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Hospital District's 2013 Audit Report: Doubt About the Clinic's Ability to Continue As a Going Concern

by George Gramlich

Sam J. DeNardo, CPA, of the firm Garren, Ross & DeNardo, Inc., presented the final draft of the Hospital District's 2013 audit to the Hospital Board on Monday, August 4 at 3:30 p.m.. The report was past the statutory deadline but the Hospital District ("the Clinic") had requested a 60-day delay. The Board will vote on its acceptance in the coming days and post the entire audit on its website: www.custercountyclinic.com.

Mr. DeNardo's report was somewhat of a "mixed bag"

with some improvements and some "regressions", but the bottom line was that the Clinic's financial position is precarious with the auditor again stating (as he had last year) that there was substantial doubt about the Clinic's ability to continue as a "going concern".

The final results for the Clinic's 2013 fiscal year was a \$19,446 LOSS after the standard audit adjustments were applied.

The auditor reported that there were increased patient visits in 2013 and increased income. However, expenses, including admin-

istrative overhead, grew at an even faster pace. New income streams were added in 2013, but with the normal lag in getting paid (ie, accounts receivable), the expenses associated with these new revenues overshadowed the income flow resulting in net 2013 losses for some.

The auditor noted, and some Board members commented on, major problems in the accounts receivable arena. One area is booking overly optimistic accounts receivable amounts. Another is the actual collection process. The Clinic recently terminated their collections

contract with a Colorado medical collections company after seemingly poor results by the company. Mr. DeNardo noted that he was very concerned about the accounts receivable position and the ability of the Clinic to obtain what they were planning on getting.

Mr. DeNardo reported one astounding figure. The Clinic on a normal private enterprise business operating basis (in essence, take away the tax money they get from the Special District levy, government grants and donations) lost a shocking \$797,360 in 2013. The auditor also

noted that without the \$100,000 private donation last year, the clinic would be in a precarious position.

The auditor also discussed the Bluegrass Festival's annual donation to the Clinic noting that for the first time, the Bluegrass Board had put restrictions and conditions on its donation requiring it to be spent on specific items only. He noted that this money must be put in a special account and all expenditures from that account be documented.

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Independence Day Parade Once Again In Limbo

by Paul Sage

At the August 5th Westcliffe Town Board meeting, Democratic Party Chairman Roland Williams and Vice Chairman Brent Bruiser brought the trustees a proposal for the Democratic Party to take over the July 2015 Independence Day Parade.

You may remember that the future of the parade was put in doubt in 2013 when the Custer County Chamber of Commerce which had previously sponsored the parade, pulled out. After multiple meetings and hearing from the community, the Town of Westcliffe stepped up and sponsored that year's parade.

That group ran a very successful parade, which may well have been not only the biggest parade celebration in the history of the town, but also the most profitable day in the history of many local businesses.

Cowboy church, with the help of the Sentinel, stepped up to sponsor all of the annual parades in town for the year. They have very successfully run the Memorial Day and Independence Day parades, and will yet conduct the Christmas Parade in December.

These successful parades have raised the ire of some of the local democrats though. The Southern Colorado Patriots and other citizens led by Custer County Sheriff Fred Jobe openly displayed their unloaded weapons in the Independence Day Parades as an expression of their Second Amendment right to do so in a free country whose freedom was won by force by similar patriots against an oppressive regime.

Less than a month after the most recent parade, democratic chairman Roland Williams claims to have

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Winning With Integrity at Eagles Summit Ranch

Last Friday's Wounded Warrior Graduation was another awesome success! Dave Roever and his staff are saving and restoring lives by the work they are doing, and we are blessed to have them in our community. Pictured above is the latest group of graduates. To the right, are the new directors of Eagles Summit Ranch, Jerry and Beverly Shoemaker.

The community is invited to the graduation ceremonies, and the Sentinel will keep you informed about the next opportunity to show your support.

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and lean not
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understanding;
in all your ways
acknowledge Him,
and He will
make your
paths straight.

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

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

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

WHO WILL PROTECT AMERICA'S RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS?

Religious freedom is under attack in America and all over the world. Christians are being killed and persecuted every day. Sandra Fluke, a young, liberal progressive activist, says that because the Supreme Court said that Hobby Lobby did not have to pay for the abortion pills that there is a war on women. Make no mistake this is a war on religious freedoms and values, and we must fight back. One legal organization that is fighting back is the Alliance Defending Freedom. Consider their words below from their fundraising efforts:

"Alliance Defending Freedom was launched in 1994 by 35 ministry leaders, including Dr. James Dobson, and our friends, the late Dr. D. James Kennedy, the late Dr. Bill Bright, and the late Larry Burkett.

These respected Christian leaders were horrified at how the ACLU won case after case – so often without opposition in court. They envisioned something that had never been tried: an alliance-building legal ministry that advocated for the right of people to freely live out their faith – even in the face of the onslaught of the ACLU.

Alliance Defending Freedom has, by God's grace, grown from the prayers of those godly leaders to become a major force in the legal battle for religious freedom, prevailing in hundreds of cases in state and federal courts, and playing various roles and assisting

in 41 victories at the Supreme Court of the United States – the majority involving the ACLU or its allies.

For many years, one of the greatest threats to our religious freedom was the American Civil Liberties Union, commonly known as the ACLU. Since it was founded in 1920, no other organization has done more to undermine America's Judeo-Christian foundation.

They use lawsuits – and the threat of lawsuits – to bully schools, colleges, local governments, businesses, and individuals to comply with their view of America.

Who will decide America's future? Will it be the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and its allies who have been aggressively working for nearly a century to undermine America's Christian heritage and destroy our religious freedom? Or will it be you and other highly concerned Christians who take the actions that preserve the free exercise of religion?

The ACLU's radical agenda seeks to cheapen the value of human life at birth and death, redefine marriage, and force "tolerance" of homosexual behavior on American people. The ACLU's vision for America's future is one with no place for your religious freedom. The ACLU website boasts that it has already changed America. And the tragic truth is that, in some ways, they're right.

"The ACLU takes credit for its involvement in Roe vs. Wade, the disastrous Supreme Court decision that has led to the killing of more than 56 million preborn babies since 1973; its efforts to keep religion out of America's schoolrooms; its successful battle to overturn laws that define marriage as between one man and one woman; and even boasts about its legal work against the Child Online Protection Act, intended to shield children from the vilest pornography!"

Since 1997, Alliance Defending Freedom has been raising up an army of Christian attorneys to fight back against the ACLU and its freedom-destroying influence.

We do this at the Alliance Defending Freedom Legal Academy, an intense course of study conducted by top-flight law school professors, litigators, and constitutional experts. The Legal Academy is a world-class, one-of-a-kind training that prepares Christian attorneys to preserve religious freedom in America's communities and beyond.

Attorneys from 53 states and territories and 36 other countries have experienced the critical training in constitutional law and defense of religious freedom. The graduates of the Alliance Defending Freedom Legal Academy are now working

to protect your religious freedom and keep the door open for the spread of the Gospel.

Here are just a few examples of how these Christian attorneys have put their Legal Academy training to work:

"They recently defended free speech and protected the sanctity of human life when they argued before the Supreme Court against a Massachusetts law that creates "Gospel-free" buffer zones restricting religious expression around abortion clinics.

They have protected over 1700 Pastors who speak boldly about Biblical truth on moral issues."

America's pastors are a critical, culture-shaping voice for freedom and morality in America. But their freedom to speak on moral issues is under intense and increasing attack. Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a key ACLU ally, often accuses pastors of engaging in "political" speech when they preach on moral issues. And they demand the Internal Revenue Service revoke church tax exemptions.

Alliance Defending Freedom won't leave these pastors defenseless. Their Allied Attorneys – the same attorneys you can help train at the Legal Academy – are fighting tirelessly to make sure that no pastor or

church in America will ever be intimidated into silence on issues where God's Word is clear that we must speak out.

Unless we fight and win, our religious freedom will fall to radical atheists and the extreme leftists who seek to impose a secular tyranny on America. They can't stand religious freedom! They want to wipe away the influence of religion from our culture. And they want to shove you and your religion into a box and force you to shut up!

By God's grace, Alliance Defending Freedom has established a growing record of success in defending and reclaiming religious liberty, and in protecting the sanctity of life, and in protecting marriage and family. Alliance Defending Freedom has won more than three out of every four cases, including cases against the Obama Administration, the ACLU, and their collaborators."

We encourage you to help support this great organization and the Christian lawyers they are affiliated with. You can contribute to Alliance Defending Freedom by going to the website at AllianceDefendingFreedom.org or mailing your contribution to them at 15100 N. 90th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85260-2769. Please donate and help protect our religious freedoms.

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We The People...

by Candi Sage,
Rural Custer County

We the people... mankind, with all our fallacies and our good intentions are still and will forever be at odds with one another. According to a recent email and facebook to fellow followers, a local political party chairperson called people in favor of the 2nd Amendment "Baggers". Interesting name.

"Bagger" or not, I choose to call my devotion and concern of the welfare of my country "Patriotism" which is also defined such

by Webster. The Constitution and Amendments that originated in the 1700's were by a people that fought hard against the cancer of a tyrannical king and government. How and why did it start? Because the King insisted that people be highly taxed, have no freedoms, and had his religious beliefs.

American History 101; our country was founded by well-schooled, and a majority of Christian believers who followed the Bible and left England and surrounding countries so they would be free to do

so. They were joined over the years by other religions that also wanted freedom and liberty to worship, among other liberties stipulated in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Millions have died on this land and "across the pond" so we and others can have these freedoms. Take away the freedoms our country is founded on or manipulate these documents and you have tyranny and undermining of the government. Benjamin Franklin said, "Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God." Are we back to where the Found-

ing Fathers of our nation were?

World History 101: the takeover and control of others, by force or wielding of a pen or wax stamp of authenticity, to benefit those hungry for power and wealth including taking away people's possessions, weapons and property. Examples range from tribes to nations: Germany before the Nazi regime (by the way, did you know that of the millions killed included other faiths, not only the Jewish faith?), Ancient Rome, Soviet Union, China, Japan, and many oth-

ers. Mankind, aren't we interesting?

There will always be good and evil in the minds of man. Put evil inside the mind of a man with a gun and others, including the innocent, may suffer and die. This holds true with knives or other weapons as well. Look at England and even our own Chicago. The evil is inside the person, not the weapon. Should we outlaw planes, like the ones that killed thousands on our own land? Evil is born in the mind, not the instrument. Hence, reason for the Ten Commandments.

(Morality and thinking directed for our own good and the good of others, not to mention people, {one of primary significance!} sent to help us in our evil ways find light and salvation from the darkness of evil and its destruction.)

Take away our freedoms as designated in the documents stating, "We the People..." and the rights to celebrate these freedoms on any day, not only on "Independence Day", and you will find our great nation slowly sinking and fading from freedom into slavery via tyranny.

Guns in America

by Joseph Cascarelli,
Westcliffe, Colorado

Many in America have a curiosity about our culture of gun ownership. It has become a contentious issue. Private ownership of guns has also become a political issue. In general, Republicans and conservatives support the individual right to own firearms, prefer minimal government regulation, and prefer that any regulation be state (not federal) in creation and enforcement. Democrats and liberals believe that gun ownership is a collective right and that only the police and the military should be armed. They want nationwide restrictive gun laws and support UN efforts to restrict the ownership of small arms worldwide. As a result, the issue of guns is often part of a vigorous public debate.

The biggest mistake that the non-gun owning public can make is to believe that the use of guns in American movies and TV is an accurate portrayal of what actually happens in reality. I want all non-gun owners to say to themselves daily, "Movies are fiction." The guns in American movies are licensed and are modified to shoot only blanks. The people that are shot in movies are not really dead. The blood isn't real. Movies regularly violate the laws of physics, in particular Newton's third law. A person shot with a shotgun or a powerful handgun could not possibly be thrown through a window or door by the muzzle blast.

Newton taught us that every action has an equal and opposite reaction. This only happens in Hollywood.

I am a gun owner, a hunter, a volunteer for our local police department, and the graduate of several nationally recognized firearms safety courses. There are many places in America that are dangerous. Many cities, for example Washington, D.C., Chicago and Detroit, are among the most dangerous. Illegal drugs, gang activities, and personal assaults are common in many areas of these and other large cities. This condition has existed since our colonial times. Carrying a concealed firearm in most large cities was common until about seventy five years ago. Since that time, many American city governments have restricted firearm ownership.

In the sparsely populated American West, there are a different set of issues. It is common for large jurisdictions to have few law enforcement personnel. A county of 100,000 acres in rural America is likely patrolled by two or three police officers per shift. There may not be reliable cell phone service and it could take a police officer 30 minutes or more to respond to an emergency. As a consequence, most homes have defensive firearms handy. Criminals know that help is 30 minutes away for some target homes in remote ar-

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Campaign Signs Will Remain Until November Election

Custer County Citizens,

In the past few weeks I have had several citizens approach me and ask when I was going to take down my Byerly for Sheriff Signs. Because of these questions, I thought it would help if I addressed this in the paper so more people would understand why they are still up. As everyone knows the general election is not until November 4th, 2014, so none of the elections are official. At this time, there is another candidate for sheriff who received one vote in the primary election on the United States Constitutional Party ticket. He will also be on the ballot in the general election for

sheriff and therefore I have been advised to keep my signs up until the general election. I, like many of you, would be very happy to have the signs taken down, but this election is very important and I intend to do everything possible to ensure I get as many votes as possible. Thank you for your understanding and support. I can ensure you, the signs will be taken down immediately after the general election.

*Blessings,
Shannon Byerly
Republican Candidate for
Custer County Sheriff*

Letters to the Two Lieutenants of the Custer County Sheriff's Posse

The following letter was received by Lt. Joe Cascarelli, a Charter Member of the Custer County Sheriff's Posse on July 29. An identical letter was also received by Lt. Tom Davis. It is reprinted here upon their request:

Joe Cascarelli

It is apparent that the leadership of the Custer County Posse needs some overhauling. I may go as far as saying it has become out of control. There have been issues or some time and was magnified at our last

meeting. I believe we need to re-structure our organization.

We will be eliminating our Lieutenants positions in the posse at this time. You may stay on the posse as a member but not as a Lieutenant. You will be on a five month probation. That time will be the end of my term as Sheriff. If some of the issues continue during the probation period, it could mean suspension from the organization.

*Sheriff Fred Jobe,
Custer County Sheriff Office*

The Price of First Amendment Rights in Custer County

My letter of support for a sheriff's candidate in both of the Custer County newspapers in June 2014 has resulted in the following:

I, Jeanne Schmutzler, have been FIRED from the Custer County Sheriff's Posse (7+ years of service).

Three of the officers of the Custer County Sheriff's Posse have been stripped of their rank and, in addition, have been placed on probation for five (5) months by Sheriff Jobe (this is the same amount of time Sheriff Jobe has left in office).

Two of these officers are Charter Members of the Posse and the third officer has been responsible for the renewed interest and new members of the Mounted Horse Patrol.

My most sincere apologies to all of the Custer County Sheriff's Posse and especially the three dedicated members who were so loyal to the Posse. It has been a pleasure to have been a volunteer in your community.

