

Merry Christmas, My Friend

by Lance Corporal James M. Schmidt

*It was the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
In a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.
I had come down the chimney, with presents to give,
and to see just who in this home did live.
As I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,
no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.*

*No stocking by the fire, just boots filled with sand.
On the wall hung pictures of a far distant land.*

*With medals and badges, awards of all kind,
a sobering thought soon came to my mind.*

For this house was different, unlike any I'd seen.

This was the home of a U.S. Marine.

I'd heard stories about them, I had to see more,

so I walked down the hall and pushed open the door.

And there he lay sleeping, silent, alone,

Curled up on the floor in his one-bedroom home.

He seemed so gentle, his face so serene,



Somewhere on Oak Creek Grade

Photo by George Gramlich

Not how I pictured a U.S. Marine.

Was this the hero, of whom I'd just read?

Curled up in his poncho, a floor for his bed?

His head was clean-shaven, his weathered face tan.

I soon understood, this was more than a man.

For I realized the families that I saw that night,

owed their lives to these men, who were willing to fight.

Soon around the Nation, the children would play,

And grown-ups would celebrate on a bright Christmas day.

They all enjoyed freedom, each month and all year,

because of Marines like this one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,

on a cold Christmas Eve, in a land far from home.

Just the very thought brought a tear to my eye.

I dropped to my knees and I started to cry.

He must have awoken, for I heard a rough voice,

"Santa, don't cry, this life is my choice.

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more.

My life is my God, my country, my Corps."

With that he rolled over, drifted off into sleep,

I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.

I watched him for hours, so silent and still.

I noticed he shivered from the cold night's chill.

So I took off my jacket, the one made of red,

and covered this Marine from his toes to his head.

Then I put on his T-shirt of scarlet and gold,

with an eagle, globe and anchor emblazoned so bold.

And although it barely fit me, I began to swell with pride,

and for one shining moment, I was Marine Corps deep inside.

I didn't want to leave him so quiet in the night,

this guardian of honor so willing to fight.

But half asleep he rolled over, and in a voice clean and pure,

said "Carry on, Santa, it's Christmas Day, all secure."

One look at my watch and I knew he was right,

Merry Christmas my friend, Semper Fi and goodnight.

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The Man, The Birds, and The Faithful

by Candi Sage

Up late one night as sleep would not come I wandered to the computer and found a unique Christmas story. At that time, Paul Harvey stated in one version that he didn't know its "proper parentage", so he designated it as his own and called it, "Christmas Story of the Man and the Birds". I did more research and found it was originally written by Louis Cassels in 1959, but made famous by the famous Paul Harvey during his 1965 radio broadcast.

After reading it, my eyes teared up with the recognition of a familiar moment, the moment when God speaks into our lives individually and directly in a profound, yet simple way. Before you begin, I suggest

you seek an undistracted place and see if the simplicity of the message doesn't slip past you.

The Parable of the Birds - (a version) by Louis Cassels Once upon a time, there was a man who looked upon Christmas as a lot of humbug. He wasn't a Scrooge. He was a very kind and decent person, a good man; generous to his family, upright in all his dealings with other men. But he didn't believe all that stuff which churches proclaim at Christmas. He just couldn't swallow the Jesus Story, about God coming to earth as a man. Why would God want to do anything like that?

He told his wife on Christmas Eve that he'd much rather just stay home, if he went to church with his

family he'd feel like a hypocrite. So, when his family left to attend midnight services on Christmas Eve, he stayed home. Shortly after the family drove away snow began to fall. He went to the window and watched the flurries getting heavier and heavier. Sometime later, as he was reading his newspaper by the fire, he was startled by a thudding sound that was quickly followed by another. Then, another. At first he thought someone must be throwing snowballs against his living room window.

When he went to investigate, he found a flock of birds huddled miserably in the snow. They had been caught in the storm, and in a desperate search for shelter had tried to fly through his window. "I can't let these

poor creatures lie there and freeze," he thought. "But how can I help them?" Then he remembered the barn. It would provide a warm shelter. He quickly put on his coat and boots and tramped through the deepening snow to the barn. He opened the doors wide and turned on the light. But the birds didn't come in.

"Food will bring them in," he thought. So he hurried back to the house for bread crumbs, which he sprinkled on the snow to make a trail into the barn. To his dismay, the birds ignored the bread crumbs and continued to flop around helplessly in the snow. He tried shooing them into the barn by walking around and waving his arms. They scattered in every direction -- except into the warm,

lighted barn.

"They find me a strange and terrifying creature," he said to himself, "and I can't seem to think of any way to let them know they can trust me, that I am trying not to hurt them but to help them." "If only I could be a bird myself for a few minutes, and mingle with them, speak their language. Then I could show them the way, perhaps I could lead them to safety."

Just at that moment the church bells began to ring. He stood silently for awhile, listening to the bells playing Oh Come all Ye Faithful, pealing the glad tidings of Christmas. Then he sank to his knees

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Luke 2:10, NIV



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VETERANS & CHRISTMAS DAY

Serving our country all over the world, many times in harm's way, is a calling, a duty to our nation. Many vets have a difficult time on Christmas Day. For a variety of reasons, this particular day seems to be one of the toughest to be separated from families and loved ones, while at the same time, being in some tough places under difficult circumstances and conditions. If the vet's life happens to be on the line at the same time it can make the pain and sadness even more intense. There are many vets in our local area. Many of them have been featured in our Veterans Day coverages. We encourage everyone to reach out this Christmas holiday season to one or more of them. A visit, a gift or an invite to spend the day and share a meal would be a great offering to any of our local vets. We believe it would brighten your day also. If you know any vet who might be alone today or during this holiday period please reach out and do something. Even a simple phone call to any vet you know would be appreciated. Do something; it will make you and the vets feel better.

Today is Christmas. Do something today. A veteran's website offers a special poem about soldiers, actually all servicemen and women, serving and protecting America and its citizens on this special day. The poem was written to honor them and the web site encourages sharing it with as many as possible. We want to do that here:

A Different Christmas Poem

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light, I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.

My wife was asleep, her head on my chest, my daughter beside me, angelic in rest.

Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white, transforming the yard to a winter delight.

The sparkling lights in the tree I believe,

Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.

My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,

Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.

In perfect contentment, or so it would seem, so I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near, but I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.

Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know, then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.

My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear, and I crept to the door just to see who was near.

Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night, a lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.

A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old, Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold.

Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled,

Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.

"What are you doing?" I asked without fear, "Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!"

Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve, you should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"

For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift,

Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts...

To the window that danced with a warm fire's light,

then he sighed and he said "It's really all right,

I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night. It's my duty to stand at the front of the line,

that separates you from the darkest of times.

No one had to ask or beg or implore me, I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me.

My Gramps died at 'Pearl on a day in December,' Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembers."

My dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam', and now it is my turn and so, here I am.

I've not seen my own son in more than a while, but my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile."

Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag, the red, white, and blue... an American flag.

"I can live through the cold and the being alone, Away from my family, my house, and my home.

I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet; I can sleep in a fox-hole with little to eat.

I can carry the weight of killing another, Or lay

down my life with my sister and brother...

Who stand at the front against any and all, To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."

"So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright,

Your family is waiting and I'll be all right."

"But isn't there something I can do, at the least,

Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast?

It seems all too little for all that you've done, for being away from your wife and your son."

Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret, "Just tell us you love us, and never forget.

To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone, to stand your own watch, no matter how long.

For when we come home, either standing or dead, to know you remember we fought and we bled.

Is payment enough, and with that we will trust, that we mattered to you as you mattered to us."

Happy Birthday, Jesus! Merry Christmas to All!

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A Reminder, and Perspective from History

Maybe you weren't paying attention, but when Bill Clinton was challenging incumbent President George H.W. Bush, the Clinton campaign disparaged a veteran. The Clinton campaign led by James Carville and George Stephanopoulos started the rumor that when George H.W. Bush was shot down over Chichi Jima, he bailed out of his burning Avenger leaving his two crewmen, Ted White and John Delaney. For those under 40, Bush, the youngest Naval pilot in WW II was a decorated war veteran. He was shot down and by sheer luck was rescued by an American submarine. This account was told in some detail in James Brady's "Flyboys" (see pages 194-195) Bush's torpedo fighter bomber, a Grumman Avenger, was burning and it was engulfed. Despite this Bush stayed with the plane long enough to position it so that his crew could escape if they were still alive. Both were dead. Remember, this was a day before ejection seats. Pilots and crew had to climb out and jump off the wing.

On background, Chichi Jima like Iwo Jima were both homeland territories of Japan's. The mayor of Tokyo was the chief executive for both. This is why they were both heavily fortified and defended to the death. Many of Bush's fellow squadron members, who were also shot down, were captured by the Japanese. Bush was lucky, but the others were not. Many were beheaded by their captors and others were sent to Japanese labor camps to be

worked to death. America took in 400,000 German POWs into our camps in America, but our Japanese enemies beheaded our pilot POWs.

When the rumor broke about Bush abandoning his crew, not one word of objection from the media was offered. Not one liberal reporter or editor took the time to research the event. The Clinton team and their partners in the media just ran with the fake story, AKA the lie. It was a blatant attempt to disparage a brave combat veteran and long term public servant. These same reporters bashed Donald Trump for his remarks about John McCain. This is the media's version of fair treatment. The media's willingness to do whatever is necessary to defeat and destroy a Republican is well known. Frankly, I'm with Trump on his criticism of McCain. As far as I'm concerned, McCain threw the 2004 election.

More importantly, the media's bias protecting Obama and Hillary Clinton is a disgrace. Consider this fake outrage. Trump suggested that terrorists' families safety should be on the table. I'm with him because I can still see the innocent civilians jumping from the windows of the World Trade Center to escape the flames. All those people were some one's family members. The "political correctness" that the media has saddled the American culture with is the reason why we may never win or even survive the war on terror. What kind of commander-in-chief would drop leaflets to warn the

drivers of oil trucks transporting stolen oil to black market buyers in Turkey that a bombing would occur in 15 minutes? Even the current crop of politician generals/admirals must be pulling their hair out. Then of course is Obama's statements of rigorous vetting of immigrant refugees for Syria. The vetting is so rigorous that our government refuses to check social media for fiancée immigrants even if they are planning to kill Americans. If this wasn't so important, I'd call it sloppy. But, the term I use is "murderous." If checking social media embarrasses these killers, so what? Once again I find myself in the Trump camp. Let's suspend all immigrants from Syria until our elected officials can get a handle on "what the hell is going on." Today, we learned that the current occupant of the White House has cleared the way for 100,000 Syrians. When the feds place these people in an American city, they do not tell local officials anything about who they are or where they will be living. What we do know is that every American taxpayer will be paying for their upkeep for the next ten years.

Actually, I'm more inclined to favor Ann Coulter's idea of suspending all immigration for the next seven years. This will give even the most incompetent government bureaucrat time to fix our immigration laws. For the record, I am the son of an immigrant, so save your breathe calling me "anti-immigration."

