



Congressman Tipton Holds Town Meeting

by Larry Luikart
News & Commentary

Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Multi-Purpose Room Scott Tipton representing the Third Congressional District for Colorado, held a Town Hall meeting. After the Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Tipton offered a synopsis regarding four pieces of legislation passed in the last session of Congress.

In a tongue and cheek moment, before he began his talk, Mr. Tipton reported Congress is gridlocked. He stated in all his travels throughout the Third Congressional District no one had asked for more legislation.

Exhibiting some frustration Mr. Tipton reported that three of his four bills passed by bipartisan votes in the House of Representatives now sit (as he so eloquently stated), “on the doorstep of the Senate”. The United States Constitution in Article I, Section 7, clearly states the procedure for the passage of legislation: “Every Bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it become a Law, be presented to the President of the Unit-

ed States; If he approves he shall sign it.....”

The issue in achieving anything in Congress relies on getting consensus in both legislative branches and from the president. It is in this context that Mr. Tipton began his discussion of the legislation.

The Healthy Forest Management and Wildfire Act passed by the House will increase logging opportunities at the state level by allowing the states to bypass some of the federal environmental reviews. Logging is considered one of Colorado’s top eleven industry sectors. This Bill would open new revenue streams while requiring that twenty-five percent of the annual timber yield must be shared with rural counties and a portion of the revenue must be used to support rural school districts. Although it passed with bipartisan support in the House of Representatives it has little chance of passage in the Democratically controlled Senate. The environmentalists oppose the bill for its potential impact on the environment.

The Planning for American Energy Act passed with bipartisan support as part of a

comprehensive bill entitled federal Lands and Energy Security Act. Mr. Tipton’s bill presented common sense steps to create an all-of-the-above energy plan for utilizing Federal lands to meet America’s energy needs without removing a single environmental safeguard. The bill includes utilizing all domestic sources of energy including wind, solar, hydropower, geothermal, oil, natural gas, coal, oil shale, and minerals needed for energy development. This bill sits on the doorstep of the Senate waiting action.

The Water Rights Protection Act passed as a result of federal overreach. It prohibits all federal land management agencies, not just the Forest Service, from future attempts to take privately held water rights. This bill also sits on the doorstep of the Senate.

The Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act provides for hydropower development using existing pipelines and canals in Colorado. According to Mr. Tipton if this resource is developed the power produced will equal that of the Glen Canyon Dam. The devel-

opment will create local jobs and provide revenue to the federal government. This legislation passed both the House and Senate with bipartisan support. It has been signed into law by the president.

Mr. Tipton opened the floor for questioning. He responded to questions regarding the suspension of the wind turbine tax, broadband connectivity, and the general continued lack of cell phone coverage in the county. Mr. Tipton agrees the technology of today requires support from the federal government to push it out to areas like Custer County, even though it may not be profitable for providers. He equated this concern to the REA (Rural Electric Association) which brought electricity to low profit high cost areas in the country years ago.

A question regarding the national debt elicited a response from Mr. Tipton regarding the House of Representatives passing five bills to deal with the issue. The deficit has been



Congressman Tipton addresses citizens of Custer County.

Sentinel photo by Larry Luikart

reduced and so he believes like Ronald Reagan, “if you’re gaining ground you should take it.” He also thinks the debt problem would ease if more people were put back to work. The labor participation rate is the lowest it has been in thirty-six years. If more people were working their incomes would generate more tax dollars to offset the debt. He went on to say the economic policies currently in effect including Dodd-Frank, Obamacare, and EPA regulations continue to dampen an already miniscule and abysmal

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Motorcycle Gang Arrests

On Tuesday, August 26, Custer County Undersheriff Tony Supan stated that two arrests have been made regarding the motorcycle gang altercation on July 5. As reported in the *Sangre de Cristo Sentinel* on Friday August 15, the main attacker in the assault on the family was Jason Shambarger, age 29, of the Denver area. He was arrested in Pueblo on Custer County warrants for the following offenses: menacing, assault in the third degree, criminal mischief, harassment, unlawful conduct on public property, theft, disorderly conduct,

cruelty to animals, criminal attempt, and violation of a protection order because he was prohibited from having a weapon. Bond was set at \$100,000. Shambarger bonded out and is scheduled to appear in Custer County court on September 5. Also arrested in Pueblo was Matthew Graham, age 30, whose bond was set at \$50,000. Graham bonded out and is also scheduled to appear in Custer County court on September 5. The charges against Graham include all of the above charges except for violation of a protection order.

DECISION BEFORE ELECTION: Taking Politics Out Of Death Penalty In Hickenlooper’s Hands

by ColoradoPeakPolitics,
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Following up on yesterday’s news that Gov. John Hickenlooper is willing to commute ChuckE-Cheese murderer Nathan Dunlap’s death sentence as a lame-duck governor should Hick lose his reelection, The Gazette points out in an editorial that Hick is the only one politicizing the situation. And, it is well within Hick’s power to take politics completely out of the situation. As The Gazette writes:

“Gov. John Hickenlooper

should decide right away whether Nathan Dunlap lives or dies. No more should this man’s life be a political football...”

No one has politicized Dunlap more than Hickenlooper. He wouldn’t grant clemency because doing so would annoy his base. He punted. Now, if Republicans want to make an issue of it, Hickenlooper will change his decision. He’ll reclaim the ball and forfeit the game, granting full clemency the moment he has no more chance of winning. [the Peak’s emphasis]

The Coward-in-Chief for Colorado claims he hasn’t changed his mind on the issue, that he still favors making no permanent decision on the issue rather than just having it settled once and for all. As his campaign spokesman said in a statement:

“He expressed his position on the clemency issue in May of 2013 when he signed the executive order on this matter, and his position has not changed since then.”

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From the Editorial Board

SERIOUSLY? A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION?



Attorney General Eric Holder is going to launch a criminal investigation into the brutal killing of American journalist James Foley at the hands of ISIS. This is outrageous and stupid. ISIS killed Foley as an act of terror and war against the United States. The beheading was done by a soldier of ISIS. It is crazy to go after the soldier and not the Army that is wreaking death and destruction all over Iraq and Syria – at least for now.

Syndicated columnist and Fox News contributor Charles Krauthammer said it best. He said, "This would be like FDR going after the pilots who attacked Pearl Harbor." Think about that. We track down several busloads of Japanese airman, operating under the order of Japan's military leaders, bring them to America, give them lawyers, and provide them due process under the promises of our Constitution. Insane! Yet that is exactly what the President and Attorney General want to do and obviously believe that is justice. We can only believe they feel no one else is guilty. Not the camera-

man who filmed this despicable act or the several men involved just out of the camera shot or apparently even the leaders of the ISIS Army who ordered it done. Sadly this fits the past behavior of this president and how he deals with terrorists. He views them as simple criminals who need brought to justice and tried in our courts. Our legal system is not designed for that sort of thing. It is designed to provide a preponderance of protection to our citizens, not to terrorist murderers that can exercise all the rights found in our Constitution and then be judged by a jury of their peers. Their peers? There are no peers. This kind of action makes no sense. Why does the president want to handle the atrocity this way? It's because he painted himself into a corner on "ending the war in Iraq and getting the troops out." He promised his followers he would get us out of Iraq at any cost and he did just that. He didn't want a Status of Forces Agreement with Iraq and turned that over to Vice President Biden to make sure he didn't get one. It

was well known that pulling all U.S. troops out in such a precipitous manner would create a great vacuum. All vacuums are filled with something. In this case, fully understanding the weaknesses of the Iraqi leaders in their infant democratic state, it was predicted that terrorists would rise up and flourish. That is exactly what the president knew and he went ahead anyway. All for his legacy.

ISIS is somewhat a disaster of his own making. President Obama is now faced with a real dilemma. Our dilemma is how safe are we from the likes of this evil army, reported to be much worse than Al Qaeda. Experts who track this kind of thing for a living say we are just a few plane tickets away from another 9-11 attack. Who knows whether ISIS is already in America or not? We recently learned that as many as 300 American citizens are fighting with ISIS. It certainly won't be hard for them to get here. If they cannot afford plane tickets they just come through Texas while the Border Patrol is overwhelmed with babysitting chores. Presi-

dent Obama's dilemma is how he can he violate his often repeated pledge that he will put "no boots on the ground" to deal with ISIS. What will his base say? How will they react? His spokesman tells us the American people have no appetite for more war and are war weary. So even though they deny it they are basing the security of the United States on polls rather than actual intelligence and real threats. That is very bad for us all. This last weekend the Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff sort of got out ahead of the president. They were quickly reeled in. However, the "cat is out of the bag." Hagel said ISIS is far worse than anything America has seen before. So a laid back, half-hearted effort will not suffice. This evil army merits real attention. The President owes it to the American people and the security of the United States to deal with this threat properly and with the full force of America's power. This is something he doesn't like or believe in. He thought he was on the way to "crowing" in his

campaign-style speeches and fundraisers that he successfully got us out of Iraq and Afghanistan. Well, not so quick Mr. President. You now have a dilemma on your hands that doesn't fit your world views. We know how he views this threat. He considers it tantamount to everyday crimes committed by common thugs and criminals. So he sends the FBI out to get Foley's killer. Killer, not killers. We all saw his real concern about this threat as he conducted a hasty press conference on Martha's Vineyard, sans tie, to speak to the parents of James Foley and assure them he grieves with them and a mere eight minutes later is seen "teeing off" on a golf course, laughing and smiling. EIGHT minutes later! Has he no shame? Does he really care? It is imperative the president deal with this growing threat. He may be done with war, but war may not be done with him or America. He must do what is right for our security and safety. That is his primary job. What is his strategy to protect America and Americans? We need to know and soon.

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We The People

Targeted Businesses for the Wet Mountain Valley

by J. Cascarelli

If the local communities are to prosper long term, a program of recruiting employers to relocate to Westcliffe and/or the other parts of the valley must be initiated. We can not sustain ourselves with retirees for a whole host of reasons. Young growing families must see it in their best interest to move or to stay here. At every local forum, I have been saying that an additional 2,000 residents in Custer County would really help the town's business community. After all, as I write this there are over 600 homes and/or building sites in the real estate inventory.

The employers that the community should recruit must be those for which a rural environment would be an asset. Since the Wet Mountain Valley is remote, transportation costs would eliminate many businesses. The businesses should be non-retail. Retail will follow as the community grows. They should be in growth industries so that high school graduates and those going away to college will want return for the good jobs. That means well-paying career positions must be available.

One of our greatest resources is our quite, rural surroundings. New resi-

dents who are looking for a great place to raise children in safety, who like outdoor activities, and who appreciate the idea of a pioneer-like life style are ideal. What kind of companies would see this as an advantage? Companies that need employees who are creative would be the first I'd target. Here is a partial list:

- Any consulting organization, i.e. engineering, architectural, design, management, etc.
- Custom software development
- Those that create intellectual property
- Communications consulting
- Graphic design
- Web site development and Direct Mail specialists
- Advertising and marketing organizations

I would hope we could attract companies and their employees. These would be successful, well-paid employees that have years of productive living ahead of them. As the recruited organizations grow, the job openings could and would attract the best students from C-1 or local colleges. All of the above sited organizations belong to professional associations. Those associations often have

newsletters, web sites, and magazines. Some will take paid-for advertisement. Here is where we should advertise existing buildings and vacant property. A packet of material for those who express an interest must be developed. Local decision-making boards could also add photos of building and sites to the web sites of both towns. Maybe a "Relocate Here" section could be featured on existing web sites.

It is time for an open community-wide discussion. Many of the current efforts to attract visitors do not solve the community's economic problems. The Entertainment District, the Main Street Manager, and the on-going development of the Bluffs merely attempt to attract visitors during our very short summer. While we all watch our local merchants struggle and more and more "For Rent" and "For Sale" signs appear, the community must engage in a coordinated effort to help local businesses. The answer is 2,000 new residents. Or, we could sit around and watch the current new efforts to bring in more summer visitors run out of steam.

Is anyone ready to get serious about putting the Wet Mountain Valley communities on the map?

Letters to the Editor



Great Seminar Coming Soon

I'm writing this letter to encourage everyone to come to the seminar, "Christianity and the Competition" at the Lutheran hall on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Paul Maier is an amazing speaker who comes across as a modern day Indiana Jones. He has been a professor of ancient history for 50 years and has travelled the world to conduct archeology and religious research. He's written at least 9 books, both novels and non-fiction.

I was able to listen to him speak in Pueblo

about 7 years ago and thoroughly enjoyed his presentation. Lots of facts, personal experience and humor. I ended up buying 2 of his novels and I quickly put them at the very top of my favorite book list! They were Dan Brown-style thrillers before we'd ever heard of Dan Brown!

