



NRA's American Rifle Challenge Comes to Westcliffe Sangre Shooting Sports Club Event a Great Success

by George Gramlich

A brand new National Rifle Association (NRA) sponsored competition was held last Saturday at the Sangre Shooting Sports Club (SSSC). The American Rifle Challenge (ARC), which is a new, nationwide program promoted by the NRA this year, and is sponsored by Daniel Defense, a leading AR-15 manufacturer. As per the NRA booklet describing the event, it “is a training event designed to develop modern, defensive, rifle skills with general-purpose rifles, such as the AR-15. NRA-ARC is a moderately physical program, requiring the shooters to be able to gain safe shooting positions of standing, kneeling/sitting, and prone. The design of the program allows shooters to participate with any semi-automatic, detachable magazine-fed rifle.”

The guy who made it happen here in Westcliffe is Regis Frank. Regis is an NRA-certified instructor and board member of the SSSC. He proposed the event to the SSSC months ago and spent countless hours to make it happen including all the paperwork, sign-up announcements, sign-ups, and the physical work of barricade and target construction. Regis was also the shoot boss and ran the event in an extremely professional and friendly manner. The event was sold out with 20 signing up and 17 actually showing up on Saturday. The shooting, which is all behind a barricade, starts at 7 yards with firing from the standing, kneeling, and prone positions and progresses out in stages to 100 yards. You can run your rifle with no sights, with a red dot type sight or with a regular ri-

fle scope. Each stage is scored and timed and some are quite challenging due to the time constraints. Also, some stages required shooting from the participant’s weak shoulder. The oldest shooter was 72 years old and the youngest being early 20’s.

There was a large variety of rifles on-hand including many plain and tricked out AR-15’s, one Ruger Mini-14, and a nice open sight AK-47. There was even one AR-15 with a suppressor.

It was an exciting day as the scoring leaders changed almost every round. The event went off without a hitch and there was great camaraderie amongst the participants. The *Sentinel* will be running a two-page



Participants start one of the many ‘relays’ consisting of standing, kneeling, and prone shooting.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

photo feature of the event next week with the scoring results and the name of the surprise winner.

Our sincere thanks to the Sangre Shooting Sports Club and especially to shoot boss/event sponsor Regis Frank for bringing a

national grade rifle event to Westcliffe. Regis says he will try to schedule another one for August or September. Shooters, if you missed this one, you missed just a super day of training, practice, and fellowship. Don’t miss the next one.

Eagles Summit Ranch Wounded Warrior Graduation Dinner Tonight

by George Gramlich

Eagles Summit Ranch (ESR) is having the graduation dinner for the Wounded Warrior RECONnect session TONIGHT, June 12th at 6 p.m. A spring fundraiser sponsored by the *Sentinel* has allowed twelve Fort Carson soldiers to attend a healing session at ESR. (Thank you so much, donors, for making this happen). Pastor Dave Roevers will be the main speaker, with the new ESR Directors Bev-

erly and Jerry Shoemaker being the hosts. The core of the evening begins after the meal when each one of these soldiers comes to the podium and tells his/her 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 join us tonight at 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 ESR are on page 6. We’ll see you there!



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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

Coming to a Town Near You, Soon! RIDE THE ROCKIES

On Saturday morning, June 20, the early finishers (it's a ride not a race) are expected to pedal into Silver Cliff and Westcliffe to complete their 7-day journey that started in Grand Junction, about 465 miles away.

The finish line is right at 'The Bluffs' where a small logistical army of support facilities, supporters, and volunteers will be waiting. Ride the Rockies, sponsored by the *Denver Post*, picked Westcliffe to host its finish for its 30th celebration ride.

Here is what the day is expected to look like: As early as 8:00 a.m. the riders will start to arrive. It is expected that the bulk of the riders will hit the finish line between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.. Closing ceremonies will begin at 3:00 p.m.. Entertainment starts at 10:00 a.m. with "Deja Bluz", followed by Westcliffe's 2nd Street Dance Studio, followed by the headline entertainers, "Flash Cadillac."

Donna Hood, who along with her husband Ralph, own and operate A Painted View Ranch, accepted the huge job of Community Coordinator of this prestigious Colorado event. Donna is also the president of the Custer County Chamber of Commerce. She helped, along with the core group, organize a group of over 250 volunteers to help pull this off. 2,000 riders are expected to participate. Past races have usually drawn several thousand out-of-town family members and supporters to the "Finish Line Town." Donna and her volunteers raised approximately \$30,000 in donations and in-kind contributions. For example, Charles Bogle arranged for the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes to donate over \$5,600 worth of free bottled water as part of its Adaptive Sports program for wounded warriors. Several veterans are expected to participate in this year's event. The Ride became a catalyst to provide Wi-Fi, and as a result, a portion of Westcliffe's Main Street will have permanent public Wi-Fi for its tourists and visitors in the future.

Thirteen non-profit groups and organizations will be providing a community meal on the Bluffs; all selections are priced at \$10 or less. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a beer and wine tent. There is no entry fee to enjoy all the excitement, entertainment, and fun. And Westcliffe will have a local team participating in the almost 500-mile ride. Lori Fox, Lockett Pitman, Brent Bruser, Mark Stamper, Mark Dembrosky, and James Gearhart have trained hard for their effort. Club America will receive a \$5,000 grant from Ride the Rockies. Yes, there will be a big crowd in town on Saturday the 20th of June. It should be a big day for our businesses and merchants. The Sheriff's Department and Posse is fully engaged, has been involved in all the planning, and Sheriff Byerly doesn't expect any problems that they are not prepared for. We encourage all the local residents to join in the fun. The big local advantage is expected in the return visits by the participants and their families. We know many riders will be tired from their ride up Hardscrabble and might leave right away. Experience from previous rides shows us that they come back later. How could anyone not want to make a return visit after seeing this beautiful valley? The Bluffs at the far west end of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe is the perfect finish line for this event. Come and help make it a great success.

Sunday is June 14th. It's Flag Day and the 240th birthday of the U.S. Army. Fly your flag proudly and be thankful we have the best and most dedicated armed military forces in the world.

And speaking of the U.S. Army, tonight is the Eagles Summit Ranch graduation at 6:00 p.m. If you haven't listened to a wounded warrior speak about how this great experience that Dave Roevers provides at the ranch has affected them, you don't know what you are missing. Plan to attend and honor these great soldiers and

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"We the People" Speak

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Congress shall make no law...

by J Cascarelli

I read with great interest the front page article, above the fold, regarding the law suit in Florence over the "Christian Club." I find cases like this one to be a wasted effort by those who seem to know little about American history, the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and American custom and tradition. Before I present my case, the reader should know that the year I graduated from high school, 1962, was the last year that prayer was allowed in American public schools. That's correct, from kindergarten until 12th grade, I and millions of other American children started the school day with a non-denominational prayer and the pledge of allegiance. I always found this to be a comforting custom. In all those years, I never witnessed any student refuse to rise or bow their heads while a homeroom teacher recited a prayer. Further, in high school when regular assemblies of the student body were common, a guest clergyman from the community was invited to recite an invocation. Again, no student, teacher, or school administrator objected...ever.

No student of my era would have even considered objecting to these overt demonstrations of worship because we received complete and accurate instruction in our American History classes about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. We all understood that the first amendment, in addition to the "establishment clause," also contains the "free exercise clause." For those who may not remember, the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights starts off with these words, "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;" For the past 50 plus years, Americans are regularly pounded with warnings about "establishment clause" and mention

of the "free exercise clause" seems to be forgotten by the media, many elected officials, and far too many judges. Since the free exercise of religion can't be prohibited, we may recite a daily prayer in homeroom and at assemblies. The Supremes made a terrible mistake in 1962. It was a mistake on par with the Dred Scott decision. *(Please see Kids Corner on page 9 for more information on who Dred Scott was.)*

Long-established customs changed in 1963, but I was on to college and hardly noticed the banning of this wonderful practice (shame on me). I wonder what Mr. Basevitz, the Florence teacher initiating the suit, was doing in 1963.

So, why do I consider these kinds of law suits to be a waste of time? It is simple, those who consider the "free exercise" of religion to be objectionable, have no legal basis to back up these suits. What they do have are organizations willing to threaten a lawsuit which will be very time consuming and very expensive. These realities scare off school boards, citizens, and school administrators. Regrettably, school policy makers see no value in demonstrating to their student bodies the value of the law. Nope, they just fold like a cheap suit and allow guys like Basevitz to win without a fight. Consider what life lessons the students learn for this behavior. I love to hear from people about what they think that kids learn from this abdication of responsibility by those that the tax-paying public puts in charge of their children's education. Is it any wonder that children proceed to adulthood believing that laws in existence since the founding somehow don't apply or the laws and traditions are just inconveniences?

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Do you want to know what the crazy thing about the ban on prayer in public schools is? Both houses of Congress have full time chaplains paid for with tax dollars. The House of Representatives' chaplain earns \$172,500 per year and the Senate's chaplain earns \$155,500 per year plus office space and all expenses. Consider the U.S. Senate Chaplain's annual budget. He has a Chief of Staff, a Communications Director, and an Executive Assistant. The chaplain's total budget is \$415,000. You might ask what these chaplains do for the \$400,000 plus per year. Well, they make themselves available to members of the congress for spiritual guidance, they provide tours of the congress for visiting religious dignitaries and, get this, they open every session of the congress with a prayer. Since

1963, school children have been unable to pray in school, can't mention God in a commencement address, and in Florence, Colorado, can't even have a religious meeting around the flag pole without being sued, but at considerable expense our elected officials can.

I'm sorry, but I'm an educated man and in my three score years and ten on earth, I've seen presidents murdered, cities burned, trillions in tax money wasted, and all kinds of lunacy, but I just can't get my mind around the loss of prayer in public schools. What kind of a Supreme Court would ignore the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and use a letter from President-elect Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury [Connecticut] Baptists as a rationale for banning a custom that existed from the founding until 1963? The Jefferson letter isn't even a founding document. It was personal correspondence. I have always

wondered how no one noticed that prayer in schools violated the Constitution for the first 173 years of the USA's existence. That's right, the same people who hire chaplains for nearly \$500,000 per year, can't seem to find a way to permit children who want to pray to do just that. Hey, Mr. Basevitz, these words "Congress shall make no law... prohibiting the free exercise [of religion] thereof;" are part of the law of the land. I don't know what subjects you teach; I just hope it isn't Civics. And, for you parents of those Florence students whose Constitutional rights are about to be violated, stop sitting on your hands and do something that will be meaningful for your children. Teach them how to pray and allow them to pray. They will need to be able to pray when they have to pay back their share of the \$18 trillion in our national debt.

God bless America.

Commissioners Updated on Lawsuit Expenses

by Paul Sage

At the June 9th regular meeting of the Custer County Board of County Commissioners, the issue of legal expenses in the now concluded lawsuit over a vacated county road in Wetmore was addressed.

By way of review, the legal action has been pursued by Dr. Robert Hamilton for years after the county vacated their right to the road via a quitclaim deed to local resident Mike Halpin in an effort to resolve the ongoing dispute between Mr. Halpin and Dr. Hamilton. Instead of resolving the issue, Dr. Hamilton then expanded his litigation to include the county.

According to Assistant County Attorney Clint Smith, "Back on March 18th (District Court) Judge Groome entered his ruling granting the summary judgement as far as Custer County was concerned, which resolved the case entirely for Custer County."

The report on the case by Attorney Smith to the Board at this meeting was prompted by questions recently raised about the cost of fighting this case. The local, liberal newspaper has run a few misleading pieces on the subject recently, and one of their leading fans, local resident Joe Arbuckle, brought the subject up at the May 29th, BOCC meeting, raising the ire of Commissioner Bob Kattnig.

Since he was not involved in the litigation, Attorney Smith spend some time reviewing the public record case files to be able to make the report to the Commissioners on the status of the case.

As a result of his review, Attorney Smith concluded that "there's been a lot of inaccurate information in the newspaper – the *Tribune* – reporting on what's happened on that lawsuit." While the *Tribune* and Mr. Arbuckle have indicated recently that the county has been pursuing some sort of legal action in this case and "incurred considerable legal fees," according to Attorney Smith, exactly the opposite is true, and "the county is not carrying on any sort of legal action here."

In fact, the county has never pur-

sued any legal action in this matter and has instead been forced to defend itself against the claims made by Mr. Hamilton which, according to the recent court verdict, were baseless.

The recent claims by the *Tribune* and echoed by Mr. Arbuckle that the County's attorney filed a 120-page motion to recover legal expenses was also found to be incorrect. "It was not a 120-page motion," according to Attorney Smith. He continued, "I'm not sure where that number came from. The motion itself was fairly brief."

The motion in question addressed what is called a bill of cost. According to Attorney Smith, filing a bill of cost "is standard when a case is over." He further explained that "the prevailing party, which is Custer County, was entitled to an award of its costs and it has filed a motion asking for \$3,386.92." This is to cover basic expenses such as filing fees, deposition fees, copying fees and the like.

Attorney Smith further reported that "the attorney for Los Mojadas (Mr. Hamilton) objected to the bill of cost, and the county's attorney filed a response to that objection. He referred to these matters as standard procedures, and "mop-up" of the case after it is over.

Commissioner Kattnig again expressed his doubts about whether any further legal expenditure had been wise to recover at least a part of the county's legal expenses, rather than just lose the money.

Commissioner Shy thanked Attorney Smith for his report on the case. He also commented that "the only unfortunate thing is that the *Tribune* isn't here to witness the facts being presented. It's kind of a shame." A *Tribune* reporter did show up later in the meeting.

