

Silver Cliff Citizens Crush Pot Measure

Pro-Pot Ballot Question Defeated By Almost 2 to 1

Anti-Pot Trustee Candidates Sweep

by George Gramlich

In a huge defeat for the pro-marijuana residents of the Town of Silver Cliff, Question C on the ballot, which would have allowed the commercial cultivation, processing, retail and medical sale of marijuana was soundly defeated by 183 to 99 vote count. This keeps Custer County free of “legalized” retail sale, medical sale, and commercial cultivation of marijuana as all three local government entities (County, Westcliffe and Silver Cliff) have denied it.

Also defeated was Issue A, a property tax increase proposal that would tripled the town’s real property tax. This proposal was

trounced by a vote of 166 to 116. Question D, which would allow the town to get involved in telecommunication/broadband projects, was approved by a margin of 225 to 56. Question E, which would allow the town to publicly print only the title of new ordinances instead of the whole ordinance was defeated by a close vote of 142 to 140.

Perhaps the most interesting, and discerning vote

was on Issue B: taxing marijuana. This passed decisively by a vote of 164 to 115, possibly indicating

galized, they might as well tax it.

Equally impressive was the sweep by the “Vote Smart”, anti-marijuana trustee slate of Buck Wenzel (168), Stacey Schoch (164) and Fred Hernandez (148) over the pro-pot candidates Danny Smith (113), Mike Colgate (89) and James Jar-rard (79).

Steve Lasswell ran unopposed for Mayor of Silver Cliff.

In the Town of Westcliffe,

the three incumbents running for re-election all won: Audrey Gluschke (110 votes), Brain P. Cline (102) and Arthur Lee Nordyke (91). The remaining open trustee spot was won by Jim Bistodeau getting the most votes of all the candidates (122). Losing candidates were Wayne E. Ewing (76), Janet Smith (82), and write-in candidates, Jerry Jennings (2) and Jim Austin (1). The only ballot issue, Question A, restoring local authority over certain local telecommunications/broadband areas, was approved by a vote of 173 to 132.

Note that all vote counts, by both towns, are unofficial until certified.



that many of the anti-marijuana voters decided that, if indeed marijuana was le-

Sen. Crowder Proposes Change to County Judge Selection Process

Press Release -State Senator Crowder's Office

DENVER, Colorado

Senate bill 16-153 passed unanimously in Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday afternoon. The bill encourages judicial district nominating commissions to give preference to attorneys who reside in the county in which the vacancy occurs.

A lawyer that now resides in Custer County was one of the applicants for county judge not chosen and wrote a letter of testimony for the committee.

“Article VI, Section 16 of the Colorado Consti-

tution provides “County judges shall be qualified electors of their county at the time of their election or appointment.” And, the job-opening press release sent out by the Colorado Judicial Department, dated December 2, 2015 states, “the applicant must be a qualified elector of Custer County...” “Elector” means one who is a resident and register voter of the county and the press release clearly states “the applicant,” meaning when you are applying. The reason the legislators who drafted this provision put in this requirement was, no doubt, that they didn’t want carpetbaggers coming into a County where they had no ties.”

Another Daniels Scholar

Press Release
Custer County High School

The Daniels Fund has announced the list of 2016 Daniels Scholars and CCHS senior Kayli Short found herself on the select list. “When I got the news, I couldn’t believe it, exclaimed Short. “I felt I needed to be pinched, was this really happening? It is such a weight off my shoulders to have college expenses taken care of.”

The Daniels Scholarship is a coveted scholarship by the over 2,000 annual applicants. Named in honor of cable TV giant Bill Daniels, the scholarship looks to honor students who have strength of character, leadership potential, are involved in their communities, exhibit academic performance and promise and have well-roundedness. Applicants go through a screening process that ends with an interview. “The interview was formal but it seemed they really wanted to know you,” noted Short. “They told me, ‘We already like your story, we just want to get to



Kayli Short, 2016 Daniels Scholar

Photo courtesy of CCHS Staff

know you better’, this really helped me settle down, there weren’t any trick questions, they just wanted to find out who you are.”

Short has narrowed her list of schools down to Denver University or CSU-Fort Collins. She wants to major in a Biology field with a possible minor in forensics. After

college is still undecided for Short, although she is certain she wants to work in a field that helps others.

When asked why she felt she was named a Daniels

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

ONE LOCAL AND TWO NATIONAL ISSUES

Silver Cliff's issue was settled on Tuesday night. The voters said NO to the retail sales and grow operations of pot in the town. Congrats to the voters and the newly elected Mayor and Trustees.

America has some important issues which need some very serious solutions. The first issue belongs to the president. Recently while he was traveling to Cuba and Argentina, Obama said "he had a lot on his plate" and that "the destruction of ISIL was his first priority." Well we now believe he has another big lump on his plate and that is Iran. Just as predicted by the many opponents of the Iran Nuclear Deal it seems the Iranians are taking advantage of this weak president and the situation. Many correctly believed that as soon as the sanctions were lifted and Iran was able to use all its "frozen" billions of dol-

lars that the trouble would begin. And it has. Iran never intended to abide by the agreement. Cheating is in its DNA. Iran immediately started testing its ballistic and intercontinental missiles. It started shipping arms to terrorists. Europe and China rushed in to do business and Russia rushed in with military weapons sales. Obama and Kerry seem to be mute on these violations. That's because they have a big problem and they know it. Now that they have opened Pandora's Box there is no closing it. Obama wrongly praised the Iran Nuclear Agreement during the recent Nuclear Proliferation Summit in Washington D.C. You recall that the Russians didn't attend. They were too busy shipping their latest sophisticated air defense missiles to Iran to protect their nuclear reactors. Also speaking out recently about controls on nuclear

energy development was Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini. Here's what he said, "Those who say the future is in negotiations, not in missiles, are either ignorant or traitors." You decide. Are Obama and Kerry just ignorant?

Republicans own the second issue. Who will they run for president against the Democrats? On Tuesday Ted Cruz handily won Wisconsin. A month ago it was thought that Trump would easily win Wisconsin. This changes the Republican presidential candidate race in a big way. The Republican National Committee (RNC) is now facing an open or contested convention and the rumors, innuendos and claims of wrongdoing are running wild. Every contest or game has its rules. The controlling rule for the RNC is that a candidate must gain 1,237 delegates to become the

presumptive nominee. Short of that majority, the candidate will be decided at the convention, usually after two or more ballots. Over our history this has happened several times. Gerald Ford (over Reagan) and Abraham Lincoln won at conventions. So, the issue here is what happens now. It seems highly likely that no one will reach the 1,237 delegate threshold. Most likely there will be multiple ballots necessary to select the presidential candidate at the convention in July. Cruz and Kasich are fine with that. That may be their only chance. Trump is not okay with that. He and his campaign are suggesting that even if he doesn't have the majority of delegates. but has the most, he should be given the nomination. That's tantamount to changing the rules of a game after all have agreed to play by them. Take Texas Hold'em, for example.

The best hand after seven cards wins. Trump is basically saying that if he has the best hand after only five cards he should win NO! There are two more cards and many a hand has been won on the turn of the "River" card or the seventh and last card. Rules are rules and that means you either earn 1,237 delegates or it becomes a selection process at the convention. That is not cheating, as suggested by some, or stealing the nomination from anyone. Wisconsin results have probably ensured that process. What specific rules will the delegates approve for the 2016 convention? That remains to be seen; but all the delegates get to vote on them. So it's still the people deciding. The game is on. May the best man win. No short cuts, end runs or back room deals are acceptable.



9Health Fair Thank You

The definition of community, according to business dictionary.com, is a self-organized network of people with common agenda, cause, or interest, who collaborate by sharing ideas, information, and other resources. The 9 Health Fair is a service offered throughout the state but Custer County is unique in that nearly 10 % of our population either participates or volunteers for our fair. Our commonality is the search for better health, unity, and collaboration. Custer County Public Health Agency continues to be blessed by the people of this county, this community.

On April 2, we had over 150 volunteers who helped and 530 people were served. Going above and beyond were the staff at Custer County School, Eugene Berry, Brett Berry, Greg Cravens and the rest of the maintenance and custodial staff. They went through many hours of extra work to help us keep our envi-

ronment pleasant and to help clean up afterwards. Special thanks to Tylor Howdeshell who helped with set up as well.

This fair is always a great effort of community with this year being no exception. Several organizations support the fair: the Custer County School District and the Custer County Medical Clinic donated space to host the fair, the Custer County Board of County Commissioners, Lynn Attebery, Kit Shy and Bob Kattinig, encouraged the public health personnel to coordinate the fair, the Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club donated tables, American Legion Post 170 helped with set up, the Custer County Search and Rescue donated water, the Custer County Sheriff's office and posse helped with traffic control and take down, Lowe's donated all the paper goods and Subway donated the cookies. *The Wet*

Mountain Tribune and *Sangre de Cristo Sentinel* helped with publicity and got the information out to the members of our community.

Several people stepped up to help coordinate the many volunteers, equipment, services, donations, etc that it takes to put on a health fair of this size. Mary Ellen Lesage RN coordinated the medical volunteers. Beth Green, Rhonda Martin, and Dianne Dudley coordinated the non-medical portion of the fair. Carol Vimont and her many helpers coordinated the food for the volunteers. Roz Hokanson served as donations coordinator. Judy Evans and Kim Jones headed up the laboratory and blood draws. Pat Schulze and Dani Walden coordinated the centrifuge team (stated to be a well-oiled machine). Gary Frickell coordinated the traffic control group. Inge Cosby, coordinated the cashiers and Rich

and Kathy Metcalfe the tabulation teams. Diane Dudley, coordinated takedown with the help of EMS and many others. We would like to thank Traci Terry again for coordinating the Wellness Room. Every one put forth an amazing effort. Supporting these coordinators were volunteers from all over our county and around the state who gave of themselves to help their friends and neighbors.

Most especially we were, as always, impressed by the cooperative, willing spirit of the members of the community who came out and participated in the fair.

THANK YOU all for every effort! Together we can continue to ensure Custer County will be the healthiest in Colorado.

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Thank You Sheriff's Office!!!

Dear Editor,

I want to take a moment to thank our hard-working, money-saving Sheriff's Office. I want to thank them for the budget they've provided, showing us a savings in this "Spend it all, Ask for more" America!! I also want to thank them for their very real concern for the community and their very real desire to work with the citizens of this community. The previous department leaders were also very community minded, I don't want to take anything away from them, but I feel that this group of public servants is more aware of the role that we citizens can play and Sheriff Byerly has made a clear decision to communicate this to his staff. I happen to be one of those people that if I see something suspicious I say something and I feel encouraged to do so. I have always been given a call back to let me know the outcome of my call, or report, and I really appreciate that. I could go on but suffice it to say, THANK YOU SHERIFF'S OFFICE!!! Keep up the good work! Hey, what with the money that the *Sentinel* has saved Custer County and now the Sheriff's Office, maybe we could start a trend. How many other Departments are saving us taxpayers money? I would like to know! God bless Custer County. Lisa Frank, Silver Cliff Resident

Lisa Frank
Silver Cliff, CO

"What has America Become?"

Dear Editor,

One of the benefits of arriving at 70 with full facilities in working order, is that we were first person witnesses to seven decades of American history. During that time, we have experienced the defeat of the

Nazis and Imperial Japan, the start of the nuclear era, numerous successful landings of men on the moon, the digital world taking over our lives, the fall of communism, and the extension of the average life span by 25%. But, in that

time, we have also experienced dramatic cultural changes. This Letter to the Editor that appeared in the Tawas City, MI local newspaper and that is making the rounds on the internet, reminds many of us that the world that we grew up

in is gone forever. You can all decide if the changes are for the better or worse after reading it. As for me, I believe that our best years are behind us. I pity my eight grandchildren.

Joe Cascarelli

Letter to the editor published in the Iosco County News-Herald, Tawas City, Michigan on June 9, 2010

Dear Editor,

Has America become the land of the special interest and home of the double standard?

Lets see: if we lie to the Congress, it's a felony and if the Congress lies to us its just politics; if we dislike a black person, we're racist and if a black dislikes whites, it's their First Amendment right; the government spends millions to rehabilitate criminals and they do almost nothing for the victims; in public schools you can teach that homosexuality is OK, but you better not use the word God in the process; you can kill an unborn child, but it is wrong to execute a mass murderer;

we don't burn books in America, we now rewrite them; we got rid of the communist and the Socialist threat by renaming them progressives; we are unable to close our border with Mexico but have no problem protecting the 38th parallel in Korea; if you protest against President Obama's policies you're a terrorist but if you burned an American flag or George Bush in effigy it was your First Amendment right.

You can have pornography on TV or the Internet, but you better not put a nativity scene in a public park during Christmas; we have eliminated all criminals in America, they are now called sick people; we can use a human fetus for medical research but it's wrong to use an animal.

We take money from those who work hard for it and give it to those who don't want to work; we all support the

Constitution, but only when it supports our political ideology; we still have freedom of speech, but only if we are being politically correct; parenting has been replaced with Ritalin and video games; the land of opportunity is now the land of handouts; the similarity between Hurricane Katrina and the Gulf Oil spill is that neither president did anything to help.

And how do we handle a major crisis today? The government appoints a committee to determine who's at fault, then threatens them, passes a law, raises our taxes; tells us the problem is solved so they can get back to their re-election campaign.

What has happened to the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Ken Huber
Michigan



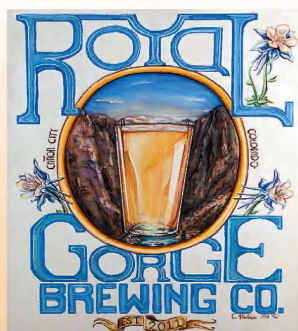
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Rocheleau Rising

By Fred Hernandez

For the better part of a dozen years the talented lady donned two “chapeau’s”; Court Judicial Assistant and Coordinator for the Community Services Program. All that changed on March 28, 2016 when Ms. Kaye Rocheleau stepped up to assume the position of Clerk of Court serving Custer Combined Court (county and district). The first impression of Kaye is one of peace which in turn allows her to humbly express feelings important to her such as the deep gratitude she has for her colleagues, in particular Ms. Linda Urwiller, who as her mentor all those years, gave her the support that spelled her success on

the job. That success now gives her the confidence to take over as Clerk of Court and affirms she will serve all entities that interface with the court to the best of her ability. She goes on to express her sincere thanks to Chief Judge Patrick Murphy of the 11th District, under which she serves, for having given her the opportunity saying, “it is an amazing opportunity to serve the community”. Originally from the Great Lakes State of Michigan where

she was born and raised, Kaye moved to Tucson, Arizona, for her college years. She met her-



Ms. Kaye Rocheleau, new Clerk of Court.

