, particularly when it comes to Bill's ex-

ploits and her alleged active role in covering them up, including allegations that she assisted in covering up those alleged rapes. Never mind her own alleged exploits of which there are many alleged in the extramarital screwing around department.

Bill and Hillary are not the only Democrats who seem to be immune to any sort of allegation of wrongdoing when it comes to the press and the public. Heck, Marion Barry (D), now deceased, got caught smoking crack on video by the FBI and, I might add (and which the press and democrats ignore) propositioning an ex-model for sex even though he was married and yet, despite going to prison for smoking said crack, he was re-elected as Washington D.C.'s mayor! While virtually everyone knows he got caught smoking crack how many members of the press made a big deal out of the fact that he was caught on tape propositioning an ex-model for sex while doing so and was married at the time? I'll answer that for you: Zero.

I was never impressed with Hastert. If what's alleged is true then I'm a lot less-impressed now, but I'm also not impressed with the

alleged victim, particularly given that it appears he decided to try to make a bunch of money off those events after intentionally sitting on them for a very long time (almost-certainly long enough for the statute of limitations to expire). Instead of trying the case in a courtroom where it belonged -- and where the evidence could be heard and adjudicated by a jury, never mind the effect this decision had of leaving Hastert in a position of great political power.

But beyond the fact that there's no reason to believe Hastert didn't earn the money he was withdrawing legally (and thus making it a crime to do whatever, whenever, and however he wishes with it

is outrageous on its face) the fact remains that this double-standard between Republicans and Democrats is something that nobody wants to take on -- yet we all should and in fact must insist that it dissolves.

We can start that process, by the way, with Hillary Clinton.

PS: Isn't it against the law to blackmail someone? I do believe it is, and that's typically a felony, too... so where's the indictment against the guy who was allegedly blackmailing Hastert?

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Radical Fashion: Prairie Dog Liberators Now Selling T-Shirts

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: *I swear I saw two top Custer County Democratic Party commissars wearing these t-shirts last week on Main Street. Walking tall. Westcliffe Town Board: Proceed with caution with this jihad against our P-Dawg brothers and sisters. They can bite.*)

Secretly dream of becoming a radical ecoterrorist and seeing your name on the FBI's most wanted list, but you just don't have the wardrobe?

Well, now you can!

Those crazy Castle Rock kids who think it's cool to wear clothing fashioned after arsonists are now selling their "Prairie Dog Liberation Front" t-shirts online.

The t-shirt is sponsored by the WildLands Defense Action, which appears to exist only as a Facebook page with

more than 650 followers.

Available in black, white, green, or our favorite, purple, the t-shirt features an illustration of prairie dogs sporting machine guns with bandoliers stretched across their chests.

We told you about this critter liberation movement last month after an opponent of the Castle Rock mall proudly displayed one of the shirts at a town council meeting.

We also reminded you that the name is an off-shoot of the Animal Liberation Front and Earth Liberation Front, both characterized as "terrorist threats" by the FBI that have committed more than 600 criminal acts resulting in damages of \$43 million dollars. The Earth Liberation Front is the organization responsible for the arson on Vail Mountain in 1998 that caused \$12 million in damages.

The prairie dog liberators weren't amused with our last post.

This is what they have to say on their t-shirt page:

"WildLands Defense Action is unaware of any militant prairie dog colonies nor have we encountered any individual renegade prairie dogs who have taken up arms. In the event that WLD Action is approached by any faction of militant and/or guerilla prairie dogs asking for support of any prairie dog insurrection, I am confident our board would abstain from extending material support."

Classy.

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The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand

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Bloody Baltimore Shows What Happens When You Trade Essential Liberty for Temporary Safety

by Bob Owens,
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(Editor/GG: This is the liberals end-game: no guns for us peasants and the cops can't do their jobs. Maryland is a hard-core, full-on, liberal, democrat state and Baltimore is their Moscow. It is a liberal "show-case" where the left-wing rul-

ing elite oversee a completely state dependent underclass. This is what happens when they take full control. Our Democrats in Colorado are no different (especially our little lovelies here in Custer County) than their collectivist brothers and sisters in red (that is, commie red, folks) Maryland. They hate cops, especial-

ly our constitutionally minded sheriffs, and are doing everything they can to incrementally steal our guns from us. They just don't have the numbers here yet in Colorado.)