Meanwhile at the same meeting, the county again vacated its ownership right to another county road. This time the county vacated its right to part of Coronado Road to the Coronado Road Owners Association, which is made up of residents living on the road. So far no frivolous lawsuits on this action.

Westcliffe Town Board Meeting: Tons of New Park Laws. Parents Financially Responsible for Kids Vandalism

by Larry Luikart

The Westcliffe Town Board met in a regular meeting delayed one week due to a previous lack of a quorum. Trustees Brian Cline, Mayor Christy Veltrie, and Trustee Paul Wenke were absent from this meeting. The four remaining trustees did create a quorum.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved along with approval of the paying the bills, and the treasurer's report was approved.

Tammy Horns spoke regarding the creation of a memorial on Highway 96 at mile marker 8 for her fallen hero, son Army Ranger Christopher Horns. The dedication of the plaque for that portion of Highway 96 will take place July 5, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. The road will be closed to traffic for a brief time during the dedication.

A consideration of a request to approve a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the Town and the Bureau of Land Management was considered and approved.

A discussion took place to approve a route change for the upcoming 2015 Bobcat Fun K. A portion of Hermit Road from Highway 69 to Third Street will be used but not closed on the day of the run. Apparently, this had been discussed previously so no dates were given regarding this event. The start time has been changed, however, to 9:00 a.m. Approved.

Consideration was given to closing an unnamed street for the upcoming car show. The street will be closed from 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on July 5, 2015. Contact the Town Clerk if you're interested in which one of the streets will be closed.

The town attorney, Jay Printz,

reported on the consideration for the new Park Use Regulations. After hearing the litany of new regulations, too numerous to cover in this article, please contact the town clerk to get that listing. They will also be displayed in the park. All park violations will be misdemeanors if you are ticketed. Statue approved with a no vote from Trustee Johnson. He objected to the dog leash regulations fearing someone playing throw and catch with their dog is now subject to a misdemeanor ticket. One of the other trustees said, "go to the dog park."

Consideration was given and approved for new regulations regarding minors. This includes a new provision holding the parents and / or guardians responsible for any damages incurred by said juveniles. Contact the

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Silver Cliff Town Board Refuses Public Comment on Marijuana Issue

*Analysis & Commentary
by Larry Luikart*

The Silver Cliff Town Board refused, before the meeting began, to consider any outside input regarding the on-going and never-ending, politely-stated “conversation” regarding the marijuana question. Candi Sage a Custer County resident intended to “present opposition to any marijuana facility in Silver Cliff.” Troy Bomgardner intended to present “citizen concern for the youth of our community regarding the marijuana issue.”

Mayor Weber indicated that the Board decided not to take ANY public comments until their marijuana committee has presented their findings. This is treading very seriously close to the Silver Cliff Town Board attempting to control the narrative regarding the debate of marijuana in the Town.

Later the Silver Cliff Marijuana Committee set two public meetings on the issue for August and September. It appears these will be the only times between now and the final decision of placing

the issue on the ballot where public input will be permitted. One of the board members said after the meeting that they “are only interested in facts. No emotions, opinions or conjecture will be considered.” So, if you’re worried about potential loss of property values in the county, or maybe you fear the infiltration of cartels and other malcontents, or the effects on the county in general of local government willing to sponsor a known gateway drug, or most worrisome the effects of this on our children, do not attempt to bring your issues to the Silver Cliff Town Board. They have become Sergeant Friday, “Just the facts, Ma’am.”

Furthermore, the mayor required anyone recording the meeting to acknowledge they were doing so during the introduction phase of the meeting. While this reporter complied with his request there is absolutely no requirement by Colorado statues that a recorded conversation be reported as long as one party in the conversation is aware of the recording. Along with that basic element, Colorado statues offer a further exemption to the Press. Colo. Rev. Stat.

18-9-305 states “.....its laws are not to be interpreted to prevent a news agency, or any of its employees thereof, from using the accepted equipment of that news medium in the course of reporting or investigating a public and newsworthy event.” Fortunately, he did not require I stop recording. The Mayor can bet this reporter will never answer that question again.

A section of Dewalt Street located between two parcels now owned by Frank Oberlin encompassing his Critical Pathways business is being considered for sale to him.

Silver Cliff proposed selling the 6600 square feet of land at 80 cents per square foot along with the cost to install two 40 foot x 15 foot culverts for a total of \$6,780. Mr. Oberlin countered with an offer of \$3000.00 and the town pay for the cost of culverts. After some discussion the Board countered with an offer of \$3,000 for the land, half the culvert costs, and Mr. Oberlin cover all the paper work, fees, and attorney fees in regard to the land transaction. The town proposal will be presented to Mr. Oberlin shortly.

A housekeeping issue regarding the conveyance of property to Custer 2020, Inc. and a warranty deed took place. This is the final clean-up of Silver Cliff acting as the government entity of record for the Club America project. The agreement has been completed and the Board is required to convey the property to Custer 2020, Inc.

The Custer County Economic Development Corporation presented a plan for mounting a Wi-Fi antenna on one of the light poles at the park. In their discussion, the Board determined that they needed more information regarding paying \$50 per year for the electric cost for the Wi-Fi antenna. Colorado Statutes prohibit government entities from being involved in public communication projects. It became immediately unclear if paying for the electricity with town funds might be in violation of state statutes. Issue tabled for a future meeting.

The 2014 audit was approved along with the Treasurer’s Report, Financial Report, and the Payment of Bills. The May meeting minutes were also approved.

The Board approved the continuation of the Park Project. The flag poles were put in the ground today. The project will proceed with pouring a colored/textured 10-foot x 38-foot concrete pad, footer for the brick wall, and the purchase of seventeen cap brick for the wall. The total cost for this phases is \$6160. The cost to lay the brick is still being negotiated.

The Marijuana Committee reported that they are still gathering information regarding this issue. The Board was asked three questions by the Committee. 1). Did the Board want to be present at the public forums? Board responded “Yes.” 2). Did the Board want to have a Question and Answer session from the public at the Public Forum? Board answered “Yes.” Finally, on what date do you (Board) want our final report? This digressed into a general discussion regarding setting up the entire schedule for the marijuana question. It included work sessions, public meetings, and the absolute deadline date so the issue can be placed on the ballot in April 2016. The complete schedule will be available in a few days.

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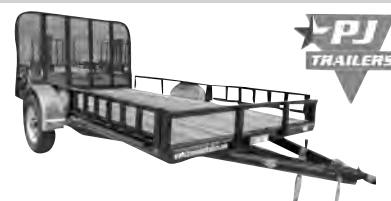
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Custer County Search and Rescue Does It Again!

Custer County Search and Rescue was called out to respond to Hwy 165 on Tuesday afternoon [June 2nd] after a 911 call was received by Pueblo County at 12:35 p.m. The reporting party was one of three young men who reported that they had left Bishop's Castle at 3:00 p.m. the previous afternoon and walked east on a trail across from the castle. They reported that they left their vehicle parked at the castle and had been lost all night in the area that is crisscrossed with trails. They also reported that their cell phone battery was nearly dead. Pueblo County was able to provide coordinates from the party, which placed them in Custer County on a single track trail at South Creek, well south and east of the castle. All further attempts to contact the men by CCSAR were unsuccessful.



Custer County Search and Rescue member Jeff Hobby with the three young men found near Bishop's Castle.

Courtesy photo

tion when Pueblo County notified Custer Sheriff's Office that a second party had become lost near the Boy Scout camp. The two ATV's were re-routed to that location and subsequently that subject was located by family members.

As a second ground team was being deployed, the initial hasty response team radioed in that they had audibles from an unknown male party. All additional teams stood by while the hasty ground team moved in, locating the three men within minutes. All were hydrated and given snacks, before the one and ¼ mile hike back out to Hwy 165.

The sheriff's office had been unable to locate a vehicle at the castle that was related to any of the parties. The vehicle that they left parked was registered to a fourth unknown party, making it difficult

to determine if the parties were actually still lost and in the area, or if they had self-rescued and left without notifying emergency responders.

CCSAR would remind everyone that it is important to let someone know your plans, your intended route, where you plan to park, and a description of the vehicle that you are driving. Powering down cell phones or putting them in airplane mode can extend battery life significantly. While apps such as Google Maps can help a party determine their lat/log location, they are less useful in assisting in navigation for self-rescue. Apps like Terrain Navigator Pro, (TNP) actually display detailed topographic maps; however nothing can replace the printed map which is not dependent on cell signals and battery life.

Ride the Rockies Saving the best for last!

As the 30th Anniversary Ride the Rockies Finish Town, let's show the cyclists that the BEST day of The Ride is the LAST day!

Riders will start arriving Saturday, June 20th, from Cañon City coming up the Hardscrabble Canyon between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. The bulk of the riders will arrive between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The Finish Line will be at the west end of Main Street at Adams Blvd. Main Street will be closed to all vehicle traffic from 3rd Street to Adams Blvd. Other streets at the west end of Main will be closed as well.

Entertainment and delicious, down-home, country-cooked food will be on the Bluff starting at 10:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join

the free festivities.

WI-FI on the Bluff will be provided by CenturyLink and Hilltop Broadband.

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Entertainment/Beer Garden
Finish Line Expo

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Deja Blues Band

12:00 – 12:30 p.m.
Second Street Dance Team

12:30 – 12:45 p.m.
Bike give-a-way; get tickets at Silver Cliff booth!

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Flash Cadillac

3:00 p.m.
Bike give-a-way #2
Check Presentation
Club America Wet Mountain Valley

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Closing Ceremony- 3:00 p.m. at The Bluff. Remarks by Tour Director Chandler

Smith and Donna Hood of Westcliffe, President of the Custer County Chamber of Commerce. Stay for your chance to win a Bianchi bicycle and a set of Profile Design wheels. Must be present to win.

Food Options: \$2 – \$10 per item/meal. True community-style meals will be served up all day at the Westcliffe Finish Line Festival with items such as fresh-tossed salads, Louisiana Pastalaya, meals prepared with grass-fed beef, or homemade baked goods, there will be something for everyone.

There is a detailed map posted in the window of the Westcliffe Town Hall at 305 Main Street or on their newly designed website at www.townofwestcliffe.com/

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Ask a Pro: Spring Melt does it Affect Water Quality?

In the spring waters from melting snow work their way down to the water table carrying with them silt and minerals from the different layers it goes through. Some wells see additional turbidity while others get a dose of that rotten egg-sulfur smell. Simply running the water until it clears up works at times even for the sulfur. Stubborn sulfur can be removed by shock chlorinating the well.

Heavy summer rains can have the same affect in some areas. In this case we recommend installing a high volume sediment filter after the pressure tank to protect the house. Automatic valves on dishwashers and clothes washers are

sensitive to sand particles and may fail. When drilling shallow wells on the west side of the valley we seal off the shallow layers of water that are easily contaminated and subject to seasonal turbidity. The additional work of sealing off these surface waters; pays off in increased pump life and reduced filter changes. -David Nequette /Lic. 1043

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Chuckwagon cook-off 9 am
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Music resumes at 7 pm

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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.

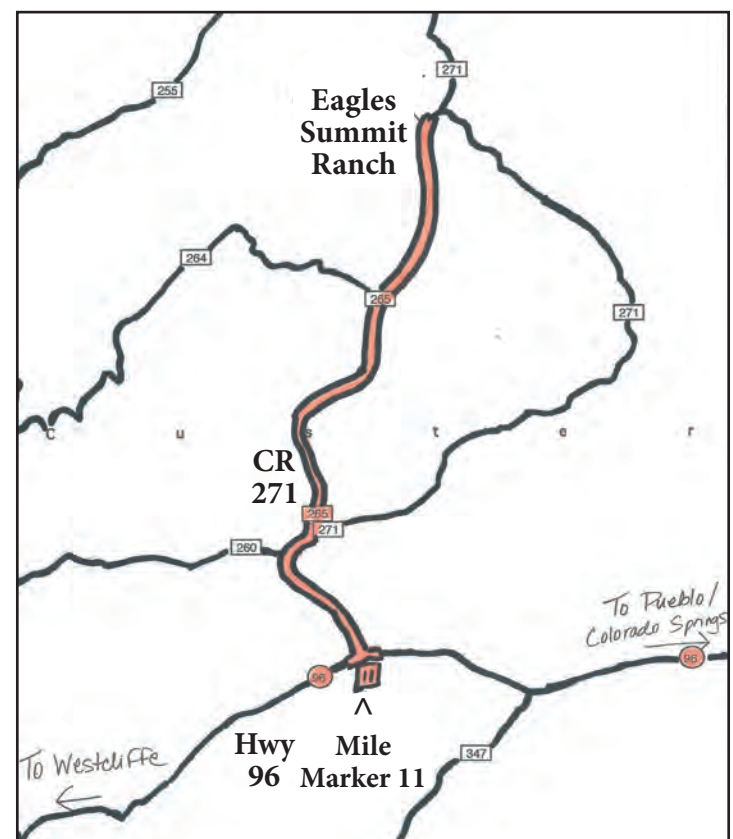
From Westcliffe: go east on Highway 96.

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.

If you need additional info, please call the ranch at 783-9729.



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town clerk for a complete list of the new provisions for minors in Westcliffe. There is a curfew. It will be enforced. (Reporter's Note: Sadly, this is a result of a few irresponsible parents and guardians letting their urchins run loose all hours of the night who then get involved in illegal and destructive behavior.)