*Sincerely,
Savolia "Jeanne" Schmutzler*

Imagine the Unthinkable

Imagine the unthinkable. You are home on a Sunday morning when suddenly your husband starts exhibiting signs of a heart attack. He is in great pain, so you dial the Custer County Clinic (that advertises 24/7 emergent care). A recording directs you to call 911. The dispatcher explains that only one ambulance crew is on duty and they are in Cañon City. There is no one who can come to your home to help your husband.

Kris Lang was told to drive her husband, Bill, down the hill. There was no police escort. The dispatcher did not have a license plate number to make authorities aware that she would be speeding down the highway while holding on to her husband's hand. At mile marker 18,, Bill cried

out as he took his last breath. He died in his wife's arms one hour after the initial call was made.

Flight for Life was not called. Procedures in place at that time barred the dispatcher or Kris from making the call that may have saved his life. We will never know if his life could have been saved, but we do know that it was not saved by emergent care services in Custer County that day. How safe do you feel?

At this time Custer County Clinic is hiding from charges regarding negligence under the umbrella of governmental immunity.

*Marcy Biddison,
Rural Custer County*

Dear Sentinel Editors,

Here at the library, we are looking back at a fun and successful season of Summer Reading Programs with gratitude to the volunteers who helped run the events, the local businesses and organizations who donated wonderful prizes and a community that loves to read and learn new things. Kids need to keep up those crucial reading skills while school is out, so we were thrilled to see the children had read a total of 975 hours this summer. That's 115 more hours than last year and a lot of books! The teens and adults did a ton of reading as well, filling in their "Bingo" sheets for prizes and the drawing for the two Kindle Fires.

The library had 126 children, 43 teens and 79 adults in Summer Reading this year. The theme for chil-

dren and teens was STEM (science, engineering, technology and math), and Youth Services Librarian Jessica Carter created an awesome lineup of hands-on events to engage the kids. The children conducted experiments with common household food ingredients, explored the micro-organisms in our local waters, and probed and danced in bubbles. Teens created "interesting" ice cream concoctions, made their own paper, experienced African drumming and even solved a CSI murder mystery. This was the second year for Adult Summer Reading, and we had a blast. Free events ranged from the historical to the creative to the hysterical. The library hosted speakers on Denver's Elitch Theatre, WWII Spies, Abe Lincoln and Mark Twain, had classes on henna body art and cake decorating, and for the grand finale, put on a Murder Mystery Dinner Party. I wish we had the latter on video. That group took their character assignments seriously and had us rolling at their antics.

A huge thanks to the Friends of the Library who covered all costs for the Summer Reading Programs and to the newspaper for getting the word out. Also, we truly appreciate the generosity of the local businesses and organizations who donated gift certificates, tickets and gift items for prizes. What a privilege it is to live and work in this community where everyone comes together to make life more interesting for all of us.

*Amy Moulton
Director, West Custer
County Library
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Ask a Pro: Well Pits why not? Or why I hate them...

A well pit with the well inside and the casing cutoff below ground has been illegal for some time. While some still install the pressure tank and controls in pits I prefer not to because of the humidity in pits. Humidity corrodes everything and is especially hard on the electric controls and switches severely limiting their life. Working conditions in pits are usually poor with little room to work. They are usually infested with insects and vermin. I have encountered black widows, skunks and rattle snakes. Ask me again why I don't like pits??? From an owners prospective the initial cost to construct a pit is relatively high and the additional cost in maintenance should be a deterrent. Pits with the well inside, cutoff below ground are subject to being flooded and contaminating the well. Pitless Adapters were invented to eliminate pits and are the only way to go. Pressure tanks are ideally located in a utility room and require about a 3'X 3' space. There are many other locations that can be used all better than a pit!

-David J. Nequette / Lic. 1043

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Big Changes to the Custer County Sheriff's Posse

Sheriff Fred Jobe stated that "the Sheriff's Office has streamlined "our rank structure of the posse." Captain Robin Schmutzler is "appreciated for his years of hard work." The position of captain is being replaced with a deputy from the Sheriff's Office who has "career experience. Harry "Buck" Wenzel will be in charge of the posse." There will remain the positions of two lieutenants and two sergeants.

A few changes that the Sheriff's Of-

fice is working on are as follows:

1. Firearms training will be the same as the Sheriff's Office's training which is peace officers standardized training that all peace officers go through at the academy to be Post-certified;
2. Qualifying ammunition will be purchased for the posse members; and
3. Scheduling of special events will be centralized through the Sheriff's Office only and not through the posse's captain.

Sheriff Jobe further stated that "anytime there is restructuring of an organization, it will take time for it to run smoothly again. Furthermore, the posse is an all-volunteer organization that provides a great service to the community and Sheriff's Office. It is time to get back on track."

The next posse meeting is Tuesday, August 26. "We are always looking for new members," said Jobe. For further information, call the Sheriff's Office at 783-2270.

Entertainment District Events Cut Back

by Paul Sage

Just two events into its 2014 calendar of events the fledgling Westcliffe Entertainment District was called on the town hall carpet by the Board on August 5th. District members Donavan Baggett, Dan Marples, and Dick Sturmer were present at the Town Board meeting to hear of the complaints lodged against them after a concert event on July 26th.

The list of complaints included local businesses losing "between \$4000 and \$4500 in sales compared to that same Saturday a year ago," according to Mayor Christie Veltrie. Street access to the local businesses was blocked off

by the premature arrival of a semi-trailer stage in the morning which wasn't supposed to arrive till late afternoon for the event, which began around 7pm. Noise issues, particularly one related to a motorcycle on the sidewalk in front of the Somewhere Saloon revving its motor around midnight, as well as inadequate cleanup after the event were also cited by complaining business owners.

The business owners who signed a petition requesting the decertification of the Entertainment District only got half of what they asked for. The Board voted down the decertification request and instead voted to allow the District to attempt to

come up with a suitable plan for a proposed October 31st event with other events scheduled for the year canceled.

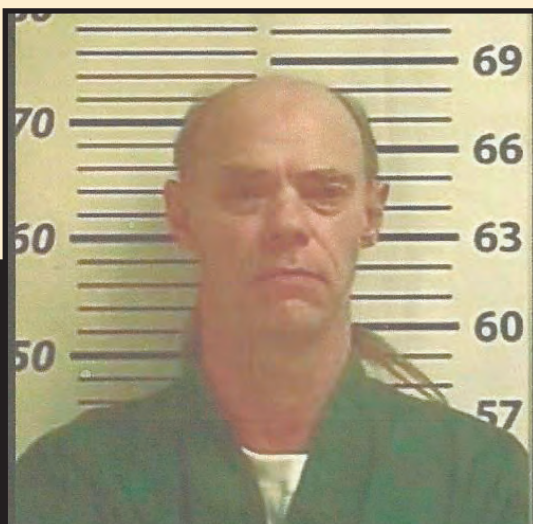
Somewhere Saloon owner Donavan Baggett and Sangritas owner Dan Marples attributed the problems with what Mr. Marples called "a horsed up mess" of an event to being new at planning these events and assured the board and business owners present that they would work these problems out.

Dick Sturmer of the Rancher's Roost was less challenging of the action saying that "there's no denying that we as a group screwed up pretty badly on the 26th.

As I understand the decertification I think it is quite fair to ask us to come back with a plan before we do anything else. He further said that, "We made some serious mistakes, and if we can't correct them, we don't deserve to go forward." Speaking to the other members of the District present at the meeting, Mr. Sturmer added, "We may not survive financially as a group. That's between us, so we may not come back. That's reality gentlemen."

The future of the Entertainment District hangs on whether they can come up with an action plan suitable to the Town Board by September for their planned October 31st event.

Wanted Gerald Dean Bode



Gerald Dean Bode is a convicted sex offender, who is wanted for parole violation, failure to register as a sex offender, and burglary. He was seen several times in Custer County last week, but remains on the loose. It is believed he has friends assisting him, and he travels between Fremont and Custer Counties, and the Farmington, New Mexico area.

While authorities believe Bode is no longer in the area, please be advised that he may return. Authorities also advise not to confront him, but please call 911 or the Sheriff's Office at 719-783-2070 immediately.

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Southern Colorado Space Museum Awarded Colorado Medal of Merit

For the second year in a row the Southern Colorado Space Museum & Learning Center was awarded the Colorado Medal Of Merit. Museum Curator Steve Janssen accepted the award from the Air Force Association at their annual banquet held at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Also present at the event was former NASA Astronaut Alvin Drew who gave a presentation on the final flight of Space Shuttle Discovery.

Courtesy photos by Brenda Janssen



C.A.R.T. Hires A Main Street Manager

The Cliffs Action and Revitalization Team (CART) is pleased to announce the appointment of Karen Loucks Rinedollar as their new Main Street Manager. CART began the process of developing a strategic plan for the economic restructuring of our business community two years ago. "Our Vision as expressed by the Main Street Initiative is to become a destination for arts, entertainment and leisure time activities. Creation and funding the Main Street Initiative was the first big step in achieving that vision and hiring Karen is the second key component of our plan. We can now place all of our energy into implementing this plan and achieving our goals." Said Kathy Reis, Co-Chair of CART.

Karen Loucks Rinedollar, a 20+ year resident of Colorado, comes with a history of assisting smaller towns evolve into successful communities. Her most recent endeavor was on the Executive Board of Directors for the Parker Chamber of Commerce where

she helped steer from a \$70,000 deficit to more than \$100,000 in the black in just three years.

She is a graduate of the University of Maryland, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in journalism and public relations. She is currently earning her Master's degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University.

Karen is the Founder of the charity Project Linus, which has delivered over 5 million handmade security blankets to seriously ill and traumatized children around the globe, through hospitals, police and fire departments, social services, military and emergency services. She was honored by Oprah Winfrey, Brian Williams of NBC's Nightly News and the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award for service to the community. She was chosen as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans in 2001 by the Jaycees.

She is the former manager for drum legend Ginger Baker with whom she co-created an award winning family fun-raising

event with Mile High Polo, raising monies for such local charities as Dreampower Animal Rescue, Adoption Alliance, and Rocky Mountain Children's Cancer Center. She is a veteran Firefighter and E.M.T. with Rattlesnake Fire Protection District, E.M.T. and People Development Specialist at Denver's Children's Hospital and CEO of Denver Speakers Bureau. She is the author of *Working for Peanuts: The Project Linus Story* and motivates corporations, universities, associations, and individuals across the country to make a difference through The L.I.N.U.S. Effect and excellence in customer service.

Karen and her husband Gary have been property and homeowners in the Wet Mountain Valley for almost 10 years. In accepting the position, Karen told the search committee "I adore this area and look forward to helping its citizens and businesses achieve their vision and thrive."

Call Paul Wenke 783-9054 ex. 210 for more information.

"The Community is A Little Bit Confused" Hospital Board Member Attributes Lack of Confidence to Confusion

by Paul Sage

At the July 23rd Hospital District Board meeting, board member Brent Bruiser was concerned about the drop in donations to the clinic and attributed it to the citizens being confused and stated that "the donations are being held as they watch us a little more closely."

District Board Chairman Joe Arbuckle commented specifically on the High Mountain Hay Fever Festival donation. The festival proudly states on its web site that it has donated over \$300,000 to the clinic which has been its primary beneficiary. Chairman Arbuckle said, "We got word informally that they may want to designate EMS services for the donation this year which would be fine. As long as we get the donation, that's what matters in the end. Since the Hospital District has a "one pot" accounting system, wherein any money funneled through it is dumped into one pot and disbursed as

needed, any designation by the Hay Fever Board could be irrelevant and untraceable."

Board Member Brent Bruiser followed up by stating that "their board is getting information from different sources. Most of it is not necessarily fact; incorrect. So they have concerns and it makes their job a little harder in designating us as their primary recipient. This story is confused and it needs to be told better; there needs to be clarity about the information, so we're being penalized in some respects."

With regard to the current annual state audit currently being conducted for the clinic's 2013 fiscal year, Mr. Bruiser stated that, "we will get an audit in the next two weeks that will reflect a going concern." If this turns out to be true and Mr. Bruiser accurately stated it, this will be a great improvement over the previous audit which pointed to similar financial conditions as raising "substantial doubt

about its ability to continue as a going concern."

Mr. Bruiser further stated that "on accrual basis through six months we're showing a profit of \$102,000, but right now we've got \$600,000 to \$800,000 in accounts receivable. All our money's tied up." Clinic Director Delwin Lester provided a lesson on accounts receivable accounting explaining that accounts receivable is the money you are owed for providing a service but have yet to collect from the customer for providing that service. Most corporate businesses operate on this basis, but also have a realistic expectation of being paid what they are owed. According to clinic CFO Mary Dice, the clinic optimistically only hopes to receive possibly 40% to 50% of that amount in the healthcare business.

By way of further clarification, Director Lester stated

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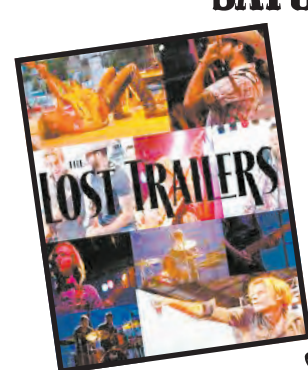


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Book Signing:

Local Author Arlene Janoski To Introduce "Lend Me A Child" at West Custer County Library

Arlene Janoski experienced something no grandparent should have to go through: the loss of her 17-year-old grandchild to cancer. In her book, "Lend Me a Child," Janoski tells of the challenges her grandson Buddy and his family endured during Buddy's illness, the compassion of his doctors and caregivers, and of Buddy's courage and wisdom. Janoski will be doing a reading and book signing at the West Custer County Library on Wednesday, August 13, at 5 p.m.

Arlene and her husband, Ray, live beneath the awe-inspiring Sangre de Cristos in Westcliffe, where she loves to write about her heritage and events that

have touched her life. She also paints, quilts, does handiwork and genealogy. Arlene's parents were pioneers. Their first home was a dugout in Kim, Colorado, and then they migrated to the Cañon City, Colorado, area. Arlene is currently researching and writing her family's history.

After the loss of her grandson, she jotted a few notes in a journal. When she joined a writers group at the West Custer County Library, she was encouraged to write "Buddy's Biggest Battle," the forerunner of "Lend Me a Child."

"Although the years have flown by, the devastation of



Arlene Janoski, author.

Courtesy photo by Amy Moulton

Buddy's life slipping away still fills me with a sadness, until I remember that God's plan is not mine," said Janoski.

For more information on the event, call 783-9138 or stop in the Library.

Outdoor Improvements Made Easy

by Audrey Slater

Do you have landscaping needs or outdoor improvement dreams but you don't have the time to do it yourself? Well, Sam Deatherage is owner of Oasis Outdoor Improvement, and he is happy to do any kind of outside home improvement you need.

Sam has been working since the age of 11 when he started at a greenhouse and at age 13 he was installing the plants and shrubs on site. At age 16 he worked trimming trees with his brother-in-law. So he has been playing in the dirt and working on landscaping for over 20 years. He decided to take all his years of experience and open his own business, Oasis Outdoor Improvement.

He has recently moved to this area from Missouri originally and would like to help you with your outdoor needs. He loves working with rocks and natural stone, making outdoor living space and making outdoor patio kitchens is his favorite. He has also done garages, additions, side-walks and decks.

