

School Board Rejects Obama’s Transgender Edict

by Larry Luikart

The regular meeting of the Custer County School Board on May 17th opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. Mr. Clince was absent but excused. The modified agenda was approved.

(Reporter’s note: Last Friday President Obama issued an edict requiring all Public School Districts in the United States to comply with Department of Education Guidelines regarding transgender use of bathrooms. The order is dovetailed to Title IX (9) requirements regarding sex discrimination. The President threatened lawsuits and/or the loss of federal funding for those districts who do not comply.)

At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Terre Davis, President of the School Board, read the following statement in response to the President’s order: “This past Friday the federal government issued, ‘significant guidance’ – not a con-

gressional statute, executive order, or regulation – to all 16,500 school districts across the nation relating to the governments interpretation of Title IX, the law that prohibits sex discrimination. Friday’s interpretation relates to transgender students and the use of school

families of Custer County, and as such, should reflect the beliefs of our local community.

The school district acknowledges the ‘significant guidance’ memo issued by the United States Department of Education, although an e-mail copy or regular letter has

During the General Public Comments session, Audrey Slater encouraged the board to stick to their guns regarding their stance on the transgender bathroom issue. “This is the most ignorant thing I ever heard. If you have boy parts you go to the boys’ bathroom.”

She read two statements with permission from Colorado Assistant Senate Majority Leader Kevin Lundberg who declared “ignore the guidance, this is absurd. The Department of Education must not have much to do if they are spending time on the bathroom policy in Denver, Danville and Duluth. It’s a policy Colorado should ignore.”

Colorado State Senator Kevin Grantham said, “this is sheer insanity.” Finally, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said, “you can keep your thirty pieces of silver.” Mrs. Slater received a hearty round

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“... issues such as this are best left to the parents and families of Custer County, and as such, should reflect the beliefs or our local community.”

restrooms and locker rooms by these students, along with other classroom guidance statements.

The Custer County School District C-1 Board of Education acknowledges the diversity of our school district but believes issues such as this are best left to the parents and

not been received as of this date, but also believes that this issue will have further significant discussion at the state and federal levels and as such we will continue to operate as we have in the past as this issue works through the judicial system.”

NUTS! Gunfire Erupts in Boulder County

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

We would expect to read about neighbors shooting each other over water rights, trespassing even, thieving livestock, or because they live in Denver.

But in Boulder County, gunfire erupted Thursday because someone was feeding squirrels nutshells with children in the vicinity who might be allergic to nuts.

Local residents there in the aptly named Gunbarrel also argued that squirrels carry diseases, so they should not be fed. Presumably, because it only encourages the little rodents to keep on living and eating nutshells.

Here’s how it went down. The accused animal lover and shooter was placing fliers in neighborhood mailboxes to explain why he loved the critters and only wanted to feed them, when he’s confronted by a neighbor, and they get into an argument calling each other white trash.

So the animal lover, he pulls out his gun and shoots the neighbor in the a**.

The animal lover/accused shooter, called police and turned himself in, so it looks like the critter-hating neighbors won, cause there’s no one to feed the squirrels while he’s in jail on attempted murder charges.

Nuts! Right?

Looks like Boulder is keeping itself safe from peanut allergies, one nut-case at a time.



Courtesy Photo from ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Only in the Boulder area and only in Colorado. Our “nut” case (sorry) libs could be wackier than California’s. Somewhat shocked that in this story the Bolshevik had a gun, but true to form, he could only shoot the other red baby in the derriere. Also surprised we didn’t have a similar instance here in Westcliffe over the PDawg “infestation issue” a few years back. Contact left!!!)

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Bobcats Middle School Track Team



Lady Bobcats, Kaya Huffman (6th grade) ad Grace Flynn (8th grade) run the 800 meter relay.

Photo by Jennifer Russ

CCCS Middle School track team showed incredible improvement this season, taking overall team first place positions at the West Central League Championship.

The Sentinel will have additional coverage, including a two page photo feature, in next week’s addition.



GO BOBCATS!



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But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations.

Psalms 33:11 NIV



We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not granted to us by politicians or governments. Freedom demands responsible behavior of all citizens and must be consistent with the truths expressed in the great moral and governing guides as The Ten Commandments, The Declaration of Independence, The U.S. Constitution, and The Bill of Rights.

These were the principles that guided our founding fathers and which we believe are still relevant. These are the principles that will guide our reporting and be the basis of all our views.

We will not be constrained by the illogical, misleading and inaccurate thinking and use of "political correctness" but by truth, facts, logic and common sense.

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

THE TRANSGENDER BATHROOM ISSUE: WHAT'S GOING ON?



We are hearing a lot about this issue lately. Makes one wonder what is really going on here in America. Simple fairness? Inclusion? Civil Rights? Decency? Privacy? Individual rights? Majority rights? We are told that somewhere between one-third and one-half of one percent of Americans (not sure of the validity of this statistic or its source) have gender identity confusion issues. That's not many Americans at any rate. Should their "perceived rights" trump everyone else's actual rights? We don't believe so. There are few accepted or settled facts with respect to this issue, but a great deal of beliefs and feelings. Liberals tend to overreact to every "feeling" there is. Conservatives tend to operate in reality. This whole bathroom issue is based on feelings not facts, constitutional rights or law. The debate, however, needs to begin. Controversy is erupting in many states and now at the federal government level. We believe there is no "protected class" of American citizens known as transgenders. We are sure there have been confused individuals for many, many years. In the 60's and 70's this type of behavior and feelings were taught in colleges and universities as deviant sexual

behavior. Why is it now considered absolute truth by the liberals? Where is the proof or science? Many consider this issue to be senseless and void of common sense. This issue is not about single-use or family-type bathrooms. There is no concern there. This is clearly a controversial issue with respect to bathrooms and locker rooms that accommodate multiple users. In very few cases, this has been the issue. The minuscule number of Americans that have had an actual sex change operation and take hormones to change their appearance has caused few problems in America's bathrooms. It's the transgender that just "feels" they are the opposite sex that creates the problem. This liberal secularist belief that you can be any sex you want has now been pushed down to elementary schools in America. We absolutely need this public debate and we need this debate in Congress. Sanity must prevail. Activists are starting to force this issue on America without the debate. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibited discrimination based on sex, not some perceived feeling of gender identity. It was clearly understood and accepted that the word sex referred to one's genetic makeup and based on one's physical sexual organs. Only in the

mind of a liberal progressive can one just "imagine" themselves to be the opposite of how they were born. Government "word control" was mentioned by George Orwell in his book "1984". We see this happening here.

Recently in North Carolina, the city of Charlotte tried to mandate that all public and private businesses allow self-identified transgenders to use the bathroom of their choice regardless of their physical sex. The State of North Carolina stepped up and said that wasn't legal and put a stop to those mandatory actions. Other states have enacted similar laws to stop the practice of "bathrooms of choice." As the debate progresses, we do believe it is a state's right not a federal one. However, because of what North Carolina did, the Obama administration has overreached once again, imposing its liberal beliefs and agenda on the whole of America. Obama had the Department of Justice (DOJ) issue a directive that ALL schools in America that receive federal funds allow students to use any bathroom or locker room of their choice based on their feelings of what sex they are. If they don't, they will lose their federal dollars. First of all, they do not have the authority to blackmail the states. What is going

on? This is presidential bullying at the very least. The DOJ has actually sued North Carolina and been counter sued. Many other states will sue the Obama administration on this school mandate and this will work its way through the courts, probably all the way to the Supreme Court.

In the meantime, we believe that the rights of a tiny population cannot be allowed to trump the rights of tens of millions. Especially a right based on a feeling, not a genetic fact. We ask all Americans, especially parents, to imagine the consequences. This is what will occur. A high school locker room shower will include a dozen or so naked 15-year-old girls and one naked 15-year-old boy. The boy will be there because he "feels" like a girl even though he has the physical body parts of a male. Some of the girls might be okay with that but we believe many would not. Why should they be made to feel upset or uncomfortable to be naked in front of a male or be forced to look at a mature naked male? They shouldn't. We believe a lot of parents wouldn't like that either. In one school in Texas this very scenario played out. The school was willing to accommodate a transgirl with a private shower but that wasn't good enough. He wanted to

be in the girl's locker room. His "want" shouldn't trump the "wants" of those that want and deserve privacy. That's the issue friends. Proponents of the transgender bathroom issue always describe the perfect anecdote of a transwoman who will come into a women's bathroom and go into a stall out of sight. Therefore according to them, no harm, no foul. There is another dangerous anecdote which will play out if we go down this insane road of feelings. Deviant men/boys will use these rules (not law yet) as a loophole to go into women's/girl's bathrooms and locker rooms to ogle or prey upon the women or girls in them. How many American women and girls will be subject to this potential threat to their safety, privacy and comfort? Tens of millions and that's not right to accommodate the "feelings" of a few. A Facebook meme perfectly captured the Obama directive like this: "You will let boys in your girl's bathrooms/locker rooms OR you will lose the federal school lunch funds for the poor kids." Outrageous! We believe that is a clear and succinct description of what the Obama administration has threatened. We hope the parents and school administrators in America and Custer County will take note and not be bullied.

Retirement Party for Barbara Jones

Please join us for a reception honoring Barbara Jones who is retiring from Custer County Central School District after 41 years of service. The reception will be held at Lange Hall (next to Hope Lutheran Church) from 2 p.m. through 4 p.m. on Monday, May 30th. Everyone is invited.



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Obama's Transgender Child Madness

Open Letter to Parents and Education Policy Makers,

I hope that you guys are going to tell Obama, the Justice Department and the Department of Education to shove it. No president has authority to make "transgender" restroom policy for school age children. Extending this issue to K through 12 is lunacy. This shows just how sick Obama is. One thing is for sure, his girls will not have to pee next to a man.

Here is the sad reality. This whole restroom usage business is an attempt by Obama to ruin childhood for children. This man had an unhappy childhood made up of parental abandonment, an eccentric mother and a life in two worlds; Christianity and Islam. No wonder he seems to want American children to loose childhood at an accelerated rate. Doesn't it disappear quickly enough these days? My sainted Irish mother would say that he is "Taking the

'G' out of good." Instead of children enjoying the wonders of learning, the joys of play with friends and classmates and cupcakes from mom for their birthday, now they will have to try to understand the previsions of the human condition in second and third grade. Teachers instead of teaching reading and arithmetic will now have to answer the awkward questions that our politicians with stupid regulations forced upon them.

Tell me again how our best years are yet to come. The progressives will not be happy until America looks like some anything goes European country's red light district. It is time to take a stand irrespective of the cost. Obama seems to think that the Department of Education budget money is his money. Let's tell him in one voice, "That's our money!"

Joe Cascarelli
Westcliffe CO

Commissioner Race District 3

I have lived in Fremont County for over 80 years, during that time I have lived in all three commissioner districts. Each district has its own needs and problems that is the reason for three commissioners. The person representing the dis-

trict must understand that district, its problems and its people. They must also be able to work with the other two commissioners. I believe Dwayne McFall is that person, he has a strong background in agriculture and retail busi-

ness, he is honest, hard-working and committed. He is not a politician and he will listen to the people. He is a leader and a team worker and he will work hard to make Fremont County a better place to live for all of us.

Please take some advice from someone who knows Fremont County well and vote for Dwayne McFall for county commissioner in District 3.

Thank you.
Jerry Canterbury

Time For Change

Letter to Editor,

Change can be either good or bad, balance depending on the weight put on one side or the other. With the right people in place as our county commissioners, we can affect positive change, while maintaining the core values of our community.

Jay Printz and Donna Hood represent positive change for our community. Both have invested heavily in our valley, not only as property owners, but as successful business owners. Both have also been actively involved in community affairs. Donna Hood has supported many civic and non-profit organizations, while Jay Printz also serves as the Town Attorney for Westcliffe.

We need county commissioners that are not only involved in community affairs, but take an active interest in the welfare of our community as a whole. Jay

Printz and Donna Hood are who we need.

While working together with Donna Hood during last summer's Ride The Rockies, I saw an individual that took charge, was able to delegate, and follow through with her commitment. These are attributes of a leader.

I have also known Jay Printz personally, for the better part of ten years, and have never met a more compassionate and caring individual. His concern for community and fellow man, without regard for personal benefit, is the kind of commissioner we need to move Custer County forward.

If you don't know Jay and Donna yet, you owe it to yourself, and to your community to get to know them. A vote for Jay Printz and Donna Hood are a vote for Custer County's future.

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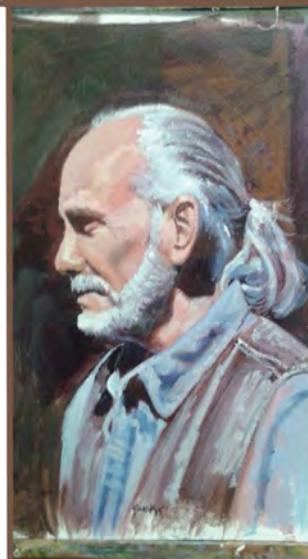
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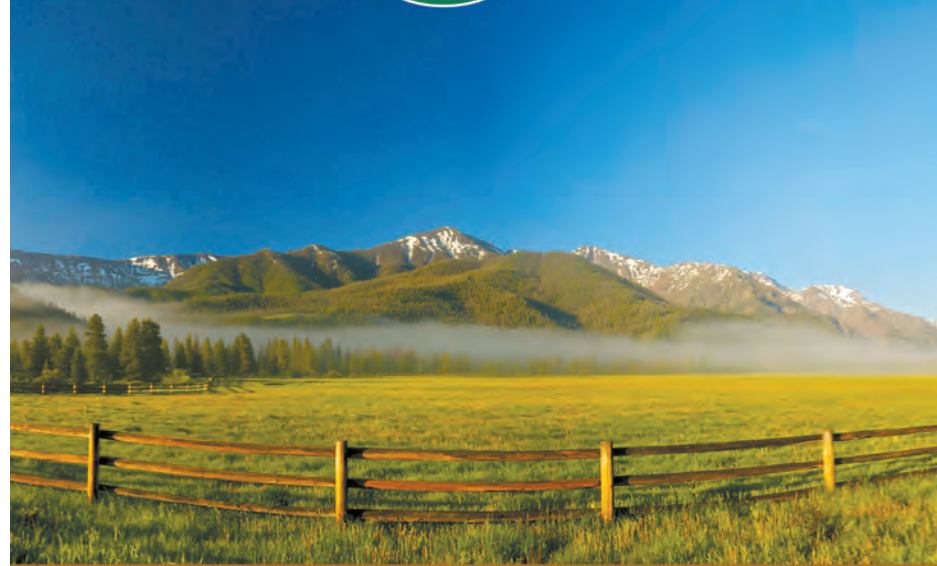
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Cricket

Dear Editor,

I admire reading your articles. I understand you are a Christian. I think your belief, that our freedoms come from God, is true.

