

Bored Citizen Confused by Government Process

by Paul Sage

The Tuesday special meeting of the Custer County Board of County Commissioners was called to review a number of details for the upcoming Wetmore Community Center remodel in order to meet deadlines for grant processing.

However, most of the meeting was instead devoted to a long drawn out presentation by local resident Herbert “Brent” Bruiser (who is the 1st Vice Chairman of the Custer County Democrat Party) critical of last week’s unanimous BOCC action to allow a state mandated raise for county elected officials to go into effect.

Mr. Bruiser was challenging the process by which the three commissioners arrived at this decision, indicating he believed it lacked transparency and was somehow done in se-

cret. He admitted that he was in attendance at the December 8th meeting and held the agenda in his hand listing the subject for discussion but claimed that “I was paying attention and it went right by me.” He left the meeting early and missed discussion of the subject he was now returning to challenge the commissioners on.

Commissioner Shy explained to Mr. Bruiser that all of the elected officials in question were at the meeting, with the exception of the County Assessor who was at another meeting; and all were in favor of the move. He further explained that “The action that was on the table was to make a motion, and the motion would have been to reduce it (the amount of the state mandated raise.) There wouldn’t have been a motion to go along with it.” The action was a state mandate and the only

options available to the commissioners involved reducing it or opting out of it. Commissioner Shy further stated that “I called for a motion twice and there was silence.” Neither Commissioner Attebery, Commissioner Kattnig, or Commissioner Shy thought reducing the salary increase amount was a good idea.

Calling the government process “sometimes numbingly boring,” Mr. Bruiser said that “You can’t be too critical of the public for not wanting to participate in the process.”

It was pointed out by Commissioner Shy that the total financial impact of this raise when fully implemented in 2019 amounts to something in the neighborhood of \$116,000. On other occasions in the past year, by a single motion and the stroke of a pen, the commissioners have spent \$190,000 on gravel and \$168,000 on trucks and

no member of the public except this reporter were present. And there was no objection to those much larger expenditures for things clearly of less value or importance than the elected officials who serve the county residents.

Mr. Bruiser continued by asking, “How do we fund it?” It was pointed out to him that this was done in the annual budget process that takes place in October. That process generally takes a couple of full “numbingly boring” days of going through the entire budget department by department and line by line until some reasonable balance is struck. Mr. Bruiser has never attended that process either.

Commissioner Kattnig put some helpful perspective on the proposed 30% salary increase for elected officials. He pointed out that elected county official’s salaries are set by the state

and that none had received a raise since 2007. A regular county employee hired in 2006 for \$24,000 with the regular raises given over the period would be making \$36,626 by 2016. He pointed out that this is an aggregate increase over the ten year period of 46%. From that perspective, an elected official who hasn’t received a raise for 12 years, receiving a 30% raise, won’t even catch up to the raises of regular employees.

While the process undertaken to arrive at the raise currently discussed has been underway in the state legislature for five years, and has been up for consideration by the counties for six months, Mr. Bruiser now believes – after a decision has been made – that a complex, time consuming

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No Criminal Charges For Sexting Participants

by Barbara Penezic

During a recent press conference District Attorney Thom LeDoux, 11th Judicial District, announced no students would be charged in the sexting scandal that has placed Cañon City High School and Cañon City Middle School in the national news.

The D.A. told members of the press that there was “enough evidence to prosecute a handful of students. Despite that we’ve made this decision not to file criminal charges at this time.” The decision not to file charges, according to District Attorney LeDoux, is so families may speak freely with each other and professionals to address these unacceptable behaviors without fear regarding the potential for unnecessary legal consequences.

A gentleman from the audience asked, “What is the take away for parents with those handful of students who may or may not be 18. They broke the law

and you are not going to press charges.”

The D.A.’s response, “I think it is important that parents address the issue with their children and that parents fulfill their responsibility to make sure their children are not engaging in this behavior.”

Another questioner stated, “I guess you don’t consider this an easy pass but a month ago you were talking about felony charges - now you are saying that none of these kids will face charges. You know how teens think, they are going to think they got off.”

The D.A. again cited parents as having the responsibility to be sure their children understand the seriousness of their behavior and that future occurrences would be met with serious legal charges. Their actions have consequences...we will con-

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Stations of the Nativity Presented by 2015 Community Chorale

by Fred Hernandez

Traditionally performed by the Wet Mountain Valley Chorale, this years Community Christmas Cantata included other members from various Custer County groups. The event took place on Sunday at 3

p.m. at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Assumption. Musical direction was by Ms. Sarah Thompson who is also the music teacher at the local school, with piano accompaniment by Ms. Cheryl Pinnella. The well attended event featured sung Christmas Classics as



Father John Farley and the 2015 Community Chorale
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“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”
Matthew 1:21, NIV



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Our Opinion... From the Editorial Board

The Bill of Rights: It is what Makes America Unique

Tuesday was the anniversary of the Bill of Rights aka the 1st Ten Amendments. Those Amendments were ratified on December 15, 1791. We thought it appropriate to pass on the following thoughts by some who are trying to get that day recognized as a holiday. It is hard to argue that there are any more important words that affect our daily lives and they are certainly unique in the world.

The United States of America might never have existed without one thing: the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights limits the power of the government and protects the rights of the people. It was so important that several of the original 13 states would not ratify the Constitution without it.

Nearly everything that makes an American proud to be one comes from the Bill of Rights. Freedoms to speak, print, read, assemble, pray, petition the government, keep and bear arms. Protection from

unreasonable arrests and searches, excessive bail, double jeopardy, coerced confessions, cruel and unusual punishment. Rights to due process, jury trials, counsel, and to present defense witnesses. These are the freedoms and rights that define America.

Surprisingly, Americans do not celebrate the foundation of our political freedom, the Bill of Rights -- but we should. After all, the Bill of Rights is part of our Constitution, it is what our military people pledge to serve and die for. It is uniquely American. People on the political left, center, and right can all rally around the Bill of Rights because it expresses our shared basic values.

December 15th, Bill of Rights Day, reminds us of the liberty we have and what it costs to keep it. By celebrating Bill of Rights Day every year, perhaps we shall never forget.

The Bill of Rights does more: it defines the limits of government power.

More directly than any other single document of law, the Bill of Rights stands between tyranny and liberty.

Our military men and women have served, fought, and died to preserve the Constitution and our Bill of Rights. To celebrate Bill of Rights Day on December 15th would annually remind us of how their sacrifices preserved not just "the country," but some very specific guarantees of liberty.

An annual Bill of Rights Day would remind all members of government -- policemen, prosecutors, bureaucrats, judges, and politicians -- that government exists to serve, not to rule, the people.

It's hard to imagine any real American that doesn't know what the 1st and 2nd Amendments say. It's no accident that our Founding Fathers knew the exact order of importance as they amended the Constitution to get it passed. You should take the time to read

the 3rd through the 10th Amendments. Below is a short synopsis:

3rd: No soldiers shall be quartered in any house in peacetime and only by law in time of war.

4th: Guarantees the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures.

5th: Spells out the rights against being held without charges, self-incrimination, double jeopardy and due process. It also prevents seizure of private property for public use without just compensation.

6th: Provides for speedy and public trials, the right to confront witnesses against one and to have assistance of counsel.

7th: Right to a trial by jury.

8th: Prevents excessive bails and fines and cruel and unusual punishment.

9th: Limits the federal government to those powers enumerated. All others to the people.

10th: Delegates all powers not enumerated to the United States by the Constitution to the states and to the people.

We should all be thankful for the Bill of Rights. They ensure our liberties and our freedoms. Only an informed public can stop the abuse of those rights. You can pick up a free pocket size copy of the Declaration of Independence, The U.S. Constitution and all of the 27 Amendments in our office at 610 Main Street. Stop by and pick one up.

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Thank you! to Everyone at the Sheriff's Office

In this time of unrest and disrespect for law and order We wish to express our gratitude to our Sheriff, deputies, and staff at Custer County Sheriff's Office.

Thank you for being out there for us, we appreciate it, and salute you. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

Chris Ueberroth,
Custer County

A Message from Superintendent Payler

Dear Custer County Community,

First of all, Merry Christmas!

One can never judge a book by its cover, nor a community by its signs and streets. No, indeed, a community is about people. And I can sincerely say this - the people of Custer County are delightful, insightful, and downright wonderful! But oh, their hearts and generosity.

In my brief tenure with the school district I have been overwhelmed by the amount of love and devotion this community has for our staff and students. This holiday season,

the community has opened its heart and donated resources for all of our staff so they may have a memorable holiday break- and that is unheard of in my career as a district administrator in Colorado.

In closing, thank you. I wish each of you a peaceful and restful Christmas. We look forward to working together in 2016 for the betterment of our community. May your homes be filled with the love of family and friends this holiday season!

-Mark A. Payler, Superintendent
Custer County School District C-1

Wasted Presidency

by Bill Bailey,
Westcliffe, CO

I look back on the seven years of President Obama's time in office while realizing the next year may not be any more productive. His whole time in office has been filled with arrogance, inept decisions, failed opportunities and lack of candor with the American people. He had the backing of most all of the black voters, most every Democrat, and most all of the media. It would have been such an affirmation to black people to be able to say what a tremendous job he had done. It would have quelled forever the notion that blacks are inferior to Caucasians, Asians, or Hispanics. In some circles that has been the erroneous opinion. What I see in Obama's presidency is a huge missed opportunity. Not only that, but he has divided America along racial lines, put fear in place of security, and lost any ground that was gained by his astute predecessors. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate among the black community has also suffered, especially among youth. By pushing the minimum wage issue and creating an unaffordable healthcare system, companies are hiring less and reducing full-time workers as a result. Having never been in the military should not have hampered any decisions he made concerning aggressions in the world. There are plenty of great minds available to advise him on warfare, security, and international cooperation to rebuff terrorism. It's sad that he chose to politi-

cize most every decision he made, seeking an obtuse agenda like gun control in the face of terrorism, which has nothing to do with guns. He chose to side with liberal minority instead of the "moral majority". Rush Limbaugh was asked to write something about Obama when he first got elected. Rush said he could sum it up in four words, "I hope he fails". I think he knew Obama's agenda and leanings early on. It would have been nice to see him succeed at some good things, but he has succeeded at some very bad things and failed at what is good, what this country needed so desperately. The world too, needed a real leader in America. Instead they have lost respect and have no assurance that they can rely on us as a nation like they used to. I don't dislike the president personally, I don't look at him askance because he's black, I just don't like his record and I fear the next 12-15 months are going to take its toll on the American way of life.

And, now, Americans are looking at another possible presidential candidate in Hillary Clinton. They are thinking she is going to show that women can lead a nation. After all, look at Angela Merkel, or Margaret Thatcher. When the left looks solely at a person's skin color or at their gender to determine their eligibility, it's very shallow and "single-issue-oriented". The presidency is much more meaningful, much too important to vote frivolously. And I would caution the right not to be easily lead astray either.

Thanks for Your Support... from the Reinke Family

Dear Wet Mountain Community and Churches,

The Reinke family has been sooo blessed by your care and support that you have shown to us during Shirley's life and just after her death. Words are not adequate to express our thanks for your kindness and support! While our family has been suffering the loss of the Woman, Wife, Mom, Friend, Grandma, Daughter, Sister, and friend from cancer your compassion made life easier. Please receive

this "HEARTFELT THANK YOU" from each member of the "Reinke Family" for your help during a very hard time in each of our lives! I asked God to bless each one of you for the blessing you are to us!



The Reinke Family

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Marine Corps League present Student of the Month to Kayli Short

by Audrey Slater

The Marine Corps League 1316 detachment was at Custer County High School. Jim Woodard from the Marine Corps spoke to the students explaining what the Corps does in the communities they serve. He explained the Toys for Tots program and the fact that they have adopted the McCandless Veterans Home in Florence.

Bob Hollingsworth also spoke to the students concerning their future plans. He asked them all to stop and think what part they may play in our country's future.

Today, they were here to award a Custer County student the Student of the Month award. Jim explained how they chose the Student of the Month. The counselors at the school are notified of the upcoming event. The teachers then nominate a student they feel has earned this recognition.

This month Kayli Short has received this award along with a \$25 gift certificate.

Kayli is the daughter of Stuart and Lori Short, and sister to Jamie Short. She is President of the Student Council, a mem-



Congratulations, Kayli Short! Marine Corps League Student of the Month.

Sentinel photo by Audrey Slater

ber of the National Honor Society, the High School Band, and the Thespian Society. She participates as a Varsity Cross Country Runner, is on the Volleyball team, and the Track team. In the community she volunteers as a facilitator for the Pack-A-Back Program, she is an aide in the summer swim lessons and volunteers with Wild Bill's Toy Run. In her spare time she enjoys skiing and reading.

She plans to attend a four-year university, hopefully, Denver University to ultimately get her master's in a biology-based field.

Congratulations to Kayli Short.

Community Members Turn Out to Lend a Hand to a Man Who Serves Them: Emil Roy

by Carol Clemenson

Emil Roy suffered a stroke on November 9th, and has been in Parkview Hospital ever since. Right now he is in the Skilled Nursing Unit and is making great progress, but needs intensive therapy for his right arm and right leg. It isn't possible for him to come home until he is able to walk with a cane.

Emil's Humana insurance co-payment is \$150 per day, so as you can imagine, with the co-payment being so high, the charges are becoming astronomical.