We are very lucky to have him here in Westcliffe...don't miss it! You'll be glad you took the time to come out.

Jeanene Comerford,
Rural Custer County

Thank you, Sheriff Jobe

When the story first broke about the July 5th Hwy 96 motorcycle club attack on the tourist family, my initial reactions were disgust that this happened in our community and near my Hardscrabble home, and frustration that these violent criminal actors would probably get away with it as so many do these days.

Then, to my very pleasant surprise I read in last week's Sheriff's Report that warrants have been issued for three men and a women associated with the attack, and that a gang task force is being used to track them down and bring them to Custer County for some measure of justice. I cannot imagine how the Sher-

iff was able to identify the perpetrators, but would like to say thanks for his quick and diligent pursuit, and hope to see future reports regarding the jailing, trial and punishment of these delinquents.

Regis Frank,
Part-time Custer County resident



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A Climate of Business Friendliness

by J. Cascarelli

Any community that wishes to achieve vitality by having a prosperous business community must be seen by existing and prospective business owners as "business friendly." Step one in becoming "business friendly" is define what it means. Consider the following:

Characteristics of Business Friendliness

- Community leaders who welcome new business
- Residents who are willing workers
- Residents willing to buy locally
- Flexible zoning
- Tax incentives
- "How can we help you" attitude from policy makers
- Give business community the benefit of the doubt
- Community growing for the future
- Has an Economic Development Plan
- Community knows what it wants
- Community policy makers willing to accommodate

How would you rate Custer County's business friendliness? Unless the community gets an "A" or a "B+", we will continue to watch our communities dry-up and blow away.

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Ask a Pro: Well data, why it pays big to 'get it right.'

We were asked to perform a well test for a house on the market. The realtor listed the house as having a 5 GPM well. The well log recorded the production as being 0.5 GPM (a coincidence not a typo). The well test placed production at 0.17 GPM.

Being the buyer made an offer to buy the property with a 5 GPM well he had every right to back out of, or renegotiate the contract. If the buyer decides to proceed with purchasing the property he'll most likely demand a steep reduction in the asking price. If the well had been listed correctly as 0.5 GPM instead of 5.0 GPM the buyer's bargaining chips may not be as stalwart.

This is the problem with using data from the State's website. This website contains a lot of errors. If it's crucial don't rely on the figures shown on this website. As I have mentioned the only place to find well production is on the drillers log/well construction and test report (GWS 31).

-David Nequette /Lic. 1043

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Meet & Greet Candidate Beauprez Campaign Representative

Bob Beauprez is the 2014 Colorado Republican candidate for governor, and a representative of his campaign is trekking to Custer County next week to meet with constituents.

The meet and greet is taking place Friday, September 5, beginning at 9 a.m. in The Mining Company Restaurant located in Silver Cliff. All interested folks are invited to attend and hear the Bob Beauprez platform.

Beauprez is a Colorado native who was raised on a dairy farm in Lafayette. Prior to embarking on a bank management career, he worked with his parents and brother on the dairy farm marketing their animals across the globe.

Additionally, Beauprez served as chairman of the state's Republican party prior to being elected representative for Colorado's

seventh congressional district. He was also the Republican nominee for governor in 2006.

Beauprez is also editor-in-chief of a the public policy e-magazine called, "A Line of Sight," which he describes as food for the Republican soul, and Beauprez has published the book, "A Return to Values: A Conservative Looks At His Party."

In addition to his writing, political endeavors and spending time with his four children and grandchildren, Beauprez operates a buffalo breeding ranch in northern Colorado with his son, Jim, and wife, Claudia. According to Beauprez, the ranch helps to renew the bond he has always had with the land, livestock, and nature.

The Custer County Republican Central Committee is hosting the September 5 meet and greet.

Custer County Cares About Cancer

Time once again for the annual Custer County Cares about Cancer Walk. This is the 5th year of the Walk. The idea for this project originated with Julie Olomon. She had a couple of customers in her salon one day, who were both victims of cancer. They spoke about the issues and the hard times with the disease, both the financial and the emotional toll it takes on the person and their families. She visited with a couple of friends and the idea came to fruition. The inspiration for the shamrock logo came from her grandmother, part Irish, who also had cancer.

The Walk has generated \$56,000 over the past four years due to the generosity of the local community and beyond. It is intended to be all encompassing with the

money available to victims spouses and their children.

Bruce Harris generously donated the candy machines that are in businesses around town. He gave Julie 10 machines and 8 are in place. Julie is hopeful that the profits realized from these machines will pay the insurance expense next year. The cost of insurance is the only part of the proceeds that are not distributed to the applicants. The balance of the money is given equally to participants.

Julie owns Mane Attraction Salon and Vista Celesta Apartments. She is very active in community clubs and activities and gives freely of her time to many worthwhile projects.

The web site is not up at this time but applications can

be picked up at Mane Attraction Salon. Twelve applications have been picked up with three returned thus far. They must be returned on or before Sept. 10. Donations and pledges must be turned in by Sept. 9th. Those sheets can be picked up at the salon as well.

The Walk will begin at the Silver Cliff Park, down to the Westcliffe Park on the trail, and back up to Silver Cliff. Registration is at 8 a.m. and the Walk starts at 9 a.m. The horseback participants will gather at the Cowboy Church with registration at 8 a.m. The ride will start from the Church.

Current board members are Julie Olomon, Wendy Rusk, Claricy Rusk, Sheri Griffin, Pat Schulze, Pepper Stafford, Bill Miller, and Mary Seifert. Julie and the



remaining members would like to encourage everyone to donate as they can to this fundraising event. Julie's Dad, Don Holford, is traveling from Arizona and will be "Walkin' the Walk". Also a reminder if everyone in Custer County gave \$5, there would be \$20,000 gained to ease some of the hardship endured by these families.

Please call Julie with any questions, 783-4300 or stop by her salon at 411 Main Street and visit with her. The organization is a 501c3/nonprofit.

Main Street Initiative: Climb to the Cliffs Poker Run

by Carol Clemenson

The Main Street Initiative business community meeting was held Monday, August 25th, at Cliff Lanes. The new main street manager, Karen Loucks Rindollar, was introduced to the group by Paul Wenke. Also at this meeting was Congressman Scott Tipton, but only for a brief time as he had another Town Hall meeting at the school's community room.

Karen already has an event scheduled. It is called, "Climb to the Cliffs Poker Run". This event is to take place on September 13th. This is to benefit Eagles Summit Ranch. Registration and departure is between 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. This event is not only for bikers, but RV's, campers, cars, and trucks. If it

is drivable and can carry passengers it can be in the poker run. All street vehicles welcome! You can register at: registertoday@esrclimbtotheciffs.ezregister.com. For more information contact Karen at 719-702-7402 (Main Street Manager). The route for the poker run starts at Outpost Harley-Davidson in Pueblo. Next stop Penrose, then Florence, Cañon City, Texas Creek, and finally Westcliffe ending at Nacho Mama's Mexican Cantina in Silver Cliff for food and fun. There will be a drawing at 1:30 p.m.

Donations: \$25 per driver, \$20 per passenger and \$5 additional for poker hands. All this includes lunch and a ticket to High Peaks Music Festival.

Also in the works for an-



Main Street Manager Karen Louck Rinedollar and Westcliffe Trustee Paul Wenke.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

other event is maybe a Hot Air Balloon festival. This will be discussed at the next Town Hall Meeting next week.

Acclaimed Cowboy Poet Jane Ambrose Morton will be visiting Westcliffe in conjunction with Wet

Mountain Dark Skies on Tuesday, September 2nd. She will be doing a reading and signing of her book, "Western Poetry-In this Land of Little Rain" at 4:00 p.m. at Studio 2 adjacent to the Historic Jones Theater at the corner of Second Street and Main Street.

Rotary Club Luncheon Guest Speaker Bonnie Long

by Carol Clemenson

On Monday, August 23rd, Bonnie Long was the guest speaker at the Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club luncheon meeting, held at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff.

The title of her presentation was "Tales of Cattle and Human Genomics". Genomics is described as a discipline in genetics that applies recombinant DNA.

Long, as researcher for the University of Nebraska, lives on the family-owned San Isabel Ranch established in 1872. Her parents are the late Dr. Ben Kettle and his wife, Bet. Her

sister is Sara Shields. The late Dr. Kettle was a veterinarian as well as a well established rancher, and was one of the founders of the local Rotary Club.

Bonnie collects what she calls "Body Parts". She collects samples from cattle to check the mineral input to check out the genetics and to try to manage the health and ancestry of these animals. Keeping very good records she can then manage the genomics and check the DNA of heifers and bulls that have certain traits that one might want in their calves.



Rotary Club's Guest Speaker: Bonnie Long.

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Dr. Ben Carson Guest Speaker at Church For All Nations

by Carol Clemenson

On Sunday, August 24, 2014, Dr. Ben Carson was the guest speaker at the Church For All Nations in Colorado Springs. His speech featured his upbringing, the choices and opportunities he faced during his life, and comments on America today. The following is a summation of his remarks:

Dr. Carson came from a very poor family. His mother and father divorced at a very young age, so it was just Ben, his brother, and his mother. His mother worked sometimes three different jobs to give her children the best she could give. The neighborhood they lived in was a very violent one. So many times Ben had a lot of anger built up in him. When he was a teenager one of his friends made him very angry and he pulled a knife on him. Stabbing the kid, the blade broke because the kid had a big belt buckle on and the knife hit that and broke. Ben was so shocked at what he had done; he went home and spent three hours in the bathroom praying to God to take away his anger. God did answer prayers because he has not been angry again. He is a very mild spoken man.

One day Ben wanted a new pair of pants, so his mother let him take over the finances for one week. If there was anything left then he could get a new pair of pants. When it came time to pay the bills, Ben listed the rent, electric, food, and by that time there was nothing left. From that time on he never asked for another thing. A lesson well learned. Ben and his brother had only a couple hours of free time as their mother made them read two books a week and do a book report on each one. They would give the book reports to his mother to check. She made a lot of marks on their papers, even though she herself could not read. By doing this they learned a lot through books. When they would go to the farmers field for produce they would pick four bushels, take one for themselves, and give the farmer the other three bushels as payment for the one they kept.

Dr. Carson says that when you propel anger it is a sign of weakness and largely about selfness. Let anger be about someone else. Step out of the circle of



Dr. Ben Carson, at the Church For All Nations, last Sunday.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

yourself. For Ben, the Lord fixed his anger problem permanently.

Dr. Carson believes the Lord can restore our nation. When he was invited to give a speech at the President's Prayer Breakfast at the White House, the Lord gave him the words to say and use common sense. His comments at the Prayer Breakfast did not sit well with President Obama and the liberals but it came from his heart. We cannot let others sway us in what we say and do; use the Lord for everything we do. We must be caring, look for ways to empower the weak and poor.

The Ferguson situation is very complex. He has checked into this and says this sort of conflict is because so many black children are born out of wedlock and have had so much given to them from the government that they have no respect for any authoritative figure. We need to break this cycle of giving in to the government. We have to return to the common sense way. We need to encourage other people and getting involved.

Last election, 93,000,000 people did not vote in this country. We need to change the tide and Americans need to bind together. We are a Judea-Christian Nation. We need to immune ourselves against attack. When we get attacked by others we need to remember we are a nation under God.

Dr. Carson advises us to read something you don't know about, and promise to do this at least ½ hour a day. This will empower

you. This will make you look at freedom differently. If you think you are stupid or dumb, you will act that way. But if you think you are smart and intelligent, you will train your brain to act as such.

When Dr. Carson was thinking about college, he was hoping to get into Yale but really didn't think he had a chance. When he went to the interview they talked about medicine for a while then the interview turned somehow to classical music. Ben loves classical music. Can you imagine a black kid from Motown listening to Mozart? The counselor was intrigued by the young Carson and asked him to enroll in Yale.

Dr. Carson says, "We need to become united because unity is our strength. We need to stop fighting each other and start working together. The politicians are destroying our freedom. The only weapon they have against us is intimidation. We need to stand up and be counted".

God expects us to keep this land of freedom, so we have to not let the liberals and the government walk all over us. People that come to our country need to live by our rules. We are destroying ourselves from the inside out.

You can see Dr. Ben Carson's video from the Church For All Nations on their web site,

ChurchForAllNations.com and click on watch. You will not be disappointed. This is a man of vision and common sense. There are two different videos and both are wonderful. God Bless You All.

Open House at Valley View Park Home Community

Have you seen the cute little blue and white Park Home in Silver cliff?

