

A Royal Bobcat Graduation

by George Gramlich

It was a great graduation weekend for our Custer County Central School graduating class with a beautiful graduation ceremony, various graduation parties and an exceptional Baccalaureate Service at the Hope Lutheran Church. Please see the center fold for pictures of each graduating senior. We will have a special feature next week on the Baccalaureate Service. Below are the senior scholarship winners and the scholarships each student received.

2016 Scholarship Winners

Noah Tillotson – Black Hills Energy, Wet Mountain Fire, Faculty Staff, Herman Neiges Memorial Scholarship – Rotary.

Katlyn Freeburg – Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club, Sangre de Cristo Electric, Dan Riggs Memorial, Faculty Staff, Cattlewomens, Thomas Carr Memorial Scholarship, Welcome to the Pack CSU-P, Knights of Columbus, Altar and Rosary, Nicolette Lodge, WMV



A Last Hoorah for the Bobcats Class of 2016

photo by Mark Payler

Rotary Foundation, A Painted View Ranch, PTSO.

Emily Crossley – Sangre de Cristo Electric, Ben Kettle, Royal Gorge Realtors Association, CU Boulder CCRP Grant, CU Promise Grant,

CU Gold Grant, Regent Scholarship.

Madisen Henrich – Sangre de Cristo Electric, Ben Kettle, Richard Wilson Memorial, Custer County Alumni, Faculty-Staff, UCCS

Chancellor’s Award, Western State Mountaineer’s Award, WMV Rotary Foundation, Hope Peckham Memorial (Rotary).

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New County Judge Selection Law Signed

by George Gramlich

You’ve got to give our Colorado State Senator Larry Crowder credit. When he read the *Sentinel’s* two articles (January

require the selection committee to give preference to attorneys residing in the county where the vacancy occurred. Our Colorado State Representative,

of Senator Crowder, we have received the good news that Governor Hickenlooper has finally signed the bill:

“At Adams State University,

and [I’m]very proud to be a part of this process. Both legislators were thankful for the governor’s dedication to rural Colorado and his willingness to help make the process work better for the citizens of this state.”

Our thanks to Senator Crowder and Representative Wilson for making our county judge selection process more secure from possible special interests and corruption.

(Of somewhat amusing interest, is that Senator Crowder had asked Governor Hickenlooper to sign the bill in Westcliffe, where the spark started, but he refused and instead opted (perhaps for more friendly pastures) to sign the bill in Alamosa.

Too bad. We would have liked an opportunity to interview our beloved Governor on a few issues.)



Lt. Governor Donna Lynne, Representative Jim Wilson, Governor Hickenlooper, Senator Larry Crowder.

Courtesy Photo from Sen. Crowder

29, 2016, “Issues Surround County Judge Selection” and February 5, 2016, “Update: County Judge Selection, New Facts Emerge In Swearing In”) early this year, exposing a possible mis-justice in the Custer County selection process last year, he gave the *Sentinel* a call and then went into action introducing a new bill, SB16-153, which would

Jim Wilson, immediately signed on as co-sponsor in the House.

In a somewhat surprising bill deliberative process, the bill received almost complete support from both parties in its passage through the Colorado legislature, indicating that a change was needed.

Now from the office

Alamosa, on May 27, 2016, signing SB16-153. “This bill shows transparency in the judicial process that is lacking in our nominating process” said Sen. Crowder. Rep. Wilson stated, “this bill utilizes local talent for selection of qualified candidates for County Judgeships throughout the state”, this is a huge step forward for counties

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*Wait on the Lord;
Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart’
Wait, I say, on the Lord!*

Psalms 27:14 NKJV

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

AMERICA'S FUTURE



It seems pretty clear that America will choose one of two candidates to occupy the White House next year. Trump or Clinton, those are the choices. We cannot imagine that America doesn't know everything they need to know about Hillary Clinton. Her history is filled with problems and scandals of many sorts and most don't merit repeating. Her most recent ones do. Hillary recently said that Donald Trump is not qualified to be President of the United States. What a laugh coming from her. She says it's because "he has made irresponsible, reckless and dangerous comments." We find this amusing as we are reminded of all the comments made by her and the president she supported as Secretary of State and which she glowingly praises as she campaigns for his job. This kind of reasoning is contradictory and hypocritical. Her most recent background is troubling at best and patently criminal at worst. Hillary's Secretary of State (SOS) time is largely one of traveling a great deal with few accomplishments to show for it. There is however some

concern that the Clinton Foundation was served well during her tenure. This potential conflict of interest is being investigated and time will tell. Some of the problems associated with that issue are difficult to determine because of her behavior with respect to her government emails on a private server. Many of those are considered classified. We did learn this last week that the State Department IG report proved that everything she has said about her email/server debacle is a lie. It has now been confirmed that she had no permission to have a private server, nor any permission to destroy her "personal" emails. The policies exist to preclude government employees from breaking the law. She violated the policies therefore she broke the law. She must be indicted. We hope the FBI will soon make public what has been learned in their intensive and on-going criminal investigation. The last scandal worth mentioning is her judgment and behavior with respect to Benghazi. The U.S. House Committee report is due out soon. Regardless of what

it concludes, we know this. On the night the attack was happening Hillary and President Obama went home instead of into the situation room where they belonged. There were military forces that could have responded in a timely manner. And after the attack was finally over (about 10-12 hours) she continued to mislead the American public on what had really happened. Recovered private emails show she knew what it was yet in public she blamed "the video." So with all this she declares Trump "unqualified" to be president because of his comments. We believe she is unqualified because of her bad judgments and irresponsible behavior and actions. She is also untrustworthy. How could America knowingly make her the president? We find that inconceivable. Notice that during her run for president she's not mentioning the 3 a.m. phone call. That's because as SOS, she got the 3 a.m. phone call about Benghazi and failed miserably in her response. Yet she says she is qualified and knows what the job takes.

Now about Trump. Yes, there is a lot we don't know about him. Since he has not been a politician he has no "of-

ficial record." He has said many things and some in very harsh terms. This is called campaigning. His early comments caused a movement in the Republican Party. He rallied the angry and scared the establishment. He has already started to measure his comments now that he is the presumptive nominee. All politicians do that for the general election. Hillary will also. So does his inexperience and bravado positions make him unqualified? We don't think so. All one has to do is stop and think about what Barack Obama's qualifications were. He had almost none. Years as a community organizer and a short time as a state legislator and U.S. Senator during which time he spent most of it campaigning. His voting record in Illinois and the Senate was dismal. Donald Trump is as qualified as either Hillary or Obama.

So let's boil this all down. Forget all the rhetoric about the many dozens of issues that will be argued and debated about. Once again we are faced with a choice of parties. Yes, Trump may shake things up in how the business of Washington D. C. gets done, but in the end things will still get done and the sausage will get made.

There are three major issues that are more important than all the others: Our Nation's security, The Supreme Court and the 2d Amendment. Trump has pledged to make our military strong again, he has identified his possible SCOTUS nominees and the NRA has endorsed him on his 2d Amendment positions. Where is Hillary on these issues? She supports Obama's agenda which has made the military small and less capable. She has endorsed Obama's nominee for the Supreme Court (Merrick is anti-2d Amendment) and she favors many, many gun control issues like suing the manufacturers. We know her personal SCOTUS nominees would be liberal progressives and change the overall makeup of the court for 30 years or more.

It is a simple decision. With the Democrats we get no God in our government or schools, global warming, loss of our religious freedoms, smaller military, bigger government, higher taxes, total government health care, transgender bathrooms and locker rooms and lots more "free" stuff. That's ALL wrong. VOTE Republican. In this case we believe the unknown is better than the known.

