



A Celebration of Life

by George Gramlich

Last Friday, August 15, Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources (LPR) held a celebration ceremony to dedicate the newly purchased ultrasound machine for its headquarters at 417 Cliff Street in Silver Cliff. The acquisition of the ultrasound unit, which will be used to view the unborn babies of our local pregnant mothers, is a story with many threads guided by the hand of God.

A summary of the story is provided from an excerpt in the LPR’s press release, *The Birth of Our Ultrasound*



Theresa Majka, RN and LPR sonographer.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

Machine: “One afternoon in 2012, not long after the board discussed this goal, a retired Post-Partum Registered Nurse walked into the Lighthouse interested in volunteering in some capacity. Ironically, a few hours later that very same day, a call came from the National Institute of Fami-

an ultrasound clinic. The grant was instrumental in the next step for advisory, technical and legal support for this project.

“In August 2012, a NIFLA representative came to the Lighthouse, led a two day seminar and training for the Lighthouse board and volunteers on the process, and provided a detailed operating manual for ultrasound clinics. The grant also paid for the nurse and a board member to attend a more in depth training on ultra sound clinics. The Lighthouse then paid for nurse, Theresa Majka, to receive certification for ultrasound operation. Around this same time, Dr. Gary Mohr joined the Lighthouse as the medical advisor.

“The next step was to raise funds for the purchase of the ultrasound machine. After exploring a few options, in 2013 Board President Rich Hrpcha, a Knights of Columbus member, contacted the Denver office to inquire about their nationwide program that provides grants for ultrasound machines for pregnancy centers. The paperwork began and in April of 2014. The Lighthouse received notification that the Knights of Columbus would pay for the entire purchase of the ultrasound machine.”

With the wonderful news

and scheduled the dedication ceremony for last Friday. A complete remodeling of the room where the machine was to be used was needed, and local citizen and friend of the Lighthouse, Paul Sage, volunteered and spent countless hours getting the room ready including completely retiling the room and adjacent area.

The Center was full with patrons, board members and Knights of Columbus members.

Guest, The Most Reverend Bishop Stephen Berg from the Diocese of Pueblo, arrived and was ushered in through the entrance walkway by a phalanx of uniformed Knights of Columbus members with their swords drawn. Board member Scott Gillespie was the Master of Ceremonies for the event which opened with prayer by local Pastor DiVidio of Westcliffe Community Church. Mr. Gillespie thanked important donors to the project: the Knights of Columbus with Charles Page and Michael Beiriger representing them, Paul Erickson of Sangre de Cristo Electric Association, Gary Merrifield of Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association, and local churches who support the LPR mission.

Bishop Berg spoke lauding the work of all those involved and wishing the Center the best going forward. Mr. Gillespie also acknowledged Dr. Gary Mohr; LPR Medical Advisor, Theresa Majka, RN and LPR sonographer (operator of the ultrasound machine); and Paul Sage who completed the ultrasound room renovations. Bishop Berg officially blessed the room and ultrasound machine with Holy Water and closed the ceremony with prayer.

Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources is a 501C-3, “governed by the biblical mandate to minister to those who cannot help themselves, which includes unborn infants and their mothers.” Their purpose is “to provide a safe place for women with crisis pregnancies and other crisis situations to face their fears



The Most Reverend Bishop Stephen Berg and Fr. Nicodemus Urassa walking up the path to the LPR.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

and find direction without condemnation.

The services available to our community at Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources, all without cost, are pregnancy tests, peer counseling, infant clothing, accessories, baby furniture,

Additional preparations and training are still needed before the ultrasound machine can be used and the clinic officially opens. LPR anticipates an operational date of mid-September to early October.

LPR is located at 417 Cliff



A packed house with the Knights of Columbus filling the front rows.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

diapers, layettes for newborns, baby food and formula, referrals to medical, legal, and spiritual professionals – and soon, ultrasound technology. The staff, comprised mostly of volunteers who are trained to serve, also offers help in obtaining GED preparation, practical life skills, post-abortion counseling, biblical guidance, and compassion.” (From the LPR Press Release.)

Street, Silver Cliff, phone number 783-4357, and email lighthousehelp@centurylink.net. Current hours of operation are: Monday and Thursday, 11a.m. to 5 p.m. Donations are always welcome. The Lighthouse and community wishes to thank, in particular, the Knights of Columbus for their gracious help and donation in obtaining the machine.



The Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center at 417 Cliff Street, Silver Cliff.

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The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.

Psalm 145: 8, NKJV



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the same mountains!*



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

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Our Opinion... From the Editorial Board

WHAT HAPPENED TO COMMON SENSE & PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY?

We sometimes wonder how the early settlers or even our grandparents survived without all the government regulations and product warnings that are so prevalent now. Are we this stupid? Not long ago we were opening an electronic product and were advised not to eat the little packages that absorb harmful moisture. "This is not candy" it boldly warned. We never really once thought about eating any of the packaging material but apparently someone has. While shopping the other day for a dog leash we noticed this warning on the carton: "Ingestion of this product can result in serious injury." Woulda never thought that. It also told us not to leash any kids, as in children. Not sure about that one. It reminded us of when the family was traveling across the Atlantic Ocean on a U.S. Navy troop ship to join our father in Casablanca, Morocco in the early 1950s. The younger children (under 8 we think) were all required to be harnessed and leashed at all times when out of the interior rooms. Now that one probably saved a lot of kids.

A care label on a pair of khaki pants said this: "Do not wash – Do not bleach - Do not tumble dry – Do not iron – Do not dry clean."

We guess you could only wear these pants a few times and then discard. This warning was on a "fitness towel": "Note: as with any exercise product or program use with caution and consult your physician prior to using." Wonder what the co-pay is for that visit?

A few weeks ago we were playing in a charity golf tournament. It was a crowded and slow day of golf and while waiting to tee off we happened to read the big warning plate on the dashboard of the golf cart. This is not made up. The first warning said that we needed to read the entire operations manual before using the cart. Seriously? Another warning said that we needed to use the brakes when going downhill to slow the cart down. Really? There were more stupid warnings but the last one was the best. It said that rolling the vehicle over or upside down could cause serious injury or death. You think? Wonder what kind of warnings were on the Conestoga wagons to help the pioneers as they crossed the many rivers and mountains while going west. Common sense probably prevailed.

One more we thought you might need to know about. A common pair of finger-

nail clippers came with this warning: "Always wear safety goggles." Duh! Does anybody not already do that? Come on, how stupid do they think we are?

We saved the best one for last. In June, for Father's Day we received a thoughtful gift – the old stainless steel safety razor. From the late 1800s through the 1970s this was the "go to" way to shave. Most of you probable remember them. You twist the bottom of the handle, the top covers open and you drop in a double-edged razor. Another twist in reverse to close the top covers and you are ready to go. That's all there was to it. We remember watching our dad use one and then, when the time was right all young boys got one. We don't remember any instructions or warnings. However, this modern version came with 2 pages of them:

1. Caution: Blades are sharp and must be handled with care. Keep away from children and pets. Store razor blades away from reach of children. Razor blades MUST be disposed of properly. It is recommended that they are wrapped or placed in a disposable case prior to discarding, or placed in the bottom slot of the orig-

inal blade storage case. Never handle blades by cutting edges.

2. Caution: Blades are sharp and must be handled with care when removing, replacing, or discarding. Never handle blades by the cutting edges. OK!

3. Never move blade side to side across skin. OUCH!

4. Razor Blade Safety: Razor blades are extremely sharp and must be handled with care. Keep away from children and pets. Store razor blades out of the reach of children. Razor blades MUST be disposed of properly. Never handle blades by the cutting edges. (OK, OK, after 3 warnings only an idiot would do that!)

5. DISPOSE OF THE USED BLADES PROPERLY.

And just in case we still couldn't figure out how to use this very simple, one-moving-part razor we were provided the following helpful tips:

A. Shave with the grain of your hair (this is the direction your hair grows). Remember to check your neck, cheek and chin as the direction may vary.

B. IMPORTANT: Once you're not getting the shave you desire it may be time to change your blade.

C. TIP: It is recommended to use a fragrance free, alcohol-free aftershave to minimize irritation.

D. Shave after you shower, the heat from the shower softens the beard and relaxes your skin.

We suppose all these silly and unnecessary warnings and tips are because of our society's willingness to sue someone else over just about anything even when it's most likely our fault. We all remember the "McDonald's Hot Coffee" spill in the groin when the lid popped off the very hot coffee. Most people felt like the plaintiff was mostly at fault. Anyway that's where we are now in America. Companies insult our intelligence every day because of their lawyer's warnings to protect themselves from frivolous lawsuits. Anyway, be careful out there, use your common sense and take personal responsibility for using products and tools. We probably wouldn't need these stupid warnings if people didn't do stupid things. Do you know of a good example of a stupid warning? Have you seen a good one lately? Send it in!

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The opinions expressed here are solely those of the author; they do not reflect the opinions held or endorsed by the Sentinel.

Politics in Parades

Fellow Citizens,

"Too much politics in our parade." I have heard this from several who object to the "open carry" symbolism during both of the Independence Day parades. I had an interesting experience following the 2014 Memorial Day Weekend "arade. While I was carrying my road block and traffic cone back to my truck, a couple approached me. I was in a posse uniform and they identified themselves as visitors from New Zealand. Their question was about all the political floats and messages in the parade. They told me that in their version of a celebration for their war dead, neither sponsors nor attendees would allow political messages...it is far more solemn occasion in New Zealand.

I tried to explain that this is a small community, 500 residents in both Westcliffe and Silver Cliff, and that with an election coming up in June, we allow such messages. In the ensuing weeks, I have reflected upon that conversation.

There were several political floats in the Independence Day Parade specifically from winners thanking voters for their support. Maybe it is a cultural matter, but it is nearly impossible to get away from an overabundance of "vote for me" ads and messages in the media. As we approach November, hundreds of millions of dollars will be spent on TV spots and print media ads which will be viewed almost without end by tens of millions of voters. There will no doubt be plenty of yard signs, bumper stickers, and brochures passed out. This is life in 21st century America. As I think back on the 2013 Independence Day Parade, the Custer County Democrats marched en masse in that event. Was that political? Yes, I believe that it was. They were near the front of the parade and quickly left the area in protest of the "gun carrying patriots." A political act? Surely, it can be considered nothing else.

Now, we are being asked to reevaluate the political divisions among us. I ask, "for what purpose?" In colonial times, taverns and coffee houses were filled with loud voices debating the issues of the day. Thomas Jefferson bribed a newspaper reporter to claim that George Washington was senile. Andrew Jackson's wife, Rachel, died because of the stress caused by political opponents claiming that she was a polygamist. Even in our lifetime, it is common knowledge that Joe Kennedy bought elections in Chicago and West Virginia that ensured his son would be president. There is no shortage of politics in nearly every aspect of our day to day lives. To me, it seems hypocritical to cry foul when those with whom we disagree express their First Amendment right to free "political" speech.

Let's stop kidding ourselves. Parades are opportunities to celebrate our patriotism, our history and our hopes for the future. Like it or not, politics are part of this time honored tradition.

Joe Cascarelli,
Westcliffe, Colorado

Tyranny of the Left

Congratulations and thanks to Mr. John G. Decker for his opinion in (last week's) Sentinel. It is gratifying to know there are those in our community who have the courage to stand up to the tyrannical left; minorities as they are who continuously bleat about this that or the other thing, mostly unimportant. For anyone to suggest that they should take over the conduct of the obviously very successful parades recently enjoyed by all in

our community is akin to suggesting that they could be more successful at selling ice cream that has no flavor whatsoever over those that have flavors. More power to you, Mr. Decker, and I hope more people reject political correctness and call it as it is every time one of these "Libtards" as you call them, raises their voice.

