



“I Don’t Care About Custer County...”
Silver Cliff Trustee Lowe Let’s the
Cat Out of the Bag on Legalizing Pot in Town

by Fred Hernandez

Silver Cliff Town Trustee and chairperson of the so called “marijuana study committee”, Richard Lowe called the town’s second marijuana “fact finding” meeting to “order” last Thursday, September 10th, at the meeting room of Tony’s Mountain Pizza. The committee is a band of volunteers and town trustees fashioned by the trustees themselves and saddled with the task of “gathering the facts” and, thereafter, making the determination as to whether or not to put the legalization in the Town

of Silver Cliff on the November 2016 ballot.

The meeting was supposedly a public forum at which time a dialogue would take place between the public and the committee members. It was immediately obvious that, instead of having called the meeting to order, Chairperson Lowe had actually initiated a state of disorder. To begin with, he did not start the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Instead, Lowe took off delivering a long winded explanation of what he believed the meeting would be all about,

which was, according to Lowe, just about the facts. No opinions would be entertained at this time.

Immediately, hands went up in the audience as many voiced disagreement as to what the definition of facts were. Some also questioned why the issue of marijuana was still unresolved when the county already voted against it. To this, Chairperson Lowe replied that they were giving the residents of Silver Cliff,



Pro-pot Silver Cliff Trustee Richard Lowe chairs the “Fact Finding” Committee.

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CCCS ACT Scores: Every Score Below State Average One School Board Member In Denial

*Analysis and Commentary
by George Gramlich,*

The spring 2015 ACT scores recently released for Custer County Central School continue to show an underperforming school with EVERY test category below the Colorado composite average and with three out of four by a significant amount.

The scores also indicate that the school has been consistently scoring below the state average for the last five years except for the 2012 school year.

What is also disturbing is that the 2015 scores have dropped dramatically from the 2014 level, with only one area improving somewhat (mathematics, but it was still below the state average).

To put the scores in perspective nationally and internationally, one must note that Colorado scores around the middle nationally in standardized testing and America has fallen to around 20th worldwide in academic performance. So if CCCS isn't even scoring above the state average, the results would place us in third world status internationally. And fellow taxpayers and parents, when our kids can't read, add, or understand science better than some third-world cesspool like Uganda then that is called failure and you can't redefine these results by calling it anything else.

So let's take a look by subject:
(Note: In ACT scoring, with a scale from 0 to 36, one point difference is a BIG difference.)

English: The score dropped a devastating 1.3 points from 2014 (20.4 to 19.1) and fell even farther behind versus the state average (20.2). This is just horrible. Citizens' Grade: Failure

Mathematics: The score increased by a half a point (19.1 to 19.6) but still was way below the state average (20.4) by almost a whole point. Some growth here but, when you are below the state average, you are still failing. **Citizens' Grade:** Failure

Reading: Dropped slightly from 2014 (from 21.0 to 20.8) and fell below the state average of 21.0. The score was slightly above the state average last year (21.0 versus state average score of 20.9). So we went downhill a bit here. Citizens' Score: Failure (because below state average)

Science: Failure, failure, failure. The score dropped a mind-boggling 1.8 points from 2014!!! Falling to a huge 1.6 points below the state average (20.8). This is extremely disappointing as the 2014 was a half point above the state average. This is simply unacceptable by any standard. Citizens Score: Failure

The five-year trend shows a school consistently below the state aver-

age (except for 2012) and showing NO growth in scores. What this shows is a school board and administration that has been completely ineffective in raising CCCS's scores above the mediocre state averages. Why would this be? This isn't an inner city school with all those problems. We don't have issues with kids coming in who can't speak English. We don't have a gang problem. And don't whine to us in the real world about having some of the kids receiving free lunches (families below the mystical poverty line) implying that you can't handle teaching those kids. (We have always had poverty, and somehow the education establishment years ago successfully handled it.) What we had was a school board and administration over the last five years that refused to ACKNOWLEDGE that there was a problem so that they could attempt to fix it.

When you have a school principal concerned about the “flat-lining” of the scores over the last few years (last school board meeting) and NOT noting that this flat-lining was all below the state average than you have an issue in problem recognition. If you don’t have scores above the state average every year, that is the immediate problem. If CCCS was “flat-lining” at a B+ or A level than flat-lining is good. Don’t hide behind “growth” figures, when after the growth you are still below average.

Perhaps even more unsettling, is that one of the two remaining board members from the “old regime”, Mr. Monty Lee, challenged new Superintendent Payler’s wording (at the last school board meeting) in his proposed improvement plan saying that he objected to the word describing CCCS as a “turn-around” school, which implies that the school is performing below par and needs to be fixed (“turned around”) so that is performing well academically. Note to school board member: the word “turnaround” is being polite. The school is FAILING academically by ANY normal person’s standards.

Superintendent Payler is a highly experienced and trained professional who has “turned around” an entire failed school district (Weld County Re-8) and is simply stating the truth (how refreshing). Perhaps, school board members (and past members), you somehow don’t want to accept responsibility for your failure to move this school forward. Maybe in your world (and much of America today) you simply redefine failure and pretend that everything is fine. But here you are playing with our children’s future, and that doesn’t cut it with the citizens of this county. Note that in the Alcohol Anonymous program (which is outstanding) that the first

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*For I,
the Lord your God,
will hold your
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Saying to you,
'Fear not
I will help you.'*

Isaiah 41:13,
NIV



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Our Opinion... From the Editorial Board

POT IN SILVER CLIFF: A FAIT ACCOMPLI?

The Town Trustees of Silver Cliff will decide in November whether or not to put a measure on the April 2016 Ballot that will allow medical and recreational sales of marijuana and grow operations within the town limits. There are six trustees. Three of them are on a study group which has the charter to gather facts and to advise the trustees. So, those three are fact gathering to advise themselves. A crowd of about 75 Custer County citizens attended the second Town Hall meeting Thursday, September 10. It didn't get off to a very good start. Richard Lowe, a trustee and the leader of the study group, started it off with a statement that the group was not interested in anyone's opinions, only facts that can be substantiated on the internet. The study group would then review those facts. He went on to say that the study group knew that everyone attending the meeting was against pot sales and grow operations so they didn't need to hear any more of their opinions. This did not go over well with the attendees. The majority of the crowd was not in favor of selling and growing pot in the community

and several wondered aloud why that wasn't important to the study group. A comment was made that the group knows that those who support the ballot measure are at home and not attending the meeting. It was clear to all that public opinion is not important to those that support this plan. One's internet fact gathering can easily support one's predetermined opinion. It was also clear to the crowd that the three trustees are clearly in favor of allowing marijuana sales and farming in their town. Mr. Lowe went on to say that, in his "opinion", adjoining property values of any grow operations would go up. It was he that said opinions would not be allowed in the discussions. The attendees were having none of that anyway. Many stood to voice their opinions along with the facts that supported them. Most of the attendees believe that the decision is all about the money. Sadly, most decisions by elected officials come down to money. It's usually not based on right or wrong but about how much money it will generate or is based on the fear of how much a lawsuit will cost. We believe that the trustees are determined

to put this question to the Silver Cliff voters and we believe that is a bad idea. Mr. Lowe also told the attendees that they were not concerned about Westcliffe, Custer County or the school. They were only concerned with Silver Cliff and its budget. He repeated several times that there was already pot use in the school and seemed skeptical that this might cause an increase. He opined that it was the parents' responsibility to make sure that didn't happen. One attendee said that the demographics of Silver Cliff lend itself to the passing of such a measure if it is on the ballot. No comment in return. The leaders of this community have made it clear that this would not be a good thing for this county and especially bad for the youth. These negative consequences did not seem very important to the three trustees on the study group. We wonder how the other three trustees feel about the issue. There will be a workshop with the study group and the trustees on Tuesday, September 22, at 5:00 p.m. No public comments. Then there will be another Town Hall meeting with the Trustees on Monday, September 28, also at 5:00 p.m. Maybe the Trustees will be interested in the opinions of the citizens. We hope they might see fit to not pursue this ballot measure. They were elected to make the best and most proper decisions. Throwing a tough vote out to the public is not courageous. It's the easy way out. The public doesn't always think things through. That's why 55% of the state's citizens voted to legalize pot in Colorado without considering ANY of the unintended and negative consequences. Now the state is scrambling to write the necessary laws and regulations to prevent children from accidentally

eating the edible pot or even what constitutes driving under the influence of a pot high. Recent polling reveals that Amendment 64 would probably not pass today now that the citizens see all the problems and the dangers to our youth. The state now has to spend millions of dollars on a campaign to make sure parents and children know that this powerful substance is a gateway drug and can impair the development of a young person's brain. So, here's the question. WHY bring this into Custer County? Since it's legal and every adult can grow up to six plants at home and medical marijuana is available in Pueblo, why does it make sense to invite all the negative consequences into our community? Here are three "facts" we would ask the Trustees to help base their decision on. Fact #1: It's all about the money. It's never as much as expected and it's hard to stop these sales and operations once you start. Fact #2: If you do this in Silver Cliff, you will anger the majority of citizens in this county. These are your friends and neighbors we hope you care about. Fact #3: Is the most important one: If you invite more marijuana into this area, you will contribute to the increased harm to the children and youth in this county. You have been told this by doctors, psychiatrists, nurses, counselors, teachers, the School Board, the School Superintendent, and the Sheriff. Please don't do this for the money. Do what is right for the youth. We urge the readers to talk to their friends and neighbors, especially those that live in Silver Cliff. Encourage them to attend the public meetings and voice their concerns to the Silver Cliff Trustees. Do it to protect the children.

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the advantage of being armed
which Americans possess over
the people of almost every other
nation, where the Government are afraid to
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Abortion Versus “Organ Donor”

Good day, Sir, and God bless you. I was recently speaking with my dad about the undercover video clips that reveal the abortion industry’s profit-oriented tactics. It truly is revolting and shameful that any of us even have to speak of such a thing. Where are we as a so-called civilized nation and how did we get to the point of selling the body parts of our children?

As my dad and I spoke, he explained to me that my brother felt that it was “no big deal” and expressed no revolt or any of the feelings that my dad and I felt. How could he say that this issue is no big deal? How could anybody blink an eye at such a practice? This hit me really hard because I can’t imagine my brother as being cruel, callous, and evil enough to excuse this issue as no big deal. My brother is a loving father of three and is intelligent and rational. Although he is a pothead who wishes he lived in Colorado, he has a sharp mind and can reason through issues to see them to logical conclusions. It didn’t make sense to me that he shrugged off such an obviously evil issue.

But then I remembered something I had seen and it made perfect sense all of a sudden. In fact, it is exactly what has brought us as a culture to this point. What I had seen was that on my brother’s driver license are printed the words “ORGAN DONOR”. As a culture, we have logically accepted the concept of using the body parts of the dead for the benefit of the living. A kidney, a liver, an eye, a hand, or even a face; this practice is considered not only acceptable but commendable in our society. It is almost expected of us to be an “ORGAN DONOR” for the betterment of others in need or for the advancement of “SCIENCE”. Sure, there is a moral difference between

the organ donor concept of waiting until death occurs and the abortion method of intentional murder. But the underlying belief is that it is acceptable to harvest human remains. Remember, the abortion is not the abortionist’s decision. It is the mother’s decision. In this way the clinical help, nurses, and doctors, by-pass the moral point of committing murder and skip to the ideal of harvesting “tissue” for the good of the living, the advancement of “SCIENCE.”

Recently, we have seen that people actually make money by harvesting the remains of aborted babies. How long have people made money for the same practice on those who have died after they were born? You may argue that nobody is systematically killing people to harvest their organs. Are you sure? Do you know how many people die in American hospitals every year? How many people simply disappear every year? Not only is that possibility real, we have allowed ourselves to accept a practice which is abominable to God because we believe it is good for us. I read somewhere this quote:

“Evil is often the unintended consequence of attempting to do good in an un-biblical way.”

The Bible teaches that a dead body is to be disposed of appropriately and to even touch a dead body makes one “unclean”. We ignore this because we think we have found a better way. The root of humanism is to believe that man’s ideas are supreme. How much humanism are we Christians embracing as we condemn others who embrace similar ideas?

My God have mercy on us all.

In His service,
Scott Bailey
Florida

An Open Letter to Mr. Richard Lowe, Silver Cliff Trustee and Chairperson of the Marijuana Study Committee

Dear Mr. Lowe,

I attended the meeting you chaired last Thursday, September 10th, at Tony’s Mountain Pizza, in my capacity as both resident of Silver Cliff and volunteer reporter of the *Sangre de Cristo Sentinel*. I am writing to share with you, in case you have not noticed or been informed by your colleagues, the impression you and your group made on the community in the interest of possibly improving your skills, and that of your group, at honest communications with those whom you are supposed to be serving in your capacity as town officials.

Number One: To begin with, it is good form and proper to start off all your meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. It shows respect for the great country we live in and instills patriotism. Not to do so in a formal meeting is disrespectful to say the least.

Number Two: You mentioned during one of your locutions that you did not care about Custer County; that you only care about Silver Cliff. Well, you might think that is so honorable of you to be loyal to your place of residence. However, that is not a benefit for the common good. The concept of com-

mon good is that one is concerned, not only for ones’ well-being and that of his immediate family but for those in the neighboring community which forms the complete support group for a given area. Not to care about one’s neighbors is at best un-Christian and quite selfish. In fact, on the long run, it tends to undermine the community as a whole which would impact, as well, the ones who do not care for the common good in the first place. When you made that misguided comment at the meeting, did you not notice or hear the tumultuous negative and disdain-ing response you triggered?

That response might be a good clue for you to consider.

Number 3: It is quite obvious to many in this county, indeed most if not all the people attending your meeting, that this whole study group is really a sham. It is nothing but political “showboating”; pretending like you are “studying” something

that you have already made a decision about. With all possible due respect, Mr. Lowe, except for maybe one or two of your members who did an objective and fairly good job in their assigned research tasks, the rest, in-

cluding yours, and in particular the one of Mr. Smith, was an insult to the intelligence of the audience in particular and in general the whole community. Once again the entire room burst into noisy disbelief. It was, and I am sorry to give you my opinion at this point, a self-serving exercise in cunning, and trickery. The whole thing is deceptive, Mr. Lowe. Not really a nice thing to do to your constituents and the residents of the neighboring area which decisions you make impact negatively.

Finally, Mr. Lowe, many of us are not even certain if the so called Study Group, peppered with members of the board of trustees, is even legal, but for certain it is unethical. It is strongly felt that the composition of the study group gives new meaning to the notion of “conflict of interest”. You, in fact, study what you want to see happen and then recommend it back to yourself for approval. Nasty.

Thank you for your attention, Mr. Lowe. I hope, and indeed I pray, that you will, somehow, be enlightened as you go forward on this unholy quest.

Fred Hernandez, Sr.
Silver Cliff

Create a Culture of Learning-2005

by Joe Cascarelli

In my opinion, schools today including C-1 have lost their way. School policy makers and the communities they serve have allowed a culture of learning to be displaced. Many schools have become places to hang out between football games and dances. Learning in many cases is incidental to whatever the authors of the latest educational fad tells us is important. Remember the new math?

All kinds of counterproductive behaviors are tolerated. While I was providing security at a school dance, a young male student offered to show me how to text during class without getting caught. I personally observed a 9th grade student tear a page out of a spiral-bound note book and hand this in as homework. Students often spend a whole class watching a movie.

This kind of behavior would never happen where a culture of learning existed. So, what is a culture of learning? It is a culture where everyone accepts that learning comes first. Everything else is second. These secondary activities are permitted only when the learning has happened. The only exception is a fire drill. All stakeholders-teachers, administrators, policy makers, students, parents and tax payers-accept and support this environment, every day.