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Jewish Republicans of Colorado: An excerpt from Karen Kataline's speech at the Republican Caucus

by Candi Sage

Karen Kataline, former President and current Board member of the Jewish Republicans of Colorado (www.J-GOP.com) addressed the Republicans at the State Convention on April 9, 2016, in Colorado Springs. Her words rang with truth as she revealed God's word regarding charity. Karen's words are worth repeating, and have been printed with her permission.

"My name is Karen Kataline and I'm delighted to be the designated

Jewish Republican for the state of Colorado. That's not really true. We used to meet in a closet but we're out of the closet now.

If I had a nickel for every time I've been asked, "Why are Jews so Liberal?" ...it's a two hour discussion. Let's just say that some Jews still think FDR is President and by the way, he didn't do us any favors.

We at the Jewish Republicans of Colorado don't proselytize our religion, but we do proselytize

our politics. We consider it our mission to put as many of our fellow Jews in their right minds as possible.

Too many Jews were taught that the Democrat Party was the party of the "little guy" but the party of the little guy is the one that champions the principles of personal freedom, individual responsibility, free markets, religious pluralism

**JEWISH REPUB
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Deep Understanding Of Local Problems and Issues

Dear Editor,

We are writing to recommend Sandra Attebery for commissioner. We have known and worked with Sandra since 2001 and have a high regard for her professional skills as a very successful businesswoman, professional engineer and community leader. She has a great amount of experience in dealing with local, state and federal regulations and policies and has competed suc-

cessfully on multiple major construction projects both in Colorado and the Midwest, among other places. As a multi-decade resident in Custer County, she has a deep understanding of local problems and issues. She has been a long-time lay leader at St. Luke's Episcopal, and continues to serve on several committees there. Further, she understands the Westcliffe, Silver Cliff and Custer governments and their electorates and their con-

cerns and issues. She does not have contractual agreements with these governments that would be a conflict of interest. We firmly believe she is the best candidate for the upcoming Custer County Commissioner position.

Respectfully,

*Jim and Nancy Myers
Formerly Rural Custer County
Residents*

Someone Not Purchased by K Street and Lobbyists

by Bill Bailey

It looks like the entire Bush clan, McCain and Romney are going to boycott the Republican Convention this year. Along with them are several Senators and Governors (Sandoval, Nev., Mead, Wyo., Sen. Graham, S. Car., Sen. Flake, Ariz., Sen. Ayotte, N. Hamp., Sen. Murkowski, Ak., Sen. Kirk, Ill., Sen. Johnson, Wisc., Sen. Moran, Kan., Sen. Blunt, Missouri.) also refusing to join the convention and are pretty much saying they would rather bank on Hillary. You see that's the same problem we have had for the past eight years,

Republicans that do nothing to stop Obama, get reelected on false promises and continue to bilk the American people. This has got to stop! I propose that all these listed be given a no vote when their term is up for election next time. They are no better than Diane Feinstein, Michael Bennet or any other Democrat.

If they are not going to act like a Republican then get the h3!! out of the party. I've said it before and I will continue to say it, I don't particularly like Donald Trump, but I will vote for him because I don't want Hillary (or Bernie) in the White House. That my friends would be a disaster of unequal proportions. Trump may be bombastic, loud and uncouth, but I will not vote for Hillary nor will I sit home because I don't agree with all that Trump will do as president. I look at it as a gamble, which I don't like doing, but I voted for Bush and look what he turned out to be. I voted for Romney and look at what he is today. I say we need to clean house in Washington of all the lifer Republican Senators and Representatives, and start over with outsiders, someone we have never heard of before, someone not purchased by K Street and lobbyists. We should also publicly shame any former or current Republican elected officials who will not encourage everyone to get out and vote.

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So What Are Those Values?

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to your readers to encourage them to look beyond all the hype and frenzy that I see in many of the cheerleading letters on behalf of some of the commissioner candidates and focus for a minute on the candidate that doesn't need all the rah-rah adulation and silly fervor.

That candidate is Sandra Attebery.

Sandra is no newcomer to Custer County. She has watched carefully – she is, after all, an engineer – the ups and downs over the nearly thirty years she's lived here. As an engineer, she's analytical and logical and isn't prone to the swings of emotion from this cause or that bru-haha. Yet, she steadily thinks through what she sees and hears and applies her conservative

values to the issues.

She's been a steady Republican for many years, since she realized that the Democrat party didn't really reflect her principles any more. Sorta like Ronald Reagan, who switched from D to R decades before he ran for office. (Unlike some Dems who switch to Republican just to get elected, never changing their fundamental beliefs.)

So what are those values? Talk with her for even a little while and you'll realize that she knows what she believes and why. She doesn't need cliff notes to remind her. She believes in individual liberty, hard work, property rights, and free market principles. She's all about personal responsibility and not making other people pay for the stuff you want.

Why are there not more letters to the editor extolling all the stuff she's going to do for Custer County?

Two reasons.

First, she's doesn't see the job of commissioner as Santa for the people of Custer County.

Second, those that know her well are very much like her.; quietly going about their business, working hard, not expecting government to give them anything, taking care of their families, and living the very principles and values that Sandra represents.

If you don't know her, you're missing out. If you listen to all the hype and frenzy, you're missing out as well.

Jackie Bubis,
Westcliffe, CO

Having A Vision

Dear Editor,

Leadership is one of those concepts that is difficult to define but we all know it when we see it. It includes action, directing, being a guide and often taking a risk. Leadership also includes having a vision or a plan for the future. But in order to look to the future, knowledge and respect for the past is required. Knowing what used to be serves to provide insight for what may come but should not be the sole focus of that vision.

It is time to develop a strategic plan for Custer County. To do that, we need real leadership. It will take a person of considerable leadership skills to put together a coalition of community members to make this a reality. We need to shape our future and not just react to it.

Custer County needs a Commissioner with the demonstrated and proven leadership skills of Donna Hood. Be It Ride-the-Rockies, the Chamber of Commerce, Economic

Development, Broadband, 4-H, A Painted View or numerous others, Donna Hood has provided real leadership. She will respect and protect our heritage but will also lead us in the numerous challenges that face this valley. Failure to provide direction and vision is not an option. Now is not the time to just let things happen. We need a leader. Donna Hood has my support and respect. She is a leader.

Jim Teghtmeyer
Rural Westcliffe

Keep Kit Shy In, He's Trustworthy!

There are many nice folks running for Custer County Commissioner, however being prudent on whom you elect is of up-most importance OR you will reap your poor choice for four years. One of the buzz words in this election is "change". There are many examples of when "change" has had disastrous effects, one close to home is to simply look at the "change" in our government on the national level and the effects we and our children are all left to suffer through for decades to come.....enough said!

Another emerging theme is one of greater financial benefit of one candidate over another. We have had excellent financial responsibility in Kit Shy who has had a track record to prove it. Kit says, "I am dedicated to fiscal responsibility in government." A firm belief of any logically headed individual and the Republican Party. "We have to stretch our tax dollars to provide services and reduce our dependency on outside funding and grant dollars." A government that can't balance its own budget doesn't belong in ours! "Facing

the future without an acknowledgement and understanding of our past will only lead us to repeat our mistakes without learning from our successes." Kit has on the job experience needed to not repeat mistakes, the care, emotional buy-in, financial intelligence, trustworthiness to do what's best for the entire county and not the towns vs the rural folk, or those with money vs those without, and best of all—he doesn't have a personal agenda!