His family put together a benefit dinner to raise funds to help pay his medical bills. The dinner was held on December 13th at the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District. This wonderful meal was by donation only.

For those of you that know Emil and his family, you know how involved he has been in this community for most of his life. Emil and his wife, Bobbie, were both born in this beautiful valley. Emil graduated from Custer County High School in 1955 and enlisted in the Navy right after graduation, and served for four years. He married Bobbie in 1962 and they have three children: daughter Emily Trujillo (and son-in-law Michael), daughter Delenna Crofford, and son Robert Roy. The children, along



The family picture left to right: Acacia Roy (granddaughter), Uriah Roy (granddaughter), Bobbie Roy (wife), Emily Trujillo (daughter), Delenna Crofford (daughter), Michael Trujillo (son-in-law), and Robert Roy (son).

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

with two granddaughters, Acacia Roy and Uriah Roy, cooked and served up this great meal.

Emil has worked and served this community by being a volunteer firefighter for 30 years, serving as a sheriff's deputy for six years beginning in 1980, and as an ambulance driver for several years. Emil worked at the courthouse as a maintenance man, and ran the scales. He still manages the car wash in Silver Cliff. Just about the only place he hasn't worked or been involved with is the supermarket! (Neither Jennings nor the Westcliffe SuperMarket.)

Wherever help was needed, you could always count on Emil to be there to help.

It is hard to believe that

Emil Roy is 80 years young, and the only thing that has slowed this man down is a stroke. We all need to pray for him and his family so he can get back to what he likes to do best, help others

Emil would love to have get well cards and letters wishing him well, and letting him know that he is loved by this community. They can be mailed to: Emil Roy, P.O. Box 114, Westcliffe, CO 81252. All of Emil and Bobbie's family still live in Westcliffe, except for their daughter Delenna Crofford who lives in Texas.

Also, there is an account set up at First State Bank at 102 S. Adams Blvd. in Westcliffe, if you would like to help out, and were not able to attend the dinner.



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Christmas Church Services

We are approaching one of the holiest times of the year in the Christian calendar, Christmas. The celebration of the birth of the Christ Child in a manger in Bethlehem.

We have compiled a list of the local churches and the times of their Christmas Services. If your church is not listed you can call their office and see what the times are for the Christmas Services.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 240 Ridgeline Dr., Westcliffe:
December 20th, Sunday Dinner after the Sunday Service.

Community United Methodist, 202 S. 6th St. Westcliffe:
December 24th, Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

Cody Park Community Church, 0157 County Rd. 27A, Cotopaxi:
December 24th, Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

Cotopaxi Community Church, 20326 Hwy 50, Cotopaxi:
December 20th, Sunday Caroling at 5 p.m.
December 24th, Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m.
December 25th, Christmas Day Dinner at 12 noon (potluck)

First Baptist Church of Westcliffe, 417 S. 6th St., Westcliffe:

December 24th, Christmas Eve 5 p.m. a candlelight Communion Service.

Huerfano Community Bible Church, 603 Leon St., Walsenburg:
December 24th, Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church, 3rd and Powell Sts., Westcliffe:
December 24th, Christmas Eve Service at 6:30 p.m.

Sangre de Cristo Fellowship 120 Jerry Court, Westcliffe:
December 24th, Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m.

Sangre de Cristo Seminary Chapel, 6160 County Rd 130, Westcliffe:
December 24th, Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m.

Westcliffe Community Church, 103 N. Adams St., Westcliffe:
December 24th, Christmas Eve 6 p.m. Service with special music.

Wild West Cowboy Church, 60260 Hwy 69 N., Westcliffe:
December 20th, Sunday 4 p.m. service done by the youth with potluck to follow.
December 24th, Christmas Eve 6 p.m. Candlelight Service and music from their band Followed by open Communion for all.

SEXTING

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sider any ongoing behavior of this nature to be an aggravating circumstance, if a future case comes to our attention we will consider that prior warning has gone out.

A woman responded, “That is kind of like telling my three year old ‘You do that one more time and you are going to get it.’”

One hundred and six children were named in the scope of the investigation and approximately 351 images were stored on three cell phones. The vast majority of the photographs didn’t include the face of the subject. The three detectives who worked this case for 30 days were only

able to identify three of the subjects and another six students who agreed to be interviewed. These students confessed to taking and sending photographs of themselves to other students. Some students indicated that the taking and sharing of pictures was wide-spread at both the high school and middle school. Other students said the pictures were passed around like pokemon or other trading cards.

Senator Grantham, School Superintendent George Welsh, and others spoke to a group of approximately 30 citizens about the sexting issue. They offered some counsel on how educators and parents might be able to come together to address the need for instruction on the use of new

technology for both parents and children.

The group was shown some rough-cuts of possible public service announcements that may be beneficial to our youngsters as they struggle between making appropriate choices and just being perceived as being ‘cool’.

School Superintendent George Welsh is taking a very pro-active stance and will be reviewing the results of the investigation and making some recommendations about what other consequences will be dealt out to those who have been identified in this situation. Some students have been suspended and others may be. The message he said is, “We want you back in school so we can educate you.”

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6, NIV

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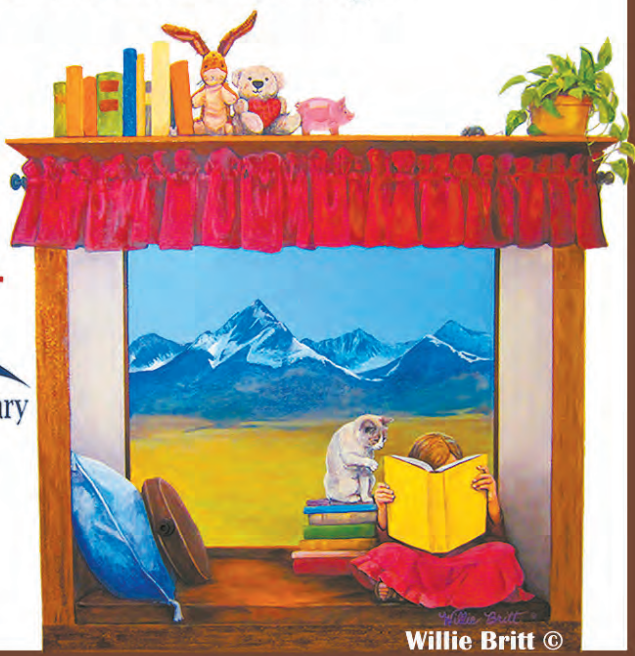
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County Receives \$40K Grant for Courthouse Study

by Paul Sage

Thanks in large part to quick work by County Commissioner Lynn Attebery and Courthouse Deputy Sgt. Mike Halpin in putting together a grant application and making a presentation to the review board. Custer County received word this week that they will be awarded a \$40,000 grant to study the needs of the courthouse.

The grant comes from the Underfunded Courthouse Facilities Commission of the Colorado State Court System. Custer County ranks high on the list of those

counties with the greatest need in this area. The grant will be used to conduct an architectural and engineering study of the courthouse facility during 2016 to determine the best ways to improve the usefulness and safety of the courthouse. Options could range from building an entire new building, to making additions to the existing structure, to improving the accessibility and usefulness of the current courthouse.

The results of the upcoming study will likely result in further outside funding requests from this and other entities to help accomplish the goals laid out in the study.

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O Come, All Ye Faithful, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, Away in a Manger, Joy to the World, and several others performed expertly by the choir members. Between songs passages were read from the books of John, Luke, and Matthew narrating the historical, world changing events of the Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. The readers were Ms. Deborah Christine, Father John Farley, Mr. Andre Zeller, Wayne Ewing and Pastor Richard von Stienman. The members of the choir were Dhiana Clarice, Katherine Desmond, Shania Atkin-Graber, Harrison Hamelryck, David Niemeyer, Pat O'Connor, Don Pinnella, Tim Stodola, JT Taylor, Christina Wilson, Beth Ann Zeller, Betsy Zeller, Noelle Zeller, Jena Dent, Sandra Graber, Lisa Guarnere, Karalyn Mullet, Linda Niemeyer, Amy Perschbacher, David Schnieder, Elanor Straight, Shari Taylor, Andrew Zeller, Bennett Zeller, and Elias Zeller.

The community was enjoined to sing some of the songs with the choir and a

wonderful time was had by all. After the presentation everyone was invited to the community hall where the ladies of the parish had prepared sweets, cookies, and other finger food, together with hot apple cider and other refreshments.

The closing prayer written by Robert Louis Stevenson is a beautiful piece celebrating the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ:

“Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake, Amen!”

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“blue ribbon” committee should be formed to study the issue and it should be considered further. No such request was made for the \$190,000 gravel purchase.

The commissioners agreed to again revisit the subject at their December 30th regular meeting after Commissioner Kattnig waffled on his commitment to his earlier decision so that another

“numbingly boring” conversation can be held about an already resolved issue to entertain a few uninformed and uninvolved members of the public who suddenly develop a fleeting interest in the workings of county government.

(Editor/GG: Truly, truly, Failure Theatre by one of our local liberal operatives, Herbert “Brent” Bruiser. The quote, “it went right by me.” says it all, in more ways than one. The raise was on the BOCC agenda, they talked about it. If you want to be

treated seriously, spend the time and go to the “numbingly boring” meetings, read the agenda, and stay for the important stuff. But this is S.O.P. for liberal progressives: Monty Python level public comedic routines of faux outrage over carefully selected issues for pure political purposes. Same old song. Same old playbook. But fun to watch. Don't need satellite tv with these guys around. Better than Comedy Central. Stay tuned for the next episode of “Alinsky in Happy Valley”.)

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

Luke 2:8-14, NIV



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Spotlight on Business

Salty Pine Floral and Boutique

Pepper Stafford is the owner of the Salty Pine Floral and Boutique located on 411 Main Street in Westcliffe. She can be contacted at 719-783-9393. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Pepper and Trent Stafford have been married for fifteen years and have two great little boys, Ben is nine and Sam is five. They came here from Oklahoma and love it here and love the people.

Pepper is a FULL SERVICE florist for weddings, funerals, birthdays, special events, or anytime. Her floral arrangements are incredible.

She also has a boutique that carries unique ladies gifts, clothing, plus sizes, scarves, and KOPA (which is a line of soaps, lotions, cleansing creams, etc.). Also available are one of a kind jewelry, kitchen accessories, specialty pantry items, Swan Creek soy candles, gluten free items, children's items, along with many home décor items, and much, much more.

With such a great variety offered, it really takes a visit to the shop to look around. If you need to shop for something to dress up your outfit, Salty Pine will be the place to find it, and the pricing is reasonable.



Pepper Stafford, proprietor of Salty Pine Floral and Boutique, at 411 Main Street in Westcliffe.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

Pepper's goal is to have a shop that is comfortable and reasonable for her local customers. She has not set up this shop just for the tourist season, but with a year-round commitment, which has worked out very well.

This has been a dream come true for Pepper and three years ago, on December 1st, she and Trent made it happen. Thank you!



A Beautiful, Traditional CCCS Elementary Christmas Program

A super performance by an excellent cast treated the packed house for this years CCCS Elementary Christmas Program directed by Sarah Thompson and accompanied by Cheryl Pinnella. Attendees were elated to hear traditional songs like *Do You Hear What I Hear* and *It Came Upon The Midnight Clear*.

Courtesy photo by Twila Geroux

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Middle School Girls' Basketball Split with Cotopaxi and La Veta

by Kristen Foster

The B team started things off this past weekend with a win against the Cotopaxi Pirates with a score of 14-12. Cotopaxi was a very aggressive team, but the Lady Bobcats came out on top. Hannah Kennedy led the Bobcats with 6 points and also had 5 rebounds. Eryn Lemoine put in two baskets for a total for 4 points and 3 rebounds. Kaydin Moore and Kylinn Wisecup each added two points. Brooke Flynn and Kylinn Wisecup each had 3 steals for the Lady Bobcats, while Anna Berry and Kyleigh Martin each added a steal.

The A team played tough in the first half of play with a score of 10-7 Cotopaxi at halftime. The Lady Bobcats then struggled a bit with Cotopaxi's tough defensive pressure in the second half and ended the game with a score of 30-11. Holly Young led her team with 6 points, 3 rebounds and 2 steals. Haylie Hutterer added two points and 3 rebounds, while Lindsey Gillmore added 2 points

and 4 steals. Katherine Mullett put in one free throw and Emma Aldrich ended the game with 2 steals and quick guard play.

On Saturday, the B team dominated the first half of play against the La Veta Redskins with a score of 12-0 at half. Kylinn Wisecup demonstrated strong guard play with 6 steals and 8 points to lead her team. Kaydin Moore also added 4 points and 2 steals. Addie Vittitow added the final basket for the Lady Bobcats in the second half. Syd Cooper and Savannah Langford each brought down 3 rebounds to help out the Lady Bobcats. The final score was 14-11 Bobcats.

The A team struggled shooting in their game, while La Veta was strong from the field. Lindsey Gillmore and Memphis Curry each had 2 points, while Katherine Mullett added one from the line. Final score was 30-5 La Veta.

Come out and support our Lady Bobcats this Friday against Cripple Creek tipping off at 10 a.m. in the East Gym.



Lady Bobcats scrimmaging this weekend after playing the La Veta Redskins.