Sam and his wife, Trish, have been married for 13 years and were high school sweethearts. They were looking for a place to raise their seven children. They dreamed of a simple life-



Pictured here, In the back from the left: Anna, Sam Jr., Sitting from the left: David, Abigayle, Sam, Trish holding Timothy, Marayia, and last but not least Ethan, AKA Hank.

Sentinel photo by Audrey Slater

style with old time Americana values. They knew in their hearts that somewhere there was a pocket of people that believed like they did. After some research they decided that Colorado with their ranchers and cowboys was the place to start. So they packed everything they owned into a U-Haul trailer and with their seven children headed to Colorado.

They looked at approximately 35 different properties until they mistakenly fell into Westcliffe. They were passing through and stopped at a gas station and picked up a local newspaper. They were excited to see that here is where the "Bible thumpin', gun totin', horse ridin' folks

who shared their common values and morals lived." They knew they had found a home. They have bought property in the Oak Creek Grade area and intend to build a home and homeschool their children.

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Free Alive at 25 Class is Coming to Westcliffe

Custer County Drive Smart Coalition in cooperation with the Colorado State Patrol, the Colorado State Patrol Family Foundation, and the Cañon City Workforce Center is sponsoring an “Alive at 25” Class at the Custer County School on Friday, September 19, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Alive at 25 is a 4½ hour driver’s awareness course designed by the National Safety Council for young drivers ages 15 – 24. In this defensive driving class students will gain awareness skills and develop strategies to keep safe on the road through interactive media, workbook exercises, role-playing, and class discussion.

Students must register on-line at <https://aliveat25.us>.

Scholarships are available through the Cañon City Workforce Center. After registering online voluntary (not court ordered) students living in Custer County can call 720-269-4046 to receive the Workforce Scholarship.

Be sure to bring a photo ID to the class. Come early as late arrivals will not be allowed to attend. More information is on the <https://aliveat25.us> website. Many vehicle insurance companies will give students a 10% discount on their auto insurance policy when they provide a certificate of successful completion of this class.

Custer County High School and Middle School Cross Country Practice will start on Monday August 11th at 7:00 am. Please meet at the High School Track.



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Library Craft Fair A Success for the Library and 4-H!

by Susan Raymer
Secretary, FOL

The board of the Friends of the West Custer County Library would like to thank all who participated in the recent summer arts and crafts fair. Even in the pouring rain, many folks came out to shop and support our artisans/crafters and, of course, our wonderful library. We continue to be grateful to Hope Lutheran Church for the use of their wonderful facility. In addition, the Rotary Club is always helpful with tables and manpower. It was terrific to have the help of the 4-H kids with our Thursday Meet and Greet event, and their bake sale on Friday and Saturday attracted many shoppers, to



4-H members (L to R): Grace Watkins , Marlena Phillips, Katelin Roberson, Daniel Phillips.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson



Hope Lutheran Church’s Lange Hall provides a great space for the annual Library Craft Fair.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

benefit both our organizations. Bar Scott was a wonderful addition to the show; she presented a mini-concert on Thursday evening and was present throughout the show interacting with shop-

pers. We had several new artisans present, and all the wares offered were unique and well made. The library will benefit from the nearly \$3000 raised for special offerings, among them the annual summer reading program.

The annual Christmas fair will be held December 4-6, and we look forward to a great show at that time also. More information will be forthcoming around November 1.

Thanks again to all who participated, in whatever capacity! The community spirit is very special and such an asset to us all!

Custer County School District C-1 Regular School Board Meeting Great Room August 12, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

For the good of the students of Custer County Schools

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome of Guests
3. Modification/Approval of Agenda
4. General Public Comment Session
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Modification/Approval: Minutes of regular board meeting on June 10
 - b. Modification/Approval: Minutes of special board meeting on July 23
 - c. Approval: School District Legal Counsel - Caplan and Earnest
 - d. Approval: School District Financial Auditor - Swanhorst & Company
 - e. Approval: Public posting sites for BOE agendas (Admin Office, entrance by Great Room, Main School Office)
6. Reports from Students/Staff
7. Reports from Public
8. Board Committee Reports - Accountability Committee, BOCES, FFA, Legislative Update, Preschool Advisory
9. Action Items
 - a. Approval: Personnel Hires
 - i. Updated 2014-2015 Coaching Assignments (recommended by A.D. Greg Cravens)
 - ii. Kenneth Culpin - Custodian - (recommended by superintendent Chris Selle)
 - iii. Kindergarten Paraprofessional (recommendation by ES Principal Holly Anderson)
 - iv. Upper Elementary Paraprofessional (recommendation by ES Principal Holly Anderson)
 - b. Approval: Check Vouchers
 - c. Approval: Financial Reports
 - d. Approval: Custer County School District Student Handbook
 - e. Approval: Custer County School District Strategic Plan
 - f. Approval: Bond Refunding Resolution
 - g. Approval: Annual appointment of Nora Drenner as Secretary to the School Board
 - h. Acceptance: Milk Bid 2014-2015
 - i. Acceptance: Propane Bid 2014-2015
10. Principals’ Reports
11. Superintendent’s Report
12. Items introduced by Board Members
 - a. Time, date, and location for Board of Education retreat
13. General Public Comment Session
14. Executive Session (If needed)
15. Adjournment

Local Mountain News & Notices

Bobcats Football Camps A Success!

by Jim Silver

Football camps were held Monday through Wednesday, July 28th–July 30th. Third-graders through eighth-graders met for 2 hours each morning, and those planning to go out for high school football went through 2½ hours of drills in the evenings starting at 6:00. Head Coach Troy Bomgardner was pleased that each of the groups of

having fun and enjoying playing the game. In turn, being able to learn some good fundamentals of how to play football goes a long way toward making the game much more enjoyable. As Coach Bomgardner said to his highschoolers, “It’s a lot more fun to win.” This camp was a start toward pulling the players together and “raising the bar” for the football program in the season ahead.



3rd-8th graders are coached in blocking.

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

terns for both sides of the ball. High school coaching staff includes assistant coaches Navar Sayhouse and Mark Pedigo.

Navar Sayhouse is also head coach of the middle school program, joined by two assistant coaches. Brady Hines is new to the coaching staff and is the new middle school Social Studies teacher. Returning as a “volunteer assistant coach” is Jim Parkes, local resident with some playing experience a few years back. The three-day

camp was attended by as many younger boys as middle school-age, and all were learning the same blocking and offensive drills together. Six high school boys-- “assistant coaches”-- were also present for additional individual attention for the smaller boys.

Coach Bomgardner is building for the future with all of these younger boys. Not only are they hearing some larger

things to think about, like “being trustworthy” and “showing respect,” they’re learning the individual skills of football and how to play team sports. “Put your name on it” is the statement on the back of the t-shirt worn by each of the boys attending the morning camp; it’s all about each boy

learning for himself the fundamentals. A couple moms spoke on behalf of their sons: Kyle Dougherty, mother of Jack (age 8), says he is learning the fundamentals of the game and that he enjoys playing with other boys his size. Shelly Penkoff, mother of Cameron (age 9), and Ben (age 10), said simply, “My boys love football!” There is no organized program for these younger boys, so they’ll be more than ready to play middle school football in a few short years.



Younger boys learn passing skills from Coach Hines.

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

boys had nearly 100 percent who started and went on to finish the program, and from all appearances his objectives were being met. First off is the goal of

The high school boys able to attend the camp numbered about fifteen and look like they’re ready to play some football, already running through some pat-



High school linemen and linebackers with Coach Pedigo.

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GENERAL WASHINGTON CREATES THE PURPLE HEART August 7, 1782

The Badge of Military Merit was established at the end of the Revolutionary War. It was an award to individuals who singularly performed deeds of valor or unusual merit. It was made of purple cloth or silk, in the shape of a heart, bordered with white lace, and with the word “Merit” stitched across the face in silver. Some reports say the cloth came from Gen. Washington’s purple sash that he wore across his uniform. It was our nation’s first military decoration.



On May 3, 1783 the badge was awarded to Sgt. Elijah Churchill for gallantry in action at Fort St. George and Tarrytown, New York and to Sgt. William Brown for his gallantry during the siege of Yorktown. On June 10, 1783 the third badge was awarded to Sgt. Daniel Bissell, Jr., who following orders, posed as a deserter, acting as a spy among the British troops. He risked his life providing valuable information on enemy plans and movements. All three awards were made personally by General George Washington himself.

For unknown reasons, the Badge of Military Merit was not awarded again.

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Club America to Kick Off Capital Improvements Fundraising Campaign

“What’s going to happen if we don’t replace our current energy hog, propane pool water heater, and replace our locker room hot water heaters that waste propane with every shower, is that we will be forced to close the pool during the winter months. And that may mean no swim programs for our elementary school kids, and it would significantly impact our membership base,” says Barbara Sutton, MD, member of the Club America WMV Board of Directors.

“Right now we have a 10-year-old, 65-70% efficient propane fired pool water boiler that is just bleeding propane when we have to use it. It needs frequent repairs and requires a technician to come from Pueblo at much cost. It’s time to replace this monster with 3 smaller 95% efficient boilers at a cost of about \$25,000,” she continued.

“Our solar hot water system is now 100% functioning since it was repaired, upgraded, and fine tuned this past spring, and when it’s sunny and its all working, we can keep the pool water quite warm. But the solar hot water system just cannot provide all the heat the pool water needs during the darkest, coldest part of the winter with the short days and very cold nights.”

“We want to keep teaching those swimming programs and working with the school during the winter months, providing physical ed programs and life saving water skills to our kids who don’t have much else due to school budget constraints. So we are asking our community to pitch in and help us raise this money keep the pool open during the winter.”

“We are currently writing the grant proposals to apply for funds from the generous Colorado foundations that have helped us in the past. But they rarely cover the entire cost of a project, so we expect that we will need to raise at least 50%. With the other big ticket items we need to address, namely Heat Recovery Units, and duct work for the heated air in the pool area and locker rooms, plus a variable speed controller for the circulation pump for the pool, we expect to have to raise about \$80,000 total. So we are hoping to raise \$40,000 locally.

“Through generous local private individual donations, we have already been able to replace the old inefficient heating system on the gym/aerobics room/lobby side of the building this spring. That is expected to lower our winter propane bill a lot. But we have to do more. In fact, we have to do all the changes we have been told by our energy au-

ditors, and we feel that we have to get it done this year. We feel the stakes are that high,” says Dr. Sutton.

“We have lots of data and copies of our energy audit report done by Ennovate from Denver, funded by a Black Hills Energy Program, that we will be making available to all interested parties. But I think most everyone who saw propane prices go up over \$5 per gallon this past winter, understands why we need to do this. We have a very sound plan, and are getting bids from good contractors, and we know what we need to do. Now its time to find the funding.”

“Plans are being made for a series of small get togethers, where we can talk one on one with people, answer their questions and show graphically how much a small donation on their part with make to the Community as a whole. There will also be other events this fall too, so we hope everyone will help in whatever way they can. It’s been 6 years since Custer 2020 took over the management of the club, and almost 5 years since it was purchased from the original owners. We have a good track record of running the facility, and now its time to make this next step to lower our energy costs. This will truly make the facility sustainable for the future.”

“Christianity and the Competition!”

by Pastor Richard von Steinman,
 Hope Lutheran Church, Westcliffe

Jesus, not only known by more than two billion Christians, but also familiar to most of the rest of humanity as well. But, who is He, really? God? Man? Both? Teacher? Miracle Worker? Savior? Is He primarily the subject of stories or is He what He claims to be: Lord?

The public is very welcome to come and find answers to these questions at Hope Lutheran Church on Tuesday, September 9. From 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., a Seminar will be offered, by the title “Christianity and the Competition”, It will look at all world religions claiming to teach the truth, what makes Christianity any different? The credentials of our faith are compared with those of religions in the East and West.

This Seminar will be led by world-renowned speaker, Dr. Paul Maier. Dr. Maier has been Professor of Ancient History at Western Michigan University for more than 50 years, and is also known for his authorship of historical novels like “A Skeleton in God’s Closet”, “The Flames of Rome”, “Pontius Pilate” and “The Constantine Codex”, as well as such non-fiction works as “In the Fullness of time”, “The First Christmas”, “The First Easter” and “The First Christians”, along with fresh and popular translations of Josephus and Eusebius, and several DVD Study-Series besides.

The presentation is sponsored by the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod Congregations of the Sangre de Cristo Circuit, allowing it to be offered as a free will donation. Refreshments will be provided as well.

Local Mountain News & Notices

Big Bad Musical Coming to the Jones Theater

This season's Youth Theater production on stage at the Jones Theater in downtown Westcliffe is "The Big Bad Musical," a wickedly witty play that allows the audience to determine the outcome.

Big Bad Wolf, one of the most disreputable of criminals known in fairy-tale land, is slapped with a class action lawsuit by a myriad of the eccentric characters he has supposedly wronged.

What follows is a trial that will long be remembered as Little Red Riding Hood, her grandmother, the Three Little Pigs, and the Shepherd in charge of the Boy Who Cried Wolf testify about the Wolf's alleged despicable acts of violence and deception.

Adding to the quirkiness are the two greatest legal minds in the Enchanted Forest — the

Evil Stepmother and the Fairy Godmother — who clash on live Court TV. The Wolf seems deserving of having the book thrown at him, however, even though the seedy Evil Stepmother could care less about working pro-bono on such an obviously futile defense, Mr. Wolf makes a good case for himself.

Was Wolf born a criminal, or did society make him one? Perhaps he does deserve empathy instead of condemnation? What will the verdict be? Only the jury — the audience — can decide, when the Judge invites them to determine the outcome of the trial and the play, which makes every performance unique.

The cast includes: Memphis Curry, Holly Wenger, Mara Backsen, Betsy Zeller, Micah Zeller, Colin Hess, Ivy Reinke,

Isaiah Griffith, Makynna Reiff, George Kroeker, Daniel Phillips, Kyleigh Martin, Kaydin Hobby, Ainsley Selle, Elias Zeller, Madisen Henrich, Chloe Reinke, Graycee Cravens, Myla Griffith, Audrey Heckmann, Harry Kroeker, Easton Reiff, Adison Selle and Laurel Zeller.

The play is directed by Samuel Aanested and the musical directions are by Monica Backsen.

Show times are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Aug. 14-16, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 17, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 for children 12 and under, and \$15 for all others. The performance is also included in the Season Ticket. Tickets are on sale at www.jonestheater.com, at Candy's Coffee 106 S. 2nd St. and at the door if available.

INDEPENDENCE From page 1

been bothered because "there was so much dialogue, discussion, (and) letters on the issue — we were waiting for somebody to step forward and nobody did." So, according to Mr. Williams, he felt his political party needed to do so, though neither he nor his party chose to participate in the parades in question, though everyone was invited to participate.

Sounding a lot like his counterparts in Washington, Chairman Williams explained that "we want to put together a committee that will unilaterally put together a program and a method to have the parade and we want to do it now because we're at a point where we are basically 11 months away from next year's parade and it's gonna take time to put this committee together and come up with what is our target market for the parade and strategizing how we can address that market and what we can do to attract people to the community and how we can make it more attractive for people to drive from Pueblo and Colorado Springs to come to Westcliffe to see our community parade."