Candi Sage
Rural Custer County

Change Can Be Good

Dear Editor:

The time is getting close when citizens of Custer County need to make a decision of whether our county will grow or continue to stagnate. Our existing board of commissioners, with one exception, has so far chosen the latter.

The character of Custer County is changing, whether Commissioners Shy and Attebery like it or not. Neither seems prepared to adapt to the changes nor to help Custer County adapt and benefit from the changes. What used to be a predominantly ranching and farming population, by about 70 to 80 percent, is now 20 to 30 percent. Most of the large ranches and farms have been sold off, chopped up

into smaller 10 to 40 acre plots, and sold as vacation and retirement properties. The needs of the county are changing accordingly.

There is a candidate running for commissioner who has proven that change can be good – Donna Hood. Donna has been a full time resident for ten years, but has been contributing to our community since 1998 when she became a property owner here. To help the children in our community, she has financially supported scholarship programs, the 4-H and FFA Clubs, Pee Wee Wrestling program, our high school football team, youth bowling programs, Junior Achievement and many others.

Donna has worked diligently to preserve the heritage of

Custer County. She has been on the board of Beckwith Ranch. She has financially supported the Willow School House and All Aboard Westcliffe. At her Painted View Ranch, she has created the National Chuck Wagon Cook-off, recognized and promoted internationally. She also produces the National Cutting Horse Event, one of the premier cutting horse events in the nation. These major events create income for numerous local businesses. She also hosts the San Isabel Land Protection Trust Art Show, at no charge to the Trust.

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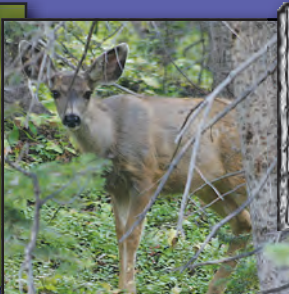


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"Thanks Dee!"

We all would like to thank Dee Wilhite of the Wild West Cowboy Church for all the hard work she put into making this year's Memorial Day Weekend Parade a success. This year's parade was the largest so far with 37 entries. Good work ma'am, and thank you.

Court Rules County's Attempted Deeding of Road Invalid

by George Gramlich

The Colorado Court of Appeals has recently ruled that the deeding of the county road involved in the convoluted Hamilton/Halpin lawsuit to Mike Halpin by the Custer County Commissioners years ago invalid. This could result in a damage claim by the plaintiff Mr. Hamilton.

Note that the other Westcliffe newspaper in their May 26, 2016 edition, incorrectly stated that the Colorado Court of Appeals is "the highest appeals court in Colorado" and that "It is hard to tell if the county can appeal the judgment. Any such action would most likely involve an appeal to the United States Supreme Court." These statements are completely wrong in that

the Colorado Supreme Court is the final appeals court in Colorado and is the only place where an appeal can be made at this time. The U.S. Supreme Court has no jurisdiction in this case at all. So, Custer County has the option of appealing to the Colorado Supreme Court, but the cost of such an appeal might not be worth it.

The question of a damage award to Mr. Hamilton, if any, has yet to be determined.

(Reporters Note: One wonders if, based on the findings this was indeed a county road all along, how Mr. Hamilton could have legally impeded the access to his neighbor. Any obstruction of a county road would be a criminal offense.)

New Patient Centered Practice Opens In Custer County

by Larry Luikart

Dr. Richard Amesquita, D.O. opened a new patient centered practice this past Friday at 218 Main Street, Suite C, Westcliffe. Dr. Amesquita was associated with the Custer County Medical Clinic for fifteen months before he decided to make the move to open his own practice. The practice centers on direct primary care for patients. One innovation of the practice is the fact the doctor comes to you. Dr. Amesquita will call on you at home, work, or wherever you are or he will consult with you by phone, text, skype or facsimile. He utilizes current technology to create an electronic chart and does consulting protected by a strong encryption satisfying the HIPPA requirements, while caring for you in a place or method convenient to your needs. He likened the treatment to a "back to the future" concept. Back to the days when the doctor came to you and to the future using the advanced technology of today to assist in treatment and consultation.

The patient centered practice meets a need that is not being fulfilled while satisfying a desire for this type of service.

The fee structure is another innovation. The practice does not deal with insurance which reduces the mounds of paperwork and coding of diagnosis to satisfying the insurance industry and now the be-

hemoth Obamacare. This is not a concierge fee structure. The concierge fee structure involves a large up front payment (retainer) for the privilege of seeing the doctor; then all the other costs associated with



Richard Amesquita, D.O.

photo by George Gramlich

treatment are added on afterwards. The patient centered model can be as simple as a flat fee for a one-time visit or the patient may pay a fee for a month's membership which entitles the patient to follow-up visits at no extra charge. It is up to the patient to decide. Here is an example: You have a child with an ear infection. You're out of work with no insurance but you need treatment for your child. Dr. Amesquita will treat the child for a flat fee or you may purchase a month of his services

for follow-up, if needed, for the child's treatment. The patient may purchase one, three, six and twelve month memberships with discounts for the six and twelve month memberships. As an incentive to use his practice, the good doctor has promised not to raise fees for the first three hundred patients for a period of three years.

Dr. Amesquita hails originally from Chula Vista, California. He was a member of the United States Air Force for fifteen years. He earned the rare and difficult designation of Independent Duty Medical Technician. He is trained as a registered nurse, paramedic and physician's assistant. He attended the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, West Virginia.

Dr. Amesquita met his wife, Laurie, at the Denver train station while stranded during a snow storm in January 1996. They hit it off and were married six months later. As a way to give back to the community, he volunteers as an on-call doctor for the Christian camp Sky Ranch. He also does volunteer physicals for staff as needed.

If you have further questions regarding Dr. Amesquita's services please call him at (719) 281- 4020. Contact him by email at patientcenteredpractice@yahoo.com or visit his web site at patientcenteredpractices.com.



World War II Veteran Leads Memorial Parade

WWII veteran Forrest Gompf (left) was the Grand Marshall of this year's Memorial Day Weekend Parade. His driver was his long-term friend, purple heart Vietnam veteran, Mike Hess (U.S. Army Colonel, Retired). Thank you for your service Forrest and Mike. It was a great parade.

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Service Dogs: A Life Mission

by Fred Hernandez

It all started many years ago in New York with a young lady in college working towards a Bachelor of Science degree in English and Music. Then the most unbelievable and unexpected happened; she retired for the night in her dorm room and woke up the next day completely sightless; the result of bilateral retinal detachment. To say this event was a tragedy would be a gross understatement. There would be three surgeries that followed in the attempt to get her sight back, but none would succeed. Ironically, had this happened today, new technology including laser techniques, would have restored her vision. This is the point when the indomitable spirit of Sandy Esposito kicked into high gear. Having just been gifted with her first guide dog, she focused her intense will power on her schooling and came through not only with her Bachelor of Science degree in English and Music, but in addition, two Masters Degrees; in Interdisciplinary Studies, Counseling and Music.

We met Sandy at a gathering of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Spencer Young Post # 12063, on Saturday,

May 21st at the bowling alley in Westcliffe, Colorado. Commander Randy Knight, called the meeting

someday pay back the great gift she received of that first guide dog without which she might not have



Joe and Sandy Esposito and her guide dog, Bobbie.

Photo by Fred Hernandez

to order at approximately nine o'clock in the morning in what we thought would be a regular get-together of these retired warriors. We were in for a surprise.

The guest speaker was none other than Sandy Esposito. The story she told was not only fascinating, but also a tale of outstanding determination and victory against all odds.

After the unsuccessful surgeries and her return to college with her guide dog Parker B., Sandy promised herself that she would

accomplished as much as she did up to that time, and not to mention what she has achieved since then.

