



Ride The Rockies a Huge Success Week Long Race Ends in Westcliffe

by George Gramlich

One of the biggest events ever to hit Westcliffe was a smashing success last Saturday as 2,000 cyclists completed their week long ride thru the beautiful Rocky Mountains with a last day jaunt from Cañon City to the finish line at Main and Adams Street in downtown Westcliffe. Hundreds of spectators and riders helpers lined Main Street and the Bluff's area to cheer the participants as they finished the day's ride. It was a tough ride from Cañon City as it is a long, steep haul up Hardscrabble Canyon to Westcliffe but it was enjoyed by all.

Custer County's local support effort, headed by Donna Hood, Custer County Chamber of Commerce President, put together a team of over 250 volunteers, who, in conjunction with the extremely professional Ride The Rockies team, simply did a spectacular job in making the day a success.

Banners and dozens of colorfully painted bicycles lined Main Streets in Silver Cliff and Westcliffe giving a real festive feeling to the event finish. Dozens and dozens of cow bells were handed out to the spectators by Wapiti Realty owners Jean and Jack Canterbury on Main Street and were rung with vigor creating a unique welcoming sound for the exhausted participants.

The reception area at the Bluff's was busy all day with over two dozen vendors, many local, supplying the riders and visitors with all kinds of home cooked food ranging from

vegetarian options to local grass-fed beef supplied by Sangre's Best (who graciously sold their beef to other vendors at a substantial discount). Thirteen non-profit organizations participated and prepared around 3,000 meals for the day.

Music was provided at the large entertainment tent by Cañon City bands Deja Bluz and Flash Cadillac. The Custer County Sheriff's Office did an excellent job of traffic control and were aided by about fifteen Custer County Sheriff's Posse members.

Downtown Main Street was packed all day and local businesses in that area reported that they were generally quite busy. Some businesses in Silver Cliff indicated that business was slow as they were some distance from the event.

Our thanks to all the volunteers, Donna Hood and the Custer County Chamber of Commerce, the Sheriff's Office and our great Posse, the Westcliffe Town Board, the Custer County Economic Development Committee (owners: Charles Bogle and Dale Mullins) who built a brand new wi-fi system for west-



Two of the two thousand riders cruise down to the finish line in Westcliffe.

Sentinel photo by Barbara Napolitan



Main Street was blocked at Third Street from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday.

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ern Main Street insuring that the crowd had high speed internet access, Centurylink who provided their high-tech mobile wi-fi trailer

for additional internet access, and to the Ride The Rockies organization for a superb team effort. It was a great day in the Rockies.

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

RIDE THE ROCKIES (TO WEST_LIFFE:)

Last Saturday the 30th Ride the Rockies (RTR) finished right here in Westcliffe. Now it's time to assess its overall effectiveness to the community. We learned in the military an old axiom: "Nothing is ever as good, or as bad, as first reported!" This is what we have here. Initial comments and opinions are all over the map. "It was great. It wasn't great. The riders were rude. The riders were wonderful. Business was great. Business was bad." The most important thing is that we not rush to judgment. There is no need to do so. A great deal of hard work went into organizing and conducting this event by a lot of local volunteers and organizations. The Chamber of Commerce (COC), led by Donna Hood, worked long and hard to make this a great community event. This was a huge event with a lot of moving parts. Executing an event of this size for the first time is not an easy thing to do. An event of this type will never please everyone. That's not possible. The local community Facebook page is alive with comments and opinions that cover the entire spectrum. It's about more than what occurred on the western portion of Main Street and on The Bluffs. It's about what happened in the whole county. All voices need to be heard. Just because some did not like the event doesn't make them negative or unreasonable whiners. Their opinions matter. We are reminded of

another old saying: "Where one stands on an issue is based on where one sits." This event clearly benefited some local businesses and non-profits. Some other businesses did not benefit. Some enjoyed the 2000 bicycle riders and thought the day was totally magnificent. Some felt anger and exasperation as they followed the riders, many riding 4 or 5 abreast and totally blocking the westbound lane up Hardscrabble at 10 mph. Some were frustrated at the rudeness of the riders doing the same thing all across Hwy 67 from Florence to Wetmore. We were told to "share the road" which many believe means the riders don't block the road and ride single file. Many bikers didn't do that. Many did. These irresponsible and dangerous actions by some of the riders do not reflect on Westcliffe and the event organizers and volunteers. Rude, law-breaking riders reflect only on themselves and the RTR sponsor. The State Highway Patrol was supposed to be involved. Where were they? Many people saw the day from one or two perspectives only. Those limited and isolated views determined whether they thought this

was a good or bad event overall. A worker in the COC Beer Tent just dealing with smiling riders that were happy to be finished and enjoying refreshments would certainly have a much different view than a business owner that actually lost money as a result of being encouraged to stock up and have plenty of help and then had few customers. There needs to be a meeting to gather all the facts so a complete picture can be assembled here. Maybe a questionnaire with some specific questions and a place for open comments could be distributed for turning in to the COC say in the next month. Then there should be a full accounting to the community on what went well and what went not so well. We are confident the COC

organizers will conduct an appropriate after-event review. If this opportunity, or another one like it, presents itself in the future the lessons learned will be invaluable. No operation of this magnitude goes perfectly. There were initial accounts in the other paper that the community would benefit to the tune of \$250,000. We are pretty sure that didn't happen. How much did the community benefit by playing host to the RTR finish line? Who benefited the most and who didn't benefit? It is much too early to judge the overall effect that this event had. Much of the goodness supposedly comes from return visits. Some will return, some won't. Generally, it was a great day and many people had a great time. We are not aware of any se-

rious injuries or incidents. That's great. Other than a small initial problem with traffic control at Third and Main, caused mostly by an RTR person and a nearby business employee, Sheriff Byerly, his Deputies and his Posse did a great job all around town. Again Donna Hood, the local coordinator, and her staff and volunteers, pulled off a big logistical event that for the most part enhanced Custer County's reputation for many out-of-towners. We congratulate them. A proper ending is to conduct a full review and listen to everyone in the community that has an opinion here. When all the facts are gathered then a final judgment can be rendered. Congratulations to all that helped promote and conduct this big event.



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C1 School Board: You Can't Do Better Than This?

Well, last Wednesday the school board did it again. They met in special session and hired a social studies teacher who I have some real questions about. As I look through the packet on Mr. Ernest W. Bain III, I see numerous red flags that bring up questions that I feel should be addressed.

His most recent employer in California is the Welk Resort where his job title was guest relations. He last worked as a teacher, a substitute, in Escondido, California, from January 2008 to May 2009 and in Ault, Colorado, as a history, geography, and economics teacher for only one year. From September 1990 to June 2003 he worked at numerous California schools mostly for only one to two years. Why is his work record so short-lived? Jumping around from job to job is a BIG red flag as far as I am concerned. I have worked as a director of nurses and I would not hire someone who presented a work record like this.

There is a teaching certificate in the packet but, since it doesn't show what state it is from, one would assume it is from California since that is the last state he worked as a teacher. There are also three letters of recom-

mendation, none of them current.

His grades from the University of Arizona were not stellar. In fact, according to his transcripts he got A's in beginning golf, football, and basketball. I understand when we are young and start college we can all screw up a little. So let's give him the benefit of doubt on the school record even though the record has many D's and F's. It also appears from his transcript that he flunked out of The University of Arizona.

Noticeably, absent from the packet is a background check. Where is the background check? I know one had to be done, correct? I would be very interested to see what is on the background check. There is some reason why he was unable to hold down a teaching job in so many schools. What did he do or not do that he was unable to hold down a long term teaching job?

If, in fact, the interviewing committee had 33 candidates why was only one presented to the board for approval? As a board member I would think one would like to have more than one option to choose from. Shouldn't the interview-

ing committee be just a screening committee and the board should have the final say in who gets hired?

When Dr. Davis asked to have the vote tabled until Monday to give the board a chance to have Mrs. Jones available to answer some of these questions, it was decided that as a board they needed to trust the interviewers. So a vote was taken and it passed to hire the teacher, with Mr. Jolley and Dr. Davis voting no, wise choice on the part of Dr. Davis and Mr. Jolley. Should something come up in the future that shows why other schools chose not to keep Mr. Bain, then the two dissenting votes will not be to blame. School Board members Brenda Gaide, Brian Cline, and Monty Lee all voted to hire this questionable candidate with a very, very poor, and suspicious resume.

So, my question is with thirty-three candidates, this was the best of the bunch? Would it have hurt to wait until Monday and talk to Mrs. Jones about some these concerns? What was the big rush? Was a back-

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Questions on the Proposed Burn Ordinance

Letter to the Editor and Custer County Commissioners:

Upon obtaining a copy of the proposed open burn and slash pile ordinance, I sincerely have some questions. Consideration for amendments would be greatly appreciated.

I have jotted some notes referring to proposed Ordinance No. 15-02, "an ordinance of Custer County, a political subdivision of the state of Colorado, regulating and restricting open fires and open burning in the unincorporated areas of Custer County, and also including the incorporated towns of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe and establishing a permitting requirement for slash pile burning and other open burning in the unincorporated areas of Custer County, and also including the incorporated towns of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe." A consideration and response to the following times and comments would be appreciated:

1. Part Five, Section 3: Questioning the effect of HIPPEA laws and Privacy of Information Acts upon your ordinance proposal even as directed by Colorado Revised Statutes §30-15-401 (n.5)(2)(F). For those folks who don't have a copy of the drafted ordinance, this statute "requires the Board of County Commissioners to include a mechanism "to notify indi-

viduals with respiratory conditions, if requested by the individual, and contiguous landowners of the date, time, and location of slash pile burns." "Therefore, the Custer County Sheriff shall maintain a registry of any such individuals with respiratory conditions who have advised the Sheriff's Office in writing that they wish to be notified in advance of permitted slash pile burns. This registry shall be made available to all burn managers who apply for an open burning permit. It is the responsibility of the burn manager to review this registry and to identify any individuals who reside within a one-mile radius of the location where the open burning is to occur. Any individuals with respiratory conditions so identified shall be notified by the burn manager that an open burning permit has been issued. Such notice shall be accomplished in one of three ways: by speaking to the individual(s) with the respiratory conditions(s) personally; by telephone call; by posting a written notice in a conspicuous location at the residence of the individual(s) if such individual(s) cannot be otherwise contacted. It shall also be the responsibility of the burn manager to

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NEW Meat Market Opens in Westcliffe

by Carol "Scoop" Clemenson

Will Taylor and Danny Newton are the new owners/managers of Elevation Meat Market located at the site of the former Chop Shop, 101 S. 2nd Street, Westcliffe, Colorado, just south of Main Street.

Both men came from small towns. Will came from a little town north of Seattle called Sedro-Woolley and Danny came from the small burg of Anna, Texas.

Both owners have extensive experience in the meat business. Will was raised on a ranch and has taken care of beef "from birth to plate" while Danny started his meat career working in a packing plant at age 16.

Both men had a dream of opening a meat market of their own, but had never met until about ten months ago. Will worked in the meat department in a store called Jackson Hole Groceries and then was promoted to store manager. He needed a replacement in the meat department so he recruited Danny. The two of them worked so well together they built a great meat department at



Will & Danielle Taylor and Danny Newton

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

the grocery store.

When they saw that the Chop Shop in Westcliffe for sale online, they came to look everything over. They both fell in love with the town and the people here. Liking what they saw at the Chop Shop they decided to buy it from Jeff and Jane Thomas.

Will and Danny want to enhance the business that Jeff and Jane had already started. They don't want folks to have to travel down the hill for good quality meat, so their prices will be competitive and fair. Later they will offer bulk packages when they get more established. Also, after July they

will offer processing of game meat. Their chicken is all natural, and they will also offer fresh seafood, sauces, and rubs.

Will and his wife, Danielle, have three children, two girls and one boy. Danny's wife, Fawnda, will be here soon. Their children are grown and in college.

Danny, Fawnda, Will, and Danielle would like folks to come in, have a cup of coffee and chat, whether you buy or not. Their current hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. You can reach them at 719-783-4263.

Custer County School Board Meets to Continue Selection Process for Interim Superintendent

by Larry Luikart

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m., June 22, 2015, in the Administrative Conference Room. Chairman Gaide led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed the guests present and introduced prospective Interim Superintendent Candidate Robin Purdy.

The agenda was modified to include the addition of consideration to hire Meri Spezialetti for the high school science teacher position.

Chairman Gaide recognized Carol Clemenson, local concerned citizen for public comments. Ms. Clemenson, in an impassioned but heartfelt commentary indicated her belief that the Board is divided and that divide is creating a situation where less than optimum decisions are being made. She was very point specific in the Board's teacher hiring practices. She indicated that the Board seems incapable or unwilling to

recognize the necessity of bringing qualified and certified teachers into the District. She felt a lack of cooperation among the Board Members is creating a divisive and unhealthy atmosphere. She also said in her closing that she knew the Board, "will ignore my comments, but she felt the responsibility to speak out and voice her opinion."