A proclamation was approved by the Board indicating Westcliffe Town has no input / output, liability, authority, nor provided any monetary contributions regarding the Broadband/Internet service. Furthermore, no antenna, wires, and control boxes are located, attached, nailed, glued or set upon any Westcliffe Town building or property. While the Town Board is all for the Broadband/Wireless capability, they also wanted to make it clear they have nothing to do with its operation, management, construction, and finances. After hearing this proclamation the only thing left out was the requirement to build a moat around all Westcliffe town property. Mr. Printz was quite concerned for the Town liability and duly serious about the necessity of this proclamation.

Consideration was given to approve the

Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town and CDOT for the Transportation Alternative Program Design Phase. It was discovered none of the Trustees had time to read the fifty pages of material. It was received very late in relation to the meeting date. Alan Clark from Building and Zoning had read the contract and he pointed out there is a time crunch problem with not approving the contract at the meeting. Mr. Johnson objected to approving something he had not read. A very good idea considering all of us are still stinging from a certain federal representative who said during the Obamacare debate, "we need to pass the bill, so we can find out what's in it." Mr. Printz, however, gave the okay indicating Mr. Clark acting as the Town representative and he as the Town Attorney having read the contract thought it appropriate to move forward with approval. Approved with a three to one vote, Mr. Johnson, quite prudently voting no.

Staff and Committee reports were heard and the Board adjourned into Executive Session under the protection of Colorado Revised Statute 24-6 -402 (4)(c). "Matters required to be kept confidential by federal or state law or rules or regulations. The local public body shall announce the specific citation of the statutes or rules that are the basis for such confidentiality before holding the executive session."

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Thanks from the C1 School Board

I would like to say thank you on behalf of the Custer County School Board to the community and staff members who participated in the interview process for the Superintendent position. We value your participation and input! I would especially like to thank Mel Porth for leading the tour of the community for the candidates, and Charlotte and Eugene Berry for putting together the interview venues, the snacks for the Meet & Greet, and the breakfast for the interview committees and candidates. It is an honor to serve this community!

Sincerely,
Brenda Gaide

Congratulations Colonel Steve Yackley, (Ret.)

Valley resident Steve Yackley, Colonel (Retired) U.S. Army was recently inducted into Fort Jackson Hall of Fame in a ceremony conducted on Armed Forces Day, May 16th. The Fort Jackson Hall of Fame was established to annually recognize and honor persons who have made positive, lasting, and significant contributions to Fort Jackson. Fort Jackson, South Carolina, is mainly noted for being the U.S. Army's largest Basic Combat Training Center, training about 54% of the Army's yearly requirement. Colonel Yackley was stationed at the fort on three different occasions. His first tour was 2001-2003 as a Battalion Commander at which time he deployed his unit to an overseas location to train Free Iraqi Forces to accompany U.S. ground forces for the invasion of Iraq. He returned to the fort from 2006-2008 as a Brigade Commander after which he deployed to Af-

ghanistan and was responsible for the development and training of the Afghan National Police and Ministry of Interior. His final assignment was from 2012 until his retirement in May 2014 when he served as the Deputy Commander for Fort Jackson. Yackley was noted for his contribution in assisting the Army and Fort Jackson in re-vamping Basic Combat Training ensuring it stayed demanding, combat focused, and relevant to the current operating environment and for strengthening relations with the local community. The Hall of Fame selectees



Steve Yackley, Colonel (Retired) U.S. Army and Fort Jackson Hall of Fame inductee.

Courtesy photo

are honored in a permanent display on Fort Jackson. Yackley retired after 41 years of Army service and resides in Custer County with his spouse Debby.

Vino Easel Upcoming Paint Parties

Vino Easel is packed and ready for the summer season. The "drink and paint" events are scheduled for the upcoming months at various venues around the Wet Mountain Valley.

Thursday, June 18th, at Sangrita's, the group will be painting bicycle racers for Ride the Rockies. Monday, June 22nd, at Nacho Mama's, folks will paint whatever they want at an Open Paint Party. Past artworks will be displayed to copy or attendees can bring their own ideas. Tuesday, June 30th, at Tony's Pizza, participants will paint Mountain Flowers.

July events begin with painting Airstreams on Tuesday the 7th at Sangrita's. Airstream enthusiasts will be in town the week of Shakespeare in the Park and High Mountain Hay Fever Bluegrass Festival. The public is welcome at this event. Tuesday, July 14th, at Sangrita's, artists will paint The Cow. Monday, July 20th, at Tony's Mountain Pizza is the Tree of Life. Tuesday, July 28th, at Nacho Mama's the painting will be the Sangre's fa-



Vino Easel participants prep their canvases for another fun painting event.

Courtesy Photo by Arlo Garner

mous Crestone Needles.

Artist Jacque Keller will assist and offer guidance and techniques. "The main idea is to have a good time, get out of the box, and explore one's own creativity," said Keller. There is absolutely no talent necessary. Keller takes everyone through the process step by step.

All events begin at 5 p.m. Cost is \$35 which includes all materials and the first

drink. The Airstreams will be done on an 8x10 canvas so those who wish can hang their paintings in their travel trailers. The cost for Airstreams is \$25. Private parties are also available.

For more information and to sign up for an event or schedule a private party, email vinoeasel@vinoeasel.com or call 783-3706. Visit www.vinoeasel.com and see Vino Easel on Facebook.

Conservation District Annual Meeting

The Custer County Conservation District will be holding its 75th Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 18th, at the Miller Ranch. The District decided to change up the format for this year's meeting by holding it as an in-the-field workshop/lunch meeting. The main topic of the workshop will be Soil Health with presenters from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Soil Health team, and soil testing and forage and pasture management experts from CSU - Fort Collins. The cost for attending this event is \$10 which will include a brisket lunch. The workshop will begin at 10 a.m. and run until around 2 p.m.

There will also be a chance for district landowners to voice what they consider the three to four highest priority natural resource concerns for our conservation district. After these concerns are identified and prioritized, they will also be reviewed at the watershed level and these priorities will be sent on to the NRCS state technical committee to establish statewide priorities for 2016. Please complete a short survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9T2CYLB> that will help us prioritize our resource concerns.

For reservations, questions about the workshop, or reservations please call 783-2481.

Sangre de Cristo Electric's 75th Annual Meeting

will be held at the

**Chaffee County Fairgrounds
in Salida on Tuesday, June 16, 2015.**

Registration will open at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.

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Ayn Rand

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Rolland Fiddle Camp and Events: June 22-26

We are excited to share this announcement of the fifth annual Rolland Fiddle Camp coming to Westcliffe June 22-26. Like last year, classes will be held at the Custer County School, allowing participants to take advantage of the food, shopping, and amenities of the town.



Rolland Fiddle Camp in 2012

Courtesy photo by Matt Rolland

To encourage local participation, Rolland Fiddle Camp is offering a 50% discount on tuition to Custer County residents. Single-day rates are also available upon inquiry for people who can only attend part of the camp.

There will also be three evening camp events that are open to the public, and admission is free.

On Tuesday, June 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. at Tony's Mountain Pizza, the camp is putting on a square dance with a live band and caller. No experience is necessary -

Grace Rolland will teach the steps to every dance.

On Wednesday, June 24th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Custer County Senior Citizen Center in Silver Cliff, come and enjoy a concert by the camp faculty. The wrap-up camp concert including student performances followed by a jam session open to local musicians will be on Friday June 26th, at the Cowboy Church (60260 Highway 69, 1.6 miles north of Main Street on the east side of Highway 69). Camp performances begin at 3:30 p.m.

until about 5 p.m., followed immediately by camp jam tunes, and then a community jam session from 6-8 p.m. Local musicians are invited to participate.

Last year's camp was a rewarding experience for all, and the Rolland family looks forward to another great week of sharing the knowledge and joy of fiddling with area residents.

For more information, please contact Peter Rolland, peterrolland@cox.net, 602-618-6285

Sports Thursday Kicks Off with Success

by Coach Troy Bomgardner

Last Thursday, over 20 elementary and middle school students attended the Sports Thursday event. The event combines multiple sports for students to participate in with supervision by high school coaches and athletes. "We were very happy with the turnout on the 1st day," exclaimed CCHS football coach Troy Bomgardner. "And I've had other parents communicate with me that their child couldn't make it but would be there for other days. We expect 30 or more students will eventually take part in the activities."

At 10 a.m., there is flag football offered on the practice field and volleyball in the East gym. At approximately 11 a.m., there is basketball in the gym for all students. Snacks and water are provided for the activity and students will receive a t-shirt at the end of the month for participat-



Elementary students practice fundamentals during the basketball portion of Sports Thursday.

Courtesy photo by Troy Bomgardner



Flag football game takes place with a view of the Sangres.

Courtesy photo by Troy Bomgardner

ing. "The idea of Sports Thursdays is to get students out exercising and having fun in the summer in addition to learning some new skills," noted

Bomgardner. Cost for the month is \$15 and scholarships are available. Parents are welcome to bring students to the activity on any Thursday.



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African Drumming to Greet Cyclists

As the Ride the Rockies cyclists roll into town on Saturday, June 20th, they will be met by the sounds of a djembe drum circle coming from the open door of the West Custer County Library's Community Room.

Locals are invited to learn how to play the African drum by djembe craftsman Zach Taylor at either of two free sessions at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Classes are limited to 12 people, so contact the library at 783-9138 or stop by 209 Main Street to reserve a spot.

The program, "Djust Djembe", is the latest in the library's Adult Summer Reading free events series. Local adults may also sign up at the library to earn prizes this summer just by reading a few books of their choice and trying some fun activities with the Adult Summer Reading program. Participants receive a bingo sheet with special tasks in each box. Completing a bingo earns a prize, and adults can earn up to three prizes. In addition, all adults who black out their bingo sheets will be entered to win the drawing for a \$100 Barnes and Noble gift card.

Edible Art and Paca Power!

The West Custer County Library's Summer Reading Program continues next week with super-powered animals and some very tasty art.

Teens, ages 11-17, will decorate with frosting and eat it too at "Edible Art". No experience is necessary and all attendees will be given a kit of their own to practice their cake decorating skills at home. This delicious event will happen in the library's Community Room on Wednesday, June 17th from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.. Space is limited and advanced registration is required. If interested, contact the library to see if there is still space available.

At "Paca Power!" kids will meet and interact with alpacas and learn how this gentle animal is a hero to many. The event

will be held at the Hermit Park Pavilion on Thursday, June 18th from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and is open to children ages 0-10. No advanced sign-up is required. This event is co-sponsored by Paca Peace Ranch for Youth.

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.



2nd ANNUAL WESTCLIFFE CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

(All Commissions go to Amish School)

Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 9:30 am

Rodeo Grounds in Westcliffe, Colorado

MORE CONSIGNMENTS WELCOME!
NO JUNK PLEASE (TV'S OR COMPUTERS)

For Early Check In Please Call

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS: 24'x32' Pole Building with 8' walls, 7'x16' Garage Door, Walkout Door, Metal Siding, and Roof. Build on your site; New Storage Shed; Playhouse or Chicken House; 1955 Ford F-800 Fire Truck, American LaFrance, Runs Good; Snow Blower; New Incubator; Utility Trailer; Sickle Bar Mower

TACK & HORSES: 5 year old Morgan Gelding Broke to Ride and Drive; 16-year-old QH/Arab Gelding Well-broke to Ride; Spotted Mini Donkey; Large Load of New Tack including Weaver Products, Saddles, Harness; Collars; Valley Grass Hay both Small Square and Large Square Bales.

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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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2ND AMENDMENT RALLY AND MARCH

AT THE WESTCLIFFE, CO JULY 4TH PARADE

RESTORE THE 2ND AMENDMENT IN COLORADO



Join the Southern Colorado Patriots Club in their section in the Westcliffe, CO July 4th Parade.

This is the biggest open carry 2nd Amendment march in Colorado!!

Bring your rifles and holstered handguns!

It is Time to STAND UP.

Celebrate and Defend our Constitution. Use it or Lose it! March with your fellow Patriots and make a statement that WE still believe in our Constitution and that we want it RESTORED in Colorado. You have to SHOW UP to make a statement. Bring the family, bring the kids, bring Grandma, bring your friends.

Stand up for your rights.

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.

Firearm Protocol: Rifles: unloaded, safety on, no detachable magazines inserted in rifle, chamber flag appreciated, MUST BE SLUNG on shoulder or back. No handling of weapons during the parade. All rifles welcome. Hand Guns: Holstered, open carry. No handling of weapons during the parade.

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

KIDS

Friday, June 12, 2015

Who Was Dred Scott?

Who was Dred Scott? Scott was a slave owned by a professional soldier, U.S. Army Surgeon Dr. John Emerson. Dr. Emerson was transferred from his home in Missouri to two slavery-free northern states, Illinois and Wisconsin (which would later become Minnesota). Slavery in Illinois was outlawed in 1819. Dred Scott accompanied Emerson to live in these non-slave states and as a consequence he believed that he was free. In 1846, Scott sued his owner for his freedom. The case took many twists and turns and finally his case was heard by the U.S. Supreme Court. The Supreme Court rendered a decision in March of 1857 which shocked many people in America. The court at that time was dominated by pro-slavery justices. Chief Justice Roger B. Taney was a former slave owner as were four other justices. The five justices made a majority and the five to two decision shocked the northern abolitionists, future president Lincoln, and many Republicans in the north. The Republican Party, founded in 1856, was formed based on strong feelings against slavery. Many were surprised that the two Republicans on the Supreme Court abstained from voting.