I am submitting a poem for possible publication. I would be very pleased if you considered publishing

it. I am eleven years old and I'm in the sixth grade. I have written many poems and stories before. Please consider publishing it. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Zoe Schockey
Cañon City

Homesick

The frightened young
cat had,
Sleek black fur with tan
markings.
Like a turtle shell.
She looked startled and
homesick.
Like I first was.
As she looked up at me,
Her amber eyes were
wide with fright.
We took her home.

On the way there,
She kept meowing.
The young cat didn't
trust anyone.
A week later she started
to let me pet her.
She hid all day when
people came,
And came out at night.
Like a cricket.
We decided to call her,
Cricket.

by Zoe Schockey

Relentless Commitment

Letter to the Editor,

Having participated in 4-H for the past ten years, one sees a myriad of parents, children, and community member come and go throughout the Custer County 4-H program; however, one community member in particular has consistently been present, active, and supportive towards the youth of Custer County: Donna Hood. From participat-

ing in Fair clean-ups, 4-H award ceremonies, sanctioning fundraisers, and graciously offering facilities for meetings, banquets, and informational clinics alike, frequent acts of generosity and voluntarism, as exemplified by Mrs. Hood, have been among a plethora of additional opportunities offered to the youth of Custer County.

In addition to many of the generous and selfless

acts exhibited, Mrs. Hood also displays an inspirational level of professionalism, empathy, and foresight within each of her many obligations. Having worked for Mrs. Hood during many of my summers, Mrs. Hood's sure and focused demeanor has positively influenced the attitude and work ethic instilled within her colleagues and employees alike-ultimately, making summertime chores equally as meaningful

as enjoyable.

With a sincere interest in the prosperity of the Custer County youth, as well as an unrelenting commitment to ethical and just business practices, I look forward to casting my vote for Mrs. Hood as County Commissioner—an irrefutable liaison for youth and adults alike.

Sincerely,
Elisabeth Gluschke



White Like Me

Sentinel volunteer, Audrey Slater, submitted this photo of an albino deer in Nancy and Rich Wojenowski's back yard in West Seneca, N.Y. Her father, Stanley, a Sentinel subscriber, keeps an eye on this one.

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The Fifth Annual Community and Armed Forces Appreciation Day



The event, sponsored by Outdoor Buddies, was a great success with a Blackhawk helicopter and the Fort Carson Mounted Color Guard attending. It was held at A Painted View Ranch.



Why are Flags Displayed on Main Street?

Press Release

Why are flags displayed up and down Main Street in Silver Cliff and Westcliffe?

On May13th, members of The American Legion Post 170 Flags for Main Street installed up to 50 American flags from the east side of Silver Cliff to the west end of Westcliffe. Local Veterans and American Legion members Dave Simpson, Ken Buck and Chris Ueberroth accepted the challenge to get these flags up to give us all a visual reminder of our national

heritage and respect for our military members that help guarantee our freedom.

There are four patriotic events & holidays this month.

- Saturday, May 14th, Veterans Appreciation Day at A Painted View Ranch.
- Saturday, May 21st, Armed Forces Day.
- Saturday, May 28th, Memorial Day Parade
- Monday, May 30th, Memorial Day observance at the Silver

Cliff Commemorative Park.

The flags will stay up through May 31st.

Flags for Main Street is a program of The American Legion Post 170 to foster pride in our great country and help demonstrate Americanism for all of our citizens, particularly our young people.

We encourage all to remember that Memorial Day is not a day of celebration. It is a day of solemn remembrance of those who have died for their country.

May 4th BOCC Meeting

by Mike Kienbusch

Commissioner Lynn Attebery opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, approval of minutes and audience introductions. Present in the audience were John Johnston, Donna Hood and Dale Falske. The BOCC reviewed and approved the committee and board by-laws. The following motions were unanimously approved by the BOCC.

- To authorize Dave Post to contact Emmitt Goddard to complete the trimming and cutting services on the courthouse property as quoted in the amount of \$400.
- To advise the Airport Advisory Board to contact a contractor to complete the repair/replacement of the skylight on the main building of the SilverWest Airport at

- Butler Field facility.
- To authorize and proceed with the out of cycle payment to Hough Electric, Inc. from Custer County in the amount of \$900 to stat the electric repairs at the fair building.
- To move forward with the negotiation process for the Wetmore Community Center/Library project with HE Whitlock Inc.
- To waive the application fee for the Wetmore Community Center/Library Building and sign the paperwork as presented.
- To approve the guidelines as outlined by Mr. Woods. The septic system will be signed off by the engineer in Colorado Springs. The Planning and Zoning director will be allowed access to the property to inspect and prepare a detailed sketch and diagram of the interior and exterior of all the buildings

- on the property site. All areas applied to the use of the septic system will be defined and verified. The schematics will be retained in the Planning and Zoning files. The sinks in the tower bunk house will be removed and the building will be for day use only. Occupancy will adhere to the number of bedrooms with a maximum of sixteen people.
- To accept the monthly report of the Custer County Treasurer for the month of April 2016 as presented.
- To approve the replacement of the garage doors at the Resource Center Annex by Precision Garage Doors, LLC in the amount of \$1,950.

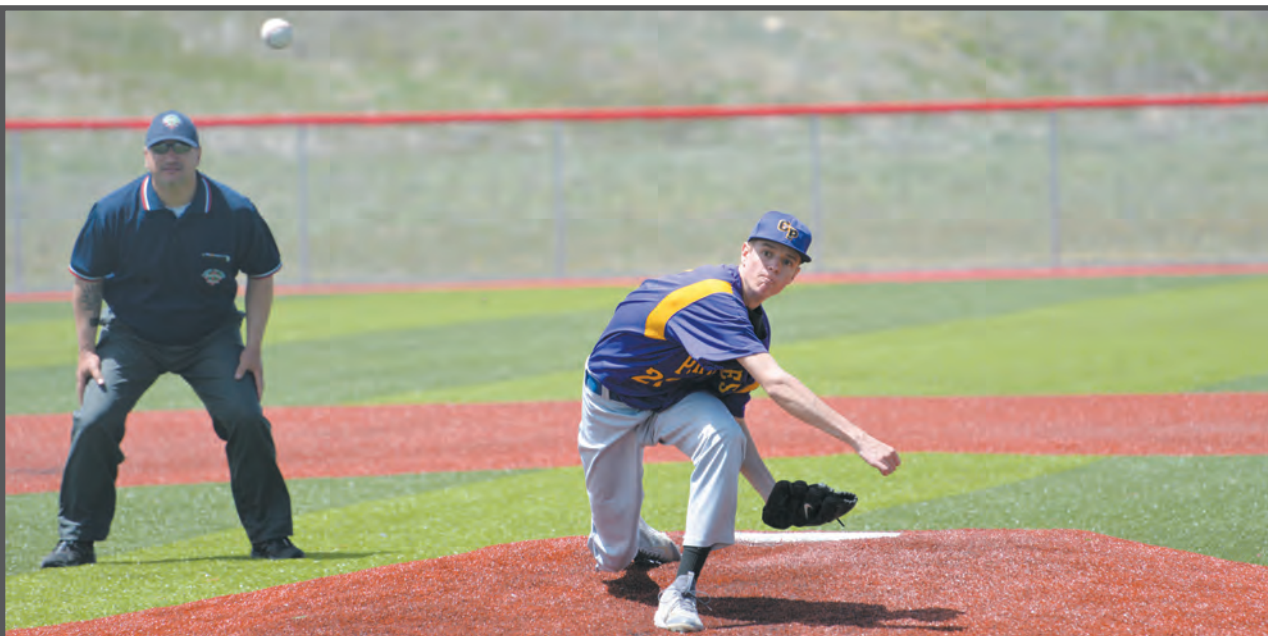
The BOCC recessed during this meeting to conduct an Executive Session. The BOCC meeting ended at 3:30 p.m.

*Let your speech always be gracious,
seasoned with salt,
so that you may know how
you ought to answer each person.*

Colossians 4:6 ESV

Local Mountain News & Notices

Cotopaxi Pirates: A Season for the Record Books



#27 Sophomore Kobe Lewsader, pitching.

by Jim Silver

The Pirates were in good company May 6th, at Ignacio High School in the District 1 play-offs. Four teams

by Nucla 10-0 in the first game of the day. Cotopaxi faced Dove Creek next, a team which happens to be last year's state champion.

get out of the 4th inning." Dove Creek outscored Cotopaxi 13-1 and though they didn't score again, the damage had been done. Cotopaxi put another point on the board, to lose by the final score of 3-18. Dove Creek went on to defeat Nucla 14-4 to move on to State.

Season standings for the Pirates remain impressive: 5-1 for conference play and 12-3 over-all. The team has a lot to be proud of and a final word from head coach Ryan Christensen stated his perspective, "It was a fun year, and the ball players worked their tails off! I appreciate ALL of them!"



#24 Senior Sam Dunlap - Catching

Courtesy Photo by Dena Woods

showed up for single game elimination, Cotopaxi and Antonito from this side of the District and Nucla and Dove Creek from the other side, Antonito was dropped

For three innings, the Pirates somewhat held their own, behind 1-5. Then, the "wheels fell off," as it has been said. As one of the seniors put it, "We couldn't



#51 Senior Colton Lind, pitching.

Courtesy Photo by Dena Woods



40 Senior Justin Walden, making a catch for an out.

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Above: # 22 Senior Noah Tillotson, at third base.

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Track with Jack: Eight to State

by Jack Swartz
Assistant Coach - High School Track and Field

Get out the blue and gold posters, the streamers, and schedule the spirit bus! The Custer County Track and Field team is headed back to the Colorado State Championships. After finishing up the last meet of the regular season in Pueblo West, the team will be sending eight athletes in seven different events.

As for the end of the regular season, Pueblo West provided some great personal bests and senior moments. Running personal bests in the mile would be Jess Franta (6:37) and Chad Lewenkamp (5:18). Franta would follow that up with a personal best in the 800 meter (3:01) as well as Dylan Schoch running a 2:14. David Kinsey would hit personal bests in the 300 meter hurdles (48.38) and the long jump (17'-02").

Seniors Emily Crossley and Wesley Kagan would compete for the last time in their high school careers. Crossley, managing through a season long injury would place 7th in the discus (94'-01"). Crossley would come up just short on a state qualifying mark this season. Kagan would throw the shot put 27'-09"

and 91'-09" in the discus which is a personal best to end his season.

For the first time in two years, a freshman will be represented in more than one event. Kayla Carter qualified for the mile and the two mile. Carter is ranked 16th and 13th respectively in 2A state. Carter would place 5th and 3rd in both at Pueblo West this past weekend. Joining Carter from the freshman ranks will be Katie Florom. Florom will compete in the high jump, coming into the meet tied for 13th in 2A state. Florom would place 2nd at Pueblo West. Carter competed at the State Championships this past fall for cross country and Katie was a part of the girls basketball team.

Continuing their streak of state appearances will be senior Katlyn Freeburg and junior Serenity Ham. Freeburg would better her time in the 300m hurdles to a personal best time of 50.03 which is 8th in 2A state, while Ham is ranked 2nd in the 300m hurdles and 5th in the 100m hurdles. Both girls have been to a state championship in at least one sport every year of their high school careers.

Adding to the state haul will be the boys 4x800 meter relay team. This will

be the first time in several years a Custer County relay team has qualified. The team ran a season best time of 8:51 for 5th place at Pueblo West, dropping 18 seconds off their previous best. The team is made up of freshman Chad Lewenkamp, sophomores David, Kinsey, Dylan Schoch, and junior Jerald Taylor. The team is ranked 9th in 2A state.

Junior Jerald Taylor will be the busiest this coming weekend, for having qualified in three more individual events. Taylor looks to leave his mark at the state meet in the two mile, the 800 meter, and the mile. The state meet does a great job of spacing the distance events out over the three days for Taylor is ranked 3rd in the two mile, 4th in the mile, and is the #1 seed in the 800 meter. This will be Taylor's second appearance at a Colorado State Championship, having competed at state in cross country. Taylor has proven all season long he has the strength to compete at a high level over several days.

The state championships are held at Jefferson County Stadium in Denver starting Thursday, May 19th, concluding Saturday, May 21st. The Bobcats will be competing all three days in their various events.



Eight CCHS Students qualified for the Track and Field State Championships; Back row (l to r) Serenity Ham, Katlyn Freeburg, Katie Florom and Kayla Carter. Front row (l to r) Chad Lewenkamp, Gerald Taylor, David Kinsey and Dylan Schoch.

Courtesy Photo

Bobcat Menu • May 23-26, 2016

Monday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk lunch Kitchen Choice Veg. Fruit Milk	Tuesday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk lunch Kitchen Choice Veg. Fruit Milk	Wednesday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk lunch Kitchen Choice Veg. Fruit Milk	Thursday Breakfast Sausage Gravy W.G. Biscuit Fruit, Milk lunch Kitchen Choice Veg. Fruit Milk
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Elementary: Main Dish, Grain Product, Veg., Fruit, and Milk
Middle & High: Main Dish, (or Pre-made Chef Salad) Grain Product, Veg., Fruit, and Milk

Baccalaureate Service

Friday, May 27th at 7 p.m.
Hope Lutheran Church
Refreshments Following

The Baccalaureate Committee cordially invites our community to attend the graduating class of 2016 Baccalaureate service. Please be a part of praying a blessing over our seniors as they embark upon their futures.

