

Lady Bobcats Go To The Big Show

Lose to Eventual State Champion

by Coach Fischer

Yes sir, this season has been a memorable one. A huge step forward, for Lady Bobcat Basketball! Making it to the 2A State Tournament has been a great experience for the girls this year. Going up against the eventual State Champions Yuma, was an eye opening experience in our first game. The way they passed the ball up the court, shot the ball, crashed the boards and played excellent man defense. A truly fantastic basketball team. I congratulate them! As for us, I believe, after my second season as coach, we got a taste of the big show and it has opened our eyes to even better things. It showed our girls how good that they can become, with practice. Heart goes a long way in high school sports, and this group

of ladies plays with more heart and effort, that any coach could ever ask for. We just need more gym time. When you shoot 25 per cent from the floor, as a team, for the season, and you make it to the State Tournament, what could happen if you improved that to 45 per cent?

The season may have ended in 2016, but the excitement hasn't. Great basketball players are made in the summer and the ladies are up for the challenge of improving even more than they have already.

The future is looking very bright for Lady Bobcat Basketball. Anyone interested in getting your daughter involved in summer basketball this summer, Contact Coach Fischer for more information 719-371-2704.

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KOC Elementary School Donation

by Fred Hernandez

The Knights of Columbus Roundtable at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church donated \$456.63 to the Custer County Schools to help those with those with special needs. This money was raised during the Knights annual charity drive

conducted in November. Three local members of the Knights of Columbus, Mike Kienbusch, Wayne Guilmette, and Steve Yackley presented a check to the Elementary School Principal Holly Anderson, and Resource Teachers Betty Heising and Loretta Remington. The

Knights want to thank all the members of the community who generously donated to this worthwhile cause and to the Westcliffe Supermarket for their support. The proceeds were designated for the Custer County Elementary School Exceptional Students Program.



From left: Steve Yackley, Loretta Remington, Wayne Guilmette, Betty Heising, Holly Anderson, and Mike Kienbusch.

Photo by Fred Hernandez



Congratulations Lady Bobcats!

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Commissioner's Campaign Fine Now Over \$6,000!

by Paul Sage,
George Gramlich

To answer an accusation of a campaign finance violation regarding the late filing of a report in his 2014 campaign for County Commissioner, Commissioner Bob Kattnig pled “incompetence” to the State of Colorado. Specifically, in a letter sent by Commissioner Kattnig on October 14, 2014, to the Colorado Secretary of State (SOS) regarding a fine imposed on his campaign committee for a late campaign financing filing, he concluded his request for a waiver of the imposed fine with, “I am requesting a waiver because of my incompetence.”

The Secretary of State's office responded to Commissioner Kattnig on November 4, 2014, that “The penalty will not be waived because the delinquency was not the result of a situation that made

timely filing an impracticability.”

The \$50 fine remains unpaid.

Since that time Commissioner Kattnig has also incurred a \$200 penalty for the four day late filing of another report of campaign contributions and expenditures due December 4, 2014.

That fine also remains unpaid.

The fine is \$50 per day.

And in a recent development, a letter titled “Notice of Delinquent Campaign Finance Disclosure and Imposition of Penalty”, dated February 19, 2016 from Colorado's Department of State, stated, “As of December 31,2015, the aforementioned committee or candidate has

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And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.
Romans 5:5, NIV



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Our Opinion... From the Editorial Board

DEFEND FREEDOM TOUR 2016

The Concerned Veterans of America (CVA) organization has scheduled several patriotic events here in our home state of Colorado. The 2016 Tour schedule includes a rally in Denver, on June 24th (Friday) and one in Colorado Springs, on June 25th (Saturday). These rallies bring together veterans, military family members and patriotic Americans to make it loud and clear that our country is still worth fighting for. These rallies happen between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. and are family friendly events featuring live patriotic music and a lineup of inspirational speakers. Patriots on tour include "Madison Rising," the most patriotic rock band in America, Navy Seal Gold Star mother Karen Vaughn and popular country music star Ayla Brown.

These events are produced and promoted by the Concerned Veterans for America (CVA). Here's what their web site at <http://cv4a.org> says about their

mission, goals and activities:

"The goal of CVA is to translate the experience, concerns and hopes unique to veterans and their families into a common vision of freedom. They apply this unique perspective to speak out on issues that threaten to cripple not only our economic and national security, but the spirit of opportunity and liberty that all Americans cherish. They are driven to organize and amplify that perspective to both the American people and our leaders in Washington.

They are veterans from every branch of uniformed services and every conflict from World War II to the Global War on Terror. They are the family members of those who have proudly worn the uniform. They are freedom-loving citizens who value America's heroes and are concerned about the fate of our country. They come from all walks of life and live in every community across America.

They share a strong belief that the freedoms we have defended – that their friends and loved ones suffered and died for – are being threatened by the irresponsibility, broken promises, and misguided priorities of the leaders in Washington. They know that veterans, service members and their families are, and will continue to be, disproportionately affected by the current economic crisis. For this reason, they rally to serve again as active citizens, just as they fought as soldiers.

Throughout their years of service and many deployments around the world, they have seen firsthand what happens when freedom and free markets are interfered with and fail. They know all too well that freedoms surrendered are rarely — if ever — regained. And they watch as elected leaders continue to shrink from challenges and betray the trust placed in them. The truth is the ideals and freedoms that have defined America since its

founding are dissolving before our eyes.

CVA is committed to the historical promise of our nation: that all Americans have an equal opportunity to pursue prosperity. They affirm this commitment by working to return to the tradition of limited, effective government so that those men and women who have given the most in service to this nation will not be denied their chance to enjoy that prosperity. They are resolved that it is their sacred duty to stand as one — veterans, family members and active citizens alike — in defense of the fundamental ideals of liberty that are the soil from which opportunity for prosperity grows."

CVA's efforts are focused on Veteran's Health Care Choices, holding the VA accountable, reforming the Department of Defense, articulating a clear national security strategy, reducing the out of control debt and spending and increasing civic and political participation among veterans. All

worthy efforts. They contribute a significant effort in supporting and maintaining the following legislative agenda items: The Veterans Independence Act, the VA Accountability Act, the Veteran Access to Community Care Act, the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission and the Audit the Pentagon Act of 2015. They also work hard at organizing, protecting and embracing military voting reforms to protect our military's right to vote. These are all worthwhile efforts. You can find out more details and how you can support them at their web site listed above.

We encourage you to attend a rally near you. Other rallies in 2016 include states like Arizona, Texas and Nevada plus many more. You can find more details on these rallies on the Defend Freedom Tour 2016 and how to get your FREE tickets at their web site at <http://defendfreedomtour.com>.



Liberty must at all hazards be supported. We have a right to it, derived from our Maker. But if we had not, our fathers have earned and bought it for us, at the expense of their ease, their estates, their pleasure, and their blood.

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TRAGEDY AND TRAVESTY, Part 2:

Without going into the introductory issues again, I want to address the SECOND and INEXCUSABLE TRAVESTY of the Mr. Owen shooting tragedy. On Wednesday, February 24th, Mr. Eric Owen shot his neighbor's dog and threatened neighbors with a firearm. These are known facts as reported by both local newspapers. The *Sentinel* did a thorough job of covering not only this serious incident but also our new county judge's gross failure in judgement in setting a bail amount of \$1,000 and proposed release of this drug addict HSTB-felon back into our community with little more than a slap on the wrist. The *Tribune* covered the incident in a down-played, bare bones half-facts manner. Actually, I am quite surprised they didn't use it to jump on the "bash the 2nd Amendment bandwagon", but there's a bigger reason here that they didn't bash the 2nd amendment and it's what the *Tribune* did NOT cover and the *Sentinel* DID cover; and that's the ridiculously low, out of perspective bail amount.

Remember Rules for Radicals, Rule #1, the ends justify the means!

The county judge issued bail that amounted to \$30 per ARMED FELONY COUNT. I addressed this side of the travesty coin last week. So, let's look to the other travesty imbedded in this issue.

Why didn't the *Tribune* do the journalistically responsible thing and notify its readership of this offensive ruling or jump on the 2nd Amendment bashing bandwagon? Does the *Tribune* think that this bail amount is fair and equitable? Either they do or they don't want their readership to know the truth. Hopefully, the latter is the more likely. Surely even the most left leaning reader worshipping at the fungal-ridden feet (fungal-ridden feet being a metaphor for the defective, diseased level of reporting) of the *Tribune* can't find support for this bail arrangement amount, given the seriousness of the charges?

The answer is really quite simple, it appears it was against their true end game and they could do more damage and harm to conservative Custer County than bashing the 2nd Amendment would have done in this case. It appears that they weighed the means of each action and chose the one that best suited their ends. After all, lying to your readership by omission isn't illegal. It's not responsible nor does it have any integrity though. The *Tribune* did not do anything "wrong", but clearly DID LITTLE RIGHT and did NOT inform its readership with all the facts. They selectively reported just enough... The tip of the iceberg only, as it were. The tip of the iceberg is beautiful and alluring BUT it does not sink ships, it's what's massively lurking under the surface that sinks ships. So the *Tribune* reported only the surface issue, to lure you into believing that they adhere to some level of journalistic integrity and MADE NO ATTEMPT to warn you of what lurked below the surface. Surely as responsible journalists there was no obligation to cover the second issue, the miscarriage of justice in this ridiculous bail amount.

This falls under another Alinsky rule: give no ground; admit nothing, especially a vital fact that might go against your cause. If you're a *Tribune* reader and not offended by this blatant omission, go seek mental health help immediately!

Once again, in economics there is a term known as "LEADING INDICATORS." The leading indicators of this bail arraignment from the *Tribune's* fault are simple and ongoing: 1) Report only that which supports your cause, 2) By no means stick to journalistic integrity or responsibility (that might hurt the cause), and in so doing, 3) lie by omission, if not out-right lie. The reason the leftist media's skewing and propagandizing of the news, another endeavor in which they delight in deception, is so delicious to them because they love to incorporate multiple Alinsky rules into one BIG LIE. These same tactics were used by Joseph Goebbels. Not familiar with good old Joe. He was Hitler's Reich Minister of Propoganda that skewed the news and media so severely, that 6,000,000 Jews were exterminated under the knowing death-

stench-filled noses of the German people but they swilled down the cover story because complicity with the BIG LIES was too horrible to bear and the guilt too heavy of a burden to overcome; pathetic useful idiot pets. Quit being a pet at the lap of the leftist elitists. They DO NOT CARE ABOUT you otherwise they would report the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

This is only a small microcosm of the massive and vast scale of what is going on across our country. A word of warning to those smug elitist liberals that find this kind of thing funny and "smart", just wait until you are of no more use or it turns on some issue or worse yet, someone you care about. You'll be thrown under the bus just as quickly as Mr. Owen's neighbors were, just as quickly as all the other members of our community, and just as quickly as the *Tribune's* half-informed readership were in this instance.

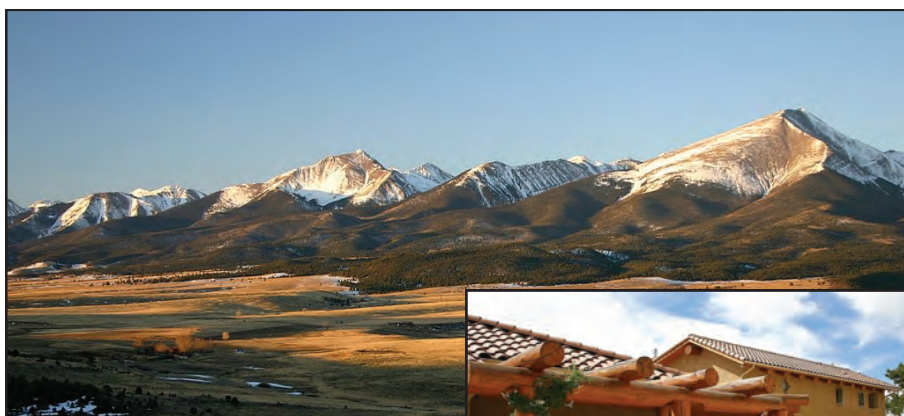
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Thanks from the Willows Schoolhouse

The recent generosity of those contributing to the Willows country school through the Spirit Campaign is most appreciated! We are likewise deeply indebted to all who have in the past and continue to support the Willows restoration effort.

The 1889 one room country school silhouetted against the towering Sangres out in the Willows District is a monument to the valley's pioneer history. The school is symbolic of all 26 country schools once scattered throughout Custer County. All the others have fallen to the ravages of time, been moved and or used for other purposes. The Willows has stood since before both world wars; enduring brutal weather conditions and even the threat of developer's bulldozers. Its fascinating history will live on. The Willows, like most country schools was the hub of its community, serving both as an "academy" for instructing youngsters in their Three R's (Reading, Riting, and Rithmetic) but also the spot to gather and connect with one another. In that respect, schools were every bit as significant as the internet today. Rural schools were consolidated in 1948.

All students were then transported to the town schools. The Willows Square Dance Club purchased and maintained the building for many years. It was still available to the community for various limited needs, but became more dilapidated with the passing of time.

Saving the Willows was initiated back in 1980 when two school "Marms" spent their summer break patching, plugging holes, and painting the building.

Then a group of Willows district pioneer descendants organized the Historic Willows School Society Inc. They succeeded in placing the Willows on both the Colorado, and National Registers of Historic Buildings. A 501C3 tax status and matching grants from the State Historical Funds were applied for. An architectural engineer was engaged to assess the building's needs. FUN-d-raisers began in earnest. Lively auctions, most conducted by Kirk Ruzanski and his wife, Melinda, were the favorite. (Kirk is sadly missed).

Finally! June 2013, Bob Fulton's crew of experts from Back Again Restorations began

"refurbishing" the exterior. There were a myriad of challenges; from the crumbling rock foundation, to the ancient brick chimney where a decades-old colony of ANGRY honey bees resided. The dilapidated clapboard siding, windows, and splintery window frames were refurbished. The front stoop restored. A handicap door and ramp were installed; the electric and lighting were updated. By late summer, 2015, the Willows exhibited a stunning refurbished/restored exterior! Cameras were clicking.