Mr. Clinch did make a statement regarding Ms. Clemenson's comments. He indicated the Board needs a set of guidelines that codifies the minimum qualifications the Board will accept for teacher applicants.

The Board proceeded with the interview of Ms. Purdy. It became clear her expertise is in the area of "Turn Around School Districts." She has been involved in several districts where she took a major role in turning a district doing poorly into one evaluated as superior. Ms. Purdy and the Board shared in a very mutual, friendly, and very professional interview pro-

cess. Many questions were asked by the Board and Ms. Purdy asked the Board numerous questions regarding the Custer County School District. Ms. Purdy's interview concluded after approximately forty-five minutes at which time she left the room.

The next order of business involved Personnel Hires. A motion was proposed and seconded by Mr. Lee that Ms. Purdy be offered the position of interim superintendent contingent upon working out the details of a contract. During the discussion one Board Member suggested Ms. Purdy be contacted by phone to determine if she, (after the Interview,) remained interested in the position. The Board decided to take a ten-minute recess to see if the candidate could be contacted with the motion remaining on the table.

After the break and hav-

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by Jeremy Carr

Considering I eat, drink, and think wild edibles, how many varieties of spruce do you imagine are edible? The simple answer is all "True" pines & spruces are edible. I'm not talking about all evergreens & conifers, just the species that fall under the genus of Pinus (true pines) and Picea (spruces) in the Pinaceae family. I'm sure that is as clear as mud, but a Bing or Google (images) search will give you a far better indication of which is which than a wordy description.

A few of the things you can make from spruce are: teas, beers, and spices, just to name a few. You can even use the runny sap/pitch/resin, whatever you want to call it, to seal up open wounds from infection and make the hardened sap into fresh, old timey, chewing gum. The sap is also great for making bases for healing salves and adhesives. The sap contains antimicrobial compounds that can help fight bacteria already in the wound and can be used to seal wounds from contamination. Add a tad of fresh bees wax to give a softer, creamier texture and you have a GREAT salve for cuts, scrapes, burns, and all kinds of itches. The needles also have a higher concentration of vitamin C than even oranges.

Mom and I love our teas and the taste of fresh spruce tea is always a refreshing welcome as spring arrives. The new growth spruce needles have a kind of lemony, citrusy flavor you would not expect from something related to pine trees. Aside from the taste, the tea is also useful for coughs and great to help calm and relax after a long day, before heading off to bed.

For those of you who enjoy cold beer to hot tea, a footnote in history gives an account of spruce beer. It is reported that Captain James Cook of the Royal Navy (November 7, 1728 – February 14, 1779) was to have carried a quantity of spruce beer on the Endeavor and on the Resolution to help prevent him and his crew from contracting scurvy. Whether it in fact worked or not is not re-

corded. But like all history, if you say it fast enough it has to be true, Right? If anyone has a recipe for spruce beer I would love a copy.

The flavor has uses beyond beer and tea. Next time you tag n' bag an elk or some yummy trout, try something new as a seasoning. Spruce needles on wild game can be used just as you would juniper berries, and the lemony flavor goes quite well with trout and other fish.

And who remembers Spruce gum? Not many I'm guessing, but I have a feeling there are a few good ol' folks out there who came across some back when the old country drug stores were still around. With a pot you are never going to use again along with some water, a fire, and about half a pound of hard spruce resin, you could make some up for the fun of it.

Spruce Gum

Ingredients:

½ Pound spruce resin
 Water (as necessary)
 Peppermint or spearmint oil or leaves (optional)
 Lemon juice or oil (optional)
 Bees wax (optional)
 Section of cheese cloth or old, clean Tee shirt
 Fully-lined sheet pan
 Small sauce pan (this pan will not be good for anything else later, except more resin projects)

Directions:

Gather about ½ lb. hard spruce resin
 Pound the hard resin in a sack made of heavy fabric like canvas until it is a fine powder.
 Be sure to use dry, crumbly resin and not too sticky stuff or you will end up with one heck of a mess on you and in the bag.
 Sift out the woody bits from the resin.
 Place the resin with equal parts water in the sauce pan
 Heat until boiling plus 5 minutes
 At this time you can add about ¼ bees wax if you like for a smoother texture and a flavoring such as lemon or spearmint
 Some of the resin should float to the top.

When all the resin has liquefied pour it quickly through the cloth into the lined sheep pan.

The resin that remains in the cloth can be used the next time, if there ever is a next time.

After approx. 15 minutes you can cut into ½" squares for individual wrapping later

After approx. 30 minutes give the pan a nice tap on the bottom to release the gum.

At this point it might look more like brittle than gum, but this is what gum used to be like.

After a few hard chews it will begin to soften and become more pliable.

Unlike today's gum, the spruce flavor in the gum will last you for hours and hours.

Spruce Tea

Ingredients:

1/2 cup chopped spruce needles
 2 cups water
 1 tsp. vanilla (optional)
 Sugar to taste

Directions:

In a container you never intend to use for anything else again!!!!
 Rinse pine needles and allow to dry
 Place chopped needles in a glass jar
 Bring water to a boil
 Pour hot water over spruce needles
 Allow to steep at least 30 minutes
 Strain needles from water
 Add sugar & vanilla (to taste) and mix until sugar is dissolved and liquid is clear
 Drink hot or cold
 One helpful hint: If at all possible, gather fresh new growth (the young new green nibs of needles from the tip of the branches).

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No trees were harmed in the writing of this article, just eaten.

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

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Obituary Lee Roy Rusher

Lee Roy E. Rusher, 83, passed away June 20, 2015, in Salida, Colorado. The son of Roy Victor and Rhea (Whitney) Rusher, he was born January 10, 1932, in Olney Springs, Colorado, where he grew up and graduated from Crowley High School.

A well witcher and lifelong rancher, he worked at the Highland Hereford Ranch for 20 years starting in 1954, and then took the cattle and hay operation over along with other leased ground. In 1958, Lee Roy married Ada Mae Austin. He was an on-call deputy with the Custer County Sheriff Stan DePriest and worked with the Search and Rescue Team during that time as well. He was on the Board of Directors for the ASCS for many years, the Board of Directors for the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club for many years,

and was Master of Hillside Grange #399 for 25 plus years.

Lee Roy had a stand in role in the movie "Saddle the Wind". He also handled props for the movie "Cat Ballou". He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing horse shoes, and spending time with his family. Lee Roy loved attending his children and grandchildren's sporting events.

Mr. Rusher is survived by his children, John Rusher and Rhoda Rusher; grandchildren, Brian (Belle) Olomon, Ben Rusher, Alan Olomon, Autumn Rusher, Katlyn Rusher, and Weldon Rusher; soon-to-be one great grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ada



Mae; his parents; brother, Kenneth Rusher; and sisters, Forest Uscio, Virginia Martin, Francesse Rusher, and Juanata Rusher.

The funeral service will be at 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 29, 2015, at the Saddle Club in Westcliffe. Interment will follow at Ula Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Holt Family Funeral Home.

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ing not made contact with Ms. Purdy, Chairman Gaide proceeded to the remaining Personnel Items within the confines of that agenda item. Ms. Britney Trettin was approved as a 5th grade teacher and Ms. Meri Spezialetti was approved in separate motions as the high school science teacher. The Student Handbook was also approved. All three of these decisions received unanimous votes.

Chairman Gaide attempted to move forward with the rest of the Agenda but Mr. Lee indicated she had an open resolution on the table in that agenda area and she could not move ahead without resolving it first. It became obvious the meeting could not proceed without some sort of decision on the open item (Ms.

Purdy as interim superintendent). Mr. Lee offered to withdraw his second for Ms. Purdy as interim superintendent allowing the motion to die without a second. So agreed and the motion died.

The Board went on to discuss some items of concern to them before returning to the interim superintendent question. (Reporters note: The State Statutes of Colorado require a superintendent or interim superintendent MUST be in place by July 1, 2015. This places enormous pressure on the Board to meet this time restraint.) Mr. Lee proposed and received a second for Mr. Mark A. Payler as the interim superintendent contingent upon working out the details of a contract, unanimous approval.

A committee of two board members will meet with Mr. Payler to work out the

details of the contract. The Board will convene again in public session at the end of this week to offer the contract if Mr. Payler accepts.

Mr. Payler currently lives in Longmont, Colo. where he works as an Educational Consultant. He is the former Superintendent of Weld County School District Re-8, Ft. Lupton, Colo. and former Superintendent of Wray School District RD-2, Wray, Colo. He has worked in the private sector in marketing and advertising. He holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Ohio University, (Magna Cum Laude) and a Master of Education, from Lesley College, in Computers in Education. He is a member of several Colorado associations including past President of Northern Colorado Superintendents Council.

Westgrass 5k Fun Run

Bluegrass has brought more people together and made more friends than any music in the world. You meet people at festivals and renew acquaintances year after year, (Bill Monroe).

And now you can meet up with old acquaintances and make new ones at the Westgrass 5K run. The fun run is being held Saturday, July 11, prior to the start of the music that day during the annual High Mountain Hay Fever Bluegrass Festival.

Sponsored by Club America WMV, the community's non-profit aquatics and

fitness center, late registration and pick up of race bibs and goodies gets underway at the club at 8 a.m. on race day.

The race gets underway at Club America at 9 a.m. followed by finish line snacks and beverages, along with an awards ceremony at Club America between 10 and 10:30 a.m.

Pre-registration is encouraged with registration forms available at the club's front desk or online at www.clubamericawmv.org.

The pre-registration entry

fee is \$20 for adults and \$15 for teens 13 to 17 years old; those age 12 and under race for free. Those who register on race day will pay an additional \$5 entry fee. All runners will receive a goody bag complete with T-shirt.

For more information or to register, come by the club at 50 Main Street, Silver Cliff, or call 783-0750. The club is open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. All proceeds from the race benefit Club America.

Ask a Pro: What size fuse should I use for my pump?

A lot of contractors install fuses at the disconnect that protect 'only the wire' to the pump. There are thermal overloads built into most pump motors that trip at 156-170% of operating current. Conversely we install fuses at the disconnect that protect the pump motor! We size our fuses at just over the name plate amps. A pump that runs at 10 amps would be fused at 12 amps (120%). Why fuse so tight? Our thinking in fusing this way is; the fuse will blow at the first sign of trouble. The built in thermal overloads that others rely upon automatically reset; with this system you may not be alerted to a problem until it's too late!

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2. Just keep replacing fuses.
3. By-pass the fuses or wire direct.
4. Ignore the problem and hope it doesn't happen again.

Do: turn off the pump even if you have no water (the pump may still be running) until the problem has been found and fixed.

- David Nequette Lic.1043

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Sangre De Cristo Community Band Plays Their Summer Concert

The Sangre de Cristo Community Band lead by Andrew Straight, Conductor, played their summer concert at the Amphitheater for the enjoyment of the people in Custer County. The band presented a number of works including a fanfare, tango, waltz, and various dance pieces. The band members and Conductor really appreciated the listeners who stayed for the entire concert right through the rain.

Sentinel photo by Fred Hernandez



Bobcat Alumni Reunion

The Custer County all school reunion was held on June 20th.

Members of the class of 1965 were special 50-year honorees. Mysty Rusk Ferreira, daughter of Claricy and Randy Rusk, class of 1990, and Eugene Berry, class of 1977, were co-master of ceremonies.

Crystal and Jim Yankovich prepared a delicious meal served by Custer County Cattlewomen's Association. Francie Byrne, mother of Debbie Senderhauf and Patty Schultz, was notably recognized and cheered as this was her 75th reunion.

Courtesy photos by Tessa Brady



The Wet Mountain Western Roundup



Sons & Brothers

Two Day Western Music Festival
& National Chuckwagon Cook-Off
Saturday & Sunday
August 8 & 9



Barry Ward



Yvonne Hollenbeck



Don Edwards



Cowboy Celtic



Syd Masters



Bill Barwick

Saturday, August 8
Chuckwagon cook-off 9 am
Music starts 10 am
Music break for chuckwagon dinner 5-6:30 pm
(Dinner numbers are limited, order tickets or come early)
Music resumes at 7 pm
Sunday, August 8
Cowboy Church 10 - 11:30 am
Music from 11:30 am - 3 pm

Chuckwagons from across the country compete in a cook-off preparing meals the authentic cowboy way.
Dinners served Saturday evening.
Concessions and gourmet ice cream will be available
Beer and Wine Garden sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.WetMountainWesternRoundup.com or by calling 719.783.9100
Tickets are non-refundable. Credit cards now accepted.
Located 3 miles West of downtown at the base of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.
3115 County Rd. 160, Westcliffe, CO

Crazy Days (& Crazy Nights)

We can always find some reason to celebrate. Please check out the National Days and Months below. Surely you will find one or two that will give you cause to celebrate. If you want to know the origins and details of any of them, please go to NationalDayCalendar.com and check them out. For July we especially like National Creative Ice Cream Flavors Day (1st) and National Barbecued Spareribs Day (4th). Or maybe **National Picnic Month** would better suit you! Anyway, we are sure you can find some reason to smile. See you on the 23rd for National Hot Dog Day!