How do we create a culture of learning? First, our expectations of our students must be reinforced every day by parents and educators, aunts and uncles, neighbors and visitors. Second, when a student asks a teacher, “How am I going to use this [some content of a class, like algebra] in real life?” every parent and teacher must have a per-

suasive, accurate and ready answer. If you can’t think of one, call me. Third, educators must be able to sell students on the importance of their subject matter. They must be able to answer the rhetorical question, “What’s in it for me [the student]?” Start off each lesson with, “Here is why today’s subject matter is important.” Educators must be relentless. Finally, expect excellence from students.

Believe me, our students can take more rigor. They won’t break. Few will cry. I believe that they will flourish. They will want to come to school every day. They will go home talking about what they learned. And, they will be preparing themselves for employment or higher education. How long will it take? If we all work hard and catch a break or two, it will take 3 or 4 years.

Here is what would NEVER

happen where learning is the prevailing culture. A coach would never badger a teacher for a higher grade for an athlete. Parents would never pressure a teacher to change that “D” to a “C”, never. Students would always take pride in their assignments because they are a reflection on their reputation. Active participation in a class would be seen as a privilege. No one would complain about CSAP or No Child Left Behind. Outstanding performance in class would be contagious. Whining would never be an option. Stoic acceptance of consequences of poor deportment would be the rule.

This could happen here [Westcliffe CO]. Discuss the concept with a Board of Education member or a member of the C-1 administration.



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Attendees Treated Rudely at Public Forum

After attending the second Town of Silver Cliff meeting on cannabis, the audience at this meeting was treated rudely, scare tactics, verbal abuse, and the 3 board members were untouched by any comments that were made. Nothing like the first meeting a few weeks ago. Did the board members get money, threats, or maybe even smoke weed before the meeting??? Something happened.

Again 99% of attendees were in no way, shape, or form for allowing grow facilities, eatables, retail shops, medical or recreational happening in this sleepy little town.

Guess the drug raids recently here did not mean anything to the members of the committee. Also our schools' counselor, nurses, and questions concerning water, did not seem to be important to the members of the board. After all the discussions were over Mr. Lowe stated

it was probably going to be on the ballot, this year instead of 2016. What's the rush, could it be that new board members will be appointed, or voted in next year? Too many questions unanswered and it seems like this is just the beginning.

Is Silver Cliff that money hungry – they would sell us out? Destroy families, business and property values, and put everyone in Custer County at risk? Is the 30-50 thousand dollars really worth even considering it??

As one board member stated: “No one has EVER died from smoking marijuana in the entire world”. WOW. So why not include whore houses, meth labs, child slavery, etc. for the town board to decide as well? Oh yea, that's against Federal Law.

*A Concerned Citizen of Silver Cliff
Christy D. Shy*

Thanks to Playground Builders

On behalf of the Town of Westcliffe, we would like to recognize everyone who contributed to the Community Build of the Memorial Park Playground. Your role, whether it was your time and energy or the delicious food that was contributed, volunteering is a choice and thank you for making it. Many of you shared that this experience was personally satisfying, challenging and fun spending your free time to benefit the youth of Custer County and the many

young guests that visit our park each year. Thanks again for your selfless dedication to Westcliffe, we are proud to be a part of a community that invests so much in the lives of others.

We are planning a ribbon-cutting ceremony soon and would like you all to be there to take part. Details will be shared as soon as they are available.

Town of Westcliffe Staff and Board of Trustees

School Board: How About Answering Some Questions Sometimes

Bravo for Larry Luikart. His commentary on the C-1 Board Meetings is a big, old dose of the truth. Over the years, I, too, have attended many school board meetings. The single most exasperating aspect of those meeting is that none of the board members are required to answer any questions. They just sit there and look at the attendee and offer nothing in the way of a response to even to most basic question.

Let's take Monty Lee's objection to the use of “turnaround” when discussing a strategic plan for C-1. Well, I'd like Monty to tell the community why he believes that C-1 is not a failing district. If Lee or any other policy-maker were compelled to explain why he believes that C-1 is doing so well, this would be good for all. What data does Mr. Lee have to defend his opinion? Maybe, if substantial discussion would be a major part of every school board meeting, the attendance at these events would be larger. I can assure everyone

reading this that if they would attend a regular meeting of the Westcliffe or the Silver Cliff board and the Board of County Commissioners meeting, they will get an answer and a dialog if appropriate. How is it that the C-1 Board is exempt from having to defend their decisions in public?

How about putting this issue on the agenda of the next meeting? Why not have a serious discussion on the problems of educating the community's children? Our founders created a representative republic where those elected to public office are answerable to the electorate. Now that this matter is on the table, maybe we can get some of the C-1 board members or the new superintendent to justify this way of running meetings is good for the community.

Well done Larry.

*Joe Cascarelli
Westcliffe, CO*

Rotary Club Says Thanks

The Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club wishes to thank all the wonderful people and businesses that supported the Rotary Pancake Breakfast and the Rotary Golf Tournament. These are our only fundraisers for the year to fund the Rotary Scholarship Program. The Club boasts that 100% of the proceeds goes to Custer County students, as our members all work for free. The Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club has awarded over \$462,000 in scholarships to our students.

The Club would not be able to provide support to the community or to the students

without the generous contributions from local businesses, as well as the participation by the people of Custer County. It is this participation and willingness to help that makes Custer County a great community.

Thank you to all that helped in any way. To the businesses that supported us through advertising at the Golf Tournament or made material contributions, we thank you. To the people of Custer County that supported us, we will work hard to make sure your support continues to help the students of Custer County.

Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club

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returning those to that internet site. Talk to a few local contractors before you place that internet order! Find out the real cost of what it will take 'here in the area' to complete that dream home. Foundation, well and pump, septic system, power and gas, excavation, plumber, electrician, insulation etc... All done cheap elsewhere.

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Silver Cliff: Recall Government Officials or Dissolve the Town

by Paul Sage

Since the last meeting of the Silver Cliff “marijuana study committee” when chairman of the committee and Town Trustee Richard Lowe announced that the question of the town going into the pot business “will” go on the ballot, circumventing the purpose of the process of studying the question to decide if this should happen, there has been a substantial amount of talk in the town of recalling all of the government officials who refuse to carry out the will of the electorate.

There are differences in the requirements to make either of these things happen and different results from each. The recall of the officials is a relatively simple process requiring only a small number of signatures on a petition to have the recall question placed on the ballot. It requires finding someone who wants to replace the ousted officials serving in the financially struggling town, and changes little else. The dissolution (or disincorporation) of the town has more stringent petition and vote requirements, but offers a more permanent solution by completely eliminating the overhead and bad governance problems of the town, as well as the taxes it collects, and returns the property to unincorporated county property.

RECALL

According to the Colorado Legislative Council, “A recall election allows voters to remove and replace an elected official prior to the end of the official’s term. Eligible electors of any political subdivision may initiate the recall of an elected official by signing a petition that calls for

a recall and demands the election of a successor to the officer named in the petition.” State law requires that the petition contain a general statement explaining the reason for the recall and gather the signatures of 50% of the number of votes cast for the same position in the last general election within 60 days of filing the recall petition form with the local election official. That number would be very small in Silver Cliff. The town must then schedule the election for between 30 and 90 days, unless there is a general election within 180 days.

DISSOLUTION OF THE TOWN

Again, according to the Colorado Legislative Council, “The proceedings for discontinuance of incorporation begin when a petition for discontinuance is filed with the district court of the county where the municipality exists. The petition must be signed by at least 25 percent of the registered eligible electors of the municipality.” Upon verification of the petition, the district court will notify the electors of the municipality of a vote at the next regular election. In this election at least two thirds of the registered eligible electors must vote in favor of the dissolution of the town.

The standards for this process are much more stringent, but the benefits can be much greater. It can reduce the economic strain on the community as all local taxes that support town overhead are eliminated. It can also serve to eliminate ordinances and codes that are unique to the town. All town property just becomes part of the unincorporated county with uniform codes, ordinances, and services.

It also eliminates any possibility of rogue town officials wasting taxpayer money to “study” and pay for elections for matters in their personal interest. The marijuana issue is not the first time Silver Cliff officials have gone down this road. Time and money was previously wasted on a similarly unpopular referendum on gambling that went down to defeat.

Recently, Michelle Wilde Anderson published an 88-page study in the Yale Law Review titled, “Dissolving Cities”. In it, she “identifies 690 dissolutions in thirty-eight states”. Many of them were in towns and cities of much larger size than Silver Cliff. Her research indicated that “more municipalities dissolved in the past fifteen years than at any time before that.”

In the Yale Law Review published study, it was found that “A sizable number of cities were dying, closing down their municipal governments, and returning to dependence on counties. Some were ghost towns, emptied of population. In those places, jobs were lost and families struggled; crops died off and industries moved on. Other cities were humming with civic life; places with people but no longer with separate governments. In these cities, citizens from the political left and right, often in coalition, rose up to eliminate their local governments.”

The options available to the residents of Silver Cliff to take back control of their destinies vary, but doing nothing seems to no longer be an option for the majority who are tired of being ignored. Keep an eye out for upcoming citizens meetings to start the ball rolling in a selected direction.



Custer County Sheriff's Office

Taking Back Unwanted Prescription Drugs

**September 26
at the Sheriff's Office
702 Rosita Avenue**

On September 26th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Custer County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its tenth opportunity in five years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to Custer County Sheriff's Office at 702 Rosita Ave. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last September, Americans turned in 309 tons (over 617,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at nearly 5,500 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,000 of its state and local law enforcement partners. When those results are combined with what was collected in its eight previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 4.8 million pounds—more than 2,400 tons—of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the September 26th Take Back Day event, go to the DEA Office of Diversion Control site at http://www.dea diversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html

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Sangres Best to Offer “Tasting Room and Take Out” at 2nd Street Kitchen

The valley's own Sangres Best Grass-Finished Beef is headed for the brand new 2nd Street Kitchen where it will be crafted into delicious entrees, soups, stews, and more which will be available for tasting and take-out. This new, one-of-a-kind venue will provide delicious, nutritious, made from scratch options for lunch or dinner at home or in the office.

“Many valley residents have yet to taste our “Grass-Finished Difference” says Elin Parker Ganschow, founder of the local beef company. “With the 2nd Street Kitchen it will be easy and fun for locals to come by and taste what’s cookin’! We have had a loyal following at our market stand on Wednesdays lined up for burgers, brats, and other irresistible fare so we are excited to turn everyone on to what we can crank out of a kitchen!”

Elin and her team plan to feature the “Dish of the Day”. Limited only by the imagination, watch for dishes ranging from stir fry, Japanese and Asian, to German, Italian, American, and more. Dishes will roll with the seasons with

hot and hearty winter fare and lighter summer dishes. Grilled items will provide further variety during fair weather.

“Elin’s recipes have been kept in her head far too long!” says husband Matt Ganschow. “She is a fantastic cook with every creation seeming to be original.”

She says the key is to keep it simple, remain flexible, use what you have, source the best quality ingredients possible, and most important...have fun! Sangres Best is seeking favorite recipes from locals who wish to share them. Gushikowa contributed her recipe for Sukiyaki for our kickoff this week!

Recipes and the beef are available to everyone so that the delicious foods coming from the kitchen may be prepared and enjoyed at home as well. Sangres Best Beef will be available at Elevations Meat Shop with increasing regularity as the new crop of grass-finished beef cattle is harvested.

Local and Colorado ingredients will be used as often as possible. Anyone who has extra garden produce is encouraged

to bring it by the kitchen as it can be purchased for use in an upcoming “Dish of the Day”.

Grass-fed beef demand has grown the past 10 years at an annual rate of 25 – 30%. There are a number of reasons for its growing popularity but at the core is the increased awareness by many that “we are what we eat” and that it just makes sense to eat as closely to nature as possible. There is a very natural desire for humans to want to know details about their food such as where and how it was raised or grown. Documentaries about industrial food production have raised awareness about food quality and animal welfare. Science has shown us that grass-fed meats are high in CLA’s, Omega 3s and vitamins compared to grain-finished beef. Another wonderful fact is that E-Coli is a virtually unheard of in grass-finished beef!

Sangres Best will be open for business weekly on Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

This Saturday Sangres Best will be available from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. during the 2nd Street Kitchen Grand Opening.

The Sangres Art Guild Upcoming Events

The Sangres Art Guild in Westcliffe, Colorado, will host Alla Prima Westcliffe 2015, the 9th Annual Plein Air Paint-Out & Paint-In, on September 30 – October 3, 2015. The event takes place in conjunction with the 9th Annual Arts Hullabaloo in Westcliffe, a multi-faceted celebration that showcases the performing, culinary, visual, musical, literary, and fiber arts to name a few.

For more information, please visit <http://www.sangresartguild.org/events/> or contact Curt Gillespie by phone at 719-783-0886, or email curt@greenstoneart.com



Artists and patrons mingling at the “Wet Wall Night” at 2013 Alla Prima Westcliffe. Wet Wall Night was a special night prior to the main event artists reception, where artists could meet and mingle with patrons while enjoying freshly painted artwork from that day.

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Custer County Human Services Receives State Recognition

by Larry Luikart

Colorado Department of Human Services Deputy Director Julie Krow presented the "C-Stat Distinguished Performance" plaque to Laura Lockhart, Custer County Human Services Director at a ceremony in the Courthouse on Monday, September 14, 2015.

Ms. Krow, in her remarks, indicated that Custer County preformed in the top ten of the sixty-four counties in Colorado. The C-Stat award is the CDHS performance management strategy which tracks more than one hundred measures in real

time to improve outcomes for all Coloradans. Custer County was a top performer meeting its goals 79.6 percent of the time in 2014.

Custer County Commissioners Kit Shy, Lynn Attebery, and Bob Katnig offered their congratulations to Director Lockhart and all the assembled staff for their hard work and dedication.

The *Sentinel* congratulates the Custer County Human Services for its award and their dedication in providing superior quality in the delivery of human and health services in Custer County.



Staff of the Custer County Human Services, the Custer County Commissioners, and Colorado Department of Human Services Deputy Director Julie Krow.

Sentinel photo by Larry Luikart

Mullett Excavating Sold

Myron and Connie Mullett have a lot yet to do in their lives so they sold Mullett Excavating to Patrick and Kim Baker. Mullett Excavating was started by Myron and Connie right here in Custer County in 1992. If you know the Mulletts, you know they spend a lot of their time helping others. This transition will let them spend even more time in their mission work and give Myron time to concentrate on some big projects coming up. Myron and Connie plan to remain in Westcliffe.

Myron put it this way, "We've been here for 25 years, raised four kids, love the people of the valley, and have no intentions of leaving. This is home." Myron will continue to be involved with the company about one half of the year while working on some other opportunities the other half.

Patrick and Kim Baker currently live in Cañon City with their four children, three daughters, and one son. Their oldest daughter, Abby, recently married and lives and works in Cañon City. The second oldest daughter, Rachel, is doing mission work, son Jack is currently a senior in high school, and their youngest daughter, Anna, is 10 years old and in the 5th grade. The Bakers are originally from Michigan. They are thinking



From left to right, Myron and Connie Mullett celebrating with the new owners Kim and Patrick Baker.

Sentinel courtesy photo

about moving here to this beautiful valley.