This is what the top of the Drudge Report looks like right now, at 7:30 p.m. on a Thursday.

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**BALTIMORE...
RESIDENTS FEARFUL
AMID RASH OF HOMICIDES...
CITY GETS BLOODIER...
7-Year-Old Boy, Mother
Fatally Shot In Head...
Police Say Mobs Gather
Around Officers When
Responding to Calls...
MD Sheriff: Cops 'have
been eviscerated, disem-**

**boweled'...
AUDIO: Police Commissioner
Privately Apologizes
To His Officers...
'People Have Given Up
On Us'...**

The body count continues to grow in Baltimore, with a 31-year-old mother and a seven-year-old boy becoming the 37th and 38th murder victims of May

today. It hasn't been this bloody in Baltimore since November 1999, during the Clinton Presidency, and we still have several more days remaining in the month.

Arrests have now declined by more than half as po-

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Europe's Strict Gun Control Had Done Nothing to Stop Jihadists

by AllenWest, AllenBWest.com

We continue to fight against the progressive socialist left's assault on the second amendment. Just yesterday we reported how the ATF and EPA are seeking to constrain ammunition supply as a means to gun control. After all without ammunition a handgun is just a hammer and a rifle is nothing more than a bat.

But here's something the Bloombergs of the world won't address or accept — when guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns.

And that's apparently what's happening across the Atlantic. As reported by the *Washington Post*, "Europe, a continent long known for the rarity of gun violence, is confronting twin challenges that give the issue sudden urgency: a growing population of radicalized young men (meaning Islamic jihadists) determined to strike targets close to home, and a black market awash in high-powered weapons.

The problem has been rendered vividly in recent weeks by a pair of deadly assaults that each paralyzed a European capital. In Paris and Copenhagen, the attacks were carried out by former small-time criminals turned violent extremists (meaning Islamic jihadists) who obtained military-grade illicit weapons with apparent ease.

In Denmark, handguns and semiautomatic rifles are all but banned. Hunting rifles are legally available only to those with squeaky-clean backgrounds who have passed a rigorous exam covering everything from gun safety to the mating habits of Denmark's wildlife. But if you want

an illicit assault rifle, such as the one used by a 22-year-old to rake a Copenhagen cafe with 28 bullets on Saturday, all it takes are a few connections and some cash."

So I just have to ask, in this time of clear and present danger from domestic Islamic terrorism, why would any government seek to turn its countrymen into targets and sheeple? And I must inquire, why is it that we're allowing Islamic terrorist training facilities here in America — another example of political correctness?

It seems the Obama administration is too focused on "separatist militia" groups instead of a more evident threat — yeah, I know, Timothy McVeigh, the poster child of the left for "right-wing" domestic violent extremism.

But go back and think about the attack on the young British Soldier, Lee Rigby, just outside his military base. He was attacked by two Nigerian Islamic jihadists who hacked him to death while onlookers watched and actually used their video phones to record the post murder rhetoric of the savage barbarian assailants. Do you think this could have happened outside a U.S. military base? I would say no because of concealed carry and our Second Amendment.

However, it did happen — on our military installations, because we don't allow troops to be armed, not even designated members of leadership. Therefore at Ft. Hood and the Naval Yard in D.C. our troops were gunned down with no capability to defend themselves. As a matter of fact, in both instances it was civilian police who shot the attackers.

The *Washington Post* says "Eu-

ropean leaders have made tighter controls on weapons trafficking a priority in recent weeks, following the killing of 17 people in Paris by three attackers. The shootings in Copenhagen this past weekend, which left two people dead, raised the ominous prospect of copycat attacks across Europe. In the case of the Paris attackers, they were able to obtain an entire arsenal: AK-47 assault rifles, pistols, a Skorpion submachine gun, and even a rocket-propelled-grenade launcher. All of it was purchased in Brussels for about \$5,000, according to Belgian media reports.

But beginning with attacks in the French city of Toulouse in 2012 that left seven people dead, guns have also become the weapon of choice for Islamist terrorists in Europe. That's a shift from the last decade, when bombs were used in mass-casualty attacks on transit systems in London and Madrid. The new tactics may reflect the lone-wolf nature of the recent assailants, who seem to have operated with relative autonomy and not as part of centrally directed terrorist plots."

So the question has to be, if the Islamic jihadists are changing their tactics, what has to change to meet them, create a superior firepower and instill fear in them?