- July 1**
National Creative Ice Cream Flavors Day
National Postal Worker Day
- July 4**
Independence Day!
National Country Music Day
National Barbecued Spareribs Day
- July 7**
National Father Daughter Take a Walk Day
National Strawberry Sundae Day
- July 11**
National Cheer Up The Lonely Day
National All American Pet Photo Day
- July 12**
National Simplicity Day
National Paper Bag Day
National Pecan Pie Day
- July 15**
National Give Something Away Day

- National I Love Horses Day
- July 20**
National Lollipop Day
National Get Out of the Dog House Day
- July 25**
National Merry-Go-Round Day
National Hot Fudge Sundae Day
National Day of the Cowboy
- July 26**
National Aunt's and Uncle's Day
National Coffee Milkshake Day
- July 30**
National Cheesecake Day
National Father-in-Law Day
National Chili Dog Day
- The month of June is also observed as the national month of:
Ice Cream Month
Picnic Month
Hot Dog Month
- Find your day and celebrate!

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Birth Announcement Iris Elizabeth Straight

Miss Iris Elizabeth Straight was born on May 23rd, 2015, to proud parents Andrew and Elanor Straight. Iris weighed in at 7 pounds 1 ounce and measuring 20 inches long. She was born at Memorial Central Hospital in Colorado Springs.

Iris has two siblings: Aurora (6) and Milo (3). Her grandparents are Debbie Rimmer and Doug Rimmer (deceased) of Westcliffe, Colorado, and Stephen and Ellen Straight of Bloomington, Illinois.

Congratulations to the Straight Family!



Stampede Royalty at Buena Vista Rodeo

Pictured left to right: Princess: Brook Flynn, Queen Attendant: Brittanee Bohannon, Queen: Katelyn Freeburg and Miss Stampede Grace Flynn beautifully represented Custer County on June 13th. Great job, Ladies!

Courtesy photo

Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo Grand Entry Tryouts

Saturday, June 27th, at 2 p.m.

Needed: 4 flag carriers and 1 alternate

Looking for strong riders, with rodeo broke horses, excellent control, and able to stand and have riders pass closely.

Must be able to attend practice on Tuesday, July 14th, at 5 p.m., the ranch rodeo on Friday, July 17th, at 6 p.m. and all 3 Stampede performances: July 18th, at 1 p.m. & 6 p.m., and July 19th, at 3 p.m. (arriving 1 hour prior to start time)

*Please RSVP to try out to
royalty.wmvsc@gmail.com or 719-371-7994*

- Must be a Saddle Club Member to try out
- Please wear a cowboy hat that will stay on while you ride (flag carriers MAY NOT lose hats during entry)
- Must be able to carry a heavy flag while riding

Please understand that this is a tryout and the Grand Entry Committee and Royalty will be selecting the strongest and safest riders.

Anyone not asked to carry a flag will be asked to join in riding in the serpentine!

The more riders we have the more exciting that is to watch!

Family members of Rodeo dedicatee must still come to the try out and practices if they wish to ride at the rodeo.

July 4th Weekend Events

Friday, July 3

8 a.m. – 3 p.m.: American Legion Family Yard Sale at Saddle Club

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.: All Aboard Westcliffe Yard Sale, 110 Rosita Ave.

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

8 p.m. – midnight: Wet Mountain Valley Fireman’s Benefit Dance, Saddle Club

Saturday, July 4

7 a.m. – 10 a.m.: All Aboard Westcliffe Pancake Breakfast at the Depot on Main Street, Westcliffe

8 a.m. – 3 p.m.: American Legion Family Yard Sale at Saddle Club

10 a.m.: Independence Day Parade down Main Street starting at The

Country Store in Silver Cliff

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

Sunday, July 5

7 a.m. - 9 a.m.: Annual Car Show registration at 212 Main Street, Westcliffe. Sponsored by Sangrita Restaurant. Contact info: Dan Marples, 783-4054; sangrita@earthlink.net; sangritawestcliffe.com; Facebook: Sangrita Westcliffe

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Tea with Mrs. Beckwith at the Historic Beckwith Ranch, 5 miles north on Hwy 69

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

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KIDS

Friday, June 26, 2015

General George Armstrong Custer

Born in New Rumley, Ohio - USA on December 5, 1839, George Armstrong Custer grew up to become one of the most memorable Americans in U.S. history. Even if he graduated last in his class at the West Point Military Academy his courage and audacity made him difficult to overlook. During the years of the Civil War he drew the attention of Major General Alfred Pleasonton who appointed young Custer, age 23, Brigadier General in 1863 just prior to the Battle of Gettysburg.

A true cavalry man, Custer was known for his aggressiveness and eagerness to charge at his enemies. In the Battle of Tom’s Brook, 1864, his cavalry division beat the Confederate cavalry that was harassing other Union troops. In 1868 at the Battle of Washita River, Oklahoma, General Custer attacked a group of native Indians killing their chief. In 1873, the United States 7th Cavalry under Custer clashed with the Sioux Indians for the first time while protecting a railroad surveying party in Montana.

In the year 1876 the Indians, who were mostly in reservations at that time, became agitated at the relentless intrusions into their territories by white settlers. Gold had been discovered in the Black Hills of South Dakota and the masses were coming to mine it. Sioux, Cheyenne, and Arapaho banded together and rose up in rebellion under the famous Chief Sitting Bull, one of the bravest and most skilled of Indian warriors. Custer was commissioned to lead an expedition against the Plains Indians culminating in the famous Battle of Little Bighorn. Custer, who had miscalculated the odds against his smaller force was cut down and defeated in what has become known as Custer’s Last Stand. He died on June 25, 1876, at the age of only 36. George Armstrong Custer, unforgettable American general.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Custer County Planning Commission will hold a workshop to review the updated Master Plan Supporting Document on June 26, 2015 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Custer County Commissioners room.

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE FOR PUBLICATION

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

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

Original Grantor: Jeremy M. Kibler, as Trustee of the Jeremy M. Kibler Living Trust and Kaycie P. Kibler, as Trustee of the Kaycie P. Kibler Living Trust
Original Beneficiary: Jerald A. Seifert and Robert A. Joslen, Jr.
Current Beneficiary: The Hatchet Cattle Company
Date of Deed of Trust: September 8, 2008
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: September 11, 2008
Recorded in Custer County: Reception Number 211086
Original Principal Amount: \$457,268.96
Outstanding Balance: \$529,315.69

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

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

All that portion of the SW1/4 of said Section 23 lying East of the Easterly right of way line of Colorado State Highway No. 165 And All that portion of the W1/2SE1/4 of said Section 23 lying East and North of the Easterly and Northerly right of way line of said State Highway No. 165 And All that portion of the S1/2NE1/4 of said Section 23 lying East of the Easterly right of way line of said State Highway No. 165, Less a parcel described in Book 299 at Pages 242-243 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of Custer County, State of Colorado.

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

LEIN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

as provided by law.

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Published in: Sangre De Cristo Sentinel

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

DATE: **March 10, 2015**

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

Shannon K. Byerly
By: Shannon K. Byerly, Sheriff

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

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

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

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

On April 1, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

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

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

NORTHWESTERLY 200 FEET OF MAMMOTH LODGE, SURVEY NO. 158A, LYING NORTHEASTERLY OF CUSTER COUNTY ROAD NO. 143, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LODGE FROM WHICH THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 70 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., BEARS SOUTH 20°07' EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1695.2 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 21°18' EAST 200.00 FEET ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LODGE; THENCE SOUTH 68°42' WEST, 195.41 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE SAID COUNTY ROAD; THENCE NORTH 37°48'30" WEST 108.60 FEET ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LODGE; THENCE NORTH 68°42' EAST 254.68 FEET ALONG THE SAID LINE OF SAID LODGE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

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

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in

said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 07/29/2015, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

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www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 04/01/2015
Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee in and for the County of Custer, State of Colorado

Virginia Trujillo

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee



The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

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

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 09-15

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

On April 21, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

Original Grantor(s):
John Dale Walker and Joyce Brittingham
Original Beneficiary(ies):
Minnequa Works Credit Union
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt:
Minnequa Works Credit Union
Date of Deed of Trust: February 06, 2013
County of Recording: Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: February 25, 2013
Recording Information
(Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.):
220745 Book: 711 Page: 32
Original Principal Amount: \$12,501.94
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$12,484.08

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Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

NW1/4NE1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 71 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., COUNTY OF CUSTER, STATE OF COLORADO

Also known by street and number as: 1708 County Rd #327, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 08/19/2015, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication 6/26/2015

Last Publication 7/24/2015

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

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

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DATE: 04/21/2015

Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee in and for the County of Custer, State of Colorado

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee

Virginia Trujillo



The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

Douglas J. Haynes #18361

Law Office of Douglas J. Haynes, LLC 411 Colorado Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81004 (719) 544-7534

Attorney File # Walker

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**Estate of Barbara Ann Campbell
also known as Barbara A. Campbell, Deceased
Case Number 15 PR 30002**

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Co-Personal Representative or to the District Court of Custer County, Colorado on or before October 27, 2015, or the claims may be forever barred.

Gregory L. Watkins

Attorney for the Estate of Barbara Ann Campbell
also known as Barbara A. Campbell
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PUBLIC NOTICE Custer County BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Tentative Agenda
TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015
9:00 AM**

**Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /Court Room**

Call meeting to order

Pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

Amend agenda

Audience introduction

Approval of Minutes

Public Comment

Commissioner Items

Attorney Items

Executive Session

New/Old Business

- Review Vouchers and Sign Checks

- Clerk and Recorder Record Preservation

- Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Custer

**County/Wet Mountain Fire Protection District
- Resolution #15-04 Approving the IGA
10:00 AM - PUBLIC HEARING
SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 15-02
AND ADOPTION**

An Ordinance of Custer County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Colorado, Regulating and Restricting Open Fires and Open Burning in the Unincorporated Areas of Custer County, and also including the Incorporated Towns of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe

- Family Matters Colorado Work Force Center – V. Casey

- Work Shop regarding the proposed renovation for the Veterans Service Office within the Resource Center Annex

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

Kathy Reis
Town Clerk
Town of Westcliffe

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Wet Mountain Volunteer Firefighters

Benefit Dance

Saddle Club Building,
Westcliffe, CO

Dance to the music of:
"SOUTHERN BELLE"

*Admission \$5
at the door
Cash Bar*

*Friday,
July 3, 2015
8 PM - Midnight*

**Fireworks Display
Lake DeWeese on
July 4th**



Ride the Rockies - Grand Junction to Westcliffe

Finish Line in Westcliffe June 20, 2015



Sentinel Photos by Carol Clemenson & Barbara Napolitan

Local Mountain News & Notices

Classifieds

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED
LOOKING FOR A DEAL! Need someone with carpenter skills to install a 20’ motorized Sunsetter Awning. Wife can no longer operate the mechanical one. Deal is this: Take down the one on the house now, put up the new one. You can keep the old one. Perfect condition, \$2,000 value. Call 783-2264 (DAY) or 783-2300 (NIGHT).

For Sale

1976 Airstream Trade Winds Land Yacht 26’. Carpeted, Aspen T&G faced cabinets. Good shape travel or set on vacant property. (719) 783-2266

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

A 2,284 sq. ft., 3-bedroom, 1¾ bath, stucco home is on 18 acres in Big Horn Ranch. Walk-out basement, attached 2-car garage, outbuildings. Priced at \$215,000. MLS#51057 KLM Realty. Call Kathy, 719-783-3514.

Golds Gym XR20 already assembled. Multiple weight sizes. Olympic bar. \$225 (706) 202-4950

Echo Snow Machine Trailer: Carbide Runners, both ramps fold down, 2 place mt. sleds, spare tire, tongue jack, like new. \$2,499. (706) 202-4950

Dream Maker Spa. Round 6’ diameter, portable, like new. \$1,099. (706) 202-4950

Moving Sale

July 2, 3, 4, and 11 at 1546 Edelweiss Drive, CR 327 – Blumenau Subdivision. Hwy 69 S to Rosita Rd CR328E. One mile past end of pavement, turn right on CR327, follow signs.
Two sets Living Room Furniture, one leather, and one Fabric; coffee table, end tables, entertainment centers, dining room sets, TV, amplifier, lamps, pictures, paintings, buffet, mirrors, exercise equip, bedroom furniture, refrig, freezer, clothes and more. Tel 783-3098

Real Estate

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

Services

Mowing and brush hogging. (719) 371-2866

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

CHAINSAW SHARPENING

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

LOCAL KOHLER GENERATOR SALES & SERVICE Back-Up, Stand-By Power when you need it! On the grid or solar 6.5Kw – 250Kw Propane or Natural Gas
SMALL ENGINE & ATV REPAIR & SERVICE
GP POWER SYSTEMS CALL GLENN 719-371-8625

Wanted

Room-mates wanted. Non-cigarette smokers only, no alcoholics! (Single individuals only). Upstairs (120 sq. ft.) rooms (unfurnished) available; \$425 monthly + a \$425 Deposit for the room w/o balcony. Room w/balcony has additional closet space for \$475 monthly + a \$425 Deposit. This includes electricity, Dish satellite and Internet. CALL Tom at (720) 270-7662 for more details.