Federico Hernandez
Resident, Silver Cliff

From the Custer County Chamber of Commerce

An open letter to Custer County business owners, non-profit organizations and local residents:

I hope that you will consider joining the Custer County Chamber of Commerce. The local Chamber, as a sponsorship-driven organization, works hard to support our community. Our members know that by working together we can accomplish more than by working as individuals. There are a multitude of reasons why you should join the Custer County Chamber of Commerce. Here are just a few of them.

The Custer County Chamber of Commerce partners with Cliffs Action Revitalization Team (CART) and the Custer County Tourism Board to produce the Discover Guide that is distributed locally, regionally, statewide and beyond.

The Custer County Chamber of Commerce also operates a website: custercountyco.com complete with a membership direc-

tory, calendar of event and more. Additionally, the Custer County Chamber of Commerce operates the Custer County Visitor Center. The Discover Guide, website and visitor center are just a few of the ways the Chamber provides information to consumers, and allows us to share our community with others.

Being a Custer County Chamber of Commerce member also brings added credibility to your business and/or organization. Many consumers look to the Chamber of Commerce as a source for finding reliable businesses they can trust. Many tourists and new residents contact the Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce office asking for the names of restaurants, real estate offices and shops that are Chamber members. By identifying yourself with the Custer County Chamber of Commerce, you will reach more customers. The Chamber helps to enhance the credibility and integrity of your business and organization.

The Custer County Chamber of Commerce works to unite businesses, organizations and individuals together for the common goal of economic improvement and development. The strength of the Custer County Chamber of Commerce is in numbers. By becoming a member of the Chamber you are taking an active role in helping our community sustain a year-round viable economy where folks can live, work and play.

I would be happy to meet with you to discuss membership. Just call me at 783-9163 to arrange a time and place or stop by the Chamber office/Visitor Center at 110 Rosita Avenue inside the All Aboard Westcliffe building. Current office hours are Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thank You,
Nora Drenner, Custer County Chamber of Commerce Marketing and Membership Chair

Discussing The Issues

A news article referencing Aug. 5th Westcliffe Town Board meeting, stated Mr. Williams, the Chairman of the Democratic party, claims to have been bothered because "there was so much dialogue, discussion (and) letters on the issue". What! We have to assume the issue is the 2nd Amendment and carrying of firearms in the Independence Day Parade. As participants in the last 2 parades, we say, great that there is dialogue, discussion, and letters. Is this not what a free

society wants, not control of people and thoughts, not to shut down discussions just because we disagree? Hopefully, it is not the objective of Mr. Williams or his party to control and shut citizens up because of so much dialogue, discussion, and letters and opinions that are different. We say keep speaking out on what you consider important. Where is the big tent? We were under the impression that the democrats were interested in all opinions pro and con on all issues.

Guess we were wrong.

Mr. Williams, there will always be someone, some organization that will find reason to be offended, upset or angry by differing view points. We say join the parade and use your rights as free citizens to express your viewpoint. We will stand with you in that right, even though we may disagree on certain things.

George and Gloria Decker,
Cañon City, CO

"If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture as said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

John 7:37-38

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It is required that all wells have a cap/seal that is gasketed to prevent water and insect entry and vented to allow the well to breathe. The gasket or seal and screened vent should be tight enough to prevent insects from entering. In the past a simple cap was allowed and used by some; these caps were able to keep out all but the smallest rodents but are an open door for insects. Built of cast aluminum and held in place by set screws with no seal they are inexpensive and should not be used for a permanent seal.

I have seen many wells in the past during service calls that did not have well seals on them. Some wells were covered with a board, some with a

steel plate; others had rags stuffed down the hole. Most all of these had dead rodents in the well and yes people were drinking the water. One man after seeing body parts on the pipe and wire and a hair plugged intake screen and still he didn't want to have a seal installed??? Even now the cost of a seal is below \$60.

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Shots Fired Just Off Oak Creek Grade

At 10:11 p.m., Wednesday night, (August 13, 2014), Fremont County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of possible domestic dispute in the 800 block of Piute Drive. A female caller stated that she had been in an argument with her boyfriend but called back stating things had calmed down and requested that deputies not respond. When deputies arrived on scene a female party ran out of the house yelling that a male party, Jeffery Ashworth, age 47, was inside the residence with a gun. As deputies attempted verbal communications with Ashworth from outside the residence, Ashworth fired one round from inside the house. Ashworth refused to leave the residence and continued to fire rounds from inside the house.



Jeffery Ashworth, booking photo

Additional deputies and the FCSO SWAT team were called to the scene and were able to gain verbal communications with Ashworth by P/A system. During the next three hours, Ashworth repeatedly refused to exit the residence peacefully or allow deputies to enter the residence.

At 03:30 a.m. August 14,

Ashworth is being held in

2014, Ashworth exited the house and a deputy fired a less than lethal round hitting Ashworth in the buttocks. Ashworth was then taken into custody without further incident. Ashworth was not injured and refused medical treatment.

Fremont County Sheriff's Office

the Fremont County Detention Center on a NO BOND hold for the following charges: 3rd Degree Assault M1, Domestic Violence SE, Felony Menacing F5, Possession of a Weapon by a Previous Offender F5, Prohibited Use of a Weapon M2, and Failure/refusal to leave premises M3.

A Special Celebration at Our Lady of the Assumption Church

The parishioners of Our Lady of the Assumption Church celebrated their feast day, Our Lady of the Assumption, with a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen Berg of the Pueblo diocese. At the conclusion of Mass, The Most Reverend Bishop Stephen Berg of the Pueblo Diocese, Fr. Nicodemus Urassa, and Deacon Mike Patterson burned the original mortgage note which the parishioners have paid off in just 7 years.

It all began in the summer of 2006 when the then pastor, Fr. Vicente Paz en la Casa, and the steering committee began raising

funds for the more than \$800,000 church building. Through pledges over three years, grants and continued generosity from both permanent and summer parishioners, construction began in 2007 with completion in time for the August 15th feast day that same year.

"It truly was a unified effort of all parishioners" commented Dianne Whalen, chair of the Steering Committee and "everyone worked very hard to pay off the remaining mortgage in record time. Everyone is pleased and proud."



From Left Deacon Mike Patterson, The Most Reverend Bishop Stephen Berg and Fr. Nicodemus Urassa burn the mortgage of Our Lady of the Assumption Church on Friday, August 15. The 30 year mortgage was paid off in 7 years.

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Olde Schoolhouse Quilters present Annual Quilt Show

by Carol Clemenson

The Olde Schoolhouse Quilters proudly announce their 16th annual quilt show, August 28-31, 2014. Show hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. The show will be held, as always, at the old "Westcliff" schoolhouse, 320 South Fourth Street in Westcliffe.

This year the show has a new look which will surprise our regular attendees. We will be featuring new quilt events as well as the traditional large quilts, wall hangings, antique quilts, and specialty items, as well as a boutique with beautiful quilted and quilt-related items for sale.

We are grateful for all local and out-of-town visitors

who have attended a quilt show to make this a destination for Labor Day Weekend. We look forward to greeting all first time visitors and all returning visitors.

This year our show will be a Quilt and Fiber Art Weekend in Westcliffe and the Olde Schoolhouse Quilters show at the schoolhouse museum, and a show at the Sangrita's



Olde Schoolhouse Quilters getting ready for the 16th Annual Labor Day Quilt Show and Boutique. Several quilters are holding items that will be on display at the show. Left to right, front row: Judi Baker, Deb Rimmer, Judy Kanthack; middle row: Donna McDonnall, Jennie Bailey, Micheline Helton; back row: Melisa Custer, Liz VanSomerén, and Tammie Baggett.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson



Old Schoolhouse Quilters members are examining and discussing the Challenge Contest entries which will also be hanging in the show.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

who will attend this year's show. In an effort to increase attendance by men to our show, we are extending an invitation to men

restaurant by the Westcliffe Contemporary Quilters and Fiber Artists and a fiber sale of hand-made items at the library community room by

the Wet Mountain Weavers.

In addition, our 2014 Raffle Quilt, "Bears in the Sangres," will be on display and tickets will be sold at the show at the Olde Schoolhouse Museum. The tickets are \$1 for one or six for \$5. Before the show you can purchase tickets at Grammie Tammie's Wet Mountain Quilt Shop at 414 Main Street in Westcliffe (grammiettammies@centurylink.net)

We invite one and all to plan on a day or weekend trip to visit our show and then explore our charming town and the beautiful Wet Mountain Valley. For further information about the quilt show, call 719-783-4340.



Kassi Ryff: Non Pro & Intermediate Non Pro Bridle Champion

Kassi Ryff and her gelding, Chico Flo, at the National Reined Cow Horse Association's Hackamore Classic in Pueblo in May. Finals in Reno are on the horizon - best of luck Kassi!

courtesy photo



Sharing Center Helps During First Day of School

The Custer County Community Sharing Center brought a truckload of clothes and shoes for any children needing a little help getting set for the new school year. Many families benefited from the items brought which comes from the donations made to the Sharing Center.

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John Adams - Second President of the United States



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The Sangre de Cristo Mennonite Church is located at 120 Jerry Court in Westcliffe.



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Brenda Roeber
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Local Mountain News & Notices

First Day of School Elementary Assemblies for Parents & Students

by Candi Sage

Elementary parents and students had their first day of school on Tuesday, August 19, and selected from one of three assembly presentations to attend before going to their classroom for the first 'lessons'.

used first and second quarters before changes or deletions are made. Mrs. Anderson shared the standard response protocol with parents of what to expect their child/ren to know and do during an emergency.

The assembly included

retary Erin Saraceno was available to answer any questions and when asked did say that volunteers are always needed in concessions during activities to help sell food.

Following the assembly, the parents accompanied their



Students and parents gather for the assembly to discuss the new school year.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

At each assembly, Principal Holly Anderson spoke of the new school environment plan where students are expected to follow four rules: 1) Be Responsible, 2) Be Respectful, 3) Be Productive, and 4) Be Safe. Students will receive instruction on what each behavior expectation looks like in the cafeteria, in the hallway, on the playground, and in the classroom. She also spoke of rewards for students following the rules and briefly outlined the plan for the new 'pilot' report card to be

ways parents could volunteer: through the PTSO (Parent, Teacher, Student Organization), the Accountability Committee, through volunteering with Voice, time on grounds with playground or lunch support, financially through Adopt a Class, or even in the classroom with the teacher.

Mr. Dave Bennett in Transportation briefly discussed expected bus behavior and welcomed parents with questions to contact him at 783-9779. PTSO Sec-

child to their classroom to leave supplies, fill out informational paperwork, receive classroom information on homework and procedures, and to observe a sample lesson. Mrs. Anderson reports that most all of the elementary parents attended. Mrs. Anderson stated the three top goals for the 2014-15 school year are: 1) To increase student achievement, 2) To improve/increase parent involvement, and 3) To improve the school environment.

Smooth First Day

by Candi Sage

On August 19 the middle school and high school students had their first day of school following a new 'back-to-school event' the week before where parents were asked to join their children in getting their schedules and meeting their teachers.

Secondary Principal Barb Jones reports that more middle school parents attended the back-to-school event than high school, and of the high school parents attending, the largest group were freshman parents. As a staff, all thought the back-to-school event before school starts was worthwhile and want to continue

the practice. A letter will be sent to all parents asking for their input on this change, but so far verbal responses from parents have been positive.

Mrs. Jones reported that it was not only quiet around the middle and high school classes, it was quiet in the office as well; and overall, "a smooth first day".

Homeschoolers Welcome

On Tuesday, August 26, motivational speaker Tom Henderson will be at Custer County Schools for a Middle School and High School presentation at 9:35 a.m.

This assembly is also open to homeschoolers of the same age. Homeschoolers and visitors alike will need to check in at the school office before attending the assembly.