We all know that success on the battlefield is given to those who adapt and show strategic and tactical flexibility. If you don't adjust to defeat the enemy, you lose.

We can ill afford to play a catch up game against this determined enemy who is emboldened and seemingly fearless — all because we're not turning the tables on them. Europe can no longer al-

low its people to be sheep when the wolves are freely roaming the woods. No, this is not about overreacting, but they do need to reassess their gun laws and see where the constraints can be relaxed.

And there is a very distinct pattern developing — something I also presented on a Fox interview last week Saturday with Judge Jeanine Pirro — "the use of guns has enabled terrorists to pick their victims more precisely. In Paris and Copenhagen, the targets were the same: cartoonists, police officers, and Jews. Guns have also been the weapon of choice in other recent lone-wolf attacks carried out in Ottawa and Sydney, suggesting the problem is hardly limited to Europe."

So, no more gun control agenda in America! As a matter of fact, we should be sharing our best practices with the rest of the world, especially Europe which is threatened by "sharia controlled zones" — where Islamic jihadists are finding sanctuary right under our noses.

In closing, I'd just like to share with you some quotes of the Founding Fathers on the Second Amendment:

"A free people ought not only to be armed, but disciplined..." — George Washington, First Annual Address, to both House of Congress, January 8, 1790

"No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms." — Thomas Jefferson, Virginia Constitution, Draft 1, 1776

"What country can preserve its liberties if their rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance. Let them take arms."

— Thomas Jefferson, letter to James Madison, December 20, 1787

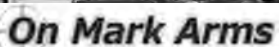
— "To disarm the people...[i]s the most effectual way to enslave them." — George Mason, referencing advice given to the British Parliament by Pennsylvania governor Sir William Keith, *The Debates in the Several State Conventions on the Adoption of the Federal Constitution*, June 14, 1788

— "Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed, as they are in almost every country in Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword; because the whole body of the people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops." — Noah Webster, *An Examination of the Leading Principles of the Federal Constitution*, October 10, 1787

— "Besides the advantage of being armed, which the Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation, the existence of subordinate governments, to which the people are attached, and by which the militia officers are appointed, forms a barrier against the enterprises of ambition, more insurmountable than any which a simple government of any form can admit of." — James Madison, *Federalist No. 46*, January 29, 1788

And then there's the quote from yours truly: "**An armed man is a citizen; an unarmed one is a subject.**"

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Affordable Care? Connect for Health Colorado Fees Will More Than Double Next Year

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Hey, liberals. Good job. The more money you suck out of our wallets the more you like it. As expected (by sane people), the disaster that is the Colorado Obamacare Health Exchange needs to DOUBLE its budget in one year alone in order to continue to provide its horrible grade of service: from \$26 million to \$54 million which will come directly from every citizen that has any kind of health insurance policy.)

As nearly \$200 million in federal subsidies to Colorado's Obamacare Exchange are scheduled to sunset next year, the shortfall created by this change will be shouldered by the participants of Colorado's government-run plan, making their annual health insurance costs even more expensive. And, to be clear, this increase has nothing to do with the increase in insurance premiums that will occur next year. Colorado will get those numbers at the end of May.

Last week, the Board of Connect for Health Colorado lowered the boom, and more than doubled the fee assessed to people buying plans through the exchange, from 1.4% to 3.5% of a participant's annual premium. That fee will help Colorado's Obamacare exchange to support its operations. In the short time that Colorado's exchange has been in

operation, the estimated annual costs to run Connect for Health Colorado have exploded from \$26 million to \$54 million. Sound familiar?

The exchange is also increasing an assessment applied to private health insurance plans in the state by increasing the monthly fee to every person who has private health insurance in Colorado, from \$1.25 per month to \$1.80 per month, beginning next year.

In addition to hitting middle class Coloradans squarely in the wallet, these changes also will drive away the marginal purchaser and some young healthy people who cannot or will not afford to pay for insurance. But this is just one of several headwinds for the state's ill-planned Obamacare delivery mechanism. In just the past month, Connect for Health Colorado experienced the loss of its Chief Technology Officer and the withdrawal of the person named as finalist for the CEO position.

Hopefully, the Obamacare tire fire will not affect the delivery of healthcare to Colorado families, but we somehow cannot believe that will be the case.

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lice strike a defensive posture, having been thrown to the wolves by a city government pandering to the criminal underclass who elected them over the still-unexplained death of Freddie Gray.