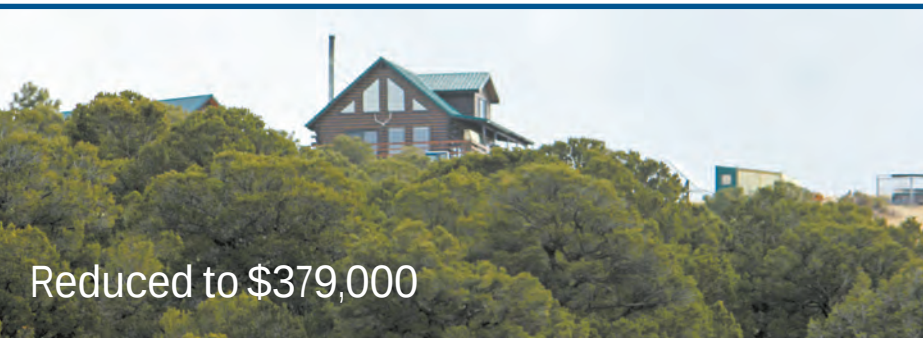
Myron and Patrick met as members of a Christian Business Organization called C12. Patrick is now the third generation in his family to own and operate a construction business. When asked what his vision was for the company Patrick said, "We have no plans to change the name, but hope to grow and expand its opportunities in the region. Mullett Excavating has been built on the Mullett good name and we see no reason to change that. Even though we hope to expand, we are especially hopeful that the headquarters can remain in Westcliffe." Patrick continued, "This company is God's! Kim and I are simply stewards of it. Our main priority is to impact God's kingdom by building a great company for a greater purpose."

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Deer Mountain Community Organization's
Famous Fried Chicken Dinner
Vineyard Church, 245 Raynolds Ave. in Cañon City
Friday, September 25th, from 5-7 p.m.

DMCO is raising money to build a community center in the Copper Gulch area.
The menu is fried and baked chicken, homemade mashed potatoes and gravy,
green beans, freshly baked rolls, and a variety of beverages and desserts.
Nobody leaves the dining room hungry!

Walk-ins are welcome (until all the food has been served) so come early.
Adult meals are \$8, children under 12 eat for \$5. Tickets are available by calling
942-3423. Bring your friends and family and support a good cause.

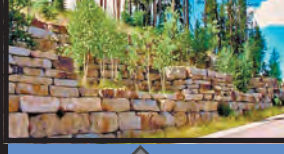
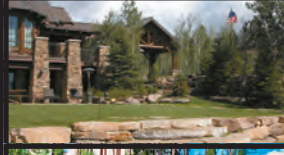


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CAMP HAPPINESS AT THE LIBRARY

Friday, September 18th

Camp Happiness is a highly interactive library program that gives children the opportunity to learn through play, singing, movement, and art. The program is designed for ages 0-6 years, but all ages are welcome. West Custer County Library's popular Camp Happiness program is returning for its second year on Friday, September 18th.

"We've added a science component this year,"
said Youth Services Librarian Jessica Carter.

"With even more hands-on activities, the kids are going to have a blast."

Camp Happiness is a free program that takes place once a month at the library from 10:30 a.m. until about 12:00 p.m., September through April. For more information about Camp Happiness or for a list of event dates,

Library Hosts Columbine Club Display

by Amy Moulton

70 years.

Giving a community room a new face was the plan, but this makeover needed to include an important piece of its past. That is what the West Custer County Library had in mind when it created a Columbine Club display in its newly redecorated Community Room.

The Community Room building at 209 Main Street in Westcliffe was first owned by Mrs. Dorothea Tinkham who deeded it for \$1 to local women's organizations in 1943 as a place for women to gather. Those groups included the Columbine Club, Women's Club, and Bridge Club. Mrs. Tinkham's only caveat was that one room be set aside as a library. So began a wonderful relationship that has spanned more than

The women's groups donated the alley adjacent to the building for the construction of a new library in 1989 when the library district was formed. In 2005, the library purchased the original 209 Main Street building from them for \$1, which was then donated back to the library. The groups continued to meet in the new Dorothea Tinkham Community Room, and the Columbine and Bridge Clubs still meet there regularly.

The Columbine Club was formed in 1918 to "promote a more neighborly feeling and help with War Work." The club's official history says the purpose of the club "shall be sociability, charity, civic improvement, and needlework." Membership is still limited to 24 wom-

en with vacancies filled by candidates voted in from a waiting list.

"It was quite an honor and a privilege to become a member, and everyone tried very hard to be at every meeting," said long-time member Virginia Kness. "I have met and made many friends over the years. Of course, many have passed on or moved away. It is most pleasant to play cards and visit."

Member Addie Heck also "enjoys visiting with ladies we've known for years and years."

"I was invited to join a couple years after we moved to Westcliffe in 1969, and have always enjoyed the ladies and an afternoon playing cards," said member Doris Porth. "Due to my job as County Treasurer, I sat out for 35 years and now I'm back."

Another long-time member, Barb Eberling, said, "I don't get around, so I can see some of my friends once a month."

The Columbine Club display includes four photographs of the membership taken between the 1950s and 2013. It also features a handmade quilt which was signed by members in 1928 and again in 1967. Current member Paulie Canda was one of those 1967 signers. The club plans to add to the display in 2018 to commemorate their 100-year anniversary.



Seated from left to right: Virginia Kness, Paulie Canda, Barb Eberling. Standing: Addie Heck, Judy Papatonis.

Courtesy photo by Linda Carmain

Bobcats Sport Schedule

VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, September 17
5:30 p.m.: Cotopaxi AWAY
Saturday, September 19
10 a.m.: Cripple Creek at HOME
Tuesday, September 22
4 p.m.: Sanford AWAY

CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, September 19
9 a.m.: Pueblo Central AWAY
Saturday, September 26
10 a.m.: Mile & a Half High Invitational (HS/MS) at HOME
Thursday, October 1
4 p.m.: Cañon City Invitational AWAY

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Friday, September 18
7 p.m.: Swink AWAY
Saturday, September 26
1 p.m.: Fowler at HOME
Saturday, October 3
1 p.m.: HOMECOMING
Cripple Creek at HOME

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Liberty Bell Provides Season Best Times as well as Several Personal Bests!

by Coach Jack Swartz

From the beginning of the year, the Liberty Bell in Littleton, Colorado has been circled on the Cross Country teams calendar. The reason being, it was fast. The race itself is over 25 years old and the course as Assistant Coach Robert O’Callaghan put it, “hasn’t changed since I ran here.” The Bobcat Cross Country team didn’t disappoint on the nearly perfect day in Littleton.

The girls were led by a new personal best out of Kayla Carter, placing 25th overall out of 159 girl runners in 22:07. Carter’s time as a freshman ranks fairly high up on the fastest ever run at Custer County. Rounding out the girls team were Katlyn Freeburg (78th) in 25:28 and Kayli Short (83rd) in 25:40. Both those times are season bests for the ladies. The girls however would not score at this meet as a team due to the lack of runners.

Jerald Taylor came to Custer County by way of Los Angeles, California, also running at this elevation has taken some getting use to. Taylor seems to be fitting right in. The junior placed 2nd out of 203 runners in a Colorado personal best time of 16:50 on Sat-



Jerald Taylor and Jeremiah Taylor

Courtesy photo by Coach Jack Swartz

urday. He was followed by Dalton Wommack (102nd) in a personal best of 21:23. Also running season best times were Wesley Kagan (125th) in 22:24 and Scott Freeburg (185th) in 25:46. Placing between Kagan and Freeburg was Michael Batson placing 145th in a personal best time of 23:05. Also running well for the boys was Jess Franta (188th) in 26:26. The boys

team placed 13th out of 15 teams at the Liberty Bell.

The team is off to Pre-Regionals in Pueblo on Saturday (9/19) before coming home for the Mile and a Half High Invitational held right here in Westcliffe on Saturday, September 26th. If you are interested in volunteering at the meet, please contact Coach Swartz at 783-4898.

Football Update Bobcats Fall to Sangre

by Coach Troy Bomgardner

The CCHS gridders lost Friday night 64-12 to the Sangre de Cristo Thunderbirds. The Bobcats fought hard keeping it close in the first quarter with a score of 20-6. However, battling the power of a perennial playoff team wore down CCHS. The Bobcats went the the locker room down 44-6 to regroup.

“It’s tough when you are a young team and playing experienced playoff quality teams,” noted Head Coach Troy Bomgardner. “But I couldn’t be prouder of our guys. They never quit, played hard, kept together as a team, and learned some really valuable lessons that we hope kids learn through athletics.”

Sam Dunlap led Bobcat rushers with 38 hard-earned yards. One bright spot was Edgar Pedigo completing 3 of 4 passes for 103 yards and 2 touchdowns. David Kinsey and Billy Berry hauled in the touchdown passes. Defensively, Andy Feldmann had 15 tackles from his middle linebacker spot and Dunlap and Bryce Roscoe came in with 8 tackles. Pedigo was noted by defensive coordinator Eric Prins as having a solid game at outside linebacker. John Feldmann and Keith Stuart were cited for their solid play as long snapper and punter.

The Bobcats travel to Swink this Friday for a 7 p.m. contest.

Bobcat Menu • Sept. 21 - Sept. 24, 2015

Monday Breakfast French Toast Fruit Milk lunch BBQ Chicken Sandwich Choice of Veg. Choice of Fruit Milk	Tuesday Breakfast Egg, Cheese Sandwich, Fruit Milk lunch Soft Beef Taco, Rice Choice of Veg Choice of Fruit Milk	Wednesday Breakfast Bagel, Cream Cheese Fruit Milk lunch Corn Dog Choice of Veg. Choice of Fruit Milk	Thursday Breakfast Sausage Gravy W.G. Biscuit Fruit, Milk lunch Meat Lasagna Garlic Roll Choice of Veg. & Fruit Milk
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Elementary: Main Dish, Bread, Milk, and Choice of 1 Veg. & 1 Fruit
Middle & High: Main Dish, Bread, Milk and Choice of 1 Veg. & 1 Fruit
Middle & High: Salad Bar

Bobcats Volleyball

by Greg Cravens

The Custer County High School volleyball team traveled to the San Luis Valley for the first time this season and came home with two victories. The team beat Center 25-17, 25-19, 20-25, and 25-14. Sargent fell victim to the Bobcats in an exciting 5 set match, 27-25, 19-25, 25-20, 15-25, and 15-13.

The Center Vikings were first up for the Bobcats. The Vikings proved to be a good opponent for the Bobcats and played very good defense. Offensively, the Bobcats had a well-rounded match with Emily Crossley getting 8 kills and Taylor Staton, McKensie Penkoff, and Halie Lemons all getting 4 kills apiece. Serenity Ham supported our offense with 25 assists. Elizabeth Mullet and Crossley were the force at the serves line. Mullet had 4 aces and Crossley finished with 3. Defensively, the Bobcats were led by Tish Schlabach with 19 digs.

The Bobcats turned right around and played defending league Champions, Sargent Farmers. It was a very hard-fought match with both teams taking momentum back and forth. The

CCHS team knew coming into the match that it would be a great test to see how good they really are within the league and the state. The first set saw the teams go point for point most of the set but the Bobcats did find themselves down 14-18 at one point. Crossley was able to get a kill to get the Bobcats back on the board. The team was able to finally tie it up again at 21-21. The set was tied at 25 apiece when Penkoff was able to get a point to put the Bobcats up 26-25. The Farmers played the ball off a Crossley block but was unable to put it back into play giving the Bobcats a 27-25 win in the first set. The second set saw the Farmers take an early lead and never letting go beating the Bobcats 19-25. The Bobcats made several hitting and serve errors in the set. The Bobcats put together their best set of the season in the third set, hitting a .229 hitting efficiency and serving up 3 aces to beat the Farmers 25-20. The fourth set saw the Bobcats not passing well and the Farmers fighting to stay in the match. Sargent came out on top 15-25. The final set saw both teams showing a lot of heart and playing as hard as they could.

The Bobcats improved their passing game which sparked more offense and went up 9-5. The Farmers came back to tie the set at 10-10. Crossley had a kill to make the score 14-12. After a Bobcat error, the Farmers were with in one. The last point saw both teams playing great defense and not letting the ball on the floor. Finally, the Farmers committed a hitting error and the Bobcats were victorious. Crossley led the team in kills with 11. Mullet had 3 aces. Ham had a season high with 34 assists and Schlabach finished the match with 59 digs. That is the most digs a CCHS player has had in a match according to current records that go back to the 2009 season.

The Bobcats improve their overall record to 3-2 in the season and 3-1 in league. The Bobcats travel to Coto-paxi on Thursday with the JV starting at 5:30 p.m. If you have time on Friday, the Custer County Middle School volleyball team will be in action starting at 9:00 a.m. and playing against the West Central League teams all day. Cripple Creek-Victor High School will be in town on Saturday with a 10:00 a.m. JV start time.

Bobcat Homecoming Schedule

Thursday Oct 1:

Pep Rally: Advisory
Peach Fuzz Quarter & Semifinals:
7 p.m. - 9 p.m. East Gym
(Seniors vs. Fresh, Jr vs. Soph)

Friday Oct 2:

Varsity Volleyball: 10 a.m. East Gym
Peach Fuzz Championship following varsity volleyball game: East Gym
(Staff vs. Class winner)
Powder Puff following the conclusion of the Peach Fuzz Championship Football Field
Bonfire 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday Oct 3:

Parade starting at the Bluff to the East parking lot 10 a.m.
(Pep Rally to be held in the parking lot)
Tailgating 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. East Parking Lot
Varsity Football 1p.m.
Dance 9 p.m. - 12 p.m.

**Parade registration forms are in the high school office.*

KIDS CORNER WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK



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**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Charles O'Malley Wyles, Deceased
Case Number 15 PR 6**

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative, Glenda M. Lesser-Wyles, at P.O. Box 1614, Westcliffe, Colorado, 81252, or to the District Court of Custer County, Colorado, on or before January 1, 2016, or the claims may be forever barred.

Glenda M. Lesser-Wyles
1603 Keepsake Loop
P.O. Box 1614
Westcliffe, CO 81252

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Last Publication: September 18, 2015
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Westcliffe, Colorado

**PUBLIC NOTICE
COMBINED NOTICE -
PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103
FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 11-15**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On July 7, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

Original Grantor(s): Dan Gomez and Corey A Nicklos
Original Beneficiary(ies):
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
("MERS"), which is acting solely as nominee for Bank of America, N. A.

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt:
Bank of America N.A.

Date of Deed of Trust: June 10, 2009
County of Recording: Custer

Recording Date of Deed of Trust: June 24, 2009
Recording Information (Reception No. and /or Book/
Page No.): 212791 Book: 632 Page: 232
Original Principal Amount: \$248,592.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$228,209.59

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE, IN THE COUNTY OF CUSTER AND STATE OF COLORADO AND BEING DESCRIBED IN A DEED DATED 05/14/2008 AND RECORDED 05/30/2008 IN BOOK 00210379, PAGE AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE COUNTY AND STATE SET FORTH ABOVE AND REFERENCED AS FOLLOWS:

THE REAL PROPERTY, TOGETHER WITH ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF CUSTER AND STATE OF COLORADO, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOTS 78 AND 79, ACCORDING TO THE CORRECTION PLAT OF ROSITA HILLS SUBDIVISION NO. 2, COUNTY OF CUSTER. STATE OF COLORADO

Also known by street and number as: 5581 County Road 328, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 11/18/2015, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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

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

Colorado Attorney General
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov

Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 07/07/2015
Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee in and for the County of Custer, State of Colorado

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee



The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
McCarthy & Holthus, LLP C/O Holly Shilliday, 7700 E. Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122
Attorney File # CO-15-674498-JS
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL
ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF
APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF
TREASURER'S DEED 2012263**

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to

VICTORIA D ZAPATA
CUERNO VERDE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 16th day of November A.D. 2012, the then County Treasurer of the County of Custer, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to The Control Group Inc & Allen Murphy, the following described real estate situate in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 19, BLOCK 17, FILING 3 CUERNO VERDE PINES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to The Control Group Inc & Allen Murphy;

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2011;

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Victoria D Zapata for said year 2011;

That said The Control Group Inc & Allen Murphy, on the 24th day of August, 2015, the present holder

of said certificate, (who) has made a request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said The Control Group Inc & Allen Murphy at 10:00 o'clock AM., on the 14th day of January, A.D. 2016, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 8th day of September, A.D. 2015.