Class of 2016 Custer County High School Graduation

Sunday May 29, 2016 in the east gym of the school
29 seniors will receive their diplomas at 2 p.m. and march off into the world.

Graduation pictures will be taken
From 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. prior to the ceremony.

Library Internship for High School Students

Press Release
West Custer County Library District

High school students who love to work with children and would like to make a difference in the community while gaining valuable work experience for college and beyond, may have an internship opportunity with the West Custer County Library District.

"Participating in the internship gives students the opportunity to learn real-world job skills as well as develop personal skills such as leadership and teamwork," said Youth Services Librarian Jessica Carter. "Working with the little kids, leading games and activities, is a lot of fun though, too."

Interns will assist in behind-the-scenes Summer Reading Program preparation as well as help with children's events. The time commitment is approximately 30 hours between May 26th and July 1st. Applicants must be in grades 9 - 12 as of May 21, 2016, the application deadline.

Applications are available at the West Custer County Library, at 209 Main Street in Westcliffe or online at www.westcusterlibrary.org/teen. Select applicants will interview with Carter before a decision is made.

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

KIDS

Friday, May 20, 2016

May 10, 1869

The Transcontinental Railroad is Completed

Railroads had developed rapidly in the Eastern United States, but none extended into the wild regions west of the Mississippi. In the early 1860's the U.S. government proposed that eastern rail lines be extended westward from Chicago to meet the new line in Omaha, Nebraska and on to Sacramento, California.

In 1862, Congress agreed to the transcontinental plan and passed the Pacific Railroad Act. This made public land grants and loans available to the two railroads chosen to build the transcontinental line, the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific. In 1866 the railroads began work, forging a northern route across the country. Unfortunately, in their eagerness to complete the line, the two railroads built right past each other and the final meeting place had to be renegotiated.

Both railroads faced gigantic construction tasks. The Central Pacific had to cross the Sierra Nevada, while the Union Pacific had to cross the rugged Rockies. On the Central Pacific Railroad, nine of every ten men were Chinese coolies (unskilled laborers.) Renowned for their reliability and industrious work ethic, they labored into Utah ten thousand strong with little more than picks, shovels and black powder. While the Union Pacific hired thousands of European immigrants, mostly civil war veterans of Irish descent, who fought severe winter weather conditions and Indian raids.

Despite all the adversity, the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific workers were able to finish the railroad, laying nearly 2,000 miles of track, ahead of schedule and under budget, and on May 10, 1869 in Promontory, Utah, the last railroad spike, made of gold, was pounded in and the east and the west were linked.

Because of their hard work, journeys that once took months by wagon train or weeks by boat, took only days by train. The years following were years of rapid growth and expansion for the United States because of the ease of travel. With the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad, America became the first continent to have a rail line from coast to coast.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: Sources: history.com, blm.gov, [World Book Encyclopedia](http://WorldBookEncyclopedia)

Sangre de Cristo Sentinel • Westcliffe, Colorado

Corner

Local Mountain News & Notices

Fourth Infantry Division Band Returning for Memorial Day

The 4th Infantry Division Band from Ft. Carson has accepted an invitation to come be a part of the Westcliffe Memorial Day Parade.

The band will also perform a Concert at Wild West Cowboy Church (60260 Hwy 69 North) at 1 p.m. on May 28th.

The Cowboy Church Youth are having a bake sale fund-raiser during the concert.

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Saturday, May 28 ~ 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Republican Lincoln Day

Press Release
Save this date: June 5, 2016, for Custer County Republican Lincoln Day activities.

Election year always brings more activities from candidates hoping to be elected to an office of their choice. This year we will have candidates living outside of Custer County of which Custer County will be voting for. Next week a complete list of those accepting the invitation will be provided. Candidates for United States Senator, Congressional District 3, Colorado Senate District 35, House District 60, and Judicial district 11 will be in attendance. Lincoln Day Pot Luck Dinner will be held

at the Hope Lutheran Church Lange Hall at 1:00 p.m. Meat, drinks, and bread will be furnished by Custer County Republican Central Committee. Attendees are asked to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. This is the only money making project that the Republicans have in Custer County. The price for coming to the event is \$15.00. A live and silent auction is also part of the fun. We have flags flown at the National Capital and State Capital on the auction.

Everyone in Custer County is invited to attend. This is not just for registered Republicans.

The children of Roberta (Bert) Kraehenbuehl invite you to attend her
Celebration Of Life and Memorial
to be held at Alpine Lodge, Westcliffe, Colorado
Saturday, June 4th at 1:00 p.m. Lunch served.
Please call Alpine to let them know you will be attending.
(719) 783-2660

Thank you!
Len Beach, Lori Kastendieck,
Marla Woods, and families



Events Calendar

Friday & Saturday May 20th & 21st 7:30 p.m. Sunday May 22nd 2 p.m. At THE JONES THEATER A Production SOCIAL SECURITY	Saturday May 28th, 10 a.m. Memorial Day Parade, Main Street, Westcliffe
Saturday May 21st, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Brew with a View and Vino Too Main Street, Westcliffe	Saturday May 28th, 4-7 p.m. VFW Fundraiser Benefit Dinner Silver Cliff Inn, 700 Ohio St., Silver Cliff
Sunday, May 22nd, 2 p.m. Sangre de Cristo Community Band Spring Concert The Feed Store Ampitheater	Sunday May 29th, 2 p.m. CCHS Graduation East Gym
Saturday May 28th, 8 a.m. to noon Westcliffe Bird and Small Animal Swap Meet 1 Hermit Lane, Silver Cliff	Friday and Saturday, May 27 and 28, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 29 at 2:00 p.m. AT THE JONES THEATER “The Jungle Book” Fantasy Drama PG
Saturday May 28th, 10 a.m. Amish School Fundraiser	Saturday June 4 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Community United Methodist Church Annual Yard Sale and Fund-Raiser in the front yard of the church.

Recurring Events

Monday 6 p.m. Closed step study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim:783-2053 or (360)509-9172 or Emilie: (719) 371-5974. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Custer County Public Transit service available to everyone - Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343. 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training, 9:00 a.m. Water Aerobics, 10:15 a.m. Stretch, 11:30 a.m. Muscles, 1:00 p.m. Low Impact, 5:15 p.m. Step Aerobics, at Club America. Noon: Lunch at Custer County Senior Center, on the first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff assisting new mothers and families. Free pregnancy tests, ultrasound, counseling, and more. Call 783-4357. 1st and 3rd Mondays 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Writers group at the Library. If you write or would like to start writing, please join us in the Community Room for peer editing, feedback, ideas, comradery, and more.	Thursday 9:00 a.m. Water Aerobics, 9:15 a.m. Yoga, 10:30 a.m. Zumba,10:30 a.m. Chair Strength, 4 p.m. Kids Zone after school program 5 p.m. Core Conditioning at Club America 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Custer County Public Transit service available to everyone - Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343. 10 a.m. -5:30 p.m. West Custer County Library in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138. Need help using your computer or other computer-related things? Call and make an appointment with us for one-on-one instruction FREE! 783-9138. Noon: Lunch at Custer County Senior Center, on the first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff assisting new mothers and families. Free pregnancy tests, ultrasound, counseling, and more. Call 783-4357.
Tuesday 9:15 a.m. Stretch, 10:30 a.m. Zumba,10:30 a.m. Chair Strength 4:00 p.m., Kids’ Zone after school 5:00 p.m. Core Conditioning at Club America 12 – 4:30 p.m. Bridge Club meets in the Library Community Room in downtown Westcliffe. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Music at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff. Contact Barb St. Amour at (719) 371-1051. 10 a.m. -5:30 p.m. West Custer County Library in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Custer County Public Transit service available to everyone - Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343. Noon: Lunch at Custer County Senior Center on the first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 a.m.	Second Thursday of the Month 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Veterans Service Office is open, walk-ins are welcome but appointments recommended. 615 Rosita Ave. in Westcliffe. Call 783-9470. 10 a.m.-11 a.m. “Ask a Nurse” at the library.
First Tuesday of the Month 6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes-American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting. 6:45 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March-October) at the Saddle Club.	Friday 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training, 9:00 a.m. Water Aerobics, 9:15 a.m. Stretch, 10:30 a.m. Muscles, 10:30 a.m. Kids Zone after school program at Club America. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Custer County Public Transit service available to everyone - Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff assisting new mothers and families. Free pregnancy tests, ultrasound, counseling, and more. Call 783-4357. 10 a.m. -5:30 p.m. West Custer County Library in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138. 1 p.m.-4p.m. Custer County Community Sharing Center, Inc. 120 N. 3rd St. (formerly Schlabbach’s market) 6 p.m. Open discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting - St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emilie at (719) 371-5974. 7 p.m.-8 p.m. Bible Talks with Domenic Enrietta and John Hartig at the Library Community Room. All Welcome No charge.
Wednesday 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training, 10:00 a.m. Low Impact,5:15 p.m. Step Aerobics at Club America. 10 a.m. -5:30 p.m. West Custer County Library in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138. 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Line dancers meet at Methodist Church. Call Clem: (303) 909-7370. 6 p.m. Closed Big Book Study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting - St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Westcliffe. Call Jim: 783-2053 or (360)509-9172, or Emilie: (719) 371-5974. 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Custer County Community Band practice in high school band room. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Custer County Public Transit service available to everyone - Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343.	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. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. COMPASSION FOOD BANK distribution in the parking lot of Hope Lutheran Church. \$20 for a box. No qualifying guidelines. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. West Custer County Library in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138. 2 p.m. Laughter Yoga at the West Custer County Library open to the public. 3 p.m. Open Drum Circle at the West Custer County Library. All ages welcome! If you have a drum, please bring it. We will have a few spares 1 p.m.-4p.m. Custer County Community Sharing Center, Inc. 120 N. 3rd St. (formerly Schlabbach’s Market)
Last Wednesday of the month 11 a.m. Book Club meeting at the West Custer County Library. Open to the Public.	3rd Saturday of Month 9 a.m. VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes Conference Room for more info call Commander Randy Knight 783-9340.

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Auction

Historic Willows School Open House/Auction
The Historic Willows School Board invites the community to celebrate "Saving the Willows" Saturday, May 28th at 495 C.R. 141 (Willows Lane,) 11a.m. A lively auction will follow at noon with food, entertainment and an opportunity to outbid your neighbors for antique, vintage and unique treasures. For more info or to donate please call Marci 783-2289.

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Call or see Jack or Audrey at 783-2245



38' 2006 Montana 5th wheel. Paid 93K will sell for 55K. Like new, has 4 pop-outs, fireplace, satellite antennae, lots of storage and hitch included. Call (719) 783-2130.

FSBO: About 4 acres in center of historic Rosita on Rosita road.
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Hay \$6.00 a bale
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Help Wanted

Need a barn/stall/corral cleaning person to do the morning chores for three horses, sometimes more when guests are visiting. Located in south Bull Domingo. No more than two hours per morning, six days per week. Must be able to shovel, lift, and drive ATV on personal property. \$5 per horse per day; \$90 per week on average.

Help needed from June 6 to October 31. Good part-time summer job for High School student or retiree. Call Pam or Tom at 602-625-9133.

Town of Silver Cliff Is looking to fill the Board of Adjustments.

To qualify for this board you must be a Silver Cliff resident. Terms are 3 years. The board of adjustment shall hear and decide appeals from and review any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by any administrative official charged with the enforcement of any ordinance adopted.

If interested please mail, email or drop off a letter of interest.

PO Box 154, Silver Cliff, CO 81252 - silvercliff@centurytel.net - 612 Main, Silver Cliff
If you have any questions, please call Ileen Squire/Town Clerk 719-783-2615

Club America Aquatics and Fitness center seeks customer service oriented, high energy business/office manager to start training immediately. Must have knowledge of QuickBooks, basic computer skills; sales, customer relations, work with volunteers and fitness experience helpful. About 30 hours per week, salary based on experience. Send inquiry/résumé to custer2020@gmail.com.

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Memorial Weekend 2016 Parade
Saturday, May 28th at 10 a.m.

Sponsored by the Wild West Cowboy Church and the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel

Entry applications are available at the Sentinel (610 Main Street, Westcliffe), and the Westcliffe and Silver Cliff Town Halls. The application and the \$5 entry fee must be turned into the Sentinel by May 23rd. Call 719-783-0427 for more info.

Join us to celebrate the freedom and liberties that Americans have sacrificed to preserve!



Please call 719-783-3360 or email sdc.sentinel@gmail.com to place your ad.
The deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is Monday at 4 p.m. for that week's edition.

Club America Offers Aquatic Activities

Press Release

Learning to swim can save lives according to the American Red Cross (ARC). Club America is offering several courses.

Beginning with Youth Swim Lessons, for ages preschool to teens, eight classes will be held Monday through Thursday mornings for two weeks beginning June 6th and ending June 16th. The second session of Youth Swim Lessons is scheduled similarly from July

25th to August 4th. Registration forms are available at the front desk of the club and scholarships are available to those who qualify. Classes are \$48 for eight classes.

For youngsters, ages six months to three plus years, a Parent & Child Aquatics Course is available. A responsible adult enters the water with the child and learns to follow safety guidelines while helping their child become comfortable in the water.

In addition, a Basic Water Safety Instructor (BSI) Course will be offered beginning June 8th. A candidate must be able to swim four strokes: front crawl, elementary backstroke, sidestroke and breast stroke to qualify. He or she needs to be 16 years of age by the end date of the course June 17th. This course is 26 hours long, and passing qualifies the BSI to teach class levels up through Learn to Swim Level 3.