New Bobcat Teachers

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Middle Row - Sandra Dodson, Lee Baca, Laura Krall, Brady Hines
Back Row - Lia McGee, Jewel Heisig, Andrew Straight, Gary Holycross, Eric Thompson**

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Bobcat Menu • Aug. 25 - Aug. 28, 2014

**Monday
breakfast**
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lunch
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Choice of Fruit
Milk

**Tuesday
breakfast**
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W.W. Toast
Juice, Milk
lunch
Chicken over Noodles
W.W. Roll
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

**Wednesday
breakfast**
French Toast Sticks
Sausage Links
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Italian Dunkers
Bread Sticks
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Milk

**Thursday
breakfast**
Sausage Gravy
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lunch
Hamburger
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Milk

Elementary: Main dish, bread, milk, choice of 1 veg. & 1 fruit • Middle & High School: Salad Bar

KIDS

Friday, August 22, 2014

The History of Custer County Schools Part 2

"The fate of empires depends upon the education of youth"

-Aristotle

by Joanne Silver

In 1921 voters approved a building of a high school. Classes were held in the upper rooms of what used to be Jennings Market on Main and 2nd street (now Sangre Home Décor). The doors opened in 1922 with 39 students and two teachers. This allowed students to complete a high school education and live at home.

Population continued to dwindle as more mines closed and the Depression of the 1930's set in causing more families to move away to find work. World War II caused many hardships. Custer County found it increasingly difficult to run the one-room schools both financially and logistically.

Consolidation became the answer. In 1948 Georgianna Kettle, then the current superintendent, encouraged forming the C-1 school district. First through third grades went to Westcliffe and grades four through eight went to Silver Cliff. We were one of the first counties to consolidate school districts in the state of Colorado. Finally, in 1953 citizens voted for a school bond to build one large consolidated grade school for \$200,000. The children moved into their new school on January 1, 1954, and, that, Custer County scholars, is part of the building you now sit in.

Next week, we will go back and spend a day in a local one-room schoolhouse.

Source: "One-Room Schoolhouses, Custer County, Colorado"
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Rotary Club Speaker

The valley's own Bonnie Long will be the guest speaker during the Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club's upcoming luncheon meeting. The luncheon meeting, which is open to the public, will take place Monday, August 25, beginning at noon at The Mining Company restaurant in Silver Cliff.

The cost to eat lunch is \$10 and reservations are required by contacting club secretary Karen LeBlond at karenleblondpottery@gmail.com or 719/371-3249. Attendees do not have to eat lunch but must arrive by noon so adequate seating is available before the program gets underway.

"Tales of Cattle and Human Genomics" is the title of Long's presentation. Genomics is described as a discipline in genetics that applies recombinant DNA, DNA sequencing methods, and bioinformatics to sequence, assemble, and analyze the function and

structure of genomes.

Long, a researcher for the University of Nebraska, lives on the family-owned San Isabel Ranch which was established in 1872. Her parents are the late Dr. Ben Kettle and his wife, Bet. Long's sister is Sara Shields. In addition to being a prominent local rancher and veterinarian, Dr. Kettle was one of the founders of the local Rotary Club.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

The local Rotary chapter was established in February 1968. Among the projects the local club is

involved in is free transportation to folks for medical appointments and such within a 100-mile radius of the Silver Cliff/Westcliffe area; the lending of medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers and crutches; providing scholarship money to graduating high school seniors, and a youth exchange program.

There are currently some 30 Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club members. In addition to LeBlond, current club board members are President Patrick Lynch, past President Dale Mullen, Treasurer Steve Allen, Membership Chair, Julie Olomon, Foundation chair Mike Liebman, and Van Service Chair Corb Griffin.

For more information about the van service or to arrange for a ride, call 783-2342. For additional information about the medical lending service or to borrow equipment, call 719/371-6124.

"Free 'Jesus' Film Showings"

Hope Lutheran Church is offering a seminar called Christianity and the Competition on September 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This is part of a series that focuses on Jesus, the Bible, and Christianity, especially from the perspective of History, Archaeology and Geography.

As a follow-up to those seminars, free showings of the world-acclaimed "Jesus" film will be offered Wednesday, September 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jones Theater. Please bring a nonperishable food item or cash donation. All proceeds will be given to the Custer County Community

Sharing Center located at Hope Lutheran Church.

This movie showing is sponsored by the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod Congregations of the Sangre de Cristo Circuit, and are FREE. You are most welcome and we look forward to sharing these experiences with you.

Court Report...

David John Roberts – Charge: Driving while ability impaired. Community service within 90 days. Total fine - \$ 948.

Lori Rae Noland – Charge: Driving while ability impaired – plea - guilty. Charge: Improper Mountain driving – plea- guilty. Jail time – 10 days. Probation – 2 years Monitored sobriety. Complete level 2 education with 86 hours therapy. Serve on MADD panel. Out of state travel permitted with probation officer's approval. Assessed - \$2,118.75 – balance \$1,100.

Timothy J. Leach – Charge: Assault 3 – knowingly/reckless cause injury. Charge: criminal mischief – under \$500. Plea - not guilty on all charges. Motion to dismiss granted.

Chris Allen Ball –

Charged with burglary of 2 dwellings. Plea - guilty. Probation for 4 years revoked. Probation revoked/reinstated – new testimony – 4 years. Jail time – 10 days. Assessed \$3,348.50.

Dana Mervin Reynolds Jr. – Charges: speeding and no valid driver's license – plea-guilty. Motion to dismiss granted.

Donna Jean Patterson – Charge: driving while ability impaired. Plea – guilty. Charges: Failed to display lamps and failed to present insurance upon request. Both charges were dismissed. Complete 24 hours of community service within 90 days. Serve on MADD panel. Level 2 Education with therapy. Assessed \$1,188.75

Ericka Nadean Davis – Charged with harassment and obscene

language. Plea - guilty. No alcohol, probation concurrent with Fremont County case. Additional \$200 supervision assessment. Assessed \$467.50

Honor Witco – Charged with failure to display proof of insurance. Dismissed by DA. Charge: improper mountain driving – plead guilty. Assessed \$149.50

Gail Terry Loeffler – Charged with improper mountain driving – plead guilty. Assessed \$149.50

Cynthia Sky Corella – Charged with careless driving. Plea – guilty. Assessed \$95. Court Security Cash fund of \$100 suspended.

Travis Moyer – Charged with possession of drugs, 2 oz. or less. Plea – guilty. Motion to dismiss granted. Fine \$100. 24 hours community service.



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Sheriff's Report...

As of Tuesday, August 19, were six men in jail.

OFFENSES

August 18 At 1453 hours, Ardieth Stewart, age 63, of Silver Cliff was arrested on DUI charges. Stewart was released on a \$2,000 bond.

August 15 At 2341 hours, Chase Tucker, age 26, of Westcliffe, was contacted for tail lamps unoperational and driving under the influence. Tucker bonded out on a \$1,000 bond.

August 14 At 2045 hours, John Stuart, age 65, of Westcliffe, was cited a summons for third-degree assault.

INCIDENT

August 12 At 2122 hours, the Sheriff's Office received a call regarding a disturbance at Bishop's Castle. Deputy Barr was dispatched to Bishop's Castle located at 12705 Hwy 165 on a report that shots had been fired and that Jim Bishop was shouting racial slurs with a Hispanic family with children present. Sergeant Reeves and Deputy Barr were first on the scene.

They approached a couple who were getting into a vehicle and spoke with them for a minute. The couple advised the deputies that they were there of their own will and that Mr. Bishop had not held them against their will.

As Sgt. Reeves and Deputy Barr approached the castle, Jim Bishop was getting money out of a donation box. Mr. Bishop instantly became upset yelling, "The sheriff is here. Why is the sheriff here?" Mr. Bishop commenced to yell that Jobe (Sheriff Jobe) is guilty of treason and several other charges and stated that the deputies were guilty of it due to conspiracy. Mr. Bishop started to walk away from them towards a building and Sgt. Reeves told him to stop and come back. However, Mr. Bishop kept going and at an even faster walk, almost a run. Sgt. Reeves and Deputy Barr took Mr. Bishop to the ground and placed him in handcuffs to prevent him from being able to get access to any weapons that he had in the building. Mr. Bishop was walked over to a chair and asked to sit down, which he did. Mr. Bishop stated that he did

fire some shots into the dirt near the water but there was nobody in the area. Mr. Bishop stated that he told somebody to call the sheriff because he knew that they would. Mr. Bishop stated that he was letting off some steam.

There was another male party present who confirmed the statement that Mr. Bishop had made about firing the gun into the dirt and that it was not at or toward anyone. Undersheriff Supan arrived and also spoke with the unidentified male party, who advised him of the same information that he advised Sgt. Reeves and Deputy Barr.

Based on the report of shots fired and Mr. Bishop's own statements, it was determined that Mr. Bishop did shoot some rounds on private property, in a safe direction, and that the bullets never left the property. Mr. Bishop is in violation of disorderly conduct. However, based on the information that the reporting party did not remain in the area or fill out a complaint, no charges are being filed against Mr. Bishop.

AMBULANCE CALLS

There were eight ambulance calls as of August 19, 2014.

August 18 At 1900 hours, an ambulance responded to 200 Elk Road on an accidental, self-inflicted stab wound to the chest of a 24-year-old male. He was transported by Flight for Life.

August 18 At 1307 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Brush Creek Trailhead for a 26-year-old male who was feeling nauseated and light-headed. He was transported to Parkview Hospital.

August 18 At 2026 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the south side of Lake DeWeese and responding to a female party of unknown age who fell and hit her head. Transport was refused.

August 15 At 1106 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a 63-year-old male who had injured his left, upper arm. He was transported to Parkview Hospital.

August 15 At 1847 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the Custer County Jail at 702 Rosita Avenue for a medical check of an offender. He was

transported to Parkview Hospital.

August 15 At 1510 hours, an ambulance was dispatched and responded to a motorcycle accident at 301 South Fifth Street, Westcliffe. A 14-year-old male was transported to Parkview Hospital.

August 14 At 2133 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to 118 Columbine Crest for a 69-year-old male who was shaking and sweaty. He was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

August 13 At 1152 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a stable transport of a 59-year-old male to Pueblo.

FIRE CALLS

There were two fire calls as of August 19, 2014.

August 18 At 1900 hours, the Wet Mountain Fire Department responded to 200 Elk Road to assist with Flight for Life.

August 16 The Wetmore Fire Department responded to a call at 20826 Highway 96 for a medical assist with Florence.

Nominations for Citizen of the Year

Once again, the Custer County Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for "Citizen of the Year."

The award, which is traditionally given every two years to a Custer County citizen, showcases someone who demonstrates a positive contribution to the community through civic, cultural, and/or religious endeavors. Commitment to community, community service, leadership, integrity and inspiration to others are among the criteria.

Nominations are currently being accepted through Sept. 15, with the award given during the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored

Fall Fest concert scheduled for October 18 at A Painted View Ranch.

Those honoring someone by submitting their name for consideration needs to include the address and phone number of the person being nominated; a written description (preferably typed but legible handwriting is acceptable) of the person being nominated which outlines the nominee's commitment to community, community service, leadership skills, integrity and inspiration to others, as well as a brief biography of the nominee. The name, address and phone number of the nominator must also be included.

A committee chosen by the Chamber of Commerce board of directors will make the final selection among the nominees. Previous recipients of the Chamber of Commerce's "Citizen of the Year" award include Arlie Riggs, Anne Relph, Tom Flower, Herb Weimer, and Fred Jobe.

Nominations can be mailed to the CCCC at P.O. Box 81, Westcliffe, Colorado, 81252 or dropped off at the Chamber office/ Visitor Center located inside the All Aboard Westcliffe interpretive center at 110 Rosita Ave. in Westcliffe. Call the Chamber office at 783-9163 for more information.

KWMV 95.9 FM Launches New Show: Health Matters

KWMV announced today the launch of a new weekly radio show called Health Matters. The weekly radio program is a partnership with the Custer County Medical Center staff. Health Matters will be hosted by Bob Tobin, Delwin Lester, and Charlotte Stark and will focus on health issues, lifestyle tips, and important information for our residents and visitors here in the Wet Mountain Valley.