Photo by Sentinel Staff

future husband, the famed Kiowa Indian muralist, sculptor and painter Parker Boyiddle, at the Tucson Temple of Music and Art and, shortly thereafter, moved to Denver, Colorado, where Parker had work commitments. While there they met a noted art collector who invited them to visit his vacation home in Westcliffe, Colorado. That visit bloomed, over time, into a deeper relationship with Custer County and eventually they decided to purchase their own home. It was not to last however, as they were called away to Los Angeles, California, where the gifted Parker worked for the world renowned Walt Disney’s Imagineering. So, it was not until 2004 when they returned

to Westcliffe, Colorado, to stay. Kaye then applied for the vacancy at the courthouse, the job of Court Judicial Assistant, a position she has held ever since. She loves the job, the community and enjoys the peace, the tranquility and the majestic mountain views which are the centerpiece attraction in this part of the state. Like most of the residents of the area she goes biking and hiking whenever she is able as well as all the other activities this valley is known for.

Welcome to your new position in our court system, Kaye. We congratulate you on job well done in all your services to our community.

Commissioner Highlights March 31st: Landfill Issues Sheriff's Office Tour

by Mike Kienbusch

March 31, 2016 Westcliffe, CO

The meeting started at 9:00am with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. With no minutes to approve, and a public comment to thank Commissioner Kattnik for his work on the Economic Development grant, the meeting moved to Commissioner Items. The only item to report, not covered under old/new business, was that Commissioner Shy is still working on the Facilities grant.

Attorney Smith reported he received and reviewed a notice of environmental use restrictions from the attorney general’s office regarding the Custer County Landfill, after it is capped and closed. With minor and agreeable requirements involving fencing, locking gates and posting, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) moved to notify the public (mineral rights) and easement

ownerships by Black Hills Electric and Sangre De Cristo Electric of the land use restrictions notice. The attorney also reported he reviewed and proposed amendments on the zoning recommendations.

Under Old/New Business- the BOCC moved to approve and sign checks. The President of the Fairgrounds Board received a bid for \$1,800 to conduct electrical repairs at the fairgrounds. The Fairground Committee can provide \$800 towards this repair, asking the BOCC for the remaining funds of \$1,000. The BOCC approved a motion to provide the supplemental funding for this project, planned to be completed prior to fairground activities. The Sheriff reported the flat roof portion of the jail house is leaking and in need of repair. Two roofing contractors inspected the flat roof portion of the jail house, with a third contractor anticipated. The Sheriff has not received a

bid yet. He reported the contractor must be insured and bonded, which poses a problem for local roofing contractors. The Sheriff briefly referenced other facility issues that require attention, differing further discussions until the schedule jail tour planned after the meeting.

Sangre De Cristo Electric submitted a proposal for \$6,693 to upgrade the electrical service required for the Wetmore Community project. The BOCC discussed and moved to approve the proposal. Last week samples of the floor covering the entrance stairs and a ceiling tile were collected and tested for asbestos. Test results confirmed the materials were asbestos free, limiting the removal of asbestos containing material (ACM) to the floor tiles and floor adhesive. The BOCC received a proposal from an asbestos abatement company (CHC). CHC ensured their abatement process complies with

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CD-PHE) requirements with appropriate verification sampling. The BOCC moved to accept CHC’s proposal to remediate ACM from the building prior to construction, with in-process inspections by BOCC as needed.

The BOCC continued working on a request for proposal (RFP) for improvements to the Courthouse. At this point the RFP is for a planning contractor to review the Courthouse, listen to the needs of the stakeholders (BOCC, Sheriff’s Department), and provide planning documents for subsequent construction contractors. The BOCC will release the RFP in the near future.

The meeting ended at 11:00am with a brief discussion about where to office the new Administrative Assistant for Custer County and BOCC’s attendance at a Rural Philanthropic Tour planned

for Tuesday April 5th.

After the meeting the Sheriff’s Department conducted a tour of the Sheriff’s offices and jailhouse. The Department toured representatives from the BOCC and the public (in attendance at the board meeting). The Sheriff’s Department demonstrating improvements made over the past year and the need for continued improvements. Improvements were focused on lighting, space usage and office organization. They are far outnumbered by the continued need for improvements; including ventilation in pod 1, stop roof leaks (mentioned earlier), improve interior painting, increase space in the kitchen, the meeting room and in hallways, improve razor wire placement, increase surveillance cameras, and re-designed prisoner processing work flow.

The tour ended just before noon.



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Leviticus 20:7 NKJV

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Study: "Smoke a Lot of Dope, Economic Loser"

by Larry Luikart

The results of a scientific study conducted by researchers at the University of California – Davis and Duke University followed a group of one thousand New Zealanders born from 1972-73 from birth through age 38.

The results from a financial point of view determined there is nothing safe about cannabis use. "People who smoked cannabis four or more days of the week over many years ended up in a lower economic class than their parents, with lower – paying, less skilled and less prestigious jobs than those who were not regular cannabis users," said Magdalena Cerda, an epidemiologist at UC Davis Violence Prevention Research Program. Dr. Cerda is lead author of a research study with colleagues at Duke University.

The results indicated, "these regular and persistent users also experienced more work – related, financial, and relationship difficulties which worsened as the number of years of regular cannabis use progressed."

The study also found that regular cannabis users experienced downward social mobility and more financial problems such as troubles with debt and cash flow than those who did not report persistent use. There were more social behavior issues at work, such as stealing money or lying to get a job, and they experienced more relationship problems, such as intimate partner violence and controlling abuse.

Dr. Cerda reported no matter how they cut the data, "...the relationship between persistent, regular cannabis use and economic and social problems, we got the same results." The authors accounted for socioeconomic problems in childhood, lower IQ, anti-social behavior and depression in adolescence, higher levels of impulsivity, lower motivation to achieve criminal convictions of cannabis users and abuse of alcohol and hard drugs. "The findings did not arise because cannabis users were prosecuted and had a criminal record," said Avshalom Caspi, a psychologist with appointments at Duke University and Institute

of Psychiatry at King's College, London. "Even among cannabis users who were never convicted for a cannabis offense, we found that persistent and regular cannabis use was linked to social and economic problems."

In a parallel analysis with alcohol dependence, the study found that cannabis use was worse than alcohol consumption in regard to financial difficulties relating to debt, cash flow and food insecurity. "This is an important finding, giving the common conception that cannabis is safer than alcohol. Alcohol is still a bigger problem than cannabis because alcohol use is more prevalent than cannabis use," said Dr. Cerda. She further stated, "the study was not intended to support arguments for or against cannabis legalization, but it does show that cannabis was not safe for long term users tracked in the study."

Oh, if you try to discount this study because it was done in New Zealand there are similar studies done in Europe, Australia, and the United States. "After all we

are all the same species," Dr. Cerda said.

The bottom line is that cannabis may be safer than alcohol for your health but not for your finances. Although, at this

stage the impact of cannabis use is still being evaluated for more and more people the study shows a definite correlation to the impact it can have on families, communities and national welfare programs.

However, one important element from this study proves if you use cannabis four or more days a week there is a proven, data driven correlation you will be an economic loser.

Another Custer County Athlete on the Move!

Spring sports take a creative turn to keep some high school athletes competing in their chosen fields. As with last year, a hand-full of baseball players become Cotopaxi Pirates. This season is once again a repeat of last in the case of a sophomore all-around athlete, Elizabeth Mullett. She plays stand-out volleyball and basketball, and her sport this time of year is golf. In order to follow that pursuit Elizabeth joins the Florence Huskies girls team. The girls had their first outing last Friday, April 1st at a tournament in LaJunta, and came away with a first-place finish. They compete as a team

of 4 players, and Elizabeth has to continually make the cut to be one of those four. It should be added that Elizabeth placed 3rd, as an individual at LaJunta! Sixty to eighty girls compete at a tournament as a general rule, and the Huskies can have a couple outings per week until mid-May and State.

Making this happen for Elizabeth is Stephanie Mullett, her mom—just as for the 2015 season. They travel to the tournaments together, so Stephanie will keep us informed as the season progresses.

Congratulations, Elizabeth.

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Girls Take Second, Boys Finding Their Rhythm

by John (Jack) Swartz
Assistant Coach - High School Track and Field

The Custer County Track and Field team competed in their first back to back weekend. Friday the teams were at Vista Ridge competing at the Sand Creek Scorpion Invitational and then Saturday down in Mosca for the Sangre De Cristo Invitational. Friday's meet was more of the 4A, 5A competition while Saturday was a mix of 3A and 2A teams.

Saturday proved more the girls' speed, taking second place overall as a team just behind Buena Vista who is a 3A team. The girls beat our South Park by a tie breaker to earn runner up honors.

The girls team was led by their Seniors once again. Katlyn Freeburg racked up a 5th place finish in the Triple Jump (29'-09"), and two 7th place finishes in the Long Jump (14'-08") and the 100 Meter hurdles (20.04) on Friday. Freeburg added to her haul on Saturday placing 4th in the 100 meter

hurdles (19.04), 6th in the 300 meter hurdles (57.12), 4th in the long jump (14'-08"), and 4th in Triple Jump (30'-05"). Helping add to the point totals was Emily Crossley. Crossley took 5th on Friday in the Discus (93'-00") and 1st place on Saturday (96'-01"). Senior Audrey Hollinger was a big part of the 2nd place team finish on Saturday taking 4th in the Shot Put (27'-04") and 6th in Discus (74'-06"). Senior Kayli Short took 5th on Saturday in the 2 Mile (16:19) to help with the point total.

Also competing and scoring for the girls this weekend was Serenity Ham taking 3rd in the 100 meter hurdles (17.76) on Friday and 1st place on Saturday (17.41). Ham would also take 2nd place in the 200 meter (28.60)

on Saturday. Freshman Kayla Carter earned the team points on Friday and Saturday placing 6th in the Mile (6:17) and 4th in the 2 Mile (13:48) on Friday. Saturday she would take 3rd in the Mile (6:28) and 6th in the 800 meter (2:58). Katie Florom continued her success in the High Jump, taking 2nd on Friday (4'-08") and 5th on Saturday (4'-06").

The Boys team had their own kind of success on Saturday, winning the 3200 meter relay. Something that has not been done for the school in some time.

Friday the boys team followed the lead of Jerald Taylor. Taylor won the Mile (4:41) and the Two Mile (10:21). Also placing for the boys on Friday was Billy Berry, 3rd in the High Jump (5'-06") and 8th in the Shot Put (37'-01").

As for Saturday the boys placed 8th as a team. Led by the 1st place finish of the 3200 meter Relay team of Chad Lewenkamp, Dylan Schoch, David Kinsey, and Jerald Taylor in 9:45. Taylor also won the 800 meter (2:05) and was the anchor of the 3rd place 1600 meter relay team. That team also consisted of Edgar Pedigo, Dylan Schoch, and David Kinsey in a time of 3:56. Also helping score for the boys was Kinsey in the High Jump (4'-10") placing 2nd.

The teams are back at it on Saturday April 9th in Limon, Colorado.



(Back Row L to R) - Coach Bruce May, Coach Joy Parrish, Peach Dryer, Audrey Hollinger, Emily Crossley, Kayli Short, Hannah McNeal, Coach Jack Swartz

(Front Row L to R) - Kayla Carter, Jessie Henrich, Alyssa Barnes, Kaylee Chase, Katie Florom, Serenity Ham

Photo courtesy of Jaden Florom

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APRIL 8 - 9, 2016

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SCHOLAR

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Scholar, Short commented, "They wanted to see that you are passionate, that you care, that you'll be someone who is going to stand up for what they believe in and will help others. One of interviewers commented about my enthusiasm, I think that was a key- they want to see that enthusiasm for what you are going to do in life."

Short joins an accomplished list of CCHS students who have earned one of the state's presti-

gious Daniels or Boettcher Scholarships. Short felt like the smallness of Custer County schools helped her. She was involved in numerous activities from Knowledge Bowl to Track and Field and had great experiences. "I really feel like I had an amazing support crew from Mrs. Jones down to the teachers," said Short. "Sometimes I think this gets lost as we move to graduation but there are lots of people who care about us as students. I want to give a big thank you to everyone who has helped me on the way!"

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Come check out our Prom Closet

Sunday April 10th 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Teens to Face Fears at the Library

Press Release

Teens will demonstrate their courage during a variety of fun challenges at “Fearless Factor” on April 14th as they learn about different phobias and how to face them. All materials

and light snacks will be provided.

“No serious risks will be taken,” said Youth Librarian Jessica Carter. “The goal of the evening is for the teens to have fun.”

This free event will run from 4:15 p.m. to 6 p.m. and is for students in grades 6 -12.

For more information, please call the library at 783-9138 or email jessica@westcusterlibrary.org.

*You are of God, little children, and have overcome them,
Because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*

1 John 4:4 NKJV

Wrestling Tournament a Great Success!

By Mike Ham

This weekend was the First Annual Custer County Youth Wrestling Club Tournament, Saturday, March 26th. We had a great turnout, which was a surprise. Mother Nature had different plans. Six teams attended the meet, including Rye, Walsenburg, Taos, La Veta, Trinidad, and a few kids from Penrose, for a total of 107 entries. The tournament started off a little slow, but after we got underway it went fine.

Age divisions are: Division 1—age 4 and under, Division 2—age 6 and un-

der, Division 3—age 8 and under, Division 4—age 10 and under, Division 5—age 12 and under.

Wrestlers from Custer County placed as follows:

Division 2: Jacob Carr—4th, Blitz Coleman—2nd, Alivia Day—2nd, and Renae Day—1st place.

Division 3: Micah Teague—4th, Hunter Williams—4th, Gracie Cravens—4th, Daniel Day—3rd, Corbin Martin—2nd, Tyrell Stolfus—2nd, Elijah Hagstrom—2nd, and Colt Moulton—1st place.

Division 4: Daniel Day—

4th, Elijah Hagstrom—4th, Colt Moulton—3rd, Kate Doughty—2nd, Chris Mullett—2nd, and Blitz Coleman—1st place.

Thanks to all who helped with the tournament and all who gave donations to the club. Since we are a new club, we are still requesting donations for new singlets, shoes, headgear, and warmups. All of this will help us to represent Custer County in style. The youth wrestlers appreciate all that this community has done and will do, as they continue in their pursuit of becoming future Custer County champions.

53rd Camp Rocky Looking for Local Youth to Participate

Camp Rocky 2016
Press Release

The Custer County Conservation District is looking for local youth to take part in the 53rd Year of Camp Rocky. The camp provides a great opportunity for teens who enjoy the outdoors and are interested in learning more about Col-

orado's natural resources. teens ages 14 through 19 who seek an outdoor adventure. This year's camp, sponsored by the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts will take place near Divide, Colorado, from July 10 - 16.

Participants receive hands-on instruction from professionals in the natural

resources fields. Students return- ing students choose one of the following resource fields for their area of focus: Forest Management, Rangeland Science, Soil and Water Conservation, or Fish and Wildlife Management.

Additional activities include volleyball, hiking, campfires, group challenge games, talent show and a dance. Students will receive a camp T-shirt and at the end of the week a Camp Rocky Certificate of Achievement. The cost is \$350, all inclusive, which consists of meals, lodging, tours, equipment and supplies. Space is limited to the first 60 applicants.

Scholarships are available through local conservation districts statewide. For detailed information contact amy.camprocky@gmail.com or contact the Custer County Conservation District at 783-2481. Applications can be downloaded at <http://www.coloradoacd.org/camp-rocky.html>.