From the time they are puppies, guide dogs are raised in strict training for two years. Two of the most prominent organizations that specialize in this all important work are Guide Dogs of the Desert, in California; in partnership with Operation Freedom Paws, which serves the needs of veterans and first responders. They give the dogs to those who are without sight at no cost whatsoever.

From the start of training up to the time when the dog is handed over to its new handler, including the one month of daily training with the new handler, all expenses are paid for (except travel); the gift of that dog, and all the equipment that goes with it, is worth approximately forty thousand dollars. It was out of deep gratitude for this gift that Sandy promised to become involved in making this kind of help available to those in need. Of all dogs that begin training, 80% graduate as guide dogs. Approximately five percent do not make the cut and are given to loving families who take them in as pets. The other 15% who are trained but do not, for some reason, meet the stringent standards required for guide dogs, these are then "career changed" and undergo further training to be diabetic and seizure alert dogs, or to serve people with traumatic brain injuries, veterans with PTSD or balance issues. It was in the interest of helping veterans, and the blind community at large, that Sandy wanted to devote her efforts. Operation Freedom Paws is one of the organizations that trains these special guide-service dogs for the service of veterans. The breeds commonly preferred are Golden Retrievers, Labradors (yellow, black and chocolate), German Shepherds and Standard Poodles (for those with allergies).

Sandy moved to Colorado from New York in 2010 after marrying her husband Joe, a disabled veteran who served as a recon Marine in Vietnam. Together they have dedicated their volunteer efforts for both organizations, with partial sponsorships of some of the

puppies at the beginning of their training. Recently, on a trip to



Branson, Missouri, with Joe and her guide dog Bobbie, from their base in Cañon City, Sandy met Collin Raye, a noted performer with whom she started a conversation. She explained her mission of helping veterans and it struck a nerve with Collin who has a great respect and love for veterans. Col-

result is a concert in Pueblo, Colorado, scheduled for September 17th when Collin Raye will perform for the benefit of Guide Dogs of the Desert and Operation Freedom Paws. Helping to promote the event are Cañon City's Star Country Radio-104.5 on the FM dial; KRLN at 1400 on the AM band, and Mountain Country, 107.3 FM.

Sandy is one truly remarkable individual with a spirit that never quits. No wonder while still living in New York she was nominated by a close friend to a contest for Woman of the Year. Well, wouldn't you know it, she handily won Woman of the Year 2000 in the "Achievement" category. As Sandy says "self-pity is a hideous waste of time" and remembers fondly

Free Reading Skills Camp for 1st and 2nd Graders

Once again, any children entering the first and second grades can attend a free reading skills camp led by high school senior, Hannah Moulton.

The camp runs June 13-15 with first graders attending from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and second graders attending from 1:30-2:30 p.m. The groups will meet at the Custer County School third grade classroom.

Moulton, who plans to pursue a degree in elementary education after the next school year, started this program three

years ago to give young students a head start on reading.

"It's important for kids



Former camp student, Alyssa Gaide, and Hannah Moulton.

Courtesy Photo

to develop literacy skills at a young age because the rest of their education will build on those skills." said Moulton. "I have tried different games and activities the last few years and have figured out what really helps the kids. I'm excited. They are creative and really fun to work with."

Interested parents may sign up their children by calling Principal Holly Anderson at 783-4951.

Class sizes are limited to ten students each, so early registration is recommended.

Sports Day in June For Elementary/Middle School Students

"Sports Day", sponsored by the Custer County High School coaches and beginning Wednesday, June 8th, students entering the 3rd-8th grade are encouraged to attend.

The Sports Day activity will begin at 10 a.m. with flag football on the practice field and volleyball in the east gym. After a short break with a snack, there will be basketball in the east gym.

Parents should pick up their children by 12:30 p.m. at the east gym.

The fee for the month of activities is \$15 which includes a t-shirt and snacks. There are scholarships available. Forms are available in the Custer County High School office. Please call the Custer County High School office for more information at 783-2291.

Congratulations to all Graduates!
Look for 8th grade graduation photos in our next issue!

COLLIN RAYE

September 17th
at Pueblo's Memorial Hall

A Benefit Concert for "Dare to Dream"

run by Sandy Esposito and her husband Joe, in Cañon City. They raise money to help veterans and people with disabilities to receive service dogs through organizations like;



**Guide Dogs of the Desert
and Operation Freedom Paws.**

lin has been, to his credit, nominated five time for the CMA award and is a five time nominee for the ACM. He has 24 Top Ten Records, and 16 Number One Hits. He asked how he could be of assistance to her and before they both knew it, they had agreed to do a fund raising event. The

from her early youth what her grandma used to say; "reach for the stars, the worst that can happen is you land on the clouds".

For more information on the Collin Raye Concert visit www.PuebloMemorialhall.com or call 866-722-8844

**The
Friends of
Beckwith
Ranch, Inc.**
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Press Release

The Beckwith Ranch, which started as a cabin in 1869, is ranked number three of six things to do in Westcliffe by TripAdvisor. We, The Friends of Beckwith Ranch, are hoping to move that ranking up to #1. If you love the way the Beckwith Ranch looks, and you are interested in preserving it and its history, please consider joining our non-profit organization.

In addition, The Friends of Beckwith are looking for docents to escort Beckwith Ranch visitors on guided tours, and dress in period costume, if the do-

cent so chooses. If you are interested in volunteering/working part-time in a comfortable environment, and have an appreciation for Westcliffe history, this may be the perfect fit. This assignment will last approximately three months with the option to extend into the fall. The work week for this shared position will be approximately 8-20 hours to start, but hours are subject to change depending on the number of applicants.

Applicants need to have an ability to learn and share historical facts with different age groups, be professional and courteous with an outgoing person-

ality, and have leadership ability which is needed to guide tours and stay on schedule. Previous experience is not necessary, but theater experience or public speaking would be helpful. Although no specific level of education is required, good grammar is imperative.

Wage/Benefits: Although this is a volunteer position, funds are available as tips from guests, and, possibly a percentage of donations to the Ranch.

If interested in becoming a member of The Friends of Beckwith Ranch, or becoming a docent/tour guide, please call Sally Branam at 783-3533.

Local Mountain News & Notices

First Graders Perform Goldilocks and the Three Bears



Mrs. Pinnella's First Grade Students perform a musical, "Goldilocks and the Three Bears".

(L to R) Robert Bachman, Mason Stover, Aurora Straight, Shelby Langford, Carolina Phelps, Jaymes Cain, Shane Sanderson, Rose Stewart, Gianna Tomassoni, Keely Huffman, Keegan Spezialetti and Sarah Cline.



Dressed as flowers; (L to R) Rose Stewart, Gianna Tomassoni and Keely Huffman.



L-R. Carolina Phelps, Jaymes Cain, Shane Sanderson & Rylan Honaker.

Sarah Cline as Goldilocks

photos by Jennifer Huffman

West Custer County Library's Summer Reading Program Events

"We're Going on a Bear Hunt"

Thursday, June 9th from 1 to 2 p.m.
children ages 0-10

"We're Going on a Bear Hunt" is at Hermit Park on the corner of Hermit Road and Fourth Street in Westcliffe. The event is based on the popular children's book of the same name and features a series of obstacle courses, some involving water. Kids are encouraged to come in their "play clothes" and be prepared to get wet and possibly messy.