Please call 719-783-3360 to place your ad

Please call 719-783-3360 or email sdcsentinel@gmail.com to place your ad.

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



Come and Worship



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Sangre de Cristo Fellowship
9 a.m. Worship
Sunday School & Prayer Mtg to Resume in the Fall
120 Jerry Court
Westcliffe
719/783-0903

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

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

St. Patrick's Anglican Church
11 a.m. Worship
401 South Second 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 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
County Rd. 395
Wetmore
719/784-0596

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

Eateries

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

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

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

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

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

JB's Café
104 Main Street • Westcliffe
719/783-3033
Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wed. - Thurs. & Sun., 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fri. & Sat., 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Closed Mondays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Local Mountain News & Notices

Events Calendar

June 25 – 28
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Sangre Art Guild Fine Art Show, “Colorado Magic” at 3rd St. Gallery, 59000 N. Highway 69 in Westcliffe

Friday, June 26
3:30 p.m.: Rolland Fiddle Camp students & faculty concert at The Wild West Cowboy Church
6 – 8 p.m.: Rolland Fiddle Camp & Community Jam Session; All local musicians welcome to join in! The Wild West Cowboy Church
6:30 p.m.: Amphitheater behind Jones theater: Play, “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”

Saturday, June 27
9 a.m.: Grade Basketball Camp: CCSD east gym;

Kristen Foster 719-784-9464 ext 6560
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Custer County Annual Weed Tour: Call CSU Extension Office to register at 783-2514 by June 24 or email robin.young@colostate.edu.

Sunday, June 28
2 p.m.: Amphitheater behind Jones theater: Play, “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,”

Tuesday, June 30
Dusk at the Bluff: Dark Skies, View the Planets

Thursday, July 2
10 a.m.: Airport Advisory Board Meeting

Friday, July 3
COURTHOUSE CLOSED: Holiday Observance
See page 9 for 4th of July Weekend Events

Recurring Events and Business Hours

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday
9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Line dancers meet at the Saddle Club. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370
6 p.m.: Closed Big Book study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172, or Emilie at (719) 371-5974
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Custer County Community Band practice in band room at high school

Thursday
Second Thursday of the Month: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., “Ask a Nurse” at the library

Fridays and Saturdays
1 - 4 p.m.: Custer County Community Sharing Center, Inc., 120 North Third St. (formerly Schlabach’s Market)

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

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

Sheriff’s Report...

On the dates below there were 179 calls for service to the Sheriff’s Office, 10 to EMS and 2 to the Fire Dept. On June 23rd there were 7 males in the county jail.

06/17/15 15-0224
0740 hours / Hwy 96, MM 18.5 / Summons: Brian Gallegos (DOB in 1970) of Pueblo was issued a summons for illegally dumping trash in a dumpster paid for by a third party.

06/17/15 EMS
0831 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to CR 137 for a 73-year-old female suffering from a high fever. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

06/17/15 15-03499
1356 hours: A deputy was dispatched to the Mountain View Apartments on South Street for a civil stand-by.

06/17/15 15-0227
1448 hours / Hwy 69S / Traffic Summons: Hugh Bradburn (DOB in 1947) of Westcliffe was issued a summons for speeding, 10-19 over the limit.

06/17/15 WMFD
1653 hours: The Wet Mountain Fire Department was dispatched to CR 328, MM 3 to investigate a report of smoke. The call was a false alarm.

06/17/15 15-0228
1745 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Main Street in Westcliffe to investigate a traffic complaint. The deputy issued a parking ticket for a

vehicle parked in the wrong direction.

06/17/15 15-0229
1805 hours / Main Street, Silver Cliff / Traffic Summons: Christian Lovellette (DOB in 1996) of Westcliffe was issued a summons for no insurance and driving with expired tags.

06/17/15 15-0231
1846 hours: Deputies responded to a single vehicle accident on CR 255 at approximately MM 6.5. Petra Lopez of Des Moines, New Mexico, was charged with DUI and careless driving and taken into custody. EMS was dispatched to the Sheriff’s Office to conduct a blood draw.

06/17/15 15-0230
1851 hours / Hwy 69 & CR 328 / Traffic Summons: James Ward (DOB in 1942) of Westcliffe was issued a summons for speeding, 10-19 over the limit.

06/17/15 15-03519
1929 hours: deputies responded to vehicle vs. deer accident at MM 1 on Hwy 67, just north of Wetmore. There were no reported injuries.

06/17/15 15-0232
2021 hours / Main Street & Hudson in Silver Cliff/ Traffic Summons: Gregory Rocco (DOB in 1948) of Colorado Springs was issued a summons for speeding, 10-19 over the limit.

06/18/15 15-0234
1605 hours - Party (Seei, Robert - DOB in 1947) was

cited for speeding (10-19 over) near County Road 328, MM 4.

06/18/15 EMS
1811 hours - Responded to transport one party to Parkview Medical Center.

06/19/15 15-0237
0741 hours - Deputies responded to a report of property damage to 2196 Edelweiss Drive. Report was taken. No further information at this time.

06/19/15 15-0238
1211 hours - Officers and EMS personnel responded to an unattended death in the area.

06/19/15 15-0240
1805 - Party (Rupnow, Andrew - DOB in 1947) was cited for speeding (10-19 over) in the area of County Road 328, MM 3.

06/19/15 15-0241
1903 hours - Officers responded to a dispute between neighbors on County Road 328 K. Report was taken, however, both parties decided to end the evening amicably and no charges were filed.

06/20/15 15-0243
0216 hours - Parking citation issued in the 200 block of Rosita Ave.

06/20/15 15-0244
0930 hours - John Micheal Stuart (DOB in 1949) was arrested for driving under restraint and exhibition of speed in the 400 block of Adams.

06/20/15 15-0245
1432- Gary Schmidt was



The Sheriff's Corner from Sheriff Byerly

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



Greetings to everyone as it has been a few weeks since I have had a chance to write in. Custer County has been very busy lately and summer is booming. Since we last talked Brew with A View and Vino Too was a big success downtown and then of course, this past weekend Ride the Rockies brought a few thousand people to Westcliffe. Both of these events brought activities to the county and most importantly, I am happy to report there were no significant issues related to either event. When the financial reports come in, I hope we can report an increase in revenue to the county businesses.

This following question was offered for the week:

What are your thoughts about a juvenile curfew for the county and towns, and the idea of fining the parents of a juvenile in violation of that curfew? Can you speak to the effectiveness of these practices in other communities?

Actually I am a big proponent of a curfew and the two towns are currently working on coordinating their curfew ordinances so we have one for the two townships. I would like to see an ordinance across the county but that is a matter which will need to come before the county commissioners once we get the town ordinances ironed out. I believe nothing good happens after 10 p.m. and this is specifically true for juveniles. It has been proven time and again, curfew ordinances reduce the amount of criminal mischief and petty theft conducted by juveniles who are wandering around at night. In addition, the simple benefit of safety and welfare of our kids is a big enough reason to get this ordinance passed. There are very few communities that do not have a curfew ordinance for safety and welfare reasons alone. Of course with an ordinance, exceptions come as well. Working, school related activities, sporting events, and so on are acceptable reasons for the kids to be out at that time of night. We aren’t looking to hamper kids but there is no reason for a child to be out walking the streets at night. I would like to see the ordinance completed and in place this summer. Both towns are working on it and have asked me to assist in providing input.

The consideration of fining parents is another issue altogether and I am not a fan of it. If a curfew ordinance is in place, the juvenile may be written a ticket and then the parent has to appear in court with the juvenile. I believe in having the parent respond to the location where the juvenile is contacted to pick them up and at that time you question the parent as to their knowledge of the child being out late at night. If the parent is knowingly contributing to the delinquency of the child, then that is a matter you deal with individually. Many times, the simple fact a parent has to come out to get their child at 1 am is enough as the parent will deal with it themselves. The truth is kids may mislead their parents once in a while and we should ascertain the circumstances behind it.

I will be hosting the next Community Accountability Group Meeting on July 9th, at 6:00 p.m. It will be at the SAR building behind the Sheriff’s Office and everyone is invited. As always, I would request the community call the Sheriff’s Office anytime you need assistance or witness suspicious activity. We want to help you and ask that you assist us by reporting these incidents quickly so we can serve you efficiently and professionally. Your vigilance and assistance with suspicious activity or criminal behavior is valuable and a resource we appreciate. If you have questions, comments, or want to report suspicious activity, please contact the Sheriff’s Office at 783-2270 or anonymously on the TIPS line, at 783-2847.

*Until next time, may you be blessed,
Sheriff Shannon Byerly*

06/21/15 EMS
1959 hours - Medic 4 responded to transport a party to St. Mary Corwin.

06/22/15 15-0251
0837 hours - Theft of a lawn ornament reported on South 3rd in Westcliffe occurring between June 12 and June 22.

06/22/15 15-0252
0930 hours - Property damage to a fence reported on Centennial Ranch Road.

06/22/15 15-0253
1057 hours- Theft from a mail box on County Road 140.

06/23/15 15-0257
1925 hours on 6/22/15 / CR 328 MM 3 / Traffic Summons: Ron Terry (DOB in 1947) of Westcliffe was issued a summons for speeding, 5-9 over the limit.

06/23/15 EMS
1543 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to the Custer County Clinic for a 100-year-old female suffering from muscle spasms. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

06/23/15 15-0258
1607 hours / Gabbert Drive & Bull Domingo Lane / Traffic Summons: Robert Kaess (DOB in 1967) of Westcliffe was issued a summons for driving with an expired license.

06/23/15 EMS
2318 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to South 4th Street in Westcliffe for a 16-year-old female suffering from abdominal pain. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

arrested for 3rd degree assault /Domestic Violence on Mitchell Mountain Road

06/20/15 15-0246
1532 hours - Cabin burglary reported at Lake Deweese

06/20/15 15-0249 2018
hours -Female party cited for speeding 10-19 over the prima facia limit on County Road 241

06/21/15 EMS
0135 hours - Medic 3 responded to a 911 call for assistance. While on scene EMS processed a refusal for transport.

06/21/15 15-250
1032 hours - Officers responded to an accident in the Pines Ranch area. No injuries were reported. The driver on scene was cited for careless driving.

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Fourth of July Celebrations in Fremont County

by Charlotte Burrous

As Americans celebrate the birth of our nation with family outings, picnics, fireworks, and more, Fremont County residents have a plethora of activities to enjoy. Starting at 4 p.m., July 4th, in Veterans Park in Cañon City, Applewood will take center stage to play a variety of classic rock and roll music. During the event, free watermelon will be available along with a 5K run, a scavenger hunt, a bounce house, and a fireworks show, set to launch at 9:15 p.m.

In Florence, the fun will begin at 10 a.m., July 4th, in the downtown area with a wet/dry parade and vendors set up in Pioneer Park. “This is our third year for the parade,” said Mayor Keith Ore. “It’s going to be bigger and better than ever. We’re shooting for about 125 entries this year. We had 86 last year.”

The Fourth of July wet/dry parade will feature members of the Florence High School band marching along with floats, adults, children, and pets. The dry portion of the parade will be offered from Church Avenue to Pikes Peak Avenue, then it will turn into a wet parade with spectators and entrants squirting water at each other along the parade route. As part of the festivities, the Florence Farmers Market will offer fresh produce, crafts, arts, food, and beverages in Pioneer Park and new this year, a beer garden will be offered in a fenced off area.

A rock wall, a jump house and lots of entertainment will be available for the kiddies and the young at heart, lasting until 10 p.m.

In the meantime, the Geezers will perform from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. July 3rd-6th at the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park to celebrate the Fourth of July. In addition, the new children’s playground will be open, offering a climbing wall with a slide, a water splash feature, a newly renovated carousel, and Zany face painting for the kiddies. During this time frame, admission to the park will be \$23 for adults, \$20 for seniors over 60, and \$18 for children 6-11. A \$2 discount will be given to those who go online to purchase tickets in advance.