He further explained his vision of "a pa-

rade with floats, bands, marching groups, costumes, (and) decorated bicycles with crepe paper," adding that, "I'd love to see everyone dressed up in costumes." He summarized his Democratic Party vision as wanting "to make sure the event is the most universally attractive event we've had in a long time."

Asked by Westcliffe resident Joe Cascarelli, "What was wrong with this year's parade?" Mr. Williams stated that "there was nothing wrong with the parade." He added that "the parades were different than they were, and we are looking at how to get back to what we had." Many of the locals will remember, but few long for, the good old days Mr. Williams speaks of with parades that were over in less time than it took Mr. Williams to describe the formation of his unilaterally strategizing committee where no one needed to worry about being out in the sun too long and merchants could watch the festivities as well since there were no additional customers in town to take up their time.

At the request of Town Attorney Jay Prinze, the matter was tabled until a special meeting scheduled for August 11th when he can give the Trustees legal advice in executive session, and will be discussed further at the September meeting.

CONFUSED From page 6

that "my Medicare reimbursement rate in the clinic is \$79.17, and they run about \$184 average on patient visits." That is a loss of \$104.83 per patient visit based on Medicare reimbursement. A good portion of the clinic's patients fall

into this category or worse in the completely uninsured category. In May CFO Dice reported to the board that "this is a poor county. So these are the people that walk in our door. Our biggest percentage (of clinic patients) are Medicare and Medicaid."

Another monkey wrench in the clinic's financial works outlined by CFO Dice is

the fact that "we can't bill Medicaid in another state. That's state-to-state insurance and they don't have to pay us." She further explained that New York charged \$542 just to file a claim with that state. Texas charges \$500 for the same right, and we have a substantial number of visitors from the Lone Star State here in Custer County.

AUDIT From page 1

The auditor and board members both commented on the current cash flow crisis facing the Clinic as expenses outpace income. Mr. DeNardo noted that one way the Clinic is dealing with the issue is to delay payments to vendors. Another area of concern was that the Clinic was overestimating EMS/Ambulance revenue but the Clinic has now revised its calculations.

A member of the audience asked the Board what was the approximate percentage of Clinic patients that used Medicaid and Medicare. Members of the Board answered it was around 50% to 55%. It was noted that the Clinic's reimbursement rates for Medicaid/Medicare is much lower than private insurance companies and thus is a concern. Also briefly discussed was that more patients should have insurance going forward due to Obamacare, but an audience member stated that with the very high deductibles on most of the plans, the revenue from this

trend could be problematic. (Many local doctors will not take Medicare patients as the reimbursement rate is not enough for them to stay in business. There is also a growing trend among private practitioners to stop even taking Medicaid patients.)

Mr. DeNardo also commented on the fact that the Clinic does not have the statutory cash reserves as required by Colorado law.

All in all, the Clinic appears to be in a delicate position financially. A big unknown is the new lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court recently by ex-EMS/Ambulance employees seeking compensation for unpaid wages for the last few years. Board Chairman Joe Arbuckle, in responding to a question from an audience member, stated that their insurance company is paying for the Clinic's lawyers, however, the Clinic itself would be responsible for any financial judgement rendered against it.

Board Member Bruser noted that the Board might be seeking a mill levy increase in November. The Clinic has recently filed the pre-

liminary paperwork needed to seek such an increase.

In conclusion, Mr. DeNardo stated that the "bottom line is a little bit better" than last year, but qualified that comment that part of that was due to the unexpected \$100,000 donation the Clinic received. He also said that the overall Clinic results are "better but not without some problems", especially in the accounts receivable area. Custer County taxpayers should be aware that the audit terminology: doubt about the Clinic's ability to continue as a "going concern" is an extremely serious red flag (in the audit/financial world) indicating that the Clinic is having serious financial problems.

Concerned citizens should try to attend the Clinic's board meetings and become involved in the decision making process. However, it is sometimes difficult to find out when the meetings are as there is minimal public notice. The Sentinel requests the Clinic Board to announce all of their Board meetings one week ahead of time on their website and in our local newspapers.

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Main Street Restaurants - Part 1



Silver Cliff Mountain Inn

The Silver Cliff Mountain Inn, located at 700 Ohio Street in Silver Cliff, was opened by Cheryl and Willie Jenkins on November 30th of last year. They offer home-style food as well as daily specials.



Chappy's Mountain View Bar & Grill

Chappy's Mountain View Bar & Grill, located at 213 Main Street, has been owned by Tory Willman since May of this year. Famous for it's open wood fire grill, menu offerings include burgers, steaks and vegetarian meals.



The Mining Company

The Mining Company Restaurant, located at 1202 Main Street, has been owned by Lynn and Allen Bulter for the past 31 years. They are known for their breakfast burritos and chicken fried steak and have specialty sandwiches and burgers, salads, pizza and steaks.



Tony's Mountain Pizza

Tony's Mountain Pizza, located at 630 Main Street in Silver Cliff, was opened this past spring by owners Carol and Sam Hepp. They offer specialty pizzas, Italian cuisine, salads, and sandwiches and offer daily specials.



Schlabach's Marketplace

Schlabach's Marketplace, located at 120 N. 3rd St., has been owned by Joann Schlabach for the past two years. The restaurant offers barbecue, soup, salad, Italian dinners, deli, pizza and soft serve ice cream.



SomeWhere Saloon

SomeWhere Saloon, located at 215 Main Street, was opened by Amanda Baggett and Donovan Lee in September of 2013. They offer barbecue smoked in house with homemade barbecue sauce as well as burgers and a variety of menu items including daily specials.



Hunger Buster

Hunger Buster, located at 824 Main Street, has been owned by Paul and Connie Holmstrom for the past nine years. Their menu features burgers, salads, chicken breast, Mexican food and ice cream.



Belle's Backyard BBQ

Belle's Backyard BBQ, located at 100 S. 3rd Street, opened in early June and is owned by from left Andrew Rodgers, Katie Michels and Christy Morrell. They offer homemade brisket, pulled pork and ribs and also make their own homemade barbecue sauce.

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Classifieds

Announcements

Castillian Creek Property Owners Association's annual meeting will be held at 18 Night-hawk Way on August 10 at 2 p.m.

For Rent

.1 BR 1 BA Rental Cabin 1/4 mile from Nat'l Forest and Alpine Lodge Restaurant. Weekly/Monthly. Comfortable; private setting, Back-ground check and deposit required. (719) 269-0379

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Help Wanted

The Custer County School District is accepting applications for a **school nurse**. Starting salary for this position is \$12.55 per hour, but open to negotiation based on previous school nursing experience. Full health insurance and PERA benefits will be provided as well. Typical working hours will be from approximately 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Applicants with any type of nursing certification will be considered. Applications must be received by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11. Classified staff applications are available at www.custercountyschools.org or the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color,

creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in employment.

The Custer County School District is accepting applications for the following **extracurricular coaching and sponsor positions: High School Drama Sponsor**. Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12. Interested candidates may contact Activities Director Greg Cravens at greg.cravens@cccbobcats.net for additional information. Classified staff applications are available at www.custercountyschools.org or the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in employment.

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Obituary

Terry Behrendt

Terry Behrendt passed away at home on July 31, 2014, after battling cancer. Terry was born on July 31, 1951 in Cañon City, Colorado, to Charles and Helen Behrendt. He worked as a surveyor and auto mechanic. He is survived by his brothers Everette,

Vernon and Charles Behrendt.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Terry at the Silver Dome on Saturday, August 9th, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This Celebration will be a pot luck, so please bring a dish to share.

*In My Father's house
are many mansions;
if it were not so,
I would have told you.
I go to prepare a place for you.
And if I go and prepare
a place for you, I will come
again and receive you
to Myself that where I am,
there you may be also.*

John 14:2-3, NKJV

The deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is **Monday at 5 p.m.** for that week's edition.
Call (719) 783-3360 to place your ad.

Come and Worship

Christian Science
9:30 a.m. Worship
8 Bassick Place
Westcliffe
719/783-4601

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
517 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

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

**Oak Creek Grade
General Store**
4 p.m. Worship
Followed by Potluck
12 miles north on Cty. Rd. 255
719/783-2245

**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

**Sangre de Cristo
Mennonite Church**
9 a.m. Worship
120 Jerry Drive
Westcliffe
719/783-0903

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wild West Cowboy Church
4 p.m. Worship
Followed by Potluck
60260 Hwy. 69 North
Westcliffe
719/783-2676

Eateries

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Sun. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Wed. - Mon., 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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Mon. - Sat., 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Tues.: 4 - 9 p.m.
Wed. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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109 N. 3rd St. • Westcliffe
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Fri. - Sat., 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

*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*



Local Mountain News & Notices

Events Calendar

Friday, August 8 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: the play, "Deathtrap"	Wednesday, August 13 12:00 p.m.: BOCC Meeting / San Isabel Lodge (County Attorney) 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.: High School Open House
Saturday, August 9 11 a.m.: Bobcat FUN/k & Walk 2014, Westcliffe 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: the play, "Deathtrap"	Thursday, August 14 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Middle School Girls Volleyball Pre-Season Practice, East Gym, Coach Cravens (970) 396-0057 for details 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.: Middle School Open House 7 p.m.: Jones Theater/WCPA: "The Big Bad Musical!" A Youth Theater Musical
Sunday, August 10 4-7 p.m.: Custer County Cheer Fundraising Dinner at Silver Cliff Mountain Inn	Friday, August 15 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Middle School Girls Volleyball Pre-Season Practice, East Gym 7 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Big Bad Musical!"
Monday, August 11 7 a.m.: Custer County High School and Middle School Cross Country Practice. Meet at high school track.	Saturday, August 16 7 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Big Bad Musical!"
Tuesday, August 12 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.: School Board Meeting in Great Room	

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 Lisa at (719) 783-0809	Auxiliary monthly meeting (March-October).
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	Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Library open in downtown Westcliffe
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 a.m.	Wednesday Line dancers meet at the Saddle Club Building from 9:30 to 11 a.m. thru the summer starting June 6. 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 Lisa at (719) 783-0809
Monday and Thursday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff open to assist young mothers and families in need. Free pregnancy tests and counseling to pregnant women and more. Call 783-4357	Thursday 5:30 p.m.: Weight Watchers meeting in the Hope Lutheran Church basement. Call 783-4144 Second Thursday of the Month: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., "Ask a Nurse" at the library
Tuesday 12:30 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	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 Lisa (719) 783-0809
First Tuesday of the Month: 6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting 6:45 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, Post 170	Friday and Saturday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.: Share Center adjacent to Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe
	Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Library open in Westcliffe

Sheriff's Report...

<i>As of Tuesday, August 05, there were seven men in jail.</i>	<i>ed to Heart of the Rockies in Salida and accompanied by a deputy.</i>	July 29 At 2107 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to mile marker 6 on Highway 165 for someone with a possible broken leg. The person was transported to Parkview Hospital.
OFFENSES August 2 Christopher Virden, age 18, of Westcliffe, was issued a summons for an animal running at large. This offense was the second one in two days. Virden is scheduled to appear in Westcliffe Municipal Court on August 19.	August 2 At 0509 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the 100 block of First Street in Silver Cliff where a female was having difficulty breathing. She was treated at the scene and not transported.	July 29 At 1037 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to VALI Assisted Living for an 84-year-old female with unknown medical problems and transported to Parkview.
ACCIDENTS August 3 At 8:15 a.m., a 2006 Kia driven by Trina Everhart, age 54, of Parker, Colorado, was southbound on Highway 69 at about mile marker 59 when she was rear-ended by 2010 Ford Fusion driven by Federico Leon, age 38, of Hillsboro, Oregon. Leon's vehicle suffered moderate damage and minor damage was sustained to Everhart's vehicle. Leon was ticketed for driving too closely and for careless driving.	August 1 At 1306 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to County Road 258 at mile marker 1 for a 93-year-old female patient who had fallen and had pain in one of her legs. She was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.	July 29 At 1243 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a 92-year-old male with difficulty breathing. Flight for Life transported him to Parkview Hospital.
AMBULANCE CALLS There were fourteen ambulance calls as of August 5.	August 1 At 1534 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Highway 69 at mile marker 53 for a 90-year-old female with a possible broken rib. She was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.	July 29 At 0735 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the 100 block of Hermit Lane for a 43-year-old male with possible heart problems. He was transported to St. Thomas More Hospital.
August 3 An ambulance was dispatched to the scene of the accident involving Everhart and Leon.	August 1 At 1641 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Marcey Road for a 62-year-old female with a possible heart attack. Flight for Life was called and flown to an area hospital.	FIRE CALLS There were five fire calls as of August 5.
August 2 At 2226 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the 100 block of South Third Street in Westcliffe for an 18-year-old female. The ambulance was stood down and the female privately transported to a hospital.	July 31 At 1754 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the 300 block of Fourth Street in Westcliffe for a disoriented female patient. She was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.	August 3 A fire truck was dispatched to the above-mentioned car accident to direct traffic.
August 2 At 2119 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the 700 block of Main Street in Westcliffe for a female patient who was intoxicated and combative. She had fallen and injured her head while walking down the street. She was transported	July 31 At 0220 hours, an ambulance was called for to assist with someone who had fallen. No transport.	August 2 At 1328 hours, a fire truck was dispatched to Kiowa Drive in Fremont County for a car on fire. It is unknown as to how the fire started but the car was totaled by the time a fire truck arrived.
	July 30 At 0954 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a male subject brought to the clinic after being assaulted. He was assaulted in Fremont County and transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.	August 1 A fire truck was dispatched to Marcey Road for the landing of the Flight for Life helicopter.
		August 1 At 1328 hours, a fire truck responded to County Road 255 for smoke investigation due to lightning strike. Nothing was found.
		July 29 A fire truck was dispatched to the clinic to assist with the landing of the Flight for Life helicopter.



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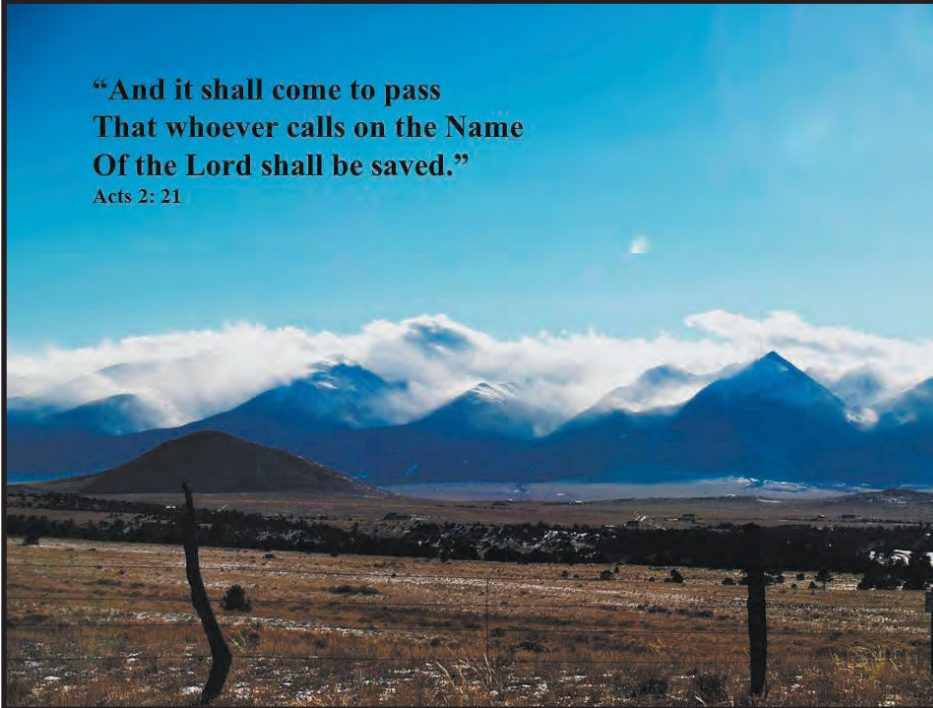


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District Attorney LeDoux Defends Life Sentence for Van Winkle

by Candace Thompson

At a special meeting at the Republican Headquarters on July 29, 2014, citizens had the opportunity to question District Attorney Thom LeDoux on recent issues, especially the decision to go for Life With-Out Parole (LWOP) for the murderer Jacob Van Winkle who slaughtered Mandy Folsom and her 2 children and repeatedly raped her daughter in Cañon City in March.