Custom Property Service is hosting an Open House for their Loft Park Home on Saturday, August 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 2014 Cavco Park Home Loft is sitting on a newly renovated model home site for the public to view but would be moved and set up on the buyer's lot of choice. A yard sale will also be held on Saturday.

John Comerford and Vicky Holstad purchased the original Kleine's Trailer Park five years ago and have been improving the location since that time. Vicky said, "I am very excited about our new addition, and there has already been a steady stream of people stopping by to take a look!"

Valley View Park Home Community is an owner-occupied neighborhood and will have 21 lots when

complete. There are currently five park homes in the Park, plus the new Cavco Loft Model.

As a Cavco Dealer, CPS can also accommodate the purchase of a home to be delivered to your own property outside of the Valley View Park Home Community. www.cavco-parkhomes.com shows the many floor plans available.

Get over and see for yourself!



The new Cavco Park Home Loft at Valley View Park Home Community.

Sentinel photo by Jeanene Comerford

"Christianity and the Competition!"

by Pastor Richard von Steinman,
Hope Lutheran Church,
Westcliffe

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

The public is very welcome to come and find answers to these questions at Hope Lutheran Church on Tuesday, September 9. From 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., a Seminar will be offered, by the title "Christianity and the Competition", It will look at all world religions

claiming to teach the truth, what makes Christianity any different? The credentials of our faith are compared with those of religions in the East and West.

This Seminar will be led by world-renowned speaker, Dr. Paul Maier. Dr. Maier has been Professor of Ancient History at Western Michigan University for more than 50 years, and is also known for his authorship of historical novels like "A Skeleton in God's Closet", "The Flames of Rome", "Pontius Pilate" and "The Constantine Codex", as well as such non-fiction works as "In the Fullness of time", "The First Christmas", "The First Easter" and "The First Christians",



along with fresh and popular translations of Josephus and Eusebius, and several DVD Study-Series besides.

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

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PREPPER'S CORNER



On the Trail with Barley & Belle

No "Monkey~n" Around with this Plantain

by Jeremy Carr

Plantain~Plantago Major isn't that strange banana used in making desserts, not even close.

Considered a naturalized invasive species, it seems like nobody either knows, or cares, that plantain even exists. You can step on it, stomp on it, park your car on it, spray it, mow it, weed whack it, probably even drive a giant mining truck over it and Plantago Major would still live to tell the tale. This plant is not what one would call a "tender" leafy green even when they are young. They require some chewing, and after they go to seed; it's like chomping on thin old shoe leather.

Common Plantain hails from the European continent. Prior to the turn of the 20th century it was mostly used as a panacea (medicinal for everything) in different cultures. Native Americans carried powdered roots of Plantain as protection against snakebites or to ward off snakes. Plantain was called Englishman's Foot or White Man's Foot as it was said to grow where ever their feet



The size & shape of the leaves varies from smooth and rounded to dappled and slightly jagged. The colors may vary from bright glossy green to a dull darker green with age, but all older plants will have the comparatively tall flowering stalks. The older the leaves the tougher they are.

courtesy photos

touched the ground - this is referred to in Longfellow's 'Hiawatha'. Old European lore tells of Plantain as being effective for the bites of mad dogs, epilepsy, and leprosy. In the United States the plant was called 'Snake Weed,' from a belief in its efficacy in cases of bites from venomous creatures, but no real evidence either supports or contradicts this. One American Indian name for the plant translates to "life medicine." Recent research indicates that this name may not be far from true!

"Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food" (Hippocrates). The same goes for Plantago Major as it is a good food (or rather good roughage) and an even better medicine.

Chemical analysis of Plantago Major reveals the remarkable iridoid glycoside Aucubin. Aucubin has been reported in the Journal of Toxicology as a powerful anti-toxin. There are many more highly effective constituents in this plant including Ascorbic-acid, Apigenin, Baicalein, Benzoic-acid, Chlorogenic-acid, Citric-acid, Ferulic-acid, Oleanolic-acid, Salicylic-acid, and Ursolic-acid. The leaves and the seed are medicinal, used as an antibacterial, antidote, astringent, anti-inflammatory, antiseptic, antitussive, cardiac, demulcent, diuretic, expectorant, haemostatic (a process which causes bleeding to stop, meaning to keep blood within a damaged blood vessel), laxative, ophthalmic, poultice, refrigerant, and vermifuge. Medical evidence exists to confirm uses as an alternative medicine for asthma, emphysema, bladder problems, bronchitis, fever, hypertension, rheumatism, and blood sugar control.

Because it draws toxins from the body with its astringent nature, plantain may be crushed (or chewed) and placed as a poultice directly over the site of bug bites, acne, splinters, glass splinters, or rash-

es. Native Americans and moms would bandage the area and allow the plantain to work its magic for 4-12 hours. Having worked at an apiary (Bee Hive), I personally have found the chewed leaves applied to the skin, works great on bee stings.

Plantain is perfectly edible; and unless you have an adverse allergic reaction to it, the only side effects if you are not used to wild edibles, could be a grumpy stomach or several trips to the outhouse with over all better health. Also, the seeds can be used as a flour substitute when ground.

The best way I have found to prepare Plantain is to boil it in two changes of water to tenderize the leaves, but when you go to change the water, pour it into a separate container and drink it so you can absorb the nutrients lost from boiling.

Stuffed Plantain Leaf
1 pound ground beef, or the like
2 cups cooked rice
1 clove of garlic
2 Plantain leaves or the like
1 egg, beaten

Boil or steam the plantain leaves until tender, set the leaves aside. Cook the meat, add the cooked rice and other ingredients. Cook until tender. Place a tablespoon or so of the mixture on each plantain leaf and fold the leaf around the mixture. Place in a baking dish; bake 15 minutes 325°, or just enough to warm them up. Salt & pepper to taste.

Disclaimer: As Always! Never substitute someone else's opinion for your own good judgment. Do your own research! The best way to reference Plantain on the net is to use its scientific name: Plantago major

<http://www.lifeadvancer.com/this-little-weed-is-one-of-the-most-useful-medicines-on-the-planet>

<http://www.altnature.com/gallery/plantain.htm>

<http://www.eattheweeds.com/white-mans-little-foot-dwarf-plantain-2/>

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Bobcat Football Opens 8 Man Play Saturday

The CCHS football team will travel to Dayspring Christian School in Greeley this Saturday to open the 2014 season. Dayspring is the defending state champions in 8 man football. “Last spring Coach Cravens our Athletic Director asked if we wanted to open up with the defending state champions,” said head coach Troy Bomgardner. “I had to think about it a little

bit but I asked our upcoming seniors and they all said “yes” they wanted the challenge, so here we go, we’ll find out right away how we stand.” Last week the Bobcats scrimmaged Pikes Peak Christian School in Colorado Springs and had a positive scrimmage. The scrimmage gave each team 20 plays with the junior varsity having 15 plays.

During the varsity scrimmage the Bobcats had 5 touchdowns while shutting out Pikes Peak Christian. “It was fun to get out and play against someone else,” stated Bomgardner. “The preseason always has a little drag to it and getting to block and tackle against another school is exciting.” The Bobcats travel Saturday to Dayspring Christian for a 1 p.m. start.

Bobcats Cross Country Team Already on the Run

On Thursday, September 21, the cross country team competed in Colorado Springs at the “CM Stampede” (Cheyenne Mountain). Head Coach Jack Swartz called this first outing “pre-State,” since it is the course where the season will end—the Colorado State Cross Country Meet. The Bobcats were up against 15 other 2A teams for both the boys and girls teams. The results posted by the Coach are as follows: Taking 1st place overall in the 2A boys race was Corey Lewenkamp with an impressive early season time of 17:16. Taking 22nd overall (and 2nd of the Bobcats) was Kaylan Stoering.

The girls team was led by Kayli Short, placing 18th overall, while Katlyn Freeburg placed 34th overall. The boys team has seven members, while the girls team has two runners. Coach Swartz says that number-wise, this is a good-sized team to work with, but adds that the girls could use a little more company. Assistant Coach Robert O’Callaghan works with the middle school team which consists of four runners at the present. The next cross country meet is in Rocky Ford on Friday, August 29. GO BOBCATS!



Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club
 Calling all girls ages 9-19 for the 2015 Rodeo Royalty Court!
 Queen- Ages 16-19
 Miss Stampede- Ages 13-15
 Princess- Ages 9-12

Information session and practices will be **Saturday September 6th and 20th both at 10 am**, held at the Saddle Club. Please bring horses and be ready to ride.
 Pageant will be **Saturday October 11th at 1pm** at the Saddle Club.
 Please contact Stephanie at 763-923-3606 or email Royalty.WMVSC@gmail.com.

Information packets are available and riding patterns have been selected! Any one with young ladies interested is trying for a 2015 title please send us an email at royalty.wmvsc@gmail.com and attend the practices!
 The pageant is Saturday, Oct. 11, at 1 p.m. Spectators welcome!



Bobcat Menu • Sept. 2 - Sept. 4, 2014

Monday
LABOR DAY
No School

Tuesday
breakfast
 Pancakes
 Ham
 Juice, Milk
lunch
 Nachos
 Spice Bread
 Choice of Veg. & Fruit
 Milk

Wednesday
breakfast
 Scrambled Eggs
 W.W. Toast
 Fruit, Milk
lunch
 Sloppy Jo
 Choice of Veg.
 Choice of Fruit
 Milk

Thursday
breakfast
 Sausage Gravy
 Biscuits
 Fruit, Milk
lunch
 Chicken Fajita
 Spanish Rice
 Choice of Veg. & Fruit
 Milk

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

KIDS Friday, August 29, 2014

A Day in a One-Room Schoolhouse

So now that you, Westcliffe scholars, are back to school and getting settled into your new routine, let’s take a look at what a typical one-room school and class would look like in the late 1890’s.

When you arrived at school after your long walk (maybe up to 5 miles) or you would have ridden your favorite horse with maybe a sibling riding double behind you, your teacher would be there to greet you. Your teacher arrived much earlier and had a fire started and water already drawn from the well. Not only was there a small school building, built by local donations of money and labor, but also outhouses, with one privy for the girls and one for the boys. There would also be a woodshed and often a barn to stable the student’s horses during the day. The horses would be cared for and fed during recess.

Your day would start by the ringing of the school bell, raising and saluting the American flag, and singing the National Anthem. Then your learning day would begin! In the beginning, your education would focus on learning the “Three Rs: reading, ‘riting, and ‘rithmetic”. Good penmanship was also valuable as it was considered a sign of a cultured person. Knowing how to do arithmetic and write was important to the farmer as well as the storekeeper.

Learning was done by memorization and recitation. Math was learned by memorizing tables and math drills. Stories and poems were memorized, and in composition class speeches were written and then delivered. Reading aloud taught pronunciation and grammar. During the day, the teacher would spend time with each student listening to them recite what they had learned that day. Also, younger students would sit next to an older student so the older could help teach the younger. The day ended with some singing (some schools were privileged to have a piano) and then off to home they would go.

“The boys in our school have so much fun, that I am awful sorry when the school is done.”

Albert Hunt, 3rd grader at the Willows School in rural Westcliffe
 Source: “One-Room Schoolhouses, Custer County, Colorado”
 by Irene Francis

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We Lost Our Owner

These precious felines are looking for a new home after their owner passed away. If you have room in your heart and your home for a great mouser who’s been orphaned, please call 719-285-5158.

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Classifieds

Estate Sale

3 Crestone Court, Silver Cliff, Saturday, August 30, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Twin Bed, Recliner, Computer Desk, Dressers, Floor lamps, Coffee table Air Hockey Table, Household good, clothes and other items too numerous to mention.

ESTATE SALE: 401 First Street, Silver Cliffe, Colorado. Yarns, looms, appliances, furniture, clothes, etc. Priced to sell. Sat., August 30th, Sun. 31st, and Mon., Sept. 1, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (719) 766-1499 or (719) 766-1501

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50' x 32' Garage, 14' doors. \$325/month plus utilities. (719) 431-7072

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1/2 a House with very large rooms/ closets, Master Bedroom; 60" TV, pool table. \$400/month plus utilities. (719) 431-7072

For Sale

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

Garage Sale

405 S. 4th, Westcliffe, in alley
AUG 29-30: 7:30-4:30
AUG 31: 1:30-4:30
SEPT 1: 7:30-3:30
Tools, fishing & fly tying figural whiskey bottles, military officer uniforms, books, much more.

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The Custer County School District is accepting applications for a Kindergarten Teacher. This position will remain open until filled. Interested applicants may contact Chris Selle at chris.selle@ccbobcats.net or 783-2357 to request application materials, pick up applications at the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe, or download an application from the school district's website at www.custercountyschools.org. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in employment.