Courtesy photo by Jenn Russ

Bobcats Sport Schedule

BASKETBALL

Friday, 12/18 vs. Sierra Grande @ 5 p.m. (GV/BV)
Saturday, 12/19 @ ECA @ 1 p.m.
Thursday, 1/7 vs. Cripple Creek @ 3 p.m.
Friday, 1/8 @ Creede @ 3 p.m. (GJV/GV/BV)

MS BASKETBALL

Friday 12/18 vs. Cripple Creek @ 10 a.m.
Friday, 1/8 @ South Park @ 10 a.m.

WRESTLING

Saturday, 12/19 @ John Mall Tournament (Walsenburg) @ 9 a.m.
Friday, 1/8 vs. Custer Tri: Rye/Limon @ 6 p.m.
Saturday, 1/9 vs. Custer Tournament @ 9 a.m.



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HEAD'S UP!

from DONNA L. HOOD

Republican Seeks Custer County Commissioner
Representing District 3

There are 2 ways for a person's name to be placed on the 2016 primary ballot for **CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONER**:

1. Utilize a caucus process.
2. Use the petition process.

I am a Republican. I have chosen to use the Petition Process because I want to develop grass roots connections. I need and want your support. And by the way, before you sign anything, I want you to get to know me, and I want to get to know you.

Beginning February 1, 2016, I will begin gathering signatures. An eligible petition signer is anyone whose physical address and party affiliation is current at least 29 days before signing a petition.

A petition signer must be a resident of Custer County, and by law,

- 1) Share the same party affiliation as the candidate, and
- 2) May sign only 1 petition for each district position.

Our selection of commissioners is a big deal. Your participation in their selection does matter in shaping the future of our county. Regardless of your political leanings, if you are not yet registered, I personally encourage you to register. Go to the office of the County Clerk & Recorder.

I want to hear both your dreams and your concerns. I'll be doing 'Meet & Greets' throughout the next several months. Come if you can. You may also contact me anytime at **719-783-9100 or rdh@apaintedview.com**.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Donna L. Hood.

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Bobcats Basketball Gets First Win: 24-19 Over La Veta!

by Coach Shannon Byerly

Greetings basketball fans, it's that time of the year again and the basketball season is now underway. That means your Bobcat's are hitting the hardwood and representing the school and community as they work hard to be successful. On December 3rd through the 5th the Bobcat Boys traveled to the Trinidad State Junior College Holiday Tournament for three games in three days. This is a great opportunity for the players to experience playing three days in a row, similar to the state tournament. The Trinidad tournament turned out to be a big challenge for the Bobcat's as they got their first taste of competition in the season. "We knew we would have our struggles at the beginning of the season" said Coach Byerly. "We are really young and inexperienced but we are learning and getting better every day."

The Bobcats started off the tournament Thursday morning with a familiar opponent in the Hoehne Farmers. The game got quickly out of hand for

Cats back in Trinidad and facing the Panthers from John Mall. The Bobcats showed they had learned from the day before and executed the offense more efficiently. The boys still struggled from the tip off and fell behind 19-4 in the first quarter and continued to turn the ball over as the score had the Panthers ahead 35-6. After some half time direction, the Bobcats came out and had a better scoring half as they put 9 and 11 points on the board in the third and fourth quarters to end the game 63-26. "We turned the ball over about 30 times" said Coach Byerly. "You don't win games when you do that, but we were able to play them even in the fourth quarter and we will take that and move forward from there."

Saturday morning found the Bobcats back on the floor and facing the Tigers from Raton, New Mexico. This was another struggle as the Tigers came out in a full court press and the Bobcats were unable to get the offense working. The first quarter found the Cats in common territory with a 10-4 deficit but coach was

kids playing who had never played at the high school level. It is a learning experience and we use it for that. We will get better, the boys expect to play at a higher level and we will get them there."

Last Friday, the Bobcats then found themselves on the bus and headed for LaVeta to face the Indians in a non-conference game. This game turned out to be very exciting and a lot of fun to watch. The Bobcats stumbled out of the gate once again and fell behind quickly to the more experienced team but remained calm and determined. The second quarter was played evenly as each team struggled to put the basketball in the hoop. At halftime the score was 11-6 but the excitement was beginning to build. The third quarter was a see-saw as each team would score and then be matched by the other. The third quarter ended with the Indians holding on to a five point lead but enter the Bobcat defense the coaching staff had been trying to find. The fourth quarter began with the Bobcats bringing the ball up the court but turning it over once again.

vid Kinsey was lost for the game when he attempted to make a hard cut and slipped on the floor. His knee twisted badly and he was in instant pain. Sophomore Dylan Schoch entered the game for Kinsey and created a turnover immediately. Freshman Billy Berry was fouled a few seconds later and hit one of two free throws to bring the Bobcats to within two points with just under two minutes left. The Indians decided to slow the ball down and force the ball inside which may have cost them the game. "When they slowed the game down, it gave us a chance to catch our breath, and get our legs back", said Coach Byerly. The Indians then tried to force the

ball inside and the Bobcats forced the turnover. They pushed the ball up the floor and freshman Chad Lewenkamp spotted sophomore Kobe Lewsader on the wing who drained a three point shot to take the lead. The Indians then were forced to push the pace and the Bobcat defense held solid. Four free throws later found the Bobcats with a 5 point victory, 24-19. "This was a good team win", said Coach Byerly. "Our defense played a lot better and I think we held them scoreless in the fourth quarter. It was good to see the kids play well down the stretch and maintain their composure. I am worried about David's knee right now, he is important to us

and we will have to see what the doctor says on Monday. We also want to acknowledge the high school cheerleaders who traveled and really made a difference in the crowd. The crowd noise picked the kids up and kept the energy going when we got tired."

The Bobcats will be busy this week as they will have faced Florence at home on Tuesday, December 15th, and then will host Sierra Grande on Friday, followed by a road trip to Colorado Springs on Saturday for a battle against the Evangelical Christian Academy Eagles.

We hope to see you at the gym, GO BOBCATS!!



Bobcat Menu • Dec. 21 - Dec. 31, 2015

No School!

Merry Christmas, Everyone!
See you back on Monday, January 4th, 2016!



Bobcat Basketball Team: back row, left to right: Tyler Ferron, Dylan Schoch, Michael Batson, Kobe Lewsader, Billy Berry, David Kinsey, Austin Fenley, front row, left to right: Jakob Riehle-Morris, Cash Rowley, Chad Lewenkamp, Trumann Fenley

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

the young Cats as they fell behind early with a 15-3 deficit at the end of the first quarter. The second quarter was much the same as the defensive pressure from the Farmers created one turnover after another. The second half continued as the Bobcats could not generate any offense and the game ended with the score 73-10. "That was really an eye opener for our kids" said Coach Byerly. "Right now we are struggling to simulate that speed in practice so it is good to get out and let the kids see the game in real time".

Friday morning found the

happy with the defensive effort. "We played them tough in the first quarter, but then I think the combination of a short bench and three games in three days caught up with us", said Coach Byerly. "Our defense broke down and we just didn't have the energy to compete at the necessary level." The Tigers rolled the score up in the second and third quarters and cruised to end the game with the score 65-16. "It was a great opportunity for the boys to play someone else besides each other and see what high school basketball is all about", said Coach Byerly. "We had six

The turnover was matched by LaVeta and the game looked to grind to a halt as neither team could find the basket. "With about four minutes left in the game, I honestly wasn't sure we could make something happen", said coach, but the Bobcat's had another plan in mind. They began working the ball with patience and purpose as sophomore Michael Batson was fed the ball inside. His attempt was met with a foul and two free throws later, found the Bobcats trailing by three. The cats then had a couple of great opportunities but failed to complete the play. Sophomore Da-

KIDS Friday, December 18, 2015

Wilbur and Orville Wright's First Flight: December 17, 1903

Ever flown in an airplane? Ever wonder what it took to be able to start from scratch and build a plane that would defy the laws of gravity? Well, we can all thank Orville and Wilbur Wright for having the vision of a flying machine.

The Wright brothers grew up in a small town in Dayton, Ohio where they had no indoor plumbing, no electricity and no telephones. What they did have was books and a curiosity and aptitude for science. Their parents encouraged their curiosity and their reading. They developed an interest in aviation after learning of the glider flights of the German engineer Otto Lilienthal in the 1890's. They built printing presses and in 1892 opened a bicycle sales and repair shop. They began their experimentation in flight in 1896 at that bicycle shop in Dayton, Ohio.

They selected the beach at Kitty Hawk as their proving ground because of the constant wind that added lift to their craft. In 1902 they came to the beach with their glider and made more than 700 successful flights.

Orville piloted the first flight, which lasted just 12 seconds. On the fourth and final flight of the day, Wilbur flew for 59 seconds. Both brothers survived that morning, December 17, 1903. That day they became the first people to demonstrate sustained flight of a heavier-than-air machine under the complete control of the pilot. What did the brothers do after their exciting success?

Orville and Wilbur Wright walked four miles to Kitty Hawk and sent a telegram to their father: "Success four flights Thursday morning all against twenty one mile wind started from level with engine power alone average speed through air thirty one miles longest 57 seconds inform Press home Christmas."

So don't ever think that you can't do something just because it's never been done before. If you put your mind to something you never know where it will take you.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: wright-house.com, eyewitness history.com, americaslibrary.gov,

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

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On October 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): Pat D. Bailey and Rayna S. Bailey
Original Beneficiary(ies): Colorado Mountain Bank
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: First State Bank of Colorado, DBA Colorado Mountain Bank
Date of Deed of Trust: July 03, 2008
County of Recording: Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: July 18, 2008
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 210717 Book: 611 Page: 153
Original Principal Amount: \$217,997.82
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$206,148.23

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.
LOT 24A, SILVER CLIFF HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION NO 7, COUNTY OF CUSTER STATE OF COLORADO
Also known by street and number as: 101 Blue Spruce Road, 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, 02/03/2016, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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

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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:

Kenneth E Davidson Attorney at Law 305 Main Street, Suite A, Colorado Springs, CO 80911 (719) 390-7811 Attorney File # 445.15

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 2012277

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

JAMES M DITSCH
KATHY A DITSCH
CUERNO VERDE AIRPORT ASSOCIATES INC

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 Leonard G Carter & Glenna Carter, the following described real estate situate in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 12 AND 12A, SILVER WEST ESTATES

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Leonard G Carter & Glenna Carter;

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 James M Ditsch & Kathy A Ditsch for said year 2011;

That on the 10th day of August, 2015, said Leonard G Carter assigned said certificate of purchase to John Arsenault.

That said John Arsenault, on the 20th day of November, 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 John Arsenault at 10:00 o'clock AM., on the 21st day of April, 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 December, A.D. 2015.

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer
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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

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DANIEL DAVID THOMPSON

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 18th day of November A.D. 2011, the then County Treasurer of the County of Custer, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Integrity Bank & Trust FBO Tony DeLange IRA, the following described real estate situate in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 115 BLOCK 12 SAN ISABEL CITY, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SW1/4 NE1/4 N1/2 SE1/4

SEC 1, T24S R69W, 6TH PM, ACCORDING TO MAP RECORDED AS NO. 62477 MARCH 23, 1923 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OF CUSTER COUNTY, COLORADO

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Integrity Bank & Trust FBO Tony DeLange IRA;

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2010;

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Graham Paul Porter & Daniel David Thompson for said year 2010;

That said Integrity Bank & Trust FBO Tony DeLange IRA, on the 5th day of November, 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 Integrity Bank & Trust FBO Tony DeLange IRA at 10:00 o'clock AM., on the 21st day of April, 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 December, A.D. 2015.

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2012108

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

KENNY R JOHNSON

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 John Arsenault, the following described real estate situate in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

CHICAGO BOY LODGE MINERAL SURVEY #298 and ROBERTA LODGE MINERAL SURVEY #6099, BOTH IN SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 72 WEST OF THE 6TH PM

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to John Arsenault;

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 Kenny R Johnson for said year 2011;

That said John Arsenault, on the 20th day of November, 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 John Arsenault at 10:00 o'clock AM., on the 21st day of April, 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 December, A.D. 2015.

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER’S DEED 2012118

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

FRANCES MARSDEN KAY HOYLE
JONOTHAN BARRY KAY HOYLE
CUERNO VERDE OWNERS ASSOCIATION
AMERICAN WEST DEVELOPMENT INC

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 John Arsenault, the following described real estate situate in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 14 BLOCK 11 CUERNO VERDE PINES FILING NO. 5

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to John Arsenault;

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 Frances Marsden Kay Hoyle & Jonothan Barry Kay Hoyle for said year 2011;

That said John Arsenault, on the 20th day of November, 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 John Arsenault at 10:00 o’clock AM., on the 21st day of April, 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 December, A.D. 2015.

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer
1st Publication Date: December 18, 2015
Final Publication Date: January 1, 2016
Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
Westcliffe, Colorado

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER’S DEED 2012223

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

CHARLES E STEVENS

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 John Arsenault, the following described real estate situate in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 33, BLUMENAU SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, CUSTER COUNTY, COLORADO

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to John Arsenault;

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 Charles E Stevens for said year 2011;

That said John Arsenault, on the 20th day of November, 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 John Arsenault at 10:00 o’clock AM., on the 21st day of April, 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 December, A.D. 2015.