"Tuning up" the interior is the next phase. Following more FUN-d-raisers, the out buildings, including the horse and buggy stable, will be addressed. Eventually, plumbing, a small kitchen, and indoor restrooms will be addressed. But wow! We have come a long way! We are immensely grateful to all who have pitched in these many years. The Willows one room pioneer school is located at 495 CR 141 - Willow Lane. The next "FUN RAISER" is scheduled for early summer. Watch for news.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Do YOU Have Information About the Silver Cliff Fire?

On March 11, 2016 at approximately 7:30 p.m., the Wet Mountain Fire Department and Custer County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the area of First and Franklin Street in Silver Cliff for a reported structure fire. Deputies arrived at 501 Franklin Street, the site of an abandoned cabin which was fully engulfed in flames. Deputies determined the structure was not occupied and had no power source to it. The Wet Mountain Fire Department arrived and was able to extinguish the fire but not before it was a total loss. The cabin and surrounding grass were burned but no other structures were jeopardized in the incident.

The initial fire investigation revealed evidence of a suspicious ignition point and an arson investigator from Colorado Bureau of Investigations was requested. At this time foul play is suspected and the investigation is ongoing until all possible leads are extinguished. No further information is available or being released at this time.

The cabin and property is owned by Carol A. Adams and her daughter Carol Adams Pawley. The assessed value of the cabin is \$31,749.

Anyone with information about the fire is urged to contact the Custer County Sheriff's Office at 783-2270.

Commissioners' Meeting: The Wetmore Project and Airport Lead the Discussion

by Mike Kienbusch

The Board Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., March 8, 2016, with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll call. There were no public comments, nor an executive session.

The commissioners had the following items to report: Mr. Kit Shy reported he attended a zoning workshop on March 7th to update forms and bring consistency to zoning applications; he ensured the Bboard was aware that the CCHS girls basketball team was heading to State Playoffs on Thursday; he received a proposal to conduct a facilities assessment in support of community planning, the next step is to reach out to the building owners to ask for their participation in the assessment.

There was much discussion about the current status of the Wetmore Community Project. A request for proposal (RFP) is planned in March, with construction to begin in May.

The county attorney reported he is reviewing a contract with Tyler Technologies which seemed 'ok' at this point, and that the Dark Skies program is currently looking for volunteers to assist with night-sky observations.

Under New/Old Business: the Airport Advisory Board (AAB) recommended the purchase of jet fuel prior to anticipated price increases. A new security system is being used to monitor landings, take-offs and touch and goes (called events). There were 68 events during the months of January and February, which is lower than normal due to low ceilings and high winds. A new water filtering system installed

at the airport is working fine. There will be an Open House at the airport on May 14th, with transportation from A Painted View and a pancake breakfast at the airport. The AAB is currently reviewing zoning changes that affect the airport and will report back to the Board of County Commissioners.

The Public Health Agency reported that flu activity remains low in Colorado, but is increasing. The first case of the flu was reported on February 29th. Also on the rise are the cases of strep, mostly in the elementary grades. The school has been notified. The agency is planning to meet with the CCHS superintendent and the BOCC to discuss the medical facility and the CCHS sharing the costs for a full time nursing position. An appreciation dinner for all the volunteers supporting the 9 Health Fair will be held at Tony's Mountain Pizza on May 4th. The agency held an exercise on February 10th to challenge first responders in the community to a biological infection. This exercise will result in an after action report and improvement plan. Next year a full-scale exercise is being planned.

The Extension Office had quite a lot of activity to report: The 4-H enrollment is up this year from 47 to 63 children; a camp was held on February 13th and a speech contest was held on March 7th. A foundation camp will be held at A Painted View on March 12th. A carnival at the school is planned for March 30th. March is the deadline for new Market Livestock Micro Loan from the 4-H Foundation. April 24th is the livestock weigh-ins, June 21st is the State Conference and July 8-17 is the County

Fair. Other extension happenings include; March 15th - Seed swap 5-8 p.m. in the Library community room, March 18th -Native Plant Masters Registration is due, April 7th - Wildfire workshop at the firehouse, April 28th- CDOT weed training in Pueblo, June 25th - Weed Tour.

The Veteran Service Organization (VSO) reported an increase of veterans in the community this year, currently tracking 226 veterans up from last May at 66 veterans. On April 2nd they will attend the Health Fair and on May 14th VSO will host a booth at the Painted View. The VSO office will be open at night until 8:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. A recent program is now available that re-diagnoses veterans that may have been discharged without PTSD symptoms, and currently experience PTSD. Contact the VSO office for details.

The Rural Philanthropy group reported an event called a Listening Tour. The objective of the Listening Tour is to increase funding to rural communities through philanthropic organizations (funders). It involves meeting with funder representatives to provide them a sense of our community's culture, character, personality, challenges, and needs. The BOCC will host the kickoff meeting in early April. Following this meeting, the BOCC will be invited to discuss funding opportunities for Custer County.

After a lunch break, the board ended the meeting with a discussion of the U.S. Forest Cooperative Forest Road Agreement for 2016. This board meeting will continue on March 9th, with meeting notes provided on next week's issue.



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Lady Bobcats Make it to 2A State Tournament!



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School Board Meeting: Pot Condemned, Common Core and Superintendent Evaluation

by Larry Luikart

The Custer County School Board's March 8th meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. Guests were welcomed and the Agenda was approved.

The Board presented and approved a Resolution that "stands firmly against any ballot initiative, or passage of the same, to allow the sale, production, or distribution of marijuana within Custer County. We firmly believe that any sale, production, or distribution of marijuana sends the wrong message and example to our children and potentially creates health and safety concerns that would burden our schools with additional disciplinary and safety-related actions. Therefore, we stand opposed to any and all ballot initiatives that promote the use of marijuana, or any drug, that remains illegal within our schools and ask our families consider this as they vote on this issue in the near future." Signed by all Board members.

The Board in the Public Comments Session responded to a question re-

garding Common Core being implemented in the Custer County School system asked at the previous meeting. Superintendent Payler presented a three page document explaining his understanding of the situation to date. He opened with a caveat that the question is simple, but the explanation is quite complex. (The document is available at the Administrative Offices if you are interested.)

While addressing the Strategic Plan goal of "increase student achievement" Superintendent Payler said in his objectives for this goal he offered a statement to "align curriculum to the Colorado Model Content Standards (aka the Colorado Academic Standards - CAS) and to ensure that staff is familiar with the rigor and expectation of students on statewide assessment." He pointed out there has been no official request from the Board regarding Common Core but the Board itself adopted the Unified Improvement Plan which is based on assessments such as TCAP and PARCC and the Board signed assurances to the

Colorado Department of Education to implement state standards around 2010.

During the last School Board candidate selection cycle there was only one question remotely associated to Common Core and only one endorsement in the local papers around the ideals of Common Core and federalism in the schools. The Superintendent indicated he was unaware of any other Common Core comments made by the Board or individual members outside of the election this past November.

The State of Colorado adopted the Common Core Standards in August 2010 and the CAS standards for Math, Reading, Writing and Communication in December 2010. He offered a lengthy discussion of curriculum using Math as an example. He explained students are still expected to learn how to add, subtract, multiply and divide. Common Core then expands into areas of application and reasoning beyond mathematical principals.

Superintendent Payler dis-

cussed the textbooks in use currently at Custer County including the Common Core Standards. His conclusion, most of the textbooks are pre Common Core. However, the tests are based on Common Core. (Reporters note: This places teachers and administrators in between the proverbial , "rock and the hard place." The assessment system requires if our students are going to perform well on the tests the Common Core standards must be incorporated in the teachers daily curriculum plans regardless of their belief in that system or the textbooks lack of incorporation. This rigs the system to Common Core, and in effect, takes away

the ability of the individual District to determine its own destiny. After all, it's the law. This is why teachers and administrators say they can no longer teach independently but instead must teach to the test

Superintendent Payler concluded with this statement. "We are and we aren't but implementation of actual Common Core Standards and the result of up and down assessment scores reflect that fact. Really, the implementation of Common Core is in the hands of the state board, not the local board. Local hands are tied since we receive state funds and have signed assurances to the same." He did offer the fact that the community values are em-

bedded within the school instruction and curriculum. (Reporters note: So there you have it. The State has the money, they have Common Core in their control, therefore any deviation from their requirements may and probably will result in the loss of funding.)

There was one Public Comment regarding bullying on the play ground.

The audit done on the District was approved by the Auditors with no exceptions. There was a By-Laws change with start time for Board meetings as

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CCCS Track: Picking up Where They Left Off

by Coach Jack Swartz

After a weekend of supporting their peers at the Girls State Basketball Tournament and the Drama Departments production of Aida, the Custer County Track and Field team got their chance at the first meet of the year in Pueblo.

High school teams of any classification can compete at any meet scheduled during the season. Times and distances are recorded in the Max Preps online database narrowing down the top 18 in each event. When "Selection" Sunday comes in early May, the top 18 from 2A schools will compete in that event at the State meet.

Seniors Emily Crossley and Katlyn Freeburg led the way with performances in the Discus and 100 meter High Hurdles. Crossley placed 7th in the Discus

with a throw of 87 feet and 10 inches, while Freeburg placed 11th in a time of 19.46 seconds for a new personal best. With that throw, Crossley is already ranked 3rd in state 2A for Discus and Freeburg is currently 6th in 2A state for the high hurdles. Freeburg also competed in the Triple Jump. Her jump of 29' - 08" currently has her in 1st place in 2A state.

As for new comers, Freshman Billy Berry, Sophomore David Kinsey, and Junior Jerald Taylor showed off for the boys at the early season meet. Berry took 9th in the Triple Jump with a jump of 36 feet and 7 inches, Kinsey ran an impressive 58.86 in the open 400 meters, and Taylor placed 6th in the 1600 meter in a time of 4:40. Berry currently sits 7th in 2A state, Kinsey 9th, and Taylor 2nd in their respective events. Berry also competed in the

Long Jump (16' - 05") and Kinsey in the High Jump (5' - 04").

Also competing for the Bobcats were Freshman Jessie Henrich and Peach Dryer. Henrich competed in the Discus with a throw of 67' - 05", while Dryer threw the Shot put 21' - 11". Also competing in the Discus was Kaylee Chase with a throw of 57' - 05". Junior Kirsten Benoit had a personal best in the Long Jump of 10' - 08".

Freshman Chad Lewenkamp ran the open 400 meter in a time of 1:09.36 and Sophomore Dylan Schoch ran the 1600 meter in a personal best time of 5:51. Senior Wesley Kagan competed in the Shot put, throwing 28' - 05" in his first meet.

The Track and Field team with 30 plus athletes this year, competes at Center this Friday, March 18th.

KIDS

Friday, March 18, 2016

Daylight Savings Time

As you probably noticed last weekend, you lost an hour of sleep when you "sprang your clocks ahead" one hour. This is called Daylight Saving Time.

That allows you to have an extra hour of sunlight in the evening. So why and when did this start?

It has been used in the U. S. and Europe since World War I in an effort to conserve fuel needed to produce electric power.

The plan was not formally adopted in the U.S. until 1918. 'An Act to preserve daylight and provide standard time for the United States' was enacted on March 19, 1918.

After the war, it was repealed in 1919 with a Congressional override of President Wilson's veto.

During World War II, President Franklin Roosevelt instituted year-round Daylight Saving Time, calling it "War Time," from February 9, 1942 to September 30, 1945.

In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the Uniform Time Act of 1966, creating Daylight Saving Time. Any state that wanted to be exempt from Daylight Saving Time could do so by passing a state law. Today, Arizona and Hawaii do not observe Daylight Saving Time.

So the current reasoning for keeping Daylight Saving Time is to save electricity. Is it working? Studies show that is does not. A study of homes in Indiana—a state that adopted Daylight Saving Time only in 2006—showed that the savings from electrical use were negated, and then some, by additional use of air conditioning. Other studies have shown different health issues resulting from the time change. An increase of strokes in younger people, an increase in automobile accidents, and even some angrier drivers on the roads. All from trying to adjust to one less hour of sleep.

So is it really worth it to harm our health just to have an extra hour in the evening? The argument goes on. You decide.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: webexhibits.com, theatlantic.com

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CORNER

Bobcats Sport Schedule

Friday March 18: Center Invitational, Center, TBA

Friday April 1: Sand Creek Scorpion Invitational, Vista Ridge, TBA

Saturday April 2: Sangre de Cristo Thunderbolt Invitational, Mosca, 8:15 am

Saturday April 9: Warren Mitchell Invitational, Limon, TBD

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accrued a total penalty of \$3200 as of 12/3/15.”

If you add 60 more delinquent days to the delinquent filing (from 12/3/115) times \$50 per day you get \$3000 which brings Commissioner Kattnigs current total to around \$6,200!

When asked about the situation, Commissioner Kattnig stated it was a mistake and quite troubling as the amount of money in his “old” campaign account was less than \$10. He stated he was actually going to travel to Denver to personally discuss this with the Secretary of State people.

(Update: Commissioner Kattnig called the Sentinel Office, Tuesday, March 15 to report on the meeting he had with a bureaucrat at the Colorado Secretary of State’s office re the fines. He said that he had only \$6.89 in the account and that while there they closed the account. He also said that he filed appeals on both fines that stayed the daily fines and that a hearing will be held in a month to determine the outcome of the appeals. The Commissioner noted that the bureaucrat stated that the state doesn’t usually impose fines on delinquent or missing reports for accounts with under

\$20 in them but the computer system the state uses doesn’t recognize that threshold. The bureaucrat said that the Commissioner stands a very good chance of winning the appeals based on the small amount in the account.)

Many other current and past candidates for Custer County public offices have also incurred penalties for similar campaign finance violations. Most, but not all, have been paid.

Commissioner Kit Shy has filed an appeal against a fine of approximately \$900. Commissioner Shy explained that he had to change his email address last year to it being compromised and forgot to inform the Secretary of State of the new one. That resulted in Commissioner Shy not receiving email notices about a missed filing from the Secretary of State for months. Finally, when they sent a USPS mail notice he realized he had a problem and immediately appealed the decision, which stays the daily \$50 penalty. His appeals hearing is next month.