Lost and Found

Found on County Road 277, key on a key chain. Call the Oak Creek Grade General Store and identify. 783-2245

Moving Sale

Moving Sale: Saturday & Sunday, August 29-30, starting 8:00 a.m., 446 Panorama Drive, 12 miles SE of Westcliffe in Eastcliffe. Furniture, small appliances, fishing equipment, heaters, Leinbach posthole attachment with 6, 9, 12-inch augurs, and misc items. 783-0710

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Second Annual Yarn Bombing

Do you like to knit, crochet or weave? We are looking for people to participate in our second annual Yarn Bombing in downtown Westcliffe.

We need a variety of scarves, rectangles, flowers, or your own idea to display. Bright and light colors show up best. We are going to meet at 9:30 on October 3rd to decorate the main business



One of the yarn bombs on display in 2013. *Sentinel photo by Nora Drenne*
blocks. So get your creativity and needles or shuttles going and let's see what we can do! Contact information: Marcy Wise 783-4200 or Janis Helminiak 783-0722

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

TIPTON

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slow recovery.

Mr. Tipton tried to stay away from politics as a gesture to be inclusive in representing all the constituents in the Third District. While it is an admirable concept, the idea is impossible in this fractured and partisan political environment. Many of the current problems in our country could be solved if the two parties would stop harping at each other and put the needs of the country before party affiliation and ideological desires. Harry Re-

id's obstructionist attitude and unwillingness to bring House Bills for debate just amplifies the problem. The President's continued lack of governing, his disinterest regarding foreign and domestic issues accelerates the decline of our great nation.

The pitiful attendance at the meeting demonstrated most in Custer County find the messy business of governing to be something in which they do not wish to engage. The Founding Fathers, in their debates regarding giving the general public the powers to govern, feared the electorate would become complacent

and disinterested. A federal republic cannot continue if the populace continues to abdicate their responsibility to the federal government. It is the nature of government to expand becoming more dominate until one day it controls everything. A federal republic is most vibrant when its people remain informed, actively participate and then encourage vigorous debate. Mr. Tipton wanted to hear your concerns. He wanted to discuss your ideas. Mr. Tipton held a Town Hall Meeting, but where were you constituents? Something to think about before you no longer have the right to ask.

Governor, you can't be a leader who won't make tough decisions. This attempt to have it both ways turns Dunlap and his victims into political sport. But this isn't a game. If the governor wants clemency, he should grant it now – before the election. Voters deserve to know Dunlap's fate before they determine the governor's future. They deserve the truth. [the Peak's emphasis]

Yet, waiting for Hickenlooper to show any type of strong leadership skills is like waiting for the Rockies to turn it around this season: it just ain't going to happen.

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HICKENLOOPER

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the position Hick expressed then was the revelation that he was 100% anti-death penalty, a position he has only acknowledged over the past few weeks. How can a man who claims to be 100% against the death penalty leave a man on death row given the fact that his successor as governor has publicly stated he will support the Colorado justice system's decision in this endeavor when he wins? If Hick thinks the death penalty is so wrong, there is no way he will allow this sin of omission to burden his conscience the rest of his life. We agree with *The Gazette* when they say Hickenlooper needs to make a decision sooner rather than later:

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Wed. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
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Events Calendar

Friday, August 29 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.: American Legion Yard Sale Fund-raiser at Saddle Club, 90 CR 241; food concession 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: WMW Fiber Arts Sale , Library Community Rm. Info: plmacintosh@gmail.com 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Olde Schoolhouse Quilters 16th Annual Quilt Show & Boutique at 320 S. 4th; oldeschoolhousequilters@gmail.com or 783-2199 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.: Silver Cliff Museum Open House , 606 Main Street, Silver Cliff. Refreshments served. 7 p.m.: Sangre de Cristo Mennonite Church : The Sean Bontrager Family, Gospel Express Ministries 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater : "The Hundred Foot Walk;" Comedy	
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Monday, September 1 Labor Day: Gov't offices and banks closed	
Thursday, September 4 10 a.m.: Airport Advisory Meeting	

Recurring Events and Business Hours

Monday 6 p.m.: Closed step study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Lisa at (719) 783-0809	6:45 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March-October).
Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Custer County public transit service available to everyone through Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343	Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Library open in downtown Westcliffe
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Noon: Lunch served at Custer County Senior Center located on first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 a.m.	Wednesday Line dancers meet at the Saddle Club Building from 9:30 to 11 a.m. thru the summer starting June 6. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370 6 p.m.: Closed Big Book study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172, or Lisa at (719) 783-0809
Monday and Thursday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff open to assist young mothers and families in need. Free pregnancy tests and counseling to pregnant women and more. Call 783-4357	Thursday 5:30 p.m.: Weight Watchers meeting in the Hope Lutheran Church basement. Call 783-4144 Second Thursday of the Month: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., "Ask a Nurse" at the library
Tuesday 12:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Jammin' band at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff First Tuesday of the Month: 6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting	Friday 6 p.m.: Open discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Lisa (719) 783-0809 Friday and Saturday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.: Share Center adjacent to Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Library open in Westcliffe

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Sangre de Cristo Mennonite Church
120 Jerry Ct., Westcliffe
Friday, August 29
7:00 p.m.

Ranch Sorting Clinic Comes to Westcliffe!

Come one, come all; an equine sport for everyone in the family! What is it? Ranch Sorting is a sport that has been around for about 11 years and consists of a 2-rider team, 10-12 head of cattle, and a 2-pen sort arena. The object is to sort 10 head of cattle, in sequential order, from one pen to another without a "trash" cow getting through the gate. It is a timed event with the winning team sorting the most number of cattle in the shortest amount of time. Sound like a rush? Well, it is! There are classes for all levels of riders from youth, beginner, novice, and pro. It truly is aimed at the entire family to enjoy this fun sport together.

There are several Ranch Sorting and Team Penning sanctioning bodies throughout the United States with RSNC (Ranch Sorting National Championships), USTPA (United States Team Penning Association), and AQHA (American Quarter Horse Association) being the largest three. Each offer Ranch Sorting, a standardized rider rating system, slight



Tammy Kissinger, a novice rider from Colorado, on A Little Playgun out of Boon A Little x Miss Playgun at the annual 2013 RSNC Breast Cancer Awareness show in Amarillo, Texas.

Courtesy Photo by Elizabeth Wheeler

variations on the classes offered, and rules for each class. RSNC has been recognized by AQHA as the leader in the world in respect to the Sport of Ranch Sorting and has a membership base of over 25,000 riders nationwide. There are hundreds of competitions each year with large regional and world championships boasting participation from thousands of riders each year. And just recently RSNC broadened its reach into Brazil taking the sport internationally.

With the assistance of STK Productions, a Colorado-based production company, there is a Ranch Sorting introductory clinic coming to Westcliffe! STK Productions is owned and operated by Scot & Tammy Kissinger. They have both been participating in Ranch Sorting, Arena Sorting, and Team Penning for the past five years. They have produced many sanctioned events, clinics, private trainings, and sell performance horses trained to excel in this sport. They are excited to bring this sport to Westcliffe and the surrounding towns. The clinic will offer Ranch-Sorting fundamentals, introduction to cattle and the sport, allow riders to try out the 'game', and a free steak dinner for the participants. The clinic will be held at the beautiful Fazenda das Pedras Ranch in Westcliffe on Saturday and Sunday, Sept 13-14, 2014. For more information and to register for the clinic, contact STK Productions at stkranch-co@gmail.com. There are limited spots available, so don't wait to get signed up!



Shawn Hochhalter, an amateur rider from Oklahoma on TR Snap out of TR Dual Rey x Mis Hickory Snap at the 2014 RSNC World Championships in Fort Worth, Texas.

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Main Street Shops - Part 2



Sugar and Spice Mountain Bakery

Sugar and Spice Mountain Bakery is located at 411 Main Street Suite B. The shop is owned by Naomi and Jason Yoder and has been open for the past 8 years. They offer pies, pastries, bread, granola and breakfast items along with flour, dry fruits and nuts, jams and jellies, and noodles. From left are Jessica Yoder, Sandra Graber, Sadie Yoder, Lydia Yoder, Naomi Yoder, and Jacob Yoder.



Yoder's Mountain View Furniture

Yoder's Mountain View Furniture, located at 309 Main Street, is owned by Joel Troyer and Perry Hostetler. The store has been open for the past 6 years with Joel being an owner for the past 4 1/2 years and Perry for 3 years. They offer quality hand-crafted furniture made by the Amish in Ohio and also offer custom work. Furniture selections include living room, bedroom, dining room, office, and outdoor furniture. Their new 4,800 sq. ft. show room, pictured to the right, is located at 57965 Hwy. 60 and will be open on September 5. This new store will also offer kitchen cabinets and mattresses.



Barton Manor

Barton Manor, located at 502 Main Street, was opened by Sue Barton in February of this year. The boutique offers clothing, jewelry, specialty boots, kitchenware, lotions, scarves, and gift items. Also located at the boutique are Mirror Image Hair Design and Marilyn Adams Skin Care.

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The Sunflower Patch Including PS Patchworks and Annie's Place

The Sunflower Patch (pictured above), located at 208 Main Street, has been owned by Sharon Attebery for the past 18 years. She features T-shirts, sweatshirts, hand-made jewelry, pictures, signs, and gifts. Also located in the shop are PS Patchworks and Annie's Place. PS Patchworks (top left) is owned by Patty Simmons and has been open for the past 5 years. She offers crafts, handmade snowmen, wine bottle toppers, pillows, Guatemalan handbags, bling hats, winter hats, scarves, and head wraps. Annie's Place (bottom left), owned by Ann Adams, has been open for 5 years also. She offers handmade glass bead jewelry, costume jewelry, scarves and handbags.



Sangre Home Decor Including Sangre de Cristo Coffee

Sangre Home Decor, located at 202 Main Street, is owned by Robyn Perry. She has been at her current location for the past 3 years. The shop features indoor and outdoor furniture, pottery, mugs, lamps and lamp shades, wall decor, wind chimes, blankets, throws, rugs, and gift items. Also included in the shop is Sangre de Cristo Coffee, a coffee bar offering hot, iced, or blended drinks.





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Sheriff's Report...

As of Tuesday, August 26, there were five males in jail.

OFFENSES

See page 1 for update on arrest warrants related to the assault on Hard-scrabble in July.

August 25 At 1625 hours, Joshua David Baturin, age 37 of Silver Cliff, was arrested on a Custer County warrant for menacing, second degree assault, and disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$1,000.

ACCIDENTS

August 21 At 1117 hours, Sandra Dunlap of Silver Cliff, rolled her blue 2007 Chevrolet pickup truck at 1.2 mile marker on County Road 271.

AMBULANCE CALLS

There were ten ambulance calls as of August 26.

August 25 At 2158 hours, an ambulance responded to a 55-year-old male having a seizure somewhere on Highway 96. He was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

August 25 An ambulance was dispatched to

435 Hennequin Creek for a 70-year-old male with weakness in his right leg and vomiting. He was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

August 24 At 1017 hours, an ambulance was dispatched onto Highway 96 for a 56-year-old male who had vision problems and pain. He had lost consciousness. He was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

August 23 At 253 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to 711 South Street for a 28-year-old female who was vomiting excessively. She was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital.

August 23 At 1732 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Good Hope Drive for a 71-year-old male who had passed out, hit his head and had a bloody nose. He was transported to Parkview Hospital.

August 22 At 1414 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to 612 21st Trail for a 46-year-old male with difficulty breathing and severe allergies. He was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital.

August 21 At 1730 hours, an ambulance met a private vehicle on Rosita Road. The 75-year-old female had shortness of breath. She was transported to Parkview Hospital.

August 21 At 1240 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a 62-year-old female with GI symptoms and dizziness. She was transported to Parkview Hospital.

August 21 At 926 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic to transport a 69-year-old female with chest pains to Parkview Hospital.

August 20 At 1249 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic to transport a 54-year-old female with severe hypoxia to Parkview Hospital.

FIRE CALLS

There were two fire calls as of August 2.

August 23 At 1315 hours, a fire truck was dispatched to attend to a lightning strike at Bear Basin.

August 21 The fire department responded to the rolled vehicular accident on County Road 271.

Just Gals Conference

September 27, 2014
at Eagles Summit Ranch
Westcliffe, Colorado

Brenda Roevers
Speaker

Kathy Wampler
Speaker & Special Music

Michelle Perko

April Peterson

Praise & Worship

For ladies 14 and older - childcare not provided.

9:00 am - Doors Open/Registration
10:00 am - Service Begins
12:00 pm - Lunch Served
1:00 pm - Afternoon Activities/Service
4:00 pm - Closing Prayer

Cost: \$35.00 per person
RSVP deadline: September 17, 2014
Please RSVP by email at
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719-783-9729

Please remember to RSVP for this event, as they need to know how many delicious lunches to prepare!



Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

Red Shirt Volunteers Mission: Stop The Humane Society

by Barbara Penezic

Once again it was standing room only at the Cañon City Council meeting as the question of whether to ‘terminate or not terminate’ the contract with the shelter was on the agenda. Once again, it seems we were very close to putting the cart before the horse in our decision making.

Dawn Hayward asked the council to vote to terminate the contract with the Fremont County Humane Society (FCHS). She and several other residents known as ‘Red Shirt Volunteers’ were in attendance as the council listened to concerns from the public for over an hour. Dawn said, “It is the mission of the Red Shirts to stop the Humane Society of Fremont County.” Ms. Hayward could offer no real solution to how their shelter needs would be addressed but said only, “We are looking into options but have nothing concrete.” Police Chief Shultz and Animal Control Officer Kelly Duncan, also reported that, while they have several ‘maybe’s’, they have no solid commitment from anyone. Ms. Duncan said, “No matter what, we will still do our job.” Her recommendation was: “Not to cancel ... wait and make better plans.”

Several members of the

community spoke about what they feel are very valid reasons for maintaining our contract with the embattled agency. Linda Bennett reminded the council that FCHS has passed the last three state inspections. Past problems have been addressed and resolved. “They do not seem to be concerned about the care of the animals but are focused on past history with the board of directors.” Ms. Bennett, a self-described animal advocate, feels it is in the best interest of the animals not to terminate the contract in an effort to punish the board.

Kelly Ramos tells the council, “I was almost afraid to go to the shelter because of the rumors I’d heard. I am now a volunteer and they are wonderful. If you want change, volunteer.”

Kelly also asked that the council re-new the contract. Several other residents added their voices to the request to continue the relationship between the city and the Humane Society. Pointing out that residents of Cañon City would have to drive approximately 40 miles to recover lost pets from the Pueblo shelter, and stray or aggressive animals would have to be tended, too. This places an undue burden on residents when there appears to be no indication of abuse existing at the shelter. Past prob-

lems have been addressed and resolved.

Bill Lester, the person chosen by the City Council to conduct impromptu inspections has stated that he finds no inhumane treatment of animals at the facility. His main objection to the shelter appears to involve a dispute with the board about the pay they receive. Word is the Director has been replaced and there is no compensation being received by board members at this point. Mr. Lester, the City Council appointed inspector, however did receive compensation for his work. The Humane Society has now banned Lester from the property. Mr. Lester says this occurred because of negative reports. However, Mr. Lester has stated that he found no mistreatment of animals.

The problem stems from Mr. Lester’s attempted probe into the Humane Society finances, an area that was clearly not within the scope of his directive. Mr. Lester has been accused of trying to dismantle the shelter. Councilman Bates asked Lester, “What prompted you to look into their finances?” Mr. Lester said the budget for grooming was not adequate but payroll for shelter employees was \$163,000 annually. Mayor Greer asked how many employees were on the payroll and the answer

was 10. He then pointed out that \$163,000 would provide very low pay for that number of employees. “Mr. Lester has called me names but I still like him,” the Mayor continued, “It seems that having the inspector banned from the facility is grounds for terminating the contract.” John Havens, the City Attorney, reminded the Mayor that the contract can be terminated by either party with a seven day notice and no grounds are required. Mr. Havens also added that, “Council picks the inspector but the shelter has a right to object.” Councilman Katchmar said, “I would be hesitant to pull the plug with no other option in place.” The decision to table the issue until the September meeting was approved. Councilman Ron Bates was the only member opposed to this solution. Nearly everyone agrees that the humane care of the animals at the shelter is no longer an



Top: City Council appointed Inspector Bill Lester.

Below: Red Shirt Volunteer Dawn Haywood
Photos by John Penezic Jr

issue. Recent state inspections have been successfully passed and Mr. Lester agrees that he has found no discrepancies in this area of care. It is hoped that City Council will look beyond personal disputes and consider only the well-being of our four legged friends. As they move forward, our prayers will be with them. If this is an issue that is near and dear to your heart, please make plans to attend the September 2 meeting at City Hall and make your wishes know.

**Be Informed,
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Upcoming Cañon City Events

by Barbara Penezic

Been on the look-out for a new place to dine? You may be in luck. A new eatery is soon to open at 523 Main Street. Audrey Dick, Cañon City resident and sole owner of Lazy Cajun\Bistro has filed an application for a new Hotel\ Restaurant Liquor License. Mr. Dick says he will eventually have fifteen employees and the menu will be Cajun. Gumbo, black beans and rice, etc. for lunch and dinner. The week-ends may see steak and seafood added to the menu if all goes well. Mr. Dick says support from neighboring main street merchants has been positive. We wish the Lazy Cajun much success.

Colorado republicans are hosting a round-up to be held at Centennial Park on September 13th. This will offer a great opportunity to Meet Your Candidates. The round-up will begin at 11:00 a.m. Activities include: baseball game (bring your bat and glove), horseshoe throw, live music, cake walk, horse drawn wagon rides, and much more. This will be a fun packed day at the park and the public is

cordially invited to attend.

The Artists’ Gallery, 416 Main St., Historic Downtown Cañon City, is presenting a very special “First Friday” event on September 5th from 5-8 p.m. An extraordinary private art collection dedicated to 200 years of American history, along with two others, will be on display for sale. The collection includes a rare suite, published in 1975, entitled “An American Portrait: Your Huddled Masses, 1776-1976.” This suite features essays by notable authors such as Robert Kennedy, as well as eleven art works by well-known masters of the 20th Century. Join us to view incredible art, enjoy entertainment and complimentary refreshments provided by Good Thyme Café.

A very special “Welcome back to School” to all the students of Fremont County. We are praying for a very successful and fun filled year for each of you. Please remember, if you are having a problem or being bullied, this is not something you have to deal with on your own. See a counselor, they can help! Students we hope you will each, be informed and get involved.

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- Horseshoe Throw
- Activities for Kids (Both Young and Old!)
- Live Music
(Special appearance by Senator George Rivera and his band)
- Cake Walk*
- Horse-drawn Wagon Rides*
- Volleyball

Lunch Will Be Available*
(Bring your lawn chair and stay for a while!)

Please visit us on Facebook at Colorado Republican Roundup for a full schedule of events

*There will be a nominal charge for these activities

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 BEGINNING AT 11:00 A.M.

Sponsored by Royal Gorge Republican Women, Fremont County Republican Central Committee, Royal Gorge Tea Party, and Fremont County Young Conservatives

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**

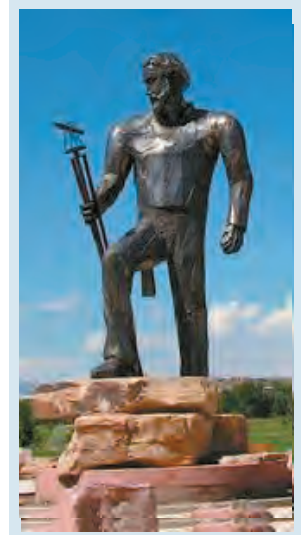
**Cañon City
City Council
1st and 3rd
Mondays at 6 p.m.
City Hall
128 Main St.
Cañon City**

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

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Welfare Recipients Outnumber Working Americans

In May, *The Daily Jot* reported that there were more than 92 million Americans--over a third of the workforce--who didn't have jobs and had given up on finding one. These statistics were extrapolated from several sources such as the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Commerce Department, and Health and Human Services. It is not an easy task to determine the condition of our economy because one has to nearly be a statistician to find the numbers. CNSNEWS.com has received data from the Census Bureau for the fourth quarter of 2012 that indicates 109,631,000 Americans lived in households that received benefits from one or more federally funded "means-tested programs" (welfare), 35.4% of the U.S. population.

CNSNEWS.com reports: "In 2012, according to the Census Bureau, there were 103,087,000 full-time year-round workers in the United States (including 16,606,000 full-time year-round government workers). Thus, the welfare-takers outnumbered full-time year-round workers by 6,544,000." When the oc-

cupant of the Oval Office was elected in the fourth quarter of 2008, there were 96,197,000 people in households taking benefits from one or more federal welfare programs. By the fourth quarter of 2012, four years later, that number had grown by 13,434,000. Two years ago, we had more people on some sort of government assistance than were working--not counting those out of a job and not on welfare.

There is no reason to believe that these statistics have changed much for the better. As the U.S. is transitioning from the free market to government socialism, the economy has taken a hit. We have seen it in housing, in food prices, in gas prices, but there are few indicators that show just how bad things are (and quite frankly how bad they are going to get) than employment numbers. The government has figured out a way to lie to you about them so that it just doesn't sound as bad as it is. But if you have a job, be thankful to the Lord because more than a third of the workforce don't have jobs and

have given up on finding one. Those of us who are working are supporting our own family AND someone else's who doesn't work.

In Luke 10:7, Jesus said "the laborer is worthy of his wages." 2 Thessalonians 3:10 says, "...if any would not work, neither should he eat." Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 3:13, "...every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor, it is the gift of God." Even after the Lord returns, people will, as shown in Isaiah 65:21-23, "They shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain." Socialism is against God's plan for your life. So are leaders and political parties who support it.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
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Wanted: Patriots in the Pulpit

by Jon Hubbard,
FreedomOutPost.com

During our Revolutionary era, pulpits in colonial churches were manned by patriots who understood their duty as pastors and spiritual leaders, and were totally dedicated and committed to that duty! Many people today might even be surprised to learn that our US Capital building regularly held public church services on Sunday's, and did so until well after the Civil War. There are many American pastors today who share that same commitment to duty and calling as those patriots in the pulpit during our Revolutionary era, and we need to tell these pastors how much we appreciate them, and pray that they continue to understand what is at stake. However, there are far too many pastors in America who, for reasons known only to themselves, are not willing to sound the alarm to those depending upon them to do so, and therein lies the problem!

The message to America's churches has been that politics are not to be mentioned from the pulpit, and until this world, with its confused and distorted values, declared open warfare on Christianity almost six years ago, this "no politics from the pulpit" rule had pretty much been observed. However, the time has come for the gloves to come off, for America's pastors to recognize their duty as Men of God, and take this battle directly to Satan and his disciples! Whether these enemies of

Christianity are operating from the safe confines of the United Nations or from the assumed comfort of our own White House in Washington, D.C., this is a challenge that can no longer be ignored!

The realization among Christians in America has been steadily growing that if our pastors do not speak out and profess the truth from their pulpits, then churches in America will be playing right into the hands of Barack Obama and his anti-Christian Marxists. American pastors have a duty to preach the truth, regardless if that truth involves simply presenting the gospel, or taking a stand when Satan and his disciples declare war on Jesus Christ! Whether the enemy of the church be political corruption, alcohol, drugs, crime, out of wedlock births, poverty, or the War on Christianity, the job of the pastor remains the same: Stand firm for Christian principles and values, no matter the cost!

Just as the American people had come to expect from our legitimate United States governments of times past when this nation came under attack by its avowed enemies, Christian pastors must recognize and execute their duty to God and His people, and declare open and unrestricted warfare upon Satan and his disciples in this battle for mankind! Too many pastors in America today see as their primary duty to grow their churches in membership and revenue, or to promote a false relationship between

Christianity and Islam. These pastors refuse to say anything that might offend those who would possibly withdraw their financial support if the pastor dares to speak from the pulpit that which must be spoken! Is this what organized religion in America has become, just another willing participant in the sham and shame of political correctness?

America needs more pastors today like those of the Revolutionary era, who spoke the truth from their pulpits on Sunday mornings, then picked up their muskets and long rifles in the afternoon to fight for liberty and freedom! There is nothing wrong with American churches today being financially sound, but when the collection plate dictates that politically correct sermons be delivered from the pulpit, then those pastors have betrayed their calling! Timid and misguided American pastors are aiding and abetting the enemy by their silence. While winning the approval of fair-weather Christians, they confuse and dishearten those who expect their spiritual leaders to sound the alarm when necessary. America needs to pray that our pastors will commit themselves to their duty as spiritual leaders, and become true Patriots in the Pulpit!

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Colorado Veteran: VA Told Her Don't Pay Attention to the new VA Bill

by Allen West,
AllenBWest.com

Flying over to Montrose, Colorado, from Denver this past Saturday was a spectacle to behold. I clearly saw the "purple mountain majesty" of this land.

As I landed in Montrose, there on the magnificent western slope I saw the beautiful plateau and surrounding peaks, and below, the Black Canyon. I even had time before the Saturday evening event for a 3.5 mile run, but I gotta tell ya, they don't have any oxygen there!