"I Believe I Can Fly...Fish"

Friday, June 10th from 1 p.m. until around 4 p.m.
ages 11-17

Teens can learn to fly fish with local wildlife officer Justin Krall and other experienced fly fishermen at the library's teen event, "I Believe I Can Fly...Fish". The workshop will start in the West Custer County Library Community Room at 209 Main Street in Westcliffe and then move to Grape Creek on the Northeast side of Lake DeWeese for some hands-on fishing. This workshop is for ages 11-17, but parents are invited to attend with their teen. This event is co-sponsored by the Department of Wildlife and the Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club and takes place Friday, June 10th from 1 p.m. until around 4 p.m.

Sign up is required for this event, as the class size is limited to a maximum of 30 people. Teens can sign up by stopping in or calling the library.

KIDS

Friday, June 3, 2016

June 5, 1968

Robert F. Kennedy Assassinated

Robert F. Kennedy was born November 20, 1925 in Brookline, Massachusetts, the seventh child of businessman/politician Joseph P. "Joe" Kennedy, Sr., and philanthropist Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy. He graduated from Harvard University and the University of Virginia Law School.

Kennedy entered government in 1951 as an attorney in the Department of Justice. After being elected president, President-elect John F. Kennedy appointed his younger brother, Robert, Attorney General. The choice was controversial, some calling Robert inexperienced and unqualified. Kennedy did, however, have significant experience in studying and fighting organized crime and as Attorney General, he pursued a relentless crusade against organized crime and the Mafia. Convictions against organized crime figures rose by 800 percent during his term.

As Attorney General he expressed a commitment to civil rights.

In an interview in May 1961, RFK predicted that an African-American "can also achieve the same position that my brother has as President of the United States" over the course of the next thirty to forty years.

After his brother's assassination in 1963, Robert continued as Attorney General under President Lyndon Johnson. He resigned in 1964 to run for the Senate seat from the state of New York and won that election.

On March 16, 1968, in the Caucus Room of the old Senate office building, the same room where his brother declared his candidacy eight years earlier, Robert declared his candidacy for the Office of President.

He scored a major victory in winning the California primary. He addressed his supporters shortly after midnight on June 5, 1968, in a ballroom at The Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California. Leaving the ballroom, he went through the hotel kitchen, despite being advised to avoid the area by his bodyguard, FBI agent Bill Barry. In a crowded kitchen passageway, Kennedy turned to his left and shook hands with busboy, Juan Romero, just as Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, a 24-year-old Jordanian Arab, opened fire with a .22-caliber revolver. Kennedy was hit three times and was rushed to the hospital where he died early the next morning. In 1972, Sirhan's death penalty was changed to life imprisonment.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: : wikipedia.org, World Book Encyclopedia

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"Therefore You are great, O Lord God.

For there is none like You,

nor is there any besides You,

according to all that we have heard with our ears.

2 Samuel 7:22 NKJV

Byways Spring Session Photo Contest Continues

Press Release

Frontier Pathways Scenic & Historic Byways Spring Session for their Photo Contest is still ongoing until June 16th! Win great prizes and enjoy the beautiful ride along the Byway.

Photos of wildlife, waterways, scenic views and historic buildings are encouraged. Be sure to include the mile marker of the location of your photo(s). The photos will be judged and the winning photographs will be featured in our 2017

Frontier Byway calendar and on our web site.

For more information, contest rules and driving directions, please send an inquiry email to frontier-pathwaysbyway@gmail.com. Use this email for photo submissions too.

Local Mountain News & Notices

Events Calendar

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.

Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4, at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 5, at 2 p.m.
At The JONES THEATER
“Money Monster”
Drama | Thriller| Crime | R

June 5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
4th Annual Hardscrabble Mountain Trail Run
At Bear Basin Ranch
www.hardscrabblerun.com

Sunday June 5, 1 p.m.
at Hope Lutheran Lange Hall
Republican Lincoln Day Activities.

Sunday, June 5
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Westcliffe Feed Store Amphitheater & Park
Summer in the Park
FREE Concert
Entertainment – Smyth and Taylor
Gary Taylor 719-371-7324
www.westcliffefeedstore.com

Sunday, June 5
2 p.m. Westcliffe - Hermit Pavilion
FREE Concert
Southern CO Community Band (Cañon City)
Sangre de Cristo Community Band (Westcliffe)

Monday June 6, 9 a.m.
Commissioners Meeting
Board Room

Tuesday June 7, 9 a.m.
Commissioners Meeting
Board Room

Tuesday June 7, 1:30 p.m.
Planning Commission
Court Room

Tuesday June 7, 6:30 p.m.
Westcliffe Feed Store Amphitheater & Park
Summer in the Park
FREE Concert
The Rogers High School Band from Rogers, Texas

Wednesday, June 8 ,6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
JONES THEATER
A Taste of Shakespeare a fundraiser with donations accepted. Enjoy a preview of our Shakespeare performances.

Friday June 10, 7 p.m. CC Historical and Genealogical Society; “Minnie Harding?” at West Custer County Library

Saturday June 11, 11 am to 3:00 p.m.
Sunday June 12, 10 a.m.
Antique Tractor Pull
Silver Cliff Park, Silver Cliff, Colorado

Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11, at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 12, at 2:00 p.m.
JONES THEATER
“Mother’s Day”
Drama | Comedy | PG-13

Sunday, June 12 2p.m.-5 p.m.
Westcliffe Feed Store Amphitheater & Park
Summer in the Park
FREE Concert
Entertainment – The Crestones

Tuesday June 14, 6 p.m.
School Board Meeting
School library

THE CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS OPENINGS FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS AT ALL LEVELS

Applications are available at the administration office Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. or please visit the district’s webpage at <http://www.custercountyschools.org/#!/employment/c17c>; scroll down to the section marked “Applications” to download and complete the “Substitute Application”. Applicants will need to be licensed through the Colorado Department of Education. For more information, please contact Kathy Schickling at (719)783-4950.

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

American Legion Post 170 Meeting

The American Legion Post 170 invites the public, all Veterans and Post members to join us at the monthly membership meeting Tuesday, June 7th at 6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes Bowling Alley. This event is the Post’s annual

installation of new officers for the year —June, 2016 through May, 2017. Direct questions or comments to Bob Dreher, Public Affairs; at 783-2462 or robertedreher1@gmail.com



June 2016 Meet the Warriors Graduation

Eagles Summit Ranch
Friday, June 10, 2016
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Eagles Summit Ranch, Maintenance Building

PLEASE RSVP by
Tuesday, June 7, 2016
at 719-783-9729 or
ESRcolorado@gmail.com
This will insure that we have everything prepared.

We would love to see all of you at this exciting event! Ft Carson and Ft Bragg will attend the June Session. ESR will provide the meat and drinks; please bring a covered dish and come out to meet the Warriors
We hope you can make it and be a part of this incredible evening.

Recurring Events

Monday

6 p.m. Closed step study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim:783-2053 or (360)509-9172 or Emilie: (719) 371-5974.
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Custer County Public Transit service available to everyone - Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343.
7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training, 9:00 a.m. Water Aerobics, 10:15 a.m. Stretch, 11:30 a.m. Muscles, 1:00 p.m. Low Impact, 5:15 p.m. Step Aerobics, at Club America.
Noon: Lunch at Custer County Senior Center, on the first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 a.m.
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff assisting new mothers and families. Free pregnancy tests, ultrasound, counseling, and more. Call 783-4357.

1st and 3rd Mondays

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

Tuesday

9:15 a.m. Stretch, 10:30 a.m. Zumba,10:30 a.m. Chair Strength 4:00 p.m., Kids’ Zone at 4:00 p.m., Core Conditioning at Club America
12 – 4:30 p.m. Bridge Club meets in the Library Community Room in downtown Westcliffe.
10 a.m. -5:30 p.m. West Custer County Library in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138.
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Custer County Public Transit service available to everyone - Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343.
Noon: Lunch at Custer County Senior Center on the first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 a.m.