Camp Rocky Participants

Photo Courtesy of Custer County Conservation District

Camp Rocky is an outdoor educational opportunity for

resources fields. Students work in teams with other teens from all across Colorado. Each year, new and

Bobcats & Pirates Sports Schedule

Track	Baseball
<u>Saturday April 9:</u> Warren Mitchell Invitational, Limon 6:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.	<u>Friday April 8:</u> Primero Away, 11 a.m.
<u>Friday April 15:</u> Sangre de Cristo 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	<u>Tuesday April 12:</u> CCV Home (Cotapaxi,) 11 a.m.
<u>Saturday April 16:</u> Buena Vista 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	<u>Friday April 15:</u> Sierra Grande Home, 10 a.m.
<u>Saturday April 23:</u> Thunder-Storm, Pueblo 6:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.	<u>Friday April 22:</u> Antonito Home, 11 a.m.
	<u>Tuesday April 26:</u> CCV Away, 4 p.m.

Bobcat Menu • April 11-14, 2016			
Monday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk lunch Mac n Cheese Veg. Fruit Milk	Tuesday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk lunch Meat Pizza Veg. Fruit Milk	Wednesday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk lunch Italian Dunkers Bread Sticks Veg. & Fruit Milk	Thursday Breakfast Sausage Gravy W.G. Biscuit Fruit, Milk lunch Nachos Veg. Fruit Milk
Elementary: Main Dish, Grain Product, Veg., Fruit, and Milk Middle & High: Main Dish, (or Pre-made Chef Salad) Grain Product, Veg., Fruit, and Milk			

KIDS Friday, April 8, 2016

April 03, 1948 Louisiana Hay Ride

Many of the most ardent non-fans of country music can still remember the weekly live show and radio program regarded as country music's biggest stage: the Grand Ole Opry, of Nashville, Tennessee. However, even many committed country fans are unfamiliar with the program that launched the careers of many country-music giants from its premiere on April 03, 1948 to its final weekly show in 1960.

All done trying to guess? Ok, it's the *Louisiana Hayride*, of Shreveport, Louisiana

Both the *Opry* and the *Hayride* focused on country music and targeted the same geographic area. However, the difference is the *Hayride* embraced new artists who had yet to find an audience. While the *Opry* would rarely feature a performer who had not yet had a hit record. And while the *Opry* banned the electric guitar, the *Hayride* embraced the instrument that transformed the one form of “hillbilly music” into the new “rock and roll”.

Many of the country artists got their first break on the *Hayride*, like Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, and Kitty Wells, then they would move on to Nashville. In addition to giving Hank Williams his first wide radio audience in 1949 they also welcomed him back in 1952 after the *Opry* fired him.

On October 16, 1954, a teenager from Memphis, Tennessee named Elvis Presley appeared on the *Hayride* radio program. Presley's performance of his newly released song called “That's All Right Mama” brought a lukewarm response, but soon after, Presley was nonetheless signed to a one-year contract for future appearances. The immediate and enormous demand for more of Presley's new kind of rockabilly music actually resulted in a sharp decline in the popularity of the *Louisiana Hayride* that until that point had been strictly a country music venue. On March 3, 1955, Presley made his first television appearance on the television version of *The Louisiana Hayride*. Within a few years, rock and roll had come to dominate the music scene, and on August 27, 1960, *Louisiana Hayride* ended its primary run.

So today we all learned something new.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: History.com, Wikipedia.com

Sangre de Cristo Sentinel • Westcliffe, Colorado

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“Because We Wanted To...”

Please join us Saturday, April 9th, at 11:00 a.m. at the Wetmore Community Library for a conversation /book signing with Clara Reida and Carol Ann Wilson. “Because We Wanted To”, a book about two women, a dream, and a ranch called Singing Acres, offers a rich stew of adventure, courage, humor, and friendship. The true story of Clara Reida and Margaret Locarnini and their move to this area in the mid 1960’s to buy an, old dilapidated ranch and raise horses.

Please come and join us for a fun and interesting time!

CAMP HAPPINESS AT THE LIBRARY

Bring your little ones to the library for some hands-on fun at Camp Happiness
Friday, April 15, at 10:30 a.m.

“This month is going to be especially fun,” said Youth Services Librarian Jessica Carter. “This month, children will get creative building with balloons and planting eggshell heads.”

Camp Happiness is a highly interactive program that gives children the opportunity to learn through play, singing, movement and art. This free program is designed for ages 0-6 years, but all ages are welcome and no sign up is required.

Sponsored by West Custer County Library, Camp Happiness that takes place once a month at the library from 10:30 a.m. until about 12:00 p.m., Sept. through April. This upcoming session will be the last one for this school year, but it will resume in September.

For more information about Camp Happiness stop by the library or call Jessica Carter at 783-9138.

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 72 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 8 to EMS, and 1 to the Fire Department. As of December 26th, there were 3 males and no females in the county jail.

3/31/16:
Traffic Summons: Jones Chavez of Silver Cliff for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Jeffrey Kessler of Pueblo

for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Steven Rorick of Westcliffe for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Hit and Run: A deputy took a report of a hit and run resulting in property damage to a fence on CR 255.

4/1/16:
Traffic Summons: Thomas Crandall of Colorado Springs for speeding 20 - 24 over.

David Osowski of Buena Vista for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Auto Accidents: EMS, a Sheriff's deputy, and the Wetmore Fire Department were dispatched to a single vehicle rollover accident on Highway 96, MM 20. EMS processed a refusal to transport the occupants of the vehicle to the hospital. Ramon Torres of Pueblo was issued a summons for exceeding the safe speed

for conditions. A deputy was dispatched to North 2nd Street in Westcliffe for a minor two vehicle accident. Shannon Jones was issued a summons for backing up a vehicle in a parking area when unsafe.

4/2/16:
Traffic Summons: Sarah Skelton of Elbert for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Verbal Dispute:

Two deputies were dispatched to CR 305 in Centennial Ranch in response to a verbal dispute.

Grass Fire: The Wetmore Fire Department was dispatched, on an agency assist, to a grass fire at the base of Jackson Hill on Highway 96 in Pueblo County.

4/4/16:
Traffic Summons: William Bosch of Vincetown, N.J.,-

for speeding 5 - 9 over in a school zone.

Alleged Sexual Assault: A deputy took a report of an alleged sexual assault.

Unattended Death: EMS and a Sheriff's deputy were dispatched to Little Horn Drive in Westcliffe, in response to a report of an unattended death.



9 Health Fair Sponsors for 2016

Custer County Public Health Agency would like to thank the following people and organizations who donated to the 9Health Fair held this year at Custer County School.

American Legion, Westcliffe Post 170
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B & D Automotive
Barton Manor / Mirror Image
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Cliffes' Veterinary Clinic
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Custer County Senior Citizens Center
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Custer County Medical Center
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Marilyn Adams Skin Care
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Norup Gas, Inc.
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Rick's Trees
Salty Pine Floral and Boutique
Sangre de Cristo Electric Association
Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
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Seifert Enterprises
Subway
Take-A-Hike
The Country Courtyard Bed & Breakfast
The Liquor Cabinet
The Village Shop
Tonsing Enterprises
Town and Country Salon
United Country Wapiti Realty
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Wet Mountain Treasures
Wet Mountain Tribune



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Monday through Friday
8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



NOTICE

The following is a list of all bills presented, audited, and ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Custer County, Colorado, from their respective funds at the regular meeting on March 31, 2016

Custer County Payments for Airport Fund Payments From March 1, 2016 Through March 31, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ASCENT AVIATION GROUP INC	AV GAS	6,107.89
ASSURANCE PARTNERS	AIRPORT D & O	3,094.12
CENTURYLINK	SRV	104.88
DIVERSE DATUM WIRELESS	SRV	60.00
NORUP GAS INC	SRV	130.00
ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIRE	EXT MAINT	15.00
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	SRV	149.41
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	SUPPLIES	7.99
	Final Totals...	9,669.29

Custer County Payments for Capital Improvement Fund Payments From March 1, 2016 Through March 31, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
CHASE CARD SERVICES	WCCLP BID NOTICE GAZETTE	144.28
KS STATE BANK	2014 DOD RAM PK LEASE	5,999.75
PUEBLO CHIEFTAN	WCCLP BID NOTICE	40.32
SAN ISABEL ELECTRIC ASSOC INC	WCCLP ELECTRIC SRV AGREE	6,693.00
T A DUKE & ASSOCIATES	WCCLP ARCHITECTURE/ENGINE	23,678.43
UNITED REPROGRAPHIC SUPPLY	ASSR COPIER AGREEMENT	90.00
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING	ASSR MAPPING COPIER	285.40
WET MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE	WCCLP BID NOTICE	6.11
	Final Totals...	36,937.29

Custer County Payments for Conservation Trust Fund Payments From March 1, 2016 Through March 31, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
CUSTER COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE	2016 DONATION	3,320.00
	Final Totals...	3,320.00

Custer County Payments for Emergency Services Fund Payments From March 1, 2016 Through March 31, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AT & T MOBILITY	OEM CELL SRV	51.37
CENTURYLINK	OEM LAND LINE	103.99
COX/CHARLES	RETAC TRAINING REIMBS	789.54
CRESTONE GRAPHICS	OEM BUSINESS CARDS	50.00
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	4,758.80
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	OEM FUEL	29.74
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	CODE RED 3/16-3/17	4,450.00
HOWARD/CINDY	REIMBS	301.55
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	HOMELAND SEC	34.06
MCCARTHY/JOSEPH	TRAVEL	56.00
MIKE NAUGHTON FORD INC	OEM 2015 FORD F150	35,054.00
MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING CO INC/THE	DISPATCHER HELP WANTED	218.70
NATIONAL OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP	RETAC WFA TRAINING	3,458.76
ROTH/VERNON	REPLACE LOST CHECK	300.00
TETRA TECH INC	HAZ MIT PLAN	9,852.00
WEST CUSTER CO HOSPITAL DIST	RETAC	3,566.63
WET MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE	DISPATCH HELP WANTED	206.00
	Final Totals...	63,281.14
	Payroll...	9,273.57

Custer County Payments for Human Services Fund Payments From March 1, 2016 Through March 31, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
	Final Totals...	12,116.91
	Payroll...	14,883.28

Custer County Payments for General Fund Payments From March 1, 2016 Through March 31, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AFFORDABLE HVAC LLC	ANNEX FURNACE REPAIR	382.50
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	152.78
AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE	CN W/H	167.30
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	644.64
ARROWHEAD SCIENTIFIC INC	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	71.10
AT & T MOBILITY	SERVICE	876.57
ATTEBERY/LYNN	GRNDS SUPPLIES REIMB	52.99
AZTECH TRANSMISSIONS	JAIL VAN TRANI REPAIR	75.00
BILL'S TELEPHONE SERVICE	COPIER/FAX LINE MOVE	190.00
BLUE FLAME GAS	WCCL SRV	375.25
CARD SERVICES	CLERKS MTG CHGS	599.40
CDPHE	SW DOC REVIEWS	1,414.60
CENTURYLINK	WCCL SERVICE	447.90
CENTURYLINK	SERVICE	3,825.91
CHEMATOX LABORATORY	BA TESTING 2/9/16	20.00
CIVIL AIR PATROL MAGAZINE	SHERIFF AD	145.00
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	GARNISHMENT	135.00
COLORADO POST	VIN INSPECT CERT SALBATO	25.00
COX/CHARLES	REIMBS	196.00
CREATIVE FORMS & CONCEPTS	PYRL & AP CHECK STOCK	826.62
CRESTONE GRAPHICS	ELECTIONS EXP	772.35
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INS W/H	31,029.62
CUSTER COUNTY EXTENSION		88.16
CUSTER COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC	INMATE VISIT 1/18/16	73.53
CUSTER COUNTY PLANNING	PETTY CASH REIMB	6.55
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	MAR LNDFL SALARY REIMB	5,046.06
CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF	PETTY CASH REIMB	358.30
DAVIS/CAROL	MRC TRAVEL REIMB	142.00
DISH NETWORK	JAIL SRV	45.09
EWING'S LLC	PUBLIC SAFETY NOTEPADS	257.57
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	GARNISHMENT	442.00
HENRICH/JAMES D		122.99
IPPOLITO/CHUCK		713.30
KATTNIG/ROBERT (BOB)	REIMBS	75.00
KEFFER/MARILYN	MILEAGE	139.50
LANG/CHRISTINE	MILEAGE	27.50
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	38.85
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	JAIL FOOD	691.46
MILLER/PEGGY	MILEAGE	112.50
MITCHELL/BARRY	RADIO RE-PROGRAM	32.69
MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING CO INC/THE	BOCC HELP WANTED	184.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	SHERIFF REPAIRS	514.46
NATIONAL SHERIFF'S ASSOC	MEMBER DUES	58.00
NORUP GAS INC	SHERIFF COMPLEX SRV	1,020.37
OAK DISPOSAL SERVICE	CRTHS DUMPSTER	44.00
OFFICE DEPOT	ASSR SUPPLIES	242.52
OFFICE OF THE DIST ATTORNEY	PROF SRVS	7,645.83
PIQUETTE ENTERPRISES LLC	MARCH ACCT	794.66
QUILL CORP	P & Z SUPPLIES	46.86
ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIRE	FIRE EXT MAINT	187.00
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	SHERIFF COMPLEX SRV	177.60
SAFRAN MORPHO TRUST	REMOTE ACCESS	130.00
SALBATO/JASON	REIMB	50.00
SAM'S CLUB	JAIL SUPPLIES	1,252.57
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	LANDFILL SRV	180.99
SHY/CHRISTOPHER (KIT)	REIMBS	394.08
SHY/JAKE	RECYCLE CARDBOARD LOAD	195.00
SMITH/CLINTON A	PROF SRV	1,600.00
SOUTH STREET AUTO REPAIR	SHERIFF TOW	266.40
STATE OF COLORADO	MARCH MVR DELIVERABLES	220.86
STOLTZFUS/GAIL	TRAVEL	340.32
SWARTZ/TIM	REIMBS	342.80
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	1,233.32
TECHNICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	PROB CLIENT TESTING	204.85

TOTAL OFFICE SOLUTIONS	CLERK SUPPLIES	470.18
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE & TRAILERS	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	635.00
TRUJILLO/VIRGINIA	TRAVEL	150.00
ULTRA MAX	SHERIFF AMMO	1,221.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	PO BOX 1489 RENTAL	164.00
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	198.55
WESTCLIFFE PETROLEUM	SHERIFF TIRE REPAIR	5.00
WET MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE	BOCC PUBS	344.60
WIGGIN/TED	REIMB ACCOM	508.52
XEROX BUSINESS SERVICES LLC	CLERK DATA PROCESSING	7,512.97
YOUNG/ROBIN	MILEAGE	135.00
4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	LANDFILL LOADER REPAIR	2,894.42
	Final Totals...	82,404.31
	Payroll...	100,299.33