Officers are reported to be swarmed by hostile mobs if they dare respond to calls, in a city that is on the brink of a full failure of civility. Therefore, they tread cautiously, and only with support. Their presence has concentrated. Criminals have noticed the gaps, and are swarming them like gnats to a seeping wound.

"I'm afraid to go outside," said Antoinette Perrine, whose brother was shot down three weeks ago on a basketball court near her home in the Harlem Park neighborhood of West Baltimore. Ever since, she has barricaded her door and added metal slabs inside her windows to deflect gunfire.

"It's so bad, people are afraid to let their kids outside," Perrine said. "People wake up with shots through their windows. Police used to sit on every corner, on the top of the block. These days? They're nowhere."

West Baltimore residents worry they've been abandoned by the officers they once accused of harassing them, leaving some neighborhoods like the Wild West without a lawman around.

"Before it was over-policing. Now there's no police," said Donnail "Dreads" Lee, 34, who lives in the Gilmer Homes, the public housing complex where Gray, 25, was chased down. "People feel as though they can do things and get away with it. I see people walking with guns almost every single day, because they know the police aren't pulling them up like they used to."

It's almost amusing.

Many of the same people who called the police murderers and monsters and accused them of a long string of abuses just weeks ago, are suddenly finding out what happens when they succeed in driving the police out of their neighborhoods.

The good people and petty criminals alike are suddenly discovering what it feels like when Johnny Law isn't there to protect them from psychopaths and sociopaths that roam the streets.

Put bluntly, they have the communities that

they deserve.

Anti-gun Democrats elected by these nimrods have all but disarmed the law-abiding in Maryland. An absurd "may issue" permitting scheme ensures that it is nearly impossible for an average citizen to obtain a concealed carry permit to defend himself or herself outside the home, ensuring that the only people on the streets these days with guns are criminals.

Even in your home, Maryland's anti-gun, anti-self-defense Democrats have made it almost impossible to defend your family. This is the insane state that charged U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Matt Pinkerton with second degree murder for not calling 911 while he and his guests were being charged by a home invader. (It finally took the intervention of a judge to throw the charges out before the case went to trial.)

Baltimore's residents specifically, and Maryland residents, in general are seeing what happens when you trade essential liberties for the illusion of temporary safety.

It's not looking like such a good trade now, is it?

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The Damage Is Done: EPA's Illegal Lobbying Cinches Water Grab, Bennet MIA

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Thank you, democrats, for turning my land into the federal government's land. Don't underestimate the impact of this tyranny: we are talking about EPA and other federal statists telling you directly what you can do to that little gully next to your house. Or that mud puddle in the driveway. We're talking about them inspecting your property without a warrant, of throwing you in jail if you don't comply. Folks, we know the democrats love this federal control over our lives, but the fact is the republicans could have stopped this at budget time this year. Nope, they fully funded the EPA. And these are the people we voted for! With republican majorities in both the U.S. House and Senate its the same old song. We have been LIED to by the republicans. Trying to work within the republican party is NOT working. It is time for a new political party. Our U.S. House representative Scott Tipton has been VERY disappointing and our new U.S. Senator Cory Gardner has apparently shown his true colors with his backdoor vote to approve the extreme left-wing new U.S. Attorney General, Lynch who will continue ex-A.G. Holder's reign of corruption and fascism. We need to move to Plan B fast...)

Like the wicked weather of late ripping across the mountains and plains of Colorado, Washington's water grabs seem to be endless.

Oh, look, here comes another one now — it's going to

regulate seasonal streams popping up all over the state and running through private property. Also on the EPA's hit list are ditches, ranch and farm ponds — if it's bigger than a mud puddle, the EPA say it impacts all U.S. waters giving them jurisdiction to enforce federal pollution laws.

The good news is the public LOVES these new regulations! We know, because the *New York Times* told us all about how the Obama administration spent a ton of our tax dollars to illegally lobby the public to support this catastrophe.

Gina McCarthy, the agency's administrator, told a Senate committee in March that the agency had received more than one million comments, and nearly 90 percent favored the agency's proposal.

But critics say there is a reason for the overwhelming result: the E.P.A. had a hand in manufacturing it.

In a campaign that tests the limits of federal lobbying law, the agency orchestrated a drive to counter political opposition from Republicans and enlist public support in concert with liberal environmental groups and a grassroots organization aligned with President Obama.