LeDoux cited all of the reasons why seeking the death penalty would be futile and estimated the time that it might take as being up to 20 years and costing 10 million dollars to the state and to our county, even though one report gave less than \$400,000 as the average costs seeking the death penalty. LWOP cases take 4 years less than cases seeking the death penalty according to one study.

Van Winkle had denied that he killed the three although he had their blood on him and knew where the murder weapon was and all evidence pointed towards him, wanting to escape death row. However, he has

confessed to the crimes to keep from getting the death penalty and will most likely get life with no parole. Many in the room felt that that wasn't enough for him.

The District Attorney said that a total of 36 charges have been filed against Van Winkle and that life imprisonment was a harsh penalty. He said that figures show that it is more costly to go for the death penalty than to pay for the criminal's life in prison, and then he could not be completely sure that 12 jurors would be unanimous for the death penalty and that Van Winkle wouldn't get LWOP anyway after a lengthy, costly trial.

He was questioned about the criteria for going for the death penalty and said that this case did qualify, but cited laws that were in favor of defendants and criminals over victims as being something that has changed since he came into office.

Money seems to be the main reason in the long list that LeDoux gave for not seeking the death penalty. His conclusion is that Colorado is leaning towards abolishing the death penal-

ty and we must elect people who will change the laws that are making it almost impossible to get a death sentence in Colorado and to elect a new governor this election.

Some of those attending voiced that justice didn't seem to be served when this murderer will be getting three squares a day and all of the amenities that prisoners are afforded these days in a place where "humane" treatment is given to someone who showed no mercy to his victims.

Recently prisoners had been moved out of solitary confinement because they were not getting enough sunlight. The criminal system is becoming more and more difficult to manage with all of the laws protecting criminals.

He also cited the trauma that the teenage rape victim would have testifying, continuing his argument for the LWOP sentence that Van Winkle will most likely get. LeDoux did say that he was not morally opposed to the death penalty, but practically speaking in this case he didn't feel that it would be the way to go.

When asked about evidence that the death penalty deters criminals, D.A. LeDoux said that there were reports that were conflicting but not conclusive one way or another. However, studies cited by David B. Muhlhausen, Ph.D., of the heritage foundation show that between 1977 and 1996 each execution resulted in 18 fewer murders and the shorter the wait on death row, the greater the deterrent.

Criminals have the same desire to preserve their lives as ordinary citizens, it seems, and are definitely deterred by the threat of a death sentence as opposed to LWOP. Also, 67% of the American public are in favor of the death penalty while 28% oppose it and those who oppose it are the most vocal and seem to be most effective in changing the laws in their favor.

The District Attorney denied rumors that he would not prosecute marijuana offenders and not take any marijuana cases, but did say that the evidence would have to be such that a jury of 12 would find them guilty. Things have become

confusing due to medical marijuana being legal but he will prosecute cases that are backed by the evidence.

He also explained his recent review of the charges associated with the Humane Society, and said that he did not see any evidence of criminal behavior. He also attempted to put an end to any idea that he had a conflict of interest because of his father's association with a former employee of the Humane Society. "This is a small community and inevitably there will be associations in the normal course of life that cannot be avoided."

The importance of voting for conservatives became evident after hearing where the justice system is headed in Colorado and to see how the liberals have taken over the state in this arena as well as how critical this election is to Colorado and the U.S. We hope that we are not going to be a haven for criminals who know that they won't get the death penalty.

Be Informed
Get Involved

Elections Have Consequences

by: Edward Whitcraft
Royal Gorge Tea Party

There are 94 days left on the calendar before our next General Election as of the day of this writing. If you count the mail-in ballots even less than that as some folks will fill them out and return immediately. Because of the tremendous turbulence that seem to be rabid in our country this upcoming election is going to be very important for our county, state and nation. There are an abundance of issues that confront our lives – gun control, health care mandates, EPA regulations that effect jobs and daily freedoms, veteran's issues, education mandates from federal and state level and, of course, the violations of our constitution by our beloved president are just a few. So how do we as regular citizens get a say in what goes on in our country be it city, county or state? We elect representatives who look out for our best interests. At least that is how it is supposed to work.

Last week I made a little trip to Montana to visit with some family members. While sitting around the old cracker barrel the topic of politics came up. I have a very diverse family as we have a few Republicans, Democrats, and Independents and some who just don't get it. The same issues I mentioned in the previous paragraph came up along with a few others. It seems that the folks in Montana are no hap-

pier about what's going on in our country then the folks here in Colorado. In fact my family representation also included Washington, Wisconsin, and Georgia. And they were not happy with the condition of our country either. So how did we get in this unhappy or dissatisfied condition? Everyone I talked with, even at the restaurants, motels and gas stations, were not excited about the way things are going here in America.

I drew the conclusion that our country needs to be awakened to the fact that the only real voice we have is the vote. But not just any vote will do– it must be an informed, well researched, and absolutely a vote for constitutional freedom. Having said that, I also was enlightened with some information at a Tea Party committee meeting yesterday that really bothered me. One of our members retrieved a 2014 Primary Election tabulation by county from Secretary of State Scott Gessler's office. Here in Fremont County we only had a 20-to-30% voter turnout. Of course we did better than El Paso County which only had 10 to 20% turn- out. Custer County had 50 to 60 % turn out which matched the highest in the state as no county exceeded 60%. Yes, it was just a primary election and we really didn't have many contested candidates. But think about this–

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School Days School Days Good Old Golden Rule Days

by: Barbara Penezic

How fondly I recall the 'good old days' when readen and writen and rithmetic, were taught to the tune of a hickory stick. When you could go off to school with patches on your britches and holes in both your shoes. Sadly this is no longer the case. During the next few weeks many Fremont County parents will struggle with the family finances as they try to fill the ever growing 'School Supply List' and renew their child/children's school wardrobe. With this all accomplished they still must find a few more bucks each week for school lunches. Numerous Cañon City businesses have generously donated backpacks and other needed supplies to very appreciative parents and students. This is a great community.

With all the financial aspects finally handled, you would think parents could relax and take comfort in the knowledge that their children were now busy learning the skills necessary to succeed in this ever evolving world; such is not the case. Our students will be returning to a school that is operated under the ever watchful eye of big government. Common Core is still being implemented in our school districts even though many parents have voiced their objections and concerns on deaf,

uncaring, ears. Several states have heeded the concerns of their constituents and repealed Common Core, a number of Cañon City parents plan to keep working on behalf of their children as this year progresses.

Superintendent Gooldy's contract has been renewed effective through June 30, 2017 with a 3.5% salary increase. You may recall concerns were raised at Cañon City School Board meetings last term that questioned the legality of meetings being held without public input. The board denied that this was or had happened. We now understand that a proposed new policy is file 124, Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information. The new policy reflects on a standing practice, according to Gooldy, but brings the District into compliance regarding written policy. One little fly in the ointment however, is that this Right to Know may well come with a price tag. The District may charge a fee of \$30 per hour which may be increased from time to time as permitted by applicable state laws. If you have ever spent any time at the School Administration Building you will be aware that the staff there is totally overworked and

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

The Prophetic Consequences of Switching Sides

Many Americans are starting to understand the true colors of the occupant of the Oval Office, while still many others cannot suspend their disbelief long enough to see that America has a "president" who is a supporter of outright terrorists--the true dark side. One need look no further than his handling of the Hamas war on Israel to see clearly. Carolyn Glick, revered analyst of Middle East affairs, declared in her July 29th column something even the most liberal of the left in Israel is coming to realize: "[sic the president] is siding with Hamas, and its Muslim Brotherhood patrons in Qatar and Turkey, against Israel, and its Sunni Arab supporters -- Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates."

Glick described a Sunday Israeli cabinet meeting. She wrote, "Some ministers counseled that Israel should continue to limit our forces to specific pinpoint operations aimed at destroying the tunnels of death that Hamas has dug throughout Gaza and into Israeli territory. Others argued that the only way to truly destroy the tunnels, and keep them destroyed, is for Israel to retake control over the Gaza Strip. No ministers were recommending that Israel end its operations in Gaza completely. The longer our soldiers fight, the more we learn about the vast dimensions of the Hamas's terror arsenal, and about the Muslim Brotherhood group's plans and strategy for using it to destabilize, demoralize and ultimately destroy Israeli society."

"In other words, in their discussion Sunday night, [Prime Minister] Netanyahu and his ministers were without illusions about the

gravity of the situation and the imperative of winning -- however defined. But then the telephone rang. And [sic the U.S. president] told Netanyahu that Israel must lose. He wants an unconditional "humanitarian" cease-fire that will lead to a permanent one. And he wants it now." She said the terms demanded were that there must be open borders between Hamas, Egypt, and Israel. Israel must end its maritime blockade of the Gaza coast. Glick astutely surmised that this would "allow Hamas to rebuild its arsenal of death and destruction quickly, with U.S. political and financial support."

According to Glick, the ceasefire would mean the U.S. giving Hamas a U.S. taxpayer-funded \$47 million so it can pay North Korea for more missiles and buy materials to reconstruct its tunnels. She concluded that under the U.S. "president," "America has switched sides." It is worse than that. This "president" is siding with terrorists supported by Turkey--a key player in the end time attack on Israel as seen in Ezekiel 38. We are instructed in Psalms 122:6: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." America has a "president" who has sided with those that only wish destruction upon Jerusalem. Zechariah 12:9 says. "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem." The "president's" stance has deep prophetic implications.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day
Bill Wilson

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11,472,000 Americans Have Left Workforce Since Obama Took Office

By Ali Meyer,
CNSNews.com

11.4 million Americans age 16 and over have left the workforce since President Obama took office in January 2009, according to data released today from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). In July 2014, there were 92,001,000 Americans, 16 and over, who were classified as "not in the labor force," meaning they not only did not have a

job, but they didn't actively seek one in the last four weeks. This number has increased by 11,472,000 since January 2009, when the number of Americans not in the labor force was 80,529,000. The number of Americans not in the labor force dropped slightly in July, down 119,000 from the 92,120,000 Americans not in the labor force in June. The participation rate, which measures the percentage of the civilian

non-institutional population that participated in the labor force by either having a job or actively seeking one, increased from 62.8 percent in June to 62.9 percent in July. In July, the number of unemployed Americans increased by 197,000 (from 9,474,000 in June to 9,671,000 in July), meaning they did not have a job even though they were actively seeking one. While the number of unemployed increased in July,

so did the number of employed Americans: In June, there were 146,221,000 employed Americans, and that number climbed to 146,352,000 in July, a one-month increase of 131,000. The unemployment rate increased from 6.1 percent in June to 6.2 percent in July.

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GOP Rep Causes Pelosi Meltdown on House Floor Over Immigration

by Allen West,
AllenBWest.com

(Editor/GG: This is worse than the Wicked Witch of the West scurrying after you, or perhaps, an ex-wife? Classic liberal response though, when confronted with the facts, all they have left is histrionics. Seen it personally many times.)

The lovely House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi had a little "you can't handle the truth" meltdown moment on the House floor yesterday as my former colleague, Rep. Tom Marino (R-Pa) called her out on immigration. Yep, he simply stated the truth, asking why was it that in the first two years of the reign of Obama, when she was Speaker, Harry Reid was Majority leader, and the Democrats had a supermajority -- they did nothing on the immigration issue? Rep. Marino exposed the abject hypocrisy of the Democrats now trying to demagogue the issue -- as with every other issue. Well, it seems Pelosi broke regular or-

der and was shouting back at Marino during his speech and charged across the aisle waving her finger afterwards.

As ABC reports "after Marino concluded his remarks and as many Republicans applauded their colleague, Pelosi crossed the chamber again in view of cameras, enraged, pointing and sticking her finger at Marino."

"She then followed Marino up a Republican aisle, gesturing and arguing with him. Lawmakers on the GOP side gathered in dismay as one spoke out to tell the chair that the House was not in order, in an effort to halt the bickering."

She referred to Rep. Marino as "insignificant" -- an indicator of liberal progressive elitism at its highest. If it has not been then, it should be clear now that the Democrat party embraces illegal immigration and rejects the rule of law and the sovereignty of the Constitutional Republic we call these United States of America. And as for Pelosi, it is as my dad who taught me

this ol' southern maxim: "a hit dog will holler" -- meaning when someone is hit with truth, they will indeed scream.

On a separate note, if there were any conclusive evidence that Barack Hussein Obama is a narcissistic progressive socialist megalomaniac, just check out his admonition to the White House press corps yesterday.

Instead of fielding questions, he asked them if they were going to wish him a happy birthday. Uh, sir, hate to tell you, when you step before the White House press corps, they want answers. They're not there to worship you and offer your highness birthday wishes. And I just have to ask, do you know when Marine SGT Andrew Tahmoore-essi's birthday is?

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Justice Ginsburg: Buying Contraceptives for Others is One of the 'Obligations That Citizens Have'

by Tatiana Lozano,
CNSNews.com

(Editor/GG: This is the sick mind of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ginsburg. Folks, our Constitution has been shredded by people like this. The rule of law is no more.)

(CNSNews.com) Providing women with cost-free health-insurance coverage for contraceptives is one of the "obligations" of citizenship, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said Wednesday in an interview with Yahoo's Katie Couric.

"Some people say there's something troubling about mandating a private company though, to do something that is against their deeply held religious beliefs. What would you say

to those people?" Couric asked Ginsburg, one of four dissenting justices in the court's landmark *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby* decision.

"When you're part of a society, you can't separate yourself from the obligations that citizens have," the justice replied.

Ginsburg called the 5-4 ruling in *Hobby Lobby* "a decision of startling breadth." The case concerned a regulation issued by the Department of Health and Human Services under the Affordable Care Act that said virtually all health-insurance plans in the United States must provide all women of reproductive capacity with co-pay-free coverage for all FDA-approved contraceptives.

These "contraceptives" in-

cluded two forms of IUDs and two drugs that can terminate a human life by preventing an embryo from implanting in the mother's womb. The Green family, which owns *Hobby Lobby*, said buying these IUDs and abortifacients drugs violated its Christian faith and that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act prohibited the federal government from forcing them to violate their faith in that way. The majority of the Supreme Court agreed.