The 1857 ruling denied Dred Scott his freedom, declared that Scott was not a citizen, and could not bring suit for his freedom. The Court also said that the U.S. Congress could not prohibit slavery in any state and declared the Missouri Compromise unconstitutional. Abraham Lincoln felt that the next step would be for the Supreme Court to decide that no state could exclude slavery under the Constitution, regardless of their wishes or their laws.

This decision in 1857 set the stage for a major conflict between the southern slave states and the northern states that wanted slavery abolished. With the election of Abraham Lincoln as president in 1860, a perfect storm was created which would result in open warfare for four years and the deaths of over 600,000 Americans.

by J Cascarelli

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PUBLIC NOTICE 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 REQUIRE-

MENTS 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 AM., 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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Final Publication Date: June 19, 2015
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Westcliffe, Colorado

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015
12:00 PM
Meeting Location:
San Isabel Restaurant**

- Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Audience introduction
Approval of minutes
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
- Ordinance 15-02 Restricting Open Fire and Open Burning in the unincorporated areas of Custer County, and also including the incorporated Towns of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe.
- US Forest Service – Paul Crespin

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

The Town of Westcliffe is accepting donation requests from local non-profit organizations for the 2016 budget. Special preference will be given to organizations that benefit youth and senior citizens.

- The request must be in writing on the Town of Westcliffe’s Community Investment forms.
- Available at Benson Hall, 305 Main Street or on the Announcement Page at www.townofwestcliffe.com.
- Please include eight (8) copies.

If all pertinent information is not submitted it may affect consideration of your request.

The deadline for donation requests will be Monday, August 31, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Requests may be mailed to P.O. Box 406 or delivered to Benson Hall, 305 Main Street. Requests received after this deadline may not be considered.

If you have questions please contact Kathy Reis at 783-2282.

Kathy Reis
Town Clerk
Town of Westcliffe

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE FOR PUBLICATION

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

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

Original Grantor: Jeremy M. Kibler, as Trustee of the Jeremy M. Kibler Living Trust and Kaycie P. Kibler, as Trustee of the Kaycie P. Kibler Living Trust
Original Beneficiary: Jerald A. Seifert and Robert A. Joslen, Jr.

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

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

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

All that portion of the SW1/4 of said Section 23 lying East

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

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

LEIN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will, at **10:00 a.m.**, in the forenoon of **July 16th, 2015**, at the office of the Sheriff, 702 Rosita Ave., Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness evidenced by the judgement and Decree secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale, and other items allowed by law, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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

DATE: **March 10, 2015**

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

Shannon K. Byerly

By: Shannon K. Byerly, Sheriff

The name, address and telephone number of the attorneys representing the legal holder of the evidence of debt are as follows: BuxmanKwitek, Douglas J. Kwitek # 23268 & Buxman Kwitek P.C., 601 N. Main, Suite 200, Pueblo, Colorado 81003. Telephone number, 719-544-5081.

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

*The Westcliffe Inn and the Colorado Springs
Corvette Club are presenting*

The First Annual Corvette Car Show

**Saturday, June 13 from 10-2pm
at Custer County High School**

They are expecting from 20 to 30 classic
and modern models.

There is no charge for attending.

*For more info, please contact Main Street Manager
Karen Loucks Rinedollar 719-207-2407 or*

C.S. Club Member Jimmy Zajicek (719) 649-7164

**Visit The Cliffs Website for info of local events
and to post events for the community
www.thecliffscolorado.com**



**I.O.O.F.
Fifth Annual**

Homecoming Concert

Admission Donations Benefit Theta Rho Girls' Clubs of Colorado

Bring Lawn Chairs

**Saturday, June 20, 2015
5:00 pm**

Food, Entertainment

1020 N. 15th, Cañon City, Colorado

Grounds of Odd Fellows Home - Across from St. Thomas More Parking Lot

**Flying W Wranglers
Colorado Springs, CO**

&

**Barry Ward
Elbert, CO**

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Love
and Truth**



**Proudly
Celebrating
101 Years
of Service**

***Friendship House at the Odd Fellows Home
1914 - 2015***

**For more information call Rockey Wells at 719-429-0316 or Kathy Wells at 719-429-0317
*Produced by Shadow Mountain Management Corporation***

Gymkana

Hosted by the Wild West Cowboy Church
May 31, 2015



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Classifieds

Concrete

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

For Sale

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

1969 ¾-ton Chevrolet pickup. Runs well. Not pretty. \$1,300.

A 2,284 sq. ft., 3-bedroom, 1¼ bath, stucco home is on 18 acres in Big Horn Ranch. Walk-out basement, attached 2-car garage, outbuildings. Priced at \$215,000. MLS#51057 KLM Realty. Call Kathy, 719-783-3514.

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@pueblo-chamber.net.

The Custer County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for a full time 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.

Garage Sale

Shop: Electric and hand tools. Books, hardware, furniture. 842 Aspen Trail (7 miles north off CR 255) on Saturday, June 13, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Real Estate

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

Services

Mowing and brush hogging. (719) 371-2866

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

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

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719-371-8625

Improving Colorado's Road Health Summit

Custer County organizations were represented at the Improving Colorado's Road Health Summit held in Keystone, Colorado, June 3rd through the 5th. Beth Green from Custer County Public Health, Gushikawa from the American Legion Post 170, Terra Raye from Custer County Transitions and Acacia Roy with Colorado Drive Smart all benefited from the valuable road safety information provided by the summit.

Colonel Scott G. Hernandez, Chief of the Colorado State Patrol, was one of the seven speakers talking about the prevention of road crash deaths. In 2013, 32,719 people died in car crashes nationally. 488 people died in Colorado in 2014, and so far this year there are 200 fatalities due to automobile crashes. Research has proven the most cause of traffic deaths is failure to wear seat belts. Colorado is striving to reach zero road deaths by increasing education on seat belt use and by getting a primary seat belt law on the Colorado ballot so voters can decide about this issue. Utah has passed a primary seat belt law and has

lowered their traffic deaths significantly.

The women also learned about safety for the older driver. Acacia Roy, Terra Raye, and Gushikawa took the CarFit technician training and are now certified to assist the older driver in using all of the safety features in newer cars properly, so they will have no blind spots, not be severely injured by the air bag or seat belt should it be needed and other methods of using the safety features now provided in cars.

The summit also covered the hazards of distracted driving due to many issues that take the driver's eyes off of the road. There were several entertaining presentations on educating the teen driver to drive safely, as they are the most likely to experience road fatality due to inexperience. The final topic covered was marijuana impaired driving. The many speakers talked about how law enforcement detects an impaired driver and how science is learning to legally/medically define impairment from marijuana use for those driving under the influence.

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.



Come and Worship



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eateries

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Oak Creek Grade General Store, Bakery & Coffee Shop
13 miles north on Cty. Rd. 255
719/783-2245
Please call ahead

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

St. Andrews Golf Course Café
800 Copper Gulch Rd. • Westcliffe
719/783-9410
Open Daily
Call for Hours

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Events Calendar

Saturday, June 13
8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: ACT Testing (School library)

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Sangre Art Guild Fine Art Show
“Colorado Magic” at 3rd St. Gallery, 59000 N. Highway 69, Westcliffe

Sunday, June 14 – Monday, June 15
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Sangre Art Guild Fine Art Show
“Colorado Magic” at 3rd St. Gallery, 59000 N. Highway 69, Westcliffe

Wednesday, June 17
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.: EDIBLE ART; *see page 9 for details*

Thursday, June 18 – June 22
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Sangre Art Guild Fine Art Show
“Colorado Magic” at 3rd St. Gallery, 59000 N. Highway 69, Westcliffe

Thursday, June 18
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.: PACA POWER! *see page 9 for details*

6:30 p.m.: Amphitheater behind Jones theater: Play: “Merry Wives of Windsor,” Adults \$20, Students 18 and Under \$10, Kids \$5.

Friday, June 19
6:30 p.m.: Amphitheater behind Jones theater: Play: “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” Adults \$20, Students 18 and Under \$10, Kids \$5.

Friday – Saturday, June 19 and 20
Custer County Alumni Reunion MPR, WEST GYM;

Saturday, June 20
All Day: 30th Annual Ride the Rockies finish line events all day long. <http://ridetherockies.com>

11 a.m. & 1 p.m. DJUST DJEMBE African Drumming. *see page 9 for details*

6:30 p.m.: Amphitheater behind Jones theater: Play: “Merry Wives of Windsor,” Adults \$20, Students 18 and Under \$10, Kids \$5.

Sunday, June 21
FATHERS DAY

Recurring Events and Business Hours

Monday
6 p.m.: Closed step study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emilie at (719) 371-5974

Monday through Friday
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Custer County public transit service available to everyone through Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Noon: Lunch served at Custer County Senior Center located on first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 am

Monday and Thursday
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff assisting new mothers and families. Free pregnancy tests, ultrasound, counseling, and more. Call 783-4357

Tuesday
12 - 4:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe.
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Jammin’ band at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff

First Tuesday of the Month:
6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion
Post 170 monthly meeting
6:45 p.m. Post 170 **Auxiliary** monthly meeting (March-October) at the Saddle Club.

Tuesday through Friday
10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.: Library open in downtown Westcliffe; 783-9138

Wednesday
9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Line dancers meet at the 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 Schlachbach’s Market Place)

Friday
6 p.m.: Open discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emilie (719) 371-5974

Saturday
10 a.m.: Wet Mountain Al-Anon Family Group meets at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 201 Third St.; Call Dee (719) 404-1851 or Jean (719) 371-1229
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: West Custer County Library open in Westcliffe

Court Report...

Christopher Adair

- Christopher William Adair was sentenced to 10 years to life of intensive probation.
- He was sentenced to 90 days in jail and received no credit for the 90 days he has already served
- He must undergo psychological treatment
- Use of drugs (legal and illegal) and alcohol are prohibited
- Adair will be allowed NO contact with males and females under 18
- He must pay \$9,273.50 in fines

Jack T. McCullah

- McCullah had the charge of careless driving dismissed
- Paid a fine of \$169.50

Michael Lynn Johnson

- Johnson plead guilty to reporting a false crime two times
- Sentenced to 60 days in jail and received 29 days credit for time served
- His work release request was approved
- A fine of \$258.50 was assessed

Tommy Linn Davis

- The charge of burglary of a dwelling was dismissed
- Davis plead guilty of theft of \$1,000 to \$20,000
- He was fined \$26,411.50
- Must fully provide \$23,863 (included in fine) in restitution to the victims, Debra and Doug Rickman
- Is prohibited from contacting the victims
- Was sentenced to 3 years’ probation and 16 hours of community service

Lindsey Joel Allen

- The charges of possession of a controlled substance was dismissed
- Possession of drug paraphernalia was also dismissed
- Allen plead guilty to unlawful use of a controlled substance
- He must go for treatment and evaluation
- Was fined \$837.50

Zachary Edward Hoopingarner

- Both charges of careless driving and driving without a seat belt were dismissed
- Hoopingarner plead guilty to speeding
- Was fined \$164.50

Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Commodities will be distributed on June 17th

New rules will require person show verification that they live in Custer County. Types of valid verification would include ID, utility bills, or mail received at your current address. Distribution to the eligible public will start shortly after 8:00 a.m. as soon as volunteer staff are prepared. Distribution will take place at the south end of the scale house behind the courthouse. Consumers should have access to freezer space as some of the items need to be kept frozen until used.

Commodities are distributed on the 2nd Wednesday after the 2nd Monday of each month.

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below there were 141 calls for service to the Sheriff’s Office and 13 to EMS. As of June 9th there were 6 males in the county jail.

06/03/15
2206 hours: Welfare check at 1291 CR 131. Deputies made contact and subject was okay. He will call his brother.

06/04/15 EMS
1645 hours - Medic 3 responded to clinic for a party in need of a possible transport. Party decided to drive themselves. EMS processed refusal and returned to quarters.

06/04/15 15-0166
Female party reported that she was stopped by a law enforcement officer on 5/29/15, however, it was not a Custer County Deputy or a State Trooper. Custer County Sheriff’s are investigating the matter.

06/04/15
2334 hours - Medic 3 responded to a residence in Custer County to transport party to Parkview Medical Center.

6/4/15 15-0169
2129 hours - Officers responded to a call involving a deceased party in his home. Party is thought to have passed from natural causes. Nothing further at this time.

06/05/15 EMS
1911 hours - Medic 3 responded to assist a party with a transport to Parkview Hospital.

06/05/15 EMS
1949 hours - Medic 1 responded to assist a party. While on scene Medic 1 processed a refusal and returned to EMS headquarters.

06/05/15 EMS
2123 hours - Medic 3 processed a refusal after responding to a party requesting 911 assistance.

06/05/15 EMS
2326 hours - Medic 3 responded to a party requesting assistance. Party was deemed to be okay at the scene. Medic 3 processed a refusal and returned to quarters.

06/06/15 15-0174
2430 hours - Officers worked on an agency assist with officers in Pueblo County regarding a party who had accidentally shot herself in the foot at the Ophir Creek Campground. The incident occurred at the campground, but the party was transported to Pueblo County by family members before contacting 911. Nothing further at this time.

06/06/15 EMS
1137 hours - Medic 3 responded to assist a party who had called 911. Medic 3 processed a refusal on scene as no transport was needed.

06/06/15 15-0176
0931 hours - Officers took a report involving vandalism to a vehicle in the parking lot at the Silver Dome. Report is under investigation.

06/06/1515-0178
1519 hours - Party (Ferry, Ian - DOB in 1987) was cited for speeding (5-9 over) just outside of the Ace Hardware, on HWY 69.