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER’S DEED 2012262

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

KENNY R JOHNSON

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 John Arsenault, the following described real estate situate in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 2, BLOCK 10, CUERNO VERDE PINES FILING NO. 3, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to John Arsenault;

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 Kenny R Johnson for said year 2011;

That said John Arsenault, on the 20th day of November, 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 John Arsenault at 10:00 o’clock AM., on the 21st day of April, 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 December, A.D. 2015.

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer
1st Publication Date: December 18, 2015
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER’S DEED 2012278

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

BRIAN F MCDONALD

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 Leonard G Carter & Glenna Carter, the following described real estate situate

in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOT 28, SILVER WEST ESTATES

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Leonard G Carter & Glenna Carter;

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 Brian F McDonald for said year 2011;

That on the 10th day of August, 2015, said Leonard G Carter assigned said certificate of purchase to John Arsenault.

That said John Arsenault, on the 20th day of November, 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 John Arsenault at 10:00 o’clock AM., on the 21st day of April, A.D. 2016, unless the same has been redeemed.

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SANGRE SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB

ANNUAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16TH AT 1:00 P.M.

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Sam Dunlap #24 ~ Offensive Player of the Year, Bobcat Award, and All League First Team Offense



Edgar Pedigo #7 ~ Special Teams Player of the Year



Andy Feldmann #34 ~ Defensive Player of the Year and All League Honorable Mention

by Troy Bomgardner

The Custer County High School Football team celebrated the 2015 season on December 1st. As tradition, the Bobcats began by selecting the play of the year. By popular vote Sam Dunlap's interception against Sangre de Cristo that was tipped numerous times was awarded the play of the year.

Coach Troy Bomgardner began by reviewing the 2015 season. The crowd, players, and their family watched a pre-game speech by hall of fame NFL player, Ray Lewis where he told his former team the Baltimore Ravens that being 1-6 didn't define them but what they did as a 1-6 team defined them. "I showed this because it spoke so directly to what this team did," said Bomgardner. "Although winning only one game, we played with great heart and did not stop getting better, possibly having our best game against playoff team Hoehne on the last game of the season." Bomgardner then recognized the numerous parent volunteers who helped throughout the season as well as his wife, Anita Bomgardner, and athletic trainer Jamie Baker.

All-League selections were announced with Sam Dunlap receiving 1st team offensive back and honorable mention award given to Andy Feldmann and Bryce Roscoe. Following the all-league selections, Bomgardner announced the individual awards that the Bobcat team and coaches voted on. The first award, Most Improved Player, is only voted on by coaches and was awarded to junior lineman Keith Stuart. "We had a number of guys who improved throughout the year but the coaches felt like Keith showed the most improvement," said Bomgardner. "And we are excited because he will be back with us and we expect great things out of Keith."

Practice Player of the Year was given to sophomore Kobe Lewsader. "Again, this was a close one, but Kobe really worked hard at becoming a better football player and he always gave his best in practice!" said Bomgardner. Special Teams coach Ernest Bain honored sophomore Edgar Pedigo as the Special Teams Player of the Year. "Edgar was on most all special teams and made an impact for us," noted Bains in presenting the award. Next Defensive Coordinator Eric Prins presented junior Andy Feldmann as the Defensive Player of the Year. Feldmann finished in the top 15 in the state for tack-

les and played nearly every play of the entire season.

Offensive Player of the Year was awarded to Sam Dunlap. Dunlap rushed for nearly 800 yards and 10 touchdowns. "Sam was a workhorse for us and became a very good back by week 9," noted Bomgardner. The coaching staff of Eric Prins, Ernest Bain, Mark Pedigo, and Sterling Hinson then were recognized. "We had a great staff this year," said Bomgardner. "They are very dedicated to Bobcat football and I think I will have them all back next year which will make a huge difference!"

Although the Bobcats did not elect captains for the 2015 season, Dunlap, Feldmann, and Roscoe were recognized for being a captain in every game. "If we would have elected captains, no doubt these three would have been our captains and I felt I should recognize them," said Bomgardner.

The final award presented was the Bobcat Award. This award will be an annual tradition for the Bobcat football team. It is voted on by players and coaches and awarded to the player that best exemplifies the Bobcat Code of Trustworthy, Respectful, Committed to Team and Being Your Best. "The Bobcat Code is really what our football program is about," said Bomgardner in explaining the award. "We believe we will be successful in football if we adhere to this code but more importantly, our players will be successful in life, with their friends, families, and employers." The recipient for this year's Bobcat Award was senior Sam Dunlap. "As mentioned before, Sam just showed great leadership for the year, and represented all we want in our football players" said Bomgardner.

In recapping the season, Bomgardner noted how much the coaching staff enjoyed this year. "I have told many people that this was one of my most enjoyable seasons coaching," said Bomgardner. "We are all competitive and want to win, but this team kept working hard all year and just made it fun. One of the most proud moments of the year was at Simla when one of the chain gang told us he had worked 8 years on the sidelines and we were one of the classiest programs he had seen. That means a ton to me as coach and I was very proud of our team."

The evening ended with the crowd enjoying the highlight film of the year and reminiscing on a great year.



Keith Stuart #70 ~ Most Improved



Bryce Roscoe #55 ~ All League Honorable Mention



Kobe Lewsader #80 ~ Practice Player of the Year

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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

5:00 p.m. Worship

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

0157 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

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

719/783-2545

Wetmore Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship

6 p.m. Worship

Junction of Hwy 96 & 67

Wetmore

719/371-1230

Wetmore Community Church

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

699 County Rd. 395

Wetmore

719/784-0596

Wild West Cowboy Church

3 p.m. Sunday School

4 p.m. Worship

Followed by Potluck

Tuesdays 6 p.m.: Bible Study

60260 Hwy. 69 North

Westcliffe

719/783-2676

Court Report...

Caplan, Robyne Lin:

Guilty of theft (\$50 - \$300). Assessed \$1,747.82.

Garcia, Frank:

Guilty of civil violation of parole. Assessed \$801.50.

Matott, Dustin David:

Guilty of violation criminal parole. Sentenced to 90 days jail time. Restitution payable to Alisha Boss.

Lehman, Bradley Scott:

A plea agreement on a menacing charge was agreed to. Deferred judgement. One year supervision by probation officer. Defendant agrees to pay full restitution plus interest within 90 days.

Sayhouse, Navar:

Guilty of sexual assault of a person under 15. Sentenced to 90 days in jail. Probation includes sex offender ISP for 10 years. No contact with victim or family. Defendant must register as a sex offender. Assessed \$8,898.50.

Hammel, Tom Allison:

Guilty of careless driving. Assessed \$150.

Stark, Nathan Charles:

Guilty of driving without a drivers license. Assessed \$277.50.

Day, Kyle Austin:

Guilty of disorderly conduct. Assessed \$136.

Day, Kenneth Lawrence:

Guilty of operating an unregistered vehicle and using fictitious plates. Assessed \$276.

Hughes, Norma Marie:

Guilty of careless driving. Assessed \$238.50.

Whitehead, Xavier Khary:

Guilty of driving without a license. Assessed \$257.50.

Kent, Clayton Dale:

Guilty of speeding. Assessed \$210.50.

Matchen, Sharia Rae:

A charge of ownership of a dangerous dog was dismissed.

Kempf, Roxanne Baile:

A charge of own-

ershhip of a dangerous dog was dismissed.

Kelly, Michael Joseph:

Charges of driving without a license and having an expired license plate were dismissed.

Garcia, Joseph Albert:

Guilty of disorderly conduct (unreasonable noise) and unlawful display of license plate tabs. Assessed \$131.50.

Swift, Klarissa Mari:

A charge of theft was dismissed.

McNeal, Douglas Lee Jr.:

A charge of probation violation was dismissed.

Sequira, Elizabeth J:

A charge of careless driving resulting in injury was dismissed.

Hubbel, Roderick:

Guilty of driving under the influence. Assessed \$50.

Cardenas, Cartel:

An agreement was reached on a small claims case. Motion to dismiss granted without prejudice.

Fateries

Alpine Lodge

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Westcliffe

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Sunday Brunch

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Mon., Thurs. - Sun., 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tues., 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Closed Wednesdays

Rancher's Roost at Cliff Lanes

25 Main St.

Westcliffe

719/783-2031

Mon. - Fri., 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Sat. & Sun., 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

St. Andrews Golf Course Café

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Westcliffe

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Sugar & Spice Mountain Bakery

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Westcliffe

719/783-4045

Tues. - Fri., 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sat., 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Nacho Mama's

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719/783-3331

Closed Monday

Tues. - Thurs. - 12-7p.m.

Fri. & Sat. 12-9

Sunday 12-7

Silver Cliff Mountain Inn

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719/783-2688

Sat. - Wed., 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Thurs. & Fri., 7 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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Tony's Mountain Pizza

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Silver Cliff

719/783-9300

Tues., 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed.. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sundays, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Local Mountain News & Notices

Classifieds

Employment Wanted

Conservative Christian seeking agriculture work. Strong experience in beef, dairy, and grass production with a background in financial management. Call David at 719-792-0102

Help Wanted

The Custer County School District has an opening for a full-time custodian. For more information concerning the job requirements, please contact Greg Cravens at (719) 242-8891. Classified staff applications are available online at custercountyschools.org or at the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe Monday - Thursday from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. The position will remain open until filled.

In compliance with Titles VI & VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and Colorado law, Custer County School District C-1 does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, age, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, disability or need for special education services in admissions, access to, treatment or employment in educational programs or activities which it operates. Complaint procedures have been established for students, parents, employees and members of the public. The following person(s) have been identified as the compliance officer for the district: Secondary Principal, 709 Main Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

(719)783-2291

The Custer County Board of County Commissioners are seeking applicants for a full time (40 hours per week with benefits) position for the Director of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Duties include all facets of Emergency Management Coordination as well as grant procurements, training and credentialing. The successful candidate must also have the ability to regularly move or properly lift up to 35 pounds, and frequently move or lift up to 50 pounds and reside within Custer County or be willing to re-locate. Applicants should be self-motivated and able to work with little supervision after an initial training period. Accuracy and an ability to interact with the public are essential. A pre-employment physical and drug and alcohol screening and background check (at county's expense) are required. Custer County is an equal opportunity employer. Applications may be picked up at the Human Resource/Finance Office at 205 South 6th Street between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM and must be returned by the close of business on December 30, 2015.

Custer County Landfill is accepting applications for the following positions of 1 Driver/Equipment Operator in the Westcliffe area. Successful applicants are required to have (at the time of interview) a minimum of a Class A CDL license with a tanker endorsement and a clean motor vehicle report. The applicant must be able to lift 50 pounds and pass a pre-employment physical and a drug and alcohol screening. Starting wage is \$13.60 per hour with a nice benefit package for the employee.

Applications are available at the Office of the Road &

Bridge Dept. in Westcliffe from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The deadline for receiving applications is the end of business on Wednesday, December 23rd. 2015.

Custer County is an Equal Opportunity Employer Custer County Road & Bridge Dept. Custer County Landfill 213 N. 4th Street/ P.O. Box 1488 Westcliffe, Co. 81252 Ph: 719-783-2281/ Fax: 719-783-0391 rboffice@centurytel.net

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Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 88 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 6 to EMS, and 2 to the Fire Department.

As of December 14th there were three males and one female in the county jail.

12/9/15:

Traffic Summons:

Carolyn Parker for speeding 5 - 9 over in a school zone.

Mischief:

A deputy was dispatched to South 5th Street in Westcliffe to investigate a report of

criminal mischief.

12/10/15:

Traffic Summons:

Shawn Gaide for speeding.

Michael Wilhelm of Grover, Texas for speeding 10 -19 over in a school zone.

12/11/15:

Traffic Summons:

Stephen Rossi of Penrose for speeding.

12/12/15:

Vehicle Accident:

the Wetmore Fire Department, EMS, and

a Sheriff's deputy were dispatched to Highway 96, Mile Marker 20.5 for a single vehicle rollover accident.

12/13/15:

Traffic Summons:

Carl Garoutte of Canon City for careless driving.

12/14/15:

Vehicle Accident:

A Sheriff's deputy, EMS and the Wet Mountain Fire Department were dispatched to Highway 96, Mile Marker 8.5 for a single vehicle rollover accident.

Events Calendar

Friday, Dec. 18th, Saturday, Dec. 19th at 7:30 p.m., & Sunday, December 20th at 2 p.m.
Jones Theater: *"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2"*, PG-13

Friday, Dec. 18th, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Mockingjay Mayhem, a pre-screening party complete with snacks and Hunger Games inspired hijinks, at the West Custer Library Community Room, for more information, please call the library at 783-9138 or email jessica@westcusterlibrary.org.

Friday, Dec.18th & Saturday, Dec. 19th
Hope Lutheran Garage Sale at Lange Hall, 312 3rd St, Westcliffe:9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

December 24th Silver Dome Christmas Eve potluck starting at 6 p.m., Bring a side dish to share.

December 17th – 21st , & 24th

Winter Solstice and Sangres Art Guild Holiday show
Brookwood Gallery 211 Main St. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.,
Works by Gerald Merfeld, Elizabeth Merfeld, Lorie Merfeld/Batson, and Bill Gillette
Arteburn Gallery 409 Main St. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
New works by Michael Arterbun
3rd St. Gallery (home of the Sangres Art Guild) 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19th, 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Wild Bill's Christmas Dance, at the Saddle Club
(see announcement, bottom of this page)

Please see list of Christmas Church Services on page 5

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.: Music at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff. Contact Barb St. Amour at (719) 371-1051.