"Your 35-page dissent has been described as blistering and scathing," Couric noted to Ginsburg. "Why did you find this decision so disturbing?"

"The decision that an employer could refuse to cover contraceptives meant that women would have to

take care of that for themselves or the men who cared," Ginsburg replied. "Contraceptive protection is something that every woman must have access to to control her own destiny," she added.

"I certainly respect the belief of the *Hobby Lobby* owners. On the other hand, they have no constitutional right to foist that belief on the hundreds and hundreds of women who work for them who don't share that belief. I had never seen the free exercise of religion clause interpreted in such a way."

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ALERT: Delivered By Airplane: Ebola Now Threatens 21 Million People In Major Metro Area

by Mac Slavo,
SHTFPlan.com

(Editor/GG: Watch Obama open the spigots for West Africa legal and illegal immigration. Our new neighbors from Mexico and Central America need company. Oh, and I forgot, the children.....)

In January the U.S.-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned that the next plane could bring a pandemic.

At the time, they were referring to highly contagious strains of deadly flu virus, but in reality any killer virus could travel around the globe in less than a day.

In March we warned that the deadly Ebola virus, which kills upwards of 85% of its victims, was spreading at an alarming pace in West Africa. It was so serious that governments in the region had locked down their borders. The following month in April, officials in the U.S. and Canada were alerted that the virus may have made its way to North America, though no follow-up information was provided after the initial report. Then, just last month, the World Health Organization issued a dire warning – Ebola could go global.

Despite these warnings and the fact that over 650 people are confirmed dead by medical officials in Africa, global governments failed to take any significant action. Flights out of West Africa were still being allowed to leave without any

real screening procedures, even though medical professionals in the region had warned that containment of the virus was spiraling out of control.

Now, amid the highly publicized infection of a leading Ebola doctor, the first case of the virus traveling aboard a commercial passenger airline has been confirmed.

Nigerian health authorities raced to stop the spread of Ebola on Saturday after a man sick with one of the world’s deadliest diseases brought it by plane to Lagos, Africa’s largest city with 21 million people.

The fact that the traveler from Liberia could board an international flight also raised new fears that other passengers could take the disease beyond Africa due to weak inspection of passengers and the fact Ebola’s symptoms are similar to other diseases.

Officials in the country of Togo where the sick man’s flight had a stopover, also went on high alert after learning that Ebola could possibly have spread to a fifth country.

Screening people as they enter the country may help slow the spread of the disease, but it is no guarantee Ebola won’t travel by airplane, according to Dr. Lance Plyler, who heads Ebola medical efforts in Liberia for aid organization Samaritan’s Purse.

“Unfortunately the initial

signs of Ebola imitate other diseases like malaria or typhoid,” he said.

As always, government officials did nothing until it was too late.

Perhaps the death of the Liberian Ebola patient was an isolated incident.

However, the plane on which he traveled stopped for a layover where other passengers disembarked and then headed to Africa’s most populated city of 21 million residents.

If this man came into contact with just one or two others who then mixed with the rest of the population, it’s quite possible that scores of others are now infected. Because the symptoms during the onset of the virus are similar to a flu, by the time infected individuals realize what is happening it’s too late – too late for them, and for those who they came into contact with.

The virus may not be airborne, and because of its genetic profile it may not spread as quickly as a flu virus, but with its possible exposure to a population of 21 million people there is a distinct possibility that Ebola may mutate into something even more contagious.

While the United States claims to have screening procedures ready, at this point, with global air carriers using numerous hubs to transfer passengers, it is becoming more and more

likely that the virus will eventually make an appearance in North America.

For the time being there are no active procedures being implemented to screen passengers from West Africa. If the virus were to arrive in the United States via an airplane, the infected person could easily come into contact with scores of other people who would jet off to various destinations around the country.

If that were to happen, all bets are off.

Tess Pennington, author of The Prepper’s Blueprint, says that Preparing for a Pandemic before information about it hits the news is absolutely essential:

When the pandemic begins, many will remain in a state of denial about any approaching epidemics and not want to think of the long lasting repercussions of such a disaster. Being prepared before the mass come out of their daze will ensure that you are better prepared before the hoards run to the store to stock up.

Ebola could potentially end up all over the United States within a matter of hours, a situation that would very quickly become untenable for medical emergency response teams.

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BEEN THERE, DONE THAT: What Are Udall’s Thoughts On Australians Axing Carbon Tax?

by ColoradoPeakPolitics,
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We rarely venture beyond our borders PeakNation™ (why would we when we have a state as beautiful as Colorado?), but this international story caught our attention. Over in Australia, where they’ve had a carbon tax for the past couple of years, they did the almost impossible and repealed a bad law (taking note Hick? If your magazine ban is “unenforceable”...). As The Washington Times writes:

Australia is even more coal-dependent than America, using it for 75 percent of its energy needs (compared to 42 percent in America). But contrary to green expectations, the tax didn’t prompt companies to rush toward renewable sources, because they are far costlier.

Rather, utilities passed their costs to households — whose energy bills soared by 20 percent in the first year. Other industries that face hyper-competitive environment such as airlines suffered massive losses. (Virgin Australia alone reported about \$25 million in losses in just six months.) The tax also made Australian exports globally uncompetitive, deepening the country’s recession. [the Peak’s emphasis]

With Colorado producing 64% of our energy from coal, we resemble Australia more than we do the average American state. This makes it even more preposterous that Sen. Mark Udall, a man elected to represent our best interests in the United States Senate, is cheering on President Obama’s unilateral power-grab to hike our energy rates.

What has to be even more frustrating for Coloradans, is Udall’s ability to tune-out every and all voices except those on the far Left. This shouldn’t come as a surprise as he’s lived almost

exclusively in Boulder his entire time in Colorado; his wife, Maggie Fox, worked for Sierra Club for 20 years before working for Al Gore the past five years at Climate Reality Project (before being unceremoniously dumped earlier this year when she couldn’t make the world temperatures rise fast enough); one of his biggest backers, Tom Steyer, is a man who has made a fortune off of Australian coal but now views it as the greatest evil (“Really Mr J. Daniels? You now believe alcohol to be the root of all evil?”).

Here’s how The Washington Free Beacon reported Udall’s support of the EPA’s attack on carbon:

Sen. Mark Udall (D., Colo.) called the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) plan to cut carbon emissions from power plants by 30 percent, which could cost industry \$50 billion a year to comply, a “good start.”

Clearly, Udall is not paying attention to the catastrophe that regulating carbon has been around the world. Even 400 Coloradans rallying against it couldn’t even get a peep from Udall. Oddly enough, the U.S. has far outpaced Europe and Australian when it comes to carbon reductions despite never regulating it. It’s not like Udall’s fellow Democrats are threatening the very reason for the carbon emission reduction...

In light of such contradicting evidence, we’d sure like to see Udall try to hem and haw his way out of how he reconciles forcing a defacto carbon tax on Colorado, when Australia just axed their’s because it was so bad for their economy.

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Public Meeting



Broadband: Today and Tomorrow in Custer County
Wednesday, 13 August; 1 – 4 PM
Rancher’s Roost, Community Room

The UAACOG consulting firm retained to define the five-county Broadband Five-year Strategic Plan will be fact-finding and meeting with local Internet & Broadband providers and with local anchor institutions on Wednesday, 13 August.

The consultant desires to brief the public on purpose/goal of the study and receive input from local users regarding their experience with broadband and internet access including future needs.

Local Coordination by:
CC Community Development Corp & CC Local Technology Planning Team

“We have staked the whole future of our new nation, not upon the power of government; far from it. We have staked the future of all our political constitutions upon the capacity of each of ourselves to govern ourselves according to the moral principles of the Ten Commandments.”

~ James Madison



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Democrat On U.S. Civil Rights Commission Wants Speech Codes For 'Adolescent' 21-Year-Olds

by Eric Owens,
DailyCaller.com

(Editor/GG: Typical democrat. Just like our local Dems who want to restrict our first and second amendment rights in our Independence Day Parade. Tyranny doesn't start at the top, it starts locally.)

A Democrat on the U.S. Civil Rights Commission has urged campus restrictions on First Amendment-protected speech because, he believes, the still-developing brains of college students cannot properly process certain dangerous ideas.

The civil rights commissioner is Michael Yaki, a former senior adviser to House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi.

The Washington Post's Eugene Volokh was present at a commission on a briefing on sexual harassment law in education last week when Yaki made his bizarre comments.

The civil rights commissioner said he favors outlawing speech that would be grossly unpopular, such as "a slave auction at a fraternity engagement" or a celebration of Latino culture that involves "making everyone dress as janitors

and mop floors."

Yaki also wants to turn Miss America-type pageants into campus speech crimes. He expressed his belief in the unacceptable dangers of "a situation involving women" in which they "parade around in skimpy clothing and turn in some show or something."

In embarrassingly vague fashion, Yaki struggled mightily to make some kind of coherent point at the civil rights commission hearing.

"I mean where do you think you can, that the university can't deal with ensuring the route it has environment that is not oppressive or hostile because obviously a campus, especially certain types of campuses where there's a lot of — where — that are geographically compact, that have a lot of working and living situations in a close area to create a campus atmosphere," the language-addled law school graduate stuttered.

"Doesn't that gravitate toward having greater ability to proscribe certain types of conduct that have the ability to escalate beyond what anyone would consider to be reasonable or acceptable?"

Yaki, who spent many of his formative years in highly authoritarian countries, then distinguished himself from fellow garden-variety progressives who seek to criminalize ideas they don't like by, hilariously, suggesting that his repressive views are backed by scientists (and citing a Supreme Court case concerning the death penalty).

"It has to do with science," Yaki confidently explained. "More and more, the vast majority, in fact — I think — overall in bodies of science is that young people, not just K through 12 but also between the ages of 16 to 20, 21 is where the brain is still in a stage of development."

He went on to argue that "the juvenile or adolescent or young adult brain processes information" in ways that are "vastly different from the way that we adults do." Consequently, he proclaimed, "when we sit back and talk about what is right or wrong in terms of First Amendment jurisprudence from a reasonable person's standpoint, we are really not looking into the same referential viewpoint."

The civil rights commissioner then laid out his

sweeping, anti-free speech conclusion.

"There are very good and compelling reasons why broader policies and prohibitions on conduct in activities and in some instances speech are acceptable on a college campus level that might not be acceptable say in an adult work environment or in an adult situation," he said.

Among many others, Hans Bader of the Competitive Enterprise Institute has criticized Yaki for his "depressing" arguments against free speech.

"Yaki's claim that speech should be especially restricted on campus 'because of the unique nature of a university campus setting' turns basic free speech principles upside down," Bader wrote in a recent essay. "Free speech is especially vital on college campuses, where students can learn how to deal with opposing points of view in a civil and constructive manner."

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Report: Charter School Students Do Better on NAEP - DESPITE LESS FUNDING!

by Nicholas Garcia,
Co.ChalkBeat.Org

(Editor/GG: Hey, Custer County School Board and Superintendent, it AIN'T the money. It is Leadership, Innovation, Accountability, Vision, Work Effort, and Common Sense.)

Taxpayers are getting a better bang for their buck when students attend charter schools, a new report from the University of Arkansas's Department of Education Reform concludes.

The charter-friendly think tank, in its latest report, found charter students — despite a lack of equal funding — on average meet or beat their peers enrolled in district-run schools on the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

The National Assessment

of Educational Progress, or NAEP, is administered every two years to a representative sampling of students in fourth and eighth grade. The Arkansas researchers compared results of students at both district-run and charter schools and how much each institution received in tax dollars to determine the taxpayer's return on investment.

The report found charter schools to be more cost effective: For every \$1,000 invested, charters on average gained an additional 17 NAEP points in math and 16 points in reading compared to district-run schools.

Colorado charter schools were slightly above the national average in their return on investment, according to the report.

The authors concluded this

happens for one of two reasons. Either students in charters, with fewer public dollars, score significantly higher on the NAEP or students in charters, with significantly fewer public dollars, score equal to or slightly lower on the NAEP.

The institution, which is financed in part by the Walton Family Foundation, stopped short of recommending more public dollars should be sent to charter schools.

"We can conclude from our evidence, that charter schools are more productive at current funding levels," said researcher Patrick Wolf. "They are operating more efficiently. But if the funding gaps were closed, all bets would be off. Charter school performance could increase, stay the same, or shrink.

We just don't know."

Both the NAEP and school finance data used in the report are from 2011. The report did exclude some states because they either don't have charter schools or they don't break out their charter school data in NAEP results. Between one and four percent of a state's student population are enrolled in charter schools. The NAEP sampling reflects that.

In Colorado, NAEP data was collected and used in the Arkansas report from about 260 charter students and 2,400 district-run students who took the test in 2011.

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Federal Judge Rules DC Ban on Carrying Handguns is Unconstitutional

by Tim Brown,
FreedomOutPost.com

I'll bet the liberal gun grabbers and the Obama administration are having a fit after this. Federal Judge Frederick Scullin recently ruled in *Palmer v. District of Columbia* that the city's ban on carrying handguns outside the home was unconstitutional.

"There is no longer any basis on which this Court can conclude that the District of Columbia's total ban on the public carrying of ready-to-use handguns outside the home is constitutional under any level of scrutiny," Judge Frederick Scullin wrote in his 19-page ruling.

"Therefore, the Court finds that the District of Columbia's complete ban on the carrying of handguns in public is unconstitutional," Scullin added.

Judge Scullin cited extensively from *District of Columbia v. Heller* and *MacDonald v. Chicago*, claiming "there is no longer any basis on which this court can conclude that the District of Columbia's total ban on the public carrying of ready-to-use handguns outside the home is constitutional under any level of scrutiny."

According to the Washington Post:

"The ruling by Judge Frederick J. Scullin, Jr., made public Saturday, orders the city to end its prohibition against carrying a pistol in public."

It was not clear what immediate effect the order would have.

The order was addressed to the District of Columbia and Police Chief Cathy Lanier, as well as their employees and officers and others "who receive actual notice" of the ruling. But it could not be determined Sunday who had received notice. Also unclear was whether the city would appeal and

what effect that would have on the enforcement ban.

Legal sources said Saturday night that in general all parties to a case must be duly informed of a ruling and given the opportunity to appeal before it takes effect. "

The group who challenged the ban, the Second Amendment Foundation, was led by attorney Alan Gura, who said that is not the case, and believes that armed citizens will lead to decreased crime, according to studies he cites.

"The decision is in effect, unless and until the court stays its decision," he said. "This is now a decision that the city is required to follow — the idea that the city can prohibit absolutely the exercise of a constitutional right for all people at all times, that was struck down. That's just not going to fly."

"I believe the city is absolutely safer. Make no mistake about it. This is a fantastic improvement in public safety," Gura said. "Yes, we have a problem in America with gun violence. But no, that problem is not the result of law-abiding people carrying guns."

"I'm very pleased with the decision that the city can't forbid the exercise of a fundamental constitutional right," he told Fox News.