06/06/15 15-0179
1534 hours - Party (Reninger, George - DOB in 1965) was cited for speeding (10-19 over) on Highway 69-North.

06/06/15 15-0181
1900 hours - Party (Johnson, Jeffery - DOB in 1977) was cited for speeding (10-19 over) on Highway 69-North, in front of the Custer County Courthouse.

06/07/15 15-0184
0815 hours - Party (Wright, Rod - DOB in 1966) was cited for speeding and driving with expired plates near MM1, CR 328.

06/07/15 15-0185
0849 hours - Party (Silks, Cristopher - DOB in 1962) was cited for speeding (10-19 over) in the area of Highway 69, MM 52.

06/07/15 EMS
1506 hours - Medic 3 responded to assist a party and provide transport to St. Mary Corwin.

06/07/15 EMS
1553 hours - Medic 4 responded to assist a party and provide transport to St. Thomas More.

06/07/15 15-186
2117 hours - Officers responded to 702 Rosita Avenue for a call regarding the accidental discharge of a firearm. No parties were injured. Party (Shickling, Bryan DOB in 1993) was cited for reckless endangerment. Shickling discharged a firearm in an apartment while cleaning it.

06/08/1515-0187
0856 hours - Party(Montejo, Iroel DOB in 1973) cited for speeding 10-19 mph over posted speed limit on Highway 69 mile marker 51.

06/08/1515-0188
1000 hours- Party(Parsons, Patricia DOB in 1975) cited for speeding 10-19 over posted speed limit at 6th and Hermit.

06/08/15 15-189
1030 hours - Party (Carr, Mark DOB in 1977) cited for speeding 10-19 mph over the posted speed limit at 6th and Hermit.

06/08/1515-0191
1557 hours - Parties (Two parties contacted in two separate vehicles arising out of the same traffic stop) Brady, Darren DOB in 1993 and Jordan, Christina DOB in 1985 were cited for speeding 10-19 mph over the posted speed limit at 6th and Hermit.

06/08/15 15-0192
1817 hours - Deputies responded to 7701 County Road 358 for an ATV accident. Driver of ATV refused treatment.

06/09/15 EMS
0642 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to Keepsake Loop in Rosita Hills for a male having difficulty breathing. The patient was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

06/09/15 EMS
1707 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to Choctaw Trail in Cuerno Verde Pines for a male having seizures. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

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

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

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

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

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

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

Southern Colorado Survivors
1st Sat at 8:30 a.m.
El Alazan Mexican Restaurant
1925 Fremont Dr.
Cañon City

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Fremont County Youth Coalition Fights Pot Proponents

by Barbara Penezic

Youth and adult county residents met recently to form the Fremont County Youth Coalition. The group will begin to follow up on the planning that was done during the Fremont County Symposium on Youth. The young people of Fremont County are blessed to live in such great communities where outside activities abound.

While we are grateful for the rugged outdoor activities close at hand for our adolescents to enjoy we must also be aware they now face some life altering problems. There is a rising trend of illegal drug use. A main concern to the group are the full page ads glamorizing the use of de-criminalized marijuana. These ads do not mention the down side of drug use. It does not point out the risks or very real dangers to growing minds and bodies. Scientific studies show that regular marijuana use before age 25 can cause irreversible brain development damage. Cañon City Middle School workers share how kids are coming to school stoned on a regular basis.

There have been a number of deaths linked to marijuana usage by young people. 18-year-old Daniel Juarez died after stabbing himself over 20 times. Autopsy report showed his THC level, the active ingredient in marijuana, was measured at 38.2 nanograms. In the state of Colorado anything over 5 nanograms is considered impaired driving. Daniel’s sister, Erika Juarez, said, “He was extremely high. There is no other reason he would do it.” Police and witnesses say Juarez literally went wild,

stripping off most of his clothing; he ran into his apartment. He stabbed himself 20 times, piercing his heart. Manner of death was listed as suicide with marijuana intoxication as a significant factor. “I lost my brother to it,” Erika said. “It is not harmless; it can kill people and most people don’t see that.”

Dr. Kenneth Finn, board member of the Governor’s Task Force on Amendment 64, outlined the following findings: (a) kids are twice as likely to become addicted as adults, (b) 30% of kids 12-17 in drug abuse treatment centers are there for marijuana problems, while only 8% are receiving treatment for alcohol abuse, (c) teens are 3 times more likely to commit suicide if they use marijuana more than once a month, (d) youths are 4 times more likely to develop psychosis, including schizophrenia, and (e) it affects school performance acutely for 6 hours sub-acutely for 6-20 hours after use.

The common goal of the Coalition is to empower our young people, provide information to help our children make informed healthy choices. This group includes area students, educators, mental health workers, parents, business owners, probation officers, treatment centers, and Fremont, Florence and Cañon City law-enforcement. Co-founders Jen O’Conner and James Berg believe this coalition will give our young people the chance they deserve to reach their full potential. The next meeting will be held at E- Free Church, 3000 E. Main Street in Cañon City, July 14th at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Help make Fremont County into a healthier place for our children to live.

Macon Avenue Development

by Charlotte Burrous
Barbara Penezic

Not so long ago Phase One of the Macon Avenue development plan began. The ends of Fifth and Sixth Streets were blocked halting public access and closing off parking spaces in front of the library. A river was then painted through the area at an approximate cost of \$3,000. Now begin Phase Two, and the river is no more. Gone without a trace, as city work crews dig up the pavement in order to add utility hook ups and an irrigation system. Plans now call for planting grass and creating walkways at the same level as the sidewalks at the Cañon City Library and Fremont Center for the Arts. Other plans on the agenda could include a water

feature, flowers, native plants, and areas for group meetings, community events, and concerts. The project offers widened pedestrian areas, narrowed streets and new trees, and streetscaping.

In order to keep the project moving forward and to lock in today’s interest rates, the council plans to pay for one block with funds already set aside, and the other block will be funded through a loan from the Perpetual Care Fund. The city would set up a three-year loan program, making one payment a year, for three years, using the previous year’s interest rates. Residents I have spoken with are hopeful that Phase Two will not meet the same fate as the late river of Phase One.

McCandless Nursing Home Evacuated

by Charlotte Burrous

During the Florence Mayor/City Manager Coffee Chat on June 4th, City Manager Mike Patterson reported a fire that happened at Vulcan Systems building could have been a disaster without the quick thinking of officials. “(DeLaurentis) made the decision to evacuate (92) veterans and (family members from) McCandless nursing home to the elementary school, which worked well because it was all on one floor,” Patterson said. “It was much easier with the wheelchairs. A bunch of our school district people (and people) from Cañon City and the nursing home staff (all jumped in to help). “With the help of numerous entities, it was taken care of, everybody really rallied,” Patterson said. “In the end, McCandless sent their people down and were able to use the school cafeteria to

feed them. The guy who was going to entertain them came down and played for them during lunch (instead of what was scheduled).”

Residents talked about motorists driving through crosswalks without stopping when pedestrians are trying to cross Main Street. Patterson reminded citizens it is a law, but many motorists do not pay attention to the signs posted on the street in Florence. “Very few people driving obey the crosswalks,” said business owner Morrie Aves. “I push it, (but) once I’m in the crosswalk, I have the right-of-way. I’ve had people buzz by me. It would be nice to have a police officer down there during a busy time, maybe during lunch hour, to see what is going on.” Patterson said Police Chief Mike DeLaurentis has promised to begin a task force in the downtown area.

Big R Coming to Cañon City

by Barbara Penezic

The storefront vacated by ALCO has been undergoing something of a face lift. Materials to re-shape the interior of the store arrived by truck Friday. Hard hat workers were busy unloading the trucks as ‘BIG R’ is preparing to open for business July 1, 2015. The stores corporate office is located at 350 Keeler Parkway in Pueblo and the store boasts numerous locations throughout Colorado and other States. Big R truly offers everything from A to Z and will be a most welcome addition to this community and county. The public is looking forward to having this new shopping experience and the store will bring much needed employment opportunities to area residents.

Second Annual Florence Farmers Market in Pioneer Park

by Charlotte Burrous

When it was about time to retire, the couple began to look around for something to do. He had always wanted to work with wood so they agreed it would be a good hobby for them. On June 4, Larry and Margaret McDonald brought a plethora of items to sell during the Florence Farmers Market on a warm summer day in Pioneer Park. “We wanted to do something to keep us busy,” she said. “We learned by trial and error. As we go along, it gets better.” Larry said they listened to other people to hone their skills, creating plaques, eagles, trains, trucks and much more.

“We retired about five years ago,” he said. This is the second full year at the Farmers Market in Florence. “We use mostly

patterns,” she said. But he said they start with the patterns, then change them to fit the needs of what they’re making. Not only do they create a variety of wooden crafts for the public, but they also do custom orders for customers, Larry said. Farmers co-manager, Joanne Mohr, said vendors are always welcome to join the Florence Farmers Market any time during the summer. The market will be offered from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Thursdays, through Oct. 8 in Pioneer Park. To become a vendor or for more information, call 784-6489. Also look for Cañon City Farmers Market every Tuesday from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. now through October 11 in Veterans Park and Fremont County Farmers Market every Saturday from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. through September 26 at the Abbey in Cañon City.

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

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New Trade Deal-- Evil Deeds Done in Secret

This message from the “president” is quoted on the White House website: “My administration is committed to creating an unprecedented level of openness in government. We will work together to ensure the public trust and establish a system of transparency, public participation, and collaboration. Openness will strengthen our democracy and promote efficiency and effectiveness in government.” Maybe the typo in the word “effectiveness” sums up the commitment. This White House is known for its secrecy from not responding to Freedom of Information Act requests to meetings with known Islamic extremists to socialist healthcare and now a secret trade bill that apparently globalizes your existence.

There is quite a bit of hype written on whitehouse.gov about the secret trade bill, well not really. There is much written about how the trade bill empowers women, but then the bait and switch to the White House trade policy being good for women. This is just an example--introduce the concept of the legislation, but then talk about policy without telling anyone what is in the legislation. That worked pretty well in passing the socialist Affordable Care Act that is neither affordable nor provides good care. This trade bill, however, must be a whopper because not even the Republicans, many who support it, are talking details--Former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s “we have to pass it to find out what’s in it” mentality prevails.

This trade bill is likely full of items that restrict your Constitutional liberties

and are an offense to your faith. One provision is reported to impact where your personal records are sent, who can view this information, and how it can be used--raising questions about privacy. There are other concerns about climate change, immigration, gay rights, and abortion. Americans need a discernment decipher ring to reveal the codes. But here is a hint: Privacy is new code for spying on you; Climate change is new code for taxing businesses and wealth redistribution; Gay rights is new code for suppression of religion and free speech; Immigration is new code for no border security; Family planning is code for abortion. Get the picture?

Most politicians see the globalization of trade as a positive socio-economic step. This is why Republicans are supporting this trade pact. There are also reports that much of the trade pact must be kept secret for five years. This is not good for anyone, especially given the Islamist Marxist sitting in the Oval Office who has routinely lied about his commitment to an “unprecedented level of openness in government.” Psalm 64 speaks of the secret counsel of the wicked. Verse 5 says, “They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they talk of laying snares secretly; they say, Who shall see them?” We do not have to “see” to discern. We should demand accountability to prevent commitments of evil made on our behalf.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
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“Your President May Easily Become King”

By Patrick Henry, 1788

(Editor/GG: This is part of Patrick Henry’s speech at the Virginia Constitution Ratifying Convention, June 5, 1788. This was part of the the debate on whether Virginia should ratify the new proposed U.S. Constitution. Mr. Henry was oh so right. In other speeches he also correctly predicted that the U.S. Supreme Court (nine UNELECTED judges) would trump both the executive and legislative branches, and rule the country. “We the people..” is no more, folks. Time for a change. Emphasis is added below.)

“**Y**our President may easily become king. Your Senate is so imperfectly constructed that your dearest rights may be sacrificed by what may be a small minority; and a very small minority may continue forever unchangeably this government, although horribly defective. Where are your checks in this government? Your strongholds will be in the hands of your enemies. It is on a supposition that your American governors shall be honest, that all the good qualities of this government are founded; but its defective and imperfect construction puts it in their power to perpetrate the worst of mischiefs, should they be bad men; and, sir, would not

all the world, from the eastern to the western hemisphere, blame our distracted folly in resting our rights upon the contingency of our rulers being good or bad?

“Show me that age and country where the rights and liberties of the people were placed on the sole chance of their rulers being good men, without a consequent loss of liberty! I say that the loss of that dearest privilege has ever followed, with absolute certainty, every such mad attempt.

“If your American chief be a man of ambition and abilities, how easy is it for him to render himself absolute! The army is in his hands, and if he be a man of address, it will be attached to him, and it will be the subject of long meditation with him to seize the first auspicious moment to accomplish his design; and, sir, will the American spirit solely relieve you when this happens?

“I would rather infinitely — and I am sure most of this Convention are of the same opinion — have a king, lords, and commons, than a government so replete with such insupportable evils. If we make a king, we may prescribe the rules by which he shall rule his people, and interpose such checks as shall prevent him from infringing them; but the President, in

the field, at the head of his army, can prescribe the terms on which he shall reign master, so far that it will puzzle any American ever to get his neck from under the galling yoke.

“I cannot with patience think of this idea. If ever he violates the laws, one of two things will happen: he will come at the head of his army, to carry every thing before him; or he will give bail, or do what Mr. Chief Justice will order him.

“If he be guilty, will not the recollection of his crimes teach him to make one bold push for the American throne?