(Editor/GG: To view campaign finance filings and related correspondence go to the Colorado Secretary of State’s excellent website: Tracer.sos.colorado.gov/PublicSite/homepage.aspx. Just choose “Search Database” and type in any candidates name.)

News Release: Custer County Cares About Cancer

The date has changed for this year’s Custer County Cares About Cancer fundraising walk. The annual walk/run/ride is being held Saturday Sept. 17. As always, the walk /run takes place along the park-to- park trail; the horseback ride route will be announced at a later date. Additionally, the golf tournament that also raises funds for the worthy cause is scheduled for Saturday Sept. 10, at St Andrews

Golf Course
The Custer County Cares About Cancer foundation was organized in 2009 with the subsequent fundraising walk/run/rides taking place on Labor Day. All proceeds raised each year are distributed to local residents battling cancer. With the date change, organizers look forward to a bigger and better event in 2016.

9Health Fair is Saturday, April 2nd

Free women’s health appointments, including breast exams and pap screenings are offered during the fair. Men’s testicular screenings are also available. All these exams must be scheduled in advance of the fair. Openings still available. Please call 783-3369 to schedule.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Psalm 98:1, NIV

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9Health Fair

**OWN YOUR HEALTH
Saturday, April 2**

7:00 am - 12 Noon

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Call: 783-3369

**Early registration is available online until March 31
at www.9healthfair.org/findafair**

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a trial for the next four sessions at 6:00pm.

A contract change in Principal Holly Anderson's duties creates a new role of K-8 responsibility. The new Principal for grades 9-12 will also have Athletic Director responsibilities. There have been eight candidates to date. The closing for applicants is March 28, 2016 and the interviews for those selected begin April 7, 2016. The Business Manager's contract was renewed also.

The Board met in Executive Session recently to discuss Superintendent Payler's evaluation. A public document was released for this meeting. Superintendent Payler received a critique on the following areas: Student Growth and Achievement, Organizational Leadership, District Operations and Financial Management, Communication and Community Relations, Human Resource Management, Professionalism and School District Safety. His overall formal score was 3.9 out of a possible 4.0. The Board also said, "We, as a board, feel very fortunate to have Mr. Payler as our super-

intendent."

In the area of Personnel two Substitute Teachers were hired, Reinaldo Barnes and Mike Kienbusch. Jack Tayler is the new Custodian, Eric Prins is the Middle School Track Coach. Jane Smith is the Kitchen Helper and Jerry Sumpter is a Kitchen Substitute.

Justine Beach resigned her position.

Check Vouchers and Financial Reports were approved and heard. The SAC by-laws and Policy CBB – Recruitment of Superintendent – Final reading was approved with updated

Communications Committee recommendation.

A Proclamation was read in support of the Girl's Basketball Team and their achievement in making the State Championships for March 10, 2016 as "Bobcat Girl's Basketball Support Day."

The Elementary and Superintendent's Reports were heard. A discussion item took place regarding a lot owned by the District in the Adams Subdivision for the termination of the Homeowner's Association. This was a discussion, no action item.

Grant Funds Available for Children's Health Projects

The WMV Community Foundation is accepting grant applications for awards from the new Children's Health Fund

WESTCLIFFE / SILVER CLIFF, CO. (March 14, 2016) – The Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation (WMVCF) is pleased to announce it is now accepting grant requests from Custer County nonprofit and governmental organizations to be awarded from the High Mountain Hay Fever Bluegrass Children's Health Fund.

The High Mountain Hay Fever Festival Association has worked with the WMVCF to establish a designated fund to improve children's health in Custer County. The Festival Association has donated \$30,000 to create the HMHF Children's Health

Fund, and the WMVCF is managing the distribution of the gift to the community based on a grant application and review process.

Areas of children's health that will be considered for grant awards include, but are not limited to, accessibility of healthcare (medical and dental), mental health, after school and pre-school programs, childhood obesity, food insecurity, immunization, developmental screening, child abuse and neglect, and tobacco, drug and alcohol abuse.

Only nonprofit or governmental organizations are eligible for a grant from the Children's Health Fund. Priority will be given applications that are requesting funds to match other grant requests from organizations outside Custer Coun-

ty, that illustrate collaboration among multiple Custer County organizations, or those that are implementing an evidence-based program. A program is classified as evidence-based if it has an existing, tried and true foundation on which to create a children's program in Custer County.

Grant applications will be accepted through April 29, 2016. Grant applications can be downloaded, completed and submitted by mail, or submitted online at the Community Foundation website at www.wmvvcf.org. Hard copies of the application form are also available at the West Custer County Public Library.

For more information please contact: Kathy Taylor, ktaylorpt@hotmail.com, or Butch Gemin, rge-min@yahoo.com

And let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,

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New!
Colorado Ranch-Style Home
\$325,000

Gateway to the ideal Colorado Lifestyle: Beautiful rancher with a full finished basement offers the best combination of country living and 360-degree views with easy access to shopping and amenities. Located in a secure, gated community, the home borders permanent open space with hiking trails just steps beyond the landscaped grounds. The home, with over 3600 square feet appointed in high-end finishes and generous rooms, features 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, a master suite, 2 gas fireplaces, an oversized 2 car garage and shop space, plus a gorgeous family room with wet bar and surround sound. The Arkansas River, with whitewater rafting, world-class fly-fishing, the scenic Royal Gorge and more, is just minutes away. Come see your dream home today!

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 01-16

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

On January 5, 2016, 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): Kelley R Williamson and Lynette L Green-Williamson

Original Beneficiary(ies): Union Planters Bank, National Association

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America

Date of Deed of Trust: October 16, 2003

County of Recording: Custer

Recording Date of Deed of Trust: October 30, 2003

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 196711 Book: 479 Page: 121

Original Principal Amount: \$214,000.00

Outstanding Principal Balance: \$178,876.20

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.

A TRACT OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF THE W1/2SW1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 70 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHENCE THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 32 BEARS SOUTH 00 DEGREES 10'12" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 311.75 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 10'12" WEST, 1,111.75 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 18'33" EAST, 1369.30 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 21'27" EAST, 1,114.11 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 24'50" WEST, 1,372.85 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, COUNTY OF CUSTER, STATE OF COLORADO

Also known by street and number as: 1075 County Road 281, 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, 05/04/2016, 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;

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Iowa City, Iowa 52244

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DATE: 01/05/2016

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

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee

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

McCarthy & Holthus, LLP C/O Holly Shilliday, 7700 E. Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122

Attorney File # CO-14-646334-JS

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Custer County

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tentative Agenda

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016

9:00 AM

Meeting Location:

Wetmore Fire Station

Call meeting to order

Pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

Amend agenda

Audience introduction

Approval of minutes

Public Comment

Commissioner Items

Attorney Items

Executive Session

New/Old Business

- Planning Commission Recommendation
- Office of Emergency Management Report – C. Howard
- 2016 Custer County Annual Fire Operating Plan – C. Howard
- Useful Public Service discussion
- Wetmore Community Center/Library Project (WCCLP)
- Custer County Economic Development Corporation DOLA Grant Application

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.

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NOTICE CONSTRUCTION/ MODEL/RENOVATION BIDS Wetmore Community Center / Library Facility 95 County Road 393 Wetmore, Colorado, 81253

The Custer County Commissioners will receive sealed bids up to the hour of 1:00 p.m. on the 14th day of April, 2016 at the office of the Board of County Commissioners, 205 South 6th Street, PO Box 150, Westcliffe, Colorado 81252, Attention: WCCL Project Bid for the following: Revisions to the Wetmore Community Center to include:

- Repoint brick masonry
- Remove existing concrete stair, metal roof, and stair addition at east elevation
- Refinish and paint all interior walls and trim as shown
- Rehabilitate or furnish and install windows and doors as shown
- Repair and refinish all flooring as shown
- Reconfigure interior space as shown
- Install new lighting as shown
- Install new stair/elevator addition
- Install new secondary stairs as shown
- Provide all mechanical, electrical and plumbing improvements and modifications as shown

The bids will be opened at the BOCC meeting on April 19, 2016 scheduled at the Wetmore Volunteer Fire Station, located at 200 County Road 393, Wetmore, Colorado 81253. The contract will be awarded thereafter, on or before May 4, 2016. Construction of the project to being within sixty days following the contract award date. Partial plans, scope of work, and contact information is available for review on the Custer County website (custercountygov.com). A hard copy \$80.00, flash drive (\$10.00) will be available as part of the preferred walk-thru of the facility.

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Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE SAT. MAY 14, 6PM., for the first Sneaker Ball Dance and fundraiser for Club America at the Saddle Club. Music by DJ David James, dress to the 9's and wear your best sneakers or boots. Silent auction too. More details coming soon.

Help Wanted

NOW HIRING Strong workers with strong work ethics. Laborers and crew leaders, landscaping, chain-sawing, chipping. \$12.50 - \$20 /hr. in and around Westcliffe, Colorado. DLC Services Dave 719-371-0661

Custer County is seeking applicants for a full time (40 hours per week with benefits) position for the Board of County Commissioner's (BOCC) Administrative Assistant. Duties to include all facets of BOCC Administration Coordination as well grant assistance and HR support. The successful candidate must be detail oriented, possess effective writing skills and be grant knowledgeable. 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. Applicants must also have the ability to regularly move or properly lift up to 10 pounds, and frequently move or lift up to 25 pounds. A pre-employment 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 April 6, 2016.

Interviews will be conducted on April 20, 2016.

Small working ranch and events center looking for one ranch hand and one administrative assistant. Responsibilities include but not limited to, repairs and maintenance of buildings and grounds, knowledgeable care of horses and livestock, hay field irrigation, the ability to participate in producing a variety of events and the performance of a variety of office duties. Must be capable of multi-tasking, excellent people skills, able to work long hours during events and skilled in data bases, word processing and spreadsheets. Salary and benefits will be commensurate with experience. Email resume with references to rdh@apaintedview.com.

The Custer County School District has an opening for a head cheerleading coach for the 2016-2017 school year. Classified staff applications are available online at custercountyschools.org or at the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. School will be closed for spring break March 21st-March 27th. This position will remain open until March 31st at 4:00 p.m.

In compliance with Titles VI & VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and Colorado law, Custer County School District C-1 does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, age, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, disability or need for special education services in admissions, access to, treatment or employment in educational programs or activities which it operates. Complaint procedures have been established for students, parents, employees and members of the public. The following person(s) have been identified as the compliance officer for the district: Secondary Principal, 709 Main Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252. (719)783-2291

The Custer County School District has an opening

for an elementary teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. Applications are available online at custercountyschools.org. For more information, please contact Holly Anderson at (719)783-4897. This position will remain open until filled.

In compliance with Titles VI & VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and Colorado law, Custer County School District C-1 does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, age, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, disability or need for special education services in admissions, access to, treatment or employment in educational programs or activities which it operates. Complaint procedures have been established for students, parents, employees and members of the public. The following person(s) have been identified as the compliance officer for the district: Secondary Principal, 709 Main Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252. (719)783-2291

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Events Calendar

Friday & Saturday, March 18 & 19, 7:30 p.m. & Sunday, March 20, 2:00 p.m.
Jones Theater: "The Lady in the Van"

March 21-25
Custer County School Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

Saturday March 26
10 a.m.-11 a.m. EASTER EGG HUNT
Westcliffe Feed Store Amphitheater and Park
Gary Taylor 719-371-7324

Thursday March 31
9 a.m. Custer County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Board Room

Saturday April 2
7 a.m. - 12 noon at Custer County School
9Health Fair

Tuesday April 5
9 a.m. Custer County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Board Room

Wednesday April 6
9 a.m. Custer County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Board Room

Friday April 8
9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Custer County School
"Alive at 25" 4 ½ hour driver awareness course
Students must register on-line at <https://alive-at25.us>

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.
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Custer County Public Transit service available to everyone - Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343.
7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training, 9:00 a.m. Water Aerobics, 10:15 a.m. Stretch, 11:30 a.m. Muscles, 1:00 p.m. Low Impact, 5:15 p.m. Step Aerobics, at Club America
Noon: Lunch at Custer County Senior Center, on the first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 a.m.
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
9:15 a.m. Stretch, 10:30 a.m. Zumba, 10:30 a.m. Chair Strength 4:00 p.m. Kids zone after school 5:00 p.m. Core Conditioning at Club America
12 – 4:30 p.m. Bridge Club meets in the Library Community Room in downtown Westcliffe,
6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Music at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff. Contact Barb St. Amour at (719) 371-1051.
10 a.m. -5:30 p.m. West Custer County Library in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138.
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Custer County Public Transit service available to everyone - Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343.
Noon: Lunch at Custer County Senior Center on the first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 a.m.

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.

First Wednesday of the Month
7 p.m. ROCKY MOUNTAIN BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN at the Penrose Community Center, 401 4th Ave, Penrose.

Wednesday
7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training, 10:00 a.m. Low Impact, 5:15 p.m. Step Aerobics at Club America
10 a.m. -5:30 p.m. West Custer County Library in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138.
9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Line dancers meet at Methodist Church. Call Clem: (303) 909-7370.
6 p.m. Closed Big Book Study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting - St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Westcliffe. Call Jim: 783-2053 or (360)509-9172, or Emilie: (719) 371-5974.
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Custer County Community Band practice in high school band room.
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Custer County Public Transit service available to everyone - Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343.

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

Thursday
9:00 a.m. Water Aerobics, 9:15 a.m. Yoga, 10:30 a.m. Zumba, 10:30 a.m. Chair Strength, 4 p.m. Kids Zone after school program 5 p.m. Core Conditioning at Club America
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Custer County Public Transit service available to everyone - Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343.
10 a.m. -5:30 p.m. West Custer County Library in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138.
Noon: Lunch at Custer County Senior Center, on the first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 a.m.
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.

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!

Second Thursday of the Month
9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Veterans Service Office is open, walk-ins are welcome but appointments recommended. 615 Rosita Ave. in Westcliffe. Call 783-9470
10 a.m.-11 a.m. "Ask a Nurse" at the library.