Custer County Payments for Road ad Bridge Fund Payments From March 1, 2016 Through March 31, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AFLAC	AF W/H	39.90
AIRGAS INTERMOUNTAIN INC	SHOP CYLINDER RENTALS	397.91
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	532.52
AT & T MOBILITY	SRV	211.24
BATTERIES PLUS BULBS	SUPPLIES	501.79
BLUE FLAME GAS	WETMORE SHOP SRV	375.00
CAPA COLORADO ASPHALT	CAPA MEMBERSHIP	225.00
CENTURYLINK	WETMORE SHOP SRV	187.72
CENTURYLINK	WC SHOP SRV	301.66
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	6,868.76
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	TRAILER TITLE REIMB	7.20
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	WETMORE PETTY CASH REIM	31.39
D A LUBRICANT CO	OILS	3,761.45
DELTA RIGGING & TOOLS INC	SHACKLES & SLINGS	279.95
ENVIROTECH SERVICES INC	SPRAY NOZZLES	660.52
EVERHART/ADELAIDE	USED TIRE	93.35
GCR TIRES & SERVICE	STEER TIRES	1,896.58
IMPERIAL SUPPLIES LLC	MISC SUPPLIES	11.19
INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICE	PARTS	148.34
J J KELLER & ASSOCIATES INC	SAFETY REGS	1,019.20
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	MUCK BOOTS	98.97
KNECHT HOME CENTER OF CANON	SUPPLIES	109.04
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	SUPPLIES	489.61
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	51.80
LITZ AUTO SUPPLY	FILTERS	15.92
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	CLEANING PRODUCTS	90.91
MCCANDLESS TRUCK CENTER LLC	SUPPLIES	255.60
MHC KENWORTH	SWITCH	123.89
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	PARTS	463.33
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	SIGN SUPPLIES	103.33
NORUP GAS INC	SERVICE	650.13
OAK DISPOSAL SERVICE	DUMPSTER SRV	132.00
PUEBLO BEARING SERVICE	PARTS	112.77
QUILL CORP	OFFICE SUPPLIES	171.99
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	SRV	326.80
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SNAP ON TOOLS	SCANNER UPDATE	549.00
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TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	574.98
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VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	PAINTING SUPPLIES	420.61
WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO	PARTS	1,402.67
WESTCLIFFE PETROLEUM	FUELS	11,216.22
WHITEHALLS ALPINE BG	SLC GREACE & INFORCE	200.60
XEROX CORP	COPIER	87.14
4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	FILTER	143.55
	Final Totals...	38,918.79
	Payroll...	33,670.89



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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



COUNTY EXPENSES from page 10

Custer County Payments for Self Insurance Fund Payments From March 1, 2016 Through March 31, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
COLORADO STANDBY	VERDEMONT TOWER REPAIR	2,950.25
	Final Totals...	2,950.25

Custer County Payments for Tourism Fund Payments From March 1, 2016 Through March 31, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR	CSC AIRPORT BANNER 2ND	3,150.00
	Final Totals...	3,150.00

STATE OF COLORADO COUNTY OF CUSTER

I, Kelley S. Camper, County Clerk in and for said county, and in the state aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, full, and correct list of all office bills allowed paid by the Board of County Commissioners of said county and state, at the regular meeting held in February 2016, as shown by the records and files of my office. Given under my hand and official seal this month of March A.D. 2016.

Kelley S. Camper
County Clerk

Date published: April 8, 2016
Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
Westcliffe, Colorado

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.

First Publication 3/11/2016
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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

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

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

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

DATE: 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 School District C-1 Regular School Board Meeting Library – April 12, 2016 6:00 p.m. *Note Time Change*

For the good of the students of Custer County Schools

1. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call – Board Attendance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. General Public Comment Session - Comments will be limited to 3 minutes, Admin Response
 - a. Response: Curricular Materials in Our Schools
 - b. Response: Bullying
5. Bobcat Pride Certificate(s): Consent Agenda
 - a. Acceptance: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 8, 2016
6. Reports from Students/Staff
7. District Financial Report – Monthly Overview – Amy Perschbacher
8. Reports from Public: Excellence in Education (Lori Short), Accountability (Shelly Penkoff)
9. Board Committee Reports: Accountability, BOCES, FFA, Legislative, Preschool Advisory
10. Action Items:
 - a. Approval / Personnel:
 - i. Letter of Resignation: Jack Swartz
 - ii. HS Principal/AD Recommendation: Mark A. Payler
 - b. Approval: Check Vouchers & Financial Reports - Amy Perschbacher
 - c. Approval: Public Facilities Assessment Grant: Kit Shy, Custer County Commissioner
 - d. Approval: Facilities Major Maintenance Plan – Mark A. Payler
 - e. Approval: Elementary Math Curriculum Adoption: Holly Anderson
 - f. Approval: History Club Spring Trip: Brady Hines
 - g. Acceptance: Update on Superintendent Goals – Mark A. Payler
11. Principal’s Reports:
 - a. Elementary - Holly Anderson
 - b. Secondary - Barb Jones
12. Superintendent’s Report - Mark Payler
 - a. District Highlights
13. Items introduced by Board Members
14. General Public Comment Session (Comments limited to 3 minutes)
15. Executive Session – If Needed
16. Looking Ahead: Regular Board Meeting, May 10, 2016 NOTE: Superintendent will not be present at this meeting.
17. Adjournment



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Events Calendar

Friday April 8

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

Saturday April 9

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Indoor Farmer's Market
@ 2nd Street Kitchen, 103 S. 2nd St.
Contact: Cathy Snow, (719) 783-3585.

Friday and Saturday April 8 and 9

at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 10, at 2:00 p.m.
At the Jones Theater, "Allegiant"
Action | Adventure | Mystery | PG-13

Tuesday April 12

6 p.m. School Board Meeting in the school
library

Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16

at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 17, at 2:00 p.m.
At the Jones Theater
"My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2"
Comedy | Romance | PG-13

Tuesday April 19

9:00 AM Wetmore
Custer County Commissioners
Meeting/Boardroom

Saturday April 23

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
WMVSC VET CLINIC & TACK SALE

Friday April 29

9.00 AM Custer County Commissioners
Meeting Boardroom

Recurring Events

Monday

6 p.m. Closed step study Alcoholics Anon-
ymous 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 Moun-
tain 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 Compa-
ny Restaurant in Silver Cliff. Contact Barb
St. Amour at (719) 371-1051.

10 a.m. -5:30 p.m. West Custer County Li-
brary in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138.

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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 meet-
ing (March-October) at the Saddle Club.

First Wednesday of the Month

7 p.m. ROCKY MOUNTAIN BACK COUN-
TRY HORSEMEN at the Penrose Commu-
nity 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 Li-
brary in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138.

9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Line dancers meet at Meth-
odist 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 Moun-
tain 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

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First Thursday of the Month

4:15 - 6 p.m. at the West Custer County Li-
brary, Computer help for adults. Need help
using your computer or other computer-re-
lated 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 appoint-
ments 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
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brary 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 Anon-
ymous 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 Enri-
etta and John Hartig at the Library Commu-
nity 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 Shar-
ing Center, Inc. 120 N. 3rd St.
(formerly Schlabach's market)

3rd Saturday of Month

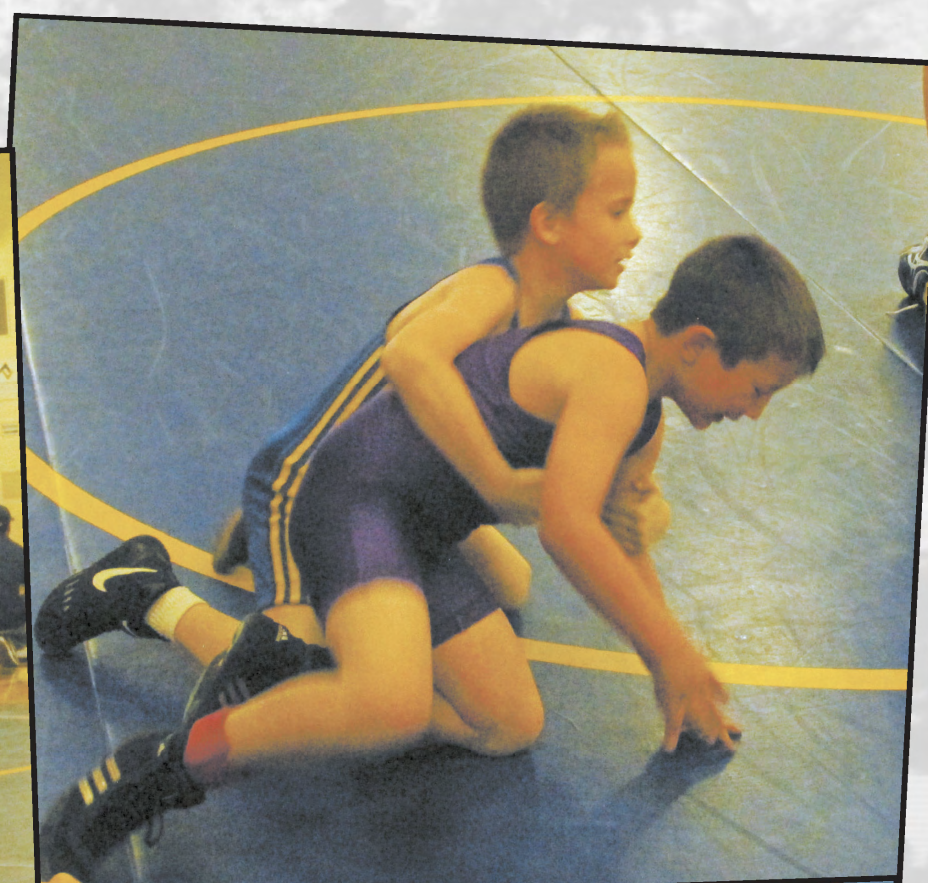
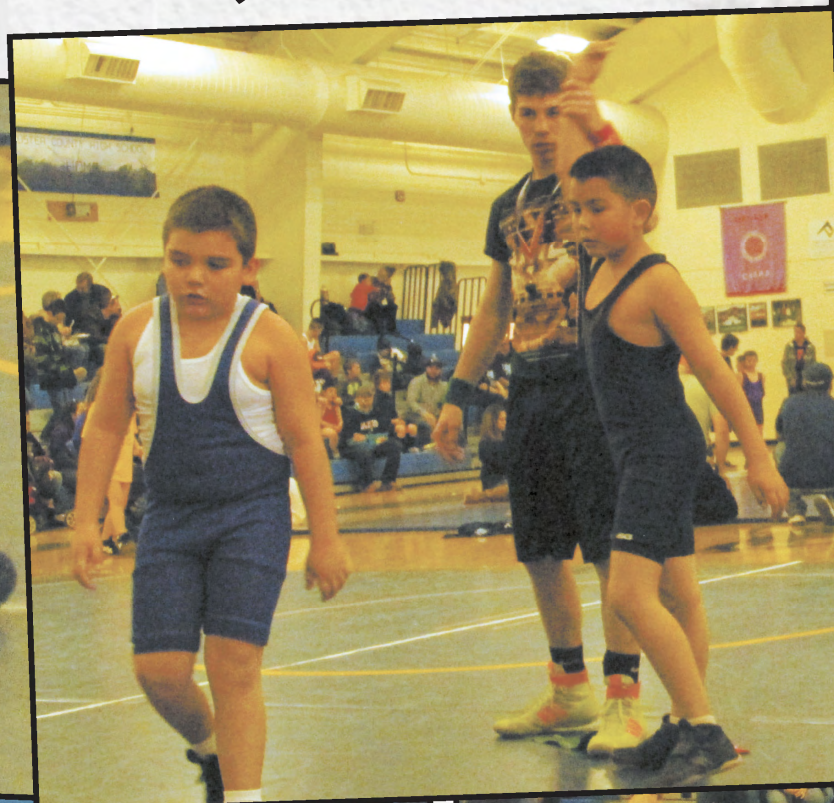
9 a.m. VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes Confer-
ence Room for more info call Commander
Randy Knight 783-9304

*"I was sought by those who did not ask for Me;
I was found by those who did not seek Me."*

Isaiah 65:1a NKJV

Youth Wrestling Tournament

Saturday, March 26, 2016



Back row from left: Tyrell Stolfus, Katie Doughty, Jack Doughty, Elijah Hagstrom, Gracie Cravens, Chris Mullett, Colt Moulton, Blitz Coleman, and Hunter Williams. Front row from left: Robert Bachman, Renae Day, Corbin Martin, Alivia Day, Daniel Day, and Jacob Carr. Not pictured are Micha Teague, Andrew Flynn, and Charlie Buchannon.





Colorado State News

"Takin' It To The House..." A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representative
Jim Wilson – HD 60
April 3, 2016

For those of you who are fans of the reality show "Survivor", you missed your chance this past week to experience a true survival epic. The 65 members of the House survived "Budget Week" at the Capitol! The week-long process of working through (and surviving) the Long Bill (nearly two inches thick) is over with only minimal casualties.

The "Survivor Week" began on Monday with the Long Bill, the School Finance Bill and several other budget-related bills being read across the desk. On Tuesday, both the Republican and Democrat Caucuses met with their respective Joint Budget Committee (JBC) counterparts to discuss their budget recommendations. Any amendments to the Long Bill had to be filed by

4:00 p.m. Tuesday. Wednesday was spent in Caucuses again discussing the 37 amendments that were submitted. (Starting to get the Survivor analogy?) Thursday dawned bright and clear (actually it was snowing...) with all 65 House members on the floor for the day's debate. The Long Bill, 37 amendments and the additional budget-related bills were debated until nearly 9 p.m.!

Most of the discussion focused upon the Republicans wanting to funnel more dollars into transportation and the Democrats wanting to retain dollars to fund new programs. After all the posturing and playing "gotcha" with multiple divisions, and recorded votes on Committee of the Whole amendments, the House adjourned for the night. Friday morning, the budget was passed as amended and sent on to the Senate. The Senate will now enjoy its own

"Survivor Week" following the same pattern as the House.

The irony of the process is after all the work in the House and Senate, the bill will go to a Conference Committee made up of the JBC members. The JBC submitted the original bill, so they will most likely strip off all the amendments from both Chambers and basically finish what they started before the two weeks of "Survivor"!

Speaking of surviving, HB 16-1420 (turning the Hospital Provider Fee into an enterprise fund) is hanging on by a thread. The word under the Golden Dome is that the President of the Senate will assign it to a "kill committee" in the Senate. Even though it has a Senate Republican co-sponsor, it will not have a chance of making it to the Senate floor for debate. Unless there is an assurance that the Senate is on board,

all efforts in the House are for naught!

In a "Survivor Revival", I believe I have reached an agreement with the Speaker to allow the Gitmo Concurrent Resolution to be heard by the House instead of dying in the House State Affairs Committee. Just when it seemed to be DOA, a "Tribal Council" gave it new life!

The School Finance Bill (HB 16-1422), even though it was pulled from the Long Bill package, continues to survive on its own. The bill increases funding to K-12 Education, holds the Negative Factor at the present level of \$831M and does not cut Higher Education. There are issues over the funding of districts with fewer than 50 students, accommodating districts below 5,000 students, easing the shock of districts facing the Negative Factor for the first time and establishing criteria



for repayment of categorical aid. Never fear – School Finance will make it across the finish line!