“Will not the immense difference between being master of every thing, and being ignominiously tried and punished, powerfully excite him to make this bold push?

“But, sir, where is the existing force to punish him? Can he not, at the head of his army, beat down every opposition? Away with your President! We shall have a king: the army will salute him monarch: your militia will leave you, and assist in making him king, and fight against you: and what have you to oppose this force? What will then become of you and your rights? Will not absolute despotism ensue?”

Aurora School Kitchen Manager Fired for Giving Lunches Away to Hungry Students

by Victor Skinner,
EAGNews.Org

AURORA, Colo. — Former Dakota Valley Elementary School kitchen supervisor Della Curry couldn’t care less that she was recently fired from her job.

It’s the needy students in the school’s lunch line she’s worried about.

The 35-year-old mother of two was fired by the Cherry Creek School District last Friday for giving away lunches to students who couldn’t afford them, CBS Denver reports.

Instead of serving students a hamburger bun with a slice of cheese and a milk — the district’s go-to lunch for students who can’t pay — Curry gave some students a full tray of food, and she’s not apologizing for her actions.

“I had a first grader in front of me, crying, because she doesn’t have enough money for lunch. Yes, I gave her lunch,” Curry told CBS Denver. “I own that I broke the law. The law needs to change.”

Curry told the media she’s paid for lunches for students out of her own pocket in the past. Like most public schools, Dakota Valley Elementary offers free and reduced price lunches to students through the National School Lunch Program, which limits enrollment to families with a household income of \$31,000 or \$45,000, respectively.

But some students who don’t qualify for lunch assistance are often stuck eating a bun and cheese, and Curry doesn’t think that’s right.

“Kids whose parents make too much money to qualify, but a lot of times they don’t have enough money to eat,” she told CBS Denver.

“It is policy to never give out free food ... that is all fine and dandy until you have little kids not on the free and reduced program and their account goes negative,” Curry told the Denver Post.

“I knew the whole time it was a firing offense,” she said. “Somebody told my supervisors what I had

done, and it is immediate termination. I will take that if we can change the rules.”

District officials wouldn’t comment on the situation, citing state privacy laws on personnel matter, but did release a general statement about the school lunch policy.

“The law does not require the school district to provide a meal to children who have forgotten their lunch money — that is a district decision,” the statement read, according to the Post.

Apparently, in the Cherry Creek School District, there’s no such thing as a free lunch, at least not a nutritious free lunch.

“According to our practice, we provide hot meals to students the first three times they forget their lunch money and charge their parents’ accounts,” according to the statement. “The fourth time, we provide a cheese sandwich and milk. No child is ever allowed to go without lunch.”

Curry said she was hired as the kitchen manager at Dakota Valley about a year

ago, and has given away about 20 free lunches to children since that time.

“While I know that what I did was legally wrong, I do not feel bad about it and I would do it again in a heartbeat,” Curry posted to Facebook, according to the Daily Mail.

“I will never understand how the ‘best’ country in the world considers a cheese sandwich to be adequate nutrition for a child. I will never understand how one of the richest countries in the world cannot provide lunch for its children.”

Dakota Valley parent Darnell Hill told CBS Denver he appreciates that Curry helped his son when he forgot his lunch money, and doesn’t think the kitchen manager deserves the boot.

“Do something different than fire her,” he said. “She’s trying to help.”

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Teacher Suspended After Stomping on the American Flag in Class

by Steve Gunn,
EAGNews.Org

(Editor/GG: Another liberal educator brain washing our children.)

MARTINSVILLE, Ill. –

An Illinois public school teacher has been placed on leave for the rest of the school year after allegedly placing an American flag on the floor of his classroom last week and stepping on it.

The teacher, who has not been identified, was apparently giving a lesson to students at Martinsville Junior/Senior High School about freedom of speech and expression, and used the flag as a prop.

Students reported the incident on Facebook, drawing national attention.

“We can’t figure out why he actually went to the simulations of actually doing it,” Jonathon Smith, a senior at Martinsville

Junior/Senior High School, was quoted as saying by TristateHomePage.com.

“He talked about it being the right to do whatever he wants. That’s why it was there so he could do whatever he wants, but we have no idea why he would actually take it down and basically start all this.”

Several residents reportedly protested outside the school Tuesday, taking turns walking an American flag back and forth in front of the building.

“It’s just disgraceful,” protester Clifford Clouser, a U.S. Navy veteran, told WTHI-TV on Tuesday. “There’s just so much history in that flag – some good, some bad – but it’s still our flag.”

Protester Nicholas Gibson, a veteran of the U.S. Marines, told the TV station, “It should have never happened. I’m very proud of these kids that have stood up for what they believe in.” The school district issued a statement on Tuesday indicating that the teacher has been suspended and the incident is under investigation.

“On Friday, May 15th, in the evening, Jill Rogers, the Superintendent of Mar-

tinsville Community Unit School District No. C-3, became aware of an incident that occurred in the high school where a teacher was alleged to have stepped on an American Flag in the classroom,” the statement said. “On Monday morning, Ms. Rogers placed the teacher on leave pending an investigation into the incident.

“The teacher will remain on leave for the remainder of the school year so that the District may investigate the incident and determine steps to move forward.

“We are also aware that community members have made threats against the teacher on Facebook. We have notified the police of the threats. We encourage everyone in the community to teach our students by example that we can express our disapproval with a situation without becoming threatening and/or potentially violent.

“To ensure the safety of the teacher involved, as well as the safety of his family, we will not be releasing his name at this time.”

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George Washington - First President of the United States*

Teacher Bans Bible Verse from 6th Grader's 'All About Me' Project

by Kyle Olson,
EAGNews.org

LAS VEGAS, Nev. –

There will be no talk about God at least at one Las Vegas charter school.

Mackenzie Frazier, a 6th grader at Somerset Academy, created a PowerPoint presentation for an “All About Me” project.

She included John 3:16 because she is “proud of her Christian faith.”

But that was too much for school administrators, who said her beliefs violated the so-called separation of church and state.

“Can you please explain if this is true? Perhaps, she misunderstood you? Since I am certain you understand that this clearly infringes on my daughters/your students right to freedom of speech, I want to make sure we understand your instructions,” Mackenzie’s father, Tim Frasier, a Christian pastor, wrote to the school administration on April 29, according to the Review Journal.

Two days later he received a response from Assistant Principal Jenyan Martinez, who wrote:

“When Mackenzie created the project with the expectation she would present the Biblical saying to the class, the matter became one of having a captive audience that would be subject to her religious beliefs. Had the assignment been designed to simply hand in for a grade, this would not have been an issue. Therefore, considering the circumstances of the assignment, Miss Jardine appropriately followed school law expectations by asking Mackenzie to choose an alternate quote for the presentation.”

The school claims because it receives taxpayer funding, they’re just following rules handed down from Washington.

“We consider the civil liberties of our students to be of utmost importance. As such, we strive to comply in every way with the directives set forth by the U.S. Department of Education with regard to religious ex-

pression in public schools,” Colin Bringhurst of the charter school management company Academica Nevada said in a statement.

Fox 25 reports the Fraziers are looking for an apology from school administrators for violating their daughter’s constitutional rights.

The Liberty Institute is defending Mackenzie and wants her to be allowed to resubmit the assignment reflecting her true self, not one censored by the overzealous school administrators.

“That’s illegal. That’s unconstitutional, and Somerset Academy needs to apologize,” Jeremy Dys, senior counsel for the group, said Wednesday.

Liberty has given the school 10 days to respond but so far, they’ve ignored the family’s concerns.

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Psalm 91:2, NIV

Boom Town: Left Wants to Shut Down 19th Largest Natural Gas Producing Country

by ColoradoPeakPolitic.com

If there was any question about the critical importance of the oil and gas industry in this state, let's set the record straight: if Colorado was ranked along with the top natural gas-producing nations in the world, our state's 2012 output would place us at 19th in the world, ahead of seven of the 12 OPEC nations. In fact, Colorado comes in just under Mexico and the United Arab Emirates, according to a new ranking by the American Petroleum Institute.

Not only is our output significant on a global scale, but the economic activity created by the industry in our state is irre-

placeable as it supports 213,000 Colorado jobs and contributes more than \$25 billion to Colorado's economy. Even better, improving efficiencies and technology in the energy industry are saving families \$1,200 per year, and it's not because of solar panels and windmills.

Additionally, this might be an appropriate time to let you in on a little secret: since we have a maybe, maybe-not tree hugging governor, a U.S. Senator who carries water for the Sierra Club (we're talking Bennet here, folks), and the National Renewable Energy Lab in our backyard, "clean energy" stories get decent traction in the local press. Let's not be fooled.

Just because Democrats want to pay their donors back with subsidies and favoritism towards green energy, doesn't mean that it's the only solution for Colorado. If some Democrats had their way, they would shut down the natural gas production equivalent of two Venezuelas.

Shutting down Venezuela's energy pro-

duction would inspire shocked headlines around the world. It's funny that the equivalent doesn't here in Colorado.

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TSA: Worthless

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

So now we find out... (from FoxNews.com):

Homeland Security officials confirmed to Fox News that TSA screeners failed 67 out of 70 tests -- or 96 percent -- carried out by special investigators known as "red teams."

In one case, an undercover agent with a fake bomb strapped to his back set off a magnetometer -- but the screener still failed to find it.

That's impressive.

So now we know what the truth is, although you won't hear anyone in the media say it:

There is nobody -- literally nobody -- who has tried to blow up a plane or get a gun on one for nefarious purpose since 9/11.

Nobody.

Got that folks?

The count of people willing to die to blow up a civilian aircraft in this country numbers zero.

Zip.

Nada.

Bupkis.

Period.

If there had been a mere 10 said people in this country (out of 330,000,000 people in the nation), nine planes would have been blown up and the 10th guy would have detonated himself when he got caught, blowing up the airport instead.

But there have been..... zero.

The TSA is worthless.

Billions spent for one purpose and one only: To remove liability from the airlines if someone tries to blow up a plane or otherwise bring a weapon on one for nefarious purpose in the

future, which I remind you, was retroactively removed from the airlines after 9/11.

And in exchange for removing that liability we became less safe -- the only reason we haven't had terrorism in the sky since is that there are no terrorists in this country willing and able to commit such an act.

But you've been groped, old ladies with leukemia have been assaulted, and you still put up with it instead of demanding that this c**p stop right here, right now, today, and everyone responsible for it in Congress and otherwise go find food in a dumpster instead of collecting a salary, pension or both.

And that, my friends, is a fact.

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On Obama's Secret TransPacific Trade Deal.....

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

(Editor/GG: Update. This abomination is still on track. RINO's Boehner and McConnell fully endorse this anti-American "trade" bill. Nobama is keeping the wording secret and NO complaints from the republicans. This is NOT what we elected these RINO's to do. Better start calling Colorado U.S. Senator Cory Gardner and U.S. Representative Scott Tipton and tell them to stand up for American workers, NOT foreigners.)

The Senate finally did something intelligent on trade...

President Obama suffered a defeat at the hands of his own party on Tuesday, as Senate Democrats blocked a key component of the president's trade agenda.

After fierce lobbying on both sides of the issue, the bid to start debate -- on expanding the president's authority to negotiate trade

deals -- failed on a 52-45 vote. It needed 60 votes to advance.

"What we just saw here is pretty shocking," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said, accusing congressional Democrats of standing with "special interests."

Cut the c**p, Mitch.

The problem with these trade deals in general, whether it be NAFTA, the most-favored nation status granted to China and others, is that when they involve "developing" or "third world" nations they simply enable wage and environmental arbitrage.

It is expensive, in relative terms, to avoid poisoning the air, water, and land. There is little that is cheaper than simply running a pipe to the nearest body of water and dumping your toxic waste in it; essentially every means of treating that waste to make it safe, or recycling it, is more expensive. All things being

equal if you're a manufacturer that uses toxic materials (and most do) if you can put your plant where nobody will stop you from dumping the toxic waste, you will.

Likewise, if the prevailing wage for jobs that are primarily manual labor and do not involve a high degree of skill is a nickel an hour in whatever the local currency is, while our minimum wage is a couple hundred times higher, all things being equal if you can put your plant where the prevailing wage is a nickel an hour, you will.

This doesn't make the person who does that evil -- it just makes them a capitalist. In a world where there is no legal constraint on this behavior and where the local population where you put the plant wants the plant, why not put it there? I'm not going to get into

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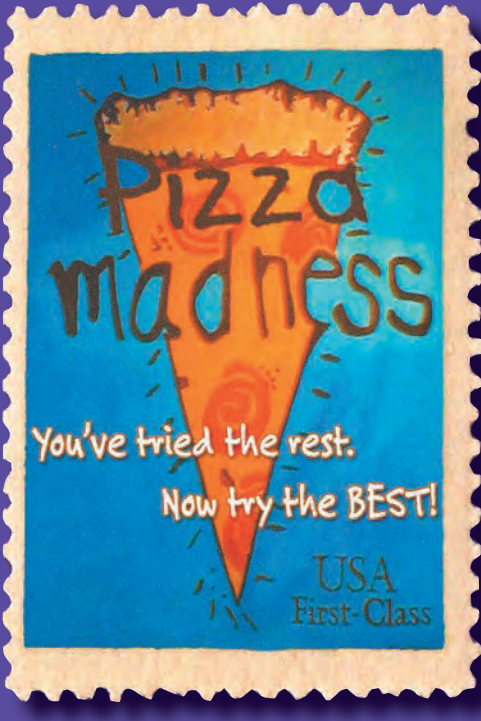


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The GOP War on Private Weapons in America

by Bill Rupert,
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(Editor/GG: Read this and wake up about the establishment Republican Party. They are RINO's plain and simple. And it goes back almost 100 years. Us conservative voters are forced to vote for these career, all-about-me "republicans" cause we almost always have no choice. The republican majorities in the U.S Senate and House have been a COMPLETE failure. They fully fund Nobama's collectivist regime at budget time ensuring another year of the war of tyranny on freedom. They confirm U.S. Attorney General Lynch who is an outright leftist. They starve the U.S. military of money to pay for the welfare state. On and on and on and on. U.S. Representative Scott Tipton has been a huge disappointment and newly elected U.S. Senator Cory Gardner, in a blatantly deceptive way, pretended not to vote for AG Lynch, but really did. Nice work Cory. Really transparent. Below are some excerpts from Mr. Ruperts excellent article. Bet you didn't know some of this! (It is way too long to print here. See the link below for the entire thing.) Get a beer ready, you're gonna need it after reading this. I did.)