On the agenda, Penrose Parks and Recreation District also will host Fourth of July activities from 2-6 p.m., July 4th, in Penrose School at 100 Illinois Avenue. “Our theme is an old-fashioned Fourth,” said Board Secretary Susan Luck. “We’re going to have old-fashioned games, ring toss, duck pond, three-legged races, and a horseshoe tournament.” A booth will be available for participants to have their photographs taken. The PTO also will sell popcorn and cotton candy while the middle school sells hotdogs and food. “We won’t have fireworks this year,” Luck said. Be sure and have a fun, but safe Fourth of July as we celebrate the birth of our nation.

Cañon City Council Votes to Curb Smoking on Main Street

by Barbara Penezic

The Cañon City Council approved first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 8.12 of the Municipal Code – Smoking in Public Places, to redefine entrances as they relate to smoking on Main Street. The ordinance redefines entryways to include the outdoor area within 15 feet of the main or front door of all nonexempt businesses. This was not a unanimous decision and a lively discussion ensued before the vote was taken.

City Attorney John Havens explained, “We have taken the Colorado Indoor Clean Air Act and prepared it so it can be enacted as a local ordinance, therefore, enforceable in Municipal Court, and prosecuted to the extent they’re in violation by local Municipal prosecutors.” Mr. Havens added, “In 2006 when the Clean Indoor Air Act, was first

adopted the council chose not to have an entryway area defined so as to try to keep smokers confined to an area in front of the place they had exited. That has turned out not to work exactly well and has caused complaints from some downtown merchants and customers who are affected by second hand smoke.”

The choice to allow or disallow smoking at ‘outdoor cafes was a cause of considerable concern for the council. Councilman Jim Characky Jr. suggested referring the question to general government at their next meeting. A vote was taken and that motion was denied. Councilman Wied was not in favor of eliminating smoking at outdoor cafes. “There are two sides to this,” he said, “I’m torn here between our desire to promote outdoor cafes and this desire to control smoking, the effect you achieve may not necessarily be

what you wanted, you may end up with more smoking.” I think we are better off allowing smoking at outdoor cafes.” Mayor Tony Greer said, “I agree with you Dennis, I think as a council who has promoted ourselves as ‘Pro Business’ who are we to make this decision on behalf of the business owners that we are trying to bring to downtown? Let the business owners decide for themselves who their customers are going to be. I think it is important that we let business owners run their own businesses.” Mayor Greer also said, “I think the forces of ‘Free Market’ would probably dictate policy over time.” When it came to the vote, however they were in the minority.

Two downtown merchants we spoke with were in favor of the no smoking ordinance, seven were opposed, and six were indifferent. Most merchants were un-

aware of the proposal. Brian, owner of the Vapor Shop on Main said, “I think the council have other more serious issues This is just another level of control. I am considering moving off Main Street.” Sarah added, “With the loss of so many police officers they can’t enforce parking on Main, yet they pass another ordinance.” Customers in Lola’s, a Main Street bar, pointed out that Brothers, a bar on Main is able to allow indoor smoking because of their special designation. This is unfair competition in the eyes of the people at Lola’s. Di Rito’s, a main street restaurant would be allowed to offer smoking at their outdoor area because it is a corner property and the smoking area would not be on Main. Other Main Street restaurants feel this could lead to the loss of customers given the close proximity of their businesses.

This new ordinance not only affects merchants and customers but we spoke with some residents of the downtown area, like the people who rent the upstairs apartments on Main Street. “We can’t smoke inside because of the baby,” one lady said. “We usually come down and sit on the benches here to have a cigarette. We try to be considerate of passers-by and carry our own ashtrays, but I guess we are being sent to the alley with the trash. I haven’t actually measured yet but I think 15 feet from the door will put us in the street with the traffic. We will move as soon as possible.” Her husband added, “This may not be good news for landlords with apartments for rent on Main Street in Cañon City and will probably add to the number of empty store fronts.”

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Drug Testing Approved for Fremont Middle School

by Charlotte Burrous

The Florence-Penrose School Board approved a new drug testing model for seventh and eighth grade school students enrolled in Fremont Middle School. “The model will be the same as the high school, but at a lower level, said Superintendent Rhonda Roberts. “We’ve had it in place at the (Florence) High School for four years.” Right now, the high school screens 10 students a week, randomly,” Roberts said. “The students have a numeric code with an outside agency and the (school) gets an e-mail once a week with a random number and those kids are pulled.”

The only students involved in the screenings are those who participate in athletic activities and other extracurricular activities, as opposed to those enrolled in school. “It has to be students involved in extracurricular activities

of some sort,” Roberts reiterated. “The middle school will screen about five kids a week.” The testing began before marijuana was legalized in Colorado, but the district saw the need for the students. For the first offense, students will lose some of their privileges and then be enrolled in drug and alcohol treatment. For a second offense, the students would lose all of their privileges and have more monitoring, as well as treatment. “Hopefully, it’s an intervention for those kids, something to get them on the right track,” Roberts said. “Last year, we only had 13 students test positive one time and two students test positive two times. The real difference we feel like we make with those kids is with the first infraction, they (discover) they made a mistake and they realize there’s pretty serious consequences for it. Our hope is to get them on the right track and they learn from it.”

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It's a Character Issue Not a Gun Issue

The nation is in mourning and shock over the murderous rampage of a psychopath at the Emanuel AME church in Charleston, SC., when the "president" wastes no time in using the tragedy to forward his Marxist agenda on gun control. In a statement from the White House, the "president" briefly expressed his condolences and then launched into a lecture about how we as a nation must disarm. He said, "Communities like this have had to endure tragedies like this too many times. We don't have all the facts, but we do know that, once again, innocent people were killed in part because someone who wanted to inflict harm had no trouble getting their hands on a gun."

He went on to say, "At some point, we as a country will have to reckon with the fact that this type of mass violence does not happen in other advanced countries. It doesn't happen in other places with this kind of frequency. And it is in our power to do something about it. I say that recognizing the politics in this town foreclose a lot of those avenues right now. But it would be wrong for us not to acknowledge it. And at some point it's going to be important for the American people to come to grips with it, and for us to be able to shift how we think about the issue of gun violence collectively." Let me state the obvious, guns can't do a thing without someone pulling the trigger. This is a character issue, not a gun issue.

The "president," however, is misleading Americans. The Department of Justice and FBI report that gun ownership has increased,

and at the same time, violent crime has decreased. A 2011 Gallup poll analysis concludes: "At 47%, reported gun ownership is the highest it has been in nearly two decades--a finding that may be related to Americans' dampened support for gun-control laws." The FBI reports that violent crime decreased by 17% from 2007 to 2011. The Wall Street Journal reports that since the gun ban was struck down in Washington, DC, murders decreased from 186 in 2008 to 88 in 2012, "the lowest number since the law was enacted in 1976." The "president" also misspoke about other countries.

WSJ documented in December 2012 school massacres and shooting sprees in England, Scotland, and Australia, concluding "Within a decade of the handgun ban and the confiscation of handguns from registered owners, crime with handguns had doubled according to British government crime reports." Gun violence is a symptom of a broader character issue. It is no more evident than in the character of leaders such as the "president" who speaks lies while using a tragedy to advance his agenda. Proverbs 6 lists things the Lord hates. Verse 17, "A proud look, a lying tongue," and verse 19, "A false witness that speaks lies, and he that sows discord among brethren." To borrow from the "president," we have endured dishonesty like this too many times. Character counts. Evil is as evil does.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
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Teacher Exam Thrown Out for Being Discriminatory

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(Editor/GG: Has to be racism. Couldn't be anything else. Couldn't be that minorities with poor academic skills (coming from failed liberal public schools) are admitted to colleges when they shouldn't be, and are then monetarily processed by said colleges for their tuition dollars, receive a diploma which they are completely unqualified for. And then, fail a valid job test (this IS a teaching job!) that any decent high school student can pass. So again, we have to lower standards, hurt our kids even more with (if possible) WORSE teachers because of liberalism. Our nation thanks you.)

A federal judge in New York has struck down a test used by New York City to vet potential teachers, finding the test of knowledge illegally discriminated against racial minorities due to their lower scores.

At first glance, the city's second Liberal Arts and Science Test (LAST-2) seems fairly innocuous. Unlike the unfair literacy tests of Jim Crow, LAST-2 was given to every teaching candidate in New York, and it was simply a test to make sure that teachers had a basic high school-level understanding of both the liberal arts and the sciences.

One sample question from the test asked prospective educators to identify the mathematical principle of a linear relationship when given four examples; another asked them to read four passages from the Constitution and identify which illustrated checks and balances. Besides factual knowledge, the test also checks basic academic skills, such as reading comprehension and the ability to read basic charts and graphs.

Nevertheless, this apparently neutral subject matter contained an insidious kernel of racism, because Hispanic and black applicants had a passage rate only 54 to 75 percent of the passage rate for whites.

Once their higher failure rate was established, the burden shifted to New York to prove that LAST-2 measured skills that were essential for teachers and therefore was justified in having a racially unequal outcome. While it might seem obvious that possessing basic subject knowledge is a key skill for a teacher, District Judge Kimba Wood said the state hadn't met that burden.

"Instead of beginning with ascertaining the job tasks of New York teachers, the two LAST examinations began with the premise that all New York teachers should be required to demonstrate an understanding of the liberal arts," Wood wrote in her

opinion, according to The New York Times.

LAST-2 hasn't been used in New York since 2012, but the ruling will still have repercussions. Minorities who failed the exam (who number in the thousands) may be owed years of back pay totaling millions of dollars, and those who were relegated to substitute teaching jobs could be promoted to having their own classrooms. In addition, while Wood's ruling only applies to New York City, the test was used statewide, and it could serve as a precedent for further lawsuits.

The ruling could also pave the way for another ruling finding New York's current teacher test, the Academic Literacy Skills Test (ALST), to be discriminatory as well. That test is even harder than LAST-2, with a strong focus on literacy skills such as writing and reading comprehension, and like LAST-2 it has a very large gap in scores between whites and minorities. A lawsuit, once again being heard by Wood, is already pending, with the plaintiffs arguing that there is no clear evidence strong literacy skills are essential for a teacher.

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Hometown Zero: Colorado Democrat Archuleta Exposed Millions' Data to Chinese Hackers

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.
com

(Editor/GG: Situation normal. A career, political partisan hack, who couldn't run a hot dog stand is appointed to an absolutely crucial (high paying, of course) federal government job. The job requires a high degree of technical expertise and superior management skills, which, this woman has NONE of. The federal government is FULL of people like her, getting their fed tickets punched, making a ton of money, hooking into the federal pension system (that us ordinary peasants can only dream of) and then moving into a multi-million dollar lobbying job to lobby the very agency they destroyed. This woman should be arrested for letting this happen to millions of employees. Nope, onward and upward. Incompetence must be rewarded in our

new, no consequences world.)

Colorado Democrat Katherine Archuleta, the current head of the Office of Personnel Management, has come under fire for failing to adequately protect the United States' personnel records from hackers, who breached millions of personnel records from government workers and contractors. U.S. Rep. Jason Chaffetz spanked Archuleta, according to Ars Technica:

"House Oversight Chairman Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah) told Archuleta and OPM Chief Information Officer Donna Seymour, "You failed utterly and totally." He referred to OPM's own inspector general reports and hammered Seymour in particular for the 11 major systems out of 47 that had not been properly certified as secure—which were not

contractor systems but systems operated by OPM's own IT department. "They were in your office, which is a horrible example to be setting," Chaffetz told Seymour. In total, 65 percent of OPM's data was stored on those uncertified systems."

We believe we speak for everyone in the state when we pretend not to know her. But, there are a lot of Democrats who do know her. Here's what *The Huffington Post* reported on Archuleta's Colorado liberal roots:

Archuleta is currently the chief of staff to Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis.

Before her work with Labor Secretary Solis Archuleta was a big force in Colorado's hispanic community, working as an aide for Mayor Federico Peña—the first, and so far the only, Hispanic mayor of Denver. When President Clinton appointed Peña to Secretary of Transportation, he

named Archuleta chief of staff in 1996 and 1997. Later in 1997 when Peña became the new Secretary of Energy, Archuleta was named senior policy advisor.

She was also a senior advisor to then-Mayor John Hickenlooper, Denver's lead city planner for the 2008 Democratic National Convention, and executive director for the National Hispanic Cultural Center Foundation.

In addition to this, she also was Obama's national political director. Accomplished lady. Too bad she couldn't accomplish protecting data.

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DHS Fails to Remove Aliens Who Pose National Security, Public Safety Threat

by Judicial Watch, JudicialWatch.Org

The monstrous agency created after 9/11 to protect the United States from more terrorist attacks instead compromises national security by failing to track how many unauthorized foreigners—some felons in their native country—it refuses to prosecute under President Obama’s broad amnesty initiative.