To check on the latest in the "Survivor Saga", 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

EPA's Gold King Mine Explanations Leave Gaping Holes

by Michael Bastasch,
Ethan Barton
Daily Caller News
Foundation

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials have done little to clear up unexplained aspects surrounding the Gold King Mine blowout. In fact, the agency has given shifting accounts of how three million gallons of mine waste was spilled into drinking water for three states and the Navajo Nation.

The Daily Caller News Foundation compiled these aspects of how EPA officials handled the Colorado Gold King Mine spill, which contaminated nearby rivers with 880,000 pounds of toxic metals like lead and arsenic in August, 2015.

Not only did EPA workers inexplicably build a channel for draining mine waste, the agency crew opened up the mine without the proper equipment on-site that day. EPA's also been interfering with the agency inspector general's investigation of the spill, and released "plans" for the mine that are misleading and riddled with errors.

1. The EPA Built Systems To Direct Leaked Water

Just before the EPA crew caused the Gold King Mine blowout, workers built a dirt mound and a channel in front of the mine's plug, which could have led to a potential leak to a nearby ditch.

Yet EPA officials claimed breaching Gold King Mine and spilling the wastewater were both unintentional.

Why they built the mound and channel and "what exactly they expected to happen remains unclear," a recent House Committee on Natural Resources report said.

EPA said the mound was a ramp for a track hoe, but tracks from the machine are absent in agency photos. Photos also show both equipment and crew were backed away from the mine just before the blowout.

"Instead, by that point, the mound was functioning as a berm that might contain or control water released from the mine," the report said.

"None of the crew or machinery is visible in the excavated ... area, there are no equipment tracks on top of the berm and the initial spurt of water ... is perfectly captured" in a photograph taken minutes

before the blowout, the report said.

The Department of the Interior's (DOI) independent investigation of the spill confirmed the channel was built, but didn't explain why EPA workers decided to build it.

2. Required Equipment Was Missing

The EPA planned to install a pump and a special pipe, called a stinger, to drain water at the site, according to DOI's review. An EPA report later confirmed that the crew was following that plan the day the mine blew out.

EPA's On-Scene Coordinator, Steven Way – who was reportedly on vacation when the mine was breached – ordered the pump must be "prepared and available" in an email.

Neither the pump nor the stinger, however, were on site when the mine blew out, officials present when the disaster began told the House committee.

"Quite simply, the EPA crew could not have been executing the plan ... because the stinger and pump needed to dewater the mine were not on-site on Aug. 5, 2015," the committee report said. "It is unclear why

the crew would have dug into the plug (thus destabilizing it) without having the necessary equipment to proceed with the plan immediately."

3. The EPA 'Jeopardized' An Independent Investigation

The EPA also may have impeded its internal watchdog's independent review of the incident.

An agency report "was based on a Dec. 2, 2015 interview EPA officials conducted with the two EPA on-scene coordinators who were in charge of the Gold King Mine site," which may have "jeopardized" the agency's inspector general's (IG) investigation.

But the EPA didn't enlist independent investigators or technical experts for that interview. Instead, the on-scene coordinators met with three agency employees "with close ties to the agency's public response to the Gold King Mine spill," including a spokeswoman, Republican Reps. Rob Bishop from Utah and Louie Gohmert of Texas wrote in a letter to the IG.

The EPA didn't explain who selected those three interviewers, nor did it provide a "basis for their

selection given their apparent lack of investigative credentials, technical expertise or objectivity," the committee report said.

Additionally, the interview broke from standard investigative practices and met with both on-scene coordinators simultaneously. Typically, such interviews are conducted separately so statements can be independently verified.

"The circumstances surrounding this interview are so troubling that it is not farfetched to assume the interview was more of an off-the-record attempt to reconcile diverging accounts than an effort to honestly and transparently answer questions," the report said.

4. Released Plans Are Misleading And Full Of Errors

EPA officials have not released any drawings or diagrams of the agency's plan to breach the mine before the spill occurred. To date, the agency has only released hand drawings of its operations created after the spill, which are notably not drawn to scale.

That diagram "raises more questions than it answers, including why there were apparently no scaled draw-

ings in use at the site of an engineering project," the committee report said, adding some aspects of the drawing are "curiously ambiguous."

The diagram shows the EPA was digging above the drainage pipes, which were about even with the mine entrance's water level. The agency's crew, however, actually dug into the drainage pipes, which were, contrary to the EPA's erroneous assumption, well beneath the water.

DOI's independent review then created its own images of the EPA's planned work based on the EPA's flawed drawing. It also neglected to mention the original diagram was made after the blowout.

That review's "lack of scaled, or at least accurate, drawings is disconcerting given DOI's emphasis on the purported technical nature of its" report, the committee report said.

This is the third article in TheDCNF's series investigating the Gold King Mine.

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Colorado State News

Colorado Lawmaker Wants Students to Pass Civics Test to Graduate

by Victor Skinner
EAG News

DENVER-Colorado

A Colorado lawmaker wants students in The Centennial State to be informed citizens, and he's pushing a bill to require high schoolers to pass a citizenship test to graduate.

State Sen. Owen Hill wants students to be required to answer 60 out of 100 multiple choice questions correctly on an online civics test similar to the one given to immigrant citizens in order to graduate high school because he believes schools are neglecting important information, ABC 7 reports.

"Every single person who wants to be a citizen that comes from outside the country needs to pass it, it's only reasonable that all of us should have to pass too," Hill told the news site. "We already have a mandate that you have to

have a civics class to graduate high school, so we're not changing that at all. All we're doing now is putting a little bit of parameters on that."

The senator dismissed criticism about adding another test to a curriculum that already involves numerous standardized tests.

"The truth is we don't need another test, we need more robust civics," he said. "This is the role of our schools, to make sure every one of our students are informed enough to be citizens."

Unlike the citizenship test administered through U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Hill's Senate Bill 148 would allow students to answer multiple choice questions, and would only require them to secure a D- to meet the graduation requirement. Students would be allowed to take the test as many times as necessary, he told the news site.

Regardless, folks who wrote in to the *Denver Post* offered differing viewpoints on legislation.

"Facts are not knowledge, and memorization of arbitrary social studies facts will not make people better citizens or voters. And no law should ever pit a student's entire academic record against the results of a single arbitrary test," Breckenridge resident Terri Margolies wrote.

"Criticism of this idea is not simply about 'testing time.' It's about the naivete of placing unnecessary and inappropriate significance on a single objective test."

Colorado Springs resident H. Wayne Hall disagreed.

"... (A) 2014 Annenberg Public Policy Center survey found only about a third of Americans could name our three branches of government and about a third could not even name one branch," Hall wrote.

"So, it appears a majority of us don't even know what kind of government we have. Our leaders promote ever more comprehensive voter registration and ballot distribution, but our system of government depends on an informed electorate, not merely a massive electorate."

"There is no logic in thinking that more and more poorly informed voters will somehow create better government."

Hill told ABC 7 the legislation is expected to receive a hearing in the state Senate Education Committee today, when lawmakers are "going to do some of this test."

The news site quizzed several college students with questions from the proposed civics test with mixed results. Several at the Auroria Campus in downtown Denver didn't have a clue.

"I don't know what a cabinet po-

sition is," said a Community College of Denver freshman identified only as Kaila.

"I've looked at the full list before and I remember thinking, I would not pass this. If I (needed) to be a citizen, I would not be able to do it," Kaila said.

Others like Juan, a Metro State University sophomore, did quite well.

Juan answered 12 out of 14 questions correctly, and said "it doesn't seem that hard."

"This is something they beat into your head for years in history," he said. "If you were born in the United States, you should know it. This is where you're from."

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Colorado Spends Half Million Dollars Fighting for 'Amazon Tax' It Can't Keep

by Arthur Kane
WatchDog.Org

Colorado officials spent \$453,000 so far in tax dollars fighting for information on how to tax residents' purchases from out-of-state retailers, but now state constitutional requirements will likely force the Department of Revenue to refund any money it collects.

DOR and the Direct Marketing Association have been in a six-year legal battle over wheth-

er out-of-state retailers, like Amazon.com, have to report untaxed purchases so the state can go after residents for that money.

DMA maintains House Bill 10-1193, which imposed the mandate, violates the Commerce Clause and has pushed for the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the case.

TAX COLLECTOR: State Sen. Rollie Heath, D-Boulder, sponsored a bill to help the state col-

lect sales tax from out-of-state retailers.

"Colorado law treats out-of-state companies and in-state companies differently," Chris Oswald, DMA's vice president of advocacy, told Watchdog.org. "It's a clear violation of the Commerce Clause because the Colorado law imposes notice and reporting requirement

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Radicalizing Smokey Bear: Greenies Flip Over Forest Fire Bill

by Colorado Peak Politics

State Senate Republicans who want to protect lives and property from wildfires on public



Courtesy Photo from
Colorado Peak Politics

land are being compared to the Bundy-led armed occupation of the BLM office in Oregon and the historic Sagebrush Rebellion.

A little harsh, considering that in this case, we're talking about elected officials going through the legislative process to make change. It's not like they stormed the Capitol, and the bill in question is based on a real disaster that could have been avoided had the feds allowed local firefighters armed with water, not weapons, to fight the wildfire that swept through Waldo Canyon in 2012.

The bill sponsored by state Sen. Kent Lambert of Colorado Springs clarified that the state also has jurisdiction on federal land during emergency situations, and would avoid this:

"The federal government blocked our county sheriff in El

Paso County from fighting this forest fire before it got out of hand," Lambert said. "What's the result? Three-hundred-fifty-six homes destroyed and two lives."

"We could have stopped the Waldo Canyon fire the first day, and yet the U.S. Forest Service came in and said if you move stuff onto federal property, you will be arrested," Lambert shouted.

While the article makes it appear that Republicans are being irrational, it looks to us like environmentalists are swatting at imaginary black helicopters by claiming the legislation is a backdoor effort by the state to take over public lands completely from federal government control.

Legislating emergency access is not the same as an armed takeover, and the heated rhetoric over the measure by the Greenies could use a dousing of flame retardant chemicals.

This instance just highlights the deeply rooted problem within the entire environmental movement — they scream that the sky is falling whenever a Republican dares to address a problem on public property, which the Greenies seem to think is their own private playground.

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Historic Moment: Bennet Admits Dislike for Speaking to the Little People in Colorado

by Colorado Peak Politics

We must have been very good boys and girls to receive such a gift. Embattled Democratic U.S. Senator Michael Bennet admitted to a group of law students that he hates speaking in Colorado.

"I want to thank the students and faculty that are here today for the opportunity to address the Supreme Court vacancy caused by Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's death. You should know that I seldom give a formal speech and I don't really like them myself, even on the floor of the U.S. Senate, much less in Colorado. This moment is unique, as it turns out, in American history, and I want to put it on the record,

so I appreciate your patience...." (the Peak emphasis)

What does that mean that Sen. Bennet hates giving speeches on the "floor of the U.S. Senate, much less in Colorado"? We'll translate it for you. Here's what he meant:

"I hate giving speeches in the U.S. Senate, but you know where I REALLY hate giving speeches? Among the plebeian Colorado electorate, the people I represent (if I must) and the people who (please!) vote for me."

Sen. Bennet hates giving speeches here in Colorado?

Let's do him a favor. Perhaps

Colorado should free him of this burden in Colorado come November.

(Editor/GG: Bennet is as slimy as the come. But typifies the liberal oligarch who despises America and its citizens. Notice these libs are all rich or well-to-do. They use the system to acquire wealth and power for THEMSELVES and then deny it to us. The problem is that the Republicans are not far behind...)

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IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT
School Board Meetings:
Cañon City
Fremont RE-1
2nd and 4th Mon
5:30 p.m.
101 N. 14th St, Cañon City

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

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

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

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

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

Southern Colorado Survivors
1st Sat at 10 a.m.
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1925 Fremont Dr.
Cañon City

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Sen. Cory Gardner Vows to Keep Gitmo Detainees Out of the United States

by Charlotte Burrous

The 91 detainees in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, deserve to be kept locked up, but not in the United States.

That was the synopsis of what Senator Cory Gardner said when he fielded numerous questions about keeping Guantanamo Bay detainees out of Florence and the United States during a Town Hall meeting on March 28th.

“Make no mistake about the 91 people who are in Guantanamo Bay today. They are there because they earned it,” he said. “They’re there because they tried to kill and did kill Americans. There is no one there that had a part time job at the local convenience store. They are there because they actively tried to kill Americans. [The] master minds behind the September 11, 2001 attacks against this country; the people responsible for the USS Cole bombing, the people who led the financing (to pay for these attacks), Osama bin Laden’s bodyguards; these are [the] people who are housed in Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility.”

Guantanamo Bay was built in Cuba just for terrorists and there is no need to bring them to the United States, he said.

“Because you close Guantanamo Bay, it doesn’t mean that a terror recruitment tool disappears,” Gardner added. “That is simply not true. They are still today providing intelli-

gence to the United States ... about what they know and who they know.”

If they are brought to the U.S., then they gain Constitutional rights and this country would lose a valuable intelligence source. Besides, it is not something the country needs to do. The only reason it would be closed is because of a political promise made by Obama, not for security reasons.

“If you look at the plan that was put forward [by Obama] in the last few weeks, it’s becoming clearer and clearer that [the] closure plan, (which would have to be approved by Congress,) [and has] been rumored that seven of the 14 facilities that are being considered by the Department of Defense, are right here in Fremont County. We can’t get them to confirm these numbers. That’s what we’re hearing from sources close to the Pentagon. The law is very clear. **The law clearly states that no money should be spent to assist in the transfer of Guantanamo Bay detainees to the United States. The Congress passed it and the president signed it into law. We’re going to make sure this president follows the law.** [We’re going] to make sure we protect our communities; that we make sure that we give credit where credit is due and that is to our incredible men and women in uniform who stand up each and every day to protect this nation from those who wish to do us harm.”

One of the residents attending asked how Congress could keep the president from using his magic pen.

“Beginning in 2012, there was significant language in the National Defense Authorization Act that outlines how our detainees would be held,” Gardner said. “In 2012, ’13, ’14 and ’15..., it puts in place restrictions to transfer those detainees to the United States. It prohibits using funds to assist in transferring detainees from Guantanamo Bay into the United States. My concern remains until the president says he would not use executive order to transfer them; it still remains on the table because in the past, that’s what they have talked about it. We have to make sure this president does not use executive action to try to relocate these detainees.”

When asked if Congress is in favor of closing it, Gardner said that currently, the bills that have passed in Congress overwhelming support keeping Guantanamo Bay open and to prohibit the closure.

“I will definitely do what I can to prevent them being brought to Florence, to Fremont County, to Colorado and to the United States of America,” he said.

He answered a plethora of other questions concerning bringing the detainees to this area. But he continued to express that it is against the law and he would do whatever he could to keep them from being brought to the United States.

Upcoming events for April 8-16

Fremont County 4-H Foundation will hold a Home-town Gun Show from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. on April 8th and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 9th, at 1595 S. Ninth Street. Designed for Small Vendors background check will be \$15. Admission will be \$5 per person. Children 13 and under are free.