"Our goal with Health Matters is to offer entertaining and informative listening

on healthy lifestyles, nutrition, and high altitude living here in the Valley. We want to offer advice and counsel to our local residents to help make their lives better," explains Stark. "We'll feature a combination of traditional and integrative health advice to provide everyone from young parents to baby boomers with the latest information on healthcare."

Health Matters airs Monday, Wednesday, and Sunday at 1:05 p.m. beginning August 4. Listeners are able to tune in and listen

to the show by dialing into 95.9 FM or clicking on the Listen button at www.kwmv.org.

Stark is an expert in general patient medical care and brings her Valley experience to the conversation. "Wet Mountain Valley residents want more locally produced programming on KWMV and this community partnership represents a great way for the station to bring this kind of programming to our listeners," says Shanna Lewis, KWMV Program Committee member.

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Main Street Shops - Part 1



Wet Mountain Treasures

Wet Mountain Treasures, located at 207 Main Street, is owned by Patty and Mike Martinez. The store has been open since April of 2005. They offer gifts and home decor including collectibles, jewelry and artwork.



Salty Pine Floral & Boutique

Salty Pine Floral & Boutique, located at 411 Main Street, is owned by Pepper Staford and opened in December of 2012. She offers a full service floral shop along with a wide selection of clothing and accessories in her boutique. KOPA products are also available.



The Village Shop

The Village Shop, located at 205 Main Street, has been owned by Janice and Gary King for the past 29 years. They feature gifts, clothing and jewelry. They carry Minnetonka moccasins, western clothing for the entire family, home decor, books, music, greeting cards, caps and hats, plush toys, T-shirts, and sweatshirts.



Trails West Trading Company

Trails West Trading Company, located at 111 S. 2nd Street, is owned by Jennifer and Doug Myers. Their shop, which has been open for 5 1/2 years, offers new, used and consignment items. They offer housewares, tools, clothing, books, sporting goods, and archery supplies.



Lady Unique Boutique and Boutique Off Main Boutique Barista and The Garden Tea Room

The combined Lady Unique Boutique owned by Rene Smith and Boutique Off Main owned by Terry Lee is located at 103 N. 3rd Street. The boutique has been open for 3 years. Inside their boutique they also offer blended iced coffees at the Boutique Barista, which opened in July. Mention this photo and come in and receive 50¢ off an iced coffee. The boutiques offer a fantastic blend of apparel for women of all ages along with Bronco merchandise, concealed carry handbags, accessories, and gifts. They have also added a "Man Cave" for gifts for the man in your life. The Garden Tea Room, pictured to the right, was opened in April and offers a place to stop and relax with a cup of tea and scones.



Fremont County Bulletin

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IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

**Cañon City
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1st and 3rd
Mondays at 6 p.m.
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Young Conservatives Host BBQ in Depot Park

by Candace Thompson

Almost 100 people came to show support for the Young Conservatives in Depot Park on Friday evening, August 15. This was organized to give young people an opportunity to meet and get to know their representatives and candidates and as a fundraiser for the fledgling group.

Flipping hamburgers and hot dogs were Senator Kevin Grantham, Representatives Jim Wilson and Clarice Navarro-Ratzlaff. Also present were all three Fremont County commissioners. No city officials were present although they were invited.

Helping with the event were the Fremont County Republican Party, Royal Gorge Tea Party, and Royal Gorge Republican Women.

The Young Conservatives was conceived by two Cañon City young men, Eric Embry and Justin Grantham. Eric said that he wanted to get involved last year and went to the caucuses but there weren't many young people there.

"It was troubling because when you guys (referring to all the older generation) are gone, what's going to happen?" Eric explained.

He and Ashley have been married two years and have a son and a stepson to raise and Eric has just recently been discharged from the U.S. Army. He is concerned that there has been such a shift to the left in this country in every area from music to movies and is alarmed at the direction our country is headed. "Main stream America has gone so far left that you're kind of a joke if you're conservative," he said.

When asked what caused him to become conservative when so many young people are going the other way, Eric answered, "I'd have to say it was my up-



Colorado Representative Jim Wilson (left) and State Senator Kevin Grantham ride herd on the grills.

Sentinel photo by John Penezic

bringing, my grandparents were very conservative, my parents were very conservative, and it was just the way I saw the world."

Tansey Kurth, a young mother of two children who attends republican meetings with her husband, said that the Young Conservatives gives them a safe place to have a conversation about the issues and to "own" their values and know why they believe as they do.

She said, "Among our generation, it's kind of disgraceful to have conservative values." Issues that concern her are Common Core and the economy with businesses shutting down. She and her husband want to raise their children in a small town atmosphere so they chose Cañon City.

Rick Keller, Randy Keller's son, brought two young friends, Blake Johnson and Rodney Van Hoff, neither of whom have a job at the moment. Their hours at their last job were cut so much that they had to leave. All were concerned about their futures and jobs and providing for their families. They felt that they would have to go out of town to find a good job.

Justin Grantham, who also helped start the Young Conservatives, says he is on the Planning and Zoning Board for the city to try to get the regulations streamlined so that you don't have to jump through four or five thousand dollars of regula-

tions just to get started in a business.

Justin says that he is in the Young Conservatives to have a voice. They are having bi-monthly meetings and he thinks that getting all ages together at events like this one is great because the youth can learn from the more experienced and glean from their wisdom. One voice is a whisper, but a crowd has a voice that they will listen to, he emphasized. When asked if he has an interest in running or helping raise up candidates to run, he said possibly later on, but for now, he just wants a voice as a part of the Young Conservatives.

Issues that deeply concern all Americans were part of conversations in groups throughout the park and the event ended just as the first raindrops began to fall and the dark clouds signaled an end to a very pleasant time.

For one evening, at least, there seemed to be a unity among those who call themselves "conservatives". Everyone can agree on the need to get our youth involved and informed. Youth who have conservative values must have extra courage and be especially strong in their beliefs to withstand the pressure they will encounter from their peers, teachers and even family. Our hats go off to the Young Conservatives of Fremont County.

Be Informed

Get Involved

Meet Skip Moreau Candidate for Fremont County Sheriff

by Barbara Penezic

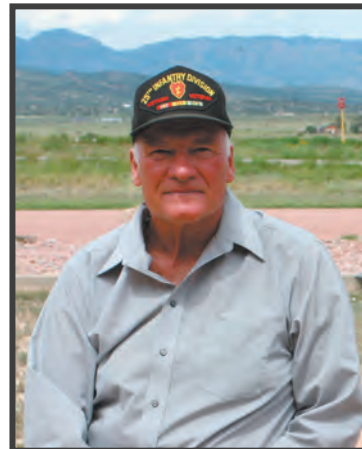
I had the opportunity to visit with Skip at the Young Conservatives Barbecue the other night and he graciously agreed to speak about his candidacy for the office of Sheriff of Fremont County. He describes himself as, "The Man Who 'Wants' the Job", and clearly has a personal and professional resume that qualifies him for this top cop position.

Skip is a native of St. Louis, Missouri, but fell in love with Colorado while stationed at Fort Carson during his military service to this great country. His personal resume includes serving in Vietnam, Skip is a recipient of the Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars, Air Medal, Commendation for Valor, and he was nominated for the Silver Star.

His professional background is also quite impressive. Skip has experience as Chief of Police, FBI, State Highway Patrol, Civil Defense, Military, Pueblo Police Department training, and has attended Colorado Law Enforcement Training Academy. He currently operates SKYDIVE COLORADO, at Fremont County Airport.

This will mark the third time Mr. Moreau has thrown his hat in the ring for the office of sheriff and he comes fully prepared with a vision for how the office should operate. Skip Moreau's plan in a nutshell: Zero tolerance for drug dealers; I-N-E-T (illegal narcotics enforcement teams); realistic drug elimination program; more involvement with farm and ranch communities; more community involvement; open door policy; elimination of budgetary waste; faster response time for patrol cars; emphasis on voluntary and confidential parental home drug testing for teens and troubled kids.

He would like to see increased usage of the mounted patrol and reintroduce posse members to help with minor law enforcement problems such as accidents and traffic citations, thus freeing up seasoned officers for more pressing matters. He advo-



Skip Moreau, Candidate for Fremont County Sheriff.

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cates a Deputy Placement Program, meaning deputies that live in your area would be in charge of that area. Low deputy pay is another area that Mr. Moreau feels needs attention. "We can't hire and keep good people unless our salaries are competitive." Skip believes that, "We the People", are not just words and is respectfully asking for your vote this November.

Skip's first objective would be to put more emphasis on illegal drug activity with a strong drug enforcement and elimination plan. He feels that we currently do not have a handle on the drug scene and would rely on his experience in undercover narcotics work to bring forth changes in our county. He would like to make cuts in what he sees as possible wasteful spending in our jails medical expenses.

Another area that needs attention would be low pay for our deputies. We must be able to offer a competitive salary if we are to keep high quality officers with the department. A deputy placement program would keep deputies that live in your area in charge of that area. This would help cut response time and of course, the deputy would be familiar with the surroundings making it easier for him/her to spot things that were out of place. Skip would like to see more involvement with farm and ranch families in our area and has also expressed a desire to increase mounted patrols and put posse members to work. "These people are retired law enforcement and they could work accidents freeing up the seasoned officer for more serious cases."



A successful event for the Fremont County Young Conservatives.

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Gone Too Far

The details of the Michael Brown shooting in Ferguson, Missouri, in St. Louis County will take a while to work out. Police say Brown physically assaulted a police officer and during the struggle reached for the officer's gun. He was shot once in the police car and a number of shots were fired outside the car. The result is an 18-year-old unarmed, black man killed by the police. Riots have ensued. In the days since Saturday, there has been a tremendous show of force by the St. Louis police. It is as if the U.S. Armed Forces and all their firepower converged on Ferguson. The pictures of the equipment, machine guns, assault rifles, and protective gear do not remind us of the Midwest, but rather of the Third Reich.

All this firepower and military-level equipment in the possession of police is not only a bad idea, it is unconstitutional. The military is not supposed to police the citizenry. We are on the same side. But the police in St. Louis, and I'm sure in other parts of the country, have become the military. If it looks like a duck and walks like a duck, it must be a duck. People can call it a goose, but it is a duck. They can call the riot control in St. Louis police, but it has the look and feel of a high-powered military. And that should be the major concern for Americans, behavior of the citizens of Ferguson aside. The pure deadly force possessed by police officers puts them in a military/warrior mindset.

Reporters Ryan Reilly of the *Huffington Post* and Wesley Lowery of the *Washington Post* were arrested in a Ferguson McDonalds, a gathering spot

for journalists covering the riot. In an interview with MSNBC, Reilly said the officer would "not tell me what I was under arrest for...he was in complete SWAT gear...The worst part was he slammed my head against the glass purposely on the way out of the McDonalds then sarcastically apologized for it....The mentality of the officers was extremely disturbing. They essentially acted as a military force." Lowery wrote on Twitter: "Apparently, in America, in 2014, police can manhandle you, take you into custody, put you in a cell and then open the door like it didn't happen."

The UK Daily Mail reported that "the two men were eventually released without charge and all attempts at asking the names of their arresting officers were rebuffed." Irrespective of the behavior of the citizenry and justification for the shooting, jackboot tactics and military firepower have been established as the national policy for unrest. We saw it in the door-to-door shut down of Boston and we see it in Ferguson. This is a dangerous threat to the liberty of all Americans, irrespective of race, religion, age, gender, or social status. It is even more threatening when you consider the persecution of race, religion, and freedom of speech allowed worldwide by this administration. Someday you may face an Acts 5:29 moment. Will you be as Peter and the other apostles in answering, "We ought to obey God rather than men"?