Friday
7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training, 9:00 a.m. Water Aerobics, 9:15 a.m. Stretch, 10:30 a.m. Muscles, 10:30 a.m. Kids Zone after school program at Club America
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Custer County Public Transit service available to everyone - Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343.
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff assisting new mothers and families. Free pregnancy tests, ultrasound, counseling, and more. Call 783-4357.
10 a.m. -5:30 p.m. West Custer County Library in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138.
1 p.m.-4p.m. Custer County Community Sharing Center, Inc. 120 N. 3rd St. (formerly Schlabach's market)
6 p.m. Open discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting - St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emilie at (719) 371-5974.
7 p.m.-8 p.m. Bible Talks with Domenic Enrietta and John Hartig at the Library Community Room. All Welcome No charge.

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.
10 a.m.-2 p.m. West Custer County Library in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138.
2 p.m. Laughter Yoga at the West Custer County Library open to the public.
3 p.m. Open Drum Circle at the West Custer County Library. All ages welcome! If you have a drum, please bring it. We will have a few spares
1 p.m.-4p.m. Custer County Community Sharing Center, Inc. 120 N. 3rd St. (formerly Schlabach's market)

"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matt 11:28 NKJV

Please call 719-783-3360 or email sdc.sentinel@gmail.com to place your ad.

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

Lady Bobcats Make it to 2A State Tournament!



Courtesy Photos by Mark Payler and JoAnn Schlabach

Local Mountain News & Notices

Custer County Sheriff's Office 2015 Year End Report

As 2015 has come to a close, I wanted to take a few minutes to report on the exciting year we have had here at the Sheriff's Office. We were very busy as many changes came about in the office which had a direct impact on the community as well. With the retirement of Sheriff Jobe, new leadership enacted quite a few changes in policy and procedures and the application of those policies. We hired 11 new employees through the year and these individuals are people we can all be proud of. They are serving the community in different capacities and doing an excellent job of assisting those in need each and every day. No matter what time of the day it is, no matter what the need, there is always someone who will answer your call and unselfishly do whatever is required to help the citizens of our county. I am very proud of each member of this agency and we are fortunate to have a dedicated staff working extremely hard to serve the needs of the community.

We accomplished several things through the past year and I don't have the room to outline each of them but I do want to hit on one area that was a very important addition. We immediately had an outpouring of support as we worked to purchase and install a computer aided dispatch program in our communications center. Because of the generosity of so many individuals and businesses, we were able to get this online and running in May. With the acquisition of this program, our service to the community has improved as it has enabled the dispatchers to access information and disseminate it in a more timely manner. It has also enabled us to efficiently track cases and data to provide timely reports and information to the public. It has been a great asset to the agency and I would once again like to thank each and every person who made this possible through donations. The donations of time and material by businesses which allowed us to acquire equipment and provide a safer work environment for the patrol deputies is greatly appreciated. Countless hours were spent by personnel building and revising policies and manuals which often times goes unnoticed. Training hours were greatly increased to meet Colorado Police Officer

Standards and Testing requirements, and we began training the posse in conjunction with the patrol deputies, side by side. These changes were necessary to move the agency forward and I am very happy with what we have accomplished. The good news is we are still moving forward and will continue to develop and grow as an agency.

This is a challenging time in our country as we are all experiencing what I believe to be an open season to assault law enforcement personnel. We are fortunate to live and work in a county where people still appreciate those who serve but it is not this way everywhere. In the past four months, 14 officers in Colorado have been shot while carrying out their duties to serve and protect. A percentage of these officers have been killed, more than any other state during this time span. There was a time when we would not see this many shootings in five years, and yet in today's culture, violence at all levels, has become the norm. I ask each of you to pray for the men and women of law enforcement who selflessly risk their personal safety on a daily basis so that others may live in peace.

Thank you to everyone who has supported, and continues to support, the Custer County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Shannon Byerly

The following is a list of some of the major accomplishments we were able to begin with in 2015.

1. Installation of a Computer Aided Dispatch Center. This installation allowed for better tracking of calls into the dispatch center, management of those calls, and more timely response to the calls when seconds are important.
2. Installation of a new policy and procedure manual for guidance throughout all aspects of the agency. We now have over 1,800 policies and procedures in place to ensure we are performing at an acceptable manner in accordance with modern accepted practices in the

law enforcement community.

3. Officer safety improvements including the installation of cages in the patrol vehicles to protect deputies from aggressive or resisting suspects.
4. A new personnel evaluation process with goals and expectations.
5. Increase in training of all personnel. We have now established required training for all personnel to ensure quality service and safety for the community and law enforcement personnel. We are also including the Sheriff's Posse personnel in the training.
6. Developed training manuals for all new personnel which establishes a baseline to which all personnel are trained prior to working alone. This is critical and a common practice in modern police training practices.
7. Integrated the Sheriff's Posse with the patrol deputies to improve coordinated activities and partnerships within the organization.

Statistical Crime Data Report

Adult Arrests - 117
Juvenile Arrests - 21

Part 1 Crimes Reported - 218
Part 1 Crimes cleared by arrest or exception - 91

Clearance rate - 41.7%

Accident Reports - 110
Westcliffe - 22
Silver Cliff - 18
County - 70
Accidents with injury - 20
Deer/Animal - 26
Drove off right side of roadway - 10
Failed to negotiate a curve in roadway -26
Rollover - 33
Rollover with injury - 12
Speed as a factor - 17
Probable speed as a factor - 7

Animal Complaint, Westcliffe - 21

Animal Complaints, Silver Cliff - 14

DUI Arrests - 18

Model Traffic Code (MTC)
penalty assessments issued - 270

Average inmates held in the county jail each day for 2015 - 6

Revenue generated to county general fund

MTC - \$46,221
DUI - \$2,685
Treasurers fees and surcharges - \$2,796
Total - \$51,702

Revenue generated to the county general fund as sheriff's fees

Sheriff's Fees collected - \$32,116

Budgetary Report

<u>The estimated budget in 2015:</u>		<u>Budget Expenditures for 2015:</u>		<u>2015 Budget Differential</u>	
Sheriff' Office	\$754,425	Sheriff' Office	\$714,084	Sheriff' Office	\$40,341
Jail	\$261,617	Jail	\$241,067	Jail	\$20,550
Dispatch	\$244,954	Dispatch	\$217,953	Dispatch	\$27,001

*** 96% of the total budget was expended resulting in a savings for 2015 of approximately: \$87,892**

* These totals are from the monthly expenditure report we receive from the Finance office.

If anyone has questions about this report please contact Sheriff Byerly or Paula Mankel at the Custer County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 162 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 5 to EMS, and 1 to the Fire Department. As of March 13th, there were 3 males and 2 females in the county jail.

03/9/16:
Traffic Summons:
Spencer Bramhall of Argyle, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Loose Horses:
A deputy stopped on CR 389 in Wetmore to round up loose horses on the road.

03/10/16:
Traffic Summons:
Erin Baker of Wetmore for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Anthony Richardson of Oklahoma City, OK, for

speeding 20 - 24 over.

Derek Pennant-Jones of Austin, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Arrests:
Richard Sherman of Westcliffe was arrested without incident on an arrest warrant for failure to appear.

03/11/16:
Traffic Summons:
Juan Amaya of San Antonio, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Amiee Kingsley of Round Rock, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Charles Culver of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

James King of Westcliffe

for speeding 10 - 19 over.

John Karamigios of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Alarm:
A deputy was dispatched to a merchant on Main Street in Westcliffe in response to a commercial alarm.

Trespass Arrests:
A deputy was dispatched to CR 241 to investigate a report of trespassing. Zebariah Boh, Elizabeth Bohl, and Brandon Grube, all of Cañon City, were arrested for Second Degree Criminal Trespass.

Fire/Arson:
A Sheriff's deputy, the Wet Mountain Fire Department, and EMS were dispatched to Franklin

Street and Second Street in Silver Cliff for a vacant structure fully engulfed in flames. This was determined to be intentionally set.

03/12/16:
Traffic Summons:

Jordan Lippert of Oklahoma, OK, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Daniel Hernandez of Spring, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Robert Garrett of Dallas, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Tristan Clopp of Yukon, OK, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Eric King of Silver Cliff for speeding 10 - 19 over.

The General Marion Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution

The General Marion Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will have their first meeting of 2016 on March 19th at the home of Regent, Desiree Chrysler in Penrose. Four new members will be installed into DAR. They are Kara Averhoff, Ann Brown, Shannon Hartman, and

Mary Yourishin. Also there will be a presentation on the Conservation and information on honey bees. The meeting time is 9:30am at 1240 B Street, Penrose. If you have an interest in joining DAR, and believe you have a Revolutionary War ancestor, join us and get the information you need to qualify.

ANNUAL EASTER BAKE SALE

Saturday, March 26
from 9 am until noon at the Library Community Room

The Altar & Rosary Society of Our Lady of The Assumption Church will hold their annual bake sale with a variety of baked goods for sale. Funds raised help to supply the needs of the Sacristy.



Colorado State News

"Takin' It To The House..."

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representative
Jim Wilson – HD 60
March 13, 2016

This weekend marked the halfway point of the 2016 Legislative session, and I celebrated by flying to Portland, Oregon to see my new granddaughter for the first time! Remy is already over three weeks old and it was just killing me that Kristi was out there holding her while I was here at the Capitol holding on... I solved the problem of not seeing her, but I am now suffering from separation anxiety! (I do have new Grandpa pictures though...)

Since we have reached the midpoint of this session, I thought I would give you the "official" halftime report. To date, 505 bills have been read across the House and Senate desks. Since each of the 100 leg-

islators is allowed a total of five bills, we should be done with the bills for this session right? Wrong! The majority party in each chamber is allowed to grant late bill status (in the House I call it a "Mother may I?" request...). Last session the bill total reached 682 – I do not expect any fewer this session! Late bills tend to include many of the "hand grenade" bills I alluded to in an earlier edition...

The following halftime report is a summary of the status of the bills I am carrying this year (I have not had any bills defeated to date, but I am sure that will change as the session intensifies...):

- HB16-1022 (Full Day Kindergarten) – passed through Education Committee (awaiting a sure demise in the Appropriations Committee.)

- HB16-1105 (Re-establishing a tax check-off for the Make-A-Wish Foundation) – awaiting action in the Finance Committee (to be replaced by HB16-1297 which will broaden the number of tax check-offs to include Make-A-Wish.)

- HB16-1106 (Pioneer Trails) – sailed through the House and is in the Senate for action.

- HB16-1198 (Allowing Computer Science to count as a graduation requirement) – passed in the House Education Committee 10-1 and is on the way to the House floor.

- HB16-1259 (Changes to Local Community College status) – to be heard in House Ed. Comm.

- SJR 16-010 (National Historic Preservation Act) – passed both the House and Senate.

- SJR 16-011 (No Lease of CSP II to Federal Government) – passed out of the Senate, but faces a battle in the House this week.

- There are 3 other bills I am co-sponsoring with D's that have yet to be read across the desk:

- A bill allowing school districts more local flexibility in meeting state/federal mandates.

- A bill that would streamline Higher Education reporting requirements.

- A bill allowing a school district to place bilingual certification verification

on a diploma.

Yes, you are correct – I have obviously been granted late bill status if I am carrying this many bills! Several colleagues across the aisle have reached out to me to assist them with education issues. I am more than willing to work with everyone on issues of common interest. The same things hold true for the Legislature as it does for football – working together pays off and the victories all come in the second half. Stay tuned – the second half kickoff just occurred. The two minute drill will really get exciting...



As we go through the second half, feel free to call my office in the Capitol at 303-866-2747 or e-mail: wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us.

Yours for HD 60,
Representative Jim Wilson

Dem Rep. Salazar Wants to Ban Oil and Gas, Drives Gas Hog to Hearing

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Today, Rep. Joe Salazar will introduce a bill that would, in essence, destroy the oil and gas industry in Colorado. Salazar has been chomping at the bit to make a name for himself, after years of idiotic missteps, by damning the oil and gas industry to hell. His bill would make oil and gas companies responsible for earthquakes that happen near drilling sites. Never-you-mind that there is zero scientific evidence that the two activities are actually linked. Who are the science deniers, again?

This is yet another episode of political theater since this bill has less than no chance



Perhaps Salazar should consider walking the walk on green issues before he tries to damage an entire industry.
Courtesy photo

of advancing in the Senate. Nonetheless, it's still puzzling that Salazar could be so tone deaf as to call for an industry-killing measure while driving this gas guzzler car to the hearing.

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Psalm 41:10, NIV

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- Grand Prize Giveaway
- Giant J.D. Power Inflatable
- J.D. Power Tour Truck



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Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

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

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

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

**Fremont
Republican
Central
Committee**
*4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
603 Main Street*

**Southern
Colorado
Survivors**
*1st Sat at 10 a.m.
El Alazan
Mexican Restaurant
1925 Fremont Dr.
Cañon City*

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Royal Gorge Bridge Continues Tradition of Sunrise Service

by Charlotte Burrous

With spring comes the hope of Easter, which commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As the sun rises about 6:52 a.m. March 27th, it will be a reminder of why we celebrate Easter Sunrise at the Royal Gorge, where the north gate will open at 5:30 a.m.

At 6:30 a.m., the service will begin March 27th on a stretch of area across the bridge on the south side of the Royal Gorge at 4218 CR3A.

“The popular tradition of the Easter Sunrise Service has taken place at the park for (more than) 60 years,” a press release said.

This year, activities include music by Jimmy Bennett and his band, “His Witness,” as well as a short sermon by Grant Adkisson, a Christian pastor for more than 40 years. His experience includes traveling and preaching in all 50 states and more than 40 foreign countries, the release said. He also has delivered the sermon for the past three years.

“The highlight of my year is to come to the Royal Gorge Easter Sunrise Service,” he said in the release. “It takes me back to my family roots in this area.”

A third generation Colorado homestead family, Adkisson has become known as a “Cowboy Preacher” for his involve-

ment with rodeos, cowboys and Fellowship of Christian Cowboys since 1973, the release said. During his career, he has preached at such venues as the National Western Stock Show, Cheyenne Frontier Days and the National Finals Rodeo. In addition, he also was the main writer for “The Ways for Cowboys” New Testament and “The Heart of the Outdoors,” sportsman Bible.