Once the Volstead Act was repealed in December of 1933, the government was desperate to find a way to keep their newly minted police powers and legions of G-men employed to enforce Prohibition so the 1934 National Firearms Act was born. A new federal prohibition began – the continuous and unrelenting assault on the a priori right to keep and bear defensive instruments in the hands of free men.

The 1934 NFA federally

regulated machine guns, suppressors, short-barreled rifles and shotguns, suppressors, and “destructive devices which included grenades and hundreds of items the ATF added at their leisure bureaucratically to a ban list or highly regulated. This was the first notion at the federal level of using the imprimatur of sporting purposes not the 1968 Gun Control Act as is popularly imagined such as this from the text of the wretched bill: “Any firearm with a bore over 0.50 inch except for shotguns or shotgun shells which have been found to be generally recognized as particularly suitable for sporting purposes.”

No Republican opposition.

GOP President Richard Nixon:
“I don't know why any individual should have a right to have a revolver in his house.”

The Federal Firearms Act of 1938 (FFA) imposed a federal license requirement on gun manufacturers, importers, and persons in the business of selling firearms. This created the infamous FFL controls on commerce.

No Republican opposition.

One should carefully read the nonsense passed by the Supremes in 1939 in U.S. v. Miller in which sawed off shotguns became a regulated item. Here we see the tortured logic on display of how the government can start to enforce restrictions on military-type weapons in spite of the previous hundreds years jurisprudence talking about the military applicability of weapons choices in the individualist interpretation of the Second Amendment.

Mind you, in contretemps to their own tortured conclusions in the rendering of the verdict. Neither the defendants nor their legal counsel appeared at the Supreme Court for the case. A lack of financial support and procedural irregularities prevented counsel from traveling. It's worth noting that the Supremes clearly stated that military weapons were protected but the length of the weapon seemed to be the operative cause for the decision. A mere generation before shotguns had been employed in WWI by U.S. forces.

No Republican opposition.

Fast-forward to 1967 and we have Republican Governor Ronald Reagan sign-

ing the Mulford Act, which repealed a law allowing open carrying, loaded firearms in public. He did this in response to the Black Panthers carrying loaded weapons to the steps of the Big House in Sacramento. Tease out the facts and a law was passed to confirm the “bearing” of weapons but repealed? Before that, believe it or not, California had the now popular notion of Constitutional Carry for long arms and side arms. What a tangled web they weave.

No Republican opposition.

This was just before the infamous passage of the Gun Control Act of 1968 which severely curtailed gun rights across the board. The now extinct JPFO made a brilliant case for Senator Dodd; he was vice-chair-

man of the Review Board and later Executive Trial Counsel at the Nuremberg trials lifting the text almost entirely from the Nazi gun control laws in 1938. This would also create the noxious BATFE in 1968. And please keep in mind that a Democrat president passed this and twice as many Republicans as Democrats voted in favor of passage. You read that right. It was two Democrats, Colmer and Cellar who fought Johnson's attempt to register all weapons in the United States.

No Republican opposition.

In 1972, Republican President Richard Nixon floats a proposal to ban handguns in America. To quote the scoundrel himself: “I don't know why any individual should have a right to have a revolver in his house,” Nixon said in a taped conversation with aides. “The kids usually kill themselves with it and so forth.” He asked why “can't we go after handguns, period?” Nixon went on: “I know the rifle association will be against it, the gun makers will be against it.” But “people should not have handguns.”

The Firearm Owners Protection Act is passed in 1986 which makes illegal all machine guns manufactured after that date and signed by the same man who signed the Mulford Act in 1967. Despite a prohibition on a national registry, the act nonetheless enabled the ATF to codify turning in all out of business 4473 transactions and more intensely ramp up inspection that recorded all these “bound book” transactions. In effect, creating a de facto national gun registry in the Federal books codified by law.

No Republican opposition.



You do know that I am a member of the NRA and my position on the right to bear arms is well known,” Reagan said, speaking out in support of the 1994 Brady bill to create new background checks and a waiting period for gun buyers. “But I want you to know something else, and I am going to say it in clear, unmistakable language: I support the Brady Bill and I urge Congress to enact it without further delay.”

In 1989, Bushevik I declared a ban on the import of cosmetically offensive “assault weapons”. This would be the prototype for the “Assault Weapons Ban” in 1993.

No Republican opposition.

The idiotic Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990 would be signed by Bushevik I in November 1990. Co-sponsored by Republican Senator Strom Thurmond, no less.

No Republican opposition.

Then the delightful and diabolical Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act which started the Orwellian NICS system for those stupid enough to purchase weapons from a store-front gun dealer with an FFL.

Then in 1993, the US passes the Federal Assault Weapons Ban (AWB). So far, we haven't even discussed the silliness of infringement on these alleged Second Amendment protections. I am a constitutional

skeptic of the highest order but my friends who still worship the parchment can provide no explanation for how often the 2A is violated yet they happily think the whole wretched system works just fine. What was interesting in this vote on the AWB is that the majority of Republicans opposed it but the Democrats fielded 64 nay votes versus the GOP nay tally of 131 because 46 Republicans voted for the ban when the Democrats owned the Offal Office.

Once Bushevik II is in office, he boldly claims that if the AWB comes across his desk for renewal, he will sign it because Americans shouldn't own those types of weapons. He goes on to sign the NICS Improvement Act of 2007 which another Orwellian in the federal pre-crime quiver for weapons ownership. Just another Big Brother improvement to data-basing potential malefactors.

It's an interesting thought experiment to replace all these laws with the word book where gun is and one sees that the war of ideas is far more dangerous to political control than anything else. The powers that be just haven't gotten around to gutting free speech with the merriment they have enjoined destroying personal armament.

(Please see <http://zerogov.com/?p=4048> for the entire article. It is excellent.)

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Colorado D.A. Confirms Shooting of Three Thugs Was "Common Sense Self-Defense"

by Bob Owens, BearingArms.com

(Editor/GG: An additional report from the Aurora Police Chief stated that at least one of the muggers had a gun and was pointing at the victims. Always have a gun on you. You never know where evil will strike.)

A trio of young thugs attempted to rob three men moving furniture into a condo in Aurora, Colorado, Friday night [May 29th]. Two of the men accosted handed over their wallets. The third pulled his legally-concealed weapon and opened fire, hitting all three suspects: (From denver.cbslocal.com.):

One robbery suspect died on the way to the hospital. A second robbery suspect suffered serious injuries. A third fled, but walked into the Aurora South Medical Center where he was arrested.

The shooter had a concealed to carry weapons permit and put the gun down when he saw officers arriving.

Brauchler says Colorado's self-defense law allows the use of deadly force.

"If you have a weapon on you and you are placed in imminent fear of serious bodily injury or death, you are entitled to defend yourself," Brauchler said.

Brauchler noted it's not a case of Make My Day because the shooting didn't happen inside a residence.

"This is straight up regular common sense and statutorily codified self-defense," he said.

All three suspects were shot as they stood in a 10' x 6' space between two doors.

Though the robbers have been described as "young people," which is typically reserved for teens, the identities of the young men and their exact ages have not been discovered. Aurora Police Chief Nick Metz said that they are looking for help in ascertaining who the three suspects are. The dead criminal obviously cannot speak, and the two surviving criminals either can't speak, or think that by remaining silent they are somehow helping themselves.

Colorado Revised Statute § 18-3-102 is the state's implementation of the felony murder rule, meaning that the two injured criminals can face first degree murder charges for the death of their compatriot.

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Teachers Complain, Chaos Reigns as St. Paul Schools Spend Millions on 'White Privilege' Training

by Steve Gunn, EAGNews.Org

(Editor/GG: Another example of the left-wing education establishment's war on civil society. Colorado's educrats are no exception. It is NOT about the children, it is all about indoctrination.)

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Have the taxpayers of St. Paul spent nearly \$3 million over the past five years to bring chaos and danger to their schools and students?

Apparently so.

In 2010, the St. Paul school district began a contractual relationship with the Pacific Educational Group, a San Francisco-based organization that tries to help public schools deal with achievement and disciplinary issues involving black students.

PEG packages and sells the concept of victimization, for a very high price.

It claims that the American education system is built around white culture, tradition and social norms – aka "white privilege" – to the unfair detriment of black students.

PEG believes that black students will only achieve if school curricula are customized to meet their cultural specifications. It also rejects the concept of using suspensions or expulsions to discipline black students.

The relationship with PEG has been costly for the St. Paul district, in more ways than one.

According to information provided by the district to EAGnews through a freedom of information

request, St. Paul schools spent at least the following amounts on PEG consultations services over the past five years:

- * \$137,720 in 2010-11,
- * \$366,800 in 2011-12,
- * \$598,900 in 2012-13,
- * \$489,150 in 2013-14 and
- * \$285,895 in 2014-15.

The district also reported spending "matched amounts" of \$132,072 (2010-11), \$363,260 (2011-12) and \$537,900 (2012-13) on PEG, without explaining what that term means.

Not long after PEG started working with St. Paul school officials, crucial policy changes were made, according to various news reports.

Special needs students with behavioral issues were mainstreamed into regular classrooms, a position openly advocated by PEG.

Student suspensions were replaced by "time outs," and school officials starting forgiving or ignoring violence and other unacceptable behavior, according to various sources.

"The disciplinary changes came out of meetings with an organization called Pacific Educational Group, a San Francisco-based operation that has been consulting with the district dating back to 2010," the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported.

The result has been general chaos throughout the district, with far too many students out of control because they know there are no real consequences for their actions.

A local publication called CityPages recently told the story of Becky McQueen,

an educator at St. Paul's Harding High School.

"Last spring, when she stepped into a fight between two basketball players, one grabbed her shoulder and head, throwing her aside," the CityPages article explained. "The kid was only sent home for a couple of days.

"In March, when a student barged into her class, McQueen happened to be standing in the doorway and got crushed into a shelf. The following week, two boys came storming in, hit a girl in the head, then skipped back out. One of them had already been written up more than 30 times.

"Yet another student who repeatedly drops into her class has hit kids and cursed at an aide, once telling McQueen he would "fry" her ass. She tried to make a joke of it — 'Ooh, I could use a little weight loss.' Her students interjected: 'No, that means he's gonna kill you.'"

McQueen now has her students use a secret knock on the classroom door, so she will know who to allow in, the article said.

"There are those that believe that by suspending kids we are building a pipeline to prison. I think that by not, we are," McQueen told CityPages. "I think we're telling these kids you don't have to be on time for anything, we're just going to talk to you. You can assault somebody and we're gonna let you come back here."

There are similar horror stories from many other school buildings in the district, according to CityPages:

At John A. Johnson Elementary on the East Side, several teachers, who asked to remain anonymous, describe anything but a learning environment. Students run up and down the hallways, slamming lockers and tearing posters off the walls. They hit and swear at each other, upend garbage cans under teachers' noses.

Nine teachers at Ramsey Middle School have quit since the beginning of this school year. Some left for other districts. Others couldn't withstand the escalating anarchy.

In mid-April, staff at Battle Creek Elementary penned a letter to their principal over "concerns about building-wide safety, both physical and emotional, as well as the deteriorating learning environment."

A week later, the principal announced that he would be transferred next year.

One despondent teacher told CityPages, "We have students who will spend an hour in the hallway just running and hiding from people, like it's a game for them. A lot of them know no one is going to stop them, so they just continue."

The families of the district have clearly had enough.

Over the past four years, as PEG has cast its influence in St. Paul, the number of students living in the district but attending non-district schools, has increased from about 9,000 to 12,000, according to Joe Nathan, executive director of the Minneapolis-based

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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 Hypocrisy of the Accusers

The Duggars of “Nineteen Kids and Counting” TV fame have found themselves in the crosshairs of the liberals for daring to imply that moral living is the best option. Apparently, the problem dates back twelve years when their oldest son Josh was fourteen and inappropriately touched some of his sisters. The testimony of the parents is that upon discovery they were horrified and took immediate steps to correct the situation including arranging professional counseling for Josh. I wonder if the Kardashians would have done as much?

The hue and cry of the Left has, of course, been hypocrisy. In their estimation if you are conservative and have any skeletons in the closet you have forfeited all rights to suggest that there are absolutes in moral conduct. The initial outrage was allegedly over failure of disclosure. Does anyone really believe that Hillary has revealed all that she knows about Bill’s sexual indiscretions? If she has been negligent in doing so wouldn’t that qualify her for the hypocrisy club?