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson

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by Lorri Anderson,
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Ammon Bundy, the son of Cliven Bundy, wrote a powerful open letter to Sheriff Doug Gillespie. This is the spirit of America, calling out illegal actions and cowardice and pointing men back to the law.

August 6, 2014

To Sheriff Doug Gillespie, Clark County Nevada Sheriff's Department,

In a recent press conference, you mentioned 1) the BLM lied to you and 2) Bundy brought armed men to the ranch for protection.

While I can't speak to the validity of your first claim, we unequivocally take issue with the second. We never asked for armed men to come to our aid. In fact, **everyone who arrived at the Bundy ranch (men, women, armed & unarmed), voluntarily came to support the constitutional rights that you failed to defend. Had you not neglected your duty to defend our rights, the rights of the very people for whom you swore a solemn oath to defend, there never would have been a standoff in the first place.** (emphasis mine)

So while you chastise my family and pontificate about how "Bundy should be held accountable for crossing the line", **let it be known that the responsibility for this escalation rests primarily at the doorstep of the Clark County Sheriff's office.** (emphasis mine)

Please allow me a moment to remind you of some of the history leading up to that day:

Hundreds of militarized agents invaded our community and terrorized us. They seized the land by gunpoint, claiming it as their own. They not only threatened, but actually inflicted bodily harm on anyone who stepped onto the land. Remind you, this land was cared for,

cultivated and improved upon by my family and the community for many generations. A 57-year-old cancer surviving woman was body slammed by a federal agent, for doing nothing more than exercising her first amendment rights. As we sat in the sniper's cross-hairs, federal agents shoved M-16 rifles into the faces of our wives who were holding our infant children. Dave was kicked, beaten, battered, loaded into a federal truck and taken to the BLM compound to become the BLM trophy. They paraded him around in the sun, cruelly ridiculing him for hours, tightly bound (without water). After they had their fun with him, they dumped him out on the road and covered up any legal proof that they even took him.

These are just a few of the atrocities that were inflicted upon my family and the community - who was peacefully protesting. The only thing we pointed at those agents, were cameras to capture their atrocities for the world to see. In return, they released dogs on us, they tased us, they beat us and they abused us in order to intimidate us.

When our first amendment rights were stripped down to a 20'x50' box, you did nothing. When armed men trampled my brother, beat him and nearly took his life, you refused to protect. When women, infants, and children were held captive at gunpoint by angry and violent men, our cries for help fell on deaf ears.

When men and women literally wounded and bleeding were in need of emergency assistance, because you allowed these heavy hands to afflict us, you then refused the emergency medical services to be dispatched for our care. (emphasis mine)

When we called, you said, "there wasn't anything you could do". You said, "This fight was be-

tween the Bundy's and the BLM". However, you commanded your deputies to stand by while their own families and community members were being inflicted upon and threatened with lethal weapons.

Sheriff, your response demonstrates that you have a fundamental misunderstanding of your place in our government. **You have more authority and responsibility than any federal agency, and yet you cowardly forced the people to defend themselves.** (emphasis mine)

Evidence in your power and responsibility was never more apparent than at the standoff. When your deputies told the federal agents to back down - the federal agents backed down. They backed down because your deputies who had constitutional and jurisdictional authority from the people, finally did what the people hired you and them to do, and insisted that these federal agents stop their abuses.

In the end, your deputies did the right thing, but Sheriff, you should have never let it come to this. While the BLM was willing to shoot my family over land and power, we were willing to die for our families, our livelihoods, and our constitutional rights. You should have been defending these rights for us. That's what we elected you to do.

Thankfully, the American people came to our defense. They came to our defense because you failed to do your duty. For that you should be grieved and held accountable. (emphasis mine)

I offer warning to you and other government personnel that lead or follow your example. The people are in unrest because of these types of egregious actions. The purpose of government is to protect and uphold the unalienable rights of the people, not to infringe upon

them. It is our duty and obligation to defend our God-given rights if our government representatives fail to do so, or tries to discard them. We as citizens desire to live in peace and tranquility, but will defend our freedoms if necessary, in order to do so. **I call upon you, Sheriff Gillespie, and all civil servants, to honorably effectuate the true purpose of government, to uphold the oaths and duties of your sworn offices-to truly be representative of the people, by the people and for the people.** (emphasis mine)

I leave you with the wisdom of Thomas Jefferson:

"Rightful liberty is unobstructed action according to our will within limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others. I do not add 'within the limits of the law' because law is often but the tyrant's will, and always so when it violates the rights of the individual."

Sincerely,
Ammon Bundy

A special thank you to ALL the American patriots that stood in the face of tyranny, against oppression, and physical abuse. I salute all whom helped protect this family and took a stand for our constitution when Sheriff Doug Gillespie refused to do so. You have proven once again that it is not "law enforcement" nor "DHS" that protects this country, but it is and always will be WE THE PEOPLE.

God Bless the Bundy family for taking a stand, my prayers are with you. I do wonder if Sheriff Gillespie will respond, or if there will simply be a repeat of the Bundy Ranch stand off? Will the Sheriff remain silent once again? Only time will tell, but one thing is for sure Sheriff Gillespie takes "hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil" to an entirely different level.

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**"For the day of the Lord
upon all the nations is near;
As you have done,
it shall be done to you;**

Obadiah 1:15,
NKJV

Hundreds Of Yazidis Found In ISIS Mass Grave, Many Buried Alive

by Tyler Durden

(Editor/GG: This is the DIRECT result of an incompetent and immoral U.S. President, Mr. Narcism himself, Barack Obama. If these were Muslims being slaughtered, he'd be intervening at once (eg, supplying the Muslim jihadists in Syria which was in itself beyond belief.)

If the stated purpose of U.S. intervention in the “country formerly known as Iraq” which saw the fourth consecutive U.S. president launching military strikes in a nation now absolutely destroyed thanks to U.S. involvement, was humanitarian (it isn’t) and allegedly to “protect” the Yazidi ethnic minority members stuck on a mountain near Sinjar, then it needs some fine-tuning. The reason: as Reuters reports, Islamic State militants have slaughtered at least 500 Yazidis during their latest offensive in the north, with Iraq’s human rights minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani adding that the ISIS jihadists also buried alive some of their victims, including women and children. Some 300 women were kidnapped as slaves, he added.

As a reminder, ISIS atrocities against Yazidis was the primary (if thoroughly fabricated) reason why according to Obama, he promptly agreed to launch airstrikes against ISIS on Thursday night, leading to numerous bombing sorties in the following day.

Fast forward to today to find the following from Reuters:

“We have striking evidence obtained from Yazidis fleeing Sinjar and some who escaped death, and also crime scene images that show indisputably that the gangs of the Islamic States have executed at least 500 Yazidis after seizing Sinjar,” Sudani said in a telephone interview, in his first remarks to the media on the issue.

Sinjar is the ancient home of the Yazidis, one of the towns captured by the Sunni militants who view the community as “devil worshipers” and tell them to convert to Islam or face death.

A deadline passed at midday on Sunday for 300 Yazidi families to convert to Islam or face death at the hands of the militants. It was not immediately clear whether the Iraqi minister was talking about the fate of those families or others in the conflict.

“Some of the victims, including women and children, were buried alive in scattered mass graves in and around Sinjar,” Sudani said.

The minister’s comments could pile pressure on the United States - which has carried out air strikes on Islamic State targets in response to the group’s latest push through the north - to provide more extensive support.

“In some of the images we have

obtained there are lines of dead Yazidis who have been shot in the head while the Islamic State fighters cheer and wave their weapons over the corpses,” said Sudani. “This is a vicious atrocity.”

The Iraqi government, which had been begging for U.S. intervention for months (if only to see Putin promptly step up while Obama dithered waiting to see who would replace current PM al-Maliki), is finally content that the U.S. has stepped up: “The terrorist Islamic State has also taken at least 300 Yazidi women as slaves and locked some of them inside a police station in Sinjar and transferred others to the town of Tal Afar. We are afraid they will take them outside the country. The international community should submit to the fact that the atrocities of the Islamic State will not stop in Iraq and could be repeated somewhere else if no urgent measures were taken to neutralize this terrorist group,” Sudani said.

“It’s now the responsibility of the international community to take a firm stand against the Islamic State to reach a consensus on a legitimate decision to start the war on Islamic State to stop genocides and atrocities against civilians.”

The reason: the Iraq state has clearly shown it is incapable of stopping the (U.S.-funded) ISIS advance, either to the north, or,

increasingly, to the south where both Baghdad is located, as well as Iraq’s critical oil fields. Which is why now that the U.S. is involved, the Iraq regime is certainly relieved if only for the time being: it remains to be seen just what the real U.S.-motive behind backing the same ISIS it is ostensibly “fighting”, is.

In the meantime, the ISIS persecution of the Yazidis, followers of an ancient religion derived from Zoroastrianism and who are spread over northern Iraq as part of the Kurdish minority, continues.

The irony: many of their villages were destroyed when Saddam Hussein’s troops tried to crush the Kurds during his iron-fisted rule. Some were taken away by the executed former leader’s intelligence agents. Now they are on the defensive again. Tens of thousands of Yazidis fled for their lives after Kurdish fighters abandoned them in the face of Islamic State militants, and are trapped on a mountain near Sinjar at risk of starvation.

It is they who will first and foremost realize just what it means when the U.S. pursue “humanitarian” intervention when its motives are entirely ulterior. Because as AFP adds, the U.S. mission is well-short of achieving success:

“The Kurdish peshmerga forces have succeeded in making 30,000 Yazidis who fled Mount

Sinjar, most of them women and children, cross into Syria and return to Kurdistan,” said Barbahari, who is in charge of the Fishkhabur crossing with Syria. “Most of them crossed yesterday and today, this operation is ongoing and we really don’t know how many are still up there on the mountain,” he told AFP.

Lawmaker Vian Dakhil, who is from the Yazidi minority most of the Mount Sinjar displaced belong to, said 20,000 to 30,000 had managed to flee and were now in Iraqi Kurdistan. **“20,000 to 30,000 have managed to flee Mount Sinjar but there are still thousands on the mountain,”** she told AFP. “They have arrived in Kurdistan.”

“The passage isn’t 100 percent safe. There is still a risk,” she added, as the international community ramped up efforts to provide food and water by air drops to those still stranded.

And speaking of ulterior motives, even the liberal New Republic finally figured out that “the U.S. Airstrikes in Northern Iraq Are All About Oil.” But... that would mean that the difference between Obama and Dubya is... if you haven’t figured it out by now, you never will.

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BIRDS OF A FEATHER: Udall's Lip-Service On Sage Grouse Hurts CO

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

Sen. Mark Udall was in Gunnison this week, getting a lesson on how listing the Gunnison sage grouse as an endangered species would harm the economies of Gunnison and large parts of the Western Slope. Now, we’re sure he made all sorts of promises, and said all sorts of nice words, like that he would fight to make sure President Obama didn’t harm a place Obama’s most likely never been to. But, as we’ve illustrated many times, and as the people over at Breitbart do once again, Udall’s actions fall very far short of whatever he might say:

Colorado Democrat Senator Mark Udall is talking a good game (bird) when it comes to an issue with significant economic ramifications for the West, including in Colorado; however, his actions, unlike his words suggest there is good reason for concern. (the Peak’s emphasis)

Breitbart goes on to speak about a Wall Street Journal article that illustrates how

Obama acting in coordination with Green Activists and his Department of Interior could use the listing of Gunnison sage grouse as a way to prohibit development throughout western Colorado. Not only would this be a huge infringement by over-bearing Washington Bureaucrats on rural Coloradans, but it would also be an economy killer. Any sort of activity aimed to produce more jobs and grow the economy would almost certainly have to run through a new slew of red tape aimed at choking off all individual initiative or innovation. Obama’s government has a history of taking a very broad view when it comes to impact of ecological systems. Anything from you coming within thousands of miles of disturbing nesting grounds (approximately), to you looking at one of the birds funny usually results in eco-extremists getting butt-hurt and the federal government yelling at you for being a bad person.