Also loving the feds coming into our backyards to inspect our ditches are U.S. Reps. Diana DeGette and Jared Polis. In her typical Orwellian fashion, DeGette said the rule would "provide certainty for businesses and agriculture."

No more guessing! Now, they're CERTAIN it will

cost them a bundle to wade through the new red tape!

U.S. Senator Cory Gardner called the new rule exactly what it is — "a massive expansion of federal power and puts the EPA in the ludicrous position of acting as the main regulator of ponds, ditches, and even intermittent streams across the country."

U.S. Senator Michael Bennet is so far avoiding the controversy, as usual. The National Republican Senatorial Committee had to issue a statement urging Colorado's senior senator to stand up to the Obama administration and denounce the EPA's rule, but still no word from Bennet's D.C. digs.

"Senator Michael Bennet continues to cave to radical environmentalists at the expense of Colorado farmers and workers," said NRSC spokesman Matt Connelly. "It's time for Senator Bennet to stand up to the EPA on the Waters of the United States rule and actually put Colorado first for once instead of focusing on supporting President Obama 100 percent of the time."

We're not holding our breath. Bennet is so busy running for re-election and signing onto every random bill and letter that his Democratic colleagues demand, he doesn't have time to actually stand up for Coloradans, or their water.

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Can You Buy Arms Approval?

By Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

(Editor/GG: How corrupt is American politics today? The fact that the Clinton's, literally career criminals, are the cream of the democratic party tells it all. The level of criminality, corruption, and arrogance that IS the Clintons and the fact that it is accepted by the media, the government and the cool-aid drinking sheep that are the democrats tells it all. The Clintons put the mafia, the South American cartels and the Russian mob to shame.)

Maybe.

State approved \$165 billion worth of weapons sales to 20 foreign governments during Clinton's tenure, the *International Business Times* reports. Among the countries involved in the sales were Algeria, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

The Clinton Foundation received between \$54 million and \$141 million in donations from the foreign governments and defense contractors involved in those sales, the report says.

How is this sort of thing legal?

One has to wonder how we have arrived at a point in this nation where you can have a Secretary of State who *while in office* has their own "family foundation" with a former President running around giving speeches "for the

foundation" at a half-million dollars a crack *and which accepts donations from foreign entities that potentially, and in these cases actually do, have questions of national policy before The State Department!*

We've always had a "revolving door" in Washington, D.C.; people working for The Fed go to investment firms (Bernanke anyone?) Treasury secretaries do the same thing (Geithner anyone?) and various representatives and senators have for decades gone on to work for lobbying outfits and those with business before the Congress.

But this is different; those acts happened after said person left their office. It is unprecedented to have a major sitting policy official running their own "foundation" that accepts donations from entities with business before the department they represent or head.

How this isn't **blatantly** illegal is beyond me but what's even worse is that now, with all of this out in the open **there is still a "desire" among certain people to actually have the person who appears to have sold our nation's interests for private gain elected as President of the United States!**

Have you lost your mind?

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Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim

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

Southern Colorado natives, Jim and his wife, Linda, were happy to return to their home state in 2006. They started the Huerfano Community Bible Church in Walsenburg six years ago, and that work has experienced excellent growth and

the blessings of God. Pastor Modlish believes the Bible is the greatest political science textbook on earth, and that all current events should be examined under the searchlight of Scripture.



The Worst of Depravity

The barbaric behavior of Muslim terrorists must be very perplexing to modern intellectuals and liberal theologians who all subscribe to an evolution of goodness within humanity. Torture, beheading, the brutalization of women to the extent of capturing and selling sexual slaves, and other abuses too graphic to print fly in the face of the alleged "little spark of goodness that abides in everyone." Perhaps the best bastion of safety for the cerebral snobs would be their old friend John Dewey, the acknowledged father of modern, progressive, American education who said, "There is no God, and there is no soul. Hence, there are no needs for the props of traditional religion. With dogma and creed excluded, then immutable truth is also dead and buried. There is no room for fixed natural law or permanent moral absolutes."

There you have it...social metamorphosis is temporarily plateaued but we must have faith no matter that contemporary Neanderthals are still dragging women by the hair. Progress can be excruciatingly slow, but with God being removed from the equation, all things are reduced to the rationalizing of relativity. Give or take a few more million years and good will certainly triumph over evil. In the meantime it must be understood that these beasts of brutality are works in progress... Darwin said so.