Joe Cascarelli
Westcliffe, CO

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(Editor/GG: There has been some controversy over who actually wrote this fine poem. After a little research we found out the story:

Origins: *The above-quoted verse, which sees wide circulation every Christmastime, is generally credited to "a Marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan" (or, since 11 September 2001, "a Marine stationed in Afghanistan"). More specifically, the poem is often attributed to an Air Force Lieutenant Colonel named Bruce Lovely, who purportedly penned it on Christmas Eve 1993 while stationed in Korea (and saw it printed under his name in the Ft. Leavenworth Lamp a few years later):*

"I arrived in Korea in July 93 and was extremely impressed with the commitment of the soldiers I worked with and those that were prepared to give their lives to maintain the freedom of South Korea. To honor them, I wrote the poem and went around on Christmas Eve and put it under the doors of U.S. soldiers assigned to Yongsan."

This attribution does a great disservice to the poem's true author, James M. Schmidt, who was a Lance Corporal stationed in Washington, D.C., when he wrote the poem back in 1986. As Corporal Schmidt told us in December 2002:

The true story is that while a Lance Corporal serving as Battalion Counter Sniper at the Marine Barracks 8th & I, Washington, DC, under Commandant P.X. Kelly and Battalion Commander D.J. Myers [in 1986], I wrote this poem to hang on the door of the Gym in the BEQ. When Colonel Myers came upon it, he read it and immediately had copies sent to each department at the Barracks and promptly dismissed the

entire Battalion early for Christmas leave. The poem was placed that day in the Marine Corps Gazette, distributed worldwide, and later submitted to Leatherneck Magazine.

Schmidt's original version, entitled "Merry Christmas, My Friend," was published in Leatherneck (Magazine of the Marines) in December 1991, a full two years before it was supposedly "written" by someone else on Christmas Eve 1993 (and had appeared in the Barracks publication Pass in Review four years before it was printed in Leatherneck).

As Leatherneck wrote of the poem's author in 2003:

"Merry Christmas, My Friend" has been a holiday favorite among "leatherneckphiles" for nearly the time it takes to complete a Marine Corps career. Few, however, know who wrote it and when. Former Corporal James M. Schmidt, stationed at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., pounded it out 17 years ago on a typewriter while awaiting the commanding officer's Christmas holiday decorations inspection ... while other leathernecks strung lights for the Barracks' annual Christmas decoration contest, Schmidt contributed his poem to his section.

Over the years the text of "Merry Christmas, My Friend" has been altered to change Marine-specific wording into Army references (including the title: U.S. Marines do not refer to themselves as "soldiers") and to incorporate line-ending rhyme changes necessitated by those alterations.

Our thanks to Snopes.com for allowing us to reprint their research on the origins of this poem. Their article can be found at www.snopes.com/holidays/christmas/soldier.asp. Also thanks to local valley resident, Cal Leslie, a local Vietnam war veteran, who brought this fine poem to my attention.



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Armed Robbery at Home Marijuana Grow

by Barbara Penezic

Three armed men wearing ski masks forced their way into a Cañon City home earlier this week. The home is located at 108 Pennsylvania Avenue and it is alleged to be a home grow site for medical marijuana.

The victims were held at gun point during which time a struggle for one of the suspect's guns occurred and shots were fired according to a Cañon City Police Department press release. It is believed that one of the suspects suffered a gunshot wound during the robbery. All three suspects managed to escape taking with them an undisclosed amount of marijuana.

Lt. Billy Ray of the CCPD, stated that a victim suffered non-life threatening injuries and while it is not known how much marijuana was on the property, it was thought to be a lawful amount.

No further details are available at this time, however, the Cañon City Police Department is asking that if you have any information on this incident, please contact Detective Athena Garcia at 719-276-5245 or if you wish to remain anonymous please call Crime Stoppers at 719-275-STOP (7867)

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in the snow. "Now I understand," he whispered. "Now I see why YOU had to do it."

Written as a modern parable, it has been reprinted, broadcast, rebroadcast, as well as reworded numerous times by various people over the years, and even spoken of and quoted from many church pulpits. The meaning is truly, simply clear; the man represents God (also known as Lord) is kind, decent, good, generous, and upright. The birds represent man (humans) who struggle, flounder around, and get caught in the 'storms' of life. The moment of life changing realization for the man was to recognize this situation was a message just for him and to recognize that God did, in fact, send someone (as he was thinking of with the birds) to us to 'mingle and speak the language'. He did send someone to show and light the way to safety, He sent His son, Jesus Christ, to save us.

It is "utterly simple" as Paul Harvey explains in his 1965 version, yet I sometimes wonder how any agnostic, skeptic, or cynical person could STILL not comprehend the depth of

its meaning.

Are you like the birds; agnostic, skeptical, confused, or afraid? Or are you more like the man and now sense a twinge of something else nudging you to consider this is a message for you as well to make that connection to God and His son? The Bible can be a difficult book for some to grasp as there is much history; verified by the way, through many archeological findings and historical writings confirming the locations, battles, reigning kings, and artifacts connecting to the times. There is also much about the character of God, the difference between God and man, His ways and how He communicates with us, and about the love He has for us. Christmas isn't really about a man in a red and white suit giving presents, but it is about the present in the form of the Son of God, our Creator, and how His life and death provides us a way to be saved. I hope this Christmas season you will seek beyond what you can see and feel to find the true meaning and how remarkable this 'gift' of salvation is. Just as the man found out through his circumstance and his thinking in this parable, the decision for Faith and Belief is a choice for you to make.

Busted: Menacing, Assault, and Harassment

From the Custer County Sheriff's Office: "John Culver, white, age 24, of Westcliffe, was arrested on December 16th at 12:36 p.m. on suspicion of two counts of Menacing, 3rd Degree Assault, Reckless Driving and Harassment. He is being held on \$2,000 bond."



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- 2) May sign only 1 petition for each district position.

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

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Commissioner Shy Announces Re-Election Bid

by Fred Hernandez

It is official. Kit Shy has announced his intention to run for re-election as Commissioner of Custer County.

A forty-five-year resident of the county, Shy graduated from the local high school years before the new school building went up. He worked as a storekeeper (Hill-side), postal employee, ski resort employee; operating the lifts and making snow, fire protection services rising to the position of Captain and assistant Chief with thirty-seven years of experience as a first responder and still involved in firefighting to this day. As a registered Surveyor since 1982, he knows the county like no one else.

Land Surveyor having worked on this job throughout Custer County, and being involved in many projects such as power stations, the Lake DeWeese dam, many public buildings, two court room additions, the new post office, the credit union, various shops, the hardware store building complex, and bowling alley to name a few projects. He has explored the territory, the valley, and up into the mountains by all methods of ground transport and also by air in helicopters of different types, a hot air balloon, and several airplanes. Kit Shy knows Custer County mile-by-mile, even foot-by-foot, and almost inch-by-inch.

To sit and have a casual chat with Kit Shy is to experience a

always within the realm of the truth. His deep regard for people and their well-being comes through in his expressions of the need to treat everyone right. Employees have to be treated like family and that is something to be said by one who leads the county's second largest group of workers. For all the residents of the county there is a need for everyone to not only be respected and appreciated, but to be heard as well, as each one can make a positive contribution for the benefit of all who share this area of the state. As Kit says, there is much talent in this county and he sees a need for the community to tap into that goldmine of talent.

Asked why he decided to seek re-election, Kit, had a long list of items he wants to address in the next four years. For starters, he is now able, after years of learning the complicated intricacies of the political process, to navigate the labyrinth of federal, state and local bureaucracies to solve diverse and difficult situations that may arise in the day-to-day management of the county's affairs. As Kit himself says with a chuckle, "It's a ghost buster thing. I know

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He is Chairman of the Front Range Resources Advisory Council (a Federal appointment), and a

new meaning in honest dialogue. His candid responses to complex questions indicates a man who is sure of himself because he is

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who to call." On the matter of property taxes, he wants to explore the possibility of creating a new tax category. The current tax brackets are for Rural, Commercial, and City categories. By adding an additional category, that of Rural Residential for those who enjoy a rural lifestyle without necessarily being an agricultural enterprise, it could reduce the pressure on the agricultural bracket. This needs research, and work, and one with good, solid background of "on the job" experience. There is also a real possibility of reducing business/personal property taxes, and there is the necessity of keeping regulations at a minimum for local business to promote growth and increase profits.

Apart from the future possibilities and the opportunities that may be available, one must not overlook the inherent threats that exist in this era of economic difficulties and global declines. In the management of a rural community such as Custer County, the right pace of change has to be carefully balanced with growth and expansion. There are those who want faster change and those who want no change at all. A delicate equilibrium has to be maintained and precisely adjusted, and readjusted, to meet both demands while insuring continuing health as a whole. This cannot be achieved without a deep background, measured wisdom from actual experience, and innate skills.

Second Annual Westcliffe Ice Fishing Tournament

Lake DeWeese, Custer County, Colorado
Saturday, January 16, 2016 ~ 7 am - 3 pm
Awards 4 pm

Longest Fish Cash Prizes for Rainbow, Cutthroat and Small Mouth Bass

1st Prize—\$250, 2nd Prize—\$100, 3rd Prize—\$50, Grand Slam—\$350

Youth Prizes for ages 8 - 15

Official measurements held at Nacho Mama's.
Weigh in from 2:30 - 3:30 pm with awards at 4 pm.

Registration forms available at Westcliffe Town Hall, Valley Ace Hardware, Antler Liquors and Motel, or Westcliffe Inn.

Deadline to be received at the Town Hall (closed Mondays)—January 15 at 5 pm.

Registration available online at

www.thecliffscolorado.com or call (719) 783-0604.



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Matthew 1:23



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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Sangre Home Decor and Sweet Shoppe

by Carol "Miss Kitty" Clemenson

The owners of the Sangre Home Decor and Sweet Shoppe located at the corner of Main Street and 2nd Street in Westcliffe, Robyn and Allen Perry, have been married for 28 years and between the two of them they have five children and six grandchildren.

They moved to Westcliffe from Missouri and built their home here in 2008. They used to have a another shop in Howard as well as Westcliffe, but they decided to close that one in September.

The Perry's utilize the internet for a good portion of their sales. All in all they have five websites. One of their more popular ones is for the indoor/outdoor furniture, www.Breezesta-PolyDirect.com, out of Pennsylvania. Another one is for their dinner ware line, www.ILoveDinnerware.com.

In the Sweet Shoppe they have Espresso of all flavors, ice cream, soup and pulled pork sandwiches. The menu really makes for a quick, delicious, lunch. Also there is homemade fudge. Since May of this year they have made and sold 700 pounds of fudge. (It is wonderful!)