Once again Udall’s actions paint a very different story than his words:

Udall could have voted to prevent the above from happening in the foreseeable future, instead, he’s claiming the threat is required to make local officials act to protect the bird. That position assumes the local officials and state citizens that vote them in and out of office are incapable of acting responsibly without being threatened from the federal government. So much for all politics being local.

It should come as no surprise that Obama has put off any final decision on the Gunnison sage grouse until after midterm elections. It’s only all too easy to connect the dots that no one from Gunnison or the Western Slope is going to want to vote for Udall after he bows to whatever Obama and the eco-extremists want to do to Colorado once again.

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DOGFIGHT ON: Rasmussen-Beauprez 44, Hick 44

by ColoradoPeakPolitics, ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

We now interrupt your normal broadcast for breaking news:

HOLY SNICKEYS, BATMAN, not only will Gov. John Hickenlooper have what he thought was a slightly annoying reelection campaign to run this year, but he is now officially in a dogfight to save his political life. With many recent polls showing no Republican candidate closer to Hick than double digits, the breaking Rasmussen poll that shows Hickenlooper and GOP gubernatorial candidate Bob Beauprez tied at 44%-44% is shocking and surprising. Sure, a tightening of the race should be expected following the Republicans finally settling on one candidate. Yet, less than one week after the primary Beauprez has already caught Hickenlooper. This bodes very ill for Hick.

This must have Hickenlooper’s handlers deeply disturbed, as Hickenlooper shows he becomes quite unhinged when things aren’t going well for him. It equally must

be devastating to a man who only wants people to love him. Even after four years of trying his gosh darn best, less than half of Colorado likes Hick enough to want him around for another four years. At this rate, we can expect to see Hickenlooper standing on a street corner with a cardboard sign that says, “Will lie to you for affection.”

Seriously, how does Hick respond to this? His whole political career has been that of a one-trick pony, where he pretends to be above the political fray; more benevolent deity than politician. Now that his record of the past four years has shown this to be a complete fraud, he’s got no cards left to play. The man who deigns campaigns and politics to be beneath his grand stature, can’t suddenly enter the bare-knuckle, dogfight for your political life world without exposing himself for what he truly is: a complete sham.

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**Proclaim this among the nations:
“Prepare for war!
Wake up the mighty men,
Let all the men of war draw near,
Let them come up.
Beat your plowshares into swords
And your pruning hooks into spears;**

Joel 3:9-11, NKJV

Border Patrol Agent Points Loaded Weapon at Boy Scouts During Illegal Search – Leader of Troop Speaks Out

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FreedomOutPost.com

In an exclusive interview with Joshua Cook, Jim Fox, the scout leader of the Mid-Iowa Boy Scout Troop 111, explained what happened earlier this month at a checkpoint along the Alaska – Canada border.

At the check point, one of the boys took a picture of the border agent and “threw the agent into a frenzy.” According to Fox, the agent immediately confiscated the camera, told the boy that he could be subjected to 10 years of prison or a \$10,000 fine. The boys and driver were escorted inside the border patrol station.

“The border agent tried to bait me. He wanted to get a reaction out of me and I did not give it to him,” said Fox. The border agent didn’t want Fox to follow him while he searched the van because Fox might turn over “search techniques to the undesirables.”

One of the agents asked to see one of the bags of the scouts. One scout knew where the bag was and tried to get the bag to assist the agent. That’s when Fox said an agent had a loaded pistol pointed at the boy.

Fox said that the boy thought the agent was going to shoot him and got back into the van. “They were sitting there scared to death,” said Fox.

“And for our government to take these young men and illegally search them and illegally seize and pull a weapon on these kids — something is wrong.”

Joshua Cook asked Fox, “Did you feel at that moment that you still lived in America?”

“No,” said Fox. “I didn’t and neither did the boys.”

Fox said that they have experienced this type of intimidation before with the TSA in Orlando, Florida. In Orlando one of the eagle scouts accidentally dropped his boots after going through a full search.

One of the officers said, “...if that boy doesn’t calm down I will arrest him and remove him from this airport.” Fox asked the officer, “What did the boy do?”

“He dropped his boots in a threatening manner,” said the officer.

The border patrol agent asked Fox, “I suppose you’re wondering why

we are doing this?” While pointing at the teenage boy the agent told Fox, “It’s our job to protect this border. It’s our job to keep terrorists from crossing the border.”

Senator Chuck Grassley told Fox News, “It’s outrageous that a border patrol agent would point a gun at a boy scout just for taking a picture,” he told the television station. “It just doesn’t make sense.”

Cook asked Fox if he thought his Fourth Amendment was violated.

“Totally,” answered Fox.

Fox had a meeting scheduled with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) this week to discuss the event, but will not attend without a constitutional attorney from the Rutherford Institute. According to Fox’s Facebook page, The Rutherford Institute offered to represent him.

Cook asked, “Is there any video footage of this event?” According to Fox, the DHS will not send a copy of the video to him, media organizations, or Sen. Grassley.

Fox told Cook that the

Rutherford Institute will submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to access the video. DHS claims there is no audio of the event.

Cook asked Fox, “In light of the open borders and drug cartels going back and forth at the southern border freely, does it anger you at all that the focus of border security is on patriotic groups like the Boy Scouts?”

“It’s frustrating,” said Fox. “It’s frustrating that we give these thugs that kind of power.”

“And for our government to take these young men and illegally search them and illegally seize and pull a weapon on these kids — something is wrong,” said Fox.

“But they’re questioning whether or not they can go back into their own country...something’s not right!”

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All of Tennessee's Employment Growth Since 2000 Has Gone to Immigrants, Yet Natives Accounted for Two-Thirds of Population Growth

By Karen Zeigler, Steven A. Camarota August 2014, CIS.Org

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(Editor/GG: The illegals are taking our jobs. Obama is letting them pour into our country. Each one will eventually be a vote for socialism.)

The Gang of Eight Senate Immigration Bill (S.744) passed last June would have roughly doubled the number of new foreign workers allowed into the country and legalized millions of illegal immigrants already in the United States. Both Tennessee senators — Lamar Alexander (R) and Bob Corker (R) — voted for it.

To put into context the possible effects of this legislation on Tennessee, the Center for Immigration Studies has analyzed recent government data on employment. The analysis shows that, since 2000, all

of the net increase in the number of working-age (16 to 65) people holding a job in Tennessee has gone to immigrants (legal and illegal). This is the case even though the native-born accounted for 60 percent of the growth in the state’s total working-age population.

- The total number of working-age (16 to 65) immigrants (legal and illegal) holding a job in Tennessee increased by 94,000 from the first quarter of 2000 to the first quarter of 2014, while the number of working-age natives with a job declined by 47,000 over the same period.

- The fact that all of the long-term net gain in employment among the working-age population went to immigrants is striking because natives accounted for 60 percent of the increase in the total size of the state’s working-age population.

- In the first quarter of this year, only 66 percent of working-age natives in the state held a job. As

recently as 2000, 72 percent of working-age natives in Tennessee were working.

- Because the native-born population in Tennessee grew significantly, but the percentage working fell, there were nearly 300,000 more working-age natives not working in the first quarter of 2014 than in 2000.

- The supply of potential workers in Tennessee remains very large: In the first quarter of 2014, 1.3 million working-age natives were not working (unemployed or entirely out of the labor market), as were 90,000 working-age immigrants.

- While the share of working-age natives holding a job has improved in Tennessee somewhat since the jobs recovery began in 2010, the share working showed no improvement in the last year.1

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Officers Four Times As Safe Checking Rifle Carriers

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Editor/GG: Patriots, check out the picture from our Independence Day march below in the article. We ARE making a difference.)

Most law enforcement officers do not interact with people openly carrying rifles and shotguns, or long guns, as they are collectively called. That has been changing in recent years as more and more members of the gun culture have exercised their first and second amendment rights by openly carrying long guns. The movement has taken off in Texas, where the open carry of modern pistols is banned in public places. Texas is one of only six states that bans the open carry of pistols. In Texas the law is an archaic anomaly caused by the civil war and the rewriting of the the Texas Constitution during reconstruction. In other states, open carry of long guns in cities and towns is a celebration of second amendment rights, or a protest by youthful citizens who are not allowed to carry pistols. In either case, protesters pushing for

reform of restrictive laws, or people educating the public and police officers by exercising their second amendment rights, the rifle and shotgun carriers have been remarkably safe.

The open carriers often go to considerable lengths to insure safety, keeping the long guns slung over their shoulders, requiring chamber flags (brightly colored plastic inserts that indicate an empty chamber) and enforcing strict muzzle discipline on each other to insure that the firearms are not pointed at anyone. This is understandable, as they are in the public eye, and accidents would be seen as an enormous set back for their cause. Even the *New York Times* recognizes this:

The state's clear interest in maintaining public order can be narrowly satisfied by demanding that protesters either carry guns that are unloaded — at least with an open chamber — or which otherwise have the barrel or action blocked. Thus far, open carry protesters have largely followed this rule, notably by sticking tiny American flags into their guns.

But how safe are they when it comes to law enforcement? In spite of the news coverage, the increasing open carry of long guns is not easily quantified. Most officers will not yet encounter openly carried long guns. Criminals eschew them because they are not easily concealed. More people are murdered with hands and feet than with rifles and shotguns.



Open carriers with rifles; neither hunters nor protesters, but private purchasers at a "buy back" event
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Texas open carry march

There is a group of law enforcement officers who encounter openly carried long guns hundreds of times a year. If there were to be a problem, it is they who would encounter it. It is axiomatic that game wardens deal with people openly armed with loaded long guns hundreds of times as frequently as do other law enforcement officers.



Open Carry at the Michigan Capitol

Decades ago, I was a game warden in a couple of states. Wardens routinely encounter people carrying loaded long guns. The guns are usually not slung, but are carried at the low ready or port arms. I never saw a chamber flag in these encounters, nor did I ever hear of a warden who did. Wardens do not customarily or regularly disarm the armed people that they interact with. Wardens do not routinely point their weapons at people carrying loaded long guns. Yet my recollection is that they are almost never shot by long gun carriers. Some wardens were so confident of the safety of their work, that they routinely left their issue firearms in their vehicle, or at home. Part of this confidence may stem from the fact that a great many wardens are recruited from the gun culture, and understand its ethics and values.

We do not have to rely on anecdotal evidence. There are statistics.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), there are 6,640 fish and

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game wardens in the United States as of 2013. The job description reads as follows:

Patrol assigned area to prevent fish and game law violations. Investigate reports of damage to crops or property by wildlife. Compile biological data.

The BLS also gives us a number for total sworn law enforcement. There are

635,380 of them for the same year. Here is their job description from the BLS:

Maintain order and protect life and property by enforcing local, tribal, state, or federal laws and ordinances. Perform a combination of the following duties: patrol a specific area; direct traffic; issue traffic summonses; investigate accidents; apprehend and arrest suspects, or serve legal processes of courts.

Fish and Game wardens make up a little over 1% of the total, 1.045%.

We also have numbers for law enforcement officers who were shot and killed in the line of duty, including a number of game wardens. I chose a 20-year period, from 1992 to 2011, to be long enough for significance, and to ensure that there was time to collect data from the more recent cases.

According to the Officers Down Memorial Page website, there were 1,189 sworn officers that were deliberately killed by gunfire from 1992 to 2011. They have a separate cat-

egory for accidental gun fire, and as expected, it is a tiny fraction of those who are killed deliberately. If game wardens died by gunfire at the same rate as other law enforcement officers, you would expect that there would be 12 felonious killings of game wardens during the same period. $1.045\% \times 1189 = 12.42$. That is a very small number, and 20 years is a long time.

The facts are startling. Only three game wardens were deliberately killed by

you consider that hunters and open carry demonstrators and protesters are subsets of the same culture, the gun culture.