The Bible, quite naturally, takes an entirely different approach to the problem of human wickedness. The position of the Scriptures is so radical and personalized that it leaves little choice for the "good god, good devil, good everybody" liberal. This piece of "hate literature" must be vilified and eliminated at all costs. Its assessment of human righteousness is so negative that it leaves zero wiggle room for accommodation of other possibilities. God's declaration is as follows: "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulcher; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness; Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways; And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes." (Romans 3:10-18) A rather impressive resume of unrighteousness.

Mankind is totally depraved, but complete depravity does not extend to his will. The free will offerings in Exodus 35 provide an excellent example. No man was regenerated in the Old Testament, and yet thousands managed to transcend their depravity to love God enough and keep the commandments in such a way as to cause God to show mercy on them. (Deuteronomy 5:10) The truth is that most people never live up to all the depravity of which they are capable; the majority lack motive, opportunity or courage.

If the last paragraph was a little deep for some, let's get it down where the cow can get the cabbage. Men are like garbage cans. Some are new; some are old. Some have lids; some don't. Some are in good shape; others are beaten up and rusted out, but they all stink because they have garbage in them. God has given humanity the shovel of conscience (Romans 2:15) to eliminate much of the residue, but some allow their conscience to be seared with a hot iron (I Timothy 4:2) to the extent that it is entirely calloused over. Jihadists, serial killers and other decadent personalities have simply discarded the spade and allowed the crap to accumulate until they are comfortable living in the midst of it. Like hoarders, they cling to every evil smelly piece of it.

The criticism is often..."How could a God of love allow these atrocities?" Failure to search the problem from the Lord's perspective leads to false conclusions. God's difficulty was how to justify sinners and declare them righteous when they weren't. God reconciled His holiness and wrath with His grace and mercy by personally coming down to earth and taking man's place. He lived the righteous life required to satisfy His holiness, and when He died He took the full punishment for men's sins to appease His wrath. To fulfill His mercy and grace, He then offers man the righteousness for which He Himself paid. In that way He not only can impute righteousness to the sinner, He can actually justify him because the full payment to obtain that righteousness has been made.

Receiving the gift of salvation provides the only true rehabilitation from the curse of depravity. All other efforts are just synthetic psycho-babble. The dilemma is that Mohammed had nothing comparable to offer. Regeneration of the soul does not require the killing of infidels, but rather recognizing that Jesus Christ died for every infidel.

A Sheepdog Barks!

Time for another Sheepdog Potpourri Rant:

#1: Too darn many young people go to college and get useless degrees. Recent statistics tell us 44% of college graduates are unemployed or underemployed. Total student debt is \$1.6 Trillion. Think about that. Who's getting rich? The colleges and universities are. There are literally dozens of degrees that don't matter one whit in providing for oneself. And every time the government gets involved and makes it easier, or cheaper, to borrow that money or provides more grant money, the colleges and universities raise their tuitions. Imagine that! Reminds this sheepdog of how gas prices go up regardless of supply, when travel opportunities occur. You know, like around Memorial Day weekend, Thanksgiving, or Christmas time. You might think that a coincidence, but it is not. No one said the colleges and universities are stupid. They are just liberal and progressive and therefore they never let a good crisis or a good supply of money go to waste. WOOF! Thousands of young people are in college to party or study some worthless degree program that has no real-life job opportunities. Many of our kids need to go to a technical school and learn a hard trade or skill. They could then actually get a job and become a self-supporting individual and citizen. Sadly they might miss "Spring Break" in Florida or Texas and miss out on all that debauchery on their parents' tab. And one last parent alert: Be VERY careful where you let your kid go to college. Most schools teach them "what" to think, not "how" to think. WOOF!