The Home Décor section has almost everything from throw pillows to fine dinner ware. There are also fine leather handbags, clutches, wallets, and more, made from American West Leather. This brand has been advertised in many western magazines as well as Family Circle, and Home



Robyn Perry, proprietor of Sangre Home Decor and Sweet Shoppe.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

and Garden. They also have blankets, lamps, greeting cards, and so much more! There is something in this shop for every one of all ages and items that make great gifts for any time of the year.

To call the store and to place an order just call 719-735-2521. The hours for January and February, 2016, will be: Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Closed on Sundays.

Free Bowling Night!

All Custer County High School Students

are invited to a free bowling night

at Cliff Lanes

Wednesday, December 30th at 7 p.m.

The activity is sponsored by the CCHS Sources of Strength peer group. The evening will include "Glow Ball" bowling, food, and games.

The Sources of Strength program uses the power of peer-led social networks to positively change norms and cultures. The evening is open to all high school students who attend Custer County High School.

The activity will run from 7 to 9 p.m.



Bobcats in Action

The Bobcats boys basketball team in action last week against Sierra Grande.

The *Sentinel* will have a two page photo feature next week on this week's action.

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver



Bobcat Menu • Dec. 21 - Dec. 31, 2015

No School!

Merry Christmas, Everyone!

See you back on Monday, January 4th, 2016!

KIDS Friday, December 25, 2015 Christmas

Christmas trees, presents wrapped and under the tree, holly wreaths on our doors, cookies left for Santa on Christmas Eve, carolers and Christmas concerts. Is that what Christmas is all about?

The story is told of Old St. Nick who was born into wealth and after his parents died Nicholas began to serve the poor near his home and in the surrounding towns and countryside. This reminds us of the spirit of Christmas, but is this truly why we celebrate Christmas?

I remember in "A Charlie Brown Christmas," when Charlie Brown is frustrated by the commercial spirit of Christmas and he asks if anyone can tell him the real meaning of Christmas. Linus simply recites Luke 2:8-14

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you great tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill
toward men!"

So that, Charlie Brown, is the true meaning of Christmas.

So, as you unwrap your presents and eat your Christmas dinners, I hope you remember the greatest gift that God sent to us 2,000 years ago:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting light."

John 3: 16, NKJV

by Audrey Slater

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Feed Store Restaurant Re-opens Under JB's Management

by Candi Sage

Jeff Little and Breanna Greenstreet of famed JB's Café on Main Street are now operating under a new name and new location. Jeff and Breanna (JB) have reopened as promised with a few changes to the lunch menu and are now offering a dinner menu along with beer and a full bar located at the Feed Store. They are leasing the famed location and are operating under the Feed Store name. Lunch guests can still select from the popular Panini's, soup, or other items along with the new addition of a salad bar from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Dinner guests can select from various appetizers including shrimp cocktail and steamed mussels. Their numerous entree meals range in price from \$9 to \$27 for a variety of tastes including hamburger, surf & turf, prime rib, and grilled orange BBQ glazed salmon. Dinner hours are from 4:00-8:00 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, dinner guests can walk in or make a reservation. Also offered is Sunday Brunch from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They are also open for holiday parties. Call for further details 783-3033.



Breanna Greenstreet and Jeff Little, proprietors of JB's Cafe, and now the Feed Store Restaurant.

Sentinel photo by Candi Sage

Club America Reduces Pool Hours Due to Fire Damage

The day after Thanksgiving, the furnace that heats and circulates the air into the nonprofit Club America WMV Aquatics and Fitness Center swimming pool room was damaged by a fire in the unit which is located outside of the club. Quick actions on the part of Maintenance Manager and Certified Pool Operator Mike Carter got the propane supply to the unit turned off, and staff evacuated those using the pool and the club. Smoke, propane, and exhaust fumes that had entered the building required that the facility be closed for a day.

The fire department evaluated the scene and recommended that the heating unit remain off until it could be completely evaluated and a cause found. Club America has been working with it's insurance company and several local contractors to get repairs underway.

Without the ability to circulate

late warmed air through the pool room, the humidity from the pool builds up to tropical levels. This humidity can damage the metal building structure itself, as well as the equipment located around the pool. Club America has insulated covers that go over the pool when it is not in use, reducing heat and water vapor loss. When the pool is covered, humidity levels stay in a safe range, but it only takes a couple of hours being uncovered, before the humidity levels climb.

In response to this accident, the pool will only be able to be opened on a very limited basis until repairs are made. Club members may use the pool from 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. Mon, Thurs and Friday, 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. on Tues, Wed., and from 1-3 p.m. each afternoon for Public Swim.

The club advises that if you are coming from some distance to swim, that you call ahead of time to be sure

when it will be open.

"The timing for this event could not have been much worse," said Board president Barbara Sutton. "It's some of our busiest time with school out, and the cold outside temperatures really drive the humidity and condensation inside the pool area sky high. That means possible rust on all metal surfaces, and stale air in the pool area". She reported the club insurance will be paying for most all of the replacement costs, and even some for business income loss. "Once this is all over with, and it will be fixed and done with at some point, we'll have a new, much more energy efficient unit that will do a much better job of keeping air quality where it should be in the pool area, and should last the community another 10 years or more."

Call Club America 783-0750 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. for current pool hours.



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Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD.

Psalm 25:6-7 NIV

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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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www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 10/07/2015

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

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee

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

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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Westcliffe, Colorado

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2011194

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

GRAHAM PAUL PORTER
GRAHAM PORTER
ESTATE OF ABNER H PORTER JR
MOLLIE E PORTER
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.

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Suzanne Coleman
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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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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
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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.

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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 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.

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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

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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
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 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.

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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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE FOR PUBLICATION

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

Sheriff's Foreclosure Sale No. **15-CCSS-002** was commenced in the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to that certain Order for Entry of Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure ("Judgment and Decree") entered on August 16, 2015 by the District Court of the **County of Custer, Colorado** in Civil Action No. **2015 CV 030011, Blumenau Subdivision 3 v Phyllis Salazar et al** to foreclose the deed of trust described as follows ("Deed of Trust"):

Original Grantor: Phyllis Salazar and Antoniette Salazar
Current Beneficiary: Blumenau Subdivision #3 Home-owners Association

Date of Deed of Trust: August 16th, 2015

Recording Date of Deed of Trust: August 20th, 2015

Recorded in Custer County: Reception Number 226027

Original Principal Amount \$1,380.44

Outstanding Balance: \$4,480.72

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

A parcel of land, Lot No. 30, Blumenau Subdivision, filing No. 3 in the Subdivision, also known as 290 Pipeweed Path, Westcliffe, CO 81252, County of Custer, State of Colorado.

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

LEIN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

As of January 28th, 2016 the outstanding balance due and owing pursuant to the Judgment and Decree will be \$4,480.72.

NOTICE OF SALE

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will, at **10:00 a.m.**, in the forenoon of **January 28th, 2016**, at the office of the Sheriff, 702 Rosita Ave., Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness evidenced by the judgment and Decree secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees,

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the expenses of sale, and other items allowed by law, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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

A notice of intent to cure filed pursuant to section 38-38-104 shall be filed with the officer at least fifteen calendar days prior to the first scheduled sale date or any date to which the sale is continued. **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.**

A notice of intent to redeem filed in pursuant to section 38-38-302 shall be filed with the officer no later than eight business days after the sale.

The Lien of the deed of trust being foreclosed may not be a first lien.

DATE: **October 23, 2015**

Sheriff of the County of Custer, State of Colorado
Shannon K. Byerly
By: Shannon K. Byerly, Sheriff

The name, address and telephone number of the attorneys representing the legal holder of the evidence of debt are as follows: Jay Printz, P.C. # 38397 105 S. Second St., Westcliffe, Colorado 81252. Telephone number, 719-783-9494.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE SHERIFF'S COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE FOR PUBLICATION

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

Sheriff's Foreclosure Sale No. **15-CCSS-003** was commenced in the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to that certain Order for Entry of Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure ("Judgment and Decree") entered on August 16, 2015 by the District Court of the County of Custer, Colorado in Civil Action No. **2015 CV 030012, Blumenau Subdivision 3 v Phyllis Salazar et al** to foreclose the deed of trust described as follows ("Deed of Trust"):

Original Grantor: Phyllis Salazar and Antoniette Salazar
Current Beneficiary: Blumenau Subdivision #3 Home-owners Association
Date of Deed of Trust: August 16th, 2015
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: August 20th, 2015
Recorded in Custer County: Reception Number 226028
Original Principal Amount: \$1,378.92
Outstanding Balance: \$4,478.98

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

A parcel of land, Lot No. 31, Blumenau Subdivision, filing No. 3 in the Subdivision, also known as 290 Pipeweed Path, Westcliffe, CO 81252, County of Custer, State of Colorado.

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

LEIN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

As of January 28th, 2016 the outstanding balance due and owing pursuant to the Judgment and Decree will be \$ 4,478.98.

NOTICE OF SALE

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will, at **11:00 a.m.**, in the forenoon of **January 28th, 2016**, at the office of the Sheriff, **702 Rosita Ave., Westcliffe, CO 81252**, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of said Grantor(s),

Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness evidenced by the judgment and Decree secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale, and other items allowed by law, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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A notice of intent to redeem filed in pursuant to section 38-38-302 shall be filed with the officer no later than eight business days after the sale.

The Lien of the deed of trust being foreclosed may not be a first lien.

DATE: **October 23, 2015**

Sheriff of the County of Custer, State of Colorado
Shannon K. Byerly
By: Shannon K. Byerly, Sheriff

The name, address and telephone number of the attorneys representing the legal holder of the evidence of debt are as follows: Jay Printz, P.C. # 38397 105 s. Second St., Main St, Westcliffe, Colorado 81252. Telephone number, 719-783-9494.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Custer County BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Tentative Agenda WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2015 9:00 AM Meeting Location: Commissioners Boardroom

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Audience introduction
Public Comment
Approval of minutes
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
Review vouchers and sign checks
- Rocky Mountain Behavioral Health, Inc. status update
CSU Extension report – R. Young
5 AM) Lodge at San Isabel Liquor License Renewal – K. Camper
West Custer Library Board Appointment ratifications
- A. Moulton
File: Cease and Desist #102-87-405 /682 CR230 – M. Woods & L. Woods
Tyler/Eagle Technologies – JD Henrich-Assessor
Search/Rescue sub lease agreement-Wet Mountain Broadcasting Corp.
Search/Rescue roof repair estimate
Wetmore Community Center/Library Project
Elected Official State Salary Increase

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

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william.a.good@comcast.net



**Dr. Kayla Ingram
Dr. Scott Gillespie**

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1200 Broadway in Silver Cliff

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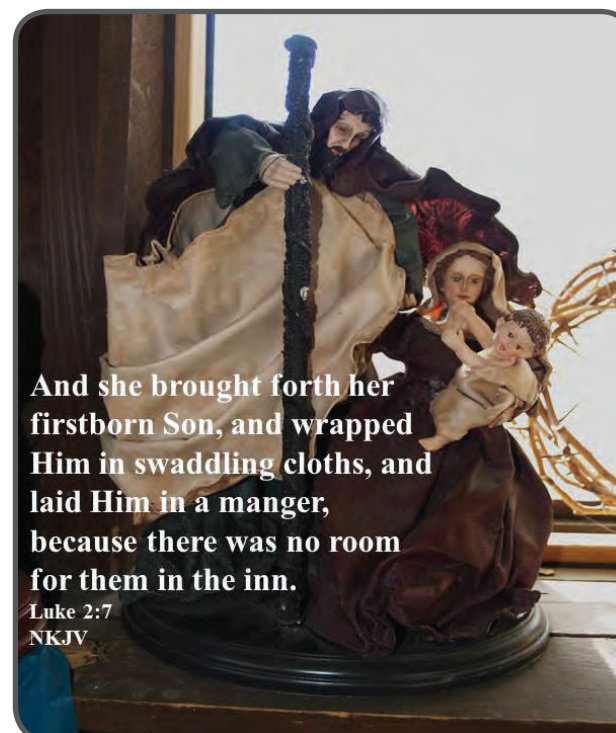
Come Join us for Holiday Public Swim Hours:
Dec. 18th through Jan. 2nd from 1 to 3 pm.
Please call ahead to confirm the pool is open.