The gun culture, as explored by professor Brian Anse Patrick in "The Rise of the Anti-Media" is in transition from the older gun culture in which hunting was a predominant activity, to the new gun culture in which self defense and politics are predominant activities.

One of the commandments of the gun culture is to nev-



Colorado open carry celebration march
(GG/Editor: This be Westcliffe, Colorado, folks!)

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gunfire in the 20-year period, less than 1/4 of what would be expected. One of them was killed while assisting deputy sheriffs in a drug raid (he had been a narcotics officer before becoming a game warden). He was shot with a pistol. The other two were killed in the process of apprehending poachers. One was shot with a handgun in the process of placing the offender in handcuffs; the other was shot with a rifle after the offender emptied his pistol at the end of a high speed chase,

er point a gun at anyone or anything you do not wish to destroy. This commandment is so ingrained that gun culture members who become peace officers often have to undergo special training to overcome the reluctance to point guns at people. As a firearms instructor, I observed this cultural effect many times.

The open carry of long guns is becoming more common as the 80-100 million gun owners and members of the gun culture become more politically involved. Police officers have nothing to fear from this exercise of



Hunters with long guns. The center two have semi-automatics

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then grabbed a rifle. None of them were shot while a warden was approaching someone openly carrying a long gun.

If we leave out the drug raid, the number drops to less than one sixth.

It appears that one of the safest things law enforcement officers can do is check out people who are legally carrying long guns. This is not surprising when

second amendment rights. They need only look to the experience of game wardens to reassure themselves that these demonstrators will continue to behave safely and responsibly.

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More Concealed Carriers = Less Violent Crime, Study Shows

by Lily Dane,
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According to a new study, a significant increase in concealed carry weapons permit holders has led to an equally sharp decrease in violent crime.

The study, conducted by the Crime Prevention Research Center, found that 11.1 million Americans now have permits to carry concealed weapons. In 2007, that number was only 4.5 million. That's an increase of 146%. Both murder and violent crime rates have dropped by 22 percent.

The center's president, John R. Lott, explained the findings to Fox News:

"When you allow people to

carry concealed handguns, you see changes in the behavior of criminals. Some criminals stop committing crimes, others move on to crimes in which they don't come into contact with victims and others actually move to areas where they have less fear of being confronted by armed victims."

Lott also pointed out that the six states that do not require a permit for concealed carry have some of the lowest violent crime rates in the US.

"We found that the size of the drop [in crime] is directly related to the percentage of the population with permits,"

Lott explained:
The real measure of the deterrent effect of concealed

carry permits is not laws on the books, but the percentage of a given state's population that holds the permits. In 10 states, more than 8 percent of adults hold concealed carry permits, and all are among the states with the lowest crime rates. Lott claims his group's analysis shows that each one percentage point increase in the adult population holding permits brings a 1.4 percent drop in the murder rate.

A total of 11,113,013 Americans currently hold concealed carry permits, which represents 4.8 percent of the total adult population. However, numbers are not currently available for all states that issue permits (such as New York), so the number of permit holders is

likely much higher.

And, four states and the majority of Montana do not require that residents have a concealed handgun permit to carry within the state, so the number of residents who carry a concealed weapon is not recorded.

Florida tops the list with nearly 1.3 million concealed carry permits. Texas is second, at just more than 708,000. Hawaii, at 183, has the fewest of states whose data was available.

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These Two Businesses Did NOT Get Looted... Can You Guess Why?

by Mac Slavo,
SHTFPlan.com

hands on his merchandise.

While scores of businesses in Ferguson were being looted by out-of-control rioters Sunday night, a couple of them went the evening without incident.

"Nobody is robbing St. Louis Ink Tattoo Studio anytime soon. Or County Guns, for that matter.

The two north county businesses share a storefront in a Florissant strip mall less than a ten minute drive from the epicenter of last night's riots in Ferguson.

After hearing of the roving bands of looters, Mike Gutierrez knew he had to protect his tattoo shop. He brought a posse with him, including Adam Weinstein, owner of County Guns, who was acutely worried about criminals getting their

"We didn't want them coming in here and then running around with a bunch of free guns," Weinstein told Daily RFT when we arrived at the store around 12:30 a.m. this morning. Weinstein was outfitted with an assault rifle, pistol, and tactical vest. Gutierrez cradled his own rifle in his hands."

(Via Riverfront Times)

It turns out that when violent looters come face to face with people prepared to kill to defend their property, the looters tend to choose a 'safer' target.

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Pictured: Mike Gutierrez (left) and Adam Weinstein (third from left) brought guns to guard their store during the riots in Ferguson last night.

courtesy photo.

Guess What Detroit's Police Chief Credits for Crime Decline

by Chuck Ross,
DailyCaller.com

The chief of Detroit police credited legally armed residents for a substantial decrease in crime in a city that desperately needs it.

"Criminals are getting the message that good Detroiters are armed and will use that weapon," said chief James Craig, according to The Detroit News.

"I don't want to take away from the good work our investigators are doing, but I think part of the drop in crime, and robberies in particular, is because criminals are thinking twice that citizens could be armed."

According to The Detroit News, there have been 37 percent fewer robberies, 22 percent fewer break-ins and 30 percent fewer carjackings so far in 2014 compared to the same period last year.

"I can't say what specific percentage is caused by this, but there's no question in my mind it has had an effect," Craig said.

The chief cited fewer stories of Detroit homeowners having to fire weapons at intruders as evidence that criminals are getting the message.

The Motor City has been the poster-child of urban crisis for several decades. For various reasons the city

has fallen deeply into debt, leading to what has been dubbed a "death spiral" of cutbacks to public services and increasing crime.

Craig's pro-self-defense comments are not new. He was featured in a National Rifle Association publication earlier this year and has made other statements to the press claiming that an armed citizenry helps deter crime.

In his remarks, Craig distinguished between the effects of gun ownership among law-abiding citizens and ownership among criminals.

"[Criminals] automatically assume another criminal is carrying," Craig said. "I'm

talking about criminals who are thinking of robbing a citizen; they're less likely to do so if they think they might be armed."

Al Woods, an ex-criminal in the city, backed Craig's claims.

"If I was out there now robbing people these days, knowing there are a lot more people with guns, I know I'd have to rethink my game plan," Woods told The Detroit News.

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

by Jason Howerton,
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(Editor/GG: Remember in November when you vote, folks, what our beloved Governor Chickenlooper did last year when he signed those unconstitutional gun laws: Magpull Industries, one of the country's leaders in injection molding technology left the state taking 100's of jobs and millions of dollars in payroll with them. Democrats are ideological fanatics who will sacrifice anything, including your freedom and job,

for their socialist goals. Vote them OUT.)

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

"During the legislative session in Maryland that resulted in passage of the Firearm Safety Act of 2013, the version of the statute

that passed the Maryland Senate would have prohibited Beretta U.S.A. from being able to manufacture, store, or even import into the State products that we sell to customers throughout the United States and around the world," Beretta General Manager Jeff Cooper said in a statement.

"While we were able in the Maryland House of Delegates to reverse some of those obstructive provisions, the possibility that such restrictions might be reinstated in the future leaves us very worried about the wisdom

of maintaining a firearm manufacturing factory in the State," he added.

Cooper said the gun manufacturer initially planned to use the new Tennessee facility only for new equipment and production of new product lines, but the company decided that it is "more prudent from the point of view of our future welfare" to move the full manufacturing operation to the new facility.

The new Beretta facility in Gallatin, Tennessee, is scheduled to

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

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

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U.S. Postal Service: Over \$47 Billion In Losses In The Past Decade And Counting

by Tyler Durden

Curious what pure, unadulterated government efficiency in practice, if not in theory, looks like? Then the following chart of USPS operating profits, pardon, losses over the past decade should be sufficient. The punchline: having generated revenues of nearly \$700 billion in the past 40 quarters, the USPS has been bleeding red ink more or less consistently since 2006, and has now generated just over \$47 billion in operating losses over the past ten years.



It gets better.

From the WSJ: “The USPS said its total liabilities were \$67.16 billion at the end of the period, compared with \$23.16 billion in assets.”

That means the net capital deficiency, or “cost”, to keep the USPS alive, amounts to some \$44 billion as of this moment (which includes \$3.1 billion in contributions from the US government and a \$47 billion deficit since the 1971 reorganization).

Continuing: “The Postal Service reached its \$15 billion credit limit with the Treasury Department in 2012. Under law, the USPS must pay its own way. It doesn’t receive an annual taxpayer subsidy, but is reimbursed by Congress for some services such as delivering mail to the blind and overseas voters. The agency is saddled with a congress-

sional mandate that requires it to prefund more than \$5.5 billion annually for health benefits for future retirees. The service said Monday that it won’t be able to make its required \$5.7 billion payment by Sept. 30.”

In other words, more pension accruals that will never be paid out until, finally, the administration has no option but to make the payment on behalf of the postal service (thank you PBGC).

Finally, one may ask: why doesn’t this bloated, anachronistic, money-losing zombie just go away and make way for the far more efficient and nimble private sector? After all, there are countless companies which could step in and do what the USPS does for a fraction of the cost?

Simple. The answer:

- 489,727 career employees.
- 137,037 non-career employees.

Or, as they are better known in D.C., voters.

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A Sheepdog Barks!

WOOF! News Flash! Obama interrupts his vacation to come back to Washington D.C. for about a day and a half. “What is that all about?” The media discussed ad-nauseam. Oh, “He must be going to do something big, very big, like issue an immigration/amnesty executive order”, they mused. Or wait, “Maybe he is going to announce a nomination for the Supreme Court.” Yes, that’s probably it, they gleefully speculated. Oh my, “could it be Eric Holder?” “Could it be John Kerry?” Oh, Oh, Oh. This is so exciting. “It must be extremely important”, they cried out. Well, here is what it was all about. It was preplanned and was designed to bring his oldest daughter back to D.C. for some reason. Oh, he threw in a silly press conference to make it look official. There clearly was no need for him to return to Washington to speak about ISIS or Ferguson, MO. He could easily have done that from Martha’s Vineyard. Yes, my fellow sheepdogs, it was reported that this trip cost \$500,000 each way or a cool million for the round trip. No Problem America. That’s chump change. Obama can do anything he wants. Was this \$1 Million well spent? Absolutely not! He could have made his silly and unnecessary comments from his beach house. Who would care? His people tell us all the time that he has no need to be in Washington D. C. during any crisis. He has all the communications and briefing personnel he ever needs with him at all times – even on the golf course. So who did he need to see that was so important? NO ONE is the answer. WOOF! We all know the old saying; you should bring Mohammed to the mountain, not the mountain to Mohammed. (No pun intended here but if the shoe fits...) Biden or anyone else could have easily flown out to the beach house for a short consultation. But now we all know why he flew here in Air Force One and Marine One with his entire entourage. ABC confirmed it. It was all about bringing the old-

est daughter back. \$1 Million folks! But hey, when you are the Prez, who’s gonna stop ya? WOOF!