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer
1st Publication Date: September 11, 2015
Final Publication Date: September 25, 2015
Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
Westcliffe, Colorado

**PUBLIC NOTICE
COMBINED NOTICE -
PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103
FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 12-15**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On July 9, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

Original Grantor(s): Jerry Ayers
Original Beneficiary(ies):
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
as nominee for Countrywide Homes Loans, Inc.

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt:
The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificateholders of the CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2005-44, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-44
Date of Deed of Trust: June 29, 2005

County of Recording: Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: July 05, 2005
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/
Page No.): 201787 Book: 526 Page: 279
Original Principal Amount: \$337,500.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$333,889.72

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

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A tract of land located in the SW1/4 of Section 35, Township 46 North, Range 12 East of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, Custer County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows; Beginning at a point that is 1061.6 feet North 89°33' East along the Section line from the SW corner of said Section 35; thence North 01°20' West 6.3 feet to a point on the Easterly line of the Bassett Tract; thence North 01°20' West 216.7 feet along said Easterly line to a point; thence North 01°20' West 37.6 feet to a point on the Southerly line of a road; thence North 63°12' East 190.7 feet along said Southerly road line to a point; thence South 78°20' East 128.6 feet along said Southerly road line to the NW corner of the Nelson tract; thence South 01°48' West 318.5 feet along the Westerly line of said Nelson tract to the Section line; thence South 89°33' West 280.0 feet along the Section lien to the point of beginning.

Also known by street and number as: 3060 County Road 182, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

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THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 11/11/2015, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South

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6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee



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

Malcolm Cisneros, A Law Firm 6595 West 14th Avenue, Suite 100, Lakewood, CO 80214 (303) 586-1174
Attorney File # Ayers/B26647
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Custer County Board of Commissioners and Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on September 29, 2015 at 1:30 P.M. Custer County Courtroom. The following will be considered.

1. Presentation for Deluca Propane Company / Special Use Permit, Lot 7, Range View Loop, Custer County Colorado.

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

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

Ordered published by
Vic Barnes, Chairman
Custer County Planning Commission

Publish September 18,
& September 25, 2015
October 9, 2015

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 120 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 6 to EMS, and 3 to the Fire Dept. As of September 13th, there were three males and three females in the county jail.

09/10/15 2015-06433
0843 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to Range View Drive for an individual with a head injury. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

09/10/15 2015-06437
1154 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Ohio Street for a civil standby.

09/10/15 15-0694
1209 hours: A party came into the Sheriff's Office to submit a report concerning the theft of a day planner in which he had credit cards and \$865 in cash. The matter is currently under investigation.

09/10/15 15-0695
1338 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Main Street in Westcliffe on a report of a male party making suicidal statements. EMS was also dispatched to the scene. The subject was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo for an emergency mental health evaluation.

09/10/15 2015-06442
1541 hours: A deputy was dispatched to a house on CR 310 on a report of a suspicious person.

09/10/15 2015-06444
1633 hours: A deputy attempted to serve civil papers to a party on Lea Lane in Westcliffe. Negative contact was made. At the same time, the deputy was able to serve separate civil papers to a second party at the same location.

09/10/15 2015-06446
1803 hours: A deputy served civil papers to a party on Rocky Ridge Road in Silver Cliff Heights.

09/10/15 15-0696
1806 hours / French Street and Broadway, Silver Cliff / Traffic Summons: Marcus Patten (DOB in 1989) of Westcliffe was issued a summons for not being able to produce a registration card for the vehicle he was driving.

09/11/15 2015-06458
0123 hours: A deputy gave a courtesy ride to a party involved in a motor vehicle accident in Fremont County,, just across the Custer County line.

09/11/15 2015-06470
1329 hours: A deputy was dispatched to 370 Todd Way in rural Westcliffe for a VIN inspection.

09/11/15 15-0699
1630 hours: A deputy met

with a party in the Sheriff's Office who filed a noise disturbance complaint about barking dogs on Main Street in Westcliffe. The owner of the dogs, Darlene Schuetz (DOB in 1985) of Westcliffe was issued two summonses, one for Noise (Unlawful Acts) and a second for Animal Nuisance (barking dogs).

09/11/15 2015-06475
1717 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Main Street in Silver Cliff to investigate a commercial alarm.

09/11/15 2015-06478
1824 hours: The Custer County Sheriff's Office dispatched Deer Mountain EMS to Howard for a male with injuries sustained from an assault. A Fremont County deputy was already on scene.

09/11/15 2015-06479
1911 hours: The Sheriff's Office received a call reporting a vehicle in town matching the description of the vehicle in an Amber Alert issued out of Pueblo. The report indicated the vehicle left town and was heading south on Hwy 69. A deputy was dispatched to investigate, traveling down to the Custer-Huerfano county line. The deputy was unable to locate the vehicle in question.

09/11/15 15-700
2256 hours / 7th Street, Westcliffe / Traffic Summons: Michael Liebman (DOB in 1945) of Cotopaxi was issued a summons for failure to stop at a stop sign.

09/12/15 2015-06494
0652 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to Black Fawn Lane in Eastcliffe for a female having difficulty breathing. The patient was transported to a Hospital in Salida.

09/12/15 2015-06497
0853 hours: A deputy was dispatched to CR 255 and Silver Circle in response to a traffic complaint about construction trucks exceeding the speed limit on Oak Creek Grade when traveling to and from the work site.

09/12/15 2015-06499
1059 hours: A deputy was dispatched to CR 305 in Centennial Ranch for a civil standby.

09/12/15 2015-06501
1256 hours: Sheriff's deputies and EMS responded to Main Street in Westcliffe in response to a 911 call for a woman who collapsed in a restaurant.

09/12/15 2015-06504
1504 hours: A deputy and the local Colorado Parks and Wildlife officer responded to CR 198 to inves-

tigate a report of someone discharging a firearm in the area. The subjects, who were target shooting, were located and issued a warning. The individuals were unaware they were in a camping area.

09/12/15 15-0702
1736 hours / Hwy 69S, MM 57 / Traffic Summons: Jay Buescher (DOB in 1956) of Port Neches, TX, was issued a summons for speeding, 20-24 over the limit.

09/12/15 15-0703
1827 hours / Hwy 69S, MM 57 / Traffic Summons: Jack Qualman (DOB in 1942) of Milford, MI, was issued a summons for speeding, 10-19 over the limit.

09/12/15 2015-06509
1942 hours: A deputy was dispatched to CR 125 for a possible violation of a Protection Order.

09/13/15
0816 hours: A party called to report that a deer on the property adjacent to hers was freshly skinned and gutted. The matter was turned over to Parks and Wildlife for further investigation.

09/13/15 2015-06524
1133 hours: Custer Search and Rescue was activated to locate and extract an injured hiker on the Cisneros Trail. Rye EMS also responded to transport the party to the hospital.

09/13/15 2015-06525
1212 hours: Wet Mountain Fire Dept responded to an unattended campfire on CR 198.

09/13/15 2015-06529
1556 hours: A deputy responded to Bull Domingo Ln. for a motorist assist.

09/13/15 15-0704
1625 hours: A party came to the Sheriff's Office to report an auto/ATV accident in the Ophir Creek area that had occurred yesterday afternoon. Investigation is ongoing.

09/13/15 2015-06536
1822 hours: Custer County Search and Rescue was put on standby for two individuals who had fallen near Willow Creek in the area of Kit Carson Peak. The parties were airlifted out on the Saguache County side and Custer SAR stood down.

09/13/15 2015-06541
1929 hours: Deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle at the Grape Creek RV Park. The party was waiting for friends.

09/13/15 2015-06542
2005 hours: EMS responded to a call for a patient who had fallen and twisted her knee and was unable to

move and was transported to the hospital.

09/13/15 2015-06545
2147 hours: Deputies responded to the 200 block of Main Street in Silver Cliff for a report of a suspicious vehicle but were unable to locate.

09/13/15 2015-06546
2159 hours: Deputies responded to a noise disturbance on South Street in Silver Cliff, but were unable to locate.

09/14/15 2015-06555
1141 hours: A deputy was dispatched to investigate a report of an erratic driver on Hwy 96, MM 6. The deputy was unable to locate the vehicle in question. The information was passed on to the Colorado State Patrol.

09/14/15 15-0706
1426 hours: The Sheriff's Office received a call from the spouse of a hunter. The hunter's routine was to check in once a day and she hadn't heard from him in over 42 hours. Two deputies commenced a search. Tactical assistance was provided by the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife and Custer County Search and Rescue. Various messages were left on the hunter's cell phone, including a note left on his vehicle. The subject called his wife at 2252 hours to let her know he was fine.

09/14/15 15-0705
1611 hours: The Sheriff's Office received a call regarding a possible intoxicated individual on First Street in Silver Cliff. Joshua Baturin, (DOB in 1977) was arrested for a probation violation.

09/14/15 2015-06564
1718 hours: The Sheriff's Office received a report of smoke to the east of CR 255. A deputy and the Wet Mountain Fire Department were dispatched to investigate. They were unable to locate any smoke in the area.

09/14/15 2015-06566
1844 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched the Custer County Sheriff's Office to assess an inmate. The individual refused assistance.

09/14/15 15-0707
1937 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Butler Street in Silver Cliff to investigate the report of a possible deceased person.

09/14/15 2015-06571
2243 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Silver Cliff to investigate a report of a large bonfire just off of Main Street. A party was issued a warning for an undeclared campfire.

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Book Fair

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.: BOOK FAIR, September 19 & 20, at historic “Westcliff” Schoolhouse. For info and book donations, call Marci at 783-2289. Proceeds go to preservation of schoolhouse.

For Sale

WINCHESTER 410 SHOTGUN MODEL 42 SKEET 1952. NRA EXCELLENT. MUST SEE TO BELIEVE. CONTACT ON-MARK ARMS, 113 MILL STREET, SILVERCLIFF, 719-371-3158, or CALL STEVE WOODS 719-783-0936, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., 7 days. PRICE \$1,800.

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

Hay

Wetmore barn-stored alfalfa/grass hay. \$6.50/bale. (719) 783-2265

Help Wanted

Communications Dispatcher
Hourly \$11.00

Applications must be submitted by September 18th. The Custer County Sheriff’s Office is accepting applications for a full time Communications Dispatcher. This position is a full time position with benefits. All applicants must: be able to pass a background check, work shift work, work holidays, be flexible with shifts, age 21 or over, no felony convictions, must be able to learn computer applications. A dispatcher with the Custer County Sheriff’s Office has many duties. A dispatcher for this office is responsible for the

dispatching, communications and safety for the following county personnel: Sheriff Department (Deputies, Jail Staff, Posse Members & Search and Rescue), Medical (Ambulance Corp, Clinic Staff, Flight for Life), Fire Department, the County Coroner and Division of Wildlife. A dispatcher will also be required at times to monitor and communicate with National Law and the Custer County Road and Bridge radio traffic.

Please pick up applications at the Sheriff’s Office, 702 Rosita Ave, Westcliffe, CO 81252. Questions please call or email Under-sheriff Chris Barr cbarr@custercountygov.com 719-783-2270

The Town of Westcliffe is looking to fill a part time Building Inspector/Zoning Officer position. The primary responsibilities will be to perform a variety of duties including

plan reviews, building inspections, enforce Town of Westcliffe’s Title 10 Land Use, Ordinances and other associated tasks. Duties will be performed under the supervision and help of the present Building Inspector/Zoning Officer for a period of three (3) months. Duties will also be performed and the supervision of the Board of Trustees and coordinated with the Town Clerk. Experience in the construction industry, customer service, computer utilization and knowledge of local codes and conditions are a necessity. A minimum of a ten (10) years experience in construction and five (5) years supervisory position in the construction field is required. Successful applicant will be required to pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol test and obtain necessary certifications within one year of employment at their own expense. No benefits. Salary will be commensurate to level of experience and certification. Applications

and the job description can be picked up at the Westcliffe Town Hall, and must be returned by July 15, 2013. The Town of Westcliffe is an equal opportunity employer.

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



Come and Worship



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

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

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

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

Cody Park Community Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Mtg.
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Bible Study
157 County Rd. 27A
Cotopaxi
719/942-3462
719/942-3526

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sangre de Cristo Fellowship
Sundays, 10 a.m. Meet and Greet
Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Service
Sunday School & Prayer Mtg to Resume in the Fall
120 Jerry Court
Westcliffe
719/783-0903



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

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

St. Patrick’s Anglican Church
11 a.m. Worship
401 South Second Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2500

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

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

Wetmore Baptist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
Wetmore
719/371-1230

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

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

Events Calendar

Friday, September 18

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Camp Happiness at West Custer County Library. Geared for kids ages 0-6, but all ages are welcome. More info, call (719) 783-9138.

Saturday, September 19

7 a.m.: Fly-in and breakfast at the Fremont County Airport Airshow/Open House, Cañon City. Car show and aircraft display. Noon: Airshow
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.: BOOK FAIR at Historic “Westcliff” Schoolhouse. For info call Marci at 783-2289.

Sunday, September 20:

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.: BOOK FAIR at Historic “Westcliff” Schoolhouse. For info call Marci at 783-2289.
1 p.m. - 4p.m.: Custer County Chamber of Commerce fundraiser, “Not Just a Little Black Dress,” Fashion Show & Silent Auction at A Painted View Ranch; (*see ad page 7*)

Monday, September 28 – October 1

HOMEcomings WEEK (*see page 8 for details*)

Saturday, October 3

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.: “Just Gals Conference” at Eagles Summit Ranch; \$35 includes lunch; pay at the door. Deadline for registration is September 21. Call (719) 783-9729 or justgalsconference@gmail.com

Sunday, October 4

1 p.m.: 2016 Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club Royalty Court Pageant at the saddle club grounds
2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: National Life Chain at the school parking lot to pray silently for the unborn. More info, call Pat Schulze (719) 783-2265.

Saturday – Sunday, October 10-11

8:30 a.m.: Project Appleseed at Sangre Shooting Sports Club Register at www.appleseedinfo.org; (*See ad on page 20*)

Recurring Events and Business Hours

Monday

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

Monday through Friday

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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

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

Monday and Thursday

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

Tuesday

12 - 4:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe.

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Jammin’ band at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff

First Tuesday of the Month:

6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting

6:45 p.m. Post 170 **Auxiliary** monthly meeting (March-October) at the Saddle Club.

Tuesday through Friday

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

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Line dancers meet at the Saddle Club. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370

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

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Custer County Community Band practice in band room at high school

Thursday

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

Fridays and Saturdays

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

Friday

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

Saturday

10 a.m.: Wet Mountain Al-Anon Family Group meets at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 201 Third St.; Call Dee (719) 404-1851 or Jean (719) 371-1229

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: West Custer County Library open in Westcliffe

Local Mountain News & Notices

Court Report...

Morgan, Kristopher Michael: Charged with Assault 3, knowingly/recklessly causing injury. Defendant was originally sentenced on 1/8/2015 to probation which is now revoked after admission of violation. Judgment of this court that defendant be re-sentenced to jail for 90 days. Credit for time served is 53 days. Community service to be completed within 90 days. Complete domestic violence evaluation and treatment. Defendant may leave the state to take care of outstanding warrants. Fees waived due to indigence/homeless. Probation revoked.

Lopez, Petra Dolores: Charged with driving while ability impaired. Guilty. Deferred sentence for one year. Assessed \$1,343.50. Community service to be completed per probation officer. MADD per probation.