It was a fantastic evening with the folks of Montrose County, but during the question and answer portion of the presentation, some-

thing very disturbing emerged.

A woman by the name of Janice Rae Pariza of Montrose came forward to tell her story. She is a U.S. Air Force veteran and a former combat photography airman. Janice has spinal issues and confided to all of us -- nearly 400 people -- that she has been on a VA treatment waiting list for three years. She falls under the purview of the VA Hospital located in Grand Junction, Colorado, from what I could ascertain about 60 miles away.

Since the folks up in Washington, D.C. just recently passed that VA bill, Janice heard about the cards veterans would be receiving allowing them to receive treatment from their local medical facilities.

When she contacted the Grand Junction VA to inquire, they basically told her not to pay attention to any of that. What? Don't pay attention to law?

But it gets worse. Janice suffers from PTSD and has been seeing a mental health doctor. Well, now she's been told her appointments will be reduced to only once a year because the VA can't afford any more doctors. Here I thought the VA had some \$156 billion in funding and this new piece of legislation was to give the VA another \$17 billion -- but we can't afford any more doctors?

Folks, Janice is not some down and out veteran. She's a small business owner, as the sole proprietor of Crazy Woman Art &

Photography where she gives private art lessons and photography sessions. Janice is not looking for handouts nor to be dependent. She is an American veteran who was willing to serve and give her all, but it is not being reciprocated.

It seems that to President Obama, Janice was just part of a collective group to whom he could offer empty campaign promises -- disgusting. Janice represents all that is great about America: the commitment to service and sacrifice. Janice is an American patriot, a treasure.

Obama is a charlatan, an impostor and a liar. Obama goes out to fawning crowds who haven't a clue about the damage he's do-

ing to this country. And I'm not talking about the progressive socialist agenda, but the personal injury being done to veterans like Janice.

I made a promise to Janice Rae Pariza to get her story out all over the nation -- and we warriors never break promises, especially to other veterans. We take an oath to our Constitution, but we live by the code of never leaving a fallen comrade behind -- both of which are clearly foreign concepts to Barack Hussein Obama.

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Leaked Memo Gives Away Dems' 'Extreme Weather' Talking Points

by Michael Bastasch,
DailyCaller.com

(Editor/GG: The "global warming" scam, now morphed into "Extreme Weather" has been thoroughly debunked in the last few years by hundreds of respected scientists. It is a classic tax and control scheme by the world's socialists (and here in the USA by our local, state, and national democrats). Colorado democrats have doomed us with dramatic electric rate increases over the next few years using this nonsense.)

Democrats are working hard to convince the public that regulations to limit carbon dioxide emissions are necessary to avoid economic and ecological catastrophe, according to a memo obtained by *The Washington Post*.

The memo from Senate Budget Committee Chairman Patty Murray, a Washington Democrat, tells members how to talk about global warming's budgetary impact. The memo details how "disaster relief, transportation and infrastructure, national security, and agriculture" will all be affected by global warming, reports the Post.

"Climate change, if left unaddressed, will both weaken economic growth and impose additional direct budgetary costs on the federal government," Murray wrote in the memo sent out Friday. "As a result, climate change poses an increasing threat to the federal government's already challenging long-term fiscal outlook."

Murray's memo puts a lot of focus on budgetary impacts due to "extreme weather" — a major talking point of President Obama

during his second term. Murray argues that global warming will increase extreme weather events, like hurricanes and droughts, therefore increasing disaster relief, infrastructure, and other types of spending.

"Without action, climate change will undoubtedly affect our country's ability to produce goods and services, costing jobs and weakening growth," Murray wrote. "These effects are already being felt due to events such as Hurricane Sandy—which was estimated to have caused \$65.7 billion in economic damage—as well as the massive droughts gripping parts of the country."

Democratic claims that "extreme weather" was becoming more common as carbon dioxide levels increase have been disputed by scientists who say the data tells a different story.

"It is misleading and just plain incorrect to claim that disasters associated with hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, or droughts have increased on climate timescales either in the United States or globally," University of Colorado climate scientist Dr. Roger Pielke said in his testimony before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee last year. "It is further incorrect to associate the increasing costs of disasters with the emission of greenhouse gases."

"Hurricanes have not increased in the U.S. in frequency, intensity, or normalized damage since at least 1900," Pielke added. "The same holds for tropical cyclones globally since at least 1970."

But Democrats have not

relented in their push to convince the public that extreme weather will continue to get worse. The Murray memo cites reports by the Risky Business group and the White House Council of Economic Advisors, both of which argue global warming will put high costs on the economy if nothing is immediately done to tackle the issue.

The Risky Business report says that sea level rises could cause up to \$507 billion in property damages by 2100 and that farmers in some states could see crop yields declines by up to 70 percent. The Risky Business group is co-chaired by billionaires Tom Steyer, former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and former Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson.

Steyer is a former hedge fund manager who has become a "sugar daddy" of the environmental movement and has spent millions opposing Republicans pushing climate policies and opposing the Keystone XL pipeline.

The White House Council of Economic Advisers echoes the warnings of the Risky Business report, saying that if nothing is immediately done to reduce carbon dioxide emissions global warming could cost as much as 0.9 percent of the global economy by the end of the century.

"Moreover, these costs are not one-time, rather they recur year after year because of the permanent damage caused by increased climate change resulting from the delay," warns the White House report.

Both the Risky Business report and the White House

economic council report came out after the Environmental Protection Agency proposed a new rule that would limit carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants — a rule that has been opposed by coal producers, manufacturers, and a whole host of other industries.

"Local communities that benefit from low-cost, coal-based electricity, and coal-related industries have been silenced in this debate, and hard-working Americans not only in places like West Virginia and Kentucky, but across the entire U.S. have been denied the opportunity to shape policies that put their local economies in jeopardy, while environmental special interest groups get preferred status," said Laura Sheehan, spokeswoman for the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity.

The rule has even turned some unions against President Obama. The United Mine Workers of America staged a massive protest Thursday to show its opposition to the EPA's carbon dioxide limits.

"This rule will cost thousands of jobs of those who mine, transport, and burn coal to generate electricity," UMW President Cecil Roberts said in a statement. "Even the EPA doesn't dispute that. The agency says that other jobs will be created by this rule, but they won't be in the coalfields and they won't have the levels of pay and benefits that our members earn."

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Doctors Begin To Refuse Obamacare Patients

by Sarah Hurtubise,
DailyCaller.com

Obamacare plans have shrunk payments to physicians so much that some doctors say they won't be able to afford to accept Obamacare coverage, NPR reports.

Many of the eight million sign-ups in Obamacare exchanges nationwide already face more limited choices for physicians and hospitals than those in the private insurance market. But with low physician reimbursement rates, the problem could get even worse.

For a typical quick patient visit, Dr. Doug Gerard, a Connecticut internist, told NPR a private insurer would pay \$100 while Medicare would pay around \$80. But Obamacare plans are more likely to pay closer to \$80, which Gerard says is unsustainable for his practice.

"I cannot accept a plan [in which] potentially commercial-type reimbursement rates were now going to be reimbursed at Medicare rates," Dr. Gerard told NPR. "You have to maintain a certain mix in private practice between the low reimbursers and the high reimbursers to be able to keep the lights on."

Narrow networks have become a hallmark of many Obamacare exchange plans, as one of few options left to insurance companies that allows them to save money by lowering reimbursement rates and covering fewer providers. In the health-care law's first year, 70 percent of all Obamacare plan networks were either narrow or ultra-narrow, according to an analysis from consulting firm McKinsey.

But doctors are feeling even more financial pres-

sure due to the changes and many believe there's a risk that Obamacare insurance will go the way of Medicaid, where patients still struggle to find a doctor after low reimbursement rates led many physicians to stop accepting it.

"I don't think most physicians know what they're being reimbursed," Gerard said. "Only when they start seeing some of those rates come through will they realize how low the rates are they agreed to."

If Obamacare coverage continues on its current track, exchange customers could face a lower level of care than those who buy coverage in the private market.

"I think it could lead potentially to this kind of distinction that there are these different tiers of quality of care," Connecticut Obamacare chief Kev-

in Counihan told NPR. "That's been something, at least in our state, that we're trying to work against. And the carriers are, as well."

The problem is especially bad for private practices like Gerard's, where physicians' income is directly tied to reimbursements. But hospitals — especially top-tier ones that treat the most difficult diseases — are also increasingly rejecting the low reimbursement rates. The nation's best cancer treatment centers are often covered by very few exchange plans in their states; if Obamacare customers end up with a difficult-to-treat cancer, they're likely to face a lower quality of care right off the bat.

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The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand

2014



Gun and 2nd Amendment Quotes: Annoy Your Local Liberal

by George Gramlich

(From some books on the shelf and internet crawling. Hats off to www.highroad.org, www.quotations.com and AR15.com)

"The rifle itself has no moral stature, since it has no will of its own. Naturally, it may be used by evil men for evil purposes, but there are more good men than evil, and while the latter cannot be persuaded to the path of righteousness by propaganda, they can certainly be corrected by good men with rifles."

The Art of The Rifle
by Jeff Cooper

"People who object to weapons aren't abolishing violence, they're begging for rule by brute force, when the biggest, strongest animals among men were always auto-

matically 'right.' Guns ended that, and social democracy is a hollow farce without an armed populace to make it work."

L. Neil Smith,
The Probability Broach,
1982

"Among the many misdeeds of British rule in India, history will look upon the Act depriving a whole nation of arms as the blackest."

Mahatma Mohandas
K. Gandhi

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

United States Constitution,
Amendment II
Bill of Rights

The strongest reason for the people to retain the

right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in Government.

Thomas Jefferson
(1743-1826)

The constitutions of most of our States assert that all power is inherent in the people; that... it is their right and duty to be at all times armed;...

Thomas Jefferson
(1743-1826)
letter to
Justice John Cartwright,
June 5, 1824

"No Free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms."

Thomas Jefferson,
Proposal to Virginia Constitution

The right of a citizen to bear arms, in lawful defense of himself or the

State, is absolute. He does not derive it from the State government. It is one of the "high powers" delegated directly to the citizen, and 'is excepted out of the general powers of government.' A law cannot be passed to infringe upon or impair it, because it is above the law, and independent of the lawmaking power.

Texas Court Decision
Cockrum v. State,
24 Tex. 394,
at 401-402 (1859)]

"All we ask for is registration, just like we do for cars."

Charles Schumer (b. 1950)
has sworn an oath to defend the U.S. Constitution.
Press conference, 1993

Waiting periods are only a step. Registration is only a step. The prohibition of private firearms is the goal.

Janet Reno (b. 1938)
(Editor/GG: Ah folks, remember this lovely socialist. President Clinton's Attorney General and the woman responsible for the slaughter of dozens of innocent men, women and children in Waco, Texas. Many of them burned alive by her federal police. Fast forward to today, Obama, Hillary, Eric Holder, John Hickenlooper - clones of Janet Reno. The battle goes on.)

All political power comes from the barrel of a gun. The communist party must command all the guns, that way, no guns can ever be used to command the party.

Mao Tse Tung
Problems of War and Strategy, Nov 6 1938

We, the People are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts

- not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow men who pervert the Constitution.

Abraham Lincoln
(1809-1865)

"I have a very strict gun control policy: if there's a gun around, I want to be in control of it."

Clint Eastwood

The Framers gave us the Second Amendment not so we could go deer or duck hunting but to give us a modicum of protection against congressional tyranny.

Walter E. Williams
(b. 1936)

"I am a rape survivor, and a rape attempt survivor. The difference is, the second time, I had a gun."

Evelyn Logan

Man Using 'Biden Defense' Gets Gun Charge Dropped In Washington State Case

by Mike Opelka,
TheBlaze.com

In July 2013, Jeffery Barton, a Washington state resident, was charged with a misdemeanor for "illegally discharging a firearm." On July 17, 2013, Barton plead "not guilty" to the charge.

This week, a few days before his jury trial was about to begin, those charges were dropped, it seems thanks in part to Vice President Joe Biden.

The incident that triggered Barton's arrest happened on July 15, 2013. He admitted to firing his shotgun into the air as he was chasing off some would-be car thieves.

Barton repeatedly told media outlets, "I did what Joe Biden told me to do. I went outside and fired my shotgun in the air."

In case you have forgotten the Joe Biden advice Barton was referring to, it happened during a February 2013 interview with *Parents Magazine*. Biden delivered a simple, clear bit of guidance to anyone considering buying a gun for home protection.

Throughout the legal process, Barton has maintained that he did nothing wrong.

In November 2013, it was widely reported that he rejected plea deals offered by the district attorney. Barton opted for a jury

trial and even showed up in court wearing a black t-shirt printed with the words "Joe Biden Owes Me."