I have never watched an episode of the Duggars, but my wife, Linda, checks in on them periodically and tells me the thing she appreciates most is that the program is clean. Could that be the real difficulty for the Libs? Does the light of wholesomeness reveal the twisted shadows of another agenda? Every effort must be made to drag the messengers of virtue into the gutter of the vile. Why can’t they be more like Housewives of Who-done-it-ville where every fifth word has to be bleeped out?

The volume of indignity increases when anyone with even a wart of wrongdoing risks standing against sin. How dare they preach down to others. This strategy is very convenient for who then is qualified to monitor the moral barometer of society? “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23) Did God make a mistake when He dispatched preachers of righteousness to communicate hatred for evil and a love for good...they were, after all, included in the category of sinners. Why would the Lord use a murderer like Moses to write “Thou shalt not kill,” or an adulterer like David to pen “when thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.”

Perhaps God’s choice was authenticated when seven verses later David said, “Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.” (Psalm 51:2,3)

Since it’s the critics that have implemented the hypocrisy theme, it would serve them well to understand God’s definition of a hypocrite. It may come as a great surprise to the detractors that some of their idols fit the description. “So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite’s hope shall perish.” (Job 8:13) The Progressives have labored overtime to convince America’s youth to forget God...the consequences are the Columbines, Sandy Hooks, and Auroras. Smell any hypocrites in the woodpile?

“An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbor.” (Proverbs 11:9) Didn’t Harry Reid lie about Mitt Romney “not paying his taxes” and his later comment was “he lost, didn’t he?” A hypocrite has no problem with the platform of personal destruction. Are the Duggars so reprehensible that they deserve the character assassination more fit for Charles Manson? Only a hypocrite would think so.

“But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath.” (Job 36:13) The anger that has been directed toward the Duggars would make one think they were the citadel of criminality. Liberals just generally seem angry. Compare their protests to, say...the Tea Party’s.

Ironically, the one individual who was infinitely qualified to judge sin in the lives of others was promptly rejected because of his assessment of their double standards. The more he pointed out the sanctimonious, self-righteous attitudes of his attackers (read Matthew 23), the more incensed they became. The good Samaritan came to the aid of the wounded man in the ditch but was preceded by a priest and a Levite who ignored the fellow’s crisis. Jesus launched the story because a certain lawyer asked the Lord, “And who is my neighbor?” The Scripture testifies that his motive in the question was willingness to justify himself. (Luke 10:29) A lot of the criticism that is directed toward those who are trying to live according to a higher standard is submitted by some who are “willing to justify themselves.”

A Sheepdog Barks!

Today I need to bark some more about this delusional president we suffer with. His everyday delusions are bad enough but his delusions of grandeur borders on the psychotic. This last week he tried to tell us that Obamacare is working wonderfully and that the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) are a bunch of fools that should never have taken up the case on state subsidies in the first place. He believes that he is the only one that understands the Constitution. During his praise for Obamacare he said 16 million people now have insurance because of his law. The man is truly challenged and lives in an alternate universe. He assured the American people that premiums would go down and we all know (and he knew) that it is/ was a lie. Early reports show that premiums for 2015 are going up 20% in Texas, 30% in New Jersey, and even as high as 43% in South Dakota. The critics knew this would happen and tried to tell everyone. Obama knew it also but chose to lie to the people. Obamacare is fraught with errors and is already hurting many Americans. The IRS has told millions that the subsidy they were told would be provided to them was wrong and they couldn’t claim that amount. 34 states did not set up exchanges and the language is very clear – the citizens in those states will not be provided subsidies. And when Obama is asked whether or not he has a Plan B if SCOTUS rules against his argument that “it was just a typo and everyone knew what we meant,” he just shrugs his shoulders and bashes the justices again. Watch out my friends, Obamacare is going to come tumbling down. It should have in the first go around with the SCOTUS on the individual mandate. WOOF!

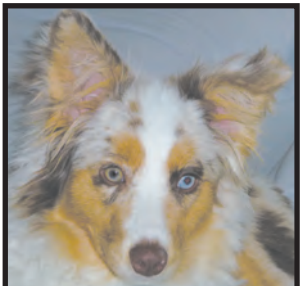
Later he sends out his former staff to “leak” private conversations intended to fool the Jewish people. Axelrod made this laughable statement last week about a comment that Obama supposedly said:

“I’m the closest thing to a Jew that has ever sat in the oval office.” NO, REALLY. I’m not making this up. Accord-

ing to Axelrod, Obama actually said that. We do believe he would say such an idiotic, untrue statement, but we wonder if he really believes it. That wouldn’t be possible, would it? I’m convinced that he is a Palestinian sympathizer and is hardly anything like a Jew. If he does really believe that statement then he is certifiably insane. This president is far from a friend of Israel. He is a friend only to the radical Muslims, like the kind you find in Iran. When another one of his crew, Jack Lew, tried to tell an Israeli audience that the nuclear deal with Iran was good for them he was booed loudly. Real Jews know the truth. WOOF!

Wait, he wasn’t done yet with his delusions. Obama also tried to tell the world that under his “leadership” (can you believe he thinks he can even use that word in a sentence with the word ‘HIS’?) America is the most respected country in the world. NO, REALLY, I am not making this up. A major delusion from another galaxy! Why, one might ask. According to Obama it is because of the “work” he did to “re-energize” the world. WHAT? He’s made a mess of everything he has touched. King Midas had the golden touch. King Obama has the toxic touch. WOOF!

Here is a follow up on the TSA (you know the federal employees that keep us safe when we travel). Last week we reported they failed their security tests 95% of the time. We learned more this week. They have 73 employees that have been linked to terror on the Terror Watch List. NO, REALLY. I’m not making this up. And it gets worse. TSA employees don’t have access to the entire “No Fly” list. NO, REALLY, again, I’m not making that up. We were told, however, that 14 years after 9/11 they are “working on” getting the entire list of codes so they can see the full list. That should make you feel better. Finally, it was just revealed that the director of the TSA was born in Kenya, was a childhood friend of Barack’s and served as one of Bin Laden’s lieutenants when Clinton was president. Okay, I made that one up. Bet you didn’t find it all



that hard to believe though WOOF! TSA was created in 2002 and has over 250,000 employees. It is a typical, big government, bureaucratic agency of incompetence. Here’s my idea to help them pass more security tests and keep us safer. Any employee that “misses” a gun or a bomb on a traveler is immediately fired, fined \$10,000, and forced to serve one-two years in prison along with his/her supervisor. I bet that would increase their success rate in a hurry. Goodness, where is a benevolent dictator when you need one? And let’s not forget Congress’ reaction to this horrible report. It took only 2 days for an LPSD Senator to suggest that it all had something to do with “cutting funds.” NO, REALLY, I’m not making that up! The more a government agency screws up, the more politicians cry about underfunding. More money, it’s always about more money. WOOF!

Look, my fellow sheepdogs; we get what we vote for or don’t vote for. Too darn many Americans vote for these LPSDs and straw lions. The next time we can do something about that is 2016. If enough of us do nothing and don’t vote, HiLIARY will be the first woman president of the United States. What a horrible and depressing thought. I urge you to keep that in mind as you talk to your neighbors, your family, and your co-workers, especially the young ones. Talk to the uninformed, especially those attending college. Help them understand the real truth about our history. There are so many “educated” Americans that need our help. You know the ones; they think Lincoln was a Democrat and that the Democrats championed civil rights in America. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Planned Parenthood’s Anti-Women Agenda on Display in Colorado

by Dustin Siggins, DailyCallerNews.com

Last week, millions of Americans paid homage to the women who do the world’s most important job — raising our nation’s children. It is a life that offers no fanfare, no paycheck, and no benefits, yet mothers put their all into this important, loving vocation.

Also last week, tens of thousands of men, women, and children marched for life in Canada, showing their support for the unborn and their mothers, fathers, doctors, and society at large. Simultaneously, the House of Representatives finally passed a bill that would ban most late-term abortions in America.

In light of these grand celebrations of life — born and unborn — it is the height of irony that Planned Parenthood chose this past Thursday to highlight its radical, pro-abortion agenda in Colorado by withdrawing its support of a female state senator who “states she is pro-choice and supports a woman’s right to have a safe and legal abortion and access to contraception, including intrauterine devices, or IUDs.”

However, because Ellen Roberts supported a law that would punish those who attack a pregnant woman and harm her unborn child, Planned Parenthood says she’s just not good enough.

“You cannot support fetal personhood measures and be pro-choice,” said Cathy Alderman, spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains. “Despite what the proponents claimed, when you define ‘person’ prior to birth, you have created fetal personhood. Just saying it’s not personhood doesn’t change that.”

Alderman’s comments come just two months after a pregnant woman was viciously attacked by a woman who literally cut her baby out of her stomach. The mother survived, the baby did not — and the attacker could not be charged with the death of the child. Republicans attempted to fix this gaping hole in the state’s laws, but Democrats stopped them from joining more than three dozen states with similar measures.

This is not the first time Planned Parenthood’s radical agenda has been on display in Colorado, but it provides an opportunity to remind the American people that the nation’s largest killer of children stands not

for women, nor for choice, but instead exclusively for its bottom line. And that bottom line relies on the deaths of hundreds of thousands of babies and the disempowerment of women.

More than one million abortions take place each year in America, with more than one-third done in Planned Parenthood’s killing centers. Women are told that the bearing of new life is a burden to be avoided, despite scientific proof that all abortions end human life.

Rather than empower women to commit to motherhood, which is the most important vocation in the world, Planned Parenthood encourages paying doctors to end human life. What they often decline to tell women, however, are the depression, guilt, physical mutilation, and even death that women experience all too frequently.

Likewise, Planned Parenthood spends tens of millions of taxpayer dollars on birth control, telling women that motherhood and children are inconveniences. Women are taught that fertility is a burden, despite studies showing the harm inherent in ingesting such hormones and chemicals, and using contraceptive devices.

Planned Parenthood also has no problem breaking state laws in order to protect rapists and sex traffickers, at the expense of mothers and their unborn children.

Contrary to many media reports, it is the pro-life movement and the love embodied in a true celebration of Mother’s Day that empowers women to be all that God created them to be. Real empowerment of women puts women on equal footing with men, and encourages both sexes to complementarily work together to propagate the species — not destroy the next generation.

In truth, it is women who use all of God’s gifts — of life, love, children, and work, among others — who truly empower girls and women across America. Planned Parenthood’s radical agenda in Colorado is a reminder that those gifts can’t exist in the literal and figurative vacuum of the abortion industry.

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TRADE

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the weeds with the fact that many of these nations have repressive governments or worse, along with legal codes that effectively prohibit organization by labor and civilians impacted by these policies (particularly environmental destruction) that would rein in such abuses; that is a criticism to level at *political systems*, not corporations.

But the fact remains that the impact of such so-called “free trade” policies in the United States is to decimate the job base that is available to everyone on the left-hand side of the bell curve. **I remind Mitch, and everyone else, that this is half of the U.S. population!**

It’s one thing to say that we’ll find a way when the very bottom of our population in the intelligence and ability lottery has the jobs available to them destroyed. It’s quite another when **half of the country** has the same thing happen. Further, **no nation can survive if it produces only**

services; a service creates nothing.

You must create **things** to build actual value in your nation, whether it be television sets, computers, cars, trucks, cows, or roads. That is, you must either mine, manufacture or grow something. **All of the services have value only to the extent that they support and enable these acts, and it is almost always true that they have less value than the predicate item’s creation.**

The person attending the gas station may be worth \$9/hour **but the fuel itself is worth \$2.50/gallon, and he sits in the chair while 500 gallons of fuel an hour, or over \$1,200 worth of product, is sold.** Likewise, while the car repair person may make \$20/hour, the car itself cost \$25,000, and absent the car there is no need for the repair.

I support open trade with nations that have comparable cost of living and environment constraints to the United States. Those nations can and should have free and open access to our

markets **provided we also have the same to theirs.**

But nations that do not have similar conditions **must not** have that same consideration. Our goods and services on a like-for-like basis will be **much** more expensive than those produced locally, and those produced there will be **much** cheaper than here. The reason isn’t because **their people are better, or their government more adept, it is simply because their people have a lower standard of living and enforce fewer protections for the environment around them.**

If we offshore those jobs to that nation, then we destroy our own manufacturing base **and with it the value creation that this nation needs, right here at home, to be prosperous.**

We’ve done far too much of this and it’s time for the trend of destroying the future of fully half of our population to stop -- and be reversed.

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CHAOS

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Center for School Change.

Two-thirds of those students come from low income families, or families of color, so it’s not just a typical case of “white flight,” Nathan said.

“The most basic thing our schools must offer is the safety of the children,” Nathan told the Star Tribune. “A significant number of families are saying their children do not feel safe in the schools. They don’t feel safe even going to the bathroom.”

The situation came to a head

in April when members of the St. Paul Federation of Teachers, who organized under the name “Caucus for Change,” convinced the powerful Democratic Farm Labor Party to withhold its endorsement from three incumbent school board members who had planned to seek another term in the November election.

The three, who have supported the superintendent’s relaxed disciplinary policies, will reportedly not run without the party endorsement. The party has endorsed four new candidates to fill the upcoming vacancies on the board.

That means the St. Paul school district will likely

have four new members on its seven member school board, and perhaps the new majority will do something to restore discipline, order and sanity to the schools.

But what about the district’s relationship with PEG? Will officials continue to waste taxpayer dollars on an organization that pushes policies that destroy any hope for creating or maintaining a productive learning environment?

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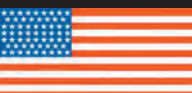
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