During the service, attendees may donate to a free will offering for the Military Warrior Support Foundation.

“This organization is very efficient with its funds,” said Adkisson, who supports the organizations. “It does tremendous good for a lot of soldiers.”

In keeping with tradition, coffee and hot cocoa will be provided for free during the service. But Vice-President and General Manager Mike Bandera urged participants to dress warm because the air could be chilly. Although there is seating for 500 guests, those attending are asked to bring their own chairs and blankets to keep warm.

At the end of the services, guests are invited to Café 1230 for an Easter morning pancake breakfast for \$5 for children and \$7 for adults.

The Easter Sunrise Service is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the bridge at 275-7507.

Easter Egg Hunts On Tap in Several Locations

by Charlotte Burrous

With Easter on the horizon, plenty of fun is on tap for area children, who enjoy hunting for goodies during the annual Easter Egg Hunts.

Bright and early on March 26th, the fun kicks off at 10 a.m. when the Easter Bunny arrives on a fire truck at Pioneer Park at Third and North Pikes Peak in Florence. For those participating, the age limit is ten years old. But the hunts will be divided into two groups of children to give the younger ones an opportunity to find goodies on their own.

In the meantime, Penrose Parks

and Recreation will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt at 11 a.m. March 26th in Penrose Park at 415 Fourth Ave., in Penrose.

“The fire department is going to do it by grades,” said Roberta Newton, of Penrose Parks. “Kwik Stop is providing all the candy. The Penrose Fire Department will be the ones to scatter the candy out. They’ll be there with one of their fire engines to entertain the kids. We’re going to have several games (in the park).”

In conjunction, there will be

**See EASTER
on page 23**

Upcoming events for March 14-28

Second Annual Flocking, a fundraiser for Family Crisis Services, begins this month. Flock your friends by calling 275-2429.

Fremont Center for the Arts will host the Mathematical Abstraction Art Exhibit and Sale from March 4-26 at 505 Macon Ave. A unique art exhibit, it depicts a theme that combines both math and abstract concepts in the pieces of art exhibited. It will be a two-part exhibit: Adults 18 and over all media exhibit and Sculpture challenge and the same theme by Fremont County High School students.

The Blue Spruce Art Gallery will host its annual photography show through March 14 at 205 W. Main St. in Florence. For more information, call 784-1339 or on the website at www.bluespruceart.com.

Author Friea Hooper-Bradford will share her 60-year journey as an author during a presentation at 2 p.m. March 15 at the John C. Fremont Library at 130 Church Ave. in Florence. She will share her successes, disappointments and comical stories she has encountered along the way. Her newly published book, “Drought” and her earlier books will be available for sale. For more information, call 784-4649.

Florence Chamber Ambassadors will meet at 5:30 p.m. March 15 at the Chamber office in Florence.

Fremont County Youth Coalition community meeting will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. March 15 at the Evangelical Free Church at 3000 E. Main St.

Penrose Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly breakfast at 7 a.m. March 15 in at Penrose Senior Center at 405 Broadway in Penrose. For more information, call 372-3994.

Florence Eagles will serve corned beef and cabbage, starting at 11 a.m. March 17 at 117 S. Petroleum in Florence. Cost is \$6.

Authors Caryn and Peter Boddie will take the audience on a tour of the lost ski areas of Colorado during a presentation at 5 p.m. March 18 at the John C. Fremont Library at 130 Church Ave. in Florence. The authors will give an overview of the state and then talk about the ski areas that are closer to Florence. Caryn will bring vintage postcards that she has collected during the process of her research. Their two books, “Lost Ski Area of Colorado’s Front Range and Northern Mountains” and “Lost Ski Areas of Colorado’s Central & Southern Mountains will be available for purchase. For more information, call 784-4649.

Florence Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. March 18 at the historic Rialto Theater in Florence.

Fremont County Republican Assembly will begin at 9 a.m. March 19 at Harrison Middle School at 921 Field Ave.

In honor of Women’s History Month, the Fremont County Historical Society will present Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame and Minnie Harding by Betty Heid at 2 p.m. March 20 at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church at 801 Sheridan Ave. All are invited for this special program. Refreshments will be provided.

PCC Mini Senior College will be held from March 21-25 at 51320 W. Hwy. 50. Registration continues until March 18. Cost is \$10 per day or \$45 for the week and may be made by cash, check or credit card. Classes are first-come, first-served basis. Lunch will cost \$10 per day. For telephone registration, call 296-6100.

Friday Night Movie will feature “A Walk in the Woods” at 5 p.m. March 25 in the John C. Fremont Library at 130 Church Ave. in Florence. Based on a book by Bill Bryson. Bill and his long lost friend Katz set off to hike the Appalachian Trail. What transpires is a comedy and a trial of errors. Starring Academy Award winner Robert Redford, Nick Nolte and Emma Thompson. Rated R. Free popcorn. Bring your own drink. For more information, call 784-4649.

Florence Senior Community Center Cards & Treats are offered from 12:30-5 p.m. every Monday at 100 Railroad St. in Florence. Suggested donation is \$2. For more information, call 784-6493.

Florence Senior Community Center Bible Study is offered from 6:30-8 p.m. every Monday at 100 Railroad St. in Florence. For more information, call 784-6493.

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One of the biggest challenges to the third world is clean water. It is not unusual on any given 100+ degree day to see children playing in creeks with pools of muddy water. That same water is collected in containers and brought back to villages for drinking and cooking. Or there will be people out washing their clothes and from that same water comes the evening dinner and water in the household for the next day. Clean potable water in the rural areas of Ghana is a premium. The Daily Jot and our ministry partner in Ghana, Redeem West Africa led by Pastor William Agbeti, have spent the past two years developing a clean water project for a specific rural area outside Medina, Ghana. The results are amazing.

While children play in and drink from the same muddy creeks, the Ghana government is rather strict on trying to provide clean water. No one can legally sell water, for example, without proper permitting and documentation of the proper filtration of that water. Notwithstanding, we always check the water bottles we purchase when on mission there because they may not be sealed, meaning the water could be from a contaminated source. You can imagine the spread of disease and unsanitary conditions resulting from this practice. Indeed, when the ebola outbreak was occurring in West Africa, our ministry provided water sanitation kits and our areas did not experience an ebola outbreak.

Our first well is just about ready to launch. We have done everything according to government standards, which has taken a considerable time and added costs. But we wanted to be above board and legal in all that we did to provide water to this rural area. Our well is dug. We had to build concrete holders for water tanks to accommodate a filtration

system, and provide electric to the system for filtration and pumping. Now we must complete the project by installing the filtration system and receive final inspection. Our goal is to make this the template of how we plan to bring clean water to rural areas AND use the water as an opportunity to evangelize, especially in Muslim-dominated areas.

Jesus said in John 7:37-38, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believes on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." Jesus is the Living Water. We are going to provide both potable and Living Water to those who seek it in the rural areas of Ghana. It is important that we do not lose momentum. The filtration system and the inspection are critical to this operation's success. This is where you could help if you are so led by the Lord. Your gift will actually make the difference of a child, a family, having clean water. In reality, hundreds of children having clean water. We are in the final phases of our first well system and you can help us put the finishing touches on it.

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Alabama Supreme Court Tells Supreme Court to Take a Hike on Marriage Opinion

by Tim Brown,
FreedomOutpost.com

(Editor/GG: About time a state stood up to the unconstitutional rulings from the rogue U.S. Supreme Court.)

On Friday, the Alabama Supreme Court rejected the U.S. Supreme Court's marriage opinion and basically told them to take a hike in favor of following the Alabama Constitution and Alabama law.

On March 4, 2016, the Alabama Supreme Court ordered that all probate judges cease and desist in issuing marriage licenses to sodomi.

The court issued its 170-page ruling in favor of Petition for Mandamus by Liberty Counsel.

Mat Staver, Founder and Chairman of Liberty Counsel said, "The ruling last year by the Alabama Supreme Court was historic, and is one of the most researched and well-reasoned opinions on marriage to be issued by any court in the country. Today's opinion by the Alabama Supreme Court calling the U.S. Supreme Court's marriage opinion 'illegitimate' will be remembered in history like the 'shot heard around the world.'"

"The Alabama Supreme Court has openly rejected the U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 marriage opinion, labeling it 'illegitimate' and without legal or precedential authority. This is a clear victory for the rule of law and an historic decision by the Alabama Supreme Court. The Judgement makes permanent the Alabama Supreme Court's order prohibiting probate judges from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples. The Alabama Supreme Court has rejected the illegitimate opinion of five lawyers on the U.S. Supreme Court," added Staver.

Both Chief Justice Roy Moore and Justice Tom Parker criticized the opinion of the Supreme Court in the Oberkfell case.

"I agree with the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, John Roberts, and with Associate Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas, and Samuel Alito, that the

majority opinion in Obergefell has no basis in the law, history, or tradition of this country," wrote Moore. "Obergefell is an unconstitutional exercise of judicial authority that usurps the legislative prerogative of the states to regulate their own domestic policy. Additionally, Obergefell seriously jeopardizes the religious liberty guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution."

He then went on to call out the judiciary's tyranny in their opinion.

"Based upon arguments of 'love,' 'commitment,' and 'equal dignity' for same-sex couples, five lawyers, as Chief Justice Roberts so aptly describes the Obergefell majority, have declared a new social policy for the entire country," Chief Justice Moore added. "As the Chief Justice and Associate Justices Scalia, Thomas, and Alito eloquently and accurately demonstrate in their dissents, the majority opinion in Obergefell is an act of raw power with no ascertainable foundation in the Constitution itself. The majority presumed to legislate for the entire country under the guise of interpreting the Constitution."

"The Obergefell majority presumes to amend the United States Constitution to create a right stated nowhere therein," he concluded. "That is a lawless act."

Moore also referenced the framers of the Constitution in his remarks.

"I submit that our Founders knew a lot more about freedom than [Justice Kennedy's opinion] indicates," Moore wrote. "They secured the freedoms we enjoy, not in judicial decrees of newly discovered rights, but in the Constitution and amendments thereto. That a majority of the Court may identify an 'injustice' that merits constitutional correction does not dispense with the means the Constitution has provided in Article V for its own amendment."

"Although the Court could suggest that the Constitution would benefit from a particular amendment, the Court does not possess the authority to insert the amendment into the Constitution by the vehicle of a Court opinion and then to demand compliance with it."

Indeed, our founding fathers dealt quite harshly with sodomites. They would never have allowed these people to have a voice in the political process, much less advance an agenda to sodomize America by perverting the definition of marriage.

Justice Moore then gave wise counsel to sodomites who claim that they can engage in sodomy and be dignified in marriage.

"Historically, consummation of a marriage always involved an act of sexual intimacy that was dignified in the eyes of the law. An act of sexual intimacy between two men or two women, by contrast, was considered 'an infamous crime against nature' and a 'disgrace to human nature.' Homosexuals who seek the dignity of marriage must first forsake the sexual habits that disqualify them from admission to that hallowed institution. Surely more dignity attaches to participation in a fundamental institution on the terms it prescribes than to an attempt to wrest its definition to serve inordinate lusts that demean its historic dignity."

Indeed, I wish more people understood that liberty is not the ability to do what the law condemns, but to do what is right before our Creator. May God bless the Alabama Supreme Court!

Matt Staver concluded, "Justices and judges are bound to interpret the U.S. Constitution. When they write opinions that have no legal foundation, then their opinions lack legal legitimacy. That is what the five lawyers did on the U.S. Supreme Court in the marriage opinion. They ignored the Constitution, the Court's precedents, and millennia of human history. Their opinion calls into question the legitimacy of the Supreme Court. When we the people lose trust in the Justices, the authority of the Supreme Court is undermined. If the people accept this 5-4 opinion, then we have transitioned to a despotic form of government. The people must now decide if we are governed by the rule of law or the whim of unelected judges."

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"That book, sir, is the rock on which our Republic rests."

President Andrew Jackson

The Attack of the Dirt Monster

by TheZMan.com

When an army is defeated on the battlefield, the first thing that happens is the lines break and order breaks down. Some units surrender right away, while others try to reform and keep fighting. Still others will retreat, finding the quickest way to escape in order to avoid capture or potential slaughter. The military saying is that you learn everything about an army when they are defeated.

That's true of political arrangements as well. A political party or an ideological movement takes on a very different character when it runs into trouble. That's because we get to see inside once it is cracked open. The things that were hidden behind the rhetoric, tactics and institutions are not only made public, but the motivations behind them are made public. It's never a pretty picture.

The feuding and blood letting we are seeing in the American political class is one of those rare chances to see behind the curtain of power, at what really is going on with our rulers. The other day the *NYTimes* dropped a bombshell report on how Chuck Schumer, Marco Rubio and Roger Ailes tried to hoodwink conservatives into buying off on amnesty. The gist of the story is it was an orchestrated effort to have Fox News sell a Democrat policy to conservatives.

As much as this damages Fox News, it also damages the Left. Their voters loathe the idea that the fix is in and that both parties plot in secret to hose the voters. Liberals hate this more than conservatives, who tend to suspect it anyway. In the past, this is the sort of story that would never be reported, but today the lines are breaking and it is a free-for-all. The *NYTimes* is taking a shot at Fox, even if it helps Trump, who they hate.

Of course, the on-going implosion of conservative media offers the best glimpse into the reality of the so-called conservative movement. We see some of them pledging to support Hillary Clinton. Others have broken into the old liberal chants from the Bush years. Still others are claiming Trump is a member of the KKK, the Nazi Party, the Italian Mafia and a Progressive Democrat. I guess that's what George Bush meant when he said he wanted to be a "uniter" not a divider.

"...a realization on the part of the Dirt People that the Cloud People hold them in contempt."

The shocking part for many Americans is seeing people who have spent decades claiming to be their champion, suddenly turn on them and call them morons and fascists. But, it's what happens when the lines break down and there is no longer anyone around to maintain order. We see the true nature of the combatants. In this case, most of the people in conservative media never cared much for their customers. The audience is just there to be farmed, like cattle.