The case was scheduled to go to trial next week in Clark County District Court. *The Columbian* reports that the country's district attorney Golik had doubts about convincing a jury that Barton broke the law, so he dropped the firearms charge and has replaced it with the charge of obstructing a law enforcement officer.

At press time, the paperwork on the obstruction charge had not been filed.

Barton also told *The Columbian* that he felt the new charges were unfounded, adding, "Tony Golik (the Clark County District Attorney) is desperately grasping at straws to keep his --- out of a civil suit which he's going to get anyway."

TheBlaze has reached out to the Clark County D.A.'s office for comment. This story will be updated with new information when we receive it.

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Georgia: 73-Year-Old Woman Shoots Burglar Through Bedroom Door

by Dean Weingarten,
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When you are an elderly woman, you are likely to have more leeway in how you interact with criminals. It is partly a matter of being more vulnerable and partly a matter of the statistics reinforcing the stereotype that women are less aggressive than men. In Georgia, a 73-year-old woman, Ms. Douglas, shot an intruder through her bedroom door after he had broken into the house. The woman heard the doorbell ring a little before 10 p.m., but did not answer it. She saw a truck parked in the middle of an intersection, and called 911. From ajc.com:

"Moments later, however, she heard glass shattering and then the pottery she placed in front of her backdoor breaking so she grabbed her gun.

"According to the report, Douglas stayed in the bedroom but she 'could see light from a flashlight getting closer from under the door. When she heard the doorknob turn, she fired one shot through the door.

"She then heard a scream on the other side of the door and the sub-

ject fled downstairs. Douglas went downstairs and saw the subject in the kitchen looking for the back door. She fired several more shots in the general direction of the subject as he ran outside."

Georgia has a castle doctrine law that allows for a person to use force, including deadly force:

A person is justified in threatening or using force against another when and to the extent that he or she reasonably believes that such threat or force is necessary to prevent or terminate such other's unlawful entry into or attack upon a habitation; however, such person is justified in the use of force which is intended or likely to cause death or great bodily harm only if:

(1) The entry is made or attempted in a violent and tumultuous manner and he or she reasonably believes that the entry is attempted or made for the purpose of assaulting or offering personal violence to any person dwelling or being therein and that such force is necessary to prevent the assault or offer of personal violence;

(2) That force is used against another person who is not a member

of the family or household and who unlawfully and forcibly enters or has unlawfully and forcibly entered the residence and the person using such force knew or had reason to believe that an unlawful and forcible entry occurred; or

(3) The person using such force reasonably believes that the entry is made or attempted for the purpose of committing a felony therein and that such force is necessary to prevent the commission of the felony.

It appears to me that the necessary conditions are met for paragraph (3).

Suspect Jaime Lewis turned up at a medical center with a bullet wound to the chest.

I also believe that the woman enjoys good relations with the local police department. She was at the police department parking lot, handing out snacks, when reporters approached, and she left.

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Obama’s Illegals Swamp Blue-Collar City in Massachusetts

by Neil Munro,
DailyCaller.com
(Editor/GG: Obama’s and the Dems destruction of America. One city at a time. Don’t think it can’t happen here folks.)

President Barack Obama is dumping hundreds of Guatemalan migrants into the blue-collar town of Lynn, Massachusetts, boosting its education costs, forcing cuts in government services, and helping raise rental prices for Americans, according to the city’s mayor.

Many “are illiterate in both English and Spanish [and] the odds of us getting them to pass a 10th grade math test are negligible,” Judith Flanagan Kennedy, the mayor of Lynn, told reporters August 27.

Most of the city’s residents “are very afraid to speak publicly about it because they don’t want to be branded as a racist,” Kennedy said.

But the voters tell her, via letters, emails, and conver-

sations, that “they are very concerned about the number of people coming in,” she said.

“They want to see it stopped [and] they’re glad I’m speaking up about it,” she said.

More than 1,200 supposed minors have enrolled in the town’s schools, including 538 new students in the 2013-14 school year, she said.

The new 538 students are part of the growing wave of Central American illegal migrants that have crossed the border to ask for asylum since 2010.

More than 125,000 low-skill migrants have been allowed into the country since last October. That number includes at least 60,000 “unaccompanied alien minors.” The minors include kids, youths and people masquerading as teenagers, most of whom are guided to the U.S. border by coyotes.

Once they cross the border, many of the Guatemalans

migrate to Lynn because the city already had a population of Guatemalans before the wave began, she said. Migrants settle where they have friends, she added.

Federal officials have not said where the “family units” are being settled, pending the slow resolution of their asylum claims. Many of the migrants’ claims won’t be settled for several years.

The Department of Homeland Security won’t allow school officials to learn more about the migrants that arrive in Lynn, such as their age or even possible criminal records. Some of the migrants are clearly adults, Kennedy told reporters at an August 27 press event in the National Press Club.

During 2013 enrollment, “we were seeing people with graying temples, people with more wrinkles around their eyes than I have,” she said.

The migrants have an in-

centive to lie about their age, because Obama is allowing Central Americans aged 18 or below to file for asylum.

They also have an incentive to enroll in schools. By registering in school, the migrants are forcing the city to declare they are aged 18 or below, which helps their legal claim for asylum, residency and, eventually, citizenship.

The city’s truant officers can visit their homes when they don’t show up for school, Kennedy said. One woman at a student’s home told a truant officer that the so-called student “is 35-years-of-age, he’s not going to show up at school,” said Kennedy.

The city’s drop-out rate is rising, partly because some migrants quit school for work, she said. “We’ve had one of these students drop out four times already... [and] we see a lot of prob-

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GROWING CANCELLATIONS: Another 2K In Cancellations That Udall Promised Wouldn’t

by ColoradoPeakPolitics,
ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Despite Colorado Insurance Commissioner Marguerite Salazar’s best attempts to prevent more health care cancellation notices from piling up at the feet of Sen. Mark Udall, she wasn’t able to stop a further 2,000 from being added this month. The 335K figure everyone has been quoting will now be 340K+ figure since these 2,000 are joining another 3,000+ that have been lost since April. As Valerie Richardson at *The Washington Times* writes:

The state Division of Insurance said in a letter to the Colorado Senate Republicans that another 2,105 policies were discontinued in August in the aftermath of the Affordable Care Act, bringing the total to 341,666.

The growing tally has dogged the Democrat Udall in his bid for re-election. Republicans have blasted him

for voting in favor of Obamacare and then repeating President Obama’s claim that “if you like your health care plan, you can keep it,” which PolitiFact voted the 2013 Lie of the Year.

One would think having been caught telling the lie of the year would lead Udall to run a campaign that tried to overcompensate for such a fact. Not Udall. Rather, he made the radical decision to double down by running a campaign chalked full of lies and deceptions. Any hope that he would reassure Coloradans that he wasn’t the liar of the year PolitFact called him in 2013, went out the window even before his first extremist ad. Udall has followed that first ad with more negative, cynical, and—dare we say—dour political ads with nary an apology to any of the now 340,000+ Coloradans who have lost the very health care plans Udall promised they could keep. This doesn’t even begin

to count the number of Coloradans who’ve lost their doctors because the one they have been seeing all these years is no longer covered by their insurance.

In such a tight race between Udall and Rep. Cory Gardner, a few hundred votes on Election Day could be the deciding factor. Udall can’t be sleeping easy knowing each day hundreds and hundreds of more Coloradans are getting cancellation notices in their mailboxes. Cancellation notices that he promised would never come. Adding them to the already 340,000+ Coloradans makes a very large bloc of Colorado voters Udall directly lied to. They would be more than enough to be the death knell of Udall’s political career.

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BIG GOV JOHN: CO State Government Bloats Out Under Hickenlooper

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

(Editor/GG: Chickenlooper and his democrat cronies are bleeding Colorado dry. You WILL be paying a lot more in taxes for these wasted government jobs. Each new state job creates a huge downstream liability for us and our children with PERA. Vote these socialists out of office in November, or pay the bill, folks.)

Gov. John Hickenlooper and his administration are quick to trumpet any list that has Colorado at or near the top in job growth. Yet, one list of job growth Hickenlooper has never talked about is the unprecedented expansion of state government that has taken place under his failed leadership. For all his empty rhetoric about being a centrist, Hickenlooper at one point had the Colorado state government expanding at a rate

greater than 10% for nine straight months (January 2013 - September 2013). Not even failed liberal states like California or Illinois could come close to this feat. Is there any doubt left that Hickenlooper is anything other than a tax-big, spend-big, big government liberal?

Even now, with the most recent job numbers from May, looking back over the past 12-month average,

Colorado is number one in the country for state government growth at an astounding 6.81%. The next closest state government doesn’t even come close, being an almost two full percentage points less at 4.92%. Meanwhile, Colorado nearly doubles Iowa (3.70%) who sits at number three. Remember PeakNation™, this unprecedented

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White House ‘Quietly’ Exempts 4.5 Million People In 5 “Territories” From Obamacare

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: This folks is what tyranny looks like.)

As Wall Street Journal reports, last week’s geopolitical chaos and distraction was ideal for a news dump, and the White House didn’t disappoint: **On no legal basis, all 4.5 million residents of the five U.S. territories were quietly released from Obamacare.** It seems the costs of healthcare soared in these five territories due to uneconomic mandates - which would have been a disaster PR-wise for the administration and so, under cover of catastrophe, WSJ reports all of a sudden last week HHS discovered new powers after “a careful review of this situation and the relevant statutory language,” that enabled them to ‘selectively exempt’ American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Northern Mariana Islands, and Virgin Islands from Obamacare. And all while vacationing...

As WSJ reports, “The original House and Senate bills that became the Affordable Care Act

included funding for insurance exchanges in these territories, as President Obama promised when as a senator he campaigned in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and other 2008 Democratic primaries. But the \$14.5 billion in subsidies for the territories were dumped in 2010 as ballast when Democrats needed to claim the law reduced the deficit.

As a consolation, Democrats opened several public-health programs to the territories and bestowed most of Obamacare’s insurance regulations, which liberals euphemize as “consumer protections,” such as requiring insurers to accept all comers and charge the same premiums regardless of patient health.”

However, costs soared as no insurer would touch them...

“These uneconomic mandates promptly caused insurance rates to soar and many insurers to flee the territorial markets. You can’t buy any policy at any price in the Mariana Islands. So the territories have spent the last two years beseeching HHS for a regulatory exemption.”

So time to change the rules... from this...

“As recently as last year, HHS instructed the territories that they “have enjoyed the benefits of the applicable consumer protections” and HHS “has no legal authority to exclude the territories” from Obamacare.”

To this...

Laws are made by Congress, but all of a sudden last week HHS discovered new powers after “a careful review of this situation and the relevant statutory language.”

And thus 4.5 million people in the following 5 territories are now free of the tyrannical demands of Obamacare...

American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Northern Mariana Islands, and Virgin Islands.

Which leaves only one question... where does everybody else apply for their ‘uneconomic’ exemption?

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growth of state government for Colorado is taking place at the same time nearly 20 other states are still shrinking their state governments to be more efficient.

In 2013 alone, the Colorado state government expanded at an absurd rate of 10.45% for the entire year. No one else in the country was remotely close to this, as the next closest state came in at merely 4.15%.

Hickenlooper likes to

claim he and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg don’t talk about guns (Hick lies, they do), but maybe among one of their many conversations Bloomberg tutored Hick on how to expand nanny-state government. With over 25,000 pages of new codes and regulations since he has come into office, it only makes sense Hickenlooper would have to bloat out the state bureaucracy to write and enforce all that new red tape.

Hickenlooper has no problem grabbing and trying to own any positive econom-

ic number for Colorado; yet, the one area of growth he is directly responsible for, the growth of the state government bureaucracy, he has never once cited. Is he ashamed of what he has done, or, does he just realize Coloradans will not tolerate a man who has gone so far to destroy our mountain-west, independent spirit?

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A Sheepdog Barks!

What kind of a man (?), what kind of a leader of the greatest and most powerful country in the world (?) holds a press conference, in an open collar, no tie and likely wearing golf shoes while pretending to care about an American journalist that was horribly beheaded on TV and is then seen laughing, smiling and teeing off on a golf course 8 minutes later? Wow, that’s a long convoluted and bad sentence/question wasn’t it? WOOF! The answer is a man who doesn’t really care at all about Foley or one that doesn’t have any respect for this country. James Foley just happened and his beheading is a nuisance for Obama and it’s causing him problems while he is on yet another golfing vacation.