Now let’s talk about the press conference. Once again Obama is tone deaf. After a small gain against ISIS he decides to spike the football already. The problem with this clueless clown is he spikes the football at the 40 yard line and on 2nd down. ISIS is far from being destroyed and let’s see what their retaliation might be. (Right at press time we heard they beheaded an American journalist. What now, Mr. President?) This limited use so far of our air power has been good. But we need a long complete air campaign to finish these evil murderers off for good. A few small victories do not solve anything yet. It’s no time to be spiking the football and claiming victory just yet. This is early in the first quarter. WOOF! Now let’s talk about Ferguson, MO. The President should stay out of these local issues until such time that all the facts are known or unless there is a legitimate national level issue. And this is a local issue. His ad-libbing press conference was shameful and embarrassing. Here’s some of the garbage we get from this guy. “I can’t prejudice. I can’t put my thumb on the scale for one way or the other.” WHAT! Obama can’t condemn the violence and the looting and the destruction of private property? Thugs and criminals are out of control and he can’t prejudice? Really? Obama and Holder are “emoting.” We’re not talking about the pain of Michael Brown’s family. This is sad, regardless of the circumstances. But no one and certainly not Obama or Holder, knows the facts yet about the shooting. It may or may not have been justified. We don’t know yet. So far we only know this: Michael Brown was being portrayed as a choir boy. Then the video of him stealing from and bullying a store owner appeared. The Left screamed “foul!” Why? Is it wrong to know that this young black man may be a thief, a bully, and



a thug? Might he have had an attitude about law enforcement? Might he have thought the policeman knew about his robbery and he was not going down easily or cooperatively? Might the policeman have been a little afraid of an angry man who was 6’ 4” tall and almost 300 pounds? Might the policeman have overreacted? Did Brown resist arrest? Did he attack the officer? We don’t know the answers yet to any of these questions so why is the president making excuses for the looters and sending the Attorney General to get involved? And Obama even found a way to excuse this unlawful and criminal reaction to the shooting. He actually said “these young men of color feel left behind as a result of our tragic history.” Seriously? This is no way for the president to speak out. He would better serve ALL Americans by keeping his mouth shut until the facts are known and if he does feel absolutely compelled to speak out, he should condemn the after-shooting behaviors without qualification. Jason Riley, a black journalist from the Wall Street Journal said it best. He said what the law-breakers need to hear from Obama and Holder is “respect the law, pull up your pants, get an education and take care of your own family.” Spot on, Jason. Three WOOFs to you! And don’t forget about the LPSP’s motto that no good crisis should go to waste. The Democrats set up a voter registration booth right at the site of Michael Brown’s death. Can you believe it? Shameful and disgusting! America needs a major change in November. Get involved! WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH

GROWTH From page 15

Relative to other states, Tennessee ranked 30th in the nation in terms of the share of working-age natives holding a job in the first quarter of 2014.

- In terms of the labor-force participation rate (share working or looking for work) among working-age natives, the state ranked 35th in the nation.
- Two key conclusions

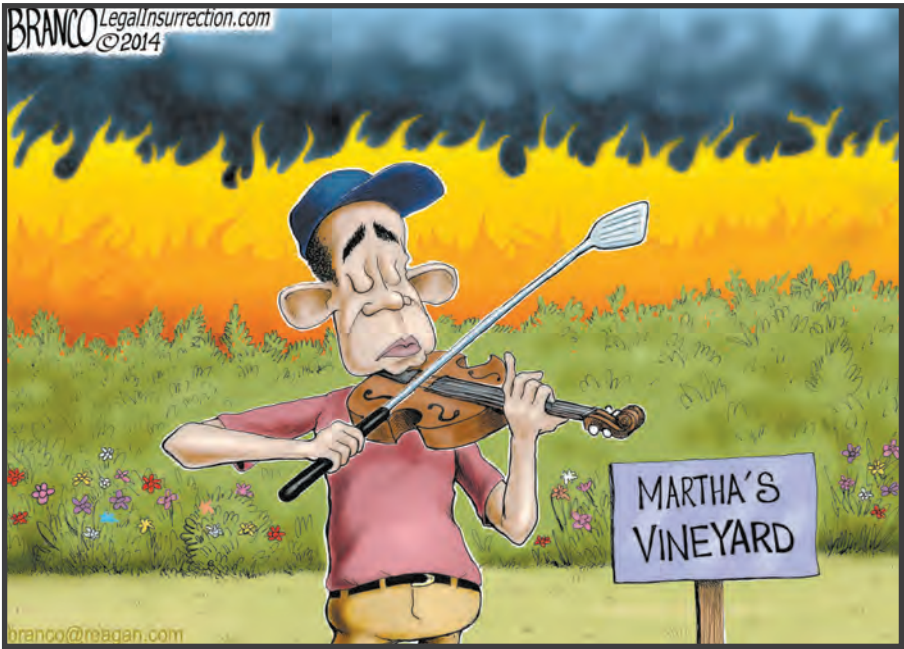
from the state’s employment situation:

- The long-term decline in the employment for natives in Tennessee and the enormous number of working-age natives not working clearly indicates that there is no general labor shortage in the state. So it is very difficult to justify the large increases in foreign workers (skilled and unskilled) allowed into the country through a bill like S.744 that many of the state’s pol-

iticians support.

- Tennessee’s working-age immigrant population grew 176 percent from 2000 to 2014, one of the highest of any state in the nation. Yet the number of natives working in 2014 was actually lower than in 2000. This undermines the argument that immigration increases job opportunities for natives.

Please see: cis.org/all-tennessee-employment-growth-to-immigrants



VA Cover Up and Corruption Continues With Only One Real Remedy

by Lauren Price,
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(Editor/GG: The most morally bankrupt administration in the history of our country does NOTHING about this. NO ONE HAS BEEN FIRED. Holder and the Justice Department have not started ONE case with regard to the CRIMINAL wrongdoing at the VA. You have a chance to make a change in this, Folks, right here in Colorado. Clean out the democrats, especially Udall and Chickenlooper in November.)

After watching the House Committee on Veterans Affairs hearing – “Evaluation of the Process to Achieve VBA Goals,” it must be stated out loud:

The Department of Veterans Affairs is THE most corrupt, morally bankrupt, depraved, and self-serving organization that has ever existed under our Flag.

Over the last year, VeteranWarriors has worked diligently to inform and educate both Congress and the public of the depth and breadth of the massive corruption in the VA. We have been called “hostile,” “un-educated” (on how the VA works) and “opinionated.”

Vindication is not what we have wanted, but it has arrived...in the form of VA employees who have had the immense courage to come forward and very publically thumb their noses at the VA leadership who, if allowed to continue, will assure that every veteran who has served this great nation so honorably, does not ever receive a single earned benefit or service. Our weekly “Wasteful Wednesday” Report has been issued since February, solely to highlight the deliberate disingenuous and corrupt nature of the VA. It is distributed to show the “real” numbers of claims the VA has, not the ones which Under Secretary Hickey proudly spouts during her cheerleading sessions. We have always known and made clear to everyone, that the numbers reported by the VA are highly suspicious. The VA freely admitted in February that they only chose to report on one category of claims. On Tuesday, we were nauseated to hear Mr. Ronald Robinson’s testimony. He is currently the president of the AFGE union local #512, retired Army First Sergeant, and 18-year veteran of serving in the Columbia, SC Regional Office as a Senior

Veterans Service Representative. When questioned by Congressman Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) on what effect, if any, the driven use of “metrics” versus “quality” had on the veteran, Mr. Robinson detailed how the manipulation of data “End Product Codes” – (those which are used by the VA in the “Monday Morning Workload Report,” submitted to Congress, the media, and used during Congressional testimony, under oath). These codes are the “identifiers” of types of claims a veteran submits and ultimately keeps the veterans claim moving along the correct path towards adjudication. Currently, the Veterans Benefits Administration “reports” on thirteen (13) codes...because The VBA chose which ones to report. The VBA only publically discusses 4 of them. The outrageous part of this is the VBA employees are being instructed by the leadership to change the dates, change the codes, and utilize codes that are “...not counted in inventory” such as code 930. This code is for “Premature Decisions on Claims,” or EP400 is for “Correspondence” – meaning claims which are closed and have only letters that are being tracked. That is

fraud. That is deliberate harm to veterans. These are not “metrics”...they are not “performance points”...these are the claims of our nation’s veterans. These are claims for rightfully earned benefits and services – which VA leaders are deliberately manipulating for their own personal gain. These “leaders” are defrauding the American taxpayer, the Veteran, and the U.S. Government. The Acting Secretary issued a press release promising the following:

1. Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs Sloan Gibson has directed that an expert team be assembled to determine possible scenarios where an individual might find a way “around the system” and decide if further controls are needed.
2. VA has directed a 100-percent facility and desk audit of mail and documentation at all 56 regional offices. The purpose of the review is to ensure records management compliance and proper control, storage, and maintenance of claim mail and other benefit-related documents.
3. VBA’s quality program has been independently verified in the past, but in order to be responsive to

concerns and further instill trust in the system that serves our Veterans, Under Secretary Hickey recently directed VBA to apply for ISO 9001 certification – considered the ultimate global benchmark for quality management, which would provide additional external validation and additional quality assurance of VBA’s data.

4. When any individual is found to have worked around the standard claims process, the Acting Secretary will respond quickly to begin necessary actions. One of those actions is to immediately notify the Office of Inspector General, where VA proactively refers cases on an ongoing basis as was done with allegations in the Baltimore regional office.

No one has been fired. No one is in jail or has even been charged with a crime. A source in the House of Representatives has confirmed that the Department of Justice has not opened a singled investigation into any of the known crimes that have taken place. The only action by the VA “Central Office” has been to put people who have committed these actions on “Paid Administrative Leave” – known to the non-veteran

world as “paid time off” or “vacation.”

Yet his Under Secretary of the VBA, Allison Hickey, testified on Tuesday on the “great successes” of the VBA in getting rid of the backlog! Either she doesn’t get his memos or she is lying. In either case, she needs to be immediately removed from her job. Ms. Hickey has never acknowledged the malfeasance, corruption, or dysfunction of her department. She has never accepted an ounce of responsibility for the actions of her subordinates...one’s she praises and signs off on huge bonuses for. However, as there is less than 15 months to the “changing of the guard” – we can only hope that Acting Secretary Gibson will take her aside and lay down the law. Nothing short of a direct order will force this VA cheerleader to stop lying to the Veterans, Congress, and the rest of us; and nothing short of criminal charges will force the “leaders” in the VA to change how they behave.

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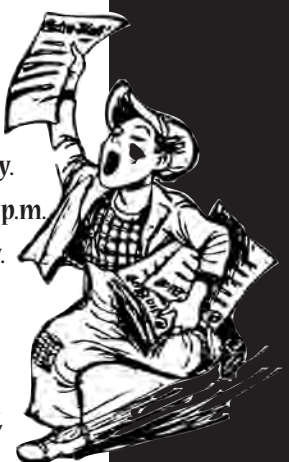
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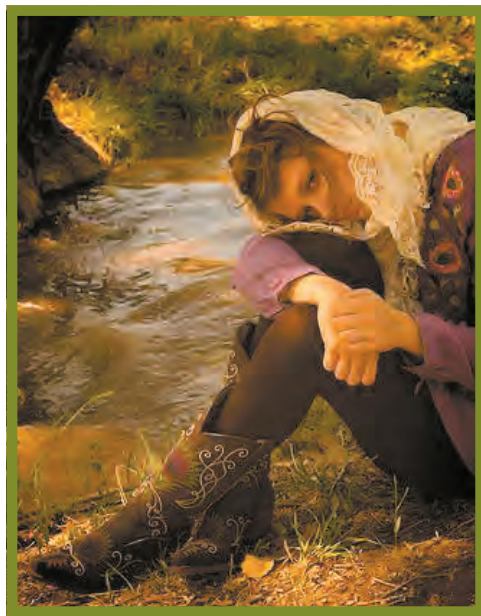
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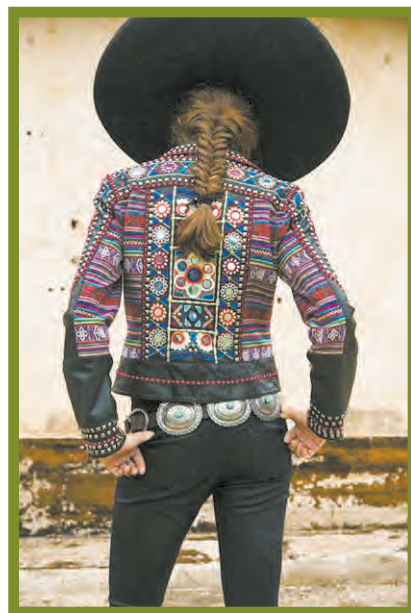
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