One of the president’s many tools to reward illegal immigrants with amnesty is a measure known as prosecutorial discretion, which allows federal agencies to decide to what degree they enforce certain laws against particular individuals. For years the system has spared a myriad of illegal aliens from removal by authorizing—and encouraging—low-level field officers to block deportations by using an outrageously broad list of exemptions. Under prosecutorial discretion guidelines issued in 2011, droves of illegal aliens have been allowed to stay in the country, but no one really knows the exact amount.

That’s because, unbelievably, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) doesn’t bother keeping track of the illegal immigrants it has failed to prosecute under the directive. In fact, the agency doesn’t even have a data-gathering system in place to document when agents exercise prosecutorial discretion, according to a report made public this month by the DHS Office of Inspector General (OIG). This could create a national security risk, the agency watchdog writes, further stating that DHS “may be missing opportunities to strengthen its ability to remove aliens who pose a threat to national security and public safety.”

It gets better. The OIG reveals that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents admit that their agency regularly grants illegal immigrants prosecutorial discretion without bothering to access criminal records in the country of origin. “As a result, aliens convicted of or wanted for a felony committed in their home country, but not convicted of a felony or significant misdemeanor in the United States may not be identified as a DHS enforcement priority,” the report states. It gets even scarier. ICE officials say field personnel don’t always record their use of prosecutorial discretion because they exercise it daily and it would be “too time consuming to record every occurrence.”

Furthermore, investigators from the OIG found that DHS also fails to keep adequate records of illegal aliens released under an Obama amnesty program known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). The president launched DACA in 2010 and thousands of illegal immigrants, brought to the U.S. as children “through no fault of their own, have been spared deportation. A few years ago Judicial Watch obtained government documents showing that DHS abandoned required background checks—instead adopting costly “lean and lite” procedures—in order to keep up with the flood of amnesty applications spurred by DACA.

As of September 2014 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) reported that it had approved 632,855 DACA requests and the U.S. Border Patrol reported it had released 650 individuals eligible for DACA, the DHS Inspector General reveals. Incredibly, the various DHS agencies cannot provide the number of DACA-eligible illegal aliens they had released. The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Bob Goodlatte of Virginia, called on the Obama administration to end its reckless policies. “Not only are President Obama’s unilaterally-created immigration policies and programs unconstitutional, their implementation has proved to needlessly place Americans and our country at risk,” the Virginia congressman said in a statement issued in the aftermath of the report.

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Wow: Look What Happens When You Put a Bunch of Black and White People in a Room in the Deep South

by Ashley Edwardson, AllenBWest.com

While I was on vacation this past week, I did some thinking. My personal opinion is you can’t get much more of a hillbilly or “redneck” vacation spot than Pigeon Forge. Even though there’s about as much diversity there as in New York City, the place itself is steeped in old south country tradition. As usual, we went to the Grand Majestic Theater and spent the evening at the Soul of Motown, a live music show which features some fabulously talented musicians and singers who present music from the legendary Motown label during the 50’s and 60’s.

The house was packed about equally with black guests, white guests, and in between. We sat together, ate together, sang and danced together (well those brave enough to try and get up and “shake it” fifty years later!). The entertainers were both black and white. There were mixed couples there. Sixty years ago, this would have been impossible. And yet, in my travels all around the Deep South, this is what I see in every city every day.

How is it that President Obama, Eric Holder, Al Sharpton (and a long list of others) STILL attempt to present a different picture of America than I see every day with my own two eyes? More importantly, how is it that people who travel the same cities that I do buy into the lie? And it is a lie.

Al Sharpton, President Obama, and the Black Panthers spend every day trying to steal the truth from Americans. They are trying to steal the legacy of Martin Luther King, Michael Schwerner, a 24-year-old from Brooklyn, New York, and 21-year-old James Chaney from Meridian, Mississippi, Andrew Goodman, Viola Fauver Gregg Liuzzo, Rosa Parks,

and the literally tens of thousands of Americans of every color who fought to change the country during the 40’s, 50’s, and 60’s. They’re trying to tell you those little girls attending Sunday school in Atlanta died for nothing in that bombing. They want you to believe the Tuskegee Airmen accomplished nothing when their actions earned three Distinguished Unit Citations, 96 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 14 Bronze Stars, 744 Air Medals, and 8 Purple Hearts? They are trying to steal the achievements of every single black American who had the courage to enter a segregated college or school yard. They try to marginalize the sacrifices of Americans whose families actually split up over the question of slavery and segregation.

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The question always goes back to why? I believe the answer goes back to the beginnings of Jim Crow. The Democrat Party established Jim Crow, segregation, and gave us the Ku Klux Klan. And sadly, it is a party still focused on fear, coercion, and intimidation of free-thinking blacks

who seek to flee the modern day economic plantation of dependency. The party of fear is alive and well today and in the business of thought control. Don’t forget those famous words of LBJ — words we can’t even print here or on Facebook they’re so awful — which may have been the only time the truth was told by a Democrat in modern memory.

LBJ and many other democrats saw black Americans, not as individuals, but as a group of voters. Voters, whom they could control and manipulate as long as they could control how they lived and what they thought. Don’t believe me? Read his comment for yourself. And as long as black Americans agree to be segregated in public housing I guess they’ll always only see the America presented to them by the liberals who want to control them. They will not see the real America, the America I see every day.

But here’s my message to Al Sharpton, Eric Holder, the Black Panther thugs, and all you other liars. I came out the other side of the 50’s and 60’s and you’re not going to steal what we accomplished. You’re not going to take us back to the days of segregation, race hatred, divided neighborhoods, and random killings. You can try, but in the end you will lose because we are braver than you are. We are willing to get down and get dirty while you are only willing to parade in front of TV cameras and spew your garbage from the podium of an air-conditioned room at some Ivy League college.You lost already... years ago.

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Spreading the Love: Colorado Insurance Commish Wants ALL Coloradans to Pay Exchange User Fees

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: You will be MADE to pay. The glories of liberalism.)

Everyone hates toll roads. Nonetheless, the choice is yours if you want to use them and pay a fee. What if you opted to not use the toll road, but were charged anyway? Is that a user fee or is that a tax? If that’s a tax, do Coloradans need to approve that?

During a hearing about the health of the Colorado Health Exchange on Friday, Republican state Sen. Kevin Lundberg questioned an upcoming policy offered by Colorado Insurance Commis-

sioner Marguerite Salazar that all health insurance policy holders pay a 3.5% “user fee” next year. Yes, PeakNation™, you read that correctly. It’s not just the health exchange users who will pay a user fee. It’s everyone with health insurance. If everyone is required by law to have health insurance and everyone with health insurance is required to pay an additional 3.5%, how is this not a tax?

Here’s what Lundberg told us about the questionable plan:

“Obamacare’s federal law allows a health exchange “user fee” to be assessed on all insurance policies issued through the ex-

change, but, with the approval of Colorado’s Insurance Commissioner, the health exchange is making all medical insurance policies in the state pay for that assessment. This is not a “user fee,” it’s a tax imposed on all medical policyholders in Colorado. Next year this tax will be nearly \$10,000,000. By 2018 the exchange expects the “user fee” to be over \$30,000,000.

This is not right. The health exchange board may elect to place a “user fee” on policies purchased through the exchange, but they should not make everyone else pay for it. The Insurance Commissioner needs to uphold the constitution-

al law that says the state of Colorado cannot impose new taxes on the people of Colorado without a vote of the people.” Here’s the funny part. When Lundberg questioned Salazar about the legality of the fees for those not using the exchange, she claimed to have never done any due diligence to determine whether this action was legal. Looks like Ms. Salazar has a few phone calls to make.

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Gunmen Execute 43 Bus Commuters for Being the Wrong Muslims

by Ivan Plus, Daily Caller News Foundation, DailyCaller.com
(Editor/GG: “The religion of peace” they call themselves.)

At least 43 people died Wednesday after terrorists shot them point-blank on a bus in Karachi, Pakistan’s largest city.

The assailants, six men on three motorcycles who surrounded the bus before boarding and firing indiscriminately, left behind leaflets claiming the attack was directed by the Islamic State terror group. Official IS online channels echoed the claim. Taliban splinter group Jundallah has also claimed responsibility, according to the BBC.

Pakistani newspaper Dawn reports that at least 13 others were injured.

The victims were all Ismailis, who belong to a small and often misunderstood variant of Shiite Islam. A sizable majority of Pakistan’s Muslims are Sunnis, a distinction that has gained significance in the era of Sunni jihadi extremism.

Government Official Creates New Job, Hires Himself for \$40,000 Raise

by Josh Fatzick, Daily Caller News Foundation, DailyCaller.com

(Editor/GG: Go get your puke bag before you read this one. This is SOP at the federal government: Absolute, criminal level corruption and NOBODY goes to jail. Or even charged. All the top level management approved these criminal acts in this story. And NOBODY gets charged or fired. Situation normal. You can be making \$150,000 a year while watching PORN all day long at the IRS and NOT get fired, demoted or punished in ANY way (this is true, folks). Welcome to liberalism and to the RINO republicans who pass these outrageous budgets allowing this to happen.)

An inspector general report released Wednesday brought to light some pretty shady dealings at the National Weather Service, an agency within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

According to the report, just before retiring as the NWS deputy chief financial officer, P. Donald Jiron created an unfilled consulting position, then returned to work the very next day in the newly created job. Not only did he snag a \$43,200 raise from his previous position, he also started collecting his government pension.

Jiron’s machinations took place in May 2010, The Washington Post reports.

Their bus was carrying them on their morning commute from the Al-Azhar Garden Colony, an Ismaili housing project. The gunmen stopped it just minutes after departing the neighborhood for the city center.

Karachi, which is also Pakistan’s former capital, is a hub for migrants from around the country seeking economic opportunity. The influx has also led to periodic ethnic and religious clashes in the city. But a BBC contributor wrote that “this is the first such attack on the Ismaili community in Pakistan.”

The country has stepped up its campaign against extremist groups in recent years, and especially since last year’s deadly attack on a school in Peshawar.

Local police confirmed the identities of 25 men and 13 women among the dead. No children were reported killed.

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The inspector general said Jiron pressured and bribed other NWS officials to hire one of his immediate family members as a contractor.

“We conclude that senior officials’ actions in attempting to influence the NWS staff were improper, and some of those actions may have implicated 18 U.S.C. § 201, the criminal statute prohibiting bribery of public officials,” the IG said.

But even though Jiron’s actions may have violated federal laws, investigators said other NWS officials were equally to blame for his misdeeds because his supervisors approved his actions. The newly created consulting position was also approved by NOAA officials.

“Because of our conclusion that certain senior officials’ actions may have violated federal criminal law, the OIG referred this matter for prosecution, but the relevant prosecutors declined to pursue charges,” the report read. Criminal referrals by IGs go the Department of Justice, which then decides whether to file charges.

Jiron was immediately fired when leaders at NOAA reviewed the IG’s evidence, nearly two years after he assumed the consulting position. Jiron’s consulting work cost taxpayers \$471,875, the IG said.

He also took advantage of a government contract that is intended to accommodate senior executives

on temporary assignments to NOAA headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland. He took nearly \$50,000 to pay for his post-retirement housing expenses, even though he was not eligible for housing under the contract since he had retired and become a consultant.

Jiron’s actions may have been illegal but the IG said they aren’t uncommon at NOAA.

“This contract may be indicative of a routine and troubling practice at NOAA of hiring former employees as contractors for purposes of carrying out similar duties to those they performed prior to leaving federal service,” the report read.

The IG report may not be the last word on Jiron’s conduct. Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Tx., chairs the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, which has oversight authority for NWS, has taken an interest in it.

“If the allegations prove true, Mr. Jiron’s actions are troubling and raise questions about whether this kind of behavior still occurs at NWS,” Smith said.

“Most troubling is the fact that all of Mr. Jiron’s wrongdoing was conducted with the approval of his supervisor,” he said.

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Mr. President: Stop the Gun Lies

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

(Editor/GG: Our prayers to the families and friends of those church goers who were killed by that sick, sick, evil gunman last week. God it hurts to see things like that. But evil exists everywhere and as our moral structure in this country degenerates (i.e., caused by the disease of liberalism) , it WILL get worse. What we can do is be ready to prevent it. That church was probably a gun free zone. It's where these psychopaths go to kill innocent people. Remember the same thing happened in Colorado a few years ago, but a female church security guard pulled her concealed carry weapon and killed the SOB before he could murder dozens. Be armed. Be trained. Be aware.)

I'm really tired of the lies. Especially knowing lies about criminals.

Obama didn't even wait for the bodies to be cold before he took to the podium to once again claim that it was "easy access to guns" that enabled the murderous jack*** in South Carolina to carry out his crime.

But -- the accused would have failed a background check, had he tried to buy his gun legally -- he was apparently under indictment for a felony at the time, which is a disqualifier. He also apparently knew this because he didn't buy the gun through lawful channels, he stole it.