Stewart, Ashley Nicole: Charged with exceeding safe speed for road conditions: Guilty. Charge of failing to present proof of insurance dismissed by DA. Assessed \$190.50.

Sheffer, Brook Jeanette: Charges of failing to present proof of insurance, having an expired license plate, and operating a vehicle with unsafe or defective headlamps all dismissed by the DA.

Lorenzen, Nicole Alexander: Charged with operat-

ing an unsafe or defective vehicle. Guilty. Assessed \$23.50.

Bachura, Raymond Anthony: Charged with harassment/insults/challenges. Motion to dismiss granted w/out prejudice.

Visorro, Shara R.: Charged with speeding. Guilty. Assessed \$195.50.

Baskin, James Michael: Charged with permitting an unauthorized minor driver. Guilty. Charge of careless driving dismissed by DA. Assessed \$84.50.

Carter, Shane Wesley: Charged with careless driving. Motion to dismiss granted.

Connor, Donald Earl: Charged with driving under restraint and failure to present proof of insurance. Motion to dismiss granted.

Heersink, Leland: Charged with possession of a defaced firearm. Case dismissed. Defendant agrees to relinquish gun for destruction

Sellers, Lorne James: Charged with possession of alcohol – under 21 possession/consumption. Motion to dismiss granted.

Button, Jason Dwight: Charged with unlawful use of fireworks. Guilty. Assessed \$299.50.

Miceli, Filippo Antonio J.: Charged with failure to present proof of insurance. Guilty. A charge of speeding was dismissed by the DA. Assessed \$509.50.

Martin, Travis Dean: Charged with speeding. Guilty. A charge of operating an uninsured vehicle was dismissed by the DA. Assessed \$160.50.

Craig, Jeremy Allen: Charged with unlawful use of fireworks. Guilty. Assessed \$299.50.

Linney, Alex Jordan: Charged with speeding. Guilty. A charge of operating a vehicle without a driver's license was dismissed by DA. Assessed \$124.50.

Morell, Jeremiah Duncan: Charged with unlawful use of fireworks. Guilty. Assessed \$299.50.

Newman, Stephen Cain: Charged with operating an unsafe or defective vehicle. Guilty. Charges of operating an uninsured vehicle and speeding were dismissed by the DA. Assessed \$84.50.

Rodgers, Tiffani Lee Ann: Charged with disorderly conduct (offensive gesture). Guilty. Assessed \$36.00.

Rusher, Benjamin Lee: Charged with careless driving. Guilty. Assessed \$345.50.

McDonald, Matthew James: Charged with speeding and driving under restraint. Motion to dismiss granted.

Johnson, Michael Lynn: Defendant extricated to the state of Kansas on a bench warrant.

Wedding Announcement Daigneault-Holmberg

The natural beauty and rustic charm of The Historic Pines Ranch was the setting for the marriage of Amber Kristine Daigneault and Michael Jake Holmberg on June 27, 2015, in front of family and friends. Parents of the bride are Jim and Janice Daigneault of Fountain, Colorado. Parents of the groom are Jeff and Pam Holmberg of Westcliffe, Colorado. Attending the bride were Candice Daigneault (maid of honor), Jessica Quinn, and Karissa Daigneault. The groom's attendants were Jack Holmberg (best man), Tyler Christensen, and Nick Otto. The bride received a Master's of Science in Soil and Water Science from the University of Florida and is employed by U.S. Geological Survey as a hydro-logic technician. The groom received a Master's of Science in Civil Engineering from Texas Tech University and is also



employed by U.S. Geological Survey as a hydrologist. The couple honeymooned in Mexico and reside in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Obituary George T. Colgate 31 March 1923 – 28 August 2015

George T. Colgate of Cañon City, Colorado passed away peacefully in his home on Friday, 28 August 2015, after 92 years on this planet. George was the last survivor of 9 children born to Albert B. and Lillian (Geraghty) Colgate of Cañon City, Colorado.

George graduated from Cañon City High School in 1941 and joined the Army to serve his country in World War II. He was severely wounded in December 1944 during the Battle of the Bulge. The Army sent word home to his family that he had been killed in action. But thanks to God's mercy, he survived and went on to raise a wonderful family and contribute overwhelmingly to his community. He was active in the Boy Scouts, YMCA, Masonic Lodge, local historical groups, NRA, Red Cross, and numerous other civic groups.

George graduated from Colorado A&M in Fort Collins where he met his wife, Vera (Boulton) Colgate. He worked in the mining business in Denver, Uravan, Leadville, and Cañon City. In 1955 George moved his family to Miami, Arizona, where he continued to work in the mining industry until his retirement from Cities Service Co. (Miami Copper Company) in the early 1980s.

In 1985 George moved back to the Colorado Mountains that he always loved.



George is survived by his three children, Sandy Miller, Ken Colgate, and Jim Colgate and their mother Vera Colgate; seven grand children, thirteen great-grand children, twenty-four nieces & nephews and scores of other relatives.

His passing is a great loss to all of us and he will be deeply missed.

Arrangements are under the care of Holt Family Funeral Home. Online condolences @ www.holtfamilyfuneralhomes.com

Obituary George Goddard May 14, 1952 – September 13, 2015

On the evening of September 13, 2015, in Westcliffe, Colorado, George Goddard passed away by natural causes. He is survived by his best gal, Valerie; his brother, Dave; and grand-nephew, Little Emmitt. George was the best wood

carver around. His favorite hobby was fishing—fishing every day and truly enjoying the moment. Other than his passion for fishing, he loved Valerie. George was 63 years young.

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IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Election Time Is upon Us, Locally

by Edward Whitcraft

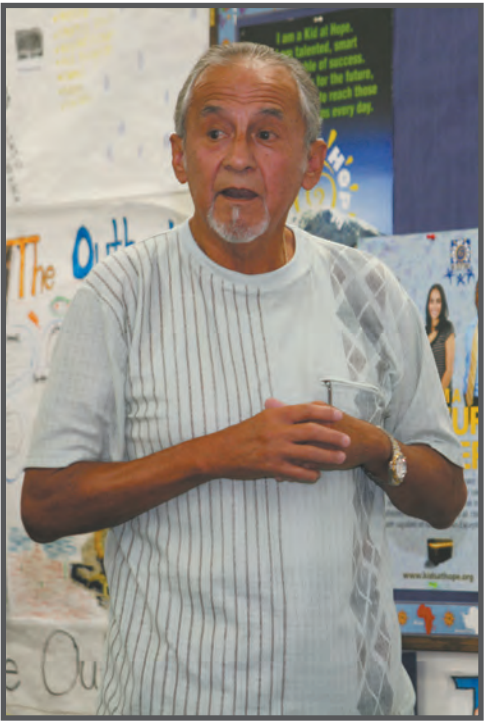
At the monthly scheduled Royal Gorge Tea Party meeting on September 10th, we welcomed two Cañon City mayoral candidates and three at-large city council candidates. Needless to say, our plate was full for the evening and very rewarding as we heard some very interesting comments from the different candidates as to why they wanted to represent the citizens of Cañon City in public office. The meeting started in the usual way with prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance and because it was the eve of 9/11 we had a moment of silence to honor our fallen brothers and sisters that lost their lives on that dreadful morning 14 years ago and also to let everyone know that we will not forget.

After a short general meeting we moved right into letting our candidates speak. We started with the City Council Candidates and Kathleen Schumacher was our first speaker. Kathleen has been a resident of Cañon City for 21 years and owns and operates her own business. She has been active in attending the council meetings and planning meeting and seems to be in favor of the downtown beautification plan. She stated that she has a real problem with people because they do not participate in all the meetings and yet they are vocal about what is or is not being done in the city. She would be an advocate to get more people involved in government. She seemed to be in favor of the one cent sales tax that is going to be on the upcoming ballot for road repair because she has not heard a better plan. One of the questions asked by a person in the audience is why the city would want to give the Fremont Center for the Arts (FCA) \$1,800 per month as recommended by the General Government Committee. Kathleen said she would be in favor of that as the FCA is an important program to our town.

Our next speaker was Jim Meisner who has been a city resident for many years and has been very active throughout the community in many different capacities doing volunteer work to include organizing the downtown Christmas Parade. Jim would advocate the city and county governments working more closely and eliminate some of the redundant work that each agency does. He also would like to see more citizens involved in government. He indicated we may have a retention

problem with city employees and would like to come up with a plan to retain them. Jim is in favor of the one cent sales tax for roads and giving \$1,800 a month to FCA. Our next speaker was Frank Jaquez. Frank is no stranger to the political scene here in Cañon City. He has previously served as mayor and city councilman. Frank said he is getting in the race this time because he believes the city lacks leadership and he thinks things are a mess. He is running so he can represent the individual citizen. He thinks the city must learn to prioritize the many needs since there is not enough revenue to fix everything. Frank is opposed to the one cent sales tax for the roads and also to give funding to FCA. He stated the downtown beautification project is a safety hazard for vehicles and pedestrians.

The candidates seeking the mayor's seat were next in the hot seat. Roger Parsons was the first candidate up. Roger was a police officer before he was injured and sidelined from that profession. He served as a city councilman and now wants to be mayor. Roger has reviewed the city budget and feels there are many ways for the city to get along on the revenue it collects if our elected officials were willing to make hard choices. He feels the work forces could be trimmed in different areas thus freeing up revenue. Also, he would like to see more businesses enticed to come to our city increasing the tax base and employment opportunities. He said there is a proposal to put a big hotel and spa out by the Royal Gorge but he believes it should go at the west end of Cañon City where the old power plant was. He thinks that would be the start of several businesses along the river. Roger is not in favor of the one cent sales tax for roads nor giving money to FCA. Al Ballard was the next speaker and he too would like to be mayor. Al has been in Cañon City since 1982 and he and his wife own a business. Al has been a business man all his life and said he



Candidate Frank Jaquez is opposed to road repair tax increase.

Courtesy photo

would be a hands on mayor that would create vision for different business to come and bring jobs and dollars. He thinks we have a great potential for developing business along the river much like Pueblo and Salida has done. He said he believes the mayor's job is to sell the city to potential investors. Al does not want a one cent sales tax nor does he want to give FCA funding.

Mr. Whitcraft spoke to all the candidates before closing the meeting, thanking them for coming and inviting them back to speak any time they so desire. He also informed them that as elected officials every dollar of tax payer money should be spent where it will do the most good for all the people. That is the infrastructure of the city. Everyone uses it and yet that is neglected most of the time. Mr. Whitcraft expressed to them how our city streets and alley ways are falling apart one block off Main Street and very little funding is going to fix the problem. Instead the city funds FCA and beautifies Main Street. As one person asked, how many potholes could we fill for \$20,000 per year? The very folks who pay the bills via taxes are not seeing any bang for their buck. They are the one you, as elected officials, should be looking out for.

As always we the taxpayer need to be involved and informed. Let's hold our elected officials accountable and express to them that they need to hold the bureaucrats accountable.

With Elections Just Around the Corner

by Charolette Burrous

With the election just around the corner, candidates Roger Parsons, Preston R. Troutman, and Al Ballard have successfully earned a spot on the ballot to run for mayor of Cañon City, replacing Tony Greer, who could not run again because of term limitations.

Also on the ballot is Ashley R. Smith, who is unopposed in District 2 and Mark Gill, who is also unopposed in District 4. In conjunction, Kathleen N. Schumacher, Jim Meisner, Frank J. Jaquez, and Michael "Colby" Katchmar are running for two seats in the At-Large Candidate districts.

In Florence, incumbent Keith Ore has thrown his hat into the ring to run for mayor against Councilman and former Mayor Paul Villagrana while Richard Upton, who was appointed to fill Svetlana Piltingsrud's seat earlier this year will run against Patricia Smith in Ward 1.

"In Ward 1, we do have a two-year term, as well as a four-year term," said Deputy Clerk Dena Lozano. "So, whoever gets the most votes will (serve) the four-year term and the other one will serve the two-year term."

One of the positions became empty when former Councilman Mel Edwards passed away earlier this summer.

In Ward 2, Sandy Roberts will run against incumbent Larry Baker, who was recently appointed as mayor pro tem. Three candidates are running for the position in Ward 3. First on the ballot will be Mike Vendetti followed by former mayor Ron Hinkle and John Miller.

Those running for director seats on the Florence-Penrose School Board are incumbent Tommy Covington in District C, incumbent Andy Franklin in District D, Susan Hildebrand and incumbent Linda Schmitt in District F and incumbent Greg Dickey in District G. Although Districts A or B director seats will be empty in November, no one has stepped forward to petition to be on the ballot.

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(Hwy 50) in Cañon City

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

The Caveat Card of the "Prophets"

There are a few in the Christian community who have a win-win gig going. They prophesy doom and destruction for an entire year and when it doesn't happen, they play the "Caveat Card." The Caveat Card is the great fudge factor of the prophetic circuit. They say that while they specifically implied a time frame for fulfillment, they really didn't put any specific dates on what they said would happen, and the events could happen at any time. Then their supporters rally around and personally attack those who dare challenge the veracity of these proclamations. The revenue stream from books and conferences aside, they often trade off of intrigue and fear when sound doctrine should be the focus. The real prophets that we read in the Bible had no Caveat Card. They heard from God and their words were consistent with the word of God, and their prophecies were true--often in many layers such as the present, the intermediate future, and the distant future. Prophecy aligns with the word of God in its context. This means that the context of the scripture needs to be considered with regard to prophesy. Context, or Exegesis, must be applied as opposed to daisy-chaining verses together to validate a point or to support a certain doctrine called Eisegesis. Eisegesis is the process of interpreting a text in such a way that the process introduces presuppositions, agendas, or biases into the text. Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 4:3, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall

they draw to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." You see, the world is watching. And when false prophets make their case to tickle people's ears, and they end up having to play the Caveat Card, Christians and prophecy lose credibility, and in turn, perhaps many souls are hardened in the process. What will happen, for example, if Christ doesn't return when these prophets and teachers say he will? Do you trust Christ to take you out of peril or protect you, or will your faith falter and your heart fail? Bible prophecy is an extremely important aspect of today's living. There are events occurring every day that reveal the pace of prophecy. But what did Jesus answer first when asked about the sign of his coming and the end of the world? He said in Matthew 24:4, "Take heed that no man deceive you." He further warned that there would be many false prophets that "shall deceive many." It is easy to get excited about the times in which we live. At the same time, we all must be very careful as to not overstate or inflame the events before us into something they are not. Prophecy always aligns with God's word. The challenge is to not take someone else's word for God's word, but know it yourself. No one will have a Caveat Card when they stand before the Lord on that day.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
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by Earl Hall,
AlllenBWest.com

(Editor/GG: Folks, we're talking about MILLIONS of "legal", illegal, and "refugee" immigrants and invaders coming to our country with NO job skills, NO education, and with cultures completely alien to our country's basic tenets. MOST of them immediately go on some kind of government welfare program and create welfare dependent families that will never get off sucking on our tax money. They will NOT integrate or adopt our historical values and morals. They will NOT get educated. Crime will soar (look at the unbelievable increases in murder, rape, and robbery in the liberal mecca San Francisco the last few years as it becomes a South American slum). All of this is promoted and allowed by the looney, left democrats running our country (and implicitly by our lovely RINO Republican Party who has allowed this to happen) because they can control these illiterate, dependent masses with welfare money and GET THEIR VOTES to finally dismantle our republic. Not content with the worst possible people to allow in this country, the democrats new "best friends", the people who love America the most in the whole word, muslims, are now invading our country by the tens of thousand and are bringing their evil, medieval culture of hate and oppression here and will not rest until they impose it by force on us. This is not going to end well folks.)

As we open the floodgates to immigrants (legal or not) along with tens of thousands of refugees, that big sucking sound you hear is taxpayer money going to fund entitlement programs like welfare and food stamps.