First Tuesday of the Month

6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes-American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting.
6:45 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March-October) at the Saddle Club.

First Wednesday of the Month

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

Wednesday

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

Last Wednesday of the month

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

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Water Aerobics, 9:15 a.m. Yoga, 10:30 a.m. Zumba at 10:30 a.m., Kids Zone at 4:00 p.m., Chair Strength, 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.

Second Thursday of the Month

9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Veterans Service Office is open, walk-ins are welcome but appointments recommended. 615 Rosita Ave. in Westcliffe. Call 783-9470.

10 a.m.-11 a.m. “Ask a Nurse” at the library.

Friday

7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training, 9:00 a.m. Water Aerobics, 9:15 a.m. Stretch, 10:30 a.m. Muscles, 10:30 a.m. Kids Zone after school program at Club America.
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Custer County Public Transit service available to everyone - Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343.
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff assisting new mothers and families. Free pregnancy tests, ultrasound, counseling, and more. Call 783-4357.
10 a.m. -5:30 p.m. West Custer County Library in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138.
1 p.m.-4p.m. Custer County Community Sharing Center, Inc. 120 N. 3rd St.

6 p.m. Open discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting - St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emilie at (719) 371-5974.
7 p.m.-8 p.m. Bible Talks with Domenic Enrietta and John Hartig at the Library Community Room. All welcome, no charge.

Saturday

10 a.m. Wet Mountain Al-Anon Family Group meets at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Call Dee (719) 404-1851 or Jean (719) 371-1229.
10 a.m.-2 p.m. West Custer County Library in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138.
2 p.m. Laughter Yoga at the West Custer County Library open to the public.
3 p.m. Open Drum Circle at the West Custer County Library. All ages welcome! If you have a drum, please bring it. We will have a few spares.
1 p.m.-4p.m. Custer County Community Sharing Center, Inc. 120 N. 3rd St. (formerly Schlabbach’s Market)
3rd Saturday of Month
9 a.m. VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes Conference Room for more info call Commander Randy Knight 783-9340.

Local Mountain News & Notices

Classifieds

Announcements

Swim Lessons at Club America starting June 6 - provide your child with an essential life skill. \$48 per child, financial aid is available so that no child is turned away. Classes are Mon - Thurs. 10am-11am June 6 - 16. A second session is scheduled for July 25-Aug 4. Registration open now at Club America Aquatics and Fitness Center.

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Help Wanted

Club America has an opening for front desk/ membership sales associate working 4-7 pm Monday - Friday, available immediately. Pay depends on experience. Please call 783-0750 or come by Club America for employment application.

Seifert Enterprises is seeking seasonal/part-time drivers with a class A CDL license. Successful candidates will have driving experience and a clean driving record. Send your resume to 198 Range View Loop, Westcliffe CO 81252 or stop by this location to pick up or complete an application.

Custer County School District C-1 is accepting applications for the positions of a second grade teacher, a school/public health nurse, and an instructional media center paraprofessional for the 2016-2017 school year. Positions will remain

open until filled. Applications are available online at custercountyschools.org.

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Custer County Sheriff's Office Badge Design Contest

The contest submission deadline has been extended to July 18, 2016.

For additional information see last week's Sentinel or call the Sheriff's Office at 719-783-2270.

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Jonathan Redmond – Ben Kettle.

Jordan Vittitow – Faculty Staff, WMV Rotary Foundation, Jim Jones Memorial

Kayli Short – Daniel Scholarship, Dean Scholarship DU, Residence Hall Grant DU, DU Educational Grant.

Tia Barnes – Kingston College (England), Custer County Women’s Club..

Edward Berry – Dan Riggs Memorial, Cattlewomen’s Association, John and Mary Dilley Scholarship, High Altitude Garden Club, Custer County Stockgrowers, Jack Geroux Memorial FFA Scholarship, Kirk Ruzanski Memorial FFA Scholarship, A Painted View Ranch.

Amy Selden – Faculty Staff, Colorado Christian University Trustees Scholarship, CCU Legacy Scholarship, CCU Impact Scholarship, CCU Preferred Admit Scholarship, WMV Rotary Foundation, Chet Haga Memorial (Rotary)..

Tessa Brady – Faulty Staff,

Custer County Women’s Club, WMV Rotary Foundation, Jim Jones Memorial (Rotary).

Rylie Rinks – Faculty Staff, American Musical & Dramatic Academy Merit Scholarship, American Musical & Dramatic Academy Grant, American Musical & Dramatic Academy Summer Grant, Custer County Women’s Club, Stana Adler Memorial (Rotary), Cliff Lanes/Rancher’s Roost – Rotary.

Cynthia Corella – CSU-P Legacy Bank Achievement, CSU-P Physics Scholarship, CSU-P Department of Math Scholarship, CSU-P Dr. Sallie Watkins Scholarship, CSU-P distinguished Scholar Award.

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 180 calls for service to the Sheriff’s Office, 17 to EMS, and 5 to the Fire Department. As of 5/30/16 there were 6 males and 1 female in the jail.

5/21/16:

Fell Off Horse: EMS, the Wet Mountain Fire Department and Search and Rescue were dispatched to CR 358 for a male who fell off a horse, struck his head, and injured his back in the fall. Flight for Life was called and the patient was airlifted to Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs.

Fight and Arrest: Two deputies were dispatched to Main Street in Westcliffe in response to a 911 call reporting a fight in progress. Jeffrey Banning of Silver Cliff was arrested for Third Degree Assault, Disorderly Conduct, and Criminal Mischief. EMS was dispatched to the scene to the scene to assess the victim of the assault, a 48 year-old male from Westcliffe. The patient was transported to a hospital

in Pueblo.

5/22/16:

Shots Fired: A deputy was dispatched to the area of Rosita Way in Antelope Valley in response to a report of shots fired. The deputy made contact with two individuals who were target shooting in a safe manner.

5/24/16:

Arrest: A deputy was dispatched to Granada Court in Westcliffe in response to a report of an intoxicated female. The subject was located at a residence on Lea Lane. Shannon Jones of Westcliffe was issued a summons and arrested for a violation of a Protection Order.

5/25/16:

Accident: EMS, Wetmore Fire Department and a Sheriff’s deputy were dispatched to Hardscrabble on Highway 96 for a single vehicle accident. Daniel Carrillo of Pueblo was issued a summons for driving a vehicle without an equipped ignition interlock device.

Traffic Summons: Jesse

Vialpando of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Mark Bollinger of Montrose for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Anthony Pivarunas of Gainesville, FL for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Hikers: Dispatch received a 911 call reporting two hikers were injured making their descent from Humboldt Peak. Custer County Search and Rescue was activated. EMS was also dispatched to the scene. The two hikers were transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

Arrest: Uriel Rodriguez-Talamantes of Colorado Springs was issued a summons and arrested for driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, drugs or both, and driving a vehicle without a valid driver’s license.

Angelica Tinaero of Colorado Springs was issued a summons for illegal possession or consumption of ethyl alcohol by an underage person.