The Club is closed on Christmas and
New Years Day and Closing at 4 pm
on Dec. 24th & Dec. 31st.

Wishing you a Happy & Healthy New Year!

719-783-0750

Club America WMV
Aquatics and Fitness Center



**And she brought forth her
firstborn Son, and wrapped
Him in swaddling cloths, and
laid Him in a manger,
because there was no room
for them in the inn.**

Luke 2:7
NKJV

A Good Start on the Home Court

Lady Bobcats Win Against Sierra Grande 49 - 45



Lady Bobcats back row from left: Taylor Staton, Megan Frahm, McKensie Penkoff, Halie Lemons, Nicole Lorenzen, Jenna Henrich, Cody Young, Katie Florom, and Darby Ross. Front row from left: Jesse Henrich, Kayla Carter, Tisha Schlabach, Ashley Gillum, Elizabeth Mullett, and Lauren Kitchen. Not pictured: Athena Wisecup.



Local Mountain News & Notices

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.*

Anne's Grooming

by Carol Clemenson

Anne Hewitt has opened up a pet grooming shop at 615 Main Street, Westcliffe, CO. She can be reached at 719-371-0728 or email at anneburke67@gmail.com. Grooming hours are Tuesday through Saturday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. She is closed Sunday and Monday.

Anne has 19 years of grooming experience. She came to Westcliffe from Aurora, Colorado a year ago, and opened her shop in July of 2015. The business has been pretty successful.

Her prices vary, depending on what the customer wants done. Small animals are \$30 -\$35, medium animals are \$40 - \$45, and animals over 60 pounds are \$50 and up. Anne has even groomed Great Pyrenees Mountain dogs. Anne is up to the challenge. Please



Anne Hewitt of Anne's Grooming.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

stop by or call. She is very pleasant to talk to and loves animals. Gift certificates are also available.

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding.*

Proverbs 3:5, NIV

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

Fateries

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

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

JB's Café
closed for the month of November.
Reopening in December at a New Location!

The Mining Company Restaurant
60 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9144
Mon., Thurs. - Sun., 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tues., 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Closed Wednesdays

Nacho Mama's
404 Main St. • Silver Cliff
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Closed Monday
Tues. - Thurs. - 12-7p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 12-9
Sunday 12-7

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719/783-2031
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Sat. & Sun., 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Silver Cliff Pizza Company
upstairs in the Silver Dome Saloon
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Call for hours

Subway (inside JR's Fuel Stop)
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Mon.-Sat., 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sundays, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

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

Silver Cliff Mountain Inn
700 Ohio Street • Silver Cliff
719/783-2688
Sat. - Wed., 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Thurs. & Fri., 7 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Open 7 days a week

Tony's Mountain Pizza
630 Main St.
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 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 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.

For Sale

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

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Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 157 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 11 to EMS and 4 to the Fire Dept. As of December 21st, there were 2 males and 1 female inmates in the county jail.

12/16/15:

Arrests:

John Culver: A deputy was dispatched to CR 328 in response to a 911 call regarding a man with a rifle. The subject left the scene and then returned. He pulled up behind the reporting party while she was on the telephone with the Sheriff's Office and then drove away again. John Culver of Westcliffe was subsequently arrested for menacing, reckless driving, and third degree assault.

John Culver: A deputy was dispatched to Schulze Ranch Road for a domestic dispute. John Culver of Westcliffe was arrested for harassment, menacing, and third degree assault.

12/17/15:

Arrests:

Anthony Condoluci of Cañon City was arrested on CR 265 on an outstanding warrant for reckless driving and littering on private property.

Bradley Lehman of Westcliffe was arrested for menacing, third degree assault, and domestic violence. There was also an outstanding warrant for his arrest for felony menacing - real/simulated weapon.

Traffic Summons:

Boyd Meyer of Windsor, CO, was issued a summons for speeding 10 -19 over in a school zone.

12/18/15:

Chase Hall of Salida, CO, was issued a summons for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Flight for Life:

Dispatch received a 911 call regarding a male experiencing chest pains and having difficulty breathing on Rito Alto Avenue in Centennial Ranch. Flight for Life was dispatched to the call. In addition, the Wet Mountain Fire Department was dispatched to the scene to establish a landing zone for Flight.

12/19/15:

GunShot Wound: The Custer County Clinic called the Sheriff's Office to report an accidental self-inflicted gunshot wound. A male from Silver Cliff shot himself through the foot with a .22 caliber pistol.

Traffic Summons:

Coy Saey of Mabank, Texas, was issued a summons for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Vandalism:

Dispatch received a 911 call reporting possible vandalism in progress. The reporting party stated that a red truck had driven through the park on Main Street and run over a trash can.

Arrests:

David Espinosa of Colorado Springs was arrested and issued a summons for driving with his license restrained, displaying an

expired temporary permit, operating an unregistered vehicle, and making an illegal right turn.

Alice Carson of Westcliffe was arrested and issued a summons for driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or both, driving a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 or greater, and careless driving. This incident is related to the call of the vehicle that drove through Jesse Price Park.

12/20/15:

Arrests:

Jason Lafary of Coto-paxi, CO, was arrested and charged with driving a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 or more, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs or both, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, driving a motor vehicle with a license under restraint (revoked), operating a vehicle with only one number plate attached, and operating a vehicle not equipped with tails lamps as required.

12/21/15:

Suspicious Individuals:

Dispatch received a report of two suspicious individuals heading westbound on foot on Highway 96. The subjects had already been stopped by Colorado State Patrol. They are walking from Missouri to New Mexico, camping along the way.

Hay Theft:

A deputy took a report that 90 bales of hay were stolen in the area of Hermit and Macey Lane.

Events Calendar

December 18 - January 3
No School - Christmas Break

Wednesday December 30
9 a.m. - Commissioners meeting, at the County Courthouse

Saturday January 23
10:30 a.m. - West Custer Library: *Two Women, a dream, and a ranch called Singing Acres.* Local

author Carol Wilson and Clara Reid are back on the schedule to talk about Carol's book. It tells the story of Clara and her friend Margaret Locarnini, and their adventures horse ranching here in the Wet Mountain Valley. Carol and Clara will be available to sign books after the discussion. Contact us for more information at 719-783-9138 or info@westcusterlibrary.org.

Recurring Events

Monday
6 p.m. Closed step study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim: 783-2053 or (360)509-9172 or Emilie: (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 the first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 a.m.

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.

1st and 3rd Mondays
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Writers group at the Library. If you write or would like to start writing, please join us in the Community Room for peer editing, feedback, ideas, comradery, and more.

Tuesday
12 - 4:30 p.m. Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe,
6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Music @ The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff. Call Barb St. Amour: 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. West Custer County 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: 783-2053 / (360)509-9172, or Emilie:(719) 371-5974.

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

Last Wednesday of the month
11 a.m. Book Club meeting at the West Custer County Library. Open to the Public.

First Thursday of the Month
4:15 - 6 p.m. at the West Custer County Library, Computer help for adults. Need help using your computer or other computer-related things? Come to the library on the first Thursday of the month and receive one-on-one instruction from local teens, FREE!

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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 at (719) 371-5974.

Saturday
10 a.m. Wet Mountain Al-Anon Family Group meets at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Dee (719) 404-1851 or Jean (719) 371-1229.
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2 p.m. Laughter Yoga at the West Custer County Library open to the public.
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403 W. 5th St. Florence

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City Hall 128 Main St. Cañon City

County Commissioners
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Royal Gorge Tea Party
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4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
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Nativity Shines Without Star This Year

by Charlotte Burrous

The Nativity scene on Skyline Drive has been a main stay in Cañon City since 1958. This year, its appearance has looked different without the star shining above the manger scene.

“(Recently) Black Hills Energy and ASG Energy ... provided all new LED lightbulbs for it,” said Jason Messer, who has helped to keep it going along with other Rotary members. “Black Hills Energy helped us lower that star down. We re-rigged it so it’s a little bit safer. When we got it down, we replaced all 100 lightbulbs with low energy LED lightbulbs. We were really excited to get it lit up (because) it was going to be brighter than ever this year. We light it up on Thanksgiving evening, (but) when we flipped the breaker, it wasn’t working.”

By the time everyone came back from the Thanksgiving break and diagnosed what the problem was, they discovered the wiring on the side of the star had

shorted out.

“We essentially have to take the star back down and rewire the whole thing. We’re going to reuse the same star. That’s where we’re at now,” he said. “We won’t get it done for this year.”

The idea began in 1955 with the Rotary Club of Cañon City decided to erect a huge Christmas display on Skyline Drive for the community. It took several years before they could design and erect it to be lit every Christmas.

The scene consists of Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus in a manger, an angel, a star, and the three Wise Men, which were built by inmates on the mountainside above Colorado Territorial Correctional Facility (CTCF) in 1958.

It has stood as a remembrance of the Christmas season in Cañon City since.

Through the years, when it deteriorated with the weather, 17-year-old Jeremy Blatnick decided to restore the wooden scene



Nativity scene star is being fixed, and will be back next year.

Courtesy photo by John Penezic

for his Eagle Scout project in 2011.

When he started working on it, the paint had peeled completely off and the wood of the manger scene had rotted, according to the archives at the Royal Gorge Regional Museum & History Center. At that point, he stabilized the manger then scraped off the old paint on all the figures before repainting the whole scene.

A member of Boy Scout Troop 121 at the time, Blatnick graduated from Florence High School several years later.

“The Rotary Club continues to sponsor the Nativity scene annually,” said the archives from May 9, 1979. “Cooperating with Rotary in this venture are the personnel of (CTCF) who handle maintenance chores, with Rotary paying for any

materials which may have to be used. For some years, electric power was furnished free of charge by the Southern Power Company. In more recent years, state regulatory authorities have frowned disapprovingly on public utility donations, even to worthy causes. Thus, the Rotary Club of Cañon City, pays for the electric power used at the customary rates per kilowatt hour.”