New this year is a Small-craft Safety Class geared to those who will be on the water with their boats, kayaks, rafts, etc. This class will be taught in the pool and classroom settings, and offers many common sense tips. The class will be scheduled based on responses from interested parties.

Certified ARC Water Safety Instructors teach all of the classes. For more information contact Lisa at 783-0750 or 783-4468.

Sangre View Benefit Auction To Benefit the Amish School
by donation

Saturday, May 28th Starts at 10 a.m.

At the Marvin Miller residence 6020 Oak Grove Ct.

Moses Troyer 719-942-3189

Marvin Miller 719-429-6472

Donations Welcome

Come early for fresh HOMEMADE Donuts & Coffee

Lunch Menu

Grilled Chicken Salad
Hot Dogs Homemade Pie
Baked Beans Ice Cream

But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Luke 18:27 NKJV

Local Mountain News & Notices



“Brew with a View and Vino Too”

Saturday, May 21st
1 – 5 p.m.
Downtown Westcliffe
\$25.00 Entry fee includes a glass while supplies last.
Your favorite brews and vinos too Good music
Good food from local vendors.
Experience big town fun in a small town atmosphere while discovering one of Colorado’s hidden gems.

Buy your tickets ahead of time at: the-cliffscolorado.com go to the C.A.R.T. tab and click on Brew with a View.
SORRY NO PETS ALLOWED.

Sangre de Cristo Community Band Spring Concert

“The Great Outdoors”
Sunday, May 22nd
The Feed Store Amphitheater
2 p.m.

Free Concert
Donations are accepted
Come join us for an afternoon of great music celebrating the great outdoors!
Music composed by Aaron Copland, James Horner, Ferde Grofe and much more.

May 17th Republican Candidate Forum

The Sentinel will publish an in-depth article on the Republican Forum that was held Tuesday, May 17th, in next week’s issue.

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of applause for her comments.

Fourth grade students Alexis Bettendorf and Ben Stafford under the tutelage of their teacher Jack Schwartz presented a wonderful poster unit and paper on the benefits of solar energy for Custer County Schools. It was very well done and informative.

Michelle Tillotson addressed the board regarding her concerns with the proposed eight period day for the district beginning next year. She indicated the shortened time periods for each class will reduce instruction quality. She also indicated at the time when the district was experiencing financial issues, there was no need to increase administrators by creating the TOSA (Teacher on Special Assignment) position and she felt the combined high school principal and athletic director position is a work load that could result in the principal not being able to do either job well.

Gary Coleman reported on Booster Club support for the athletic department amounting to \$20,000. Mary Kienbusch asked the board to get the confusing arrows and signage rectified in the parking lot.

Two Bob Cat Pride certificates were given to deserving individuals: Betty Heising for 16 years exceptional service to the district and 58 years to education overall. She is retiring. And for high school principal Barb Jones, for ten years of exceptional service to the district and 41 years to education overall.

Monty Lee acting as spokesman discussed the continuing Affordable Housing Committee work. The building known as Jerry Court, has been earmarked for conversion to one-bedroom apartments for use by new teachers coming to the district. The renovation work will be done by the Building and Trades Group. The district will have no responsibility for the project and banker Wendy Rusk has crunched the numbers indicating the entire project can be self-supporting.

Letters of resignation were received from the following employees: Brady Hines, Betty Heising, Ernst Baine III, Anne Hess, (combining MS-LS position), Dianne Bohach.

The following elementary teachers were hired: Sydney Camper, second grade and Mari Riley, third grade, Carrie Driver, special education and Scott Thomas, social studies.

Also hired was Jack Chris-

tensen for the combined high school principal and athletic director position.

Superintendent Payler’s evaluation was discussed and he was awarded a merit bonus of \$5,000 for his outstanding performance as superintendent. The board approved the plan to close the campus beginning next year for 9th and 10th grade students with the option for 11th and 12th to leave campus based on demonstrated merit. The new high school Principal will be responsible for determining the merit system and he has been given, if necessary, until the beginning of second semester to implement the new system.

The Master School Schedule was discussed in detail. The complexity of the task and the needed input from those involved has resulted in a preliminary plan. The Schedule is still being evaluated.

A 2013 Nissan Armada eight passenger vehicle was approved at a purchase price of \$30,965 and the proposed budget for next year was approved.

The board adjourned from regular session into executive session to consider an expulsion recommendation. The next board meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

New Custer County Deputy Sworn In



Deputy Kendall Zoss, (holding his son, Dayne,) and Custer County Sheriff Byerly at the Swearing In Ceremony.

Photo by George Gramlich

A new Custer County Sheriff’s Office deputy, Kendall Zoss, was sworn in Wednesday, May 18th, at the Custer County Court House by County Clerk Kelly Camper. Deputy Zoss is a Custer County native and is a recent graduate of Colorado’s P.O.S.T. Academy.

May 17th Westcliffe Town Planning Meeting

by Fred Hernandez

The Westcliffe Planning Commission chaired by Mr. Mike Carter met on the afternoon of May 17th to discuss the town’s ordinance affecting signs and fences. In a proactive effort to keep abreast of the towns needs, Mr. Carter intends to make sure that all signs are well

maintained, clearly visible and available where ever they are supposed to be. The ordinance being reviewed also takes into consideration all fences within town limits to ensure acceptable standards of .design, colors, material, height and quality. Look forward to further information about this ordinance in the near future.

Custer County Republicans Lincoln Day Luncheon and Auction

Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 1 pm

Hope Lutheran Church Lange Hall - \$15 per person

Pot luck. Bring a salad, side dish, or dessert.
Meat, drinks, and bread furnished by the Custer County Republican Central Committee members.

See the ad in next week’s *Sentinel* for a complete list of candidates attending.

Auction Items:

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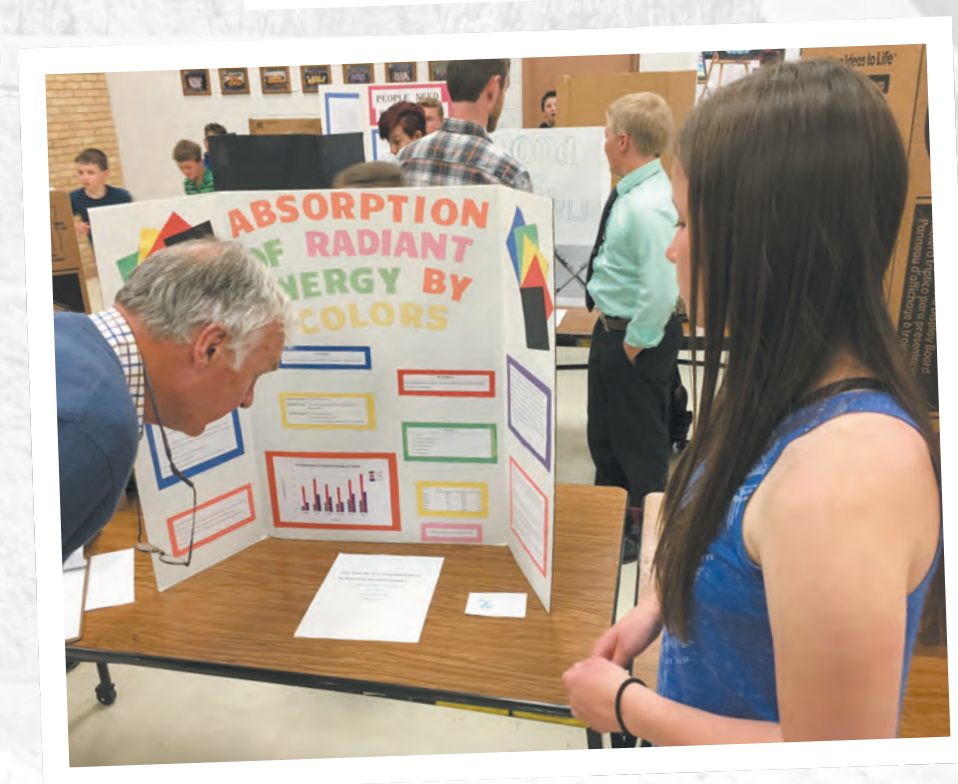
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End of Year Fun at CC Schools



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Colorado State News

“Takin’ It To The House...” A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representative
Jim Wilson – HD 60
May 15, 2016

“Turn out the lights, the party’s over!” Don Meredith is gone from Monday Night Football, but Willie Nelson’s lyrics still ring true. The 70th General Assembly was gaveled sine die (from the Latin “with-out day”) at 11 p.m. on May 11th. The session included 685 bills – more than any of the previous three sessions! In the frenzy to “play nice” in an election year, both sides of the aisle reached out to find representatives they could work with on bills. I was “blessed” with ten bills making it to the Governor’s desk – with no fewer than 22 Democrat and Republican

Senators and Representatives as co-sponsors!

It was “Lights Out” for two big bills in the closing days of the session. The Senate killed both the Hospital Provider Fee/Enterprise Fund and the Presidential Primary bills. And, for the Alcohol Bill, the light may not be out as of yet, but it is definitely flickering! The Governor has threatened not to sign the bill and may even push for a Special Session to deal with the issue. (Special Sessions cost the State of Colorado about \$75,000 per day...) Before the House lights were switched off late Wednesday night, House members bade farewell to 15 members who were

either term-limited or running for Senate seats. All 65 seats in the House are up for election this fall, but it is guaranteed that there will be at least 15 new faces for the next session. In addition to all the House Districts, 17 Senate seats are up for grabs as well. With the House being 34-31 Democrat and the Senate 18-17 Republican, the stakes for the 2016 election are huge!

The November ballot will present a LOT of contested races and issues. A U.S. Senate race, U.S. Representatives, the above mentioned House and Senate races, County Commissioners and, that “little” question of President of the United States!

Throw in Amendment 69 and a host of other initiatives – you may want to plan extra time to fill out your ballot... Colorado is a targeted state, so watch the “big bucks” that will be spent in the state. Attack ads will become rampant as special interest groups try to focus our attention on reasons why a candidate should not be elected rather than on why they should be elected. If it gets too bad, just remember – the TV has an on/off switch too...

This year marks the midpoint of my tenure in the House. HD 60 will be one of those 65 seats up for re-election. I am running once again. It has been an

honor and a privilege to represent the four counties in HD 60. Kristi and I turned off the lights when we left Wednesday but, Lord willing and with your support, we will flip that switch back on in January.

This will be the last edition of “Takin’ It To The House...” for this session. I will, however, be available to assist you with your questions and concerns during the interim. Please feel free to call me at home @ 719-539-4452 or use my e-mails: wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us.



Just because the lights are off does not mean that nobody is home...

Yours for HD 60,
Representative Jim Wilson

Gold Dome Decree: Winners and Losers of the 2016 Colorado Legislative Session

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Last night was the end of the 2016 session (for now, at least) and, as tradition would dictate, we’re calling out the best and worst of the legislative session. Let’s start with the losers, shall we?

LOSERS

Transportation funding: Providing roads and streets is a good use of government funds, yet, there still is not an appropriate level of funding. In the final days, Democrats killed Rep. Brian DelGrosso’s bill to issue bonds to pay for transportation. Oh well. Guess we’ll just ride our bike to work. Hey.....

Construction defect reform (perennial loser): Trial lawyers own the House Democrats who continue to block meaningful reform on this issue. Maybe next year.... Like we said last year....

Morgan Carroll and Joe Salazar: Speaking of trial lawyers, this disaster duo tried to make businesses guilty until proven innocent when it comes to operating in areas near earthquakes. Their bill was killed in an embarrassingly bipartisan fashion. Even their own think the two are crazy. Carroll is term limited (and, running against the buzz saw of Coffman for Congress), but it remains to be seen whether Salazar survives his election. He was awfully close to losing

last time and legislation like this will not help his re-election efforts this year.

Presidential primaries: There seemed to be mass agreement about moving to a presidential primary, but then, someone threw open primary in there and others saw their stranglehold on the



caucus system coming to an end. Well, that was that. All of the momentum for a presidential primary came to a screeching halt.

3.2 Beer: Well, it was fun while it lasted. Actually, no it wasn’t. Low-strength beer sucked. It was all of the calories without the actual buzz. You might as well have been drinking Coca-Cola. A bill passed yesterday with overwhelming bipartisan support that puts beer and wine in grocery stores by 2019 and ditches the 3.2 drool. Sure, it’s a little slow,

but we can all agree that 3.2 beer sucked anyway.

WINNERS

Republican Senate Leadership: While Colorado is losing some of its finest Senators in Senate President Bill Cadman and Senate Majority Leader Mark Scheffel, they left on a high note and they will be missed. There are several Democratic State Senators with whom we sometimes disagreed, but who were great allies for Republicans. Sen. Hodge comes to mind.

Term Limits: Yes, it’s true that we are losing some of the aforementioned great leaders like Cadman and Scheffel, but we’re also getting rid of terrible legislators like Speaker Dickie Lee Hullinghorst and Sen. Morgan Carroll who is getting her tail kicked in the Sixth Congressional District against Coffman. Silver linings, PeakNation™.

Oil and Gas Industry: Fractivists tried several times to cripple the oil and gas industry (which provides thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of jobs, in Colorado), but each time the industry was ready and thwarted the attempts.

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Is The Party Over? Open Primary DOA, Now It’s the Trickster Turn

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Ding dong, the deal is dead in the state legislature to create a last-minute presidential primary we won’t need for another four years.

The deeply flawed Democrat measure fell apart in the Senate, thankfully, because it wasn’t the answer to complaints this year about Colorado’s political process.

If we’re going to return to the party primary system, then let’s do that, not create an entirely new game allowing massive interference by saboteurs, which the Democrat bill sought to achieve.

The AP reports that, “Democrats scoffed at the delay,” but we have four years to get it right and we need to get it right.

“The general public needs time to understand all the ramifications,” said Senator. Ray Scott, R-Grand Junction.