Scrape away the ranting and raving and what you see is that all of them have been committed to the open borders project. Mickey Kaus pointed out a year ago that the simplest way to derail Donald Trump was for the party to adopt the policies of Jeff Sessions. These are wildly popular with voters and well within the traditions of America. They could not do it. They were willing to go to war with their own voters in order to save the open borders dream.

There are plenty of examples from history where the ruling elite has decided that a popular belief had to be purged. Wodism was purged from the British Isles by force. Whole villages were forcibly converted to the new religion. This only worked because the people doing the converting were believers too and their new religion offered something of value to the converted. If Christianity was good enough for the king, then the people could go along with it.

The fantasy of open borders turns this on its head. The managerial elites live in bunkered communities, immune from the costs of open borders. They live in these Potemkin villages that resemble college campuses, where the diversity is only skin deep. Everyone has an advanced degree, a job in government and a worldview to match it. The people they plan to forcibly convert are the people they intend to stick with the cost of it, while the elites plan to enjoy the benefits.

The insanity of this plan is that it assumes things about humans that, if true, would spell the end of the managerial class. After all, if people are willing to go along with having the value of their citizenship vaporized, that means they no longer see it as having any value. How in the world will the managerial class command loyalty from the people when there is no longer any point in being loyal? After all, you can't have patriotic duty without patriotism and you can't have that if it no longer has any value.

What we are seeing here is something about how the Cloud People view the Dirt People. Loyalty to a society has always been anchored in loyalty to the people in that society. A man is willing to take up the sword on behalf of the king, because the king is doing the same for his subjects. In other words, you're not fighting for the king, you're fighting for what the king embodies, what the king represents. Loyalty flows in both directions.

What's happening is the a realization on the part of the Dirt People that the Cloud People hold them in contempt. What started out as some small skirmishes over the last decade, have now turned into a full blown war and the lines of the political establishment have broken. We're getting to see the ugly truth that lies behind them. For most people, this is infuriating and that's why they have flocked to the evil dirt monster that is Donald Trump.

It's also why the bellowing from conservative media over Trump has backfired. The people are angry at the Republicans for their treachery. They are hardly going to listen to the party's propaganda organs lecture them on the need to be loyal in the fight against the dirt monster. If anything, like the peasants in the Italian countryside when Alaric approached Rome, they will side with the wrecker.

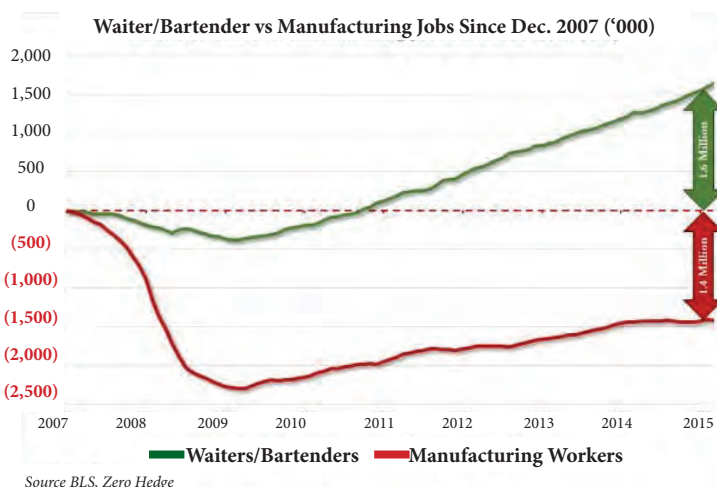
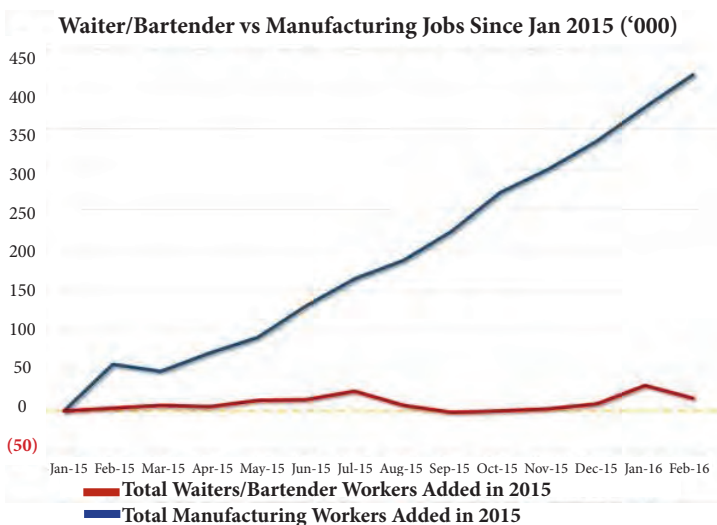
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In the Past Year, the U.S. Added 360,000 Waiters and Only 12,000 Manufacturing Workers

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

We already know that U.S. jobs "growth" continues entirely on the back of (seasonally adjusted) minimum wage job growth, and since this has been one of our preferred topics exposing the hollow core of the so-called "recovery", we once again show the divergence between the two job categories that have come to define the New Paranormal: waiters and bartenders, aka the only truly growing (minimum wage) job category, and manufacturing workers - well paid jobs which sadly are no longer being created.

Here is how this "recovery" has looked: since last February, the U.S. has added 360K waiters; in the same time, a paltry 12,000 manufacturing workers have been added as shown in the chart below.



How about longer-term? The next chart shows the cumulative growth (and decline) in waiter and bartender jobs since the start of the depression in December 2007. Waiter jobs added: 1.6 million and rising by 40K in February; manufacturing jobs lost: 1.4 million and dropping by 16K in February.

And that, in one chart, is your "recovery."

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Yet Another of Mexico's Finest

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

Paul Ryan, Mitch McConnell, Hillary, Sanders, Obama and Ted Cruz all want more of these people in the country. They are all "one world" folks who believe in no borders and no border security. They lie about their positions when these sort of events happen, but one need only follow the money, all of which leads straight back to places like Goldman Sachs that provided a nice, cushy loan for Cruz (which he failed to disclose as required during his senate campaign) and

his wife has a direct connection there through employment.

Serrano-Vitorino is accused of murdering four men late Monday night at his neighbor's home in Kansas City, KS. He was also wanted in connection with the shooting death of 49-year-old Randy Nordman in Montgomery County.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) said in a statement late Tuesday that Serrano-Vitorino was a Mexican national who was in the U.S. illegally.

He was deported in 2004 too, and our lack of border enforcement -- and no wall -- made it trivial for him to come back, which he did and then murdered four people.

Yes, we can have eight more years of this crap on top of the 30+ we've already suffered under both Democrats and Republicans.

Or we can have Trump who will put a stop to it.

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"Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments."

Deuteronomy 7:9 NKJV

Harbinger

by Mike Vanderboegh,
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com

The Roman Empire ‘fell’ only in the minds of people who had a particular and limited view of what the Roman Empire was . . . For the auxiliary soldier serving on the Rhine frontier at the end of the Roman period, for farmers in villages in central France . . . there was no abrupt fall of the imperial power . . . (This touches) on a question of fundamental importance for understanding the past and indeed the present, in human societies. The approach to the past for which I have argued is a ‘bottom-up’ one rather than the traditional ‘top-down’ approach. . . The big question . . . is which people drive change? Is change brought about largely through the actions of leaders, or

by the majority of people? To read traditional text-based history of the first millennium, we would think that the persons named in the texts were the decisive factors . . . But battles were won by armies, not by generals. -- **Barbarians To Angels: The Dark Ages Reconsidered** by Peter S. Wells, pp. 200-291.

In St. Louis and in Chicago yesterday the future could be beheld by those with vision enough to glimpse “through a glass, and darkly, the age long strife.”

It would be overly simple to explain this run-up to fratricide as between a shape-shifting demagogue and competing elites from the likes of George Soros and the Wall Street banksters and their GOP familiars. There is much truth in that view. But there is also no denying that yesterday represented two peoples

eager to tear each other’s throats out in an ancient atavism whose time has come round again.

For those of us who refuse to fully enlist in either cause, the choice is clear, If the three sided race war, abetted by various cynical strains of collectivism, is about to break wide open then it behooves us to work locally to defend our interests, our safety and our liberty against all sides who threaten them with their “true belief” We need not, we must not, choose an evil side in this clash of collectivisms (and yes, Trumpism represents one authoritarian strain of that age-old disease). We must stand ready to defend what may be defended, to save what must be saved and to preserve what may be preserved.

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More Than 30 Blocks of Fiscal Irresponsibility Part Two

by Jim Quinn,
The Burning Platform

Every public school in the city has metal detectors to cut down on the in-school murders. They can do that out on the streets, where it belongs. And despite six decades of failed policies, the politicians, teacher’s union, and liberals who run the city insist more taxpayer money will fix everything. One problem. They’ve run out of other people’s money. Maybe the money spent on useless parking garages and Section 8 estates should have been spent replacing water pipes, streets, and encouraging businesses to open in the city through lower taxes and regulations.

I stumbled across an article in the *Financial Times* the other day revealing why Philadelphia’s infrastructure is crumbling, with absolutely zero possibility of reversing the downward spiral. I find it fascinating a foreign publication had to uncover the ugly truth, while the liberal rag *Philadelphia Inquirer* is completely silent on the issue. They just spout the mantra of how the Feds and PA need to give Philadelphia more money. It’s always for the children. The hundreds of billions poured into the public education system in this country over the last decade has been a complete waste of time, mainly because a huge portion of the money doesn’t go towards education, but bloated pensions and administration costs.

More mediocre teachers, more government control, more social engineering, more free breakfasts and lunches, more catchy slogans and more promises have achieved steady declines in SAT scores across the board. The next solution is to phase out SAT scores. Measuring failure isn’t allowed in our politically correct, trophy generation, safe spaces world. Reporting declines in scores on a test that has been an accurate predictor of college success for generations is a micro aggression against the intellectually stunted morons being matriculated through the government run public education system. The \$14,000 to \$20,000 per student per year spent by the taxpayers across this country just isn’t enough according to those of a liberal ilk. The children would

be smart if we just upped the ante by another \$2,000 per kid. They’d hire more below average education majors into the teacher’s union. That’s a can’t miss solution.

If you think the national scores are atrocious, and they are, wait until you see the scores from the Philadelphia School District. The students who took the SAT from Philadelphia public schools “achieved” these averages:

Reading – 398 (PA average was 480)

Math – 405 (PA average was 483)

It gets even better. Only the cream of the crop even took the exam. There were 25,768 students in the Philadelphia public school 11th and 12th grades. Only 5,172 students even took the exam, or 20%. Based on their scores, they probably wouldn’t know how I arrived at 20%. To paraphrase George Carlin, when you see how stupid the 20% SAT takers are,

billions in student loan defaults.

Despite a \$2.8 billion annual budget, with over \$1 billion coming from the State and Feds, the Philadelphia public school system is a complete and utter disaster. It is so bad the State had to seize control a few years ago by forming a commission to manage it. The buildings are dilapidated, rat infested, filled with mold, and need to be patrolled by police. Teachers are assaulted, principles fake test scores, students brawl, the learning materials are pitiful and little or no learning occurs. It begs to question, where did all the money go? Considering there are only 8,400 teachers and 300 principals, one wonders what the other 9,000 district employees actually do.

There are 199,000 public school students, but only 134,000 are in the Philadelphia district schools. The other 65,000 are in charter schools. The 16 to 1 student to teacher ratio equals the national average. There were 212,000

“Measuring failure isn’t allowed in our politically correct, trophy generation, safe spaces world.”

just imagine how stupid the 80% who didn’t take the exam must be. The SAT score predicts your possibility of achieving a passing grade in college.

Based on the scores of the Philadelphia students, less than 10% of high school seniors are capable of succeeding in college. To prove how warped our higher educational system has become, there were 8,439 graduates and 54% of them enrolled in college. If you were wondering where the hundreds of billions in taxpayer funded student loans are going – here’s your answer. It’s getting doled out to functional illiterates with zero chance of succeeding in college. There’s a 100% chance you will end up paying for the

students in 2003 with less teachers. More government employees were hired even though student enrollment declined 6%. The teacher’s union doesn’t care about the children. They care about getting their teachers as much as possible, and they’ve done a phenomenal job getting below average teachers gold plated benefits and pensions. The government unions use their voting power over the Democrat politicians to shakedown the taxpayers.

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West Virginia's Senate Overrides Governor's Concealed Carry Veto

by Jenn Jacques, BearingArms.com

West Virginia's senate voted 23-11 to override the Governor veto on the conceal carry bill on Saturday. The measure was passed along after the house also voted to override the veto by a vote of 64-33. The measure makes it no longer necessary to apply for a permit to have a concealed weapon.

The legislation provides a \$50 tax credit for anyone who voluntarily undergoes gun training and persons between the ages of 18-21 must still obtain a permit.

"As the chief legal officer of the state and the person in charge of criminal matters for the state at the W.V. Supreme Court and in federal courts, I know that this

legislation will not impact public safety," West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey said after the veto. "If this bill is enacted, we will not only expand freedom, but we will keep our citizens protected."

"Self-defense is a fundamental right that must be respected," said Chris W. Cox, executive director of the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action. "Law-abiding West Virginians are now free to choose the method of self-defense that best suits their needs. The NRA and our five million members are pleased that the legislature voted in support of West Virginians' Second Amendment freedoms."

Of course, there were no shortage of ignorant and inflammatory responses from the left.

"It's unfortunate that the concerns of officers from every law enforcement branch in the state, including the West Virginia State Police and university campus police officers, have been ignored by today's action," Governor Tomblin said.

"I can hear them (drug runners) up in Detroit, Michigan....I can possibly hear the cheers going up," Sen. Mike Woelfel (D-Cabell) said.

Perhaps he didn't hear that right.

"I can hear freedom knocking at the doors in West Virginia. That's exactly what this does," Sen. Craig Blair (R-Berkeley) said.

West Virginia Senate President Bill Cole (R) delivered a moving statement following the veto, saying in part,

"The Senate today, in a broad bipartisan vote, defended the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding West Virginia citizens by overriding Governor Tomblin's veto of House Bill 4145.