SHERIFF
see page 21



BASIC SWIM INSTRUCTOR COURSE

Wed., Fri., Mon., **June 8, 10, 13, 15, 17** **12:00 - 5:15 pm**

Club America WMV, 50 E. Main St., Sliver Cliff
Contact Lisa: 719.783.4468 or 783.0750

- **Certify to TEACH:** Parent/Child I-2 & Preschool Aquatics I-3, & Learn to Swim Levels I-3; Private lessons listed here; Water Safety Presentations-6; (Recertify by teaching & completing online work)
- **Pre - Req:** Swim 25 yds. each at Level 3 - Front crawl, Breaststroke, Elementary backstroke & Sidestroke; 1 min. ea. Float or scull and tread water in deep; Complete water competency skills
- **Course Requirements:** Online orientation, Pre-course session & 9 lessons of instructor-led classes in water & classroom w/ Homework (Course is approx. 26 hrs.)
- **Fee:** \$180 (includes Red Cross Certificate); purchase or borrow training materials
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Saturday, June 25, 2016
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Rodeo Grounds
in Westcliffe, Colorado

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS: 30’x40’ Pole Building, 2 Storage Sheds, Child’s Playhouse, Chicken Coop, Furniture, Quilts, Antiques, Tack, Horses, Sporting Goods, Guns, Beef Quarters

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joe Raber:
Home: 719-783-2294
Cell: 719-431-3137

Andy Hertzler:
Home: 719-221-8626
Cell: 719-221-5052

CHECK IN
Friday, June 24th All Day



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patientcenteredpractice@yahoo.com
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Thank you,

Richard Amesquita, DO

Local Mountain News & Notices



CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 02-16

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

On March 15, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

Original Grantor(s) Rebecca J Gerringer
Original Beneficiary(ies): Wells Fargo Bank, NA
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Wells Fargo Bank, NA
Date of Deed of Trust: September 09, 2010
County of Recording: Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: September 13, 2010 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 215381 Book: 658 Page: 285
Original Principal Amount \$161,326.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$164,236.92

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. LOT 14, JUNIPER HILLS, COUNTY OF CUSTER, STATE OF COLORADO

Also known by street and number as: 142 Littlehorn Road, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 07/13/2016, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

Published 5/20/2016, 5/27/16, 06/03/2016
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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

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

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

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

DATE: 03/15/2016
Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee in and for the County of Custer, State of Colorado

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee

Janeway Law Firm, PC 9800 S. Meridian Blvd, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80112 (303) 706-9990
Eve M. Grina #43658

Janeway Law Firm, PC 9800 S. Meridian Blvd, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80112 (303) 706-9990
Attorney File # 16-010953

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

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of Custer County School District C-1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and has been filed in the office of the superintendent where it is available for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a Regular meeting of the Board of Education of said District at the Custer County School library on June 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Any person paying school taxes in said district may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register his objections hereto.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated May 19, 2016
Custer County School District C-1
Bob Jolley, Board Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Custer County Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on June 7, 2016 at 1:30 P.M. Custer County Courtroom. The following will be considered.

- 1.Hearing for Oliver and Laneta Lively/Lot line Adjustment, Willow Creek Camp, Custer County, Colorado.

The agenda is posted on the bulletin board located in the hall of the Custer County Courthouse. Copies of the agenda are available in the Custer County Planning and Zoning office.

Anyone wishing to comment may do so at the Hearing or by mail to Custer County Planning and Zoning office, P.O. Box 203 Westcliffe CO 81252; by fax 719-783-9907 or by e-mail Jackie@custercountygo.com

Ordered published by
Vic Barnes, Chairman
Custer County Planning Commission

Published, May 27, June 3, 2016.
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Custer County BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Tentative Agenda MONDAY , JUNE 6, 2016 9:00 AM Meeting Location: County Courthouse /Commissioners Room

Call Meeting to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Amend Agenda
Audience Introduction
Public Comment
Approval of Minutes
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
-MOU DOLA/University of Colorado Community Development and Custer County, Colorado
Staff Reports:
-Road and Bridge/Landfill/Recycle, Human Resource/Finance, Treasurer, OEM , P&Z

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

Custer County BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Tentative Agenda TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016 9:00 AM Meeting Location: County Courthouse /Commissioners Room

Call Meeting to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Amend Agenda
Audience Introduction
Public Comment
Approval of Minutes
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
Staff Reports:
-Airport Advisory Board, CSU Extension, VSO, Human Services

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NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE 28, 2016 OFFICE OF THE CLERK & RECORDER CUSTER COUNTY, COLORADO

TO THE ELECTORS OF CUSTER COUNTY:

In accordance with CRS 1-5-205(1), notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held by Mail Ballot Election process, in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, on Tuesday, the twenty-eighth day of June 2016 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Voter Service and Polling Place (VSPC) - You may obtain a replacement ballot, drop off your ballot, update your voter registration, register to vote, or vote on the voting machine at the Custer County Clerk's Office located at 205 S 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO. Hours of operation are:

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 25th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Election Day, Tuesday, June 28th, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
The voting machine will be available at this location only, starting Monday, June 20th.

Drop off location - You may also drop off ballots at the Wetmore Volunteer Fire Department located at 200 County Road 290, Wetmore, CO. Hours of operation are:

Saturday, June 25th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Election Day,
Tuesday, June 28th, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

You may obtain a sample ballot at the Custer County Clerk's Office, or under "Clerk and Recorder" on the County website at custercountygo.com.

If you are an unaffiliated elector, you may affiliate with a major political party in order to receive that party's ballot. Unaffiliated electors may affiliate up to and on Election Day.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto, set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Custer this 27h day of May, 2016.



Kelley S. Camper
Custer County Clerk and Recorder

PUBLIC NOTICE

Per CRS 1-7-509, the County Clerk & Recorder's Office will be conducting our Logic and Accuracy Testing (LAT) on the voting equipment on Thursday, June 9th starting at 9:00 a.m. The testing will be conducted in the Clerk and Recorder's Office located in the County Courthouse at 205 S 6th Street, Westcliffe, Colorado. If you have any questions, please call the County Clerk's office at 719-783-2441, or send an email to custerclerk@custercountygo.com.

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO §15-10-401, C.R.S., In the Interest of TRISTAN AARON PAUL CAPLAN, In the Matter of the Estate of GLORIA LEE TURNER

Filed in Combined Courts May 19, 2016, Custer County, CO

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO §15-10-401, C.R.S., In the Interest of TRISTAN AARON PAUL CAPLAN, in the Matter of the Estate of GLORIA LEE TURNER.

To: Robyne Caplan, Custer County Jail and Christopher Schwing, 694 Skyline Way, Westminster, MD 21158. A hearing on Petition - Conservatorship will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued: Date: June 30, 2016 Time: 1:30 p.m. Courtroom or Division: 4 Address 205 S. 6th St, Westcliffe, CO 81252
Party without attorney: Vickie Doxzon, 12130 CR 255, Westcliffe, CO 81252, phone 719-783-9701, email: nuggettrocks888@yahoo.com. Published: Sangre de Cristo Sentinel, Westcliffe, CO May 27, 2016; June 3, 2016; June 10, 2016.

*But the Lord is faithful,
who will establish you and guard
you from the evil one.*

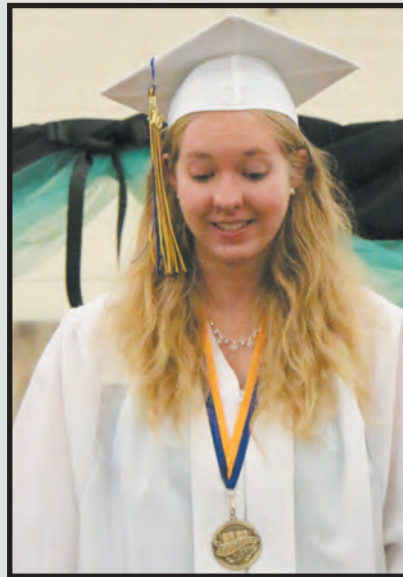
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Financial Transparency

For Financial Transparency information for Custer County School District C-1, please see link at custercountyschools.org.