I, for one, am sick and tired of this president showing up in sport coats, open shirts, no ties, no coat, white shirts with the sleeves rolled up, etc., while he is conducting official U.S. business. It is disrespectful to all Americans. He is clown-like. He must think it makes him look cool or look hip I guess. It sure makes him look like he doesn’t really care, or respect the office of the President of the United States, or respect the citizens he was elected to represent. It looks bad and is unprofessional. Of course it befits his mind set and previous behavior. Here is what it says to me: “Look at me; I’m just a regular guy, one of you. I’m not special. The U.S. is not special. This is my way of making that perfectly clear to everyone including the rest of the world. Look at me, I can take selfies with a hot chick from Belgium while attending Nelson Mandela’s funeral. I’m so cool.” Five-and-a-half years of on the job training (OJT) and he still doesn’t get it. This man who occupies the White House is an embarrassment to us all. He loves to campaign. He loves to talk to college students and tell them “we’re going to change the world.” He loves to fundraise and we know he loves to vacation and play golf. He just doesn’t like to govern, to

lead, or to make the hard decisions necessary to protect the citizens of the United States. That’s the hard part and he doesn’t like it. So he doesn’t do those things. Even his supporters and those that voted for him are starting to take note. The rumblings are everywhere. Most Democrats running for reelection don’t want anything to do with him. Remember when he came to Denver recently. Where were Hickenlooper and Udall when he arrived at the airport? Nowhere to be seen! This feckless leader is so concerned about his legacy that he can’t seem to make timely decisions or the correct decisions. He spends so much time telling our enemies what he won’t do that there is no fear of U.S. retaliation. Even when he reluctantly “surged” in Afghanistan he announced the pull out date. He has said so many times that he got us out of Iraq and there will be no U.S. “boots on the ground” that he will now have a difficult time doing the right thing. He’s painted himself into a corner and he just wants all this to go away. He is so antiwar that he is struggling about the right course of action with respect to ISIS. ISIS might be the most evil terrorist army ever assembled. The Secretary of Defense thinks they are. The senior military guy did also. But Obama whacked them for their honest assessments and now they are crab-walking on their statements. Obama telegraphed how he plans to deal with the threat. He is gonna “sic” Attorney General Eric Holder on them! Eric is going to initiate a criminal investigation into James Foley’s beheading. Wow, I’ll bet that has got ISIS on their heels. You can’t make this stuff up. We are going to find that one man who cut Foley’s head off and bring him in to our courts, Mirandize him, give him a lawyer, and try him before a jury of his peers. Wonder where we are going to get the other 12 ISIS guys to sit on the jury because those are his only peers. Maybe that won’t be so hard. We



just learned there are 300 or more American citizens fighting for ISIS. This is totally insane. This was not a criminal act. This was a terrorist act of war against the U.S. And they proudly put it on TV right in Obama’s face. Going after the one man on camera is ridiculous and stupid. It was ISIS, stupid. You go after ISIS! WOOF! According to Charles Krauthammer, going after the man who wielded the knife would be like FDR going after the pilots who attacked Pearl Harbor. Spot on, Charles! Obama said he will bring them to justice. Who is them? The few involved in killing James Foley? We guess Obama is also still looking for “them” in the Benghazi attack that killed our ambassador and 3 others. “What difference does it make?” we heard. Justice is destroying ISIS before it gets any bigger and any stronger. That takes a commitment to really protect America and Americans. That will take Obama making decisions, not based on polling, but on what is right for the national security of this country. He will only do that if he is forced to, kicking and screaming all the way, by the few leaders that know how serious this threat is. We can only hope it will happen. This non-leader leaked the classified information about the failed rescue attempt to make himself look tough. With that came the information that it took him over 30 days to approve the mission and by then the hostages were gone. Will he wait too long again like he did in Syria? Will he hesitate and let the right opportunity slip away? Probably! Stay tuned. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH





The Woodpile Report

by Ol' Remus

The Deflation-Inflation Disaster

(Editor/GG: Folks, Ol' Remus isn't any kind of radical. Old fashioned, conservative observer of our world, he is. So, please listen to what he says below. And prepare.)

This train wreck isn't simply going to hit a wall out of the blue. Actually, it has been forming and accumulating and expanding for many years now, and yet it has simply been ignored, particularly by the financial markets which have ridden this bubble to these extreme and historic heights. The only issue is, when does it hit the wall? The answer to that question is it's not very far down the road, and I can promise you that is when all hell is going to break loose.

There's good evidence our current inflation is artificially induced to stave off an underlying deflation. Deflation is a slowing of the "velocity of money"—a measure of how often a dollar passes from one hand to another. Deflation theorists say the velocity of money became near-catatonic in 2007-2008. The ongoing "money printing" is intended to compensate for the lack of real circulation. It's this "money printing" that accounts for such inflation as exists, and even at that it has not been effective. More technically, in the last twenty-five years the M2 money stock has gone up 700% while prices have gone up 200%. It's the dormant 500% we should worry about.

In a classic deflation like the

Great Depression of the 1930s, currency becomes all but unobtainable, everyone sits on it, in part because they believed "everything will be cheaper tomorrow." They weren't wrong. Faith in the currency was justified by real events so it became more valuable over time. The question is, if we revisit real deflation, what happens to the price of gold and silver? The only honest answer is, nobody knows. History says the price for precious metals—including coins—will drop just like prices for everything else. And that's the key, just like everything else. At minimum their relative value will be maintained and they'll probably do better in terms of purchasing power.

Paper traders and promise holders will take inescapable losses because debt doesn't fall with everything else, it becomes unpayable. Deflation incurs a relentless repudiation of debt—touchingly called "restructured debt" in its final phase—and the stair-step crumbling of everything connected to debt, including prices. Yes, gold and silver prices, too.

1930s-style deflation is an economy's rigor mortis, proof it's well and truly dead and good evidence the regime may be next. Government will do anything to counteract deflation—or even talk of deflation, which is about where we are now. The policy has been aggressive inflation—they call it stimulus or bailouts or quantitative easing—and it's done in

the sorriest strongman's pest-hole and name brand empires. Political flavorings aside, there comes a time when inflation devolves into a frantic torrent of nearly worthless paper. It's here the purchasing power of gold and silver go to escape velocity while that of currency soars twenty feet into the ground and disappears. Long before that, gold and silver won't be offered for any amount of currency.

By the time the handwriting is on the teleprompter it's already too late. Holders of precious metals are ahead of this curve. They know it can take mere weeks for ordinary inflation to metamorphosize into an outright repudiation of the currency, meaning hyperinflation.

Hyperinflation arises as a result of money printing leading to a currency collapse and not from demand pull. The slight deflation that we are experiencing currently is a prerequisite for hyperinflation. The fear of a deflationary implosion forces governments to print money, leading to a collapsing currency which historically has always been the cause of hyperinflation. Egon Greyerz, Matterhorn Asset Management AG.

In passing, there are other dimensions to all this. Given our lawless police state, our institutional corruption, and the collapse of official ethics and personal values, we're closing fast on third-world status. Already the lives of much of the population are indistinguishable from

the bottom reaches of the Third World. This protected subset of society, these professional voters, are paid to consume, know only consuming and despise all else. The coming debacle will be much less orderly than the one of the 1930s.

Don't imagine D.C.'s 'public servants' would perform acts of selfless heroism in a currency collapse. They'll lack motivation, credibility, and legitimacy, perceived or otherwise. One last note. It was rebellions and secessions that finally dissolved the Soviet Union, long in the making, short in the doing. They succeeded because police and armed forces are fractional like bank reserves—not enough by orders of magnitude. It's said the United States is nearly ungovernable even in times of stability and prosperity. Some states may save themselves in whole or in part. It's the least happy of unhappy endings for our former republic, but the most likely.

Deflation is historically more relentless than it is swift, typically it takes a year or two for the last holdouts to topple into the abyss. Inflation is historically as patient as rust, festering as a low-grade infection for decades. But hyperinflation goes from hint to full stride like a drag racer, typically blindsiding layman and professional alike. If deflation is a return to honest bookkeeping, hyperinflation is a book burning. And when the confetti blows away and takes its imaginary wealth

with it, what remains are those things of enduring value: land, food, houses, clothing, tools, medicine—and gold and silver. History tells us this is so. All of history. In all places.

There's no predicting these things, but be aware socialist regimes consider any asset subject to eminent domain, including life itself. Government doesn't give, it takes. It's foolhardy to rely on government, ever, especially when things get sketchy. Whatever dire events lie ahead and however they unfold, precious metals will have their place, and bullion in the form of recognized coins is likely to have the widest acceptance. It may be wise to make them a part of your discreet holdings before government makes itself a party to every transaction.

Only a complete and irredeemable fool will store coins in a bank or any other off-premise location not under his direct control and personal access. Even the minimally prudent will keep them in a location unknown to anybody whose interest is not identical to his own. Nor will he generate avoidable documentation. We are deeper into the storm than most admit and many can imagine. While our well being is not assured by taking such measures, it's imperiled if we do not.

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BEYOND PLEIN AIR

An Outdoor and Indoor Paint-From-Life Event

Take your plein air painting a step further – paint from life inside and out. From October 1-4, the Sangres Art Guild in Westcliffe, Colorado, will host Alla Prima Westcliffe, the 8th annual Plein Air Paint-out ... and paint-in.

The competition is about alla prima painting created from life in the manner of plein air, but not necessarily outdoors. All paintings will be created live during the event. Subject matter is practically unlimited. If the weather is inclement, artists can escape indoors for paint-from-life opportunities.

Historic sites at the foot of the awesome Sangre de Cristo mountain

range will be open for landscape artists. Figure models will be available for indoor artwork. Museum space will be open to “live-paint” historic artifacts. Special events for Collectors and Artists are planned for each evening, culminating in an awards ceremony, artists’ reception and sale.

By expanding the usual plein air paint-out into an outdoor and indoor paint-from-life competition, Sangres Art Guild is at the forefront of this expanding art movement. Called alla prima, or “all at once” painting, it places both studio and plein air painting on the same footing by limiting the time available to complete a painting. All artwork must be started and completed on site during the event. Whether you prefer plein air or studio work – or both – this is the place to be. Any painting or drawing medium is acceptable.

Collectors in love with plein air paintings have a choice of subject matter in this expanded competition. If you love the sparkle of a freshly created landscape, imagine how intense a newly created figurative or still life work will be. Come and see.

The event takes place in conjunction with the 8th annual Arts Hullabaloo in Westcliffe, a multi-faceted celebration that



San Luis valley artists Coni Grant (L) and Susan McCullough (R) painting “en plein air” in the Wet Mountain Valley 8 miles south of Westcliffe in 2012. Both Coni and Susan were award winners that year.

Courtesy photo by Curt Gillespie

showcases the performing, culinary, visual, musical, literary and fiber arts to name a few.

More can be learned at www.SangresArtGuild.org/Events.

Sangres Art Guild was established as a non-profit in 2005 with the goal of creating an exceptional arts-centered destination where everyone can create, support, participate and enjoy the jaw-dropping scenic beauty of the Wet Mountain Valley in Custer County, Colorado. A completely volunteer-driven organization, today SAG boasts membership of some of the nation’s top artists.



Artists and patrons mingle at the “Wet Wall Night” at last year’s All Prima Westcliffe. This is a special night where artists can meet and mingle with patrons while enjoying freshly painted artwork from that day. We’ll have a similar event two days before the main artists reception this year.

Courtesy photo by Curt Gillespie

ILLEGALS

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lem coming down the road.”

Many of the migrants are so unprepared for school that they’re dragging down Lynn’s apparent school performance which threatens performance-based funding from the state, she said.

When “one gentleman presented his [enrollment] papers, he presented an arrest warrant,” she said. School officials called immigration officials who have declined to say what became of that supposed student.

None of the students “come in with any criminal record history, so we have no way of knowing if they have been in trouble criminally in their home countries,” she said. “I think that poses a danger for my children and my community at large.”

Guatemala’s population has one of the highest crime rates in the world.

The city has also had to hire nurses to provide hundreds of vaccinations to the incoming Guatemalans, she said.

“It does become very frustrating.”

The extra school costs have boosted the education budget by 9 percent and forced a cut of almost 5 percent in other city services, she told reporters. For example, those cuts ended a neighborhood policing program that had helped cut gang activity by more than 50 percent.

The extra costs have eaten up the city’s \$16.5 million reserve fund, the mayor continued. “In the last couple years, it has all fallen apart.”

Kennedy told reporters she is visiting D.C. to meet with congressional staffers to ask for help.

The city’s residents are also paying directly because rents are rising as the population rises, she added.

“There’s a bidding war” for apartments, she explained, adding that “the landlords are happy to see the prices go up.”

There’s so much demand for apartments that some landlords are illegally covering houses as rooming houses, she said.

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