That (stealing firearms) is a felony also, and belies the truth behind virtually all of these crimes: Once you decide to commit murder all the rest of the felonies you have or will commit are "free" in that there is no further punishment society can exact beyond that for murder.

Such a person does not care what the law says and the tools that can be turned to weapons for offensive purpose are so numerous as to defy enumeration. Cars, trucks, bulldozers, common household chemicals, gasoline, knives, axes, chain-saws, baseball bats, golf clubs, and more.

It is due to the fact that a person hellbent on murder does not care what the law says, that the Second Amendment exists -- the undeniable fact that if some such person decides to attempt to murder you your options number exactly two: either stop them or die.

This may make you uncomfortable, it make you sad, it may make you angry, but you can't do a darn thing about any of that.

You still have two, and only two options.

It would be nice to wave a magic wand and make all of those who develop murderous rage, for whatever reason, stop and decide that petting cats is a preferable past time. It would be nice to wish away those who hate, who desire to rob,*****and assault. It would be a

wonderful world if none of those thoughts ever crossed a human mind again but all of that is in the realm of magical thinking and we don't live in a magical world, we live in a world in which those thoughts, desires and occasionally, events, do in fact occur.

There is exactly one device known to mankind that is easily-portable, reasonable in cost, and levels the playing field between the 220-pound rippled assailant and the 90-pound female or less-physically-able older gentleman. It is a mechanical device invented by mankind for the precise reason that not all men and women are equal when it comes to physical prowess, and yet we all have an unalienable right to life -- and to defend that life.

It is called a gun and our Second Amendment is supposed to protect your right to keep and bear one (or more) at any time and in any place where you may be in the unlikely but possible event that some jack*** decides he (or she) is going to try to murder you.

And while possessing one is no guarantee of success in defense of your life it certainly beats no opportunity at all.

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Colt Files for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy

by Kaitlyn Schalhorn, TheBlaze.com

Colt Defense LLC announced Sunday night (June 14) that the 179-year-old company is filing for bankruptcy.

The firearms company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Wilmington, Del., and Colt officials say they plan to restructure financially during this time. This process, according to a press release on Colt's website, will allow for the "accelerated sale" of the company's business operations in the U.S. and Canada.

"The plan we are announcing and have filed today will allow Colt to restructure its balance sheet while meeting all of its obligations to customers, vendors, suppliers and employees and providing for maximum continuity in the Company's current and future business operations," Keith Maib, Chief Restructuring Officer of Colt Defense LLC, said in the release.

"Importantly, Colt remains open for business and our team will continue to be sharply focused on delivering for our customers and being a good commercial partner to our vendors and suppliers," Maib said. "We look forward to successfully executing on this plan, which provides a sound path of stewardship for an iconic American brand and the key stakeholders we serve."

According to Bloomberg, Colt, the maker of M4 and M16 military rifles, reported in an earlier filing that the company was struggling financially due to delays in U.S. government and foreign sales. A change in demand for sporting rifles and commercial handguns also reportedly contributed to the noted company's financial woes.

In the press release, Colt said Sciens Capital Management LLC will act as a "stalking horse bidder" for the company's assets and liabilities. Colt's current management team is to remain in place.

The company claimed its "present situation concerning customer confidence and its ability to meet current customer demands for finished rifles and handguns is fragile," according to the Wall Street Journal.

The WSJ also reported that Colt's debts and assets range from \$100 million to \$500 million.

According to Bloomberg, the company's financial troubles have been ongoing. Colt took out a \$70 million rescue loan from Morgan Stanley in November.

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"He Could Have Called 911."

Dead Armed Robber's Mom Wants Good Guy Charged for Son's Death

by Bob Owens, BearingArms.com

Here is a story about a third-party, self-defense shooting at a Knoxville, Tennessee convenience store.

Eighteen-year-old armed robber Tamon J. Stapleton stormed into the Breadbox and forced the female employee behind the counter and towards the register at 2:30 a.m. with a gun to her head. One of the employee's male friends happened to be in his car in front of the Breadbox. He retrieved his legally-owned pistol from his car and ran into the store, firing a single shot that struck Stapleton in the head, killing him.

Believe it or not, Stapleton's

mother, Joy, is now demanding homicide charges be filed against the man who defended the clerk from her violent thug of a son:

The teen just graduated from Austin-East High School. From his mother's point of view, things were getting better.

"I don't care what they say about Tamon's juvenile charges, the past is the past," said Stapleton.

She plans to fight for charges against the shooter, but police say the case is closed.

"If the store clerk would have killed him I would have felt different," said Stapleton. "But because that man came

into the store and killed him as he watched this robbery go on...he was not in danger. He could have dialed 911 and then went into the store. But he didn't, he just automatically went into the store and shot my son in the head."

No, Joy. That's not how any of this works.

The article makes very clear that Tamon (and presumably his accomplice, Pumbaa) had a very long and violent juvenile criminal record, starting with six arrests as a 14-year-old. He didn't even learn anything after being shot previously in 2014.

The problem, Joy, is that your son was a danger to society

for a very long time.

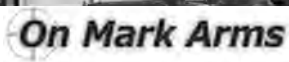
The problem, Joy, is that your son was a violent human predator on a fast track to murdering someone.

The problem, Joy, is that you are part of a culture that fails to raise your children with any respect for civility, decency, or hard work.

Do you want to find the culprit in your son's death, Joy Stapleton?

Find a mirror, and stare at it very hard.

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Get Used to It: Warning on More Toll Roads to Come

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Read those eye-popping numbers those people using the toll road are paying. In Colorado. This is what liberalism is. Death to the middle class. One cut (tax) at a time.)

The Denver Post has a concerning take on the new tolling on Highway 36 between Boulder and Denver: like it? – there’s more where that came from. In a weekend editorial, the Post remarked that unless we see an increase in the gas tax, or a broader acceptance of transportation bonds among Coloradans, some sort of toll road solution is going to be necessary to maintain our infrastructure.

Gone are the days when drivers would toss spare change into a basket and

wait for a mechanical arm to raise. Today’s tolls are not chump change. Most require sensors in your cars linked to your credit card, so vehicle owners can automatically pay their bills each month.

If someone is taking the Lexus Lane between Denver and Boulder every day for work, that comes out to about \$300/month, or \$3600/year. In other words, more than the double the median property tax on a typical Colorado home, and more than the personal savings rate for a family with the state’s median household income.

So, in addition to the eye popping property tax increases going out across the metro area, ballooning Connect for Health Colorado fees,

and the steadfast insistence on expensive renewable energy, we can look forward to everyone getting electronic toll readers for their cars so we can comply with the patchwork of toll roads that will be popping up across the state.

And not a peep out of the Democratic Party that laughably claims that to be fighting for the middle class, yet continues to shove one fee on top of another tax. There’s not going to be a middle class if they keep up with these antics.

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Rocky Mountain Low: New Poll Shows Clinton Struggles in Battleground States, Including Colorado

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

A recent poll released by the Republican National Committee shows that Hillary Clinton is “clearly unpopular” among battleground state Independents, including those in Colorado.

She trails the generic Republican candidate 40%-36% in key states that include: Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Wisconsin, Ohio, Arizona, Colorado, and Nevada. What is most intriguing, however, is that Clinton does not enjoy a significant advantage with independent women in those 10 swing states. Her

favorable to unfavorable ratio with Independent women is barely a net favorable (49:43), and she only leads the generic Republican by 3-points among them. That is certainly a small enough gap for the eventual GOP nominee to close in the next 18 months.

Clinton’s struggle with Independent women in Colorado could potentially be attributed to her hypocrisy on equal pay, having only paid her female Senate staff 72 cents on the dollar. Let’s not forget that failed Sen. Mark Udall also called for equal pay, and like Clinton, he also paid his female staff less than their male counterparts.

Where the RNC found a gender gap was among Independent men. Clinton trails among battleground state Independent men by 11-points (45%-34%) and her favorable to unfavorable ratio is an abysmal 39:56.

For those of you polling nerds out there, here are the details on the poll’s methodology:

Interviews were conducted May 3rd-7th, 2015, using mix-mode interviewing. The margin of error for the entire sample, N=1500, is +/- 2.5% at the 95% confidence level. N=600 interviews were conducted with a landline sample, N=600

interviews were conducted with a cell phone sample and N=300 interviews were conducted online.

Given all that, Coloradans should prepare themselves to be in the spotlight once again. That means added attention from presidential candidates who will surely make frequent stops here, and, of course, the dreaded onslaught of non-stop campaign ads.

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Is This What the New \$10 Bill Will Look Like?

By Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

Treasury Secretary Jack Lew revealed last night that Alexander Hamilton – he of The Federalist Papers and first central bank of America – will be ousted from the \$10 Bill in favor of a woman (as yet unnamed).

“We are going to be open to many ideas as we go forward consistent with theme of democracy,” Lew said. **“Our thinking is to select a woman who has played a major role in our history who represents the theme of democracy.”**

The bills with Hamilton on it, which were first introduced in 1929, will continue to be used for as long as those bill last, Lew said.



Courtesy image

One wonders just who they will choose?

Given Lew’s comments that:

“America’s currency is a way for our nation to make a statement about who we are and what we stand for,” Lew said. “Our paper bills — and the images of great American leaders and symbols they depict — have long been a way for us to honor our past and **express our values.**”

We suspect the new tran, pardon ten dollar bill will look as follows:

One final question - did anyone think to ask Alexander Hamilton if he “identifies as a woman” or “a black woman”?

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Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim



Jim Modlish has been in the ministry 49 years, pastoring churches large and small from upstate New York to western Washington. He holds a doctorate in theology, but frequently states: “I have education, but I got over it.”

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

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



Sound The Trumpet

It remains to be seen if Donald Trump will be a serious presidential candidate or just another name on a growing list of hopefuls. Some consider Mr. Trump a refreshing option while others believe he is simply a whack-a-doodle headline grabber. Regardless of the opinion polls the billionaire says some things that resonate with a large percentage of Americans. In particular “The Donald” promises to build a huge wall on the southern border to eliminate the present porous situation.

An unusual collection of groups deeply resent the Obama doctrine, which states when stripped of its varnish, that any potential Democratic voter should be allowed in the country. Labor unions are concerned about protecting jobs: economists realize the ever increasing entitlement rolls are sinking what’s left of an overburdened budget; many from a variety of persuasions are fearful for national security issues, and some see the open floodgates as a continued corruption of our culture including increased crime.

The biblical book of Nehemiah establishes a precedent for wall building that contains valuable information for any who will take the time to investigate it. In approximately 610 B.C. God allowed the Babylonians to sack Jerusalem and carry into captivity the Jews who escaped death. The reason for this holocaust is summarized by the following: “And the Lord God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy.” (II Chronicles 36:15,16) Seventy years of bondage and desolation were predicted by the prophets because of Israel’s neglect and disobedience.

Glimmers of God’s mercy came through the clouds of desperation fifty-two years into the gloom when the Lord moved Cyrus, King of Persia, to allow a remnant of Jews to return to the land with the specific mandate to rebuild the temple. Close to 50,000 responded to the call, eager to have a part in the reconstruction of God’s home. Two years into the project the foundation was completed followed by a great celebration. (Ezra 3:10-13) but incredibly not long after they walked off the job. The reason given is “Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them

in building, And hired counselors against them, to frustrate their purpose.” (Ezra 4:4,5) The liberal coalition practiced politics as usual and the conservatives caved... what’s new?

The next dozen years the people are pursuing their personal interest while the beginnings of the temple are covered with weeds and sand. As it often is, ignoring the things of God only adds to the misery index... “And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem and the gates thereof are burned with fire.” (Nehemiah 1:3) Nehemiah, still in the service of a Persian king, received this news with great heaviness of heart and immediately began to pray for relief for his people. God’s solution miraculously prompted another pagan king to commission Nehemiah to lead a contingency back to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls which would afford the Jews protection from their many adversaries.

As one might expect opposition surfaced instantly utilizing all the usual techniques. The first was the bullet of scorn... “But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us...” (Nehemiah 2:19) The three network news anchors reported with the standard sneer of abhorrence. When contempt failed, force was contemplated... and conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.” (Nehemiah 4:8) Modern translation: an army of lawyers must be assembled to initiate a busload of litigation, and biologists will be employed to find a desert rat or insect that needs to be protected. Protests will be organized to preserve the Hispanic vote, and all commonsense will be sacrificed on the altar of political expediency.

Finally, the serpent of craft launched a campaign of rumors, character assassination, and outright lies to instill fear in the minds of the workers. (Nehemiah 6) Brian, Harry, and Hillary cared little for the truth but only for the advancement of an agenda which was counter-productive to the well-being of the populous.

Nehemiah persisted and the wall was built. Will America be capable of the same or do we need to be subjected to more hardship coming primarily from an internal captivity? Perhaps Donald Trump is trumpeting a warning which should be heeded.

A Sheepdog Barks!