#2: Senior officers in the Pentagon went ahead and spent \$36 Million to build a Command and Control facility in Afghanistan which they knew was not needed and would never be used. The Special Inspector General for Afghanistan (can you believe we even needed one of those) said, "the facility was unwanted, unneeded, and unused." Even though several subordinate officers tried to stop it, a two-star general refused to stop it. And you guessed it. He was not disciplined, but even praised for his good

work. Is it any wonder our government spending is totally out of control? Responsible heads should roll here. However, in our leviathan government no one is ever held responsible for wrong doing or bad judgement. Remember when Obama told us that Sheriff Biden was going to watch every penny of the stimulus money and make sure it got spent right? Never happened! Not a bad idea but we can never expect the tax and spend politicians (notice I said politicians not LPSDs) to ever really do something like that. If I were the Sheepdog President, I would have the Sheepdog Vice President out of Washington, D.C., EVERY DAY seeking out and stamping out stupid, needless and criminal spending. He doesn't do anything else anyway. After a few months of suspensions, demotions, fines and firings (and maybe even some jail time) some, and I mean only some, might get the idea they should exercise care in spending the peoples' money. Okay, I know this will never happen but I can dream can't I? WOOF!

#3: Did you catch the latest little "Big Labor" scam? In Los Angeles the unions pay people to "demonstrate and protest" for a \$15/hour minimum wage. They claim that's the minimum for someone to earn a "living" wage. Then the unions turn around and ask for an exemption to that \$15 an hour for some of their union members. The hypocrisy boggles the mind, doesn't it? WOOF!

#4: So we heard earlier today that TSA (you know the federal employees that are supposed to make flying safe) fail 95% of their security tests by a special team from Homeland Security. One tester had a bomb on his back that they missed! No, really! I am not making this up. What the heck good is TSA? Jeh Johnson, the unqualified lawyer that Obama put in charge of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said that a 95% FAILURE rate is not good. You think? Here is what his spokesman said to the press, "The numbers in these reports never look good out of context, but they are a critical element in the continual evolution of our aviation safety." Really? What hogwash and government double



speak. Out of context? The context of what? Test Results? Then they say the "failures" are a critical element in the continual "evolution" of our safety. WOW! I dare anyone to explain that malarkey. Look, we should be concerned even if it was a 95% SUCCESS rate. That would mean that guns, knives, and bombs only got through 5% of the time. WOW! That's comforting, no? Here's the answer. STOP with the nonsense and start profiling the passengers and fire anyone that misses something. They obviously are not doing what they are paid to do. This current system obviously doesn't work. Late Breaking News: The TSA Director was fired, I mean promoted and reasigned. Way to go, Jeh. That'll teach 'em. WOOF!

I'll end today with an Only In A Liberal Progressive America (OIALPA) that I heard a few days ago:

OIALPA: America, Public Broadcasting System (PBS). PBS is promoting sex education for 4 year olds in kindergarten. The program is based on something used by the Dutch in Holland. So what? Like we need to copy anything done in Europe! It seems that some new "studies" find we are living in a different world now and it's up to the schools and liberal educators to teach our kids what the different genitalia looks like and what their names are. You remember the old "flash cards" to learn new words and math? Well now the "flash" cards have a whole new meaning. This is absolutely crazy! It's up to the parents to teach this sort of thing, not teachers. I think the parents can tell when it's time to talk about the "differences" and what is right and wrong. This is NOT the role of teachers or government. Maybe some real grown-ups will stop this insanity. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Luxurious Life As First Lady Takes Toll on Michelle Obama Because She Is Black, She Complains

by Eric Owens,
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(Editor/GG: Moochelle has been the recipient of every conceivable affirmative action/ racial preference, Chicago political corruption boosting, and has spent around \$60 MILLION DOLLARS on vacations while she has been in the White House. And she still pretends to be a victim. Race relations, folks, are getting worse because of people like this. Interesting that they are all democrats.....)

Globetrotting, Ivy League-educated, Marchesa gown-wearing, first lady Michelle Obama’s commencement address at Tuskegee University on Saturday described the trials and tribulations she believes she has faced as the first black, first lady in American history.

The intense media scrutiny, occasional critical and disparaging remarks — it’s all too much and she said it has led to sleepless nights either in the White House or in posh, five-star hotels where she and her retinue stay, according to The Hill.

“You might remember the on-stage celebratory fist bump between me and my husband after a primary win that was referred to as a ‘terrorist fist jab,’” she told graduates of the private, historically black science- and engineering-heavy school in Alabama.

“And over the years, folks have used plenty of interesting words to describe me. One said I exhibited ‘a little bit of uppity-ism,’” Obama said. “Another noted that I was one of my husband’s ‘cronies of color.’ Cable news once charmingly referred to me as ‘Obama’s Baby Mama.’”

The international jetsetter, a graduate of both Princeton University and Harvard Law School, also complained that she feels she endured a set of expectations during her husband Barack Obama’s 2008 presidential campaign that was different than the expectations for other would-be presidential wives.