Fremont Upcoming Events for Dec. 26-Jan. 8

Cañon City Public Library will host its Food for Fines event until Dec. 31. To get fines removed, bring in one nonperishable food item for every overdue book. No expired or open food item will be accepted.

The Fremont Civic Theater will present its 17th Annual “Reunion at Hippie High” murder mystery dinner theater on New Year’s Eve at the Abbey Event Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. Wear your best hippie attire. Dinner consist of beef medallions, puff pastry chicken, or stuffed portobello mushroom. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. For more information on events, call 719-275-8989.

Mandy Reed will present “FDIC Money Smart Financial Education Class.” Sponsored by the Cañon City Chamber of Commerce, the class starts at noon the first Tuesday of the month at Cañon National Bank. For more information or to reserve a spot, call the chamber office at 275-2331.

First Friday will be held from 5-7

p.m. Jan. 8 in historic downtown Cañon City. This month’s First Friday will be delayed a week because of New Year’s holiday. The first Friday of every month, residents are invited to head down Main Street from 5-7 p.m. in Cañon City to check out all the stores that stay open late just for you. Music, food, art, and more.

Ethical Vegan Society of Cañon City meets at 4 p.m. the first Sunday of every month. These meetings are open to everyone who is interested in learning about eating a plant-based diet. The next event scheduled is Jan. 3. The location of each monthly meeting varies. Contact harrietbalhiser@bresnan.net for the meeting location for each month.

The Royal Gorge Artists Association will host its 13th Annual Salute to Southern Colorado Artists at the Fremont Center for the Arts at 505 Macon Ave. The exhibition kicks off with an opening reception from 4-5 p.m. for members and from 5-7:30 p.m. Jan. 8 with Pueblo artist Robert Wands as juror of

the awards. A portion of the sales in this exhibit will go for RGAA scholarships. Also, see selected local students’ art on display. FCA is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free for FCA members and children under 12, and \$3 for

non-members. For more information, call 275-2790.

The Fremont County Hunger Task Force meets the second and fourth Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the Vineyard Connections Café at 245 S. Raynolds Ave. The next meeting is scheduled Jan. 14.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

Matthew 2:1, NIV

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Congressional Budget More Funds for the Unjust

In the election a year ago in November, the American public sent a message to Congress: We do not want the tax and spend status quo. Apparently, the Congress didn't listen. Even as House Speaker John Boehner resigned and Paul Ryan was elected, his first House omnibus appropriations bill continues to redistribute wealth by taking your hard earned money and giving it to others. The political gamesmanship with our money is beyond the pale of good taste. The government is growing bigger and more powerful, while the citizenry becomes further at risk--both physically because the government fails to see the domestic threat of Islam, and financially because the government is taking your money for bad use.

As the reports come in on the new government budget, we are seeing that the "president" got exactly what he wanted from establishment House Republicans. Funding for Planned Parenthood--after all that has been documented about this evil entity--remained. Apparently, the Democrats said they wouldn't support the budget bill unless the abortion mill got its full fare, and the Republicans (who hold the majority) caved in. The Republicans in the House made it more difficult to repeal socialist healthcare; they funded the Administration's hobby project on climate change through another fund, after all the Republican promises that they would dismantle socialist healthcare and not fund global warming.

But wait, there's more. This backroom budget deal is just getting started. The Washington Times reports, "the 233-

page document moves away from deficit-cutting and embraces dozens of special tax breaks that presidential candidates in both parties had said they wanted to eliminate... Tax breaks on everything from racehorses and film productions to NASCAR racetracks to college tuitions and teachers' out-of-pocket classroom expenses are covered in the massive deal." Senator Jeff Sessions (R-Al), one of the few conservatives fighting the good fight, said, the people didn't elect Congress "to line the pockets of special interests and big business. That's not what we are here for." But it's what happened in the House.

Now where do the American people turn? The "president" and his party no longer hide their socialism and openly attack those who don't agree with them. The Republican "opposition" hides behind Christianese and faux conservative rhetoric, but supports the Democratic socialism with impunity. Isaiah 59:9 says, "Therefore justice is far from us, neither does righteousness overtake us: we wait for light, but behold darkness; for brightness, but we walk in gloom." But there is a place to turn for honest, hard working, common sense people. His name is Jesus Christ. For we know that He has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind. Let us pray and act. As a nation, we need to repent. As a people, we need to pray and act that we not perish in the hands of these evil doers.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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The End of the Republican Party and Perhaps a Free America: Why One Congressman Voted No

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: Alternate Headline: Colorado RINO Republican Betrays America - U.S. Senator Cory GARDNER VOTED "YES" ON THE SPENDING BILL THAT GIVES THE ULTRA LEFT SOCIALISTS EVERYTHING THEY WANT! And when you have the most radical libs and Nobama endorsing a republican created bill that will bankrupt America, both fiscally and morally, you know that there IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO corrupt, duplicitous, power-crazed parties. Time for some radical changes, patriots.)

Paul Anthony Gosar is an American Republican politician and member of the United States House of Representatives from Arizona since 2011, representing Arizona's 4th congressional district.

Yesterday, Gosar took to his Facebook page to expose the reality of the massive Omnibus Spending Bill... and who is to blame... **Why I Am Voting NO on the Massive Omnibus Spending Bill:**

Once again I find myself shaking my head at the wasteful spending in D.C. and a flawed process that drops thousands of pages of text on us with 48 hours to "read" and understand. I wish I could put all the blame on big spending Democrats, liberals who seek to bankrupt our nation and others who are ignorant of the fiscal crisis within which we live. But I can't. Congress is controlled by Republicans. So, this massive and wasteful spending bill is on Republican leadership—who continues the pattern I have seen for 5 years now.

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If I sound disappointed, it's because I am. Republicans have been elected around the country on the simple promise of reducing spending and the size of the federal government. To rein in a lawless and dangerously incompetent Obama administration. We know what the American people want. They have made that clear in the last three election cycles. Except for the sequester vote in August 2011 (a law I proudly voted for and that ac-

tually reduced spending 3 years in a row), no other law has been enacted that makes meaningful cuts to spending. I am disappointed but I refuse to give up.

Central American Minors (CAM) program.

It increases IRS spending by over \$200 million and includes a \$500

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There are some items in the Omnibus that I support and fought to have included such as eliminating taxpayers bailouts of the Obamacare "risk corridor" program and delaying the "Cadillac tax" which puts 2 more nails in the Obamacare coffin, funding for PILT and SCAAP, as well as lifting the crude oil export ban which I have taken a lead role in accomplishing. Additionally, the Omnibus bill includes the House-passed language that reforms the VISA Waiver Program.

But the bad far outweighs the good, and overall, this bill misses so many opportunities. A bill with 2242 pages of legislative text and over 1000 pages of explanatory material was first released at 1:34 a.m. today and we will vote on it this Friday. I am not Nancy Pelosi. I will not vote to pass a bill just to find out later what is in it. That is irresponsible and silly. Bottom line: this is a big spending bill. It spends more (\$50 billion) than is authorized and agreed to under the Budget Control Act of 2011. This alone is reason to reject this bill. We set limits that are intended to implement our campaign promises.

This Omnibus does not defund the president's executive amnesty orders and fails to prevent funds for sanctuary cities, both abdications of the power of the purse. The bill failed to defund Obamacare. This bill failed to include a provision blocking refugees from Syria from being resettled in this country until we have a system that can properly vet them. Worse yet, the bill allows the president to bring in as many refugees as he wants and allows access for these refugees to welfare and entitlements at taxpayer expense.

The bill failed to block the EPA's new WOTUS, Clean Power Plan and Ozone regulations. It also failed to block the administration's new AFFH rule, to block the new Stream Protection Rule and to block the BLM's new fracking rule, do anything to limit massive designations of new national monuments under the Antiquities Act by Obama and to block the new

million increase for the wasteful and inefficient Head Start program. The bill increases funding for the EPA \$717.73 million above the House passed bill.

The bill fails to block funding for Planned Parenthood and will allow hundreds of millions to continue to flow to the organization's coffers (\$528.4 million in federal funding last year alone).

The bill egregiously extends the Wind PTC for five years and extends LWCF for three years with no meaningful reforms even though the program is now unauthorized. The bill includes \$226.8 million for new land acquisition and to lock-up more land, even though the federal government can't even manage the land it currently owns.

The bill bails out the International Monetary Fund by increasing the U.S. quota. This IMF will now have access to even more taxpayer dollars in order to fund bailouts of other irresponsible governments like Greece.

To make matters worse, there were tons of great riders that passed both Houses and were even included in base bills that somehow failed to make it into the final bill.

The fact that extremist environmental groups are pleased and that Obama hasn't threatened a veto tells you everything you need to know about this fundamentally-flawed bill.

I refuse to go along with the status quo of more wasteful and abusive government spending. It doesn't have to be this way. We must have the courage to fix our broken budget process and return to regular order. As long as I represent hard-working Arizonans, I will never stop fighting to end this madness. This is my line in the sand and I refuse to back down.

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Republican Congress Passes New Unlimited Citizen Spying Bill

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

If you vote for, support, donate to, or otherwise have anything to do with these candidates you are a traitor to this nation and deserve to be stripped of your citizenship and deported to North Korea.

The list now includes:

- Senator Lindsey Graham
- Senator Rubio, who did not show up to vote.

Why? Not just because they voted for or didn't show up on the Omnibus spending bill, which for all intents and purposes gives Democrats everything they wanted.

No, it's because the bill included CISA, a

broad-reaching internet "security" bill that not only provides for warrantless interception of anything, it also provides for blanket and permanent immunity for companies that provide said interception.

I remind you that Paul Ryan, Republican speaker of the house, brought this c*** to the floor and pushed it through.

This is far worse than what was originally proposed, which allowed such "sharing" only for "imminent threat" law enforcement purposes beyond terrorism investigations. Now, the interception can be used for virtually any law-enforcement purpose, and you can bet it will be too. Posted a bong selfie picture two years ago, did you? Oh bummer....

The 4th Amendment in cyberspace literally died right here, right now, today and it was the Republican and Democrat Parties together that lit it on fire and shoved it up your a**, America.

Make sure you provide the requisite thunderous applause for Emperor Palpatine and his Imperious Senators.

(Editor/GG: Republican Colorado U.S. House Reps RINO Scott Tipton, RINO Doug Lamborn and U.S. Senate member RINO Cory Gardner voted for this unconstitutional, un-American bill. Traitors to the Constitution.)

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More Global Warming Lies: Corrupt Temperature Readings!

by Barbara Hollingsworth,
CNSNews.com

Surface temperatures recorded over three decades at 410 ideally situated weather stations are markedly lower than temperatures recorded at stations located near multiple heat-sinks, according to a new study presented Thursday at the 2015 fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco.