Breitbart reports an astonishing 62 percent of illegal immigrant-headed households participated in at least one welfare program in 2012, compared to 30 percent of native-headed households.

While there are restrictions on immigrant welfare use, the report highlights that such bars have not been particularly effective due to a wealth of exceptions.

"[T]hese restrictions do not prevent immigrant households from making extensive use of welfare programs because restrictions often apply to only a modest share of legal immigrants at any one time, some programs are not restricted, there are numerous exceptions and exemptions, and some provisions are entirely unenforced. Equally important, immi-

Shocking Report: Immigrant Welfare Use Is WAY Worse Than You Thought

grants, including those illegally in the country, can receive welfare on behalf of their U.S.-born children," the report explains.

Notably, immigrants admitted to the U.S. as refugees are immediately eligible for welfare, Steven Camarota, the author of the report and CIS' research director, explained in an interview with Breitbart News.

"A person may work, but also create very significant costs for the welfare system. However, those costs are diffused, borne by all taxpayers, while employers get the workers they want and the immigrants improve their lives by coming to the United States," the report reads. "Focusing only on the desire of employers to bring in additional workers or the desire of immigrants to come to America misses the potentially enormous impact immigrant workers can have on American taxpayers."

"When welfare is taken into consideration, allowing immigrant workers into the country to perform low-wage jobs is clearly problematic," it continues. "It would, at least from the point of view of avoiding welfare expenditures, make more sense to hire from the enormous pool of less-educated natives not working rather than adding less-educated individuals through our immigration system."

Is it any surprise that immigrants tend to prefer big government policies? If that's the case, as conservatives how can we possibly justify any sort of amnesty program for the illegals already here? We are simply killing our own ability to slow the tsunami of the welfare state.

Indeed, For young college graduates, the unemployment rate is currently 7.2 percent (compared with 5.5 percent in 2007), and the underemployment rate is 14.9 percent (compared with 9.6 percent in 2007).

But don't worry if you don't get a

job and your unemployment runs out. You can simply switch to permanent disability.

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U.S. News says:

"social security disability insurance applications that more than doubled between 2000 and their 2010 peak of more than 2.9 million. "There was a big upsurge in workers shifting over to disability insurance during the last recession. It's slowed recently. But once you get on disability insurance, you could be out of the labor force for years, because it replaces a pretty significant chunk of your old pay."

Disability insurance awards have moved hand-in-hand with the unemployment rate in the last few decades, as those who are out of work are more predisposed to seek some sort of governmental assistance.

Gee, ya think?

It might have been Milton Friedman who once said, if you pay people not to work, you'll get a lot of folks applying for the job.

We certainly do – and we're getting millions of applicants from all over the globe.

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Please see: <http://allenbwest.com/2015/09/shocking-report-immigrant-welfare-use-is-way-worse-than-you-thought/>



Obama Keeps 27 Iraqi Christian Asylum Seekers in Detention for 6 Months While Flooding U.S. Cities with Unscreened Muslims

by Walid Shoebat,
FreedomOutPost.com

For the past six months, 27 Iraqi Christian asylum seekers fleeing the Islamic State (ISIS) have been locked up in an ICE detention center in Otay Mesa, California, despite the fact that 20 of the 27 Chaldean Christians have American family members living in Southern California who are willing to sponsor them.

WND (World Net Daily): Family members have been holding weekly vigils and rallies to draw attention to the detentions. Large U.S. Chaldean Catholic communities reside in San Diego

and Detroit. The family members say they’ve been given few details on why they’ve been detained for so long, despite being refugees from Middle East terror.

“These aren’t people who just decided to cross the U.S.-Mexico border. These are people saying, ‘we have nowhere else to go,’” Mark Arabo, a spokesman for the Chaldean community, told the *San Diego Union*.

“It seems like the border is open to everyone unless you’re an Iraq Christian fleeing ISIS,” Arabo told Bill O’Reilly of Fox News Monday. “Obama is to blame, Congress is to

blame, and the U.S. State Department is to blame.”

The Chaldean Christians are being held “without any logic or explanation; they’ve escaped ISIS only to be imprisoned by ICE. These are 20 innocent Christians who escaped a holocaust only to be imprisoned by ICE,” Arabo said. “These are people we should be celebrating not imprisoning.”

Lauren Mack, spokeswoman for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, confirmed that 27 Iraqi nationals are in custody, but she told the *Union* she couldn’t comment on individual immigration cases.

The extended detention of the Iraqi Christians represents a stark contrast

from the way the wave of Central American women and children were treated when they massed at the border last summer. The overwhelming majority were detained for a matter of days or weeks, then released and given a hearing date to appear in immigration court.

Former Republican Congressman Frank Wolf of Virginia, who now serves as a distinguished senior fellow at the 21st Century Wilberforce Initiative, which advocates for persecuted Christians worldwide, said the situation is a sad commentary on the state of U.S. priorities when it comes to asylum seekers.

“One can understand why they would leave their

country when they are facing genocide,” Wolf told WND. “I have seen the area they came from (in Iraq).” It’s not a surprise that Christians being hunted down by ISIS would seek to leave and find refuge in a country like the U.S. where they have family ties and cultural ties, he said.

Wolf said there seems to be an “inherent bias” against Christians in the current administration. He said it’s clearly easier to get asylum in the U.S. as a Muslim than it is for a Christian, and it’s been that way for a number of years.

Wolf visited Iraq in January and was struck by the horrific conditions under which Christians are forced to live. “In January, we spent five days there and

the conditions are brutal.”

Just last week, on July 30th, Wolf sent a letter to president Obama and United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon asking that they declare what is taking place in Iraq and Syria to be an official genocide. Wolf described the Iraqi Christian community, 1.5 million strong when the U.S. invaded Iraq in 2003, as “on the edge of extinction.”

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Deport Them Before You Are Shot

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

The Donald is right once again:

Three illegal immigrants were charged Saturday in connection with the murder of a 17-year-old Virginia high school student who was gunned down on his way to a

bus stop Friday morning.

According to The Washington Post, Danny Centeno-Miranda, who attended Park View High in Loudoun County, was about 50 yards from the school bus stop when he was shot twice in the back.

There is only one question remain-

ing: Will you not only support but demand deporting all of the illegal invaders now or must we wait until your cold, dead body -- or that of one of your loved ones -- lies in a coffin first?

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VA Confirms Worst Fears: 300,000 Vets Died While Waiting for Healthcare

by Jonah Bennett,
FreedomOutPost.com

A total of 307,000 veterans have died while waiting for the Department of Veterans Affairs to process their healthcare applications, a new inspector general report found.

Allegations of mismanagement at the Veterans Health Administration’s Health Eligibility Center led to an investigation by the VA office of the inspector general, which turned up some astounding discoveries. Exactly 867,000 veterans still have their healthcare applications listed as pending in the database.

Database records stem back decades, meaning that many of the applicants would have died a long time ago while waiting for care. The exact dates are unclear, as many of the pending applications did not list dates for when the application was filed. Many deceased veterans still remain on the list because the VA has no method to remove them.

Poor data management prompted VA employees to arbitrarily delete 10,000 records from the database after marking them as complete, even if they were still unfinished and in need of resolution.

From September 2012 to January 2013 alone, the VA had 11,000 unprocessed applications on its hands.

The report confirmed that no guidance exists to establish timelines for when applications should be completed.

In effect, the findings corroborate recent reports from whistleblower Scott Davis, a program specialist at the VA Health Eligibility Center in Atlanta, who leaked documents showing similar numbers.

Since this is not a new problem, the VA has already started contacting hundreds of thousands of veterans, asking them to send in new documentation to prove healthcare eligibility. According to VA spokeswoman Walinda West, the VA has enrolled

34,517 veterans.

“Today’s OIG report further reinforces what Concerned Veterans for America has been saying for years — the VHA as currently designed is ill-equipped to adequately respond to veterans’ needs and ensure they receive the timely care they deserve,” Concerned Veterans for America CEO Pete Hegseth told The Daily Caller News Foundation in a statement.

“We now know that hundreds of thousands of veterans had their healthcare applications unduly delayed, while VA personnel arbitrarily deleted more than 10,000 such applications, leaving veterans without access to the benefits they earned.”

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Resistance to tyranny becomes the Christian and social duty of each individual...Continue steadfast and, with a proper sense of your dependence on God, nobly defend those rights which heaven gave, and no man ought to take from us.

John Hancock

Convenient Caring: Democrats Pretend to Care About Veterans Colorado Democrat U.S. Senator Bennet AWOL on Vets

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

A recent note from Pro-AgressNow implores throngs of Democrats to attend a Jeb Bush event next week to stand up for (wait for it) veterans. This might actually be the first time Democrats are protesting in favor of veterans. But, Democrats’ change of heart is surprising. That is, until one reads the fine print. It’s not that Democrats care about veterans. It’s that they care about (using) veterans (to try to injure Republicans). From the note:

Today, the Department of Veterans Affairs is swamped with injured veterans of wars started by Jeb’s brother, former President George W. Bush. Will Jeb Bush continue to involve the United States in reckless wars, and, if so, how will he

take responsibility for the thousands of new injured veterans who will need care?

What about fellow Republican Mike Coffman’s failure to oversee the Aurora VA hospital project as chairman of the VA’s Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee?

Now they care? But, since we’re talking about Democrats’ record on veterans, let’s take a trip to earlier this year when we called out Bennet for being AWOL on veterans issues...until he figured out that it played well with voters. Here is what we said then:

“PeakNation™, remember our criticism of Bennet back at the State of the Union, when he had several opportunities in 2014 to help veterans and ignored them at each turn. First, he could have called for VA

Secretary Shinseki’s resignation when it was clear that he had mismanaged the department, but didn’t. Second, Bennet could have interceded in the VA hospital construction debacle early on, but sat on the sidelines. Third, Coffman passed a bill last year to reform VA construction, but the Democrat-controlled U.S. Senate, including Sen. Bennet, couldn’t bother to take it up.”

It’s too little, too late for Democrats to embrace veterans when the party’s politicians have either ignored completely or downright voted against veterans for years.

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Welcome to the Recovery: Two Out of Five American Children Living in Poverty

by Mike Krieger, Liberty Blitzkrieg Blog, via ZeroHedge.com

their childhood, compared to 30% of white children.

The last seven years of American history will be remembered for the unprecedented oligarch crime scene that it is. Branding what has occurred during the Obama administration an “economic recovery,” represents little more than a vicious assault on human intelligence.

I’ve spent a lot of time on these pages proving this to be the case, and have even dubbed it the “oligarch recovery”. Here’s the latest proof.

From the *Wall Street Journal*:

Childhood poverty is far more prevalent than annual figures suggest, a new paper says, with nearly two in every five U.S. children spending at least one year in poverty before they turn 18 years old.

The findings from Caroline Ratcliffe, a senior fellow at the Urban Institute, show particularly stark divides along racial lines. Black children fare much worse. Some 75% are poor at some point during

Don’t worry, Obama will be on it as soon as he’s done bailing out Wall Street billionaires.

The Census Bureau is set to release its annual statistics next week on household incomes and poverty for 2014. Last year, the report showed that one in eight adults live below the poverty line, compared to one in five children.

We are sure President Obama will be happy to learn that around one in 10 children are persistently poor, meaning they have lived below the federal poverty level for at least half of their childhood. Here, too, the researchers find a huge racial split, with around 39% of black children that are in persistent poverty, compared to 4% of white children.

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Cruz on Kentucky Clerk: ‘What Happened Today Is an Outrage’; ‘That Is Not America’

by Susan Jones, CNSNews.com

(CNSNews.com) -

“What happened today is an outrage,” Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) told Fox News’ Megyn Kelly Thursday night.

He was talking about Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis, who spent the night in a Kentucky jail for refusing a federal judge’s order to issue marriage licenses to homosexuals. “God’s moral law conflicts with my job duties,” she told the judge in court on Thursday.

“For the first time we’re seeing a Christian woman thrown in jail for standing up for her faith,” Cruz said. “I’ll tell you. I stand with Kim Davis, unequivocally. I stand with her and anyone else that the government is trying to persecute for standing up for their faith. This is fundamentally wrong and it’s inconsistent with the First Amendment of the Constitution.

“We are a nation that was formed by people fleeing religious oppression and coming to seek a land where we could worship free of the government getting in the way. And it is stunning what is happening here.”

U.S. District Judge David Bunning offered to release Davis if she promised not to interfere with her employees issuing licenses, but Davis refused. Five of her six employees told the judge they would comply with his order when their office opens for business on Friday.

Cruz said the new standard is “that Christians can’t hold public office, or if they do, they must be willing to vi-

olate their faith or go to jail.

“That is not America,” he said. “That is not how this country works.”

As for all the people insisting that Davis follow the law, “Where have those voices been?” Cruz asked. He said they didn’t call for the San Francisco mayor to resign when he declared San Francisco a sanctuary city, in defiance of federal immigration law; and they didn’t demand that President Obama resign when he defied immigration reform with executive amnesty, or even his own Obamacare law.

“When the mayor of San Francisco and President Obama resign, then we can talk about Kim Davis,” Cruz said.

A White House spokesman on Thursday told reporters, in connection with the Davis case, that “no public official is above the law.”

As CNSNews.com reported earlier, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee noted that Kim Davis is indeed following Kentucky law, “which by constitutional amendment defines marriage as a man and a woman.” He said it’s up to the Kentucky Legislature to “change the laws of Kentucky,” giving the Supreme Court interpretation “enabling legislation.”

According to the Associated Press, Davis told the court on Thursday she hopes the Kentucky Legislature will change state laws in a way that allows her to keep her job while following her conscience. But Democratic Gov. Steve Beshear again refused to call a special session of the legislature on Thursday. State lawmakers will not

meet until January.

Bunning indicated Kim Davis would remain in jail at least a week, saying he would revisit his decision after the deputy clerks have had time to comply with his order.

Cruz noted that in Kentucky, people can go to any other county to get married.

“But beyond that, listen, this decision from the Supreme Court on marriage was fundamentally illegitimate...This is not connected to the Constitution,” he said.

Cruz noted that Justice Antonin Scalia, in his dissent, predicted that something like this would happen: “He predicted this marriage decision was so lawless, was so much judicial activism, that state and local officials could be expected to defy it. That’s what Justice Scalia said.

“Now, all of the commentators are saying, they’re shocked that she’s doing exactly what Justice Scalia said. It’s not the job, as Justice Scalia said of five unelected lawyers to be the rulers of 320 million Americans and to claim illegitimately the authority to strike down the marriage laws all of 50 states. That is lawless.”

(The Associated Press contributed some of the information included in this report.)

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Preppers: You're Gonna Need the Right Ammo for the Drone Apocalypse

by George Gramlich



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Scenario 1: When your degenerate liberal neighbor just can't take it anymore with the constant gunfire (constant gunfire to the mutated and diseased

brains that liberals have is more than one shot per day) coming from your gun range; and the occasional Tannerite Target explosion or even some alleged automatic weapon discharges (woopsie!!!); the UPS and Fed Ex boys constantly dropping off packages at your bunker marked with the evil "ORD" symbol (explosives to you Common Core Kool-aid drinkers) and your friends showing up occasionally in full camo packing all kinds of scary looking rifles with (attention Governor Chickenlooper) 30 Round Magazines (OMG!) and then apparently discharging them on your property..... and he finally breaks down and buys a DRONE with a CAMERA and starts hovering the satanic looking thing over your property, your home, your gun range, following your wife around the property, scaring your survival chickens, trying to find where you buried that back up AR15 and your freeze-dried

food, and harassing your poor old dog Ronnie: WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Scenario 2: The financial collapse has hit and Obama and the collectivists unleash their secret weapon that Homeland Security and socialist/communist presidential candidate Bernie Sanders have been working on for the last ten years: The Democrat Transgender MicroAggression Devil Drone (DTDMD) designed to locate, root out, and destroy the last few patriots remaining in the Rocky Mountains who are resisting being arrested and relocated to Baltimore, Maryland for extermination via Moochelle Obama's lunch program. There's ten of them hovering, filming, and preparing to assault you and your loved ones in your Custer County redoubt. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Good ol' American entrepreneur-

ship to the rescue patriots! Multiple companies are now making 12-gauge shot gun ammo specifically designed to shoot down these liberal-progressive machines using American made steel shot, depleted uranium shot pellets, and man oh man, even a "ferromagnetic ballistic payload" round! The good old days are here again. "Drone Down!" will be heard echoing thru Happy Valley. The evil that is liberalism will be vanquished. English will be spoken. Solar panels, windmills, electric cars, and transgender bathrooms will be banned. A Constitutional America will rise again. This time with NO federal government.