Specifically, she believes the questions she faced as a potential first lady were overly invasive.

“As potentially the first African-American first lady, I was also the focus of another set of questions and speculations; conversations sometimes rooted in the fears and misperceptions of others. Was I too loud, or too angry, or too emasculating? Or was I too soft, too much of a mom, not enough of a career woman?” Obama said, according to The Hill.

Obama said she and her husband, the president of the United States and arguably the most powerful man in the world, have faced “frustrating” racism, which is “a heavy burden to carry.”

“We’ve both felt the sting of those daily slights throughout our entire lives,” she griped.

Obama additionally observed that the Tuskegee Airmen, the legendary regiment of black World War II pilots, faced degrading racial insults but overcame the racial mistreatment to achieve heroism.

The first lady urged Tuskegee University graduates never “to succumb to feelings of despair and anger.”

Along with President Obama and the couple’s two children (and occasionally her mother), Mi-

chelle Obama has made sure to spend plenty of taxpayer dollars on an impressive run of sweet luxury vacations.

In January, the president and first lady Michelle Obama traveled at taxpayer expense to beautiful, exotic India. The trip included a romantic visit to the Taj Mahal, perhaps the world’s most famous architectural testament of love — a gleaming, white marble mausoleum constructed under the orders of Mughal emperor Shah Jahan for his third wife, Mumtaz Mahal.

Back in March 2014, the whole Obama clan faced the prospect of cutting a mini-vacation in sunny Key Largo, Florida, short because of Russia’s meddling in Ukraine. It was sad, too, because the first family wanted some rest and relaxation away from the cold, snowy doldrums of Washington, D.C.

That same month, Michelle Obama and the first daughters Malia and Sasha jetted off to China for over a week of much-needed sightseeing.

As of July 2014, the Obama family had already spent a whopping \$44,351,777.12 in taxpayer funds on vacations. That dollar amount is obviously substantially higher now.

In 2008, then-candidate Obama promised gullible *New York Times* columnist Bob Herbert that he would not take vacations if he were elected president.

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It's a Felony to Use Some Drugs, But Robbing Trillions is OK

by Karl Denninger,
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(Editor/GG: This is where we are today in corrupt America. If you or me (i.e., the peasants) bounce a check for \$1,000 you go to jail. These politically protected (by BOTH parties) bankers literally steal HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS and are simply fined. No jail time. In fact, they are not even FIRED from their jobs. They just start all over again. Don't you think it is time for some fundamental changes to our political situation?)

Yeah...

Six of the biggest names in finance have agreed to pay nearly \$6 billion dollars in penalties, with five pleading guilty to criminal charges over long-running manipulation of key financial markets.

The Justice Department announced the massive settlement Wednesday, its latest in a series of deals to bring to a close probes of financial manipulation of everything from benchmark interest rates to top currency exchanges.

Attorney General Loretta Lynch said the latest settlement brings to an end a manipulation scheme of “breath-taking flagrancy,” in which traders conspired to artificially alter currency exchange markets to obtain illicit profits.

Right.

So they stole billions (more like hundreds of billions) over the years, *organized behavior in the theft* (that would commonly be called Racketeering!) and they will pay a fine that amounts to a small percentage of what they stole.

Nobody will go to prison as a result of this (admitted) criminal conduct and worse, none of the institutions will be broken up, lose their corporate charters, or even be barred from one line of business.

An analog would be if I was to engage in a string of bank robberies with hundreds of other people, we steal a million dollars between us over a period of several years before we are eventually caught *and when caught none of us go to prison or have any of the legal disabilities that a felony conviction normally brings applied to us; we are instead fined \$50,000 and allowed to go on our way.*

Does anyone think this is something we as a people can stand for and have any sort of “market” or, for that matter, that we can consider our government “legitimate” when it engages in this sort of odious crap?

I think not.

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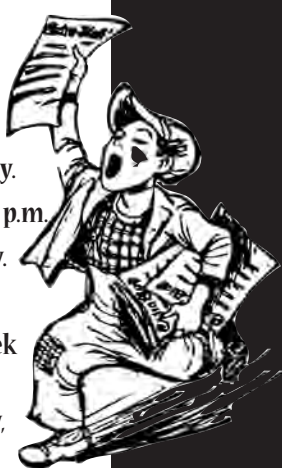
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