Cowboy Church at Crossroads will present “Nails,” a film starring Tim Goodwin. Based on a true story of a true cowboy, the event kicks off at 5 p.m. with dinner, consisting of Sloppy Joes, chips, dessert and a drink. The movie begins at 7 p.m. April 8-9 in the Penrose Senior Center at 405 Broadway in Penrose. Goodwin will be at one of the events and will be available to talk to during the evening. For more information, call Sandy Myer at 719-252-4214.

Steampunk and Wine will be offered from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. April 9-10 in the parking lot next to Rialto Theater in Florence. The Steampunk Ball will be offered inside the tent at the same site. Vendors will be open in the 100 blocks of North and South Santa Fe in Florence. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for people under 21 and free for children 10 and under. For more information, contact steampunkwine@yahoo.com.

Sons of Italy Royal Gorge Lodge No. 2866 will host a spaghetti dinner from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. April 10 at Cañon City Elks Lodge at 404 Macon Ave. in Cañon City. Tickets are \$8 for adults or \$3.50 for children under 10. For more information or tickets, call 429-6667 or 269-3519.

Roger Ratcliff and Donna Young will explain Amendment 69, a Colorado State Health Care System Initiative which will be sent to the 2016 ballot in Colorado. After the program, the two will answer questions. The program begins at 7 p.m. April 12th at the John C. Fremont Library at 130 Church Ave. in Florence. For more information, call 784-4649.

The Cañon City High School will host a “Prevention of Youth Substance Abuse Seminar” at 6 p.m. April 13th at 1313 College Ave. Presented by the City of Cañon City and the Fremont Youth Coalition.

Business After Hours, a networking opportunity, will be held from 5-7 p.m. April 14th at Arkansas Valley Clinic. The event is open to chamber members and their guests. For more information or to RSVP, call the chamber office at 275-2331.

Buy Sell Trade Mart ribbon cutting will take place at 1:30 p.m. April 15th at 1717 E. Main St. in Cañon City.

5Health Fair will be offered from 7 a.m.-noon April 16 at Evangelical Free Church at 3000 E. Main St. To register online go to www.9HealthFair.org. A plethora of screenings will be available. For more information, call 1-800-332-3078.

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him that called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
1 Peter 2:9 NKJV

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

Islam has Warred with the U.S. for 233 years

Islam's war with America is as old as our nation. The Barbary pirates from Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya were attacking American ships and holding Christian Americans as slaves. In 1786, future presidents Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, ambassadors to France and Britain, respectively, met with the Libyan ambassador to Britain, Sidi Adja, to discuss peace. Adja told them, "that it was written in their Koran, that all nations who should not have acknowledged their authority were sinners, that it was their right and duty to make war upon them wherever they could be found, and to make slaves of all they could take as prisoners, and that every Muslim who should be slain in battle was sure to go to Paradise."

In November 1796, Adams signed the infamous Treaty of Tripoli. Viewed as a submission to Islam, the treaty stated: "As the Government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion,—as it has in itself no character of enmity against the laws, religion, or tranquility, of Mussulmen [Muslims],—and as the said States never entered into any war or act of hostility against any Mahometan [Muslim] nation, it is declared by the parties that no pretext arising from religious opinions shall ever produce an interruption of the harmony existing between the two countries."

Furthermore, the treaty provided for payments from the United States to the Muslim states of the Barbary Coast in return that Barbary pirates would not capture American vessels off the coast of Africa, or ransom or enslave the ship's crews and American citizens as part of the Ottoman Empire's slave trade. In 1801, the treaty was violated upon demand for more money by the Pasha of Tripoli and President Thomas Jefferson decided it was less a financial

burden to the U.S. to birth the U.S. Navy, send it to Tripoli, and defeat the Islamists rather than pay more ransom.

Adam's son, President John Quincy Adams wrote of Mohammed in the 1827 American Annual Register. "...Combining the powers of transcendent genius with the preternatural energy of a fanatic and the fraudulent spirit of an impostor, proclaimed himself as a messenger from heaven, and spread desolation and delusion over an extensive portion of the earth... He poisoned the sources of human felicity at the fountain, by degrading the condition of the female sex, and the allowance of polygamy; and he declared undistinguishing and exterminating war as part of his religion against all the rest of mankind. The essence of his doctrine was violence and lust; to exalt the brutal over the spiritual part of human nature."

Adams spoke of the 1,200 year war between Christianity and Islam: "That war is yet flagrant; nor can it cease but by the extinction of that impostor, which has been permitted by Providence to prolong the degeneracy of man. While the merciless and dissolute are encouraged to furnish motives to human action, there never can be peace on earth and good will toward men." Then Adams waxed prophetic by quoting from Genesis 16:11, 12, "Behold, thou art with child, and shall bear a son, and shall call his name Ishmael;...and he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him." As in the days of the Treaty of Tripoli, America keeps saying it is not at war with Islam, but Islam continues at war with the U.S.

Have a Blessed Day!
Bill Wilson
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Greeting to 'My Beloved' Christians. Hours Later, He Was Murdered by a Fellow Muslim

By Sharona Schwartz
The Blaze

Police said that a Scottish Muslim shopkeeper was murdered by a fellow Muslim hours after he posted a message on Facebook professing love for Christians and for Jesus and wishing them a happy Easter.

Asad Shah, 40, died in the hospital in Glasgow after sustaining serious injuries in the Thursday attack that British media described as especially brutal.

A 32-year-old Muslim man was arrested Friday in connection to what police have called a "religiously prejudiced" attack.

Shah, a devout, Pakistani-born Muslim shopkeeper, earlier Thursday posted a message on Facebook which included: "Good Friday and a very Happy Easter, especially to my beloved Christian nation."

"Let's follow the real footsteps of beloved holy Jesus Christ ... and get the real success in both worlds," he wrote on the Facebook account widely reported in the British media to belong to him.

One eyewitness told a British news outlet that the vic-

tim's head was stomped on during the attack while the *Daily Mail* reported that he was stabbed in the head with a kitchen knife.

"One was stamping on his head. There was a pool of blood on the ground. It was horrific," the witness told the *Daily Record*.



Asad Shah in his Glasgow convenience shop.

On Christmas Day, he posted this message to Christians, "MERRY CHRISTMAS WITH LOVE TO ALL BELOVED MY BELOVED CHRISTIAN NATION X X X X X X X X X X X X AND TO ALL BELOVED MANKIND WITH ALL THE BEST WISHES X."

do enough for you," she said. "He wouldn't hurt anybody. Nobody in Shawlands would have a bad word to say about him. I can't believe he's gone."

A GoFundMe fundraiser has been started by Shah's customers to contribute to the slain man's family; as of this writing it has raised about \$58,000.

His customers wrote on GoFundMe, "Mr. Shah was a popular, well respected and much loved member of our community and his death has devastated many."

"He was a warm and friendly man and he always went out of his way to make time to talk to you — he was more than just our local shopkeeper. He was a friend to many," they wrote.

(Editor/GG: Islamic peace and love will be coming to a neighborhood near you soon. Enjoy.)

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(Image source: GoFundMe)

"A full investigation is underway to establish the full circumstances surrounding the death which is being treated as religiously prejudiced," said a police spokeswoman quoted by the *Telegraph*.

A look at Shah's Facebook page reveals numerous messages of hope and coexistence between the faiths.

Hundreds came out to pay their respects to the shopkeeper in a vigil Friday night.

Resident Isabella Graham told the BBC that Shah had once employed her daughter at his convenience shop and newsstand when she was younger.

"He was an amazing, wonderful man, he couldn't

23% Of Americans In Their Prime Working Years Are Unemployed

by Michael Snyder
The Economic Collapse
Blog, via ZeroHedge.com

Did you know that when you take the number of working age Americans that are officially unemployed (8.2 million) and add that number to the number of working age Americans that are considered to be "not in the labor force" (94.3 million), that gives us a grand total of 102.5 million working age Americans that do not have a job right now? I have written about this before, but today I want to focus just on Americans that are in their prime working years. When you look at only Americans

that are from age 25 to age 54, **23.2 percent** of them are unemployed right now. From the *Weekly Standard*:

"There are 124.5 million Americans in their prime working years (ages 25–54). Nearly one-quarter of this group—28.9 million people, or 23.2 percent of the total—is not currently employed. They either became so discouraged that they left the labor force entirely, or they are in the labor force but unemployed.

This group of non-employed individuals is more than 3.5 million larger than before the recession began in 2007," writes

the *Republican side of the Senate Budget Committee*.

Clearly, we have never recovered from the impact of the last recession. But let's try to put these numbers in context.

Below, I would like to share two charts with you. They show what has happened to the inactivity rates for men and for women in their prime working years in the United States in recent years.

In order to be considered "inactive", you can't have a job and you can't be looking for a job. So this subset of people is smaller than the group that we were talking about above.

The 23.2 percent of Americans in their prime working years that are unemployed right now includes those that are looking for a job and those that are not looking for a job.

What are we to make of all this?

For both men and women in their prime working years, the inactivity rate is even higher than it was during the last recession and is hovering near the all-time record.

All of these people neither have a job nor are

see UNEMPLOYED on page 20

Transgenderism of Children Is Child Abuse, American College of Pediatrics Rules

by Carly Hoilman,
The Blaze

The American College of Pediatricians released a statement this week declaring that gender reclassification of children, also known as transgenderism, constitutes child abuse.

“The American College of Pediatricians urges educators and legislators to reject all policies that condition children to accept as normal a life of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex,” the statement, entitled “Gender Ideology Harms Children,” began. “Facts – not ideology – determine reality.”

The temporary statement, published Monday, March 21st, with a full statement to follow in summer 2016, listed what the association ruled to be eight objective facts supporting their argument for why gender reclassification will now officially be classified as abuse:

1. Human sexuality is an objective biological binary trait: “XY” and “XX” are genetic markers of health – not genetic markers of a disorder.
2. No one is born with a gender. Everyone is born with a biological sex.

Gender (an awareness and sense of oneself as male or female) is a sociological and psychological concept; not an objective biological one.

3. A person’s belief that he or she is something they are not is, at best, a sign of confused thinking. When an otherwise healthy biological boy believes he is a girl, or an otherwise healthy biological girl believes she is a boy, an objective psychological problem exists that lies in the mind not the body, and it should be treated as such.

4. Puberty is not a disease and puberty-blocking hormones can be dangerous. Reversible or not, puberty-blocking hormones induce a state of disease – the absence of puberty – and inhibit growth and fertility in a previously biologically healthy child.

5. According to the DSM-V, as many as 98% of gender confused boys and 88% of gender confused girls eventually accept their biological sex after naturally passing through puberty.

6. Children who use puberty blockers to impersonate the opposite sex will require cross-sex hormones in late adolescence. Cross-

sex hormones (testosterone and estrogen) are associated with dangerous health risks including but not limited to high blood pressure, blood clots, stroke and cancer.

7. Rates of suicide are twenty times greater among adults who use cross-sex hormones and undergo sex reassignment surgery, even in Sweden which is among the most LGBTQ – affirming countries.

8. Conditioning children into believing a lifetime of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex is normal and healthful is child abuse.

The policy statement was authored by President of the American College of Pediatricians, Dr. Michelle A. Cretella, Vice President of the American College of Pediatricians, Dr. Quentin Van Meter and Johns Hopkins Medical School Psychology Professor Dr. Paul McHugh.

McHugh, who once served as Johns Hopkins’ head psychiatrist, penned an opinion piece for the *Wall Street Journal* in 2014, proclaiming that transgenderism is a “mental disorder” and calling sex change a “medical impossibility.”

Critics on the left were quick to offer vehement objections to the policy statement.

Brynn Tannehill of the *Huffington Post* claimed that “every single talking point in this position statement is a distortion or outright falsehood.” Tannehill accused McHugh of using “the ever more tarnished name of Johns Hopkins to distort science and spread transphobic misinformation.”

Writing for *Patheos*, Melinda Selmys dismissed the statement as one issued by a “Christian lobby group” posing as medical professionals.

(Editor/GG: A rare statement of truth from the corrupt health industry. They will, of course, be punished.)

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EPA Refuses to Pay Animas River Claims

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

It’s been nine months since the EPA mucked



up the Gold King Mine causing untold environmental contamination and millions of dollars in damages.

Nine months since EPA Chief Gina McCarthy pledged to take responsibility and pay residents financial restitution.

She has done neither.

Attorney General Cynthia Coffman sent a gentle reminder to the EPA on March 15th that they owe Coloradans \$5 million, but the only reply she’s gotten is crickets.

“It’s easy to admit fault,” Coffman said. “It’s much harder to take responsibility and pay for the consequences of your actions.”

Coffman told the *Du-*

rango Herald she hasn’t ruled out suing the federal agency, while New Mexico and Utah have already put Colorado and the EPA on notice they intend to sue us all.

The *Herald* also seems to think that the EPA has admitted fault in the disaster, though that’s not entirely true. The agency is still insisting that Colorado is to blame too, and the resulting investigation in Washington was nothing but a cover-up that declined to say who was at fault.

That would certainly explain why the EPA has refused to pay Coloradans the \$5 million they owe, because they have no intention of taking the blame.

It might be time for Coffman to start taking depositions and move the state forward in a separate lawsuit against the EPA.

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Patriot's Day

Celebrating On Sunday April 17, 2016
11:30 am to 3:00 pm
Veterans Park Canon City, Colorado
241 year anniversary of "The Shot Heard 'Round the World!"

JOHN GUANDOLO
FORMER FBI AGENT TO THE LIAISON TO THE U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

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If Your Country's Broke, Don't Hold All Of Your Savings There

by Simon Black
SovereignMan.com via ZeroHedge.com

On Friday March 15, 2013, just over three years ago, people across the entire nation of Cyprus went to bed believing that everything was OK.

The next morning they woke up to a different reality.

It turned out that their banking system was totally broke. After suffering enormous losses, banks no longer had sufficient liquidity or capital to maintain customer account balances.

People realized immediately that just because you can log in to a bank's website and see an account balance printed on the screen that **doesn't actually mean that the money is there.**

To make matters worse for depositors, the government was insolvent and unable to lift a finger to support the banks.

Plus the deposit guarantee from Cyprus's central bank wasn't worth the paper it was printed on.

So in order to save the banking system, Cypriot politicians resorted to the unthinkable—freezing every bank account in the country. It all happened overnight.

This is precisely the sort of thing that happens when a poorly structured banking system meets an insolvent government.

And we should expect more of it. Because three years later, much of the West looks like Cyprus did back then.

Western banking systems are extremely illiquid, and many banks are very thinly capitalized with minimal reserves.

Deposit insurance funds are woefully undercapitalized and lack the finan-

cial capacity to guarantee the system.

And the governments who stand behind it all are themselves completely insolvent.

Bear in mind, all of these assertions are backed by publicly available data.

It's not some wild conspiracy theory to suggest that the governments of the United States, Japan, and most of Western Europe are totally bankrupt.

These are facts. And each government publishes its own financial statements attesting to its insolvency.

It's not crazy to say that the FDIC is undercapitalized and fails to maintain the amount of reserves that are required by law, let alone "the minimum level [of capital] needed to withstand future crises of the magnitude of past crises."

This information is published in the FDIC's own annual report.