So stock up now before Obama



courtesy photo

and the Democratic Party bans it. (Attention Sheep: Now you know that it is currently illegal to shoot one of these satanic things down. So says Obama's regime. Yup. Even if it is hovering right next to your redneck head and filming you peeing in your woods. Yup. So please wait till the pate hits the fan before you violate the regime's drone laws and start cleaning house.)

Second Amendment Support Growing in Black Community

by Dean Weingarten, GunWatch.Blogspot.com

An article in the *Florida Courier*, which labels itself as "Sharing Black Life, Statewide", illustrates that black citizens of the United States' attitudes toward guns and the Second Amendment are chang-

ing. Nowhere in the article did I detect a sentiment in favor of more legal restrictions. From fcourier.com:

"For the average responsible Black person I believe it is very beneficial to have a CCP. I believe that many Blacks are afraid of guns. The reason is they

have never been properly trained on how a firearm works. Once they get that understanding, they are eager to own and carry a firearm," he added.

"If enough Blacks obtained a CCP and were properly educated, then many of our neighborhoods would, safer - one street at a time," Barrs concluded.

Barrs is also an NRA supporter.

"There are a lot of benefits of NRA membership," he said. "They not only advocate for Second Amendment rights, but also provide insurance for one's weapons along with other

perks. I've been a member for two years and strongly advise becoming a member," he continued.

This article is part of a trend that has accelerated in the last few years. With President Obama's push for ever more legal restrictions on the ownership and sale of guns, the Second Amendment and infringements on it have gotten a lot of attention. The more people learn, the more they are converted to Second Amendment supporters. There is even a name for this effect. It is called "the shooting cycle". In this last cycle, the effect was dramatic. From the PewResearchCenter:

Over the past two years, blacks' views on this measure have changed dramatically. Currently, 54% of blacks say gun ownership does more to protect people than endanger personal safety, nearly double the percentage saying this in December 2012 (29%). By contrast, whites' views have shown less change: 62% now view guns as doing more to protect people, up from 54% in December.

Most black people are not criminals. But the black population has a much higher percentage of criminals. Honest black people bear the brunt of the crimes com-

mitted by those criminals.

Once someone is able to get beyond the propaganda that it is guns that are causing the crimes, they have ample reason to support the right to arms and self defense.

The rise of black stars in the gun culture, such as Ken Blanchard, Colion Noir, Rick Ector, Sheriff David Clarke of Milwaukee, and Police Chief James Craig of Detroit primed the pump.

Black Criminals in the hood are not interested in the Second Amendment, taking concealed carry classes, and being safe while using exercising their rights to defense of self and others. A recent study in Chicago emphasized the point.

The population of Chicago is majority black, and criminals in Chicago are overwhelmingly black. From the recent Chicago Crime Lab study, a survey of criminals whose crimes involved guns in Chicago:

Still, it is interesting to note that the majority of respondents demonstrated little knowledge of firearms. Many of the comments by Rs demonstrated ignorance of the manner in which firearms function, the ammunition requirements, and the capabilities of their weapon of choice. Rs never discussed safe handling

or storage practices, nor did they mention efforts to improve their knowledge of the firearms they possessed.

The gun culture welcomes responsible black people. When people in a community accept the rule of law and cooperate with police, violent crime rates drop dramatically.

Being legally armed is a strong indicator that the rule of law applies to you, that you have rights, and a reason to support the system that supports your rights. The Crime Prevention Research Center has evidence that the number of minority permit holders is growing fast. From the CPRC:

-- Some evidence suggests that permit holding by minorities is increasing more than twice as fast as for whites.

It remains to be seen what effect black Second Amendment supporters will have on the politicians who have them as constituents.

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Office Depot Refuses to Print Anti-Planned Parenthood Flyer With Prayer

by Casey Harper

Office Depot may face a lawsuit after refusing to print flyers that criticize Planned Parenthood, saying the flyers “persecute” people who believe in abortion rights.

Maria Goldstein, 42, of Illinois asked Office Depot on August 20th to print 500 anti-Planned Parenthood fliers, but the employee refused. The flier had facts about Planned Parenthood from the organization’s annual report as well as a prayer calling for the “conversion” and “enlightenment” of those who support the organization.

“When I tell people they’re shocked because this is America,” Goldstein told The Daily Caller News Foundation. “Office Depot is trying to silence my freedom of speech and my freedom of religion.”

The employee at the Office Depot refused, citing corporate policy. Goldstein teamed up with the religious liberty group the Thomas More Society and sent a letter to Office Depot demanding they stop discriminating against Goldstein because of her religious beliefs.

Goldstein told TheDCNF they haven’t heard back from the company, but an Office Depot spokeswoman told the Chicago Tribune they refused to print them because the flyers amounted to “persecution.”

“The flier contained material that advocates the persecution of people who support abortion rights,” Office Depot spokeswoman Karen Denning said.

Tom Olp, a lawyer with the Thomas More Society, said if Office Depot does not comply they will file a legal complaint.

“This seems crazy,” Olp told TheDCNF. “To say that a prayer that calls for conversion and understanding and enlightenment is persecution, to call that persecution to me is the height of intolerance.”

(Editor/GG: Here is the prayer that Office Depot refuses to print. Perhaps for Office Depot, it is not THIS prayer they don’t want to print, but ANY prayer:

Lord, for whom all things are possible,

We are confronted once again today

With the evil of the abortion industry

And the corruption found

In the world’s largest abortion business, Planned Parenthood.

Lord, we pray for all who plan to be parents,

And we ask your mercy on those

Who teach others to reject parenthood.

In the light of your Word, Lord,

We affirm today that children are a blessing from you,

And that the origin of all parenthood

Is likewise in You, the God of life and love.

Therefore, Oh God,

We stand against the evil that has been exposed

In Planned Parenthood

And in the entire abortion industry.

We stand today for the triumph

Of truth over falsehood,

Of light over darkness,

And of life over death.

Bring an end to the killing of children in the womb,

And bring an end to the sale of their body parts.

Bring conversion to all who do this,

And enlightenment to all who advocate it.

Close the doors of the death camps in our midst,

And open the doors of your mercy and healing!

Close the grisly trade in baby body parts,

And open the abundant gifts of your salvation and life!

Hasten the day when our land

Will no longer be stained with innocent blood,

And when the bodies of all your children

Will be raised from the dead

And set free forever.

We pray in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen!

—Rev. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life)

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Marine Corps Study: Male Combat Units Safer, More Efficient and Lethal Than Mixed-Gender Units

by Mark Judge, CNSNews.com

(Editor/GG: Well.... Duh!)

According to a study produced by a special task force of the United States Marine Corps, a combat unit comprised of both males and females is a much less effective fighting force than a unit comprised entirely of men.

The study, “The Marine Corps Force Integration Plan,” found that the mixed-gender unit was injured twice as often as an all-male unit, was less accurate with infantry weapons, and was less efficient at removing wounded troops from the battlefield. A summary of the study was released September 10th.

The research for the study was conducted over nine months at both Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and Twentynine Palms, California. 400 Marines, including 100 women, volunteered to join a special unit, the Ground Combat Element Integrated Task Force, which was created to evaluate how men and women compare in a combat environment.

All-male ground combat units clearly outperformed mixed-gender units. The study reported following findings in its summary (bold in the original):

Overall: All-male squads, teams and crews demonstrated higher performance levels on 69% of tasks evaluated (93 of 134) as compared to gender-integrated squads, teams and crews. Gender-integrated teams performed better than their all-male counterparts on (2) events.

Speed: All-male squads, regardless of infantry MOS [Military Occupational Specialty], were faster than the gender-integrated squads in each tactical movement. The differences were more pronounced in infantry crew-served weapons specialties that carried the assault load plus the additional weight of crew-served weapons and ammunition.

Lethality: All-male 0311 (rifleman) infantry squads had better accuracy compared to gender-integrated squads. There was a notable difference between genders for every individual weapons system (i.e. M4, M27, and M203) within the 0311 squads, except for the probability of hit & near miss with the M4.

Male provisional infantry (those with no formal 03xx school training) had higher hit percentages than the 0311 (school-trained) females: M4: 44% vs 28%, M27: 38% vs 25%, M16A4w/M203: 26% vs 15%.

All-male infantry crew-served weapons teams engaged targets quicker and registered more hits on target as compared to gender-integrated infantry crew-served weapons teams, with the exception of M2 accuracy.

All-male squads, teams and crews and gender-integrated squads, teams, and crews had a noticeable difference in their performance of the basic combat tasks of negotiating obstacles and evacuating casualties.

The military has a January 2016 deadline to open all combat jobs to women, but the services can ask for exceptions to the order.

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Government Jobs Now Outnumber Manufacturing Jobs: “Leaching Off the Private Sector”

By Joshua Krause, The Daily Sheeple, via SHTF.Com

Editor’s Comment: Government as a system of legalized theft has expanded so much that virtually all other forms of work have been put out of business, or minimized to a few token corporations who operate with government sanction. The age of the expanding middle class, where manufacturing or tech jobs opens up new opportunities for all, is clearly behind us.

From here on out, government dependence under collectivism, under one form or another, is the status quo and what struggling Americans should

expect... unless there is a fundamental return to the original republic.

by Joshua Krause

According to data published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, government jobs now outnumber manufacturing jobs by nearly 1.8 to 1. Almost 22,000,000 people work for local, state, and federal agencies, compared to 12,329,000 workers in the manufacturing sector. Manufacturing employment hasn’t been this low since before World War Two, and since 1989 when these two numbers were equal, our government has gained 4 million employees while manufacturing has

lost 5.5 million.

In 1941, nearly one of ten Americans worked in the manufacturing sector compared to 1 and 26 today. In that same time period, the ratio of government workers has grown from 1 in 27.7 to 1 in 14.6 today. However, if you took a closer look at the recent growth of government jobs, you might be fooled into thinking that our government is actually diminishing.

While the number of government jobs has grown consistently for decades, it hasn’t kept up with population growth in recent years. Since the 1980’s the percentage of the population that is employed by the

government at all levels, had actually fallen slightly to 6.9% by 2012. This decline however, has coincided with a substantial increase in government debt. Within the next ten years, the government’s deficit is set to explode to astronomical levels, as is government revenue. In other words, our government is growing slowly, but, on a per capita basis, they’re leaching off the private sector now more than ever.

Please see: http://www.shtfplan.com/headline-news/government-jobs-now-outnumber-manufacturing-jobs-by-a-wide-margin-leaching-off-the-private-sector_09102015

Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim



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

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

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



Second-Hand Lions

The depraved dentist dared to do the dastardly deed of destroying a lionized (pun) national treasure of Zimbabwe. The genocide of tens of thousands on the African continent is inconsequential compared to the demise of Cecil the lion. Some things cannot be replaced but people... well, really... we have lots of them. Regardless of the legality of the hunt, Walter Palmer, should be run out of town on a rail; his dental practice ought to be demolished; prison is too good for such a deviant. The international outrage is more than justified...we cannot allow this deplorable depository of evil to continue. Never mind that Muslim terrorists are sweeping across Africa killing, raping, pillaging, plundering, kidnapping, and selling innocents into slavery. It's just not polite to disparage another's religion.

It may be true that ISIS is demolishing archeological treasures that date back thousands of years, but one must realize those are only images of stone as opposed to Cecil which was a living jewel. His career of killing should be celebrated with the fervor designed for a departed monarch. The zebras, antelope, and other animals which have lost family members to the king must set aside all prejudice to acknowledge that the carnivore is simply a little slow on the evolutionary chain. One day, Leo will morph into a loveable vegetarian to be adored by all....wait, hold the phone...I think the Bible indicates something of that nature in the future. Yes, here it is: “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.” (Isaiah 11:6) Obviously, the text has short-changed us by failing to mention the hours of rehab, therapy, and community service that will transform all Cecils into conquering role models. Surely no one is expected to believe that an instantaneous conversion of appetite could be implemented by the fulfillment of the words “thy kingdom come.”

As long as we are sliding down the slippery slope of scriptural speculation, let's throw the “Hail Mary” and see if anyone can make it to the end zone to catch the incredible. Satan is referred to as “the god of this world” (II Corinthians 4:4); therefore, his greatest desire as a god is to be worshiped. Genesis 3:1 reminds us that “the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made.” Peter is reaching for the ball in full stride when he declares: “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:” (I Peter 5:8). Is it possible that Satan, whose enormous ambition to be revered and

is compared to a lion, will in all his subtlety seek worship covertly if it cannot be obtained overtly. To pay homage to Cecil indirectly idolizes another lion.

The entire idea is preposterous... but wait there is more...for \$19.95 you get two! Much to the chagrin of our tree-hugging friends, old split hoof is analogous to a giant cedar tree that once appeared in the Garden of Eden. (Ezekiel 31) The metaphor is summarized in verse 9 “I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches: so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied him.” Is the exaltation of a large tree a necessary step in the veneration of one that is invisible? Don't be ridiculous; our arboreal pals have the best of intentions; come to think of it, didn't someone once say the road to hell is paved with good intentions? Never mind, these imaginations must be borderline psychotic.

A third sample of clandestine worship is almost too much to bear but should be tolerated for the sake of broadminded truth seekers. A friend of mine who was an Idaho game warden took an early retirement because of his total disgust with the game department over the vast introduction of wolves in the state. He observed over a period of several years the absolute annihilation of the state's elk herd. Only hunters expressed concern while the PETA types reveled with the idea of co-habitation with these howling fuzz balls. Some rural school bus stops have required the building of tall, chain link fences to protect the children. Elk and deer are not comparable to Satanic activity, but wolves....see John 10:12; Matthew 7:15; Acts 20:29.

For no good reason except irritating the low informed, one more illustration is offered. At this writing a massive effort is underway to locate a blue whale entangled in fishing line. It reminds us of the two whales that were slow in retreating from the gathering Alaskan ice several years ago. An international attempt to free the leviathans captured the attention of the world. The Eskimos would have been happy to harvest them, providing meat for dozens of families. Whatever happened to “feeding the poor?” Jesus stated that Jonah spent three days and nights in the whale's belly while Jonah's own assessment of his location was hell. (Jonah 2:2) Revelation 9:11 makes it clear who the king of hell is.

Whales, wolves, large trees, and lions are excellent objects of worship if the god of this world receives his proper acknowledgment. If you take any of the Bible too seriously, his adherents will consider you to be mentally unbalanced. Think more pleasant thoughts ----go, Broncos!!

A Sheepdog Barks!