Liars, liars, liars. About one year ago an MIT Professor named Jonathan Gruber was exposed on videos as he smugly and proudly talked to college students about how Americans were stupid (he wasn’t lying about that – those kind of Americans elected Obama twice) and about how they had been duped about Obamacare. He went further and said that Obamacare had been deliberately written to force the states to comply by withholding the subsidies money from any state that didn’t develop government exchanges. It didn’t work as 37 states did not comply. These “four little words” were not accidentally miswritten. Gruber spilled the beans. When the videos were exposed the Democrats (aka LPSDs) all went running to the TVs and microphones to scream foul. In particular, Pelosi and Obama said they never heard of this guy. HOWL! Well, now a bunch of discovered emails have exposed their lies once again. Does this help you understand exactly why HiLiARy used a private server? Beware the emails! If it doesn’t, then you are certainly one of those stupid Americans Gruber spoke about. Anyway, back to the Liar-in-Chief. The emails prove that Gruber was a major player in the development of Obamacare. His arrogance and conceit later exposed how Obamacare was secretly designed to promote government provided health care for all. You should all remember the “Tax vs Fees” debate that wrongly “survived” when it first went to the Supreme Court. It reminded this Sheepdog of a Saturday Night Live sketch. Here were the Democrats vehemently denying that Obamacare was a tax on the citizens. Their lawyers were at the Supreme Court, arguing loudly and clearly – “It’s not a Tax!” HOWL! Then 5 of the Judges, led by John Roberts, said, “If it is a fee it is unconstitutional, if it is a tax, it is constitutional.” “Oh, Yes, Yes, Yes,” the LPSD’s lawyers howled. “It is a Tax. Certainly it is a Tax. We always meant it to be a Tax. Didn’t we mention that during our arguments?” HOWL! So then Pelosi, Reid, and Obama all went back to the microphones and TVs and pronounced Obamacare the greatest achievement in the history of the world. Well

here we are on the cusp of another Supreme Court ruling on that one little blackmail sentence. Obama says it doesn’t mean what it says. He said the Supreme Court can’t possibly “undo” Obamacare now, because like it or not, it’s the law of the land. Obama is a proven liar. Gruber, on the other hand, tells the truth. It’s clear he was no small player. He was paid over \$400,000 to help craft this illegitimate and unconstitutional law. He must have been important for that amount of money. Hopefully, the Supreme Court will pay attention to Gruber and do the right thing this time. Obamacare needs to be repealed. WOOF!

It’s been a while since I have brought you up to date on some “Only In A Liberal Progressive America” (OIALPA) events. Check these out:

OIALPA: Cornell University. University officials imposed a \$350 health care “penalty” fee on all students who didn’t sign up for the University’s plan. Shades of Obamacare. A double whammy. This affects 70% of the undergraduate students. Susan Murphy, Cornell VP for Student and Academic Services, said this: “It is our responsibility to work together, to make sure everyone in our community who needs help gets it. That’s a burden and benefit we all share.” Really? First you pay a penalty to the federal government as a tax, then you pay Cornell a penalty fee. Welcome to Socialism all you Cornell students. Hope you like it. WOOF!

OIALPA: The ACLU is suing the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Obama and his administration have let so many illegal juveniles into the country that the federal government had to contract out to care for them. They contracted with the USCCB. It’s been reported that about one-third of these are young girls of which many have been sexually assaulted. The ACLU believes that many of them are in need of abortions and the USCCB won’t provide that service. So they released the following statement: “The Catholic Bishops are taking millions of dollars in federal grants – and then imposing their beliefs on this vulnera-



ble population who they are supposed to serve...and that raises serious concerns under the separation of church and state.” Brigitte Amiri, ACLU Staff Attorney. To that we say thank you, USCCB. WOOF!

OIALPA: New Jersey. A fifth grader was suspended from school for having a “foam dart” at school with him. He did not have the Nerf gun, just the foam dart. The school administrator ruled that since the foam dart had a toothpick in it that it was a “self-constructed weapon.” They originally wanted to expel the student but settled on a five-day suspension. It seems a reprimand and note to the parents wouldn’t have been good enough. Zero tolerance policies are written by Zero intelligent people. ALL circumstances require real adult thinking and solutions. The LPSDs are in total control of our schools and parents should check out closely what their young kids are being taught. WOOF!

OIALPA: Boy Scouts of America. Political correctness and stupidity have completely consumed the BSA. The president of that once great organization for young American boys and men recently issued a nation-wide restriction on the use of water guns, water balloons, and rubber band guns. According to the BSA leadership there can be no more water gun/water balloon “fights” because they are too unfriendly. He did allow shooting water guns at targets and balloons that are bio-degradable and no larger than golf balls. This is LPSD insanity at its best. BTW, he also says the ban on homosexual leaders is not sustainable. This once great organization is completely doomed. No wonder the membership is down and falling. We are creating a nation of sissies and young soft men. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Pastors: We Don't Have to Obey Supreme Court on Same-Sex "Marriage"

by Casey Harper,
FreedomOutPost.com

A Supreme Court decision legalizing same-sex "marriage" could be announced any day now, and pastors across the country are already saying they intend to break the law.

The Supreme Court is expected to announce a ruling on state same-sex "marriage" bans this month that could, depending on the ruling's wording, legalize same-sex "marriage" nationwide. Anticipating the decision, religious leaders fear they'll lose their tax exempt status and be forced to wed sodomite couples or face fines and even jail time.

A coalition of those religious leaders purchased an ad in *The Washington Post* Wednesday in the form of an open letter to the Supreme Court Justices, urging them to uphold traditional marriage.

"We are Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox Christian pastors, clergy, lay leaders, and Jewish leaders, who collectively represent millions of people in our specific churches, parishes, denominations, synagogues, and media ministry outreaches," the letter reads.

So far, more than 43,000 people have signed a petition supporting traditional marriage, many of them church leaders fearful that if same-sex "marriage" becomes constitutional, their refusal to participate will jeopardize their tax exempt status and even land them in legal trouble.

Pastor Robert Jeffress, who signed the letter and leads a

12,000 member congregation at First Dallas Baptist Church, compared himself to Martin Luther King for his civil disobedience.

"That may mean we experience jail time, loss of tax exempt status, but as the scripture says, we ought to obey God rather than man, and that's our choice," Jeffress told *The Daily Caller News Foundation*.

Jeffress said when he announced to his congregation his decision to take a stand on the issue, they gave him a standing ovation.

Cases of legal punishment for bakers and florists who refused to serve sodomite "weddings" have fueled this fear. In Washington State, an elderly florist named Barro-nelle Stutzman was sued by a homosexual couple for discrimination after she refused to arrange flowers for their wedding.

She lost the legal battle and could lose everything to pay the fines. Religious leaders have warily watched Stutzman and others like her and want to preemptively protect themselves.

"We implore this court to not step outside of its legitimate authority and unleash religious persecution and discrimination against people of faith," the letter reads. "We will be forced to choose between the state and our conscience, which is informed by clear biblical and church doctrine and the natural created order."

During oral arguments in April, Justice Antonin Scalia raised similar concerns asking if exemptions that pro-

tested religious leaders from prosecution for discrimination would still hold if homosexual "marriage" became a constitutional right.

"But once it's — it's made a matter of constitutional law, those exceptions — for example, is it — is it conceivable that a minister who is authorized by the State to conduct marriage can decline to marry two men if indeed this Court holds that they have a constitutional right to marry? Is it conceivable that that would be allowed?" Scalia asked Bonauto.

Scalia also questioned whether the state would give clergymen the authority to marry if they would refuse to "marry" homosexual couples.

"If you let the States do it, you can make an exception," Scalia said. "The state can say, yes, two men can marry, but — but ministers who do not believe in same-sex marriage will still be authorized to conduct marriages on behalf of the state. You can't do that once it is a constitutional proscription."

These questions are the ones haunting religious leaders and driving them to have their voice heard before the ruling which is expected to come down this month.

"The Supreme Court, regardless of what they may think, is not the highest authority in the land," Jeffress told *TheDCNF*.

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The (Holdout) States Were Right

by Karl Denninger,
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(Editor/GG: Medicaid WILL bankrupt every state. 2016 is the year when the 100% federal funding ends. And then WE have to start coughing up the 100's of billions to pay for this statist monstrosity. Get ready.)

Well, duh! (from FoxNews.com):

At least seven of the 29 states (and the District of Columbia) that expanded coverage have experienced significantly higher-than-expected enrollment. The expansion of Medicaid, the government health care program for low-income people, now allows most low-income adults making up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level to qualify. An estimated 1.4 million more people than expected have signed up in those seven states since enrollment opened in October 2013 -- with Illinois, Kentucky, and Washington state more than doubling their projected numbers.

The problem with this sort of expansion is clear in the Obamacare law itself -- **the federal government only picked up that additional cost for a few years -- a time period that is about to expire!**

Let me remind everyone that *Medicaid* is **optional** at the state level to begin with. That is, no state is **forced** to participate. But if you do participate, just as "if you do expand it" *you get stuck with whatever part of the cost the federal government does not pay for.*

May I also remind you that *Medicaid* is **100% unfunded**; that is, it has no associated tax **anywhere** in the federal budget. It therefore is a pure welfare program, full-stop, and one where *one's own complicity*

or even **intentional conduct** that raises the expense undertaken is in no way constrained.

Since the federal government could not coerce the states into having to pay for this (that would have been ruled unconstitutional) they instead provided convenient political "hooks" from what the states would find immediately impossible to extricate themselves from. Again, *no state is required to maintain Medicaid*; it can "opt out" at any time.

But the program is a take-it-or-leave-it one; you can opt out or in **but only in the entirety** and only a piece of it is paid for in the Obamacare "expansion."

This was a clever dodge by Congress to prevent Medicaid expansion from **instantly** detonating the federal deficit a couple of years down the road, when they knew the so-called "savings" from the underpricing of "risk corridors" would run out as well.

In short it was all a clever scam that Congress and Obama managed to cram into the bill and while the states that opted out appear to have done so along ideological lines the arithmetic in fact backed up their suspicion that it was indeed a trap.

Welcome to the scam called *CONgress*, Blue States. May your residents enjoy basking in the destruction of your state finances driven by the medical scams *that in virtually any other line of business would lead everyone involved to be under indictment for felony violations, along with civil prosecution, under the Sherman and Clayton Acts.*

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Florence Council Approves Temporary Arts Center

by Charlotte Burrous

Florence City Council approved on June 15 a temporary arts center in the former St. Joseph's Manor, a building that's attached to the Florence Municipal Center at 600 W. Third Street in Florence. Much of the year, the building remains empty, but thanks to a group of artists, the building will be full of activity from now until Pioneer Day in September for art installation, followed by an exhibit.

"(Florence Arts Council President) Lynn (Lemmon-Oliver) came in to talk to me and they're a little concerned about what you're doing in connection with what she is doing (at the Bell Tower Cultural Center)," said Mayor Keith Ore. Because the arts council offers classes to the residents, it might interfere with that, but artist Mary Shell said the artwork would not be for sale. It's not flat art, sculptures, paintings, or any other media. When it's complete, the building would be open for the public to view the exhibition for an admission price, where the proceeds

would be split with the city.

Councilwoman Charlette Henager, who is part of the group, said it is only for three months.

"I spoke to Lynn and she thinks this is competition with the arts council," she said. At that point, Baker said competition is competition. If a business asked to open in this community, the council would not turn it down just because similar businesses were already in town. "If we have another attraction for our community, I say 'let's do it,'" he said. "This has nothing to do with the arts council." Henager said the exhibition would be open from 5-10 p.m. in the evenings, starting around Sept. 19th.

During Monday's meeting, the council also approved an ordinance, vacating a platted utility and drainage easement adjacent to Lots 7 and 8 in Block 1 of Pike View Estates. "There hasn't been a lot of development out there lately," said City Planner Wade Broadhead. "The applicants bought two lots and want to build a house in the center of it." The owners also talked to the utility companies, who

have no problem with it as long as the owner pays for it. "It's just a cumbersome process you have to go through," Broadhead said. "Normally we would say not to do it, but no one is building so this should get it going."

During the public hearing, City Manager Mike Patterson requested a special event permit for the City of Florence to have a beer garden in the park during the Fourth of July event. When City Clerk Dori Williams asked if people should be able to drink beer in the pavilion, Councilman Paul Villagrana said he had tended bar in the past and it had been a problem because people drink too much then get too loud during the entertainment. Williams said security would be provided to keep that from happening. At that point, Councilman Larry Baker said this should not be such a problem. "If someone sits down and makes a lot of noise, then (they will be escorted out)," he said.

The council approved it with five in favor and one against having the pavilion included in the beer garden.

2ND AMENDMENT RALLY AND MARCH AT THE WESTCLIFFE, CO JULY 4TH PARADE RESTORE THE 2ND AMENDMENT IN COLORADO



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

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