Having failed in the state legislature, Democrats are busily disguising themselves as a group of concerned citizens to collect 100,000 signatures for a ballot measure to get their plan before the voters.

It’s a sneaky sell, telling voters who wish to remain independent of either party to now get involved in the party’s political process.

But Democrats should take this as a warning; if you’re so desperate to interfere in the process of choosing Republican nominees, don’t forget that mayhem can go both ways.

If Colorado had an open primary this year, rest assured there would have been no misunderstanding that the Democratic standard-bearer Hillary Clinton would have lost.

Just because a few don’t like the outcome, is no reason to strip a political party’s right to choose their own nominee.

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Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT School Board Meetings:

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

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

**Cañon City
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Mondays at 6 p.m.
City Hall
128 Main St.
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**County
Commissioners
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9:30 a.m.
615 Macon, Rm. 105
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**Royal Gorge
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**Fremont
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Committee
4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
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**Southern
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Mexican Restaurant
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CELEBRATE WOMEN! Coming June 4th to Fremont County

*Press Release
by Charlotte Burrous*

The Second Annual “Celebrate Women!” event will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. June 4th, at Veterans Park. Last June in Veterans Park, the first Celebrate Women!” event was held as an outreach to the women of Fremont County with the message that they are valuable, appreciated and special by honoring them for a day with all kinds of free special treats. Almost 400 women attended and the sponsors are hoping for higher numbers.

The faith and business communities, as well as many non-profits and government agencies, supported last year’s effort. It was such a great success that planning is on the way for a second annual event.

Hundreds of dollars in door prizes were given out last year. Women were treated with a free lunch, hand and shoulder massages, nail polishing and information on available services in Fremont county. They were entertained and inspired with music and inspirational speakers.

This year promises to be even better by allowing more women to be pam-

pered, loved on and blessed in so many different ways. There will be more booths and more resources, along with free food and water, and lots more door prizes and handouts. We will have as speakers that no woman would choose to miss; Brenda Cooper, Women’s Ministries Director of Colorado Baptist; Dena Brady, mother of a survivor of drive-by shooting; and Beverly Shoemaker, former director of Eagle Summit Ranch for Wounded Warriors of Westcliffe.

Mark your calendar and invite your girlfriends to join us as we celebrate and discover how precious and special each and every one of you you are!!

The following is a list of those organizations and individuals who made the 2015 event successful:

Mountain View Community Church donated the use of their sound system and provided music for the event.

Dee’s Place donated the beautiful stitching on the purple staff tee shirts and the logo screened on the back of the shirts.

Cañon City Shopper did story about the upcoming event and placed it in the calendar of coming events,

then ran two quarter page ads in the two weeks prior to date of the event.

Radio Station KRLN did 30-second spot ads and listed on the community calendar.

The Chamber of Commerce listed the event in their Upcoming Events Calendar.

Others who contributed are the following: (apologies to anyone left out.)

E Free, First Southern Baptist, Cañon City Christ Episcopal, Grandview Christian, Mountain View Community, Bridge to Life, Oak Creek Southern Baptist, Penrose Baptist, Colorado Baptist Convention, Aglow, Dan Blackwell, Author, Essential Oils, St. Thomas More, Pregnancy Center, Pantry of Fremont, Stonecroft Ministries, Atmos, It Works, Healthy Chocolate, Vineyard, Nami Colo. Support for Mental Health, SolVista Health, WIC, Rocky Mountain. Behavioral Health, Workforce Center, Family Crisis Services, DHS, Divorce Care, Fremont Co., Family Center, Pipe Teen Program, Public Health, CMOM Dental, Children First, ECHO, Family Resource Center, UAACOG, Peak Parent Center, Connecting Colorado, Loaves & Fishes.

For more information, call (719) 275-1553 or (719) 671-1442. No reservations are necessary.

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A contractor working for Sangre de Cristo Electric Association will be inspecting power poles mainly south of Westcliffe for approximately the next month, beginning on May 23. The contractor is Power Pole Inspections. Their vehicles may be marked with Sangre de Cristo Electric’s logo. ATVs used in the inspections may be unmarked. Please contact Sangre de Cristo Electric Association at 1-800-933-3823 or 719-395-2412 if you have questions.



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Upcoming Events May 20 – June 5

Fremont County Appreciation Month will continue from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. until May 31 at the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park at 4218 CR3A. For more information, call 888-333-5597.

May 21st, the 34th annual Royal Gorge Chapter of VMCCA (**The Veteran Motor Car Club of America**) **Car Show** will feature numerous special interest antique vehicles on the Abbey campus. Gates open at 8 a.m. with trophies awarded at 3 p.m.

May 21st, Flashback on Main Street will begin at 3 p.m. in the 500, 600 and 700 blocks of Main Street, where numerous cars will be on display. The concert kicks off with Michael Martin Murphy performing from 5-7 p.m., followed by Flash Cadillac at 7:30 p.m. Other activities include sock hop, games, contests and much more.

May 21-22nd – Highway 50 Yard Sale will take place along Highway 50 corridor from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

May 22nd, Florence Merchants’ Car Show will take place all day in downtown Florence. Activities include music, numerous vehicle exhibit, food, valve cover races and much more. Everyone welcome.

May 21st– Picnic & potluck, featuring Sangre’s Best grass fed beef will be held from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 21 at **Music Meadows Ranch** at 6076 CR 119 in Westcliffe. Bring a snack side dish or dessert to share. Beverages provided. Bring your on beer or wine. Tour the ranch house and historic barn. Watch horse training exercises; take a sample horseback ride or just pet and brush the horses. Relax, make new friends and have a good time.

May 28, 29, 30– Create Cañon City Balloon Classic at 6 a.m. each day. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/CreateCanonCityBalloonClassic/> for more information.

May 28th, the Heart Air Balloon 5K Race will begin with registration at 5:30 a.m., followed by race at 6 a.m. at Floral Ave. Trailhead or hogbacks. Registration fee is \$20 until May 25 or \$25 May 27-28. Activities include awards, t-shirt and swag bag. For more information, contact Emma at 285-2630 or www.CanonCityBalloonClassic.org.

June 2nd, the Tour of Denominations will feature “Who are the Amish,” presented by Mark Yoder from 7-8:30 p.m. at Sunflower Bank. To reserve a spot, call 275-4438.

June 3rd, Holy Smoke BBQ will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Royal Gorge Bridge & Park, For more information, call 888-333-5597.

June 3rd, “First Friday “events will take place from 5-7 p.m. in downtown Cañon City.

June 3rd, Let Hope Arise, hosted by Loaves & Fishes, will be held from 6-8 p.m. at Vineyard Christian Fellowship at 245 S. Raynolds Ave. Community celebrations and reception with live music, appetizers and a chocolate fountain. Come meet people who have found hope through one of the many programs of Loaves & Fishes Ministry. This is a free event. Individual sponsorships are available for \$175. For more information, call 275-059 or emailing reception@lfministries.org.

June 4th, the second annual CELEBRATE WOMEN! event will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Veterans Park.

June 5th, “Florence Entertainment in the Park” will feature The Southern Colorado Concert Band. These events are held from 7-8:30 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce sponsors these free concerts each Wednesday through September 7th at Pioneer Park in Florence.

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Do Not Fear in These Prophetic Times

Do not fear in these prophetic times. With the government showing its weakness in protecting the general welfare of its citizens in border security, disease control, Islamic infiltration and colonization, economic policy, privacy, and more; it is easy for many to develop fear and depression. Please be reminded that the government is not God. Socialists, progressives, communists, or whatever “ists” the current Administration calls itself, it is neither God nor a replacement for God. There is only one true God as Jesus said in Mark 12:29, “The first of all the commandments is; “Hear O Israel; The LORD our GOD is ONE LORD.” The government shall rest upon the LORD’s shoulders, not man’s. Government is not God. Do not fear. Jesus said in Matthew 10:28, “And fear not them who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” You see reports that our “president” is going to crack down on believers and patriots and conservatives after the election, you should be welled up with a righteous anger, but not full of fear. Even in those days leading up to the LORD’s return, Jesus told us in Matthew 10:19, “But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.” You have God-given courage within you. You are a courageous person. Do not fear. The Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 1:7, “For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love,

and of a sound mind.” Do you not know that during the time of Jesus and thereafter, his followers were highly persecuted? The government they were subjected to was far harsher than anything we have ever seen in America. Sure, we are concerned about the direction our country has taken, the betrayal of the foundational principles of this nation by those we elect, the moral condition of Americans, but we need not fear it. We do need to pray and act without fear if we are to have any hope of turning it around. As Peter and the Apostles said in Acts 5:29, “We ought to obey God rather than men.” Do not fear. Ephesians 6:11-13 says, “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand.” As Peter wrote in 1 Peter 2:9, “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Put on your armor of light. Do not fear.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
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If Conservatives Want To Change America, We Need To Embrace Boycotts

by John Hawkins, Right Wing News

Liberals have already co-opted Hollywood and our education system; so it’s no secret that the deck is stacked against conservatives in America. However, liberals have also started to pull corporate America to the Left as well. The world’s most powerful corporations are standing against mom and pop Christian bak-

once you get outside of overt political giving because corporations are very sensitive to anything that may tarnish their reputation or hurt their sales.

So, who’s easily offended by things corporations do? Liberals.

Who’s going to protest if they don’t like a group a corporation is giving money? Liberals.

“The squeaky wheel gets the grease while those who suffer in silence are ignored.”

eries that don’t want to participate in gay weddings and threatening states that don’t want grown men using the bathroom with little girls. While corporations tend to favor whichever politician is in power, they are much more likely to give money to overtly liberal groups than conservative ones. Even ESPN, the all sports network, has a liberal bent. Politically, you can say anything if it’s to the left of center, but Curt Schilling was fired for having a conservative point of view.

This may seem puzzling to a lot of people. After all, don’t corporations want lower tax rates, less regulations and business- friendly politicians in charge of the country? They do, but you have to keep in mind that Republicans are cheap dates. We don’t stop trying to cut the corporate tax rate or pushing to get rid of ridiculous regulations even in cycles when businesses give heavily to Democrats. So in essence, many corporations undoubtedly believe giving money to Democrats is a win/win. The Democrats may slam corporations at every opportunity, but they can be bought off while the Republicans will stay friendly no matter what the corporations do. All this leads to most corporations being very mercenary about which politicians they fund.

However, the incentives are different

Who’s going to boycott if a corporation does something they don’t like? Liberals.

Meanwhile, you can make fun of Christ and Christians will laugh it off. Conservatives will tolerate the most vicious smears from newspapers and TV shows. Republicans don’t particularly like it when Hollywood portrays them as stupid, evil and cruel, but other than an odd complaint here or there, for the most part we aren’t willing to do anything about it.

That’s why corporations bend over backwards to make liberals happy while they’re indifferent to offending Christians. The squeaky wheel gets the grease while those who suffer in silence are ignored.

When conservatives make lame excuses for ceding the field to people like this, we’re doing our part to help liberals turn corporate America to the Left. As Edward Burke supposedly said, “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.”

Is it smart for conservatives to continue to do nothing? Should we be sorry that a successful conservative boycott of A&E got the Duck Dynasty stars back on the air after they were fired for being too overtly Christian?

Should we be upset that Target’s stock has gone down after the American Family Association managed to convince a million people to pledge to boycott the company over its policy of allowing men to use the bathroom with little girls? I’m not sorry it did; in fact I’ll publicly pledge not to ever shop at Target again unless it changes its bathroom policy right now. After Apple went after states that tried to protect Christians who refused to participate in gay weddings, I retaliated by getting conservatives together to publicly demand that the company pull out of countries that torture their gay citizens -- like Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Iran. Did it change Apple’s policy? No, but it did at least get some bad publicity out of it.

More than 30 years ago, the conservative Moral Majority was able to mount successful boycotts. Today,

“Is it smart for conservatives to continue to do nothing?”

liberals are following in its shoes while too many conservatives offer up nothing but excuses for why they won’t do the same. W.B. Yeats was not wrong when he said that, “The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity.” That will be written on our nation’s tombstone unless conservatives stop waiting for a politician on a white horse to save us and start collectively changing our culture via tools like boycotts

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‘Jesus Lunches’ Will Continue Despite Anti-Christian Protests

by Steve Gunn, EAGNews.Org

— MIDDLETON, Wis

The people from the Freedom From Religion Foundation were probably encouraged when they managed to provoke a shouting match three weeks ago with Middleton High School students attending a weekly “Jesus Lunch” at a city park.

After all, the more shouting that occurred, the more controversial the lunches would become – probably to the point where more cit-

izens would consider them a problem.

That’s precisely what the atheist group wanted.

But the small group of local mothers who host the lunches put an end to the quarreling with a simple electronic message.

“It was crazy – there were probably about 900 kids there, and probably about 60 protesters,” said Melissa Helbach, one of the mothers who serves the weekly lunches and shares short Christian messages with hundreds of students ev-

ery Tuesday at Fireman’s Park near Middleton High School.

“The protesters were screaming and heckling, and a couple of the Jesus Lunch kids retaliated. So after that we sent a Facebook message out, asking them to act like Jesus and turn the other cheek and ignore them.

“The next week all the Jesus kids sat on one side of the (park) pavilion, and they totally ignored the protesters. While we were sharing our message, which was about three minutes

long, they started chanting ‘keep Jesus in the church.’ The kids didn’t retaliate. Then some of the protesters walked through with signs, heckling the kids, but they didn’t respond – they just kept eating.

“All of us volunteers were so impressed. It was the power of the Holy Spirit – it was a really cool thing to see.”

On the two Tuesdays since the verbal confrontation,

see JESUS LUNCHES on page 23

Johns Hopkins Psychiatrist Drops Truth About Transgenders – Liberals Furious

by Michele Hickford,
Editor-in-Chief,
AllenBWest.com

It is simply amazing how such a tiny minority in our country... just three tenths of a percent... has forced a national debate about whether the public bathroom they visit should or should not match the gender of their plumbing.