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 Methodist Church. 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 Schlachach'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

WILD BILL'S FAMILY CHRISTMAS DANCE

Saturday, December 19th, from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Well, it's Christmas and Wild Bill is at it again! He has organized a family-oriented Christmas dance at the Saddle Club. That means you bring the kids and grandpa and grandma, too.

Music will be provided by Dan and Pam and any other musicians who wish to join in.

Beverages and cookies will be available but please no alcoholic beverages. Come one, Come all!

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.
603 Main Street

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El Alazan Mexican Restaurant 1925 Fremont Dr. Cañon City

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VFW and Mercy Today Christmas Dinners

by Charlotte Burrous

Christmas is an opportunity to spend time with family and friends while enjoying a traditional holiday meal. But, for many, even if they had enough money to buy the food, they would be alone. But thanks to two organizations, they won't have to be lonely.

On December 22nd, Mercy Today Ministries will serve a traditional Christmas meal, starting at 11 a.m. in the back of the First Christian Church at 320 N. 16th Street. Volunteers will prepare and serve a traditional meal, consisting of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, stuffing, dessert, and beverages.

Then on Christmas, the VFW Post 4061 and Auxiliary will host its annual Christmas meal from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 215 N. Cottonwood Ave.

This year, Braden Hampton and Commander Joe Anderson will help to cook the meal, consisting

of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, vegetables, yams, stuffing, dessert, beverages, and more.

"We expect about 500," Anderson said.

Those who would like to have carry-outs are asked to call before the big day. Callers are asked to pick up the meals, starting at 10 a.m. December 25th.

To make it possible, the members encourage donations of turkey, ham, stuffing, pies, rolls, canned green beans, canned yams, and instant potatoes, as well as monetary donations. In conjunction, volunteers are needed to help with decorations, set up tables, dish and serve the meals, as well as handle other details. For more information or for carry-outs, call the VFW at 275-9886.

Everyone is invited to come down to enjoy the meals at both locations.

Toys for Tots Update

by Charlotte Burrous

As a child, he remembers how hard it was at Christmas.

So, when Shaun Olsen, of Creative Colors, had an opportunity to help with this year's Royal Gorge Detachment of Marine Corps League's Toys for Tots campaign, he was excited about it.

"I came from nothing. I grew up in a poor home," he said. "I remember going to Salvation Army and the church to get gifts. I was raised by three wonderful women; they did everything they could for us."

He said he would match one gift for every gift that is brought to his body shop at 111 E. Front St. in Florence.

"We don't have a lot to give back, but I believe we should give whatever we can," Olsen said.

He noted he enjoyed giving back to the community.

"I'm grateful that they let us do this for them," Olsen added. "I love that Toys for Tots is getting a lot of donations and stuff. It's great to be able to see the military reserves, plus the community donating to them. I respect Toys for Tots for what they do and hope to be able to do it (again next year)."

Royal Gorge Detachment of Marine Corps League member Carl Klink said this is the first time the one-for-one match has happened in this area.

"This week and next will be the slam," said Carl Klink, Marine Corps League member. "That's when people actually start to give. We're going to be out at Wal-Mart this week."

The toys will be distributed to children living in Fremont and Custer Counties. For more information or to register, go to the website at www.toysfortots.org or call Carl Klink at 951-440-1465.

Florence City Council: Growing Hemp is a Money Maker

by Charlotte Burrous

With a new city council in place, residents asked the members to take another look at Amendment 64 during the regular Florence City Council on December 7th.

During the visitors section, resident Manfred Bereuter asked the council to reconsider its stance on portions of it.

"I'm not talking about dispensaries or growth facilities," he said. "I think what's been overlooked is the possibilities that Amendment 64 provided us is in the terms of industrial hemp. To give you an idea of how much money is involved in this, industrial hemp is a non-psychoactive hemp product and is used in a wide variety of in-

dustrial uses from clothing to oils to animal feed. It's actually a part of Fremont County's history. Brewster Lane had 'Hemp for Victory' gardens during World War II to provide much needed fiber for the U.S. military. It was actually a mandate by the federal government to grow such material. It's a \$2 billion industry in the United States and a vast majority of that product is imported."

Since Amendment 64 allows for the growing of industrial hemp, many of counties east of Pueblo have started to do so in a test facility. That's how the state is licensing these industrial growth organs at this time. There is so much money behind it that Pueblo Economic Development Council recently an-

nounced a \$130 million facility will be located in the old Boeing plant in Pueblo that's going to start testing the material.

"I stood in council a year ago and stated, 'whoever got on it first, it was going to be big, big money, probably bigger money than the recreational end of Amendment 64,'" Bereuter said. "New economic environment in El Paso County, all of it combined was only worth \$100 million. This facility is worth \$130 million. With that in mind, I'm going to (bring some ideas to the city). I'm in no way, shape, or form involved with this facility. (But I'm willing to help in anyway). With this in mind, let's harvest hemp."

He noted that Fremont County was rated the very

best place to grow hemp because of the favorable climate and its soil, as well as having records on it when it was raised during World War II.

"The beautiful part about implementing a hemp harvesting program (is) it takes care of our future problems in terms of water relationships. Florence has a lot of water, but the water is not being used. We've attempted to ... bring some kind of industry in here to use that water. If we don't use (it), there's a strong chance the state will take that water from us and severely cripple Florence's ability to grow in any significant direction."

Agriculture, and particularly hemp, is a good way to use the water, he said. He reminded the council that

the water department is going to be running in a deficit in the near future so this is a good way to mitigate the threat from the state.

He recommended the council establish a workshop then get FEDC involved in some kind of agricultural analysis. He also advised the city reverse the moratorium that's currently in place for testing facilities because all hemp and marijuana grown in Colorado must be tested. At that point, Mayor Keith Ore requested help from Bereuter with the workshop because of his knowledge. Testing facilities are a good fit for this community because they don't handle a lot of cash and the amount of cannabis is minute, compared to retail marijuana, Bereuter said.

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Our Prophetic Strategy to the War with Islam

The "president" says we are not at war with Islam. Trouble is, when Islam has declared war on the US--not just the political body of the United States--but you and me as citizens, we are at war. Whether the "president" wants to continue his charade about definitions for Constitutional purposes--that is, not being charged with treason for aiding and abetting the enemy during time of war--is immaterial. Islam is killing us, plotting to kill us, and has plans to take over our country. The "president" and members of both political parties are assisting Islam by allowing terrorists entry because of religious freedom and as refugees. We--you and me--must stand as prophetic people with a prophetic strategy to win this war.

There are three fronts to this war. One front is Muslims killing Americans on America soil, so that is a violent front. We need to defend ourselves in these cases. There are two other fronts where we must fight--political and spiritual. The political front is standing firm that Islam, by its history, is a radical, anti-democracy cult hiding behind false religion aimed at overthrowing governments. We need to educate every politician, every one we know, about the 1952 Immigration law prohibiting entry of those with an ideology that seeks to overthrow our government. We must impress aggressively that this law must be upheld as those confessing the Koran, by its own conviction, would be prohibited.

Now the really hard part--the spiritual. As Christians, we are called to make disciples. No matter how unappealing it is,

we should take Christ to the Muslims in the U.S., and, where we can, influence them in other parts of the world. This really means, creating relationships--not submitting to--but demonstrating Christ where possible. The Daily Jot's experience with evangelizing Muslims is that success is found in relationships. This is not to say "cast your pearls before swine," but rather judiciously discern who you approach and then demonstrate the love of Christ. Islam is devoid of God's love. The desire of men's hearts is to be loved. Proverbs 10:12 says, "Hatred stirs up strifes: but love covers all sins."

Remember that there are many Muslims, like many Christians, who do not read their holy books. They only know what they are told. As we know, sometimes what is taught from the pulpit is not what the scriptures really say. Perhaps, some Muslims would be appalled that their holy book commands them to kill those who do not believe as they do. But to get to that point with them, you have to have relationship. This is what we have learned in West Africa reaching out to Muslims. To summarize, we must hold our leaders accountable to the law AND we need to do what Christ commanded us to do. Some may be called to one, some to the other, but as a prophetic people we are all called first to Christ. Let us do so with great resolve. Physical and spiritual lives depend upon it.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

Oh please.

There was not one d**n word of contrition for your failures.

Your administration **failed** to identify the terrorists, despite multiple opportunities. The woman came to this country and was improperly vetted. The man was here **and apparently had multiple overseas contacts with terrorists**, which I remind everyone is already legal for the CIA to intercept (on the other end.)

It appears that your *failures* not only included missing clear and discoverable information on *communication* but in addition there appears to be evidence that both money and training flowed from overseas. I remind you that *every single transaction* that flows through FedWire or is cleared through federal facilities (and that's d**n near all of them Internationally) is subject to your administration's surveillance.

YOU ARE A FAILURE, MR. PRESIDENT, AND THE "BENIGN" EXPLANATION IS THAT YOU HAVE SPENT YOUR TIME PLAYING GOLF INSTEAD OF ATTENDING TO BUSINESS. THE MALIGNANT POSSIBILITY IS FAR WORSE.

In response, your administration now wishes to (again) demand that we **give up our right to life while it is under direct threat as a direct and proximate result of your failures**. You place this on the table in the form of further demands for "gun control" despite the fact that the two terrorists were only stopped because good guys

had guns **and they got to commit as many murders as they did because their victims were unarmed targets, incapable of shooting back due to lack of arms on their person.**

I have one word in response: **NO.**

If you will not protect this nation then the people of this nation need to and must protect themselves! **THIS** is why we have a Second Amendment and it is time for the NRA and everyone else to shut up about compromises and **insist** that everyone, everywhere have their right respected to cut the 2+ minute response time to an incident like this to **two seconds**. There is only one way to do that and you know d**n well what it is: **Respect the words of the Second Amendment as written and cut the c**p nationwide.**

WE DEMAND THAT SINCE YOU WILL NOT DO YOUR JOB WE BE LEFT ALONE TO TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS IF AND WHEN IT BECOMES NECESSARY, AND IT IS NOW CONCLUSIVELY EVIDENT THAT IT HAS BEEN AND WILL BE IN THE FUTURE.

You claim we aren't at war with (radical) Islam **but radical Islam has declared war on us**. It did so prior to 9/11 and has done so several times since, emphasizing that **these people intend to establish a religious caliphate displacing all existing forms of government and will not stop until they achieve it**. They intend to take territory and consolidate power, murdering anyone who gets in their way, **and they have repeatedly shown that they have no intention of compromising on this point**. That's a war, whether you like it or not. Our choice as those who re-

fuse to submit to same is to prepare to fight or prepare to die. I may be an old b*****d and well beyond prime fighting age but given those choices I choose to fight. You choose to hide behind your Secret Service detail, fences, and armed guards.

You are a coward Mr. President, but not everyone in this country is. I understand plain language just fine and these people have made quite clear their intent through both word and deed.

You speak of tolerance and multiculturalism but you spoke **not one d****ed word** about the gay people being **thrown off buildings by Daesh everywhere they manage to take territory**. How can you square your alleged view of people's right to choose who they love with the barbarism that **you sit silently by and watch happen**. Oh, and not one word for the women stoned and Jews (and Christians) that have had their heads sawed off either -- it's not just gays. **I'll bet any of those dead people would have loved to have one of those "powerful" guns you want to ban; at least they'd get a couple of those *****s before they were tossed off the roof.**

YOU are the JV squad Mr. President, and since you have repeatedly shown that you're incapable of giving a d**n about anything this country was founded on, say much less discharging your oath of office and duty to meet all threats to the Constitution foreign and domestic it is time for you to resign.

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Climate Change Nut Case Bureaucrat Denies The Satellite Records

by Michael Bastasch,
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News Foundation

The United Nations' top climate bureaucrat says there's no "hiatus" in global warming, making obvious effort to completely ignore satellite records showing there's been no statistically significant warming for the last two decades.

"There is no hiatus," Hoesung Lee, a South Korean economist who became chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in October, told Reuters.

Lee doubled-down on arguments there's been no prolonged "hiatus" in global warming, referring to the 10 to 20 year period present

in surface and temperature datasets. Earlier this year, U.S. scientists claimed new adjustments made to sea surface temperature readings eliminated the "hiatus" from the global temperature record.

"Multiple lines of evidence suggest that the earth is warming," Lee said, going on to completely omit satellite data. "For instance, the atmospheric concentration of CO2 is rising, sea levels have been rising and the temperature of the ocean has also been rising."

"The important point is we need to look at the trend, not just one year of data," he added.

There's just one problem: satellite datasets show

there's been no warming for about two decades.

Satellite data from the University of Alabama, Huntsville shows there's been no statistically significant global warming since 1994 — ironically, the same year then-Vice President Al Gore touted satellites proved he was right about the world undergoing dangerous warming.

Remote Sensing Systems satellite data shows there's been no warming for 18 years and 9 months.

Lee told Reuters there was no "hiatus" in global warming while attending the U.N.'s climate summit in Paris where delegates are expected to sign onto a successor agreement to the

Kyoto Protocol.

Expectations are high for the summit, and world leaders are claiming this is their "last chance" to save the world from catastrophic warming.

"For I believe, in the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that there is such a thing as being too late. And when it comes to climate change, that hour is almost upon us," Obama said in his Paris speech this week.