And you don't have to be a radical to review your bank's financial statements and find, for example, that **US Bank maintains cash reserves amounting to just 3.5% of its customer deposits.**

Or that **Italy's Unicredit Bank holds cash reserves of just 1.7% of its customer deposits.**

These numbers are not even remotely conservative. And they're all available in the banks' most recent reports.

Looking at the big picture, when it's clear that your government is broke, your deposit insurance fund is undercapitalized, and your bank is hazardedly illiquid, it seems obvious that you shouldn't hold 100% of your savings in that banking system.

There are a multitude of solutions

to reduce this risk.

One option that we have discussed is opening an account at a liquid, well-capitalized foreign bank located in a jurisdiction with no debt.

Banks in Asia tend to have extremely high levels of liquidity and hold generous, conservative reserves to safeguard their customer deposits.

An even easier option is to hold physical cash: buy a safe and start making withdrawals from your bank account.

Even if you're completely skeptical about everything you've just read, you won't be worse off for having cash instead of bank deposits.

There's very little consequence to taking action. But **the consequences of NOT taking action can be substantial.**

Learn from Cyprus. Don't take it for granted that you'll go to bed tonight and everything in the financial system will be fine tomorrow morning.

When the data and risks are this obvious, everything can change very quickly.

(Editor/GG: The U.S.A. is broke. The government is broke. Private and public pensions are broke. Personal debt is at an all time high. Your wage, in real terms, is at a 1980 level. Housing prices are through the roof. The health industry, aided by Obamacare, is heading for a catastrophic, financial collapse. And we are NOT talking decades for this to happen. Cyprus, and recently Puerto Rico, are the canaries in the socialist coal mine. Get ready.)

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for out-of-state companies that it doesn't impose on in-state companies."

DMA suffered setbacks in February and March when a three-judge panel in the federal appeals court upheld the law, and the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear it. But DMA said it will appeal to the full appellate court and, if that fails, try again for a hearing at the nation's top court.

DOR spokeswoman Lynn Granger said the state couldn't avoid spending the money because the DMA sued.

"We are required by law to defend against any litigation," she said.

But sources familiar with the history of the 2010 law, but not authorized to speak publicly, told Watchdog.org the DOR

pushed for the legislation as part of a number of bills to raise revenues after the Great Recession.

Granger denied that, maintaining DOR, which at the time was under Gov. Bill Ritter and not John Hickenlooper, was neutral on the bill. Lobbying records show a number of organizations representing taxing bodies and governments supporting the bill. Those records don't indicate DOR's lobbying efforts because lobbyists for state agencies are exempt from filing the disclosures.

Bill sponsors former Rep. Jack Pommer, and state Sen. Rollie Heath, both D-Boulder, did not return calls seeking comment about the legislation or the fight to collect the additional revenue.

The Taxpayer Bill of Rights — constitutional limits on how much revenue the state can collect — will likely require

any taxes collected under HB10-1193 to be returned to taxpayers, but the state could possibly keep the money during an economic downturn if other revenues drop.

Oswald was hesitant to discuss the irony of the state's long, expensive fight for more revenue, but said there are better ways for Colorado to recoup lost tax money.

"We are saying there are much less onerous ways for the State of Colorado to collect use tax owed by Colorado purchasers of goods from out-of-state retailers," he said.

Granger wouldn't discuss whether the legislation or the court fight was worth the hassle or expense now that TABOR will likely require the state to return any tax collected under the law.

When asked if there is a limit to how much effort the state should expend

to collect more and more revenue, Granger said: "I'm not going to comment on that. That's not our role. We implement laws. We don't make them."

(Editor/GG: How much tax is enough, folks? Constant demands from every level of government (including our lovely special districts) for more, more, more. Every nickel they steal MAKES YOU POORER and them even more hungry. Money brings power to an ever increasing corrupt government AT ALL LEVELS. They take in millions at our local level and can't even keep the roads paved! They have the money, folks. They're just buying votes with it.)

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The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand

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"Don't fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have war let it begin here."

Captain John Parker, Lexington Gree, April 19, 1775

Holy Cow! Texan Makes Record-Shattering 4,210 Yard Rifle Shot

by Bob Owens
BearingArms.com

The custom rifle had a 230 MOA rail and 20 MOA in the scope itself.

On November 22nd, Jim Spinella hit a 36" plate at 4210 yards with a HCR 375 CheyTac. That is 2.4 miles!

Over the past few years, Hill Country Rifles has been doing some very long range shooting with friend and customer, Jim Spinella.

Spinella hit a 36" plate at 3600 yards, 3800 yards, and on November 22nd, he hit a 36" plate at 4210 yards. That is 2.4 miles!

Each shot involved a new rifle build by HCR, all in 375 Cheytac. New lessons were learned and the rifles evolved into lighter, more useful designs.

One of the most interesting aspects to these shots is the engineering of custom mounts to avoid running out of scope adjustment. A 230 minute of angle (MOA) rail was machined for a 20 MOA Nightforce Unimount for a total of 250 MOA.

The Nightforce Beast scope also allows 34.9 MILS of additional come-up. That internal adjustment range is extremely important for this kind of shooting.

Because of the amount of cant in the mounts, the point of impact at 100 yards is 16 feet, 8 inches high. Crazy, right?

After hitting the plate at 3600 and 3800, the HCR team felt confident the 4210 would happen. Time to learn a new lesson.

"We checked the weather forecast daily a week ahead of the trip to FTW Ranch. Things looked pretty good," said HCR's GM, Matt Bettersworth. The ever-reliable weather app predicted sunny skies and high temps in the low 60's. The weather pattern looked stable several days before and after the November 21st shoot date. Perfect shooting conditions.

Four days before the trip, a major cold front entered the forecast. Each day the predicted high temperature fell lower and the predicted winds got higher.

"The bottom line is that this was more about having a great time with friends and making some cool memories than it was about the distance," said Spinella. "We pushed the team, the equipment, and the round way, way beyond any reasonable shooting range."

At 4210 yards a 1/2 mph change in wind speed can move the bullet more than 4 feet.

The wind was blowing 15 to 35 mph most of the day Saturday, so the shot was moved to Sunday.

Conditions finally looked reasonable late Sunday afternoon. Reasonable ended up consisting of 3-6 mph of wind, usually left to right, but occasionally right to left, with a temperature of 58 degrees.

During the 3800 yard shot, the

first shot was close to the target and easy to see. In fact, almost every impact was visible through the spotting scope.

"17 shots later we hit our target," said HCR President Dave Fuqua. "It is amazing to see what happens to the bullet in the next 400 yards."

The last 400 yards adds 1.5 seconds to time of flight and the bullet drops an additional 265 feet. That is a lot of time for the wind to push the bullet.

Another major obstacle to this shot was that the equipment would only calculate ballistics to 4000 yards. So just finding a starting point in terms of dope was a challenge.

Doug Prichard has been making wind calls in the FTW hills and valleys for over a decade, not to mention his extensive military training. He predicted the air would go flat just before Jim ran out of shooting light. He was right.

At about 5:15 the air went totally still. Cigarette smoke would have gone straight up if anyone still smoked.

Everything changed on a dime. The next shot hit the white rock with the red paint on it about 12 feet left of our target. The next shot was just to the right.

The last two magazines produced very consistent results at that amazing distance and the hit was made by making calculated adjustments to the known



The custom rifle had a 230 MOA rail and 20 MOA in the scope itself.

Photo Courtesy of BearingArms.com

impact calls.

"This would never have been possible without a customer and friend like Jim and the amazing people and facilities at FTW ranch," said Bettersworth. We are blessed to have the unique combination of a shop to build the rifle in, a customer to build it for, and a place to shoot these extreme distances."

SHOT DETAILS

Date: November 22, 2015
Location: FTW Ranch, Barksdale TX
Rifle: HCR Carry Weight 375 CheyTac
Action: Stiller CheyTac 1.450"
Barrel: Benchmark 8 groove, 1:11.5" twist, 27", .750"@ muzzle
Muzzle Brake: Benchmark Miller Prone
Trigger: Jewell with front safety set 2.0 pounds
Stock: McMillan A3/5 customized to fit action, bottom metal, with custom adjustable comb

Trigger Guard: Bear Custom DBM
Metal Finish: Two-tone Black, Tungsten Gray Cerakote
Scope: Nightforce Beast H59 reticle
Mounts: Custom 230 MOA rail, 20 MOA Nightforce Direct Mount
Unscoped weight: 12.5 pounds
Weight with scope and mounts: 15.5 pounds
Ballistic Data and Environmental:
Total Elevation: 96.5 MILS (4.5 MILS in the reticle)
Windage: 2.3 MILS Right
Temp: 58 Degrees
Humidity: 50%
Elevation: 2000 ft
Station Pressure: 28.00 Hg.

(Editor/GG: Hey Cal and Uncle Bud, let's see you beat that!)

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they looking for one.

So what in the world is going on here?

Are they independently wealthy?

Have these people found rich spouses to marry so they don't have to work?

No, the truth is that the middle class in America is steadily eroding and poverty is absolutely exploding. Credit card debt has soared to a new record high, and 48 percent of all U.S. adults under the age of 30 believe

that "the American Dream is dead".

The issue isn't that people don't want to work.

The issue is that people cannot find enough work.

And even if you have a job, that does not mean that you are on easy street. According to the Social Security Administration, 51 percent of all American workers make less than \$30,000 a year.

Tens of millions of Americans are now among the ranks of "the working poor". So many families are watching their expenses

soar while their paychecks go down or stagnate. If you are in this situation right now, then you probably know how exceedingly stressful it can be.

Just look at what is happening to the cost of health insurance. The following comes from Fox News...

Health insurance premiums have increased faster than wages and inflation in recent years, rising an average of 28 percent from 2009 to 2014 despite the enactment of Obamacare, according to a report from Freedom Partners.

And I am not exactly sure

where they got those numbers. Personally, I know that my health insurance rates have gone up far faster than that.

Two years ago, my health insurance company wanted to double the health insurance premiums for my family even though we never get sick. So I switched to another insurance company that offered a policy that was only about 30 percent higher than my last one. But then when it came time to renew, that insurance company wanted to raise my rate by another 50 percent.

Thanks to Obamacare,

American families are being absolutely crippled by the cost of health care.

And of course we are seeing the rising cost of living so many other places as well. Our paychecks are being squeezed harder and harder, and this is absolutely killing the middle class. In fact, the middle class in America is now a minority for the first time ever.

And now for the real bad news - this is about as good as things are ever going to get in this country. As you can see from what I have shared above, we never really had any sort of meaningful "economic recovery", and now

we have entered the early phases of the next major downturn.

So where do we go from here? Unfortunately, our debt-fueled prosperity has provided us with a massively inflated standard of living that is not even close to sustainable. As this bubble bursts, the economic pain is going to be absolutely unprecedented.

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Second Amendment Support Growing in Black Community

by Dean Weingarten, GunWatch.Blogspot.com

An article in The Florida Courier, which labels itself as “Sharing Black Life, Statewide”, illustrates that black citizens of the United States’ attitudes toward guns and the Second Amendment are changing. Nowhere in the article did I detect a sentiment in favor of more legal restrictions. From fcourier.com:

“For the average responsible Black person I believe it is very beneficial to have a CCP. I believe that many Blacks are afraid of guns. The reason is they have never been properly trained on how a firearm works. Once they get that understanding, they are eager to own and carry a firearm,” he added.

“If enough Blacks obtained a CCP and were properly educated, then many of

our neighborhoods would be safer – one street at a time,” Barrs concluded.

Barrs is also an NRA supporter.

“There are a lot of benefits of NRA membership,” he said. “They not only advocate for Second Amendment rights, but also provide insurance for one’s weapons along with other perks. I’ve been a member for two years and strongly advise becoming a member,” he continued.

This article is part of a trend that has accelerated in the last few years. With President Obama’s push for ever more legal restrictions on the ownership and sale of guns, the Second Amendment and infringements on it have gotten a lot of attention. The more people learn, the more they are converted to Second Amendment supporters. There is even a name for

this effect. It is called “the shooting cycle”. In this last cycle, the effect was dramatic. From the PewResearchCenter:

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

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

Once someone is able to

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

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

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

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

of criminals whose crimes involved guns in Chicago:

“Still, it is interesting to note that the majority of respondents demonstrated little knowledge of firearms. Many of the comments by Rs demonstrated ignorance of the manner in which firearms function, the ammunition requirements and the capabilities of their weapon of choice. Rs never discussed safe handling or storage practices, nor did they mention efforts to improve their knowledge of the firearms they possessed.”

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

Being legally armed is a strong indicator that the rule of law applies to you, that you have rights, and

a reason to support the system that supports your rights. The Crime Prevention Research Center has evidence that the number of minority permit holders is growing fast. From the CPRC:

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

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

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What Caetano v. Massachusetts Means for the Carry of Knives in New York

by Dean Weingarten GunWatch.Blogspot.com

(Editor/GG: Also applies to Colorado knife laws, for example, the blade length restriction.)

Over the past decade, 60,000 people in New York City have been victimized by corrupt prosecutors for possessing common pocket knives. They have been cited, arrested, fined and imprisoned for carrying some of the most common tools in existence in the United States, under an incredibly broad interpretation of New York law banning “gravity” knives. The New York City prosecutor has demanded payment to his office fund of for “knife safety”, what amounts to extortion money so as not to be prosecuted for selling these common knives.

All of that is threatened by the clear finding of the wording of the Second Amendment by the Supreme Court today, March 21st, 2016, in the case of *Caetano v. Massachusetts*.

Jaime Caetano is a woman who was poor and homeless, who carried an electric stun gun for self defense. She also used it for that

purpose. But the stun gun was discovered in her purse when she consented to a search for shoplifting. No stolen items were found, but she was charged with illegal possession of a stun gun. Massachusetts bans possession of stun guns.

The case was appealed to the Massachusetts Supreme Court, which ruled that stun guns were unusual and dangerous weapons, that did not exist at the time of the ratification of the Bill of Rights, and so, could be banned.

The case was appealed to the Supreme Court, which disagreed, and in a very short ruling confirmed that the Second Amendment applies to all bearable arms. From 14-10078 *Caetano v. Massachusetts*:

The Court has held that “the Second Amendment extends, prima facie, to all instruments that constitute bearable arms, even those that were not in existence at the time of the founding,” District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U. S. 570, 582 (2008), and that this “Second Amendment right is fully applicable to the States,” McDonald v. Chi-

cago, 561 U. S. 742, 750 (2010).

The Supreme Court has cleared up numerous lower court confusions with this simple ruling. Clearly knives constitute instruments that are bearable arms. Clearly folding pocket knives are common, as are fixed blade knives of all lengths. Therefore there is no doubt that a ban on possession of common knives is unconstitutional on its face.

The same goes for sticks, clubs, and virtually all types of firearms that have sold more than the approximately 200,000 electric stun guns estimated to be in the United States.

From Justice Alito’s concurring opinion:

(Almost Entirely) Non-lethal Weapons, and the Rights To Keep and Bear Arms and Defend Life, 62 Stan. L. Rev. 199, 244 (2009) (citing stun gun bans in seven States); Wis. Stat. §941.295 (Supp. 2015) (amended Wisconsin law permitting stun gun possession); see also Brief in Opposition 11 (acknowledging that “approximately 200,000 civilians owned

stun guns” as of 2009).