The entire notion of gender is being questioned. It is now "bigot-

a Halloween costume. And according to a noted psychiatrist, that's just about right.

As CNS News reports, Dr. Paul R. McHugh, the Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University and former psychiatrist-in-chief for Johns Hopkins Hospital, who has studied transgendered people for 40 years, said it is a scientific fact that "transgendered men do not

Hospital for 26 years, the medical institute that had initially pioneered sex-change surgery – and later ceased the practice – stressed that the cultural meme, or idea that "one's sex is fluid and a matter of choice" is extremely damaging, especially to young people.

Now this will REALLY whip liberals into a frenzy, but Dr. McHugh says those who wish to change their gender suffer from a psychiatric condition, not an accident of birth.

"Gender dysphoria—the official psychiatric term for feeling one-self to be of the opposite sex—belongs in the family of similarly disordered assumptions about the body, such as anorexia nervosa and body dysmorphic disorder," said McHugh.

"Its treatment should not be directed at the body as with surgery and hormones any more than one treats obesity-fearing anorexic patients with liposuction," he said.

Perhaps the most tragic part of this new trend is the consequence. After the immense pain

times that of comparable peers," said McHugh.

I will probably get hammered by

"It is a scientific fact that transgendered men do not become women, nor do transgendered women become men."

and hardship of transitioning, a high percentage of transgendered individuals eventually take their own lives.

When "the tumult and shouting dies," McHugh continued, "it proves not easy nor wise to live in a counterfeit sexual garb. The most thorough follow-up of sex-reassigned people—extending over 30 years and conducted in Sweden, where the culture is strongly supportive of the transgendered—documents their lifelong mental unrest."

"Ten to 15 years after surgical reassignment, the suicide rate of those who had undergone sex-reassignment surgery rose to 20

our liberal readers for apparently "trivializing" this issue, but here I go anyway...

When I was growing up in the '70's there was a TV commercial for Chiffon margarine, which apparently tasted just like butter... but it's not. The very last (and very famous) line from the commercial was "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature."

Apparently that is still the case.

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"...children as young as four... encouraged to choose their gender identity, as if it were a Halloween costume."

ed" to believe we live in a "gender-binary" world. The idea that humans come in only two flavors: male and female, is seen as outdated, old-fashioned, antiquated and just plain mean.

Now we must accept "gender fluidity." Children as young as four are being encouraged to choose their gender identity, as if it were

become women, nor do transgendered women become men.

All such people, he explained in an article for The Witherspoon Institute, "become feminized men or masculinized women, counterfeits or impersonators of the sex with which they 'identify.'"

Dr. McHugh, who was psychiatrist-in-chief at Johns Hopkins

Citadel Holds Firm, Will NOT Allow Muslim to Wear Hijab

by Blake Neff,
Daily Caller News Foundation

A Muslim student who wanted to wear a hijab at The Citadel will not be accommodated, the college's president announced Tuesday, rebuffing demands the school grant its first-ever dress code exception.

The Citadel is a public school in Charleston, South Carolina and is famous for its strict discipline. The school requires cadets to have short haircuts and wear uniforms at almost all times — it has never granted an exception to these rules in its 174-year history.

Citadel administrators announced in April that they were considering granting their first exception for an unnamed female Muslim who planned to matriculate at the school next fall. The student wanted to wear her hijab on campus, which would flout the school's current dress code. The student isn't the first Muslim

woman to attend the school (three currently do so), but the school said she was the first to make such a request.

The announcement that the dress code might be weakened sparked a backlash from some Citadel students and alumni. College president and retired Air Force General John Rosa said Tuesday the dress code would remain absolute.

"Uniformity is the cornerstone of this four-year leader development model. The standardization of cadets in apparel, overall appearance, actions and privileges is essential to the learning goals and objectives of the college," Rosa said in a statement.

Rosa added he hopes the student will still matriculate in the fall, but the Center for American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) told the Associated Press that the girl will not do so thanks to the decision.

"It's another step in the struggle for patriotic Americans who want to serve their country," CAIR said. "In 2016, it's time for them to look at America today and understand that a diverse group of people want to go through the Citadel and follow a path to serve their country."

The Citadel's firmness comes at a time when the military is becoming increasingly lax with dress code requirements. Recently, for instance, the Army has allowed a Sikh to wear a turban and go unshaven, even though such practices clash with existing Army regulations.

(Editor/GG: Finally some sanity. Note that it is NOT coming from the U.S. Armed Forces.)

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Crooked Hillary Took \$100 Million from Arabs: “Massive Conflicts of Interest”

by Mac Slavo, SHTFPlan.com

How much more of Hillary Clinton’s scandals can America take?

A bombshell report from *The Daily Caller* says the Clinton Foundation, a purported not-for-profit charity headed by Bill, Hillary and daughter Chelsea, has reportedly amassed a fortune from oil-rich mid east

nations to the tune of \$100 million.

National Security Analyst Patrick Poole says the amount of cash donated to the Clintons is “simply unprecedented.”

“These regimes are buying access. You’ve got the Saudis. You’ve got the Kuwaitis, Oman, Qatar and the UAE. There are massive conflicts of interest.

It’s beyond comprehension,” Poole told *The Daily Caller*.

A *Daily Caller News Foundation* investigation reveals that Bill and Hillary Clinton received at least \$100 million from autocratic Persian Gulf states and their leaders, potentially undermining Democratic presidential candidate Hillary’s claim she can carry out indepen-

dent Middle East policies.

The benefits for mid east oil producers amount to billions of dollars in oil trade, and as you might expect, Hillary Clinton is more

the Clintons may have given the monarchs in return for their lavish financial support over the years, but last month the candidate reversed her long-standing

and like most other establishment groups, they assume Hillary’s coronation as President of the United States is a foregone conclusion.

The donations and Clinton’s subsequent flip-flop to support the policies of mid east producers just months after the donations were made is direct evidence that she has been paid to play.

Whether you are a Republican, Democrat, or currently without political party affiliation, it should be clear that Clinton will sell America down the river in pursuit of money, power and legacy.

Love him or hate him, Donald Trump’s “Crooked Hillary” label sums her up precisely.

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than happy to oblige – at the expense of American energy companies and workers.

The ongoing Clinton financial relationship with despotic Persian Gulf states could hurt Hillary as a supporter of labor rights and tarnish her image as a vigorous supporter of women.

Yet as secretary of state, Clinton consciously and actively sought to legitimize the sheikdoms through many new Department of State programs.

It’s unclear what kind of promises or concessions

support for fracking.

Hillary’s new position, unveiled last month at a CNN presidential debate with Democratic opponent Sen. Bernie Sanders, put her in alignment with the Gulf State policy which opposes North American oil and gas fracking.

Read the full investigative report at *The Daily Caller*.

There is absolutely no plausible reason for why oil sheikhs in the middle east would “donate” \$100 million to The Clinton Foundation, save one. They need direct access to the President of the United States,

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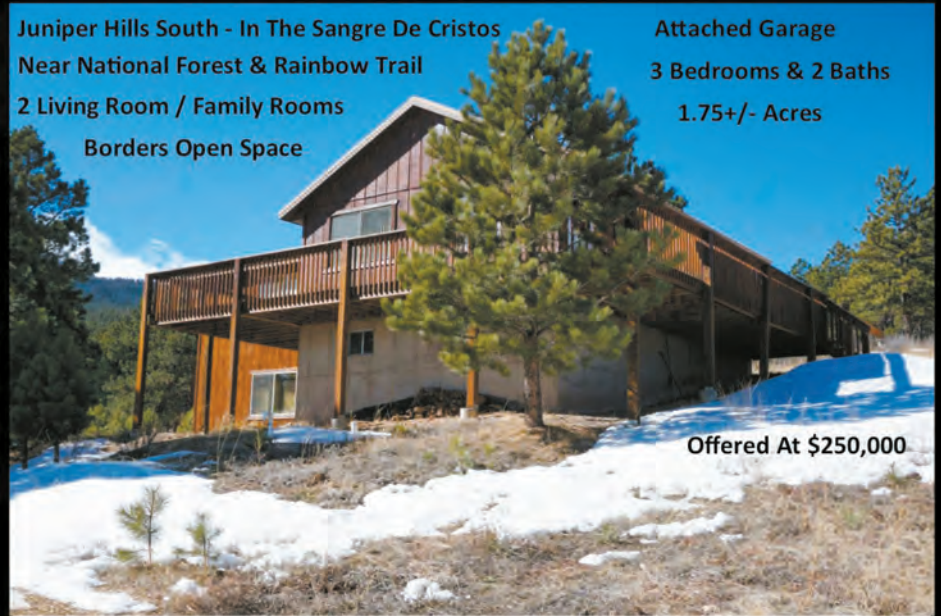
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Obama Administration Deported Less Than One Percent of Visa Overstays

by Adam Kredo,
The Free Beacon

The Obama administration deported less than one percent of the nearly half a million foreign nationals who illegally overstayed their visas in 2015, according to new statistics published by the Department of Homeland Security.

Of the 482,781 aliens who were recorded to have overstayed temporary U.S. visas in fiscal year 2015, just 2,456 were successfully deported from the United States during the same period, according to DHS's figures, which amounts to a deportation rate of around 0.5 percent.

The sinking rate of deportations by the Obama administration is drawing criticism from Capitol Hill, where lawmakers are warning that the administration is ignoring illegal overstays and potentially opening the United States to terrorist threats.

The 482,781 figure accounts for aliens who entered the United States on a non-immigrant visitor visa or through the Visa Waiver Program, which streamlines travel between the United States and certain other countries. The figure encompasses foreign nationals who were found to have remained in the United States after their visas expired or after the 90-day

window allowed by the Visa Waiver Program.

The actual number of overstays could be higher. The latest figures published by DHS do not include overstays from other visa categories or overstays by individuals who entered the

administration policy directing DHS and ICE not to pursue visa overstays unless the offender has been convicted of major crimes or terrorism.

"The decision by the Obama administration not to enforce immigration

sure they leave the United States.

Sen. Jeff Sessions (R., Ala.), chair of the Senate's Immigration Subcommittee, recently proposed an amendment aimed at speeding up implementation of this system. Senate Democrats blocked the amendment.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement has received substantially more taxpayer money in recent years despite the plummeting rate of deportations. At least 43 percent fewer aliens were removed from the United States from 2012 to 2015, according to DHS statistics.

(Editor/GG: The rule of law is no more. We are being invaded. Both parties explicitly agreed to this at budget time last year where they did not use the power of purse to force changes in Nobama's rule of tyranny and lawlessness. The Jeff Sessions attempted amendment above is just smoke. Once Nobama got the money to run his "destroy America" campaign last year, everything later is just pathetic, pandering, political farce theatre. Hey, RINO's - IT AIN'T WORKING ANYMORE! WE KNOW YOUR GAME AND YOU ARE DONE.)

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United States through land ports, such as those along the Mexican border.

Deportations by the Obama administration have decreased steadily since 2009, according to figures codified by the Senate's Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest and provided to the *Washington Free Beacon*.

Since 2009, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has expelled 51,704 individuals who overstayed their visas. The total number of those expelled has decreased every fiscal year.

At least 12,538 illegal overstays were deported in fiscal 2009, while 11,259 were removed in 2010, 10,426 in 2011, 6,856 in 2012, 4,240 in 2013, 3,564 in 2014, and 2,456 in 2015, according to the committee.

The drop is being attributed by sources to an Obama

laws by allowing those who have overstayed their visas to remain in the country has not gone unnoticed by the American people," sources on the Senate Subcommittee told the *Free Beacon*. "A Rasmussen Reports poll released earlier this year indicates that approximately three out of four Americans not only want the Obama administration to find these aliens who overstay their visas, but also to deport them."

"The same poll indicates that 68 percent of Americans consider visa overstays a 'serious national security risk,' and 31 percent consider visa overstays a 'very serious' national security risk," according to the sources.

Congress has long mandated the implementation of a biometric entry-exit system to track individuals who overstay their visas and en-

Government Regulations Add \$84,671 to New Home Prices

by Ali Meyer,
FreeBeacon.com

Government regulations are responsible for adding \$84,671 to the final price of a new single-family home, according to a report from the National Association of Home Builders.

According to the report, regulations implemented during the lot's development are responsible for 14.6 percent of the total, while 9.7 percent is due to costs that accrue after the builder has purchased a finished lot.

"Regulations come in many forms and can be imposed by different levels of government," explains the report. "At the local level, jurisdictions may charge permit, hook-up, and impact fees and establish development and construction standards that either directly increase costs to builders and developers, or cause delays that translate

to higher costs."

"The federal government can also impact the price of a home—for example, by requiring permits for storm-water discharge on a construction site, which may lead to delays in addition to the hard cost of filing for a permit."

The association applied the percentage increase due to regulation to home prices from Census data and found that regulatory costs in a home went from \$65,224 in April of 2011 to \$84,671 in March 2016—a 29.8 percent increase.

Regulatory costs during construction increased the fastest from \$22,535 to \$33,784 during that same time period—an increase of 50 percent. Regulatory costs during development increased by 19.1 percent.

"Builders and developers have probably not yet felt all the impacts of regulations looming on the hori-

zon," the report states. "EPA's Chesapeake Bay Cleanup Plan is not only driving up development costs in the effected states but is viewed as a template for establishing more stringent standards elsewhere in the country as well."

"The average cost of regulation embodied in a new home is rising more than twice as fast as the average American's ability to pay for it," explains the report.

The EPA did not have a comment on the report, nor the topic.

(Editor/GG: Folks, this is insane. Do you know what is wrong with America? THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS WHAT IS WRONG WITH AMERICA.)

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Captain John Parker, Lexington Green, April 19, 1775

Armed Citizens Saving Police Officers: Part One

by Dean Weingarten,
GunWatch.Blogspot.com

This article was originally by Ohioans for Concealed Carry PAC and then by the Kentucky Concealed Carry Coalition. It has ceased to exist on those pages. I found it on learn-aboutguns.com, where it was republished. It is a compilation worth keeping. The article was originally published before February 8th, 2009. It has not been updated since then.