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Former Congressman Unleashes on Attorney General in Rant Against Islam: ‘Go Ahead and Prosecute Me. I Dare You.’

by Kaitlyn Schallhorn, TheBlaze.com

A former U.S. congressman urged Attorney General Loretta Lynch to arrest him after she warned on Thursday that her office would take a more aggressive approach to those spewing anti-Muslim rhetoric.



Screen grab via Facebook video

“I think Islam has a real freaking problem, alright?” Former Illinois Rep. Joe Walsh said in a video posted to his Facebook page. “There is a cancer in Islam, and if they’re not going to learn to assimilate, I don’t want them in this country.”

“You got a problem, Loretta Lynch, with me saying that? Then throw me in jail,” Walsh, a conservative talk show host, argued. “I think Islam is evil. I think Islam has a huge problem. I think most Muslims around the world are not compatible with American values. I don’t want them here.”

Walsh continued to slam Lynch in his video for the comments she made at Muslim Advocate’s 10th anniversary dinner one day after law enforcement officials say two people opened fire at a holiday party in San Bernardino, California, leaving 14 people dead and more than one dozen injured. According to reports, the wife pledged allegiance to the Islamic State on her Facebook page just moments before the attack.

“When we talk about the First Amendment we [must] make it clear that actions predicated on violent talk are not American. They are not who we are, they are not what we do, and they will be prosecuted,” Lynch said at the banquet. “My message, not just to the Muslim community, but to all Americans is: we

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If Loretta Lynch Wants to Ban ‘Violent Talk’, She Should Ban the Quran

by Pamela Geller, PamelaGeller.com via Breitbart.com

(Editor/GG: A little religious studies lesson from Pamela on the religion of peace. Educate yourselves folks. These people aren’t buddhists.)

In the wake of the San Bernardino jihad slaughter, Obama’s jihad denial took a malevolent and tyrannical turn. The day after a horrific ISIS rampage, Obama’s Attorney General, Loretta Lynch, pledged to an Islamic supremacist lobbying group that she would prosecute anyone who used “anti-Muslim” rhetoric.

Lynch declared: “When we talk about the First Amendment we [must] make it clear that actions predicated on violent talk are not American. They are not who we are, they are not what we do, and they will be prosecuted. My message, not just to the Muslim community, but to all Americans is: we cannot give in to the fear that these backlashes are really based on.”

If Lynch is serious in prosecuting hate speech, then she will have to start closing down mosques and banning the Quran. She wants to restrict the First Amendment so as to curb “actions predicated on violent talk?” Then she should ban this “violent talk”:

And slay them wherever you come upon them, and expel them from where they expelled you; persecution is more grievous than slaying. But fight them not by the Holy Mosque until they should fight you there; then, if they fight you, slay them — such is the recompense of unbelievers, but if they give over, surely Allah is All-forgiving, All-compassionate. Fight them, till there is no persecution and the religion is Allah’s; then if they give over, there shall be no enmity save for evildoers. (Quran 2:191-193)

Men are the managers of the affairs of women for that Allah has preferred in bounty one of them over another, and for that they have expended of their property. Righteous women are therefore obedient, guarding the secret for Allah’s guarding. And those you fear may be rebellious admonish; banish them to their couches, and beat them. (Quran 4:34)

They wish that you should disbelieve as they disbelieve, and then you would be equal; therefore take not to yourselves friends of them, until they emigrate in the way of Allah; then, if they turn their backs, take them, and slay them wherever you find them;

take not to yourselves any one of them as friend or helper. (Quran 4:89)

This is the recompense of those who fight against Allah and His Messenger, and hasten about the earth, to do corruption there: they shall be slaughtered, or crucified, or their hands and feet shall alternately be struck off; or they shall be banished from the land. That is a degradation for them in this world; and in the world to come awaits them a mighty chastisement. (Quran 5:33)

When thy Lord was revealing to the angels, ‘I am with you; so confirm the believers. I shall cast into the unbelievers’ hearts terror; so smite above the necks, and smite every finger of them!’ (Quran 8:12)

Make ready for them whatever force and strings of horses you can, to strike terror in the enemy of Allah and your enemy, and others besides them that you know not; Allah knows them. And whatsoever you expend in the way of Allah shall be repaid you in full; you will not be wronged. (Quran 8:60)

Then, when the sacred months are drawn away, slay the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them, and confine them, and lie in wait for them at every place of ambush. But if they repent, and perform the prayer, and pay the alms, then let them go their way; Allah is All-forgiving, All-compassionate. (Quran 9:5)

Fight those who believe not in Allah and the Last Day and do not forbid what Allah and His Messenger have forbidden — such men as practise not the religion of truth, being of those who have been given the Book — until they pay the tribute out of hand and have been humbled. (Quran 9:29)

Allah has bought from the believers their selves and their possessions against the gift of Paradise; they fight in the way of Allah; they kill, and are killed; that is a promise binding upon Allah in the Torah, and the Gospel, and the Koran; and who fulfils his covenant truer than Allah? So rejoice in the bargain you have made with Him; that is the mighty triumph. (Quran 9:111)

O believers, fight the unbelievers who are near to you; and let them find in you a harshness; and know that Allah is with the godfearing. (Quran 9:123)

When you meet the unbelievers, smite their necks, then, when you have made wide slaughter among them, tie fast the bonds; then set them free, either by grace or ransom, till the war

lays down its loads. So it shall be; and if Allah had willed, He would have avenged Himself upon them; but that He may try some of you by means of others. And those who are slain in the way of Allah, He will not send their works astray. (Quran 47:4)

When Lynch made her revolting statement, the bodies were still warm in San Bernardino. Eyewitnesses inside the conference room at the center described the scene as “surreal”: “It was unspeakable the carnage that we were seeing....There were victims who were clearly, obviously deceased outside of the conference room. To be honest, it was a little surreal. You train for it and you know your job is dealing in reality...but I did the job I was supposed to do — go in there.” The eyewitness recalled that the faces of the survivors showed “pure panic.”

Yet when she spoke to the 10th Anniversary Dinner of Muslim Advocates, the group that got the Obama administration to scrub all counter-terror training materials of any mention of jihad and Islam, Lynch said that her “greatest fear” was the “incredibly disturbing rise of anti-Muslim rhetoric” in America.

After jihad attacks in Garland, Chattanooga, Boston, Fort Hood, the University of California Merced, and now San Bernardino, that’s the take-away. Jihad slaughter is Obama’s clarion call to impose the blasphemy laws under the sharia (Islamic law). Lynch said: “The fear that you have just mentioned is in fact my greatest fear as a prosecutor, as someone who is sworn to the protection of all of the American people, which is that the rhetoric will be accompanied by acts of violence.” Lynch has also called on Muslim parents to contact her if their children are bullied in school – that’s just grooming more Clockmeds.

Loretta Lynch said that the San Bernardino jihad attack gave her a “wonderful opportunity.” She said, “We’re at the point where these issues have come together really like never before in law enforcement thought and in our nation’s history and it gives us a wonderful opportunity and a wonderful moment to really make significant change.”

“A wonderful opportunity?” To impose the sharia.

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Islam's Useful Idiots

by Amil Imani,
AmericanThinker.com

Islam enjoys a large and influential ally among the non—Muslims: A new generation of ‘Useful Idiots,’ the sort of people Lenin identified living in liberal democracies who furthered the work of communism. This new generation of Useful Idiots also lives in liberal democracies, but serves the cause of Islam-ofascism—another virulent form of totalitarian ideology. Useful Idiots are naive, foolish, ignorant of facts, unrealistically idealistic,

of view. A society without honest and open differences of views is a dead society. Critical, different and fresh ideas are the life blood of a living society—the very anathema of autocracies where the official position is sacrosanct. Even a ‘normal’ person spends a great deal more energy aiming to fix things out there than working to overcome his own flaws and shortcomings, or contribute positively to the larger society. People don’t like to take stock of what they are doing or not doing that is responsible for the conditions they disapprove.

Muslims, bar none, are hellfire bound and well—deserve being maltreated compared to believers. No radical barbaric act of depravity is unthinkable for Muslims in dealing with others. They have destroyed precious statues of Buddha, leveled sacred monuments of other religions, and bulldozed the cemeteries of non—Muslims—a few examples of their utter extreme contempt toward others.

Muslims are radical even in their intrafaith dealings. Various sects and sub—sects pronounce other sects and sub—sects as heretics worthy of death; women are treated as chattel, deprived of many rights; hands are chopped for stealing even a loaf of bread; sexual violation is punished by stoning, and much much more. These are standard day—to—day ways of the mainstream ‘moderate’ Muslims living under the stone—age laws of Sharia.

The ‘moderate’ mainstream of Islam has been outright genocidal from inception. Their own historians record that Ali, the first imam of the Shiite and the son—in—law of Muhammad, with the help of another man, beheaded 700 Jewish men in the presence of the Prophet himself. The Prophet of Allah and his disciples took the murdered men’s women and children in slavery. Muslims have been, and continue to be, the most vicious and shameless practitioners of slavery. The slave trade, even today, is a thriving business in some Islamic lands where wealthy, perverted sheikhs purchase children of the poor from traffickers for their sadistic gratification.

Muslims are taught deception and lying in the Quran itself—something that Muhammad practiced during his life whenever he found it expedient. Successive Islamic rulers and leaders have done the same.

The lesson is clear. Beware of the Useful Idiots who live in liberal democracies. Knowingly or unknowingly, they serve as the greatest volunteer and effective soldiers of Islam. They pave the way for the advancement of Islam and they will assuredly be among the very first victims of Islam as soon as it assumes power.

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Read more: http://www.americanthinker.com/2006/08/islams_useful_idiots_1.html#ixzz3tvUlxWRM

Arguably, the most dangerous variant of the Useful Idiot is the ‘Politically Correct.’

dreamers, willfully in denial or deceptive. They hail from the ranks of the chronically unhappy, the anarchists, the aspiring revolutionaries, the neurotics who are at war with life, the disaffected alienated from government, corporations, and just about any and all institutions of society. The Useful Idiot can be a billionaire, a movie star, an academe of renown, a politician, or from any other segment of the population.

Arguably, the most dangerous variant of the Useful Idiot is the ‘Politically Correct.’ He is the master practitioner of euphemism, hedging, doubletalk, and outright deception.

The Useful Idiot derives satisfaction from being anti—establishment. He finds perverse gratification in aiding the forces that aim to dismantle an existing order, whatever it may be: an order he neither approves of nor he feels he belongs to.

The Useful Idiot is conflicted and dishonest. He fails to look inside himself and discover the causes of his own problems and unhappiness while he readily enlists himself in causes that validate his distorted perception.

Understandably, it is easier to blame others and the outside world than to examine oneself with an eye to self—discovery and self—improvement. Furthermore, criticizing and complaining—liberal practices of the Useful Idiot—require little talent and energy. The Useful Idiot is a great armchair philosopher and ‘Monday Morning Quarterback.’

The Useful Idiot is not the same as a person who honestly has a different point

But the Useful Idiot takes things much farther. The Useful Idiot, among other things, is a master practitioner of scapegoating. He assigns blame to others while absolving himself of responsibility, has a long handy list of candidates for blaming anything and everything, and by living a distorted life, he contributes to the ills of society.

The Useful Idiot may even engage in willful misinformation and deception when it suits him. Terms such as ‘Political Islam,’ or ‘Radical Islam,’ for instance, are contributions of the Useful Idiot. These terms do not even exist in the native parlance of Islam, simply because they are redundant. Islam, by its very nature and according to its charter—the Quran—is a radical political movement. It is the Useful Idiot who sanitizes Islam and misguides the populace by saying that the ‘real Islam’ constitutes the main body of the religion; and, that this main body is non—political and moderate.

Regrettably, a large segment of the population goes along with these nonsensical euphemisms depicting Islam because it prefers to believe them. It is less threatening to believe that only a hijacked small segment of Islam is radical or politically driven and that the main body of Islam is indeed moderate and non—political.

But Islam is political to the core. In Islam the mosque and state are one and the same—the mosque is the state. This arrangement goes back to the days of Muhammad himself. Islam is also radical in the extreme. Even the ‘moderate’ Islam is radical in its beliefs as well as its deeds. Muslims believe that all non—

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by George Gramlich

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Supreme Court Green Lights the Next American Civil War

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I have noted this earlier this week but it bears repeating: the Supreme Court, in its refusal to hear the challenge to the Illinois “Assault Weapons Ban,” has given the green light to the next American civil war. The vote, 7-2 against hearing the case, wasn’t even close. Thus are the skeptics of the Heller decision (including this writer) proven 100% correct in our analysis of that earlier black-robed, weasel-worded, constitutional mischief. How is all that triumphal-

ism working out for you now?

Clarence Thomas’ dissent is particularly on point:

If a broad ban on firearms can be upheld based on conjecture that the public might feel safer (while being no safer at all), then the Second Amendment guarantees nothing. The Court’s refusal to review a decision that flouts two of our Second Amendment precedents stands in marked contrast to the Court’s willingness to summarily reverse courts that disregard our other constitutional decisions. . . There

is no basis for a different result when our Second Amendment precedents are at stake. I would grant certiorari to prevent the Seventh Circuit from relegating the Second Amendment to a second-class right.

All of the jurisdictions that passed such laws after Sandy Hook will now feel emboldened to enforce them. In doing so, someone is bound to get shot resisting. And then it will start. If you want to know who to blame, then look at the cowardly, black-robed, drag queens: Roberts, Kennedy and Alito who voted for Heller but refused to



Supreme Court’s message to collectivist gun grabbing tyrants.