Thus we have a lower limit for what is considered “common”; any type of weapon that can be shown to exist in numbers approaching a couple of hundred thousand is in common use. Locking, folding, pocket knives exist in tens, more likely, hundreds of millions. There are millions of semi-automatic rifles that meet the facial description of common, bearable, arms. The open carry of those arms in dozens of states makes it clear that they are both bearable and common.

I do not see how the numerous local and state bans can withstand this argument. No doubt those cases are on the way.

Caetano v. Massachusetts will provide a powerful argument for those who are attempting to reform these ineffective and archaic bans on common arms.

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Liquor Store-Shootout After Attempted Armed Robbery in Denver

by Jenn Jacques BearingArms.com

Just after 11 p.m. on Monday night, one Denver liquor store sounded more like a gun range than a fire water shop.

Five people entered the liquor store in an attempted robbery, but little did they know the clerk on duty wasn’t interested in being robbed or becoming a victim. He drew a weapon on the robbers and let them know he wasn’t going down without a fight.

“Shots were exchanged,” Sonny Jackson, DPD spokesman, said Tuesday morning.

Scared off by the return gunfire, the suspects took off, leaving one of their crew with a gunshot wound to the leg at Denver Health Medical Center. Police later speculated the wound may have been self-inflicted.

Officers tracked down the suspects’ vehicle and gave chase, eventually using a PIT maneuver to stop the pursuit. After clearing the vehicle, police placed two males and two females under arrest.

The fifth member of their crew remains in the hospital recovering from his suspected self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Way to go liquor store clerk – just one more example of how citizens are standing up to these punks. Hopefully, the more these punks see that they could be involved in a shootout with a trained gun owner if they attempt an armed robbery, they’ll think twice about coming after law-abiding citizens.

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1 Peter 2:9 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.



History Repeated

The present presidential campaign could easily be compared to a circus with Donald Trump occupying the position of ring master. The tweets, name calling, character assassinations and other shameful behavior has been substituted for discussions of real substance. Who should be blamed for all of this exhibitionist conduct? To be sure, the perpetrators of the pernicious are responsible for the incessant distribution of political smut that clogs the airwaves, but is there any reason to look further than the skin deep obvious? A culture that is willing to tolerate this odious activity deserves to be dissected and examined under the searchlight of Divine intelligence.

It is generally perceived that a society is molded from the top down, not from the bottom up. The conundrum may be solved by discovering which segment God holds responsible for societal decay. Exodus 32 records a classic example to help us discern the origin of the seeds of disintegration. Israel grew impatient waiting for Moses to descend from the mount and demanded that Aaron make them some Egyptian style gods. Aaron, willing to junk his credibility, complied with the desires of the people. After a molten calf was manufactured, "The Real Housewives of the Hebrews" shed their clothes to "Dance With the Stars." God's assessment of the highly rated program was that the Lord said unto Moses, "Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves... I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiff necked people."

As the narrative continues the Lord increasingly places the blame for this sin squarely on the head of the people but in particular on the 3,000 men who were the primary instigators. The lesson is clear: not everyone participated, but their attitude of toleration was enough to warrant judgment. The last verse of the chapter read, "And the Lord plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made." The verbiage indicates God holds the populace equally responsible with the leadership.

By far, the most grievous sentence decreed upon post-exodus Israel was God's refusal to allow them entrance into the Promised Land. In the mode of Paul Harvey...and now the rest of the story. The Lord instructed Moses to send twelve spies into the land of Canaan and return with a report. The "grapevine communicate" (see Numbers 13:23) indicated that land was fruitful beyond belief, but a huge obstacle laid in their path...namely the inhabi-

tants who were giants. Ten members of the congressional delegation voted for universal health care, but only two believed that God would provide overcoming capabilities. How quickly Israel had set aside the "Faith of Our Fathers" which protected them during the Passover and the crossing of the Red Sea. (Hebrews 11:28,29)

A referendum followed which expressed agreement with the majority of the representatives but also demonstrated an abhorrence for the leadership of God. The Divine conclusion was: "Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me. Doubtless ye shall not come into the land,... but your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised." (Numbers 14:29-31) The sad epitaph of an entire generation was....they died in the wilderness. No achievements are ever mentioned, no accolades are ever awarded. A people that had witnessed some of the greatest miracles recorded in God's Word just passed on into ignominy. Present day America has witnessed the preserving hand of God from World War II forward. We have experienced the world's greatest economy, affording luxury never before encountered. What will the Lord carve on our tombstone? A likely possibility would be: "An insane asylum run by the inmates."

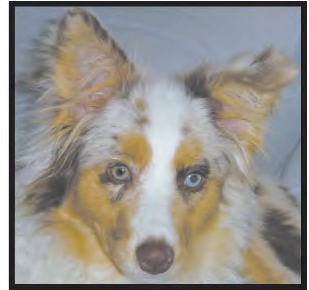
Joshua, one of the two spies who voted against government passivity was allowed to live long enough to lead the surviving into Canaan and defeat ISIS. The paragraph following the record of his funeral begins with: "And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim." The same paragraph concludes with: "And they forsook the Lord, and served Baal and Ashtoreth." Israel gravitated to these pagan religions for obvious reasons...neither the Ten Commandments nor any other moral restrictions were included in their theology. The Decalogue was not displayed on the walls of their courthouses or schools.

The victories of Joshua are followed by the book of Judges which documents a 450 year cultural and spiritual roller coaster of Israel. During that period God gives them leadership thirteen times to lead them from their quagmires of sin. Sadly, the book concludes in incredible depravity, civil war and anarchy. Approximately 400 years ago our Pilgrim forefathers set foot on this land....do we get one more chance?

A Sheepdog Barks!

Last week Kerry, the hapless, lap dog sycophant of a Secretary of State, tried to tell us that the world is embarrassed for the United States because of the Republican Party. REALLY? Nice try Lurch, not quite. Many conservative Americans ARE embarrassed at the GOP's governing, campaigning and debating. The media moderators throw the "insult brush" down in the mud hole and the candidates jump right in to see who can use it the most to "paint" their opponents. Shameful and we deserve better. However on the world stage the embarrassment exists because of Obama, Clinton and Kerry and America's lack of intelligent leadership, or any leadership at all for that matter. Obama went around making speeches in his first year, created the Arab Spring and then sat back for the next seven years and let the world, especially Europe and the Middle East, go to heck. The world knows why everything is in a mess and they know who is responsible. When Obama doesn't show up in Paris, dances after Brussels, plays golf after beheadings and takes the word "Islamic" out of the French President's official remarks, they know. They know exactly why America is an embarrassment to the world. And Americans also know why. The root of all these problems lies in Obama's middle name. Hussein. Barrack Hussein Obama. America elected him twice and now many wonder why and how we could have. The answer is clear. LPSDs, millions of them. They have forever stained and sullied America's history and reputation. Hussein should have been a clue, but they were too busy being politically correct. Too busy proving America was open-minded and not bigoted. So we have what we have. The biggest embarrassment our country will ever suffer. I now respect Jimmy Carter. At least he loved America in his ineptness. So Hussein, er Obama, holds a nuclear summit last week and the one country, Russia, with the most nuclear weapons doesn't show. Putin knows Obama is weak and showed his disrespect for this clown of a president we have. I heard this was the seventh nuclear proliferation summit Obama has hosted and the prolifer-

ation is the worst it has ever been. The bad guys are testing and developing as fast as they can. We are even helping IRAN. They test and develop and Obama, the leader of the free world, does nothing but talk. Actually he does more than talk, he harms. Hussein's unabashed support for Iran, and hatred for Israel, will have serious consequences in the future. He knows that. In fact it is part of his plan. His release of the worst of the worst from GITMO is also part of his plan. He can't get Congress to close it so he will just empty it. For his anti-American agenda that works just as well. He must still smile when he thinks of the five nasty senior Al-Qaeda leaders he gave up for one American traitor. He screwed America on that one and the LPSDs stood up and applauded. It will all come back to haunt America but in the meantime, Obama will soon be living the life of luxury (much at taxpayer's expense) and out of harm's way. I must confess I am a little suspect about Obama and his use of the military. It seems to me that every time Obama gets in a little trouble with the liberal press something good happens. Last week the military killed the ISIS #2 guy. This happened exactly when the media was assailing Barack on Cuba and Argentina. Coincidence? I don't think so. I think he gives the military a green light when he needs something. I think the military knows where these guys are and can swoop in when allowed to do so. I'm sorry but weeks go by and we diddle, diddle, diddle. Then when some diversion is needed - BANG - some good military action occurs. I am a little torn about my thinking because it implies the military is complicit. But they can't act without the green light and I think it's withheld until Obama needs it. Sadly no flag officers speak out. That's shameful. I could be wrong but it seems to me something good always happens when Obama needs cover. Maybe someday a courageous soul will tell us the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Until then we have to listen to Obama, Kerry and Clinton. WOOF! Moving on. It's time for a few "Only In A Liberal Progressive America" (OIALPA) stories. There are plenty to choose

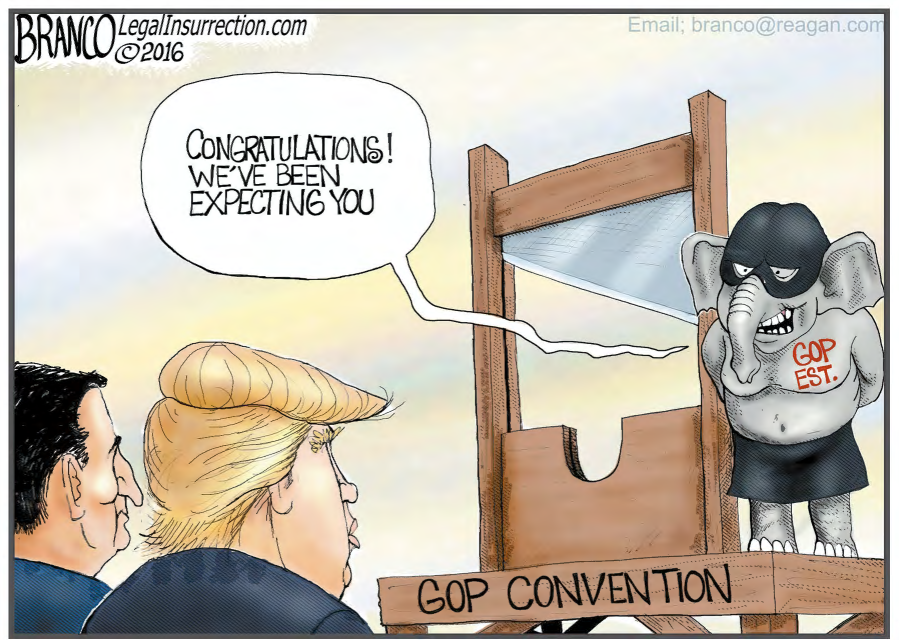


from but here are a few:

OIALPA: The Healthy Choice School Lunch Program being mandated by the First Lady of the United States (FLOTUS) is a dismal failure. Michele's "healthy foods" are being rejected by the children. It's so bad that many school districts are ignoring the guidelines. Big government's solution is to fine the state and local districts. That's right. The USDA has threatened to fine the states up to 10% of their federal money if they don't enforce Michele's food choices. Nobody elected her to mandate anything. This is outrageous. The kids are throwing tons of the uneaten food in the trash cans every day. Once again the LPSDs believe they know better and would force their bad choices on us. Stop the insanity. Tell the FLOTUS to mind her own business. Her husband creates enough havoc. We don't need any from her. WOOF!

OIALPA: Emory University and New York University. Students at Emory University are receiving "emergency counseling" because of the chalk marks around the campus promoting Trump in 2016. We are not making this up. America's young people are so fragile that someone writing the word Trump on the sidewalk is causing "genuine concern and pain." Students reported being traumatized and that they feared for their safety. REALLY! One student interviewed on TV said "We feel hurt by that." At Stanford University the staff has been accused of "micro aggression" and at New York University the students are demanding admissions without criminal records checks. Their chant: "Educate, don't Incarcerate." Let's hope things never really get tough in America, our younger generations will not step up and deal with it. They will utterly fail. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Here's the Biggest Federal Funding Gap No One Is Talking About

by Kathryn Watson, Daily Caller News Foundation

Taxpayers are on the hook for one of the biggest government failures they've probably never heard of — \$1 trillion in unfunded pension liabilities for federal retirees.

Massive unfunded pension liabilities at the local and state levels have made headlines in recent years, but rarely mentioned is the estimated \$1 trillion funding gap in the world's fourth-largest retirement system. Despite a law passed more than three decades ago requiring officials set aside sufficient funds to cover present and projected future benefits, federal personnel officials are partially subsidizing payments with transfers from the Department of Treasury instead of forcing agencies to come up with the cash on their own, according to a former U.S. Army auditor who has studied the issue closely.

"I'm looking at the taxpayers," Tom McKinney, a retired certified internal auditor for the U.S. Army Audit Agency who writes about unfunded federal pensions for Truth in Accounting, told *The Daily Caller News Foundation*. "The taxpayers are being hosed." Truth in Accounting is a non-profit group advocating greater transparency and accuracy in government accounting.

Promised benefits from the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund, which

has 2.6 million retirees and 2.7 million current federal employees, are only 48 percent funded. If it was a private sector system, retirement leaders would be legally required to have a rehabilitation strategy when it dropped below "critical" funding levels of 65 percent, McKinney said. But in an illustration of bureaucratic "hypocrisy," no such requirement is applied to the federal government, he said.

Federal law also requires participants and agencies fully fund pensions for people hired on or after July 1, 1984, but that clearly isn't happening, McKinney said.

For years, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has been taking tax dollars from the U.S. Treasury to fund a growing gap in retirement payments, according to information McKinney received through a Freedom of Information Act request. The OPM funded \$23 billion, or 28 percent of all payments in fiscal year 2015, in that manner.

OPM isn't managing the \$800 million currently in its retirement fund well either, McKinney said. OPM paid \$430 million in retirement benefits to dead people from 2011 to 2014, according to an October 2015 report from the OPM Office of Inspector General.

The Government Accountability Office has tried to draw attention to the prob-

lem since 1997, but McKinney said the Treasury's annual bailouts only incentivize the federal government to keep the pension system underfunded to continue receiving rescue money.

When McKinney first started investigating federal pension plan funding several years ago, fellow retired federal employees told him not to rock the boat, fearing for their own pensions. About 600 retired members of Congress receive retirement benefits from the fund, too.

"Federal employees don't want to talk about it," McKinney told *The DCNF*. "Congressmen don't want to talk about it."

The federal government needs to take current pension laws seriously, or Congress should devise better ones, McKinney said. OPM also needs to follow private sector practices, ones that don't include Treasury Department bailouts, he said.

"Taxpayers are paying for all this," McKinney added. "And is it moral to have the working folks out here pay for pensions?"

(Editor/GG: The sad thing is that the massive \$1 trillion dollar unfunding is just a drop in the bucket.)

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