The study examined the 30-year temperature records collected from a subset of 410 weather stations belonging to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Historical Climatology Network (USHCN) of 1,218 stations.

"A 410-station subset of U.S. Historical Climatology stations is identified [as one] that experienced no changes in time of observation or station moves during the 1979-2008 period. These stations are classified on proximity to artificial surfaces, buildings, and other such objects with unnatural thermal mass," according to the study, entitled Comparing of Temperature Trends Using an Unperturbed Subset of the U.S. Historical Climatology Network.

"The United States temperature trends estimated from the relatively few stations in the classes with minimal artificial impact are found to be collectively about 2/3 as large as U.S. trends estimated in the classes with greater expected artificial impact," the re-

searchers report.

The study "suggests that the trend for U.S. temperature will need to be corrected. We also see evidence of this same sort of siting problem around the world at many other official weather stations, suggesting that the same upward bias on trend also manifests itself in the global temperature record."

However, "the data suggests that the divergence between well and poorly sited stations is gradual, not a result of spurious step change due to poor metadata," they concluded.

"The majority of weather stations used by NOAA to detect climate change temperature signal have been compromised by encroachment of artificial surfaces like concrete, asphalt, and heat sources like air conditioner exhausts. This study demonstrates conclusively that this issue affects temperature trend and that NOAA's methods are not correcting for this problem, resulting in an inflated temperature trend," said lead author Anthony Watts, who blogs at Watts Up With That?

"The poorest sites tend to be warmer," explained co-author John Nielsen-Gammon, professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M University.



USHCN weather station in Marysville, Calif. is located next to an asphalt parking lot and near several air conditioning exhaust vents.(surfacestation.org)

Courtesy image

(Editor/GG: Bottom line: They are LYING. Satellite data shows NO increase. Readings from the uncompromised temp stations shows NO or REDUCED warming. Also, the phony "models" they feed this bad data in are slanted towards producing a temperature rise. Why the lying? Follow the money: the grant money that these corrupt, lying "scientists" get comes from left wing governments and left wing "non-profits" that want to control our lives by any means possible. Controlling businesses is their mission. How? Via phony global warming. How do you get phony global warming? Via the grant process. No global warming results, no money. These scientists are prostitutes. In the worst sense.)

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Whose Job's on the Line: Colorado Lawmakers Plead for Trapper Mine to Stay Open

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Our political representatives are asking Interior Secretary Sally Jewell to hurry up and complete the court-ordered review of the Trapper Mine in Craig.

This would be the other mine targeted by environmentalists who failed to shut down the Colowyo in the same legal suit.

If the feds don't complete the review by April, then the mine faces certain clo-

sure, nearly 200 jobs will be lost along with \$22 million in annual wages and benefits and the feds will lose out on their cut, \$10 million a year.

"Further, the Trapper Mine contributes approximately 50% of the total fuel for the Craig Power Generating Station, which is another significant employer in the area, and a critical facility for regional electricity production and transmission. The mine also has a track record of developing its

resources in a safe and environmentally sound manner," the lawmakers wrote.

The letter was signed by U.S. Sens. Cory Gardner and Michael Bennet, along with U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton and Gov. Hickenlooper.

It seems hypocritical to us that Bennet and Hickenlooper signed the letter, seeing as how both are supporting the EPA's Clean Power plan, which is Hell bent on closing coal-fired power plants, and in essence, the actual coal

mines.

But with Bennet running for reelection, and most of the Colorado electorate stating in recent polls they are not likely to reelect the Democrat, it appears that it's not only the coal miners jobs that are at stake.

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Even El Rushbo Gets It Now... Time to Disband GOP

by Tim Brown,
FreedomOutPost.com

This latest sellout by Republicans in the House of Representatives has apparently been the straw that broke the camel's back for America's "harmless, loveable, little fur ball" Rush Limbaugh. On Thursday, the talk radio show host not only ripped into the Republican Party, but went so far as to say that it should be disbanded.

Limbaugh went through various things, such as I did, that the Omnibus bill funds, things that Republicans and "conservatives" claim they don't support, yet supported, such as the funding of Planned Parenthood and climate change.

"And this is causing some people to wonder if they just dreamed all that stuff about Boehner resigning," Limbaugh said. "And then other people are wondering if they even dreamed all that stuff about the Republicans winning the largest number of seats they've had in Congress since the Civil War. We had two midterm elections in 2010 and 2014, which were landslide victories for the Republican Party. The Democrat Party lost over a thousand seats nationwide in just those two elections. People went to the polls in droves wanting exactly what was rubber-stamped last night (or what will be) stopped."

"And instead they showed up in record numbers, and it turned out and they just defeated Democrats down the ballot," he added. "In the process, they elected Republicans to stop this. And now the Republicans have the largest number of seats in the House they've had in Congress since the Civil War. And it hasn't made any difference at all. It is as though Nancy Pelosi is still running the House and Harry Reid is still running the Senate. 'Betrayed' is not even the word here. What has happened here is worse than betrayal. Betrayal is pretty bad, but it's worse than that."

The talk show host then went on to elaborate.

"This was out-and-out, in-our-face lying, from the campaigns to individual statements made about the philosophical approach Republicans had to all this spending," Limbaugh said.

"There is no Republican Party!" Limbaugh said, as he was clearly frustrat-

ed. "You know, we don't even need a Republican Party if they're gonna do this. You know, just elect Democrats, disband the Republican Party, and let the Democrats run it, because that's what's happening anyway. And these same Republican leaders doing this can't, for the life of them, figure out why Donald Trump has all the support that he has? They really can't figure this out?"

**"This was
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lying."**

Well, welcome aboard Rush. Honestly, over the years, I found Rush Limbaugh entertaining when I would listen to him, but let's be honest, he's a business man. If he wanted to run for the office of President, there would have been plenty of people who would have supported him. However, he would have to "take a pay cut" as he has often said to do it and he isn't going to do that.

The reality is that Rush, like it or not, has been somewhat of a waterboy for the Republican Party. I even remember years ago in 2006 when George W. Bush was in office that Limbaugh said, "I'm tired of carrying the water

for people who don't deserve having their water carried." He didn't say what other accused him of, which was he was leaving the Party and such, but said he was tired of being a waterboy for people who didn't deserve it. Yet, he continued to do it through the McCain/Palin and Romney/Ryan campaigns, neither of which actually advanced the things he speaks about as being Constitutional. Anyone remember his glowing praise of candidate Ryan? Hmmm?

I hope maybe now he understands just what that kind of thinking gets us, though I confess, I still think he will continue to push the Republican Party.

This isn't a smackdown of Rush, but it is an observation that though he saw plenty of tell-tale signs along the way from years ago, he continued to toe the Party line in one way or another.

I would love to see a change made that advanced the true foundation of the country, which is the Bible and start calling these tyrants what they are: Lawless, Godless tyrants, and yes, I mean that not only on the Democrat side of the aisle, I mean it on the Republican side too!

It is because we have abandoned our God and allowed these degenerates to remain in office that the country is on the brink of another civil war. God help us!

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The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand

2015



If You Don't Own Military-Grade Weapons, You're Failing As a Citizen

by Bob Owens,
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The radical leftists that make up the bulk of the politimedia (the revolving door between the Democrat Party and the mainstream media) are completely unwilling to deal with the fact that the male terrorist who carried out the attack on the Christmas party at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino described himself as "a good Muslim" and "very liberal" in his political views.

They're also unwilling to admit that his terrorist wife easily passed through the same DHS screening that the Obama Administration wants to give Syrian refugees after ISIS boasted of seeding trained terrorists among them, or that California's incredibly strict gun laws simply fail to stop either common criminals, mass murderers, or terrorists.

These only disarm law-abiding citizens, setting them up to be victimized by criminals, terrorists, and tyrants.

Of course, that is what these laws are designed to do.

The clear intention of the American Left of gutting the Second Amendment, my friends, is a mockery of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the philosophies that built this nation.

Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, and Martin O'Malley are un-American candidates, representing a perverse cartoon wing of a once-proud political party.

Not only should sane, non-felon American citizens be armed, they should be able to purchase the most advance firearms they can afford to purchase without infringement from the federal government, as the Founding Fathers explicitly demanded.

The Second Amendment was never about "muskets."

Choke down this fact: Thomas Jefferson owned an Austrian repeater with a 20-round magazine built a year before the Second Amendment was ratified. He sent it west with Lewis & Clark, setting westward expansion into motion, and has dramatically in-

fluenced world history as a result. It can fairly be said that the single most important firearm in world history was an assault rifle manufactured before the Bill Of Rights was recognized.

The Founding Fathers explicitly viewed multi-barrel weapons, fast-firing rifles, handguns, cannon, howitzers, mortars, rockets, hand grenades, early machine guns, submarines, torpedoes, and privately-owned warships capable of flattening coastal cities as arms suitable for ownership by American citizens. We know this because each and every single one of these weapon systems was in use and owned by private citizens.

Through the majority of American history the only limit to the arms a citizen could own was the size of his bank account. In most families, the single most expensive investment after the family home (and sometimes more expensive than the family home) was the purchase of the highest-quality firearms they could afford. When I did a private tour of the National Firearms Museum with Senior Curator Phil Schreier last month, he explained how citizens would spend the equivalent of a new car to purchase a long rifle in the 1700s and 1800s. It was that vital to their livelihoods and their liberty.

Firearms prices came down as both firearms and manufacturing technologies advanced. Repeating firearms in various configurations became commonplace, as did ever-more-specialized firearms for specific uses.

In each and every step along the way, the private citizen had firearms far more advanced than the soldiers of the United States military. when the Lakota and Cheyenne annihilated the Seventh Cavalry, some of their warriors were armed with lever-action Henry and Sharps rifles, while Custer's troopers were armed with single-shot breach-load-

ing Springfield. When Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders (a volunteer cavalry regiment) went to war in Cuba in 1898, their most powerful firearms was a pair of Colt-Browning M1895 7mm machine guns, an impulse purchase by several wealthy women on Madison Avenue in New York City.

Semi-automatic rifles were commercially successful in the United States for three decades before the military finally adopted the M1 Garand prior to World War II, and Colt started selling AR-15s to American citizens in 1963, six long years before a selective-fire variant called the M16A1 was finally adopted as the military's standard service rifle.