I know that it is only a partial listing. For example it does not list the case of Rory Vertigan, who shot, then captured one of three drug dealers who ambushed and killed Officer Marc Atkinson of the Phoenix Police Department on March 26, 1999. All three drug dealers were illegal aliens.)

Here is the article:

There is NO evidence to support the assertion that law enforcement officers are put at risk by law-abiding citizens carrying concealed firearms in their car. There are no studies, even ones with twisted statistics, that draw this conclusion. How can that be? Because there is NO record of law enforcement officers having been injured by a CCW permit holder during a traffic stop, anywhere in the 44 CCW states.

We can, on the other hand,

offer numerous examples of armed citizens coming to the aid of officers in peril:

Herald-Tribune, Sarasota, FL

Driving to work one morning, Jim Povia, of Sarasota, Florida, saw a state trooper with his service pistol drawn, confronting a trio of male suspects during a traffic stop. Povia, a right-to-carry permit holder, pulled over and grabbed his .40 cal. pistol and went to the aid of the officer. The two held the men until backup arrived. The driver of the vehicle was driving with a suspended license and a gun was found in the rear of the vehicle. The three men were charged with felony weapons possession.

The Post, Houston, TX

In the finest tradition of armed citizens who take on crime in their communities, Texan Travis Neel helped save a wounded Harris County deputy sheriff's life. Witnessing the shooting by one of a trio of Houston gang members after a traffic stop just west of Houston, Neel—who was on his way to his pistol range—pulled his gun and fired, driving the officer's assailants away. An off-duty sheriff's deputy also came on the scene and joined Neel in covering the deputy, whose life was saved by his body armor. The trio was captured after a manhunt.

The Bulletin, Norwich, CT

While the situation ended without incident, armed citizen Michael Acree stood ready to lend a hand when a police officer stopped a carload of unruly teenagers outside his Salem, Connecticut, home. Noticing the youths scuffling with the officer, Acree retrieved his pistol and went out onto his lawn. When the youths saw Acree and his handgun, they calmed down and the situation ended peacefully. Acree earned the appreciation both of town officials and the officer.

The Daily Commercial, Leesburg, FL

Vincent McCarthy wasn't afraid to lend a hand when he noticed a police officer struggling with a man and woman at the side of the road. He tried to help subdue the man who was kicking the officer in the face. Despite McCarthy's warnings, when the man pressed his assault, the tour boat captain shot him once in the leg with a pistol he is licensed to carry and stopped the attack. Neither the officer nor McCarthy were seriously injured.

The Observer, Charlotte, NC

A North Myrtle Beach, N.C., citizen was credited by the city's public safety director with possibly saving the life of Police Officer Richard Jernick.

Jernick had pulled over a suspected bank robber's car after a chase, when the suspect charged the cruiser and pointed a gun at the officer, who was still behind the wheel. At that point authorities said, the robbery suspect saw that James Beach, a semi-retired electrician who had joined the pursuit, had a pistol pointed at him. Startled, the robber ran for his car, and Officer Jernick was able to shoot and wound him.

The Star-Banner, Ocala, FL

When a drug-trafficking suspect fleeing a state police traffic stop ran through an Ocala, Fla., campground, he was spotted by the manager. Leonard Hicks armed himself and held the man at gunpoint for pursuing officers. An officer later commented, We wouldn't have caught the suspect if it hadn't been for him.

The Valley Daily News, Renton, WA

The armed man who intended to rob a Renton, Wash., gunshop should have been forewarned by the police cruiser he had to walk past to enter the store, and the uniformed officer standing just inside the door. Belatedly noticing the policeman, the would-be robber began shooting at him. The officer and a store clerk armed with a semi-auto pistol returned fire, fatally wounding the

man.

The Press-Herald, Minden, LA

During a drug arrest in Webster Parish, La., a sheriff's deputy and a state trooper found themselves struggling with their two suspects. But four citizens observed the battle and, armed with shotguns, they came to the officers' aid—enabling them to make the arrests.

The Chronicle, San Francisco, CA

Dave Storton, a San Jose, Calif., police officer, was doing off-duty security work at an apartment complex when two burglars knocked the officer down and attempted to grab his revolver. During the struggle, one of the assailants bit off part of Storton's ear, but the two attackers were run off by an apartment resident who came to the rescue, armed with a shotgun.

The Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, OK

Miami, Okla., motel owner Oba Edwards witnessed two policemen struggling with a man they were attempting to arrest and saw the man wrest away one of-

ficer's revolver, shoot and kill him. Edwards armed himself and fired a shot that allowed the remaining officer to recover his partner's revolver and fatally wound the attacker. The dead man was on probation for assault of a Texas police officer.

The Morning Herald, Hagerstown, MD

Police officer Chris Halde- man entered a Chambers- burg, PA gold and silver exchange to arrest a suspect in a stolen property case, but the man resisted and a struggle ensued. The 220-lb. suspect had Halde- man pinned to the ground and was choking him when storekeeper Ken Cum- mings pulled his pistol and shot the officer's attacker in the leg. The man, a known felon, managed to escape, and Det. Haldeman was treated at a local hospital and released.

(Editor/GG: Part Two next week.)

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Trump's Not Wrong: Clinton Wants to "Abolish" Second Amendment

by Bob Owens,
BearingArms.com

Donald Trump told his supporters at a rally in Lynden, Washington, on Saturday that the presumptive Democrat nominee would like to abolish Second Amendment.

He's not wrong.

Presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump threw a new claim Hillary Clinton's way at a Saturday rally, telling the crowd that the Democratic front-runner wants to do away with the Second Amendment.

"Hillary Clinton wants to abolish the Second Amendment. She wants to abolish it," Trump said at a Saturday rally in Lynden, Wash. "Hillary Clinton wants to take your guns away, and she wants to abolish the Second Amendment. She wants to take the bullets away."

Clinton seems to be of the opin-

ion that she understands the Second Amendment better than the Founding Fathers or the U.S. Supreme Court, as revealed last October.

Hillary Clinton slammed the Su-

preme Court over gun issues.

Although Clinton did not identify which Supreme Court case she disagreed with, she appeared to be criticizing the landmark 2008

"We've got to go after this," Clinton continued. "And here again, the Supreme Court is wrong on the Second Amendment. And I am going to make that case every chance I get."

Clinton clearly has the discredited collectivist view that the Second Amendment was to apply to a national militia only, and that the right to bear arms was never meant to apply to the people.

It is very clear that if she wins the Presidency, Hillary Clinton intends to wage war against the Second Amendment, the firearms industry, and the liberty of the American people itself. She appears to be part of the radical leftist belief system which holds the right to bear arms as an impediment to asserting more federal government power over the core rights of American citizens to be free.

As a constitutional matter, no President (including Clinton) has the authority to simply abolish

the parts of the Constitution they do not like, but Clinton has telegraphed her intentions to use and abuse Executive Branch authority to impose her authoritarian vision on the American people in general, and on the firearms industry in particular. Her opposition to the Protection of Lawful Commerce In Arms Act (PLCAA) is rooted in her desire to open the floodgates of frivolous lawsuits against firearms retailers and manufacturers, so that they can be bankrupted and driven out of business.

Hillary Clinton is very clearly running her 2016 campaign as that of the nation's first anti-Constitutional candidate.

The American people have every right to be terrified of what she would do if elected.

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"This is the first time since launching her campaign that [Hillary] indicated that she would take on the Supreme Court over gun issues."

preme Court as "wrong on the Second Amendment" and called for reinstating the assault weapons ban during a small private fundraiser in New York last week, according to audio of her remarks obtained by the Washington Free Beacon.

While Clinton has previously supported an assault weapons ban, this is the first time since launching her campaign that she indicated that she would take on

ruling in District of Columbia v. Heller, which found the handgun ban in Washington, D.C., unconstitutional.

"I was proud when my husband took [the National Rifle Association] on, and we were able to ban assault weapons, but he had to put a sunset on so 10 years later. Of course [President George W.] Bush wouldn't agree to reinstate them," said Clinton.

Gun Control on Mother's Day in Chicago: 49 Shot, 8 Dead in 48 Hours

by Tim Brown,
FreedomOutpost.com

If you really want the reality of what the infringement upon the rights of the people are in direct violation to the protections outlined in the Second Amendment, you need look no further than the town where liberal Democrats like Barack Hussein Obama Soetoro Sobarkah came from, Chicago. Over the Mother's Day weekend, in a period of just 48 hours, there were forty-nine people shot and eight killed.

The local NBC affiliate reported:

Eight people were killed and 41 others wounded in shootings across Chica-

go during a period of just over 48 hours this weekend. As advocacy groups gathered to call for peace on Mother's Day weekend, those pleas went unanswered as violence once again plagued communities across the city.

At least 24 of the weekend's shootings happened in an eight hour period from Friday night to Saturday morning.

The most recent fatal shooting occurred at 3:21 p.m. Sunday, when an unknown male was found on the street in the 3400 block of West Arthington in the Homan Square neighborhood, according to police. He had multiple gunshot wounds, police said, and

was taken to Stroger Hospital where he was pronounced dead. Police said he was between the ages of 16 and 25, and they did not know his identity as of early Sunday evening.

Chicago Police Superintendent John Escalante said that the level of violence was mainly coming from gang activity.

"It's the new way of taunting, challenging other gangs," Escalante said. "It's the modern way of gang graffiti."

However, he never recognizes that infringing on the rights of citizens to arm themselves is a good deterrent towards gang violence occurring in the first

place, and is a good means for many of those who are shot actually surviving and dealing with the criminals who are seeking to murder them.

Meanwhile, Mayor Rahm "The Ballerina Godfather" Emanuel tries to blame gun dealers for Chicago's deaths by guns.

Chicago has some of the most infringements upon the God-given rights recognized in the Declaration

of Independence and the Second Amendment of any other American city. Currently, it is on track to have one of its deadliest years. It is so bad that the homicide rate for the Windy City has doubled from the same time in 2015.

Chicago's urban areas are just a bad place, not only because of gangs, but because those who represent the people have not protected and secured their rights.

(Editor/GG: Coming to your neighborhood soon. The hundreds of thousands of gangbangers strolling across our southern border will eventually move to rural areas as the cities fill up. Border wall anybody?)

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JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE COMMISSION SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON JUDGES

The Judicial Performance Commission for the 11th Judicial District (Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, and Park Counties) has begun the evaluation process that culminates in the recommendation on whether a judge should be retained in office. The recommendation appears in the Blue Book sent to all registered voters before each general election. As part of the evaluation, the nonpartisan Commission seeks comments from the public concerning 11th Judicial District Court Chief Judge Patrick W. Murphy, 11th Judicial District Court Judge Stephen A. Groome, and Chaffee County Court Judge William P. Alderton.

The Commission will consider input from the public together with responses to questionnaires sent to attorneys, plaintiffs, defendants, jurors, court staff, probation officers, court interpreters, and the law enforcement personnel who have had contact with the judges in recent years. The commission also conducts courtroom observations, considers judge statistics, a self-evaluation completed by the judge, and decisions issued by the judge.

Written letters concerning the performance of the judges may be sent to: Eleventh J.D. - Judicial Performance Commissioners, c/o Cutler Law Office, LLC, P.O. Box 743, Salida, Co. 81201. Letters must include the name and address of the persons submitting the comments and the judge will receive a copy of the letter. All letters commenting on the performance of these judges must be received by May 21, 2016.

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.

Psalms 31:24, NIV

Divergence versus Community

Words escape me when I try to explain how proud I am to be an American. Saturday, May 14, 2016 was Outdoor Buddies' 5th year celebrating Community and Armed Forces Appreciation Day honoring disabled veterans, other military personnel and all other veterans. The event was hosted by A Painted View Ranch and attended by over 500 citizens who enjoyed the day's activities as well as the awesome Colorado weather. From the opening flag ceremony to a visit from our canine friends from Mission Wolf the day was filled with every emotion imaginable.



I was overwhelmed with the gratitude conveyed to me by our county's veterans for hosting the event. Actually, it was I that could not thank them enough for their service and sacrifice so that we, as a nation, may enjoy our many freedoms.

The day was also celebrated at the Silver West Airport. I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Airport Advisory Board and would like to thank airport personnel and other board members for their participation in the celebration. The Airport hosted a fly-in and a pancake breakfast. Both these events showcased our community's involvement in expressing our appreciation to the military and their families.

The dissolution of the Airport Authority Board has been detrimental to this community. There are real, positive, low impact advantages in having a thriving airport and supporting facilities. Our Airport is a diamond in the rough and will be a key in our economic health moving forward.

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Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim

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

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

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



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Hello, Target Stores....I hereby submit my notice effective immediately. My family members and I will no longer shop in your business establishments. I will endeavor to convince everyone in my sphere of influence to avoid spending one dime in your retail outlets. Your decision to allow transgender types to use restrooms of their choice is not only unacceptable, it's twisted and disgusting. The possibility of one of your pet perverts using the same bathrooms as my teenage granddaughters is repulsive and will not be tolerated. As a corporate entity you have every right to allow any kinky behavior of your choosing, but we as consumers also embrace the privilege, yea duty, of placing your stores in the camp of the lepers (Numbers 5:1-4), bearing the label "unclean."

At last count, over one million individuals have signed a petition of protest, but this is a small representation of a looming boycott. Statistical studies indicate that for every person willing to take the time to register a complaint, there are at least ten more willing to express the same attitude. Let the left wing nut jobs support your enterprise; we conservatives can shop elsewhere. See how that works for you. We are fully prepared for the name calling that all of your deadbeat surrogates will be hurling in our direction, but the Word of God stands in the batter's box and is quite capable of handling any slider, fastball or change-up that is delivered. All of your accusations will ring hollow even as Jesus answered his adversaries..."Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the Scriptures, neither the power of God." (Mark 12:24)

Biblical, conservative values and morals are under constant assault. Under the direction of the Obama administration, the Federal government, being one of the primary attack dogs, is suing North Carolina. It seems that state has reverted to common sense by mandating that folks should potty in the place that equals their intended biology. The heavy hand of Washington, Hollywood and the media appears at times to be overwhelming, but we do have a practical defense as directed by the Scriptures. God actually declares: "For wisdom is a defense, and money is a defense:" (Ecclesiastes 7:12) The Lord has given permission, even direction, to utilize our money wisely to combat evil.