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Hickenlooper’s Baseless Verbal Assault on Law-Abiding Gun Owners

by Ari Armstrong and David Kopel,
An Op-Ed from
CompleteColorado.com

In the aftermath of the criminal attack on the Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs, public officials should be helping the community come together to heal, and supporting the survivors and the victims’ families. Instead, Governor Hickenlooper used the occasion for a mean-spirited verbal assault on innocent people.

Hickenlooper told CNN: “In Colorado Springs, it’s one of the more conservative parts of the state, we probably have more people that have licenses for concealed weapons, probably more guns around. That didn’t help.”

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Hickenlooper’s gratuitous insults are baseless. The only person with a concealed carry permit who had anything to do with Planned Parenthood

was the clinic’s armed security guard. Apparently deterred by the armed defender, the criminal did not attack the clinic until after the guard had left for the day.

The fact is, law-abiding citizens who have been issued concealed carry licenses keep their communities safer—including by stopping mass shooters, including in Colorado Springs.

On December 9, 2007, a criminal murdered two people at Youth With A Mission, a Christian training center in Arvada. After he escaped, churches all over the Front Range were on high alert.

The El Paso County Sheriff’s Office sent deputies to protect churches, including the New Life megachurch in Colorado Springs. The criminal drove up, and waited in his car for the deputies to leave. Then, he murdered two people in the parking lot, and entered the sanctuary, where thousands of people were attending the afternoon service.

But waiting inside was a good person with a gun. Church member Jeanne Assam was the church’s volunteer security guard that afternoon. She was licensed to carry in Colorado. As a former police officer, she had plenty of practice with defensive tactics.

She heard the shots from outside, and as soon as the criminal entered the building, she engaged him. The criminal had planned on being able to

shoot at a mass of unarmed victims, but instead he found that he was the target, with no time to take aim at the churchgoers. Feeling God’s guidance, Assam was fearless, and her gunfire was disciplined and effective. At the end, the criminal killed himself.

Pastor Brady Boyd said that “she probably saved over one hundred lives.”

The criminal’s window of opportunity for murder begins to close when good people with guns arrive. At Sandy Hook Elementary School, the window for murder stayed open five minutes, until the police arrived. Twenty-six victims were killed in that period.

Three days before Sandy Hook, a criminal opened fire at the Clackamas Mall in Portland, Oregon. He was confronted by an armed citizen with a handgun carry permit, and promptly killed himself.

The mass shootings you’ve never heard about are the ones that were stopped by lawfully armed citizens, so the number of fatalities did not become “mass.” Recent ones include Logan Square, Chicago (2015, Uber driver), a West Philadelphia barber-shop (2015, passerby intervened), and Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital in Darby, Pennsylvania (2014, armed

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U.S. Supreme Court Allows Gun Ban

by David Codrea,
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(Editor/GG: By a 7 to 2 vote! SCOTUS now says it is ok for local governments to outright ban semiautomatic rifles (e.g., YOUR AR 15 or Ruger Mini 14) and standard capacity magazines. 7 to 2 folks. There is NO MORE Constitution when you have these traitorous “judges” willfully and intentionally ignoring the CLEAR intent of the 2nd Amendment. Do NOT underestimate this ruling. It is a death blow to freedom. With Roberts and Alito completely folding to tyranny, it is only a matter of time before the stats start their pogram against the few remaining patriots. The future is clear now. More and more government entities will ban virtually all guns with impunity. The collectivists in Colorado will follow suit AS SOON AS THEY CAN. So, the message is clear patriots: It is not a Code Red yet, but get everything you need in terms of firearms, ammo, etc. fairly soon while you can. You’re gonna need it. Cause at some point, they will be coming for YOUR rifle.)

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Finally, showing its hand on a case that’s been relisted time and again over the past several weeks, the Supreme Court today announced it will not hear Friedman v Highland Park, a challenge to a Chicago suburb’s ordinance against the possession, sale, and purchase of politically incorrect semi-automatic firearms and standard capacity magazines.

Per the High Court docket:

Petition DENIED JUSTICE THOMAS, with whom JUSTICE SCALIA joins, dissenting from the denial of certiorari. (Detached Opinion)

“Because the brief order denying review of the ordinance contained no explanation, there is no way to know why most of the Justices chose not to grant review.” Lyle Denniston of SCOTUSBlog observed. “It did not seem to be a response to recent mass shootings, because the Court has been studying the case since early in October...”

“Because noncompliance with our Second Amendment precedents warrants this Court’s attention as much as any of our precedents, I would grant certiorari in this case,” Justice Thomas explained in his dissent (scroll to page 12 of the linked order list document) ““The Court’s refusal to review a decision that flouts two of our Second Amendment precedents stands in marked contrast to the Court’s willingness to summarily reverse courts that disregard our other constitutional decisions ... There is no basis for a different result when our Second Amendment precedents are at stake. I would grant certiorari to prevent the Seventh Circuit from relegating the Second Amendment to a second-class right.”

What this means is places that do so relegate it continue to be free to ignore the clear proscriptions of the Second Amendment and to punish Americans who refuse to comply.

This will also embolden other states and municipalities to maintain and/or enact similar bans, confident that government avenues for redress will remain blocked.

What it also means is the perception any of the justices who joined with the majority may be “conservative” is illusory. The abdication of principle by Chief Justice John Roberts was telling, although the contorted “logic” he pulled out from under his robe to give cover to Obamacare should have been all anyone needed to divine the man’s true loyalties. Likewise, Reagan appointee Anthony Kennedy proved to be a big government man, and considering his benefactor’s gun sentiments, again, that’s hardly a surprise. Also revealing was the absence of Samuel Alito from the dissent, particularly after his nomination was opposed by anti-gunners calling him “Machine Gun Sammy” for his legal opinion that banning machine guns is the purview of the states, not of Congress.

Highland Park and other places leave the field with their bans intact. It’s now up to them to enforce their edicts, and up to gun owners to decide if they will surrender and obey, or defy and

refuse to comply.

In truth, the outcome does not surprise me. As I have maintained for years:

SCOTUS, of course, has been ducking this issue for a long time. They’ll probably take the path of least resistance again, and refuse to hear such cases. However, if they accept either Seegars or Parker, I believe the court will not dare say there is no individual right to keep and bear arms. But if they find there is one, it will be so heavily burdened with “reasonable restrictions” as to ensure the status quo. They’ll never admit the truth unless someone, that would be us, has enough power to compel them.

That’s because any honest reading of founding intent and prior precedent would have no choice but to concede the “in common use at the time” qualifier cited in DC v Heller in turn relied on U.S. v Miller, a case from 1939 that found a short-barrel shotgun could not be determined protected under the Second Amendment because the court had no evidence its possession had “some reasonable relationship to the preservation or efficiency of a well regulated militia [or] that this weapon is any part of the ordinary military equipment, or that its use could contribute to the common defense.”

That’s the key point being ducked. The function of the militia, defined as “all males physically capable of acting in concert for the common defense [and] bearing arms supplied by themselves and of the kind in common use at the time,” was — and is — to field citizen soldiers. And these citizens bore arms that were suitable for that purpose, “ordinary military equipment” intended to be taken into “common defense” battles. The militia did not assemble on the green bearing clubs and spears. They came with the intent to match and best a professional military threat.

That’s the inheritance those who would rule don’t want the people even finding out about, let alone claiming.

Read more: <http://www.ammoland.com/2015/12/scotus-rejects-challenge-to-semi-auto-and-maga>

VA Refuses to Terminate Employees Who Have Sex in Office, High on Cocaine During Work

by Jonah Bennet, Daily Caller News Foundation

The Department of Veterans Affairs seems unwilling to fire its employees, regardless of outlandish conduct. A new investigation has turned up instances in which employees had sex at work or slept in patient rooms only to receive mild reprimands.

This misconduct occurred in hospital facilities spread out among West Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. Three facilities, one in each region, disciplined, but did not fire, a total of 300 employees, according to a Freedom of Information Act request by NBC4 Washington.

In one case at the Martinsburg facility in West Virginia, employees actually had sex at the center. An-

other employee slept under a blanket in a patient room during work hours. Still another was placed under investigation for being high on cocaine.

One employee dealt heroin off facility grounds and was subsequently arrested. The VA allowed that employee to return to work. At a facility in Maryland, the VA reprimanded an employee for not treating a veteran who suffered a head injury at the medical center.

The VA issued a statement to NBC4 Washington, saying, “Where performance or conduct issues warrant removal, VA takes appropriate action to terminate employment.”

Employees being high on cocaine or having sex at work is, apparently, not

serious enough to warrant removal.

Recently, the VA has taken fire for refusing to let go executives Diana Rubens and Kimberly Graves for defrauding the government of over \$400,000 in taxpayer funds. The VA has since refused to recover those funds, a move which legislators like GOP Rep. Jeff Miller, chairman of the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee, think is a tacit endorsement of fraud. Miller recently introduced a bill to empower VA Secretary Robert McDonald to take back those funds.

Instead of firing the executives, the VA decided to demote the two to general employee status. That demotion attempt failed, as the VA did not deliver key evidence used in their decision process.

Given VA’s inability to fire employees unless they blow the whistle on misconduct, Miller has focused his energy on forwarding the VA Accountability Act. This bill would allow the secretary to fire any employee at the department for poor performance or misconduct. But President Barack Obama has threatened to veto the legislation, saying that it is counterproductive and would make it difficult for the VA to attract top-tier talent. That line of reasoning is what prompted Democratic Sen. Richard Blumenthal to block a rush vote in the Senate to pass the bill.

(Editor/GG: Folks, this is just the tip of the socialist

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Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim

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

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

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



INCLUDED OR EXCLUDED?

Democrats and Republicans alike are once again reaching for their emotional Maalox to soothe their ulcers of consternation. Donald Trump's suggestion that all Muslims should be barred from entering the United States until an effective vetting system is established has sent the media and Washington, D.C. into stupefaction. Anything that smacks of common sense seems to generate serious indigestion for the Establishment.

According to all the polls, mainstream America is much more aligned with Mr. Trump's proposals than with the warped thinking of the totalitarian oligarchy. Some of that crowd are so twisted, they actually believe Constitutional privileges should be extended to those who are not U.S. citizens. Is this the desired genesis of a one world constitution? Biblical prophecy continues on the path of fulfillment at an unabated rate.

As even the semi-serious student of Scripture might expect, God is far more exclusionary than many would suppose. The third chapter of the Bible concludes with the forced evacuation of Adam and Eve from a beautiful garden because of their willful disobedience. Cherubim with flaming swords prevented re-entrance. Even God's chosen people were not exempted from certain geographic discipline. After the Exodus, the Lord gave Israel the opportunity to enter the Promised Land with the pledge that He would lead them. Their unwillingness to believe in the adequacy of Divine instruction resulted in: "So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief." (Hebrews 3:19) The end result was an entire generation above the age of twenty destined to die in forty years of wilderness wandering. Almost 900 years later the same scenario took place in reverse when God dispersed Israel through Babylonian and Persian captivity. The reason is always the same....total disregard for the direction and commands of the One who sets the boundaries in the first place! (Acts 17:26)

Not willing to bend to the winds of political correctness, God even excluded some ethnic groups from certain spiritual activity: "An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the Lord forever." (Deuteronomy 23:3) The following verse gives a reason for this discrimination that the average liberal would find im-

possible to digest. "Because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee." This behavior seems far less egregious than Muslim declarations of desired extermination of the Jews.

The directive of verse three refers to men, since they carry "the seed," and the issue is generational. Ruth was a Moabitess, but could be taken in before the tenth generation because she was an actual convert to Israel. (Ruth 1:16, 17) Fast forward that principle to the New Testament, and we learn that any sin can be forgiven when one is converted by faith to Jesus Christ. (John 11:40)

God, not content to leave us with these somewhat passive examples, cranks up the heat with the illustration of the Amalekites. "Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt; How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God. Therefore it shall be, when the Lord thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it." (Deuteronomy 25:17-19)

Amalek is chosen for a particular dose of damnation from the Lord, which is apparent from I Samuel 15:1-3 and Numbers 24:20. Amalek was the nation that God told King Saul to wipe out, and he failed to do it. The king of the Amalikites, Agag (I Samuel 15:32) was the ancestor of one of the greatest types of the Antichrist in the Bible...Haman the Agagite. (Esther 8:3) It was Haman who almost persuaded the Persians (modern Iran) to exterminate the Jews....history has a way of going full circle. Because Saul did not finish off the Amalekites, the Amalekite claimed to have finished him off. (II Samuel 1:13-16)

American politicians are generally slow learners concerning the cycle of history. Most presidential candidates are presently engaged in rhetoric about destroying ISIS, but in truth would prefer the J.V. team to simply be contained. Perhaps Saul Obama missed Rev. Wright's sermon on Amalek. Surely a preacher of his status must have delivered one on such an important subject.

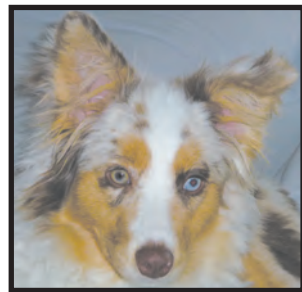
A Sheepdog Barks!