This bill allows West Virginians to protect themselves without the government's permission. It has been improved from the bill vetoed last year by creating three new criminal offenses. The new felony offenses come with tough penalties for using a concealed deadly weapon during the commission of a crime, and for carrying a concealed firearm if you are not legally permitted to do so. We are also creating an incentive for training courses, which I believe

will go a long way to encourage people to be properly trained on the safe use of their weapons.

I am proud of this version, and I am pleased that today we were able to stand up for the constitutional rights our citizens hold so dear."

The law is set to go into effect on May 26th, making West Virginia one of eight states to allow permit-less concealed carry. Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, Maine, Vermont, and Wyoming are so-called constitutional carry states. In Wyoming, the law applies to residents only.

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Hatchet Wielding Attacker Stopped by Concealed Carry Citizen

by Bob Owens, BearingArms.com

At 5:45 a.m., the 7-11 on 8th Avenue South in White Center, Washington was open for business much like any other day. The clerk, a 58-year-old Seattle man, was drinking his morning coffee as one of his daily regular customers perused the shop.

Much like any other day.... until a masked man entered the store wielding a hatchet and starting swinging it toward a customer before turning his attention toward the clerk.

Thankfully, the clerk's regular customer, a 60-year-old Seattle man, was in possession of a handgun and

"Fortunately, because of this customer with his weapon, this could have been a lot worse."

a concealed carry permit. He drew his gun and shot the man, immediately stopping the attack.

"Fortunately, because of this customer with his weapon, this could have been a lot worse," said King County Sheriff's Sergeant Cindi West.

The attacker is described as a man in his 40's and medics pronounced him dead at the scene.

Witnesses say the hatchet-wielding man didn't say a word during his grizzly attack, and although the clerk suffered minor injuries to his stomach, it could have ended much, much worse.

"The clerk could be the one laying there dead on the floor right now."

Investigators describe the neighborhood surrounding the 7-11 store where the attack took place as "quiet" and state this is the first only-violent incident the store has seen.

Hats off to the King County Sheriff's investigators for acknowledging the customer who shot the man did nothing wrong and are happy he was there to intervene.

...or should I say "hat-chets off"?

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Petition to Allow Trained Teachers to Protect Children

by Dean Weingarten, GunWatch.Blogspot.com

ABC11 is running a poll to gauge whether people think teachers should be allowed to protect students. They have framed the question as an all or nothing choice between all teachers being armed and none. The people voting on the poll are not buying it, and are voting for armed teachers almost 2-1.

ROXBORO, N.C. (WNCN) – A Person County man has started circulating a petition aimed at building support to allow trained teachers to have a gun in their classrooms.

Bruce Wrenn says safety in schools is something he's been concerned about for a long time, but the recent mass shooting at a community college in Oregon compelled him to act.

Do you believe teachers should be armed in the classroom? Take our poll below and submit your comments on our Facebook page.

ABC 11 Audience Poll

Do you believe teachers should be armed in the classroom?

Yes	65%
No	35%

1,340 Voters | Change Vote

The article is about a North Carolina father petitioning the local school to allow select and trained teachers to protect children.

From ABC11.com:

Wrenn's proposal says "any administrator or teacher that has met all certifications and background checks will be allowed to have a board approved handgun that will be stored in a mounted and hardened cabinet. The cabinet can only be accessed with a fingerprint reader that will only work for that person."

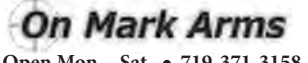
From wncn.com:

The local school board has not been interested, so far.

Quite a few schools are already doing it. Many teachers have police and military experience. There is no reason qualified teachers should be prevented from protecting children. It is much easier to have the teacher carry the gun on them than all the complications of a lock box. In schools where people with concealed carry permits are allowed to carry firearms, there have not been any problems.

Numerous States have laws to

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About That Kid in Chicago

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

Obama has once again tried to turn a nut-job shooting people at a Planned Parenthood clinic into a call for “more gun control”, as if somehow passing more laws against murder will make murder less prevalent.

May I remind you that you may only prosecute someone for the **first** murder, no matter how many they commit or how many other crimes they commit before, during or after, because you can only serve one life sentence or give someone the death penalty **once**.

It is therefore idiotic to pretend that passing more laws on guns (the 50,000+ already on the books aren’t enough?) will stop murders. A person willing to commit murder has already decided that the law is no object to their evil intentions, irrespective of whether you like it or not.

But then there’s this case -- a 9 year old boy shot by a gang *because the gang didn’t like his Dad*.

Where’s Obama on that calling for these criminal gangs to be dismantled and **every single one of the people involved being tossed in the hoosegow for life?**

And why isn’t **that** shooting his poster child for gun control?

You know the answer, right?

It has a lot to do with the race of the shooter in the two incidents..... and the utterly common incidence of the second sort of thing in Chicago -- where a nut-job shooting up a Planned Parenthood clinic is -- fortunately -- very rare.

Obama’s sons are always ignored when they do things like this, aren’t they?

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permit such programs. The Federal Gun Free School Zone Act specifically allows people with state approved permits to carry in schools. Many states allow local school boards or school administrators to make such decisions.

A training program that has proved extremely popular is the FASTER (Faculty / Administrator Safety Training & Emergency Response) approach. The training is provided for free. The program has trained over 350 people from 100 school districts. From Jim Irvine at fastersaveslives.org:

We have graduated over 350 people from more than 100 districts, with over two dozen districts sending people through our Level 2 training. We have partnered with experts and school staff to keep our children safe. None of the bad things that detractors said “could happen” have occurred. One of our schools was the target of an active killer, but we saw the greatest success – the killing that didn’t happen. Another school’s relationship with law enforcement led to quickly solving a murder that reached across state lines.

The program is excellent. It works. We have real success stories and not one school that has authorized has terminated its program. The recent killings prove that our country has a long way to go, and we are ready to lead the way.

The programs are there. They are well accepted, and they work.

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The Tyranny of Liberalism: Student Threatened for Comments on Liberal Insanity

by Blake Neff, Daily Caller News Foundation

A student at the University of Pittsburgh (Pitt) got his parents targeted for harassment after he had the temerity to tweet about the antics of liberal protesters on campus.

The mess for Pitt senior Doug Steeber started earlier this week when Pitt’s College Republicans invited writer Milo Yiannopoulos to give a lecture on the subject of free

speech. The event aroused a storm of controversy, with students complaining it triggered them and made them feel physically unsafe (though there was no violence and the event was observed by local police).

The furor resulted in over 100 students attending a student government meeting Tuesday night, where many denounced the Yiannopoulos speech and demanded new censorship rules that would prevent a similar event from being held in the future.

Steeber was one of the attendees of the meeting, though not as a protester. He told The Daily Caller News Foundation he livetweeted various quotes and observations from the meeting (which was open to the public). Photos of his tweets indicate that his comments were mostly descriptive in nature, with a mild dose of snark. Nobody at the meeting is specifically identified by name.

Steeber’s actions may have been pretty straightforward, as far as tweeting goes, but he says it infuriated others at the meeting after one of them saw what he was up to. Some even began to attack him publicly.

“They were screaming at me,” he said. “[One woman’s] friends had to physically restrain her, it looked like.”

But that was only the beginning of Steeber’s problems. Early Thursday morning, he said, he received a notification from Facebook warning somebody appeared to be trying to impersonate him on Facebook. The spoof account had the same name and photo as him. Steeber had the account deleted, but the spoofer proceeded to create another account, avoiding automatic detection by changing his name to “Douglas Steeb” and inverting his profile picture.

This spoof account, notably, also listed the home address of his parents, which is not listed on Steeber’s regular account.

The most disturbing development came Thursday evening, when Steeber says a friend discovered a flier posted at Pitt. The flier shows a photo of Steeber, denounces him for “making fun of sexual assault survivors,” and gives the name and phone number of his parents with the suggestion that people call them. The flier also warns that its maker (or makers) are hard at work to identify others at the student government meeting so they can be harassed in the same way. So far, Steeber said, his parents have received a few calls from people who immediately hang up, but nothing more menacing thus far.

“I have no issue with being challenged on my opinions, but threatening of my family is unacceptable,” Steeber said. He said he had no idea who is responsible for producing the spoof Facebook account or the flier.

At the time of publication, Steeber was attending the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), and was uncertain whether there were any other copies of the flier being distributed around Pitt’s campus.

Steeber’s plight has attracted the interest of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI), a non-profit that co-sponsored the Yiannopoulos event. ISI President Christopher Long sent a letter to Pitt’s administration on Friday, suggesting that sympathetic statements by school administrators regarding anti-Yiannopoulos activists was encouraging the effort to target Steeber.

“[Vice provost] Kenyon Bonner’s public statements ... [are] potentially encouraging the threatening of students associated with the College Republicans and the Intercollegiate Studies Institute,” the letter says. “I hope that you will make a public statement today so that the entire University of Pittsburgh community ... is clear about the school’s embrace of free speech, that political harassment will not be tolerated, and in fact that it will be punished according to the University’s stated procedures and policies.”

Read more: <http://dailycaller.com/2016/03/04/upitt-conservative-harassed-after-criticizing-safe-space-activists/#ixzz422bsyplk>



Doug Steeber’s tweets of a Pitt student government meeting (Doug Steeber)

And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13 NKJV

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.



SEARCH FOR A WRETCH

The official doctrine of Liberalism seeks to keep all vestiges of Christianity locked inside the church house. God forbid that any remnant of "How Great Thou Art" be allowed to creep into the mainstream of secular living. Excessive consideration of God's greatness may detract from the extraordinary qualities of America's politically elite. Public adoration of the "God of Our Fathers" can no longer be tolerated.

In spite of this dogma of rejection, circumstances occasionally arise that force Progressives to acquiesce to a source of comfort that even they have no ability to provide. National disasters, memorials and funerals are classic examples of a search for "the peace of God which passeth all understanding." (Philippians 4:7)

Nancy Reagan's funeral employed a variety of Scripture readings and hymns that were intended to focus on a much better future. If it were not so sad, it would have been amusing to observe the feigned expressions of appreciation of the faces of the Leftists who sprinkled the crowd. Political expediency periodically requires endurance.

"Amazing Grace" which was sung at Mrs. Reagan's service has become by virtue of its frequent use, the nation's unofficial hymn in times of distress. Even though most non-church goers have little comprehension of the words, there seems to be an invisible attraction to the song which has come to the aid of millions. The probability is great that few of the funeral attendees would actually agree with the general theme of the song. "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound! That saved a wretch like me!" It's difficult to imagine Michelle Obama or Hillary Clinton, who were on the front row, confessing to being a wretch. "I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see." It boggles the imagination to think of Tom Brokaw, Diane Sawyer or others of the aristocracy considering themselves lost or blind.

Often a knowledge of the author and the events that motivated the hymn are helpful. John Newton's earliest memories were of his godly mother who, despite fragile health, devoted herself to nurturing his soul. At her knee he memorized Bible passages and hymns. Though she died when he was seven, he later recalled her tearful prayers for him. After her death John alternated between boarding school and the high seas, wanting to live a good life but nonetheless falling deeper and deeper into sin. Pressed into service with the British Navy, he deserted, was captured and flogged. His subse-

quent thoughts vacillated between murder and suicide. "I was capable of anything," he recalled.

As verse three of the hymn indicates, many dangers, toils and snares followed including a heavy involvement in the slave trade. It was a life unrivaled in fiction. Then, on the night of March 9, 1748 John, twenty-three, was jolted awake by a brutal storm that descended too suddenly for the crew to anticipate. The next day, in great peril, he cried to the Lord. He later wrote, "That tenth of March is a day much remembered by me; and I have never suffered it to pass unnoticed since the year 1748—the Lord came from on high and delivered me out of deep waters." The metaphor speaks of the depths of sin which demands a far greater deliverance than any body of water represents.

Years later Newton wrote: "By the grace of God I am what I am," he said. "I am not what I ought to be. How imperfect and deficient I am! I am not what I wish to be. Though I am not what I ought to be, I can truly say that I am not what I once was—a slave to sin and Satan. I can heartily say with Paul: "By the grace of God I am what I am!"

This attitude is not only reflected in Newton's famous hymn but in I Chronicles 17:16-17 which served as partial inspiration for its composure. "And David the king came and sat before the Lord, and said, Who am I, O Lord God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? And yet this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast also spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O Lord God." David's humility marveled at God's desire to elevate him to a position of high degree.

A millennium later two of Jesus' disciples expressed a desire to occupy seats of great recognition and authority when Christ would establish his kingdom. They presented a perfect picture of modern chest pounding, accolade gathering, achievement presenting politicians. The Lord's response was sobering: "And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:44, 45) The concept of an authentic, earnest public servant has become a far greater joke than reality.

If God's mercy would shine once again on America, He would give us a wretch who understood and embraced grace to vote for!

A Sheepdog Barks!

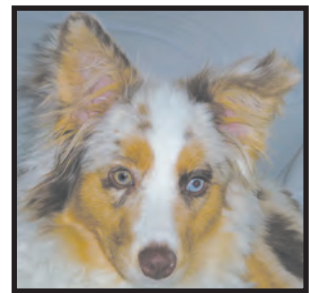
One of my sheepdog friends sent me this explanation of Obamacare. It's one of the best I've seen. "Obamacare: To insure the uninsured, first we make the insured uninsured. Then we make the formerly insured pay more to become reinsured to insure the uninsured for free." Explains things in a very simple understandable way doesn't it? WOOF!