One of the drawbacks I can see in the ruling is that the judge did write that the court "enjoins defendants from enforcing the home limitations of [D.C. firearms laws] unless and until such time as the District of Columbia adopts a licensing mechanism consistent with constitutional standards enabling people to exercise their Second Amendment right to bear arms."

The fact that he cites "licensing mechanism consistent with constitutional standards" seems troubling. Where in the Second Amendment are people to be li-

censed to exercise a right not a privilege? Nowhere. Our founders certainly didn't take such a stand and has been cited with reference to the Black Robed Regiment, they often were carrying long guns with them to and from church.

Keep in mind that the D.C. police department were the ones that would not charge NBC's David Gregory for his violation of their law for waving around a high-capacity magazine on live television, yet former Army Spc. Adam Meckler, who had loose 9mm bullets in his backpack, was arrested and jailed.

Additionally, in 2008 the Supreme Court struck down an all out ban on handguns in D.C., citing the Second Amendment of the Constitution. Just three years later, an appeals court required the registration of all handguns, which is not constitutional either.

In all honestly, the Second Amendment is all that needs to be cited, not *Heller* and not *MacDonald*. To determine constitutionality, one should be looking solely to the Constitution, not later rulings. This is one of the things that bothered me in the Hobby Lobby case. Instead of citing the First Amendment, regarding no law being written by Congress that "prohibits the free exercise" of religion (historically that was Christianity), they cited a 20-year-old law by Congress. In my opinion, that does not determine constitutionality.

In either case, at least for now, the judge's ruling has released the chains of tyranny from D.C. residents, but don't think the tyrants will just let the people be free without a fight.

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Read more at <http://freedomoutpost.com/2014/07/federal-judge-rules-dc-ban-carrying-handguns-unconstitutional/#V6jtLIDxwGUhEPPY.99>

Ohio: Successful Open Carry Defense

by Dean Weingarten,
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There do not seem to be many defensive gun uses by people who openly carry guns. This is understandable, as roughly 95% of defensive gun uses never involve a shot being fired. When the aggressor sees that the person defending themselves or stopping a crime is armed, the situation is defused, the criminal leaves the scene, and not much happens.

If a person is openly carrying a firearm, most of those 95% situations will occur without the gun carrier even knowing that they happen. This is known as tactical deterrence. The criminal sees the gun, and chooses not to pick that victim.

A recent case in Ohio falls into the 95% category. No shots were fired. However, it appears that the aggressor was not deterred by the holstered gun. The victim had to draw his firearm in order to stop the attack. It was all caught on a surveillance cam-

era. From northcoastnow.com:

Jerediah Cruz said he was openly carrying a pistol on his waist when a man he didn't know entered the store and began cursing him and threatening to assault him, according to a police report. Cruz said he backed away, but the man continued to follow him and wouldn't leave so he put his hand on the gun, the report said.

Cruz said the man acted as if he was about to pull out a gun so Cruz said he drew his pistol and pointed at the man, who dared him to shoot him in the face. The man then left the shop.

No shots fired, but a large man who threatens you and keeps advancing while you are armed has to be considered a serious threat.

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"These are the times that try men's souls, the summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives a thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as Freedom should not be highly rated."

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Tennessee: Another Restaurant Welcomes Armed Citizens

by Dean Weingarten,
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A Tennessee restaurant is welcoming armed citizens. The decision was made after the owner read about a convenience store manager that was shot after putting up a "No Weapons Allowed" sign, and after she lost business because some customers thought that she did not allow armed citizens inside. From wbir.com:

"They had put up a sign that said 'No Weapons Allowed' and they were robbed at gunpoint two days later. The convenience store manager was shot," said Floyd. "And that got me thinking. I lost a whole group of motorcyclists because they thought I didn't allow weapons. But I believe it's ok to carry as long as you have a permit."

The restaurant's name, Shiloh Brew and Chew, has confused some customers. The owner says that the support she has received after putting up the "Guns Welcome" sign is overwhelming:

"Brew is for coffee, chew is for food. So in my mind, my concept all went together. But after I made a \$3,000 sign and paid for it, I realized that was not a good marketing idea," laughed Floyd. "But the 'Guns are Welcome' signs have helped boost business."

She said while one man said he would not come back to her establish-

ment, more than 20 new customers have come through her doors since she posted the signs on three doors.

posed to an armed population by ratios of 3-10 to one. No doubt those numbers vary considerably by location, with



This sign is posted on three doors of the Shiloh Brew and Chew in Maryville, TN

courtesy image

This is why the Bloomberg media campaign to force national chains to ban guns will fail. There are many alternatives. Gun owners make up a third of the population. Competitive pressures and common sense will push business owners to this restaurant's solution, or at least to neutrality. Even the national chains have been unwilling to actually "ban guns". They just issue nonbinding "requests" to placate the Bloomberg media campaign.

The numbers mentioned by the restaurant owner, 20-1, reflect what we see in online polls, that while not scientific, accurately measure "intensity". Online polls show that in the population of people who care about the issue, second amendment supporters outnumber those op-

"intense" anti-armed population supporters highly concentrated in a few urban areas. The ratios are reflected in membership numbers for groups pushing for severe restrictions on peoples ability to own and access firearms. Those groups, such as the Brady Campaign and Moms Demand Action, have actual membership levels that are a tiny fraction of what second amendment supporters have. This is well documented in "Rise of the Anti-Media" by Brian Anse Patrick.

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Major Gun Manufacturer Taking \$45 Million Investment, 300 Jobs to Tennessee Over Fear of Gun Control

by Jason Howerton,
TheBlaze.com

(Editor/GG: Remember in November, when you vote, folks, what our beloved Governor Chickenlooper did last year when he signed those unconstitutional gun laws: Magpull Industries, one of the countries leaders in injection molding technology left the state taking hundreds of jobs and millions of dollars in payroll with them. Democrats are ideological fanatics who will sacrifice anything, including your freedom and job, for their socialist goals. Vote them OUT.)

Beretta U.S.A. Corp. announced on Tuesday that it plans to move its entire U.S. manufacturing operation from its current location in Accokeek, Maryland, to Gallatin, Tennessee, due to a fear of gun control legislation that may pass the Maryland Legislature in the future.

"During the legislative session in Maryland that resulted in passage of the Firearm Safety Act of 2013, the version of the statute that passed the Maryland Senate would have prohibited Beretta U.S.A. from being able to manufacture, store, or even import into the State products that we sell to customers throughout the United States and around the world," Beretta General Manager Jeff Cooper said in a statement.

"While we were able in the Maryland House of Delegates to reverse some of those obstructive provisions, the possibility that such restrictions might be reinstated in the future leaves us very worried about the wisdom of maintaining a firearm manufacturing factory in the state," he added.

Cooper said the gun manufacturer initially planned to use the new Tennessee facility only

for new equipment and production of new product lines, but the company decided that it is "more prudent from the point of view of our future welfare" to move the full manufacturing operation to the new facility.

The new Beretta facility in Gallatin, Tennessee, is scheduled to be opened in mid-2015. Beretta U.S.A. is expecting the new location to involve a \$45 million investment in building and equipment as well as the hiring of around 300 employees in the new few years.

"Administrative and executive support functions" will remain at the Accokeek, Maryland, facility.

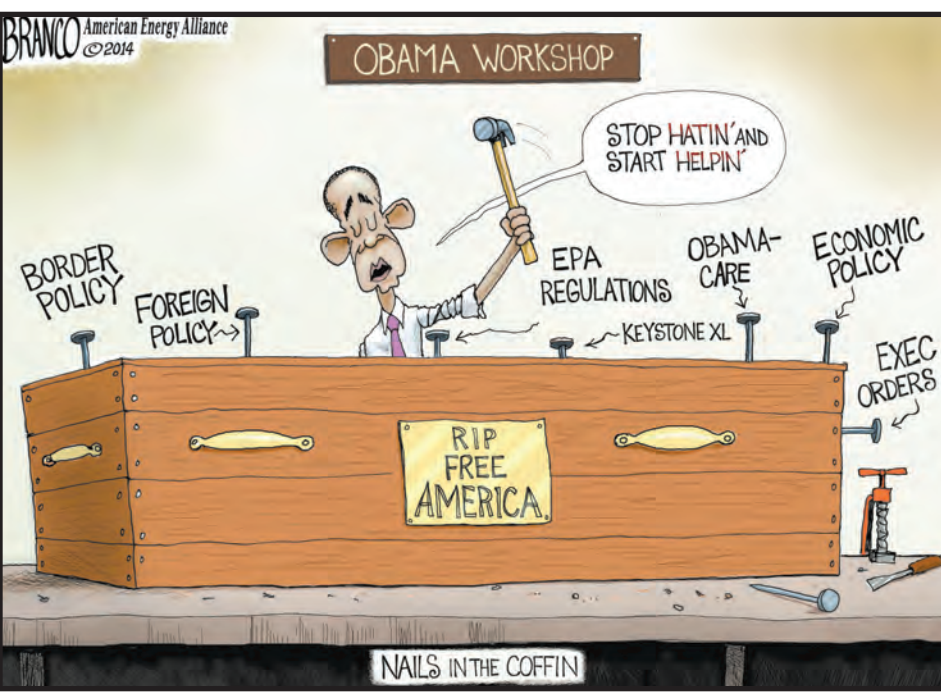
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Great Appleseed Weekend at Ramah, Colorado

Last weekend's Appleseed marksmanship course was well-attended with 17 motivated students (adults and children) participating. One of the instructors at the event was local resident Tom Kravis. Two Rifleman patches were awarded. Picture shows some of the children participants. For more information on Colorado Appleseed events please see appleseedinfo.org. Our local shooting club, Sangre Shooting Sports Club, is considering holding one next year. If interested drop them a note: sangreshooting.com.

Courtesy Photo from Appleseed



America's Lost Decade: Typical Household Wealth Has Plunged 36% Since 2003

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.Com

(Editor/GG: The taxing, money printing, and regulations established by the federal government, The Federal Reserve, state and local governments are the cause of this. Big government equals a poor middle class.)

Does it feel like you're poorer? There is a simple reason why - you are! According to a new study by the Russell Sage Foundation, the inflation-adjusted net worth for the typical household was \$87,992 in 2003. Ten years later, it was only \$56,335, or a 36% decline... Welcome to America's Lost Decade.

Simply put, the NY Times notes, it's not merely an issue of the rich getting rich-

recovery from the loss of wealth experienced by American families during the Great Recession. Declines in net worth from 2007 to 2009 were large, and the declines continued through 2013. These wealth losses, however, were not distributed equally. While large absolute amounts of wealth were destroyed at the top of the wealth distribution, households at the bottom of the wealth distribution lost the largest share of their total wealth. As a result, wealth inequality increased significantly from 2003 through 2013; by some metrics inequality roughly doubled.

The American economy has experienced rising income and wealth inequality for several decades, and there is little evidence that these trends are likely to re-

as poor-get-poorer society:

"Inequality in the U.S. today is near its historical highs, largely because the Federal Reserve's policies have succeeded in achieving their aim: namely, higher asset prices (especially the prices of stocks, bonds, and high-end real estate) which are generally owned by taxpayers in the upper-income brackets. The Fed is doing all the work, because the President's policies are growth-suppressive. In the absence of the Fed's moneyprinting and ZIRP, the economy would either be softer or actually in a new recession.

The greatest irony is that the president is railing against inequality as one of the most important problems of the day, despite the fact that his policies are

A Sheepdog Barks!

Greetings, fellow sheepdogs. Well, the Liberal Progressive Socialist Democrats (LPSDs) are at it again. They reinitiated their attempts to ban open carry firearms from our next Independence Day Parade. The local Democratic Party "jumped" on the Town of Westcliffe's monthly board meeting agenda 11 months early to "steal" away the right to sponsor next year's parade on the 4th of July. Their leader tried to sell it under the guise of "going back to the good ole days", whatever that means. When he was asked what was wrong with the parades for the last 2 years (open carry) he said "Nothing was wrong." However, one of his supporters spoke up and told the truth and said "It was the guns, that the guns were appalling."

That's what it is all about, my friends. The LPSDs don't like the guns and she "spilled the beans." The Town Board tabled the decision until they can have an executive session. Stay tuned, lots more to come. Because I've spent so much time on this, I'm doing a rerun this week of previous related comments. Works for TV, no? The following comments are from my Sheepdog Barks columns of 12 and 19 July, 2013. They are still germane as the LPSDs sound like a broken record. WOOF!

So, why all this tension? There's an easy answer. Let's blame the "gun-tot en zealots". Let's blame the law-abiding citizens with their legal guns being carried legally. Yeah, that's the answer. Well, maybe there is a deeper answer...

Shortly after the New Year began a terrible shooting tragedy happened and the Dems saw another crisis they couldn't let go to waste. Now, they thought, was their time to ban assault weapons again. They cranked it right up while the emotions were high all across America. The weak and inept Obama, V.P. Biden and Sen. Diane Feinstein, et al. stepped up to the cameras and screamed 'gun control' is what we need. Not let's fix the mental health issues we have, but let's eliminate legal guns from all citizens. That'll solve the problem. No American needs a military style rifle to kill a deer,

right! They are sheep and they just don't get it.

Here is how a liberal thinks: when a bomb goes off they blame the bomber; but when a gun goes off they blame the gun. Makes perfect sense, right? All of the latest shooting tragedies have been perpetrated by unstable and sick people using legal guns. So what is the Dems' solution? Go after all the legal guns and magazines that law-abiding citizens and patriots are entitled to own for their own protection, their family's protection and to protect their county from the tyranny of any government or force, if necessary. They are sheep.

Then, in the spirit of this failed national effort, the Colorado Dems decided to mess with our guns. For years and years many gun owners have said "they'll never come after our guns!" Well, here they come. Is it any wonder why there is tension, anger, and concern from so many legal gun owners? Many of us will not stand idly by and watch the Libs infringe on our 2nd Amendment rights. They are very good at infringing one little step at a time. The blame for all this kerfuffle around here rests clearly and totally on the shoulders of the Dems. BAAA! Hickenlooper, Morse, and Giron are all in big trouble. They overreached and have stimulated quite a backlash. Several more communities are organizing similar open carry marches in support of our Colorado sheriffs and our 2nd Amendment rights. Our hope is that this infringement will result in two great recall elections and a great turnaround in Colorado in Nov. 2014. Wake up my fellow patriots.

Greetings, fellow sheepdogs. I need you to learn the following brevity code: LPSD. It stands for Liberal Progressive Socialist Democrat. It saves time and explains a lot of the insanity and nonsense in America and it does so in a short time and space. For example, if I say the LPSDs are out of control. You should immediately understand. Now, let's take a look at some of their recent behavior. A few weeks ago 46 Senators (all LPSDs), voted to trample on America's sovereignty and infringe on our 2nd Amendment rights.