Political correctness is running amuck again and it's getting even worse. I've been traveling this last week through New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana. Along the way I checked out numerous small town and large city newspapers, almost all liberal. LPSDs seem to have a choke hold on education and journalism. The cry is pathetic. OMG, they print, we cannot discriminate against anyone who wants to come to this great country. We are a nation of immigrants, they scream. We are a melting pot, they shout. They all seem to believe it's okay to bring unlimited foreigners here, even those that do not want to melt and who wish us harm and have no desire to assimilate. We must do something; we have to do something, they write. There is never a word about safety or security. The LPSDs don't believe those words are important. We learned that the Obama Administration chose not to check out the San Bernardino "Bride" because that might violate her civil right to privacy and make Obama look bad. Even though she apparently was very "open" about her views to kill infidels and put those views on social media, the Obama Administration felt (LPSDs always feel, never think) she was entitled to some kind of twisted-logic "privacy." REALLY? The Visa program is broken and might as well have a "killer brides" category. Let's face facts; we have NO vetting process here at all because LPSDs don't want to prevent anyone from coming to America for any reason. They know it actually increases their voting population. Obama, in another attempt to fool all of us idiots in America, has called for a review of the K1 Visa program for brides and fiancées. Really! How nice. Fourteen years after 9/11 and seven years into his failed presidency and he now thinks a review is in order. Poppycock! Let me help keep this simple. America doesn't need ANY terrorist brides. CANCEL IT NOW! A bureaucratic review will do nothing to keep us safe. WOOF! The White House recently acknowledged that the K1 Visa program is not as "strict" as it should be. You think? The State Department actually uses the word "rigorous" when they say the program has "rigorous" back-

ground checks. They clearly don't understand what rigorous means. Take a look at some of the questions on the application:

- Do you seek to engage in terrorist activities while in the United States or have you ever engaged in terrorist activities?
- Have you ever or do you intend to provide financial assistance or other support to terrorists or terrorist organizations?
- Are you a member or representative of a terrorist organization?
- Have you ever ordered, incited, committed, assisted or otherwise participated in genocide?
- Are you a member of or affiliated with the Communist or other totalitarian party?
- Are you coming to the U.S. to practice polygamy?

Those questions should really stop the bad guys. WOOF! This is insane. Can you imagine an applicant answering any of those questions yes? We could add this one that might help. Have you in the past fired, or do you plan to in the future to ever fire an AK-47 to kill infidels? Or how about this one: Do you know how to build a pipe bomb? We could end with this one: Do you promise to love, cherish and obey the American Constitution, so help you Allah? That ought to do it. No good Muslim could answer those questions incorrectly could they? Let's get something straight shall we? Entry into the United States remains a privilege, not a right. I actually heard a black clergyman on CNN say that people from around the world who want to improve their lives have a "right" to come here. What planet was that LPSD born on? The onus must always be on the Visa applicant to prove their fitness to come to and live in this country. There can be no other way to secure our safety. The Political Correctness has got to stop. I heard a joke last week that points out how stupid and childish we have become. A man walks into a police station and says "I was mugged by a white lady in a wheelchair." The



desk cop says, "I will not stand here and listen to you characterize people by their gender, race, and disabilities." The Desk Sergeant yells out "Different abilities, you potty mouth." Remember there are no more short people in the world. Only those that are "height challenged." Does every LPSD have to be offended by every remark? This attitude is having far reaching effects. University students are rioting because some people want to express an opinion different from the ones LPSDs believe and teach. One college president resigned. Another college president (a real grown-up in this case) told them to shut up, grow up and listen to others so that they might learn. He reminded them it was an institute of higher learning not a day care center. Three WOOFs to you Mr. Prez! This craziness even spills over into sports. There are over 40 bowl games this year. Teams with losing records are being "rewarded" by going to a bowl game. Some of these bowl games are so ridiculous they are named things like the "Cure Bowl" or the "Foster Farms Bowl" or the "Quick Lane Bowl." Is this crazy or what? A team with a losing record going to a bowl game might as well just be given a "participation trophy" and call it a season. WOOF!

One final note. The Army just announced that the traitor and deserter Bowe Bergdahl will have to face a General Court Martial. It's about time. We can only hope the members of the court do their duty and justice gets done. Bergdahl's platoon mates have told the truth. And contrary to what Susan Rice was told to say after the Rose Garden spectacle, Bergdahl did NOT serve with honor and distinction. That comment is a slap in the face to every veteran that did serve and was honorably discharged. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On



RINO Republican Faces 3rd Party Candidate Threat Over Obamacare Medicaid Expansion

by Joshua Cook,
FreedomOutpost.com

Aaron Day, the New Hampshire State Chairman of the Republican Liberty Caucus, has been fighting Obamacare’s medicaid expansion on the local level for years now.

Day spoke with Truth In Media’s Joshua Cook in 2013 after Day and statewide activists were able to successfully table a bill, but in 2015 Medicaid expansion is once again a fierce battle in the state.

In an exclusive interview with Truth In Media, Day told Joshua Cook that N.H. Republicans are not trying to stop Obamacare Medicaid expansion and are actually drafting the bill for the expansion.

Regarding a possible third-party run, Day declared that this is a serious consideration. “I’m not actually just throwing this out here, you know ‘maybe I’ll do it.’ I’ve already got a team together to get on the ballot. I need to get 3,000

signatures to get on the ballot as an independent. I already have a team in place, I’ve had a lawyer review the process.”

Following the interview, Day clarified to Truth in Media that “if the Republicans in New Hampshire expand Medicaid, I will launch a third party campaign. If the party rejects expansion, I will continue fighting in the trenches to elect conservative Republicans.”

Aaron Day said he asked Congressman Paul Ryan (R-WI), who is now the Speaker of the House, how he would advise and instruct the Republicans in the N.H. state senate regarding medicaid expansion.

“Tell them no, no, no on Medicaid expansion. The funding won’t be there,” said Ryan.

Day said that expanding Medicaid would ultimately bankrupt New Hampshire or trigger a massive tax hike. Currently, New Hampshire has no income or sales tax.

Day said that Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.) is an influential force behind the movement to move Obamacare’s Medicaid expansion in the state.

Cook asked Day about his thoughts on splitting the vote and the result of Republicans losing a majority in the Senate if Sen. Ayotte loses.

“Not only might this cost her her seat, this might cost the Republicans control of the United States Senate,” said Day. “Which tells you just how serious I am about this issue, because it was thrown in our face. We wouldn’t be in this place if it weren’t for people who made a political calculation that said ‘in order for Kelly to win we are going to throw the state underwater so she has better election chances,’ I’m just changing the math.”

Day asked, “why bother even having two parties if Republicans are going to cave on an issue like this?”

“Because the number one problem our country faces in the next 12 to 18 months is a looming sovereign debt crisis. We have \$18 trillion of debt and hundreds of trillions of unfunded liabilities and we are asleep at the switch and adding fuel to the fire by expanding Medicaid is only going to exacerbate the situation,” added Day.

(Editor/GG: Wake up Colorado conservatives. Voting RINO’s in like Tipton yields essentially the same results as voting a lib in. Look at where we are now with a COMPLETELY REPUBLICAN CONTROLLED CONGRESS! Our country is being destroyed right in front of us and the republicans have done NOTHING to stop it. The rinos fully funded EVERYTHING NOBAMA WANTED. Trillions more in debt, a literal invasion of our country by anti-American, career welfare legal and illegal immigrants who will NEVER be productive, and a new level of national moral depravity that would make Caligula proud. On and on. If we can’t get conservative candidates to win the primaries, IT IS TIME TO RUN THIRD PARTY CANDIDATES THAT WILL VOTE FOR AMERICA. At this point in the game, WHAT HAVE WE GOT TO LOSE! The conservatives in New Hampshire have had enough of trojan-horse, rino, Ayotte. What are we going to do about our own statist rino congressional representatives here in Colorado? And note folks, ol’ wooly rino Tipton has been AWOL from Custer County for quite awhile. He loved it here when he was running for office. Man, did he take us for fools. Lesson learned.)

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iceberg. Another news report states that 72 people who are on the “No-Fly” terrorist list are CURRENTLY WORKING AT HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)! When asked about this, no explanation is given. One more VA outrage: Daily Caller News also reported that the TOP VA watchdog (the guy who is supposed to find and eliminate bad things for the ENTIRE VA) was recently fired (What! Fired! Can’t be.) for masturbating “in the agency’s all-glass conference room in full view of people across the street, including school teachers at an education conference.” For a WHOLE WEEK. Only problem, he’s been doing this FOR YEARS and nothing was done till this unbelievable incident. This is what socialism is folks. We are the tax slaves, they are the immoral, corrupt, elites. Do you think there is a political solution to this state of affairs?)

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cannot give in to the fear that these backlashes are really based on.”

Walsh, who now hosts his own radio program, served in Congress from 2011 to 2013.

In text that included some stronger language accompanying his video, which has been viewed more than 110,000 times as of Saturday morning, Walsh continued to argue that “most Muslims around the world are terrorists, support terrorism, and/or support Sharia Law.”

“Any Muslim that is a terrorist or supports terrorism should be killed,” Walsh wrote. “If ‘Moderate’ Muslims don’t speak out against terrorism, they are our enemy and we should call them out and kick them

out of this country.”

“Is that ‘anti-Muslim rhetoric’ that ‘edges toward violence,’” he continued. “Go ahead and prosecute me. I dare you.”

(Editor/GG: Welcome to liberal justice. Our lovely, fascist, Attorney General now wants to prosecute free speech she, and her red baby fellow liberals, don’t like. Welcome to the new gulag patriots. Welcome to Nobama’s and the democrats world of totalitarianism. Joe Stalin would be proud. Time for a serious change here patriots.)

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doctor).

At Planned Parenthood, many lives were saved because of the fast and aggressive response of law enforcement officers. Instead of being able to hunt for more victims, the criminal was forced to take shelter.

One of those officers, Garret Swasey, died protecting the innocent.

Many lives have been saved because of good people with guns in Colorado Springs—law enforcement officers and citizens alike.

Governor Hickenlooper has urged people to “tone down” their “inflammatory rhetoric.” He would do well to heed his own advice, and stop denouncing law-abiding, lawfully-armed citizens. In Colorado Springs, and throughout the nation, they are not part of the problem. They are part of the life-saving solution.

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Bell Ringer Given Second Chance

by Charlotte Burrous

It wasn't something he planned to do, but after learning about the opportunity to become a bell ringer for the Salvation Army, 20-year-old Jordan Jones decided it would be a way to give back.

"I got into some trouble," he said. "(Salvation Army is) giving me a second chance."

He heard about the opportunity at his church, The Wellspring in Florence, where he met Pat Trotta, who was hired more than a year ago to run the Salvation Army operation here in Fremont County.

This is the first time Jones said he

had been in trouble.

"(When I was a child, I found Jesus. Then) when I was about 16, I fell away," he said. "Recently, because of this experience, I came back. The church is backing me through this whole experience. I have no idea (what's going to happen to me)."

But Jones said he has hope.

"I know (God) is always with me and He's got control," he said. "I know my church will always be there to support me."

In the past, Jones had volunteered in the warehouse at Loaves & Fishes Ministries, and helped

with dinners for the residents that live there.

In the meantime, Trotta has worked to collect donations for residents in Fremont County.

"Ninety percent of their donations stay in Fremont County," Trotta said. "We have been able to help 139 families this last year from donations of 2014. I would really like to see that double for this coming year."

She said everyone needs a helping hand.

"Everybody needs to know that they're loved and they're cared for," Trotta said.

When people ask how Salvation Army helps Fremont County, she replies that she lives in Fremont County. "This is Salvation Army," Trotta said as she pointed toward herself. "When we get donations, I don't want to take that from people to have a store (or an office). It's more important for me to be able to help our community, not just here in Cañon City, but Florence, Penrose, Williamsburg, Coal Creek, (Rockvale and) Cotopaxi. We've helped three families who lost their homes this year and we've helped people with their utility bills; we've helped people move into transitional housing (through the Restoring Hope) program at Loaves & Fishes. We've helped people with their prescriptions. We're here for the community, whatever their needs are."

The idea of the Red Kettle campaign began in December 1891 when Capt. Joseph McFee, of the Salvation Army in San Francisco, California,, wanted to provide dinner for 1,000 poor people, but could not find a way to purchase the ingredients, according to a website on the Internet. As a sailor, he remembered seeing a large pot set up on the docks of Liverpool, where residents threw money into. So he gained permission to put a brass urn at Oakland, where he put a sign up, saying, "Keep the pot boiling."

It wasn't long before he had enough to buy Christmas dinner for the people living in San Fran-

cisco. Two years later, the idea expanded to 30 kettles on the West Coast. Then by Christmas 1895, he incorporated the help of William A. McIntyre and N.J. Lewis, who had transferred to the East Coast, taking the idea with them. Today, Red Kettles are located in communities all across the country, not only helping people with Christmas, but throughout the year.

The Red Kettles are placed in front of City Market, Walgreens, several banks in Cañon City and The Pour House in Florence from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday until Christmas. For more information, call 719-371-0022.



Dawsey Mills, five, from left, and Thiry Mills watch as Jentry Mills, three, places money in the Red Kettle as Jordan Jones rings the bell in front of City Market.

Courtesy photo by Charlotte Burrous

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me-- holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation."

Luke 1:46-50, NIV

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