Jesus offered conduct to illustrate the power of boycott when he "went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of

the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves: And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple." (Mark 11:15,16) The outer court of the temple was to serve Gentile proselytes as they sought to worship of the God of Abraham. The merchandisers had effectively crowded them out by using the space for a religious flea market. Verse 17 clearly indicates the problem: "And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? But ye have made it a den of thieves." The Lord had no compunction over eradicating the profit making of those with no conscience. Should we?

Bruce Springsteen and other performers have indicated they will no longer host events in North Carolina. Perhaps Mr. Springsteen should stage a concert exclusively for those in a gender identity crisis. I doubt he would raise enough ticket money to buy fuel for his jet. It's time that we who object to that which Bruce and friends endorse and speak out with our billfolds. Our lives will go on without their recordings or concerts.

Money talks: we have been told since childhood. God put it this way: "money answereth all things." (Ecclesiastes 10:19) Listen to this dollar speak: "You hold me in your hand and call me yours. Yet may I not as well call you mine? See how easily I rule you? To gain me many a man would all but die; come to think of it, many have. Without me, men, institutions and businesses would die. Yet I do not hold the power of life for them; I am futile without the stamp of your desire. I go nowhere unless you send me. I keep strange company. For me, men mock, steal, lie and scorn character. Yet, I am appointed to the service of saints, to give hope to the lost and wandering souls, to give Godly education to hungry of heart and encouragement to the downtrodden. My power is terrific, so handle me carefully and wisely, lest you become my servant, rather than I yours."

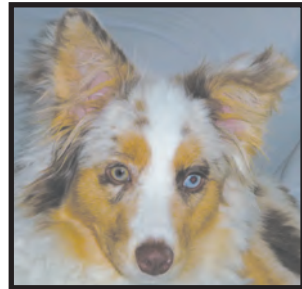
A couple desiring marriage stood before a San Francisco preacher who said, "Do you, whatever you are, take it, whatever it is, to be whatever it is that you want to be?" Thirty years ago that was a popular joke in clerical circles, but now it's a gruesome reality. The world is exercising all possible persuasion to jam their insanity down our throats, but we can respond with the power of the purse.

Target, you are in the bullseye of millions of honest Americans. My prayer is they all squeeze the trigger.

A Sheepdog Barks!

Is it possible the final destruction of the America many of us grew up in might come down to bathrooms and who can or cannot use them? It's pretty hard for this sheepdog to wrap his head around this unbelievable issue. What can be more fundamental and understood – boys use the boy's bathroom or locker room and girls use the girl's bathroom or locker room. Sounds simple and easy to understand doesn't it? Up until now a birth went like this. The baby came out into the world; the doctor looks at its sexual organs and says one of two indisputable declarative sentences. Congrats, you have a son or you have a daughter. And everyone in the room easily agreed. Why? Because common sense told everyone what they needed to know. And oh, by the way, put male or female down on the birth certificate, will ya? In the LPSD world, aka Obama world, things have changed. Imagine you are in a delivery room. The baby comes out; the doctor doesn't have to look anymore and makes this declarative sentence. I wonder what this one will think it is? Congrats, you have a child that will have to sort out what gender it wants to be. And oh, by the way, put To Be Determined (TBD) on the birth certificate, will ya? This whole scenario sounds kind of stupid and unbelievable doesn't it? All this fuss in America because we are told that about one-third of one percent of Americans are confused about their "gender." And what does gender really mean? What's the difference between gender and sex? We have laws and commonly accepted practices with respect to sex. Not sure we have any laws that pertain to gender. At least not up until now, in this new LPSD America. Sex is defined in part "as either of the two divisions, male or female, into which persons, animals or plants are divided with respect to their reproductive functions." Gender is defined in part "as the fact or condition of being a male or female human being especially with regard to how this affects or determines a person's self-image, social status, goals, etc." Huh? Once again

my friends, words, and especially the control of words, are used to shape change. So once the LPSDs can use the word gender to categorize bathrooms, rather than sex, they begin to win the battle. You see the first step is to remove the titles of Men's or Women's bathrooms and make them gender neutral. That's half the battle, no? The choice of words is done very carefully when one wants to distort common sense and reality. So the word "transgender" becomes front and center in our daily lives. The LPSDs begin their fight with making this a common term that we are all supposed to accept and understand. Transgender is defined as "of or being a person, as a transsexual or hermaphrodite, whose sexuality is not readily characterized as exclusively male or female." You know what? I'm not sure I even understand or want to understand what the heck that means or why we should change America for the tiny few that fit that definition. It seems to me that maybe those people need medical help, not access to any bathroom or locker room of their choice. What in blazes is going on? Where is our country headed? Where is the world headed? I guess I'm not "enlightened" and I for sure know I don't want to be if that is what it takes. Obama just gave a speech to some college grads in which he criticized the "good ole days." He told those young people not to believe that the good ole days were really good. And they laughed and applauded. Well, he's dead wrong. I know the good ole days were when America had a moral compass, when God and prayer were in our schools and our daily lives and when children were born into families. Look at America today. Are these the good ole days? Is the Obama world better than 25, 50 or 75 years ago as he suggested? I don't think so. I believe America is struggling on many fronts but most especially on the loss of God and morality. Our secular country is coming apart at the seams and this bathroom issue is a perfect example. Can any of you ole readers



and sheepdogs even imagine we are having this debate. Can you even imagine the president of the United States would threaten every school in America with the loss of federal funds unless they let the boys use the girl's bathroom and locker rooms? It's too much for this sheepdog. I personally don't care who is in the White House or the Congress as long as it's not an LPSD. They are clearly destroying this great country. Look at what's happening. The city of Charlotte, NC tried to mandate this Transgender Bathrooms issue on everyone and every private business. The state rightly said no and got sued by the federal government. Does that make sense to you? Well folks it is going to be up to you, us, to put a stop to this insanity. A story broke Monday about a Target in Dallas. Seems a male pervert wanted to hang out in the women's bathroom just to "watch." When a customer complained, Target management did nothing. Why? Because they have announced their policy that allows the use of bathrooms based on choice. Target apparently didn't want to judge. Really? Well, I tell you who needs to judge the situation. WE DO! Customers all over America need to judge! We need to choose carefully where we spend our money. For me I will choose not to spend money in a business that supports this nonsense. I will not spend my money where my wife or granddaughters could be subjected to this kind of dangerous and wacko situation. This kind of stupidity will start happening all over America as our federal, state and local governments try to force the "bathroom of choice based on feelings" on us. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



States Which Support Green Energy Have Higher Electric Bills

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States which offered substantial taxpayer support for green energy pay a lot more for electricity, according to a *Daily Caller News Foundation* analysis.

The most notable examples of this trend were California and West Virginia. California had some of the nation's highest power prices, paying 14.3 cents per kilowatt-hour, and had a whopping 183 policies offering support to green energy. In contrast, West Virginia had some of the nation's cheapest power at 7.91 cents per kilowatt-hour and a mere 11 policies.

Statistical analysis run by *TheDCNF* found a positive and statistically significant correlation existed between high electricity bills and states with numerous policies supporting green energy. States which offered rebates, buy-back programs, tax exemptions and direct cash subsidies to green energy were 64 percent more likely to have higher than average electric bills. For every additional pro-green energy policy in a state, the average price of electricity rose by about .01 cents per kilowatt-hour.

TheDCNF analyzed data from the Energy Information Administration and

Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency and aggregated average annual power prices from the U.S. Energy Information Administration in 2013, the last full year of data, then displayed the data on the maps to the right.

Source: Energy Information Administration Data Mapped by TheDCNF

TheDCNF found the priciest power in America's lower 48 was in New England, especially in Connecticut and New York which paid 15.7 and 15.4 cents per kilowatt-hour respectively.

Washington state and Wyoming had America's cheapest electricity, paying 7.1 and 7.55 cents per kilowatt-hour respectively. States with access to easily developed hydro-power resources, like Washington, tended to have fairly inexpensive power even if they had numerous pro-green energy policies.

California and Minnesota had 183 and 141 policies and incentives which offered assistance to green energy. New York, another major state with pricey power, had 92 policies. In general, the nation's cheapest power was found in states which didn't financially support green energy. States in New England are also subject to a voluntary cap-

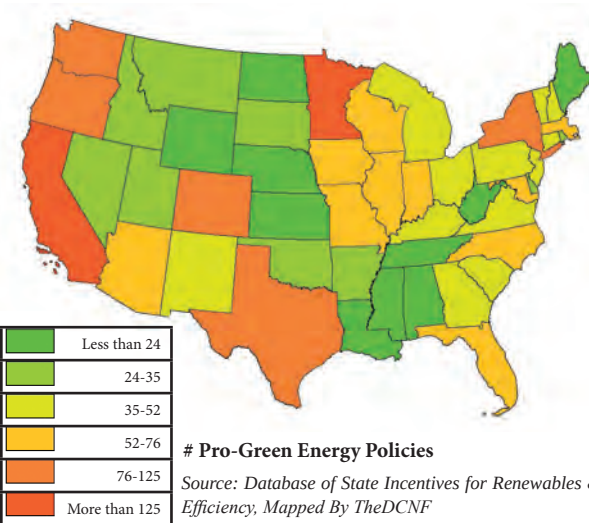
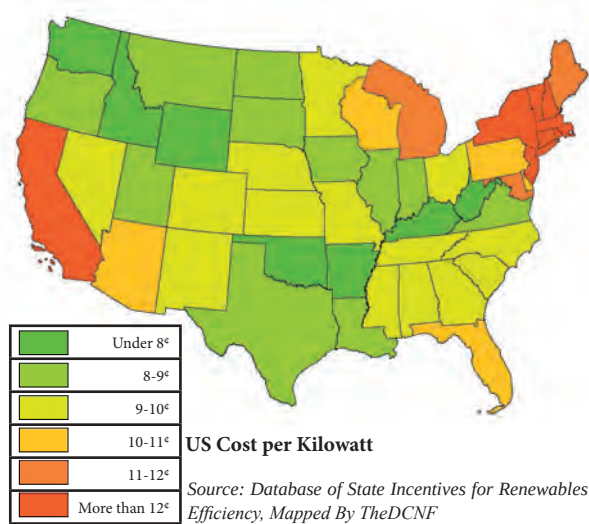
and-trade program which offers substantial financial support to wind and solar power, but only counts as one policy.

The subsidy cash isn't just coming from the state governments, as all solar power receives a 30 percent tax credit from the federal government, which subsidizes solar power 326 times more than it subsidizes coal, oil and natural gas.

Most analysts agree rising residential electricity prices are also harmful to American households. Pricey power disproportionately hurts poorer families and other lower-income groups as the poor tend to spend a higher proportion of their incomes on "basic needs" like power, so any increase in prices hits them the hardest.

As essential goods like electricity becomes more expensive, the cost of producing goods and services that use electricity increases, effectively raising the price of almost everything. The higher prices are ultimately paid for by consumers, not industries.

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the number of protesters from the Madison-based anti-Christian Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) has dwindled, according to Helbach.

Last week there were about 10 protesters, and this week there were four or five who showed up despite the rain, she said. Helbach only noticed one student among the protesters, despite FFRF's offer of free pizza to kids who joined their demonstrations.

"We thought it was a little ironic that they were accusing us of enticing kids with food, then they tried to do

the same thing," said Helbach, who added that a few Jesus Lunch kids offered food on Tuesday to the handful of protesters, who declined.

"It's been kind of fascinating. I truly believe that, because we moms are there because we love Jesus and we love these kids, the kids can feel that. From the protesters they feel animosity, and it doesn't appeal to them."

Will a larger number of protesters show up next Tuesday if the weather is good? Helbach doesn't know, but she doubts it.

"My guess would be that it's died down," said Helbach, who added that there

are three more lunches planned for this school year. "I think ultimately it will be the same few people showing up now, until the end. They are very dogmatic. They're not going away. But they are welcome to stand off to the side."

While Helbach admits it's been stressful to have protesters disturbing a peaceful gathering, she said organizers respect the right of the FFRF to express its views, particularly in a public park.

"The great thing about America is freedom of speech," Helbach said. "If they want their voices to be heard, well, that's fine."

"Why are they doing it?

I'm not exactly sure why. We've been scratching our heads about that."

"In this day and age, with kids all into their iPhones and video games and texting, we think it's really cool how kids are coming together, eyeball to eyeball, and talk about spiritual and moral truths, like the need to be kind to each other and love your neighbor as much as yourself."

"We're not resentful of (the protesters). We've gone ahead with our mission, to take a home-cooked meal to the kids every week and share a Biblical truth. We haven't been impacted by them."

The Jesus Lunch organiz-

ers were happy to learn last week that the Middleton school district had dropped its daytime lease of the city-owned Fireman's Park.

Earlier in the spring district officials tried to convince the parents to move the lunches somewhere else, and even blocked off the parking lot one Tuesday and confronted the mothers as they arrived.

But school officials acknowledged last week there could be an expensive legal battle with the Jesus Lunch group if they try to stop the events, so they dropped their lease on the park altogether.

Helbach said her group has already leased the park

pavilion for more Jesus Lunches in the fall, when school begins again, as well as next spring.

In the meantime, she said her group has found an ironic value in the national controversy that's surrounded the lunches.

"It's so great that the name of Jesus has been proclaimed all over the nation," she said. "Our goal is for the name of Jesus to be praised, and that's obviously happened through this conflict."

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