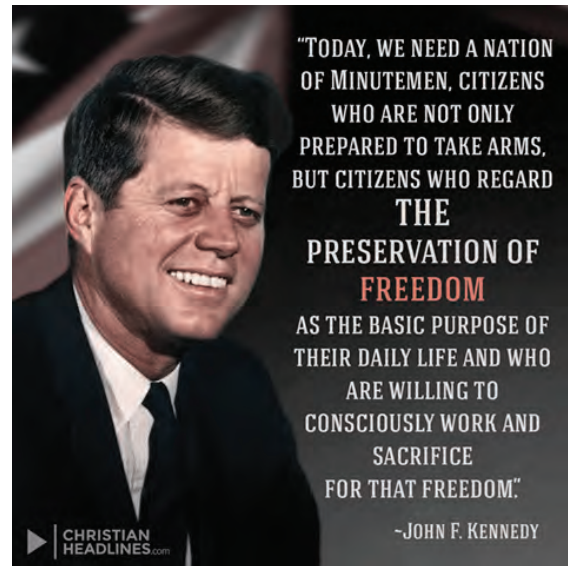
The major federal gun control laws—The National Firearms Act of 1934, the Gun Control Act of 1968, and the Hughes Amendment to the Firearms Owners Protection Act—are relatively recent and clear infringements that turned the Founder's clear intent upside down.

The Founding Fathers were very clear.

They wanted the American citizenry to be better armed than government, so that on those days government attempts to seize the people's liberty to increase their own power, the people could fight back, and triumph.

While it is fiscally impractical to impossible for citizens to afford modern warships, armored fighting vehicles, and other costly weapon systems, every citizen should be able to purchase the best military-grade small arms and they can afford.

The Second Amendment isn't about hunting. It was written by rebels who wanted to ensure that future citizens would be suitably armed with the most technologically-advanced weapons they could afford to resist tyrannical



Once a proud icon of the Democrat Party, John Kennedy would be booed out of the modern Democrat Party.

Courtesy image

government, which they've done as recently as 1946 and again in 2014.

More citizens need to be armed with the very firearms that these government-worshipping totalitarians would ban.

We need more citizens to arm themselves with rifles of contemporary military utility, standard-capacity magazines, sufficient amounts of ammunition, load-bearing equipment and body armor, and acquire proficiency in their use. More Americans should learn small unit infantry tactics, combat casualty care, and restore the mindset that the government is our servant, and we are it's masters.

If you do not own an AR-15 or equivalent rifle of contemporary militia utility, you are failing as an American citizen. If you do not have proficiency with a semi-automatic rifle, nor a grasp of why possession and mastery of such a weapon is vital to the continued existence of our Republic, you have been failed by your educators and your family.

Endeavor to fix that.

The American Revolution was never meant to end. We were never meant to be docile and meek, nor quake in febrile rage, demanding to be neutered.

Be armed and be free, or be less than a real American.

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Obama's Spokesman on Gun Sales

by Mike Vanderboegh, Sipseystreetirregulars.blogspot.com

It's "tragic." It's "ironic." So far out of touch with reality that Obama's spokesman can't be reached by a carrier pigeon taking a dump on his head.



Josh Earnest as a child. He didn't get it then and he doesn't get it now.

This anti-American bed-wetter is currently Obama's White House Press Secretary.

Headline:

"Josh Earnest: White House Flabbergasted, Shocked by Rising Gun Sales."

"It's tragic that in the immediate aftermath of a series of high profile mass shootings, that people feel like they have to go out and purchase a gun," he said. "That ready access to guns and that proliferation of violent weapons of war has not led to fewer gun deaths. It's tragic that even in the situation where we have lots of guns on the streets that lead to lots of innocent Americans being killed, that the response to that is that a whole lot more guns end up on the streets. That's tragic and ironic."

(Editor/GG: Quote above from: <https://pjmedia.com/trending/2015/12/11/josh-earnest-white-house-flabbergasted-shocked-by-rising-gun-sales>)

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Colorado ACLU Dude Denies His Own Post to Shoot Trump Supporters

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Another liberal, another fascist. A little slip of the pen, but he, and all progressives, are fascists at heart. Their hero is Stalin and their God is the secular state. If you think this lib was kidding, look at what happened to the monarchists after the russian revolution - the progressives hunted them down like dogs and killed millions. Look at Cuba, after the prince of progressives, Fidel Castro, took over, he and his other collectivists slaughtered tens of thousands. Hillary can't wait. Wonder what Hickenlooper has in store for us freedom loving citizens? Fair warning patriots.)

UPDATE: The ACLU of Colorado has accepted Wirbel's resignation, distancing itself from his comments saying, "members, supporters, and volunteers on their own personal social media sites should not be mistaken for endorsements or official statements of the ACLU of Colorado." The ACLU statement also referred to him as a "regional volunteer", according to the Washington Times.

Loring Wirbel, hateful dude.

Colorado ACLU Board Member Loring Wirbel is now denying that he urged his Facebook followers to shoot supporters of Donald Trump before they could elect him president.

Here's the lame excuse he provided KRDO:

 **Loring Wirbel**
December 7 at 7:15pm

The thing is, we have to really reach out to those who might consider voting for Trump and say, "This is Goebbels. This is the final solution. If you are voting for him I will have to shoot you before election day." They're not going to listen to reason, so when justice is gone, there's always force, as Laurie would say.



Trump, fear-monger in chief: Our view
He apparently doesn't care about turning himself into a threat to national security.

Image from Twitter, courtesy of ColoradoPeakPolitics
Following that post was:
WOW! Colorado Springs @ACLU Co-Chair Loring Wirbel calls for shooting #Trump supporters .@Bidenshairplugs

"It's very clear that wasn't my belief, that we shouldn't do that type of thing. That was all put together with comments from a bunch of other elements from other comments on other threads and presented as one unified whole as though I was the one advocating that trump supporters should be shot or anything, which is just not me. I don't believe in violence against people."

Trouble is, that's not clear at all.

As a matter of fact, Wirbel defended his comments about Trump's supporters to his Facebook buddies when he originally posted the comment on Monday.

"But see, most people don't even know what reason is. They don't use anything other than the lower brain and would no more make decisions based on logical conclusions than choose milk based on a theme song. The base of the Republican Party is unfamiliar with a cortex."

Interestingly, Wirbel didn't remove the posts and deny making them until the Daily Caller reported it Thursday night. We're not buying his excuse, and neither should the ACLU, which should demand an apology. For the complete rundown of his post, check out the Daily Caller.

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Americans. Something to Remember About the Original Three Percent



AMERICANS
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by Mike Vanderboegh, SipseyStreetIrregulars.Blogspot.com

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Jerry Falwell on Arming Students: 'It's Where All Universities Need to Go'

by Susan Jones, CNSNews.com

Jerry Falwell, Jr., the president of Liberty University, is once again urging all of his students, age 21 and older, to arm themselves for self-defense purposes.

"It's where all universities need to go," Falwell told Fox News's Sean Hannity Monday night.

Falwell appeared on the show three days after telling Liberty students, "I've always thought if more good people had concealed carry permits, then we could end those Muslims before they walk in and kill us." Falwell was talking about the slaughter of 14 people at the hands of Muslim radicals in San Bernardino, Calif. on Wednesday.

On Monday, Falwell told Hannity he is upset about Democrats' calls for gun control following the attack.

Falwell recalled the "terrible carnage" at nearby Virginia Tech eight years ago: "I remember thinking for years after that, what if just one of those students, one of those faculty members, had had a concealed carry permit? What if they had been able to stop that shooter before he killed 30-plus lives?"

"And I just determined after that in-

cident to make sure that Liberty University students were prepared, were able to protect themselves, to have the chance to protect themselves. It's not all students. It's only age 21 and older, faculty and staff. So we don't have a bunch of 18, 19, 20-year-old students running around with handguns.

"But it's a policy that's been in place here for several years, and it's worked well for us, and I'm proud that Liberty was one of the only schools to take that position initially. Now dozens have followed suit. And I think it's common sense. It's where all universities need to go."

Falwell called it sad that most university students cannot return fire if the need ever arises: "They would not be allowed to protect themselves. They would not be allowed to have a permit. We've got to change that in America."

Falwell also told Hannity that Liberty University is offering scholarships to the children of those killed in San Bernardino:

"We now have all the phone numbers and addresses of every single victim who has children, and we're contacting every one of them to offer assistance to their children, so that no matter what it takes for them to get a college education, they'll be able to

do it here.

"And that was the context of my remarks (at a convocation on Friday). And then I went on to say that I just could not believe that our president's answer to something so horrific as that (San Bernardino) is more gun control. That just defies common sense. It defies logic."

Falwell at the convocation on Friday repeated his earlier call for Liberty students to get a concealed carry permit: "We offer a free course," he told the convocation. "And let's teach them a lesson if they ever show up here."

Hillary Clinton, appearing on ABC's "This Week," called Falwell's comments about taking out Muslims "deplorable" and "hateful."

"No, I'll tell you what's deplorable is, Hillary's a liar," Falwell told Hannity on Monday. "That's not what I said. I went on to say those Muslims, before they can come in and kill us, referring specifically, if you listen to the first part of my comment, to the community center incident in California."

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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.



God’s Definition of Wisdom

“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.” (Matthew 2:1) God declares these gentlemen to be wise without any explanation; therefore, we must conclude that the Arbiter of all wisdom made that determination upon the basis of His own definition which is: “Wise men lay up knowledge” (Proverbs 10:14); “The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.” (Proverbs 18:15)

Their inquiry, “where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him,” is a clear indication that those “kings of Orient are” had been in the knowledge accumulation business for some time. The appearance of “his star” triggered a series of events that were predicated upon a wealth of gathered information.

Their research no doubt began in the initial book of Scripture which in the first three chapters records the creation of mankind, the introduction of choice, the fall of humanity into sin, and an immediate announcement of a permanent solution. What serious student could possibly pass by “And I will put enmity between thee (Satan) and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” (Genesis 3:15) This is the first Messianic reference in the Bible directly about Christ, because no woman has any seed. Only the man has the seed; therefore, the prophecy concerns the virgin birth, where a man’s seed in not involved. This idea was clearly confirmed when the truth seekers arrived at: “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14) Immanuel, by Scripture’s own interpretation means “God with us.” (Matthew 1:23) It didn’t take the wise men very long to conclude that the Lord’s remedy for redemption would be God Incarnate brought forth from a virgin.

The next problem was who, when, and where as the why had been firmly established. Abraham received Divine instruction to leave his homeland with the caveat: “And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:...and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.” (Genesis 12:1-3) The fog continues to lift when the promised Redeemer is narrowed to a nation which receives its geographical boundaries in Genesis 15:18. The Cornerstone

of wisdom was not content to generalize but went so far as to pinpoint the very tribe of Israel from which the Saviour would emanate. In addition, Joshua 15 lays out the real estate boundaries of the chosen tribe of Judah which produces “the Lion of the tribe of Judah.” (Genesis 49:8-12; Revelation 5:5) By the time Genesis is thoroughly reviewed, the why and where are answered.