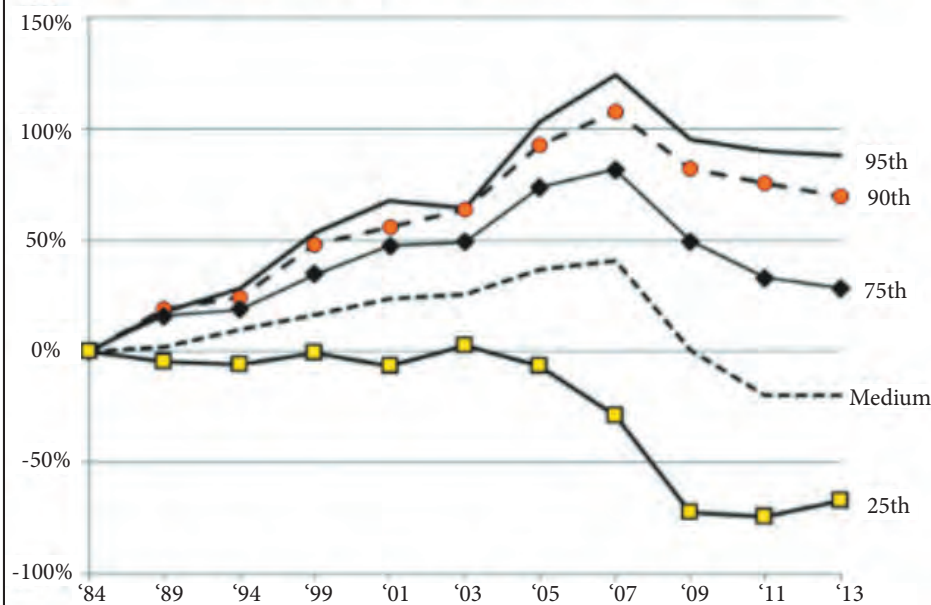


They voted to ratify the United Nations Small Arms Trade Treaty. This treaty would require a national registry of all small arms. This will never happen in America. What could they have been thinking? The LPDs are out of control. Among the 46 Senators was Senator Udall of Colorado. Yes, our senator, whose only accomplishment up to now was making the suggestions that during the State of the Union message all the legislators mingle and sit together rather than the traditional left side - right side. Wow, we all know how well that has worked out. This was insanity. What patriotic American would be willing to give our liberties, freedoms and rights to the feckless and worthless United Nations? Senator Udall for one. Shame on him! The only good news here is that Udall is up for reelection in 2014. We must do all we can to make sure he retires early. The man is an LPD and therefor very dangerous to the future well-being of our country. He is a sheep. BAAA!

I'll close with this. I'll keep you posted on the current and on-going attempts to infringe on our 1st and 2nd Amendment rights. This local Democratic Party leader told the Town Mayor and Board members that he wanted to bring everyone together, form a committee and build "consensus" for the parade. Can you even imagine he would build consensus with the SPCP. This all sounds familiar, doesn't it? Obama was going to bring everyone together also. WOOF! Meanwhile, this same local leader sent out an email to his followers and supporters urging them to come to the 5 Aug 2014 meeting because he expected opposition from the "Baggers." A real "uniter" he is not. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH

Figure 1. Change in wealth since 1984 for various percentiles (in 2013 dollars)



Source: Panel Study of Income Dynamics (based on 2013 early release data); calculations by the authors.

er. The typical American household has been getting poorer, too.

The reasons for these declines are complex and controversial, but one point seems clear: When only a few people are winning and more than half the population is losing, surely something is amiss.

"As Russell Sage Foundation concludes, through at least 2013, there are very few signs of significant

verse in the near-term.

It is possible that the very slow recovery from the Great Recession will continue to generate increased wealth inequality in the coming years as those hardest hit may still be drawing down the assets they have left to cover current consumption."

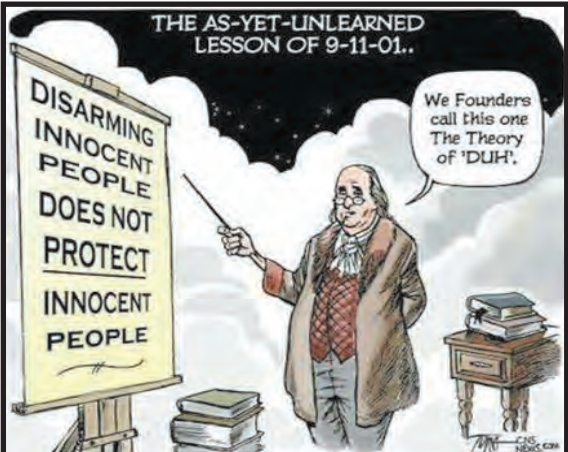
The inequality-battler-in-chief remains unaware of the greatest irony of this surging rich-getting-richer

squeezing the middle class and causing the Fed - with the president's encouragement - to engage in the radical monetary policy, which is exacerbating inequality. This simple truth cannot be repeated often enough."

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**But those who wait on the Lord shall
renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.**

Isaiah 40:31,
NKJV



On The 100th Anniversary Of WWI: Its Senseless Origins And Lessons For Today

by Eric Margolis via David Stockman's Contra Corner blog, via ZeroHedge.com

The 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I is upon us. Well we should mourn this cataclysmic event and continue to draw lessons from it.

As a former soldier and military historian, I've always felt that WWI was the most tragic conflict in modern history: a totally avoidable madness that wrecked Europe's glittering civilization and led directly to World War II, Hitler and Stalin.

This mournful anniversary has reopened fierce debate over who was responsible for the Great War.

On one side of the debate is historian Margaret MacMillan whose new book, "The War That Ended Peace," lays primary blame on Germany's military and commercial ambitions. MacMillan is a nice lady – I've debated her on TV – but her tedious new book is so steeped in traditional British/Anglo-Saxon bias against Germany as to be of limited value.

On the other is "The Sleepwalkers – How Europe Went to War in 1914" by Cambridge professor Christopher Clark. This brilliant book is the finest, most instructive, best balanced book ever written on the origins of the Great War.

I say this as holder of a degree in the diplomatic history of World War I, and as one who has walked most of the battlefields of the Western Front.

Professor Clark deftly and elegantly weaves a tapestry of events that conclusively shows that Germany's role in the conflict was no greater than the other belligerents, and perhaps less than com-

monly believed. Starved into submission by Britain's naval blockade, Germany was unfairly and foolishly saddled with total war guilt, and saw 10% of its territory and 7 million of its people torn away at Versailles by the war's rapacious victors.

Adolf Hitler rose to power on his vow to return Germany's lost lands and peoples who had been given to Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia. Stalin was determined to regain Russian territory lost at the 1918 Treaty of Brest-Litovsk.

Most of today's Mideast's problems flowed directly from the diplomatic lynching of Germany at Versailles led by France and Britain. Both of these imperial powers feared Germany's growing commercial and military power (just as the U.S. today fears China's rise). Germany's vibrant social democracy with its worker's rights and concern for the poor posed a threat to the capitalists of Britain and France. Britain's imperialists were deeply worried by the creation of a feeble little German Empire based in Africa. At the time they controlled a quarter of the globe and all of its oceans.

Clark's book shows precisely how Serbia's militarist-nationalist-religious cabal, known as the Black Hand, carefully planned and provoked the war by assassinating Austria-Hungary's heir to the throne, Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife at Sarajevo, Bosnia, on 28 June, 1914.

The Serb ultra-nationalists objective was to annex Bosnia, Macedonia, Albanian Kosovo, and northern Albania to create a Greater Serbia. The Serb's sought to provoke war between Russia and the decrepit Austro-Hungarian

Empire in order to drive Vienna's influence from the Balkans and allow the creation of Greater Serbia. The first two Balkan Wars, 1912 and 1913, expanded Serbia but failed to give it control of the entire Balkans and the strategic Albanian ports of Durres and Vlore on the Adriatic. Serbia remained landlocked.

In the late 1980's, the Serb extremists, led by Slobodan Milosevic, who attempted ethnic cleansing of the Muslims of Bosnia and Kosovo, were carbon copies of the Black Hand with the very same racist-nationalist geopolitical goals.

Austria-Hungary's aggressive military chief, General Franz Conrad von Hotzen-dorf, rushed his ill-prepared army into war to punish Serbia. Russia mobilized to support old ally Serbia.

Germany, deeply fearing a two-front war made possible by the 1894 Franco-Russian Entente, had to mobilize before Russia's armies could overrun East Prussia. France, Russia's ally, mobilized, burning for revenge for its humiliating defeat in the 1870 Franco-Prussian War and loss of Alsace and Lorraine.

A total conflagration could still have been averted if Great Britain, which had been playing neutral, had boldly demanded the rush to war cease. France would have been unlikely to go to war without Britain's supporting its left flank in Flanders.

But Prof. Clark deftly portrays how a coterie of anti-German officials in Britain, led by the duplicitous foreign secretary Sir Edward Grey and the ambitious, war-yearning imperialist, Winston Churchill, pushed the British Empire to

war against Germany. They were joined by a cabal of German-haters in the French government. British and French industrialists, fearful of German competition, and seeing huge profits to be made, backed the war party.

The British and French anti-German cliques played the same role as the pro-war American neoconservatives in the Bush administration, planting phony stories in the press and promoting pro-war allies into positions of power.

Clark also shows how almost 40 years of petty European rivalries, intrigues and power games – all contained while separate – finally ran disastrously together in 1914.

We see the same dangers today in the petty but growing conflict over Ukraine between the US and its European satraps and Russia. Every week seems to bring the US and Russia closer to a collision as the Washington seeks to dominate Ukraine and use it as a weapon against Russia. Once again, neocons in Washington, allied to Ukraine's hard right and neocons, are promoting the growing Russo-American conflict.

A conflict over a quasi-nation of absolutely no strategic interest to the United States. American neocons and their Congressional mouthpieces are now calling for NATO to take control of Moldova and Georgia. Conrad von Hotzen-dorf would have approved.

No one in the west is ready to die for Luhansk or Donetsk, but few in 1914 Europe were ready to die for Verdun or Ypres – but millions did.

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NEW SURVEY: Women Tired Of "War On Women" Tactics



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A newly released survey by the Colorado Women's Alliance proved what we have been saying for months: the so-called war on women is finally starting to backfire. From The Colorado Observer:

...results of polling indicating that 77 percent of women voters surveyed "clearly see through the so-called Democrat 'War on Women' messaging strategy," according to Magellan Strategies [the pollster].

Those weren't just staunch Republican women. The poll, conducted June 3-4, targeted 500 women viewed as swing voters: registered independents, Republican-leaning independents, and "soft" Republican voters.

The poll also found that "67 percent of respondents agree that women in America do not fear a government bureaucrat taking birth control away from them, but what they fear are politicians using the issue of access to birth control as a political tactic to scare them into a voting a certain way."

It was only a matter of time before women started to catch on to the left's manic scare tactics. Birth control is not under attack, so liberals need to calm the heck down. In fact, you've got Cory Gardner – a Republican candidate for U.S. Senate – advocating that birth control pills should be sold over the counter.

The hysterical 'war on women' has finally turned into overkill, and it's going to hurt the Mark Udalls of the world who think it's the lynchpin to victory.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

ELECTION

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Our last general election was not much better. Folks, elections have consequences. As unhappy as folks are with what is going on in our nation one would think the election booths would be overflowing or, in our case, the mail would be overflowing with return mail-in ballots.

At the upcoming general election we will have some choices to make about our candidates that are running for county commissioner and sheriff. We also have candidates for our state offices as well as the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Lastly, we have several candidates for the governor's job. Its not too late for you to start looking at these candidates. See what they are made of, what they believe in, how they voted on issues in the past, learn all you can about them before voting. If you get an opportunity to meet with them please do and ask them the hard questions. Tell them how unhappy you are and tell them how much you love freedom and small government. Mostly just be informed and get involved. Vote, that's the only voice we have.

SCHOOL

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would obviously have to charge extra if you actually want them to answer any questions.

We must stop Common Core and take back our public schools. Our tax money is being used to provide curriculum that is misleading and indoctrinating. The national standards simply don't make the grade. According to the Pioneer Institute, in 2007, Trends in International Math and Science Study showed Massachusetts students to be competitive with top-performing nations, like Japan, Korea, and Singapore.

The Bay State's eighth graders tied for first in the world in science! This success was achieved with a relentless focus on academics, and unfortunately there is, little in common between what Massachusetts did and what the United States Department of Education is trying to advance.

Stanford University Emeritus Professor of Mathematics James Milgram, the only academic mathematician on Com-

mon Cores validation committee, has refused to sign off on the final draft of the national standards. He describes the standards as having serious failings. He feels these standards could leave our students a year behind their peers by fifth grade and two years behind by the seventh grade. A major practical effect is that our students will not get to Algebra 1 by the eighth grade, which is critical if our students are to be college-ready in math.

The impact on English classrooms which adopted Common Core in 2010, has been to reduce the amount of classical literature studied by more than half. This information also provided by the Pioneer Institute. Goodbye Charles Dickens, Arthur Conan Doyle, and Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn, while we hear rumors of books like *Blue Eye*, and *Dreaming in Cuban*, being approved for classroom reading. If you are not familiar with these titles you owe it to yourself and your children to investigate. I can't elaborate in this writing, the good people who publish this paper

would not print such vile disgusting language, and if they did, they would be closed down for selling porn.

This year as your child returns to the classroom I hope you will plan to attend school board meetings, and join the local PTA. Even more important, review the lessons your child is bringing home and object when you feel something is inappropriate. Many parents have opted to home or on-line school their children and, of course, this is not possible for everyone, but everyone can take a stand against Common Core. Get politically involved and elect candidates who will stand against Common Core. When speaking with some of our elected officials lately I keep hearing, "There is nothing I can do, my hands are tied." I'm thinking, maybe you better find a way... and get your hands untied real fast or in November, you may just find yourself in the unemployment line. It should prove interesting to see how you will fill out that job application with your hands tied!

**Be Informed,
Get Involved**

GUNS

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eas. Rural Americans are pretty much on their own.

One more word about "the wild west;" Where we live in Colorado, raising cattle for food is a major business. Yes, much of the work is still done on horseback, but four wheel ATVs are replacing horses. Unlike Europe where predators have been virtually extinct for many generations, large predators--bears, lions, feral dogs, coyotes and even wolves--are common in rural areas. These predators frequently attack, kill and eat cattle, sheep, pets and other domestic animals. Some have been known to attack people. Often, a sick or injured cow or sheep is found in a remote area. A responsible human being has the obligation to humanely end its suffering. A handgun is a handy tool to have. As a consequence, many in the livestock business carry handguns and rifles while working. These people may need to visit a supermarket, hardware or a ranch supply store during the working day. Yes, it is common to see a ranch owner or employee with a gun on his hip to be standing next to you on the cash register line while waiting to pay for a purchase.

City folk, who have seen a lot of movie westerns, should understand that gun fights in the west were rare even 150 years ago. The first cities and towns to ban concealed carry of handguns were towns in the west. Large cities in the east were far more dangerous places and carrying a gun in a city was a very common practice. The increase of gang activity during Prohibition, 1919 until its repeal in 1933, with the frequent use of machine guns started the movement toward the banning of guns in America's cities.

There will always be people in every state who are willing to kill someone for their possessions or their beliefs. Illegal drug trade, like illegal alcohol commerce one hundred years ago, will encourage violence. Recent terrorist activities add still other dangers. America, unlike Canada and Australia, was created as a result of a war for independence... two if you include the War of 1812. There is a long tradition among Americans of private ownership of small arms and of self-protection. I believe that this part of our culture will long outlive the current crop of anti-Second Amendment politicians and those in the state and local government who would leave citizens defenseless.

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