I need to get this off my sheepdog chest. Mitt Romney needs to shut up and quietly go back to the corner he cowers in most of the time. Mitt took certain Victory (who would vote to elect BHO to a second term?) and turned his presidential campaign into a joke and a failure. He is a hypocrite (begs Trump for money and endorsements) and a gutless weakling who wilted in the face of Obama who had just screwed up Benghazi with HilLIARy. Romney's embarrassing loss will forever stain the Republican Party, as will McCain's. This is what happens when the Republicans put up moderate RINOs. They are so afraid of losing they pick candidates that will surely lose while they convince themselves otherwise. This time it is going to be different. There are only two possible nominees at this point. Trump or Cruz. The other two are "dead men walking." John Kasich is a joke. All he wants to do is try to "bring everyone together." Ain't gonna happen. I don't want everyone coming together anyway. I want a hard core conservative that will use a conservative-controlled congress to ram conservative laws and programs down the throats of the LPSDs like they have been doing to us for far too many years, especially the last seven. Compromise IS a dirty word. WOOF! Rand Paul said it best. Compromise in Washington D.C. means spending more money. That's all it ever means. There is never "comprise" on the much needed reforms of Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Welfare and Food Stamps. Look what the "compromise" of sequestration brought to us.

Stupidly and across the board non-sensical cuts. These are the idiots America keeps sending to Washington. And their main purpose once they get there is reelection. Term Limits, my fellow sheepdogs, we desperately need Term Limits. It's the main reason to support the Convention of States. WOOF!

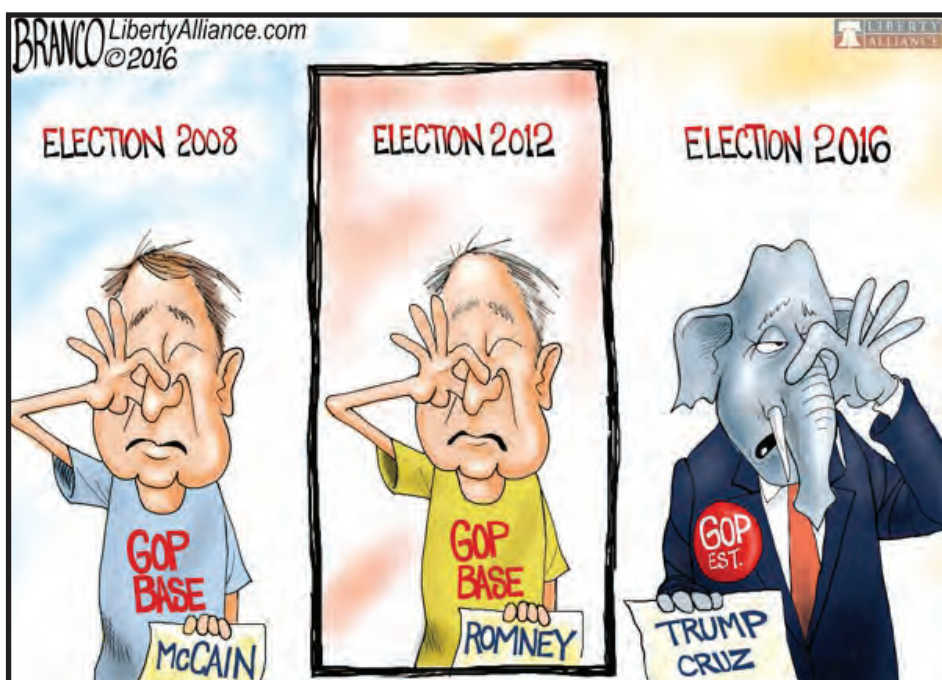
Back to the election at hand. Sadly Rubio, initially a Tea Party kind of guy, fell into the trap set by the Washington Cartel. He decided to work in the system, you know, go along to get along. He joined hands with the likes of Reid, Schumer and Pelosi. He sold his soul to become a Washington elite and it cost him his career. He may recover, but it will take many years. For now he is toast. Sad, because I liked him a lot in the beginning of his first term.

On Tuesday night Rubio lost his home state big and rightly decided to quit his campaign. That was the right thing to do and we hope he will now concentrate on defeating HilLIARy and Bernie. Kasich won his home state of Ohio and now it's clearly a two man race for the Republican nominee – Trump and Cruz. Kasich might stay in the race to play "kingmaker" but he has no chance if the rules of the Convention stay fair. The most likely scenario now is for there to be a contested convention with multiple ballots. With Rubio out of the race it is very likely that no one will tally the 1,237 delegates necessary to sew up the nomination. So it's clear the Republicans will have an "outsider" as their choice. The "establishment" Republicans are not happy and we will have to see if they will play fair. If there is any hanky-panky it will destroy the Republican Party as it has become in the last 40 years. Like many of you I want something different in Washington D.C. I want a bull in a china shop. I just want a bull that is a proven conservative. We are down to the last two. Trump has created the election environment we have. Kudos. He singlehand-



edly destroyed the Republican establishment. WOOF! He created a movement to reform the Republican Party. He is saying the right things in most cases. However for me Trump is still an unknown. We really don't know what his core principles or his core values are and whether or not he is a true conservative. Words are cheap, especially for a politician. His history doesn't reflect that. He is obviously a tough and successful businessman but does he have all the qualities we need in a president. I am concerned about his temper and some of his off-the-cuff remarks. However, I would certainly support him if he wins the nomination. I cannot imagine HilLIARy or Bernie in the White House. Or any other LPSD that might step in once HilLIARy goes down. However for me CRUZ is the better choice. He has a proven record of fighting the Washington Cartel and trying his best to do what he said he would do. I trust him to make the right decisions on judges throughout our judicial system and especially for the Supreme Court. I trust he will repeal Obamacare and reform the tax code and the entitlement programs. Not all my friends will agree but at least I know I'm okay with my good Duck Commander friend, Phil Robertson. Phil said America is broken and vile. Phil said we have become a nation of lazy, uneducated, ungodly, senseless, faithless, heartless and ruthless people. He said CRUZ is a strict "Godly Constitutionalist" who will promote good over evil. I agree with him. I support CRUZ. I believe he is more qualified and has the conservative history we need. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



So Guess Who Showed Up Last Night

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

Yesterday there was a protest while Trump was speaking in St. Louis, and then again in Chicago; the latter prompting Trump to cancel his campaign rally.

Trump did the right thing. But folks, if you're on the fence, or anything other than a supporter of both communism and terrorism, you cannot stand for what happened yesterday.

These people weren't "protesting", they were attempting to denying a man's First Amendment right to speak by threatening violence.

In St. Louis this featured at least one man stomping a flag while wearing a "**** the police" t-shirt.

In Chicago there were many Mexican flags flown, including some being worn as clothing, among the crowd, panned across repeatedly on live TV. There were hoards of people who swarmed the parking garage, smashing car windows. And who else was there, probably instigating it all?

Former leader of the Weather Underground (that's a domestic terrorist organization that actually set off bombs at the Capitol, the Department of State and the Pentagon along with blowing up a statute in Chicago and committing arson in New York City) Bill Ayres.

Obama literally began his political career in Ayres living room.

I don't care what your political proclivities are those who would deny someone their First Amendment right through the threat of violence are not protesters, they're rioters and felons.

If you support this action in any way or try to blame Trump for the actions of these individuals as his competitors in the race have, then you're unfit to govern, you're unfit to vote and you are a fascist.

That includes both Kascish and Ted Cruz, both of whom tried to capitalize on Bill Ayres, Mexican nationalists waving their flags and

myriad "Black Lives Matter" people at both protests wearing and/or shouting "**** the Police."

Remember that if one man's right to free speech can be silenced through the threat of violence so can anyone else's -- including yours.

Oh, and if you're a user of Facebook or an advertiser on the same and thus contributing to their bottom line?

They were one of the organizing points for these anti-American thugs and despite the facial violation of the First Amendment that was encouraged they have not deemed such a violation of their "community standards" and have done nothing to inhibit same.

Think about that long and hard folks, and then remember that Facebook investor Sean Parker was at the meeting less than a week ago to "stop Trump."

We're supposed to settle our differences in politics at the ballot box, which comes after we find that the soapbox is no longer sufficient to resolve what pains us.

If you no longer believe in using the ballot box to settle political differences you are declaring that you are an advocate of using the final means of handling such disputes, the cartridge box.

Any act in furtherance or support thereof is a declaration of war upon the Constitution itself.

(Editor/GG: This is not about Trump. It's about the left shutting down free speech that threatens their successful campaign to turn this country into a third world socialist peasant gulag. Notice one thing folks: they are NOT rioting and protesting ANY OTHER REPUBLICAN. Including Cruz. Why? Could it be patriots, that the other "Republicans" aren't really that much different than the socialists themselves? Thirty years of "bipartisan treason" is enough. This is our last shot.)

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Biggest Job Losses in Seattle History After Minimum Wage Hike

by Jack Salmon, The Foundation for Economic Education, via ZeroHedge.com

A new report from JP Morgan Chase & Co. finds that the summer employment rate for teenagers is nearing a record low at 34 percent. The report surveyed 15 U.S. cities and found that despite an increase in summer positions available over a two year period, only 38 percent of teens and young adults found summer jobs.

This would be worrying by itself given the importance of work experience in entry-level career development, but it is also part of a long-term trend. Since 1995 the rate of seasonal teenage employment has declined by over a third from around 55 percent to 34 percent in 2015. The report does not attempt to examine why summer youth employment has fallen over the past two decades. If it had, it would probably find one answer in the minimum wage.

Most of the 15 cities studied in this report have minimum wage rates above the federal level, with cities such as Seattle having a rate more than double that.

Seattle has experienced the largest three month job loss in its history last year, following the introduction of a \$15 minimum wage. We can only imagine the

impact such a change has had on the prospects of employment for the young and unskilled.

Raising the minimum wage reduces the number of jobs in the long-run. It is difficult to measure this long-run effect in terms of the numbers of never materializing jobs. However, the key mechanism behind the model—that more labor-intensive establishments are replaced by more capital-intensive ones—is supported by evidence. That is why recent research suggesting that minimum wages barely reduce the number of jobs in the short-run, should be taken with caution. Several years down the line, a higher real minimum wage can lead to much larger employment losses.

Nevertheless, politicians continue to push the idea that minimum wage laws are somehow helping the young "earn a decent wage." It is important to remember the underlying motives behind pushes for higher minimum wage rates. Milton Friedman characterized it as an "unholy coalition of do-gooders on the one hand and special interests on the other; special interests being the trade unions."

Several empirical studies have been conducted over the course of more than two decades, with all evidence pointing toward

negative effects of minimum wage rises on employment levels among the young and unskilled. A study conducted by David Neumark and William Wascher in 1995 noted that "such increases raise the probability that more-skilled teenagers leave school and displace lower-skilled workers from their jobs. These findings are consistent with the predictions of a competitive labor market model that recognizes skill differences among workers. In addition, we find that the displaced lower-skilled workers are more likely to end up non-enrolled and non-employed."

Policy makers who continuously raise the minimum wage simply assure that those young people, whose skills are not sufficient to justify that kind of wage, will instead remain unemployed. In an interview, Friedman famously asked "What do you call a person whose labor is worth less than the minimum wage? Permanently unemployed."

The upshot: Raising the minimum wage at both federal and local levels denies youth the skills and experience they need to get their career going.

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original copies of the new playground equipment that will be installed in the park on May 14th.

"What we want is for anybody to come down and vote to which playground they would like," said Newton, who reminded those interested that "Build Day" would be May 14th. "It has to be community built. We're going to have sheets for volunteers to sign up (to help)."

On Saturday afternoon, the

Cañon City Area Recreation and Parks District will sponsor its annual Easter Eggstravaganza from 1-4 p.m. March 26th in Rouse Park at 1600 Park Ave.

The Easter Egg Hunts begin at 2:15 p.m. for ages 0-3, 2:30 p.m. for 4-6 age group, 2:45 p.m. for 7-9 year old and 10-12 year-old at 3 p.m.

"We will have other activities out there; we'll have some music playing," said Recreation District Programs Director Kyle Horne. "The batting cages will be open. We will have a bounce house. We'll have Easter tattoos;

we will have Easter egg dying and we'll have an Easter relay course set up."

He noted this is a popular event.

"We're expecting another big crowd," Horne said. "It's being sponsored by Kwik Stop. They're providing all the candy. We couldn't do it without their support. They've been very helpful as always."

As part of the festivities, the participants will need their own baskets. No assistance from parents will be allowed expect for the 0-3 age group. The district asks only one parent help the child.

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World Class Bar-B-Que Comes to Westcliffe

by Fred Hernandez

World class Kansas City, Missouri, Bar-B-Que arrives in Custer County. Connoisseurs who know barbecue know that's where the best of them come from. The flavorful, wood fire roasted, delicious, juicy beef, pork or chicken barbecue will be the main event at the all NEW Belle's Diner in Westcliffe's Main Street. The owner Christy Morrell comes from a long line of

award winning BBQ champion cooks. Originating in Kentucky her ancestors moved to Missouri in the early 1800's where they established farms. The recipes at Belle's come from the kitchens and hearths of those farmhouses, each one more delicious, more appetizing than the last, and most of them handed down from generation to generation by word of mouth; only recently having been documented for posterity. Imagine for a moment a rib sticking

breakfast of pancakes and pulled pork smothered in a sweet and rich Bourbon syrup-all 100% home made. Or a sumptuous dinner of traditional Kansas City breaded steak cutlets in a marinara sauce topped off by flavorful Provolone cheese. Aahhhh, heavenly! And, that is not to mention desserts like down home peach cobbler or, lip smacking Kentucky butter cake.

Christy recalls growing up in Kansas City, MO and fondly remembers Grandma cooking in her kitchen along with Aunts Emah and MaryBelle, from whose names inspired her to call the restaurant Belle's. Christy first came to Westcliffe in 2005 with her husband, Greg, but only got into the food service business in 2011 when they decided to test the market with an outdoor barbecue stand next door to the Village Shop. It was fun and successful but only lasted one season as a result of high winds blowing through the open air location that eliminated it. In 2014 they, again, tried their hand on 3rd Street but that effort also end-



Belle's Diner, at 215 Main Street in Westcliffe. Grand Opening Monday, March 21, 2016.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich



Inside Belle's Diner

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ed after a year and a half due to personal health issues. Then the proverbial opportunity knocked on the door. This time everything fell into place neatly and it would be full steam ahead.. A great location on Main St, fully remodeled inside with unique old farmhouse decor, handicap friendly restrooms, a full salad bar, and a first class team of kitchen staff and professional servers, Belle's Diner is ready to give all comers an experience to remember, and to return for, time after time. The plans for weekly specials will in-

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