The earnest seeker would not be satisfied without doing all possible to uncover the when of this most important prophecy. Fortunately Daniel 9:24 and 25 indicates a 483 year time table which concludes with the triumphal entry of Jesus on Palm Sunday. Nehemiah 2 informed the Magi that the clock began ticking when the command was given by Artaxerxes the Persian king to send a Jewish delegation back to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls of the city. (445 B.C.) For details see Sir Robert Anderson’s excellent book “The Coming Prince.” The math comes to a conclusion in Numbers 4:30 where they were told a Jewish young man was not eligible for priesthood until the age of thirty. Knowing that the Saviour must fulfill the role of intercessor and mediator between God and men (I Timothy 2:5), simple subtraction put the wise men in the zone! Numbers 24:17 promised the appearance of a unique star to announce the arrival of the one destined to “....save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21)

Matthew 2 indicates the revelation of the star motivated movement by the searchers to leave Babylon and travel to Israel but does not suggest that the star led them there. They traveled by faith based upon their study of Scripture. Only after they arrived in Jerusalem and inquired about the birth of the king of the Jews and were commissioned by deceitful Herod to seek out the babe did the star once again appear which led them to the location of Jesus. The last piece of the puzzle was completed...they stood before the Who and with clarity of recognition, they worshipped Him.

Spiritually speaking, the three gifts represent Christ’s three offices: Prophet, Priest, and King. The bitter perfume, “myrrh,” is for the prophet coming to die for sins; the “frankincense” is obviously for a priest ministering at the golden altar in incense; the “gold” is for the crown of a king.

Truly, wise men still seek Him! How fortunate we are that He, too, the wisest of all, is in the seeking business. “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10)

A Sheepdog Barks!

Conservatives have been betrayed by the Republicans. “Put us in power,” they begged. “We’ll stop Obama,” they promised. “We’ll restore regular order,” they lied. “We’ll defund Obamacare and Planned Parenthood,” they bragged. Like Ted Cruz recently said, McConnell is a liar. I just heard him say the senate has done a remarkable job. He is not only a liar, he is delusional. And Paul Ryan is no better. Boehner and McConnell promised over three-years ago, “We’ll fix this now that we are in control,” they crowed. They did not. And now Paul Ryan says, “Just wait until next year, we’ll fix this stuff.” Bull Poop! As far as I’m concerned he is no better, and may be worse, than John Boehner. Henceforth, I will call him Speaker Paul Boehner-Ryan or SPBR for short. He is a RINO through and through and not to be trusted. WOOF! This \$1.1 Trillion budget deal is a LPSD’s dream and it was brought to us by the Republicans. Shame.

Rand Paul said there is an unholy alliance in Washington, D.C., between the two parties. He is right! They compromise a little more each time there is a last minute deal made. We’ve heard this “it’s the best deal we could get because we are out of time,” excuse so often it has become sickening. And each time one of these 11th hour deals get done America becomes a little more Liberal, a little more Progressive and a lot more Socialist. WOOF! Obama and his LPSD cronies are thrilled with the deal. They agree to a little more on defense spending (oh how grateful we should be) and in return they get a lot of money to advance their social and welfare injustice agendas. Jack Welch, the renowned businessman, said “we got beans in this deal.” Oh yes, we did get something out of the budget deal; more debt, more spending, more Washington arrogance and greed, and more socialism. Why do the Republicans always get played like cheap bongo drums? Because they are part of the Cartel that Ted Cruz has exposed from the inside. Ted has been like an undercover informant that got behind the closed doors and has shed some light on what goes on. That is why he publicly called Mitch McConnell

a liar. Because Mitch is just like the other LPSDs. The Republican Party is in control and they are straw lions. They don’t have the courage to do what they promised. They are kittens among wolves and they go mew! They are weak and feckless. They have been afraid to confront the worst president in our history. They have let him accomplish his “destroy America” plan. They have rolled over on every important conservative issue. They are full of false promises. They did not protect America. They have utterly failed and fighting Obama is now officially over. God help us, as he will go unchecked in his last year. Thanks Republicans. MEEOW!

We must never forget how John Boehner went out the door. He crafted this deal that his protégé Paul just passed with the Democrats. He actually went on TV and said, “I could not let him walk into a dirty barn full of you know what. I did my best to clean it up for him.” That’s actually the most truth we’ve heard out of that crybaby from Ohio. The House of Representatives is truly a “dirty barn full of you know what!” And it existed because John Boehner let it exist. He had three years with a super majority to clean it up and he failed. MEEOW! Obama went on TV and called it a “good win.” The LPSDs in the House went on TV and said the budget deal was much to their liking. They proudly bragged that they had stopped over “150 poison pill measures.” Those “measures” were the promises made by Republicans to stop the LPSD agenda. Those “measures” are exactly what conservatives wanted and America needed. Those “measures” are what the Republicans campaigned on and for which we put them in powerful majorities. The lack of keeping these “measures” in the budget is why the Republicans are utter failures. MEEOW! And so we have 2016 to look forward to and the promise of Speaker Paul Boehner-Ryan that he will do better next year. Really? I’m calling WOOF on that! If the Republicans couldn’t stop the funding for disastrous programs like Planned Parenthood, Sanctuary Cities, the out-of-control EPA, Obamacare, and the Syrian Refugee Program in 2015 after all the horrible news they



never will. Charley Reese is totally correct. This crap happens because the 545 want it to happen. We clearly need to put a radical into the White House like Trump or Cruz. I personally believe our best hope is the “Cruz” Missile. It will not discriminate. It will destroy both LPSDs and as many establishment Republicans as necessary. Oh what a relief that would be. WOOF!

I’m going to end my last 2015 column with what I see as the “canary in the mine” story. I like to refer to these kinds of anecdotes as “Only In A Liberal Progressive America” or OIALPA stories. I usually have a hard time believing they are real. The sad part however is that they are real. We end 2015 on a two-part anecdote about public education in America. I’m sure most of you have seen the video of the Yale students signing petitions to repeal the First Amendment. The guy getting the signatures says things like “You shouldn’t have to be exposed to what you don’t want to hear” and the students agree and sign the petition. OMG! This, my friends, is a result of the LPSD influence on K-12 education. And over at Harvard they were passing out Holiday Placemats on Social Justice. It was designed as a guide for responding to conservative loved ones on racial and social justice issues over Christmas. It is covered in propaganda from Black Lives Matter and other radical viewpoints. One guideline suggested supporting the Syrian Refugees because it was like the exodus from Central America’s violence. It was obviously designed to counter Americans like me. My granddaughter doesn’t go to Harvard and that will make for a peaceful family Christmas dinner in my doghouse. Parents – you have been warned. The canary is dead! WOOF!

Merry Christmas to my friends and May God Have Mercy On America! Let’s renew this good fight next year. JMH



Parent Exposes Islam Indoctrination in Middle School Textbook

by Victor Skinner, EAGNews.com

(Editor/GG: This is NOT an isolated textbook. The progressive educational establishment has permeated the entire history/social studies curriculum with islamic propaganda. And note, as Ms. Whitney points, who helped write this anti-American trash. They are coming for our children....)

A New Jersey mother has dissected a middle school textbook she believes indoctrinates students into Islam under the guise of world history, and she wants it out of schools.

Laurel Whitney is spearheading growing parental opposition to the textbook "History Alive! Medieval World and Beyond" that's used at Eisenhower Middle School in Roxbury, New Jersey, among numerous other schools, Tap Into Roxbury reports.

Last week, she sent her objections for school officials in a professional 30-page presentation that lays out exactly how the text skews history in favor of Islam, and the disturbing authors behind the text.

Whitney broke her findings down into three topics: violence, bias, and religious preaching.

Violence:

This book contains overly graphic descriptions of hearts being cut out, beheadings, and suicides. These actions almost seem to be glorified, rather than condemned or reported objectively. Revenge and honor killings are also glorified as is the concept of martyrdom, suffering death due to one's religious beliefs or sense of honor. It also provides tips to pre-

pare and train for violence, pain, and surprise attacks. The book even goes as far as to provide a homemade bomb-making ingredients list which any child can purchase with a \$50 Amazon gift card and have left over money to buy a few packs of gum.

It's shocking that the school is willing to risk a child actually building this textbook-guided bomb. Between the impressionable and volatile age of these children and example after example of using violence to solve problems, not to fear death, and preparing for pain, this can be a recipe for disaster.

Bias:

First, it seems odd that this book would even include a unit on Islam since they are obviously highlighting the Medieval lives of people from different nationalities or regions such as the Romans, West-Africans, Americans, Chinese, and Japanese. Last time I checked, Islam is a religion and not a nationality. Why didn't they name the unit "People of the Mid-East" or "People of the Arabian Peninsula" instead of identifying them by religion adding inconsistency amongst the units?

"Whitney pointed out the chapter on Islam describes "Jihad" and "Sharia Law" in an entirely favorable light, omitting all violence. She also pointed out that slavery, child marriage, taxes, polygamy, and arranged marriages were discussed in depth in other societies, yet omitted from the Islam unit.

She wrote:

It is common knowledge that Mohammed often used violence to accomplish his

goals as did his followers. ... (O)ne of Mohammed's eleven wives, Aisha, was only 6 years old, meanwhile only his 40 year old wife, Khadija, was mentioned. Mohammed's family also owned slaves. Numerous times it was stated as fact that Jews and Christians lived peaceful under Muslim rule, but failed to mention that they were heavily taxed and treated like second-class citizens. How is all this omitted in the 6 whole chapters dedicated to Islam?

Whitney offers her theory.

A major contributing scholar for this book is Dr. Ayad al-Qazzaz who is a professor at Cal State Sacramento and known to be Anti-Israel, Anti-American, boycott Israel (BDS) supporter, and conspiracy theorist. His 1975 college thesis was on changing portrayal of Islam in textbooks so he had this

planned for a long time. You can ... listen to some of his rhetoric on YouTube regarding malicious military plans of the U.S., Israel provoking attacks and the U.S. "occupying Iraq." You can also look up Philippe Buc, another contributing scholar, who blames Christianity for all of the terror in the world today.

As far as the religious preaching, Whitney points to a teacher's guide for the text that sends students to a Saudi Embassy website with the Quran, and other resources for studying Islam. The workbook also "includes many exercises involving Muslim prayers, including having children write the prayer to convert to Islam, the Shahadah ..."

"Why is this different than a school handing out bibles?" she asked.

Whitney's concerns echo

complaints from parents across the country with lessons aligned with the federally supported Common Core national standards. There's virtually a parent revolt against lessons on Islam in Tennessee schools. But school officials in Roxbury don't seem very concerned, and Roxbury assistant superintendent Radulic dismissed Whitney's concerns in a November 9 email.

"Your passion for the issue is evident, and I do appreciate your concerns for the safety of the students," Radulic wrote, according to Tap Into Roxbury. "The supervisor, building principal, Board Members, and I have had several meetings to discuss your concerns. At this point we do not believe eliminating the textbook is the appropriate road."

Whitney pressed the school

board at a recent meeting and board president Theresa D'Agostino said the book is currently "under investigation."

D'Agostino reportedly told the public "if the book is still there, that will be the result of our investigation."

Whitney's husband drew a loud applause when he explained why he believes it's critical the school board ditch the book.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I truly hope that you treat this as the most important thing you do," he said. "We tend to think of threats as guns and knives. Hearts and minds are more important."

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