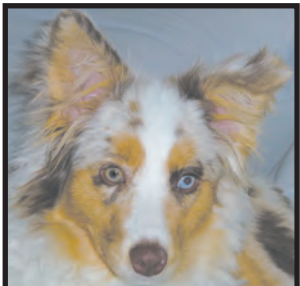
My favorite quote recently came during the Anti-Iran Nuclear Deal Rally in front of the U.S. Capitol hosted by Ted Cruz last week. “America is run by stupid people, very, very stupid people.” Donald Trump, 9 Sep 2015. “The Donald” is spot on! My second favorite quote came at the same rally by Sarah Palin, “You don't reward terrorism, you kill it.” I'm looking for these kinds of people to run America. I'm through with the intellectual morons that speak eloquently by reading prepared and edited speeches using Teleprompters. WOOF! And America is not only run by very stupid people, there are a whole lot of stupid people living here. How does the sheepdog know that, you might ask? By listening. Here are some more random and dangerous quotes and poll results. When asked if Planned Parenthood's (PP) harvesting and selling of baby parts was disgusting and should stop, 49% said yes. That's good. Here's the stupid part, 43% said they found it disgusting but it should continue. WHAT? Here's your sign! WOOF! A bust of Margaret Sanger, eugenicist and founder of PP, has been placed in the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery in the “Struggle for Justice” Exhibit. Sanger has been responsible for the killing of more black babies than all the genocide in Africa. Bishop E. W. Jackson, a black pastor, called out the Smithsonian saying Sanger was a racist, genocidal figure, and honoring her would make them complicit in her racist ideology. Smithsonian officials say the bust stays because it highlights her contribution to women's health care even though it doesn't support her sometimes deplorable beliefs. SOMETIMES? REALLY? What BS! If there were a Republican in the White House, there would be media and public outrage. Where is Black Lives Matter (BLM) when you need them? Actually, we never need BLM. They are just a bunch of stu-

pid thugs. WOOF!

New York City (NYC) has now gone after salt. Yes, salt. Big Brother has now decided it needs to get in the business of how much salt we eat. A NYC councilwoman said the following, “This is a great day for NYC and a great step forward for public health.” Good Grief, Charlie Brown! The NYC murder rate is rising out of control again because of the LPSD Mayor and the LPSD City Council is worried about salt. Stupid, stupid, stupid!

And let's stop with all the “War on Black Men” by the cops. It's just not so. The official stats for 2013 show that 99.9% of all arrests do not result in ANY violence at all. The media likes to highlight every single instance and most Americans are stupid enough to believe there is an epidemic. 320 million Americans, several million people arrested every week and there are 5-6 incidents being over reported. Do the math, it's statistically insignificant. 2013 results show 268 whites killed by cops, 147 black killed by cops. Most were breaking the law and the killings were justified. Yes, bad police behavior needs dealt with but let's keep it in perspective. There is no epidemic and there is no war on black men. Stop committing crimes and resisting arrest! OBEY THE LAW! That will solve it.

Here are some early minimum wage hike results. The LPSD cities of Seattle and San Francisco recently jacked their minimum wage rates up. Truthful economists have always told us there is a direct correlation in the loss of jobs. LPSDs ignore that fact and bleat on that governments should determine how much people make instead leaving it to the market place. Results: 1100 jobs lost in Seattle and 1500 jobs lost in San Francisco. Wonder how those 2600 people feel about the new higher minimum wage. Didn't help them did



it? More stupid people running our cities. WOOF!

And here's something else to think about. The San Francisco Sheriff doesn't enforce existing immigration law and a woman is needlessly killed by a 5-time felon, illegally released. He goes home every night. A Kentucky County Clerk won't issue same-sex marriage licenses, which isn't the law (only a Supreme Court ruling) and she goes to jail. Does that make any sense? Only to the LPSDs. STUPID, STUPID, STUPID!

Did you catch the latest little / stupid act by Michele Obama? She tweeted this to Beyoncé on her birthday, “HB to the one and only Queen Bee. Thank you for being a role model for young girls around the world-mo.” Role Model? This vulgar woman and her disgusting videos and music are a role model for young girls all over the world? Not my world. Only in an LPSD world. Stupid, stupid, stupid!

I'll end today with a few thoughts on the new, improved, funnier, more spontaneous, and regretful HILLARY “you mean with a cloth?” Clinton. Her latest antics (teary eyes) and apologies did it for me alright. I now believe the most corrupt woman in America is just what we need to lead us. NOT! Even joking about a CLINTON-CLINTON ticket is enough to give me nightmares. Her apologies are laced with lies like “even though it was allowed to do this email thing I take full responsibility.” REALLY? Who else could take responsibility? Bill? WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



A Hypothesis That Will Make You Uncomfortable

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(Editor/GG: Karl says the truth here. The government, the food industry, and, the healthcare monarchy have been lying to us for 50 years regarding what foods make us FAT and KILL us. Folks, do your fat, obese, and even slightly overweight friends and neighbors a favor: Give them this article to read. It might save their life.)

You're not going to like where I go with this....

New research suggests that half of all U.S. adults have diabetes or pre-diabetes.

The study of government health surveys echoes previous research and shows numbers increased substantially between 1988 and 2012 although they mostly leveled off after 2008. Overall, 12 percent to 14 percent of adults had diagnosed diabetes in 2012, the latest data available. Most of that is Type 2 diabetes, the kind linked with obesity and inactivity.

Almost 40 percent have pre-diabetes, meaning elevated blood sugar levels that could lead to full-fledged disease. Studies have shown lifestyle changes can delay or prevent diabetes in these people.

Let's cut the crap and define "lifestyle changes" because it's simple: Stop eating fast carbohydrates.

Yes, exercise is a good thing. But exercise, while it will help, will not stop

this progression if you keep eating fast carbs.

This figure -- that roughly half of all U.S. adults have either diabetes or metabolic dysfunction that may lead to it is, of course, horrifying news. But, it probably won't stop the advertising on TV of high-carbohydrate foods, including "breakfast" cereals and similar that are not only almost all fast carbs at their base but then have added sugar on top of it. It also won't change the advertising for soft drinks, burritos, and hamburgers -- with the worst sins of the latter coming from the wrapper you consume (e.g. tortilla or bun) rather than the contents.

Well, that is until you get the fries, which aren't bad due to being fried (at least they weren't when the oil was tallow) but rather due to the inherent fact that they're potatoes -- arguably indistinguishable in the digestive process, in terms of carbohydrate load, from sugar.

You've been systematically lied to about what should be on your plate. The old "food pyramid" was not only wrong, it was basically inverted from reality with one exception -- "sweets." Breads and cereals, as with starchy vegetables like potatoes, are virtually indistinguishable from table sugar in terms of their metabolic impact yet the "advice" is to eat the most of them with "vegetables" and "fruits" being the next up. While the "healthy plate" is an improvement, that's not

saying much -- in particular vilification of animal fats and the favoring of things like canola oil is backward, and the emphasis on fruits is also wrong. Yes, fruits are good in moderation but they tend to be quite high in sugar content and many (e.g. grapes -- including raisins -- along with bananas) are high in glycemic index. On the other hand, raw pears, prunes, and grapefruit are very low in glycemic impact while an orange is up the middle (note, however, that orange juice is both much higher in glycemic index and one cup of juice contains roughly the same sugar content as four oranges eaten whole!) Further, while nuts are nutritious they are also extremely high in caloric content. And while "whole grains" might be better than refined grains, the definition they're using is defective because "whole wheat" bread is not, in most cases, materially different in glycemic index (that is, the insulin demand presented by eating it) from white bread.

In short, you've been slowly poisoned over all these years -- and still are being today if you follow the so-called "MooShell Plate" advice. The old rubric that fat makes you fat is wrong, and what's worse it's been known to be wrong for more than 50 years. Just because something sounds good doesn't mean it's right.

Where there are distinctions, such as with fats, they're conflated, lumped

together, and then the lies are compounded further. Synthetic fats such as trans-fats -- margarine and other "shelf-stable" oils that are man-made, are arguably things one should never put in their mouth as there is a pretty-clean argument to be made that there is no safe amount of these to ingest.

But animal, that is saturated fats, are not in the same category at all. They are a perfectly valid fuel for the body and while the body would prefer to burn carbohydrates if they're available, your body can and will rely on fats for energy. If that metabolic pathway didn't exist, it would be impossible to lose excess weight! Further, and far more importantly, fats digest slowly in the gut and thus you remain satiated for longer than when you eat fast carbohydrates, all of which produce a "sugar high" that then fades, leaving you hungry.

Unfortunately, what many have done is taken the fact

that cookies are bad for you and turned it into an indictment of anything not "organic." But "organic" is a label and a process, not a product -- and there is scant to zero scientific evidence available to support the argument that such "organic" foods are objectively better. What there is plenty of evidence for, however, is that they're far more expensive.

Now here's the hypothesis you're not going to like, predicated on two facts: The food industry makes the most money advertising and selling "foods" that are (1) cheap to make and (2) expensive on the store shelf and (3) produce a dependency relationship -- that is, a pleasurable reaction from eating them followed by a "crash" that leaves you wanting more. These are all foods that are high in fast carbohydrate content.

The medical industry makes the most money from chronic conditions that force you back into the doctor's office for what be-

gins as a manageable process but over time escalates until you are literally bled dry from morbidity and disease. Diabetes is the perfect vehicle for this; it beings without symptoms, progresses through drug dependence, and finally to gross morbidity including amputations, blindness, and utter dependence including, in many cases, renal failure and dialysis before it kills you outright (after having bled you of both your money and enjoyment of life.)

Now what possible explanation do you think exists, given the evidence available over the last 50+ years that has been intentionally ignored, for the entire medical industry trying to convince you to not eat that bacon and eggs or steak, insisting that you instead consume large quantities of breads and cereals?

Hmmmm....

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thing they make the addicts do is ADMIT THEY HAVE A PROBLEM. I wonder if we can apply the program to.....

There is hope, folks. Our new Superintendent, Mark Payler, has a proven track record in improving school academic performance. He is well trained in the education administration field and also, and this is important, has completed the highly proclaimed "Turnaround

Leadership" program at the well respected University of Virginia Darden School of Business which applies proven private enterprise/business methodologies and solutions to academic/educational issues (which the world of education sorely needs). He also is a member of the State Review Panel and has done exhaustive studies of failing schools across the state and created comprehensive plans to fix them. Simply put, Superintendent Payler believes in EXCELLENCE and that mediocrity is fail-

ure which is a refreshing change from the prior administration.

Plus, there is another "reform" candidate running for the school board seat in District 2, Jake Shy. Jake grew up in the valley, has kids in school, is a self-employed businessman (Valley Feeds) and is dedicated to improving the school's performance. Jake's addition to the board would go a long way in supporting the effort to TURN AROUND CCCS and help our kids succeed in our challenging world of today.

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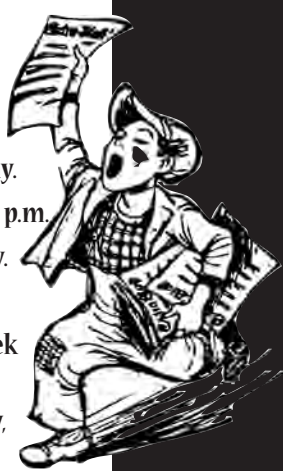
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and only residents of Silver Cliff, a chance to make their own decision. Regarding the facts, it did not go unnoticed to the public that they understood from Mr. Lowe's opening remarks, the facts were going to be according to the study committee's "findings". One of the attendees asked Mr. Lowe, "What about the rest of the county?" Mr. Lowe's response of "I don't care about the county..." brought shouts of protest from the crowd.

It took a while, but after about twenty minutes with interruptions of booing and moans of disagreement, the meeting began. The members of the committee then trotted out their same presentations of three weeks ago when the first public forum was held at the senior center. At that time, the vast majority in the audience unequivocally made their sentiments known of being totally against any form of marijuana in the county. This was to be a replay.

Before the first presentation by committee member Ms. Kathie Taylor, who dealt mainly with the medical

side of the marijuana issue, she stated clearly that some of the members of the committee did not entirely agree with Mr. Lowe's statements or positions. She said, "Richard does not speak for all of us".

After Ms. Taylor's presentation, many questions were raised from the audience. Chairperson Lowe was not able to field all questions or reply satisfactorily to the multitude of queries. Some of Lowe's answers clearly indicated that the committee, as a whole, had not done a thorough job of preparing for this meeting particularly on the matter of the financial issues concerning income and expense projections.

Committee Member Mr. Troy Bomgardner, who was asked to do the fact finding regarding the impact of marijuana on the youths and adolescents, did an admirable job in presenting the case against legalizing pot by clearly stating indisputable facts about the effects of cannabis products on the minds of the young, citing loss of I.Q, psychotic issue, and serious degradation in memory ability.

Mr. Bomgardner also indicated that in conversation with officials of the

City of Durango he was informed that the expectations of revenue from the legalization of marijuana fell far short of projections. In addition, he reiterated the decision by the city of Breckenridge, after having approved marijuana in their town more than a year ago, to recently have a vote by the town trustees to remove the marijuana facility from the town proper to an area out of town. It was also revealed that the tourist profile of Breckenridge had drastically changed from families visiting to groups seeking to get stoned in town on marijuana and other drugs.

After each member's presentation, the public was invited to ask questions. There were always more people asking questions than could be answered and the trustees, and more particularly Mr. Lowe, was completely overwhelmed. Several people left during the meeting, disgusted that it was obvious to them that the committee was determined to include the marijuana question on the ballot and the committee members did not care who was against it. One gentleman in particular walked out saying the committee was "adversarial".

At another point in the meeting, during the presentation of Mr. Danny Smith where he stated that no one has died from marijuana, the public erupted in booing, groans, and moans of disagreement at the obvious lie.

Resident Pastor Von Steinman questioned the notion that there would be a substantial amount of money coming from marijuana sales that was going to benefit communities and school districts. He brought out facts that indicated quite the contrary saying that of the projections made by the state only 53% was realized at best.

County resident Mr. Mike Hess addressed the committee saying that, while it seems to be that for them it's all about the money, they will anger the whole county which is opposed to this initiative and, what is more, it endangers the children of the community.

Mr. Bob Senderhauf, longtime resident and well known realtor, addressed the committee regarding the issue of water, saying the water is owned by the federal government or by the state and Silver Cliff does not control the water, which means that at any

time, it could be shut off. Of course, the committee had not really looked into this item either.

Mrs. Frances Hudson, resident of Silver Cliff and a retired Emergency Room nurse after thirty years of service in New York and New Jersey, both known for high incidences of drug use, expressed dismay that the committee would be considering marijuana in the community. She gave a brief explanation of her experiences with the adverse effects of marijuana on people in general and children in particular.

Mr. Jake Shy, who has recently announced that he is running for a position on the school board, addressed the committee about the evils of marijuana in the community and how it will affect the lives of the children by making it even easier to get their hands on.

From the public, one of the most eloquent attendees who addressed the committee was Ms. Timme Pearson, MC, LPC, and director and psychotherapist of Wings of Hope Counseling Services based in Cañon City. If facts are what they wanted in the committee, Ms. Pearson brought out volumes and volumes of

facts that no one could dispute clearly evidencing the dramatic increase in the levels of THC in the cannabis products of today's marijuana industry and its adverse effects on adults and minors. Ms. Pearson stated that the American Medical Association, the American Pediatric Association, and the Federal Drug Administration are all against marijuana. She went on to discuss the ill effects of marijuana on students and how it adversely affects their ability to learn and succeed in school. She got a resounding round of applause.

Throughout the meeting there were numerous interruptions of groans and moans of disbelief and dismay at the conduct of the Chairman Lowe and some of the presenters. Most of those who remained to the end of the meeting were convinced that the committee was a farce. The feeling was that there was no objectivity in the deliberations and presentations and that the committee was going to place the initiative on the ballot.

We were informed that the "committee" reports to the board of trustees at the next town meeting in October. We'll keep you informed.

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