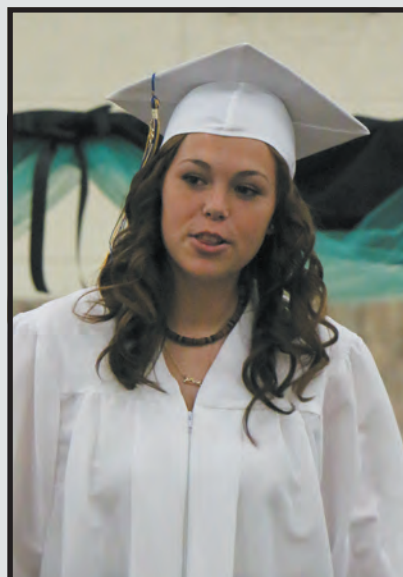
Custer County High School Class of 2016

Commencement May 29, 2016



Class President
& Co-Salutatorian

Jennifer Lee Henrich



Class Vice-President

Emily Rose Crossley



Class Secretary/Treasurer
& Co-Salutatorian

Madisen Rose Henrich



Valedictorian

Amy Joy Selden

Class Motto:
"Our lives are before us, our
pasts are behind us, but our
memories are forever with
us."
-Unknown

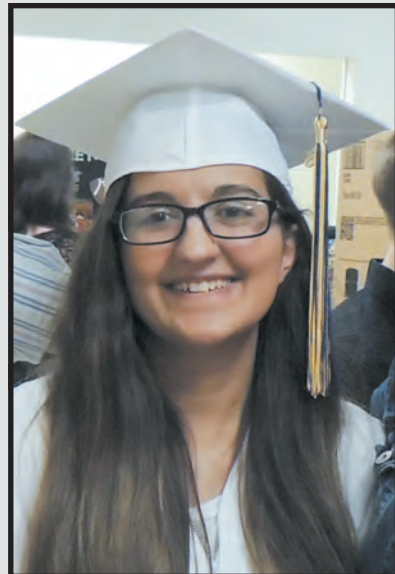


Class Flower: White Rose

Class Colors: Black and Teal

Class Song: "The Middle" by
Jimmy Eat World

Class Sponsors:
Vania Nameth and Roberta
Eggleston



Tia Nichole Barnes



Edward James Berry



Tessa Lynn Brady



Cynthia Sky Corella



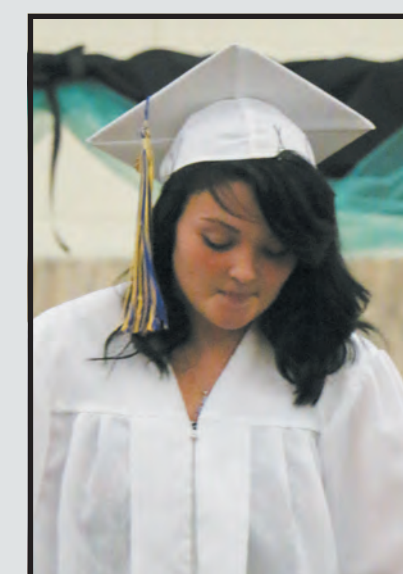
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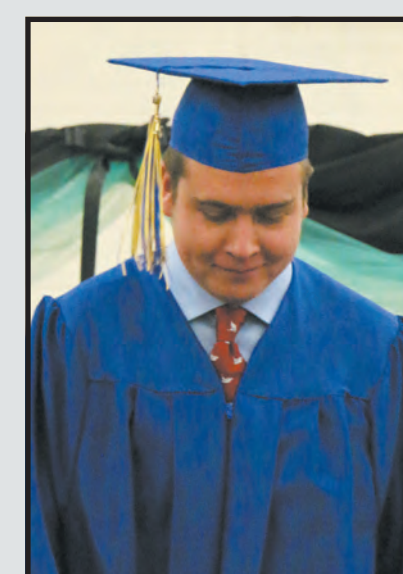
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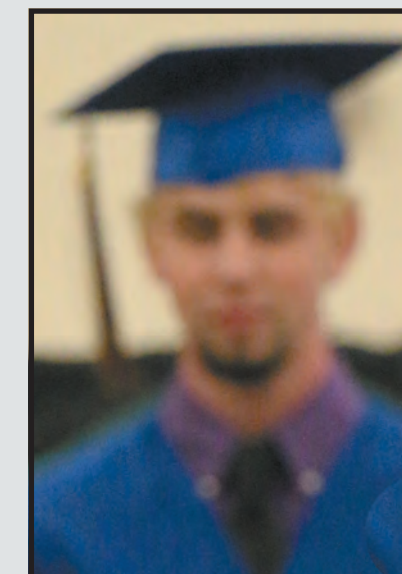
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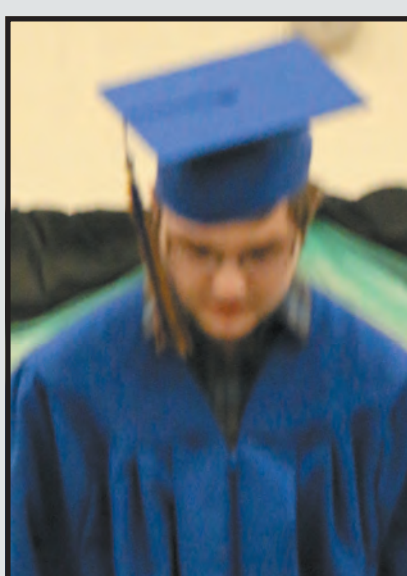
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Kayli Jean Short



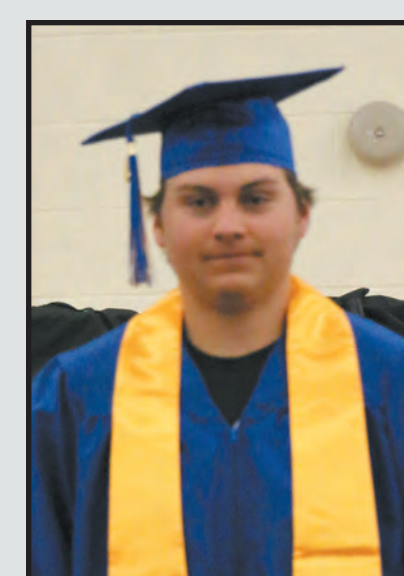
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John Noah Tillotson



Jordan Tyler Vittitow



Justin Robert Walden

Memorial Weekend 2016 Parade



Custer County Memorial Day Ceremonies

Guest Speaker - LTG Patricia McQuiston

May 30, 2016 - Silver Cliff Commemorative & Community Park



Photo Feature by Barbara Napolitan

Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please let us know about an upcoming event or meeting you would like to see printed here, or covered in an upcoming issue.
sdc.sentinel@gmail.com



Walk for Veterans in the Garden of the Gods

Past Department of Colorado Commander Tim Grabin, second from left, shakes hands with American Legion National Commander Dale Barnett while David Burrous, right, stands by during the Walk for Veterans in the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs.

Photo by Charlotte Burrous

Fremont Center for the Arts
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Art Exhibit & Sale

June 3 - 25, 2016

Gallery Receptions:
Members Preview
June 3, 4:30-6pm
1st Friday & Public
June 3, 6:00-7:30pm
Awards: 6:30pm

Fremont Center for the Arts
505 Macon Ave.
Cañon City, CO

Gallery hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Tuesday-Saturday.
Admission is free for FCA Members and children under 12; \$3 for non-members.

For information, contact 275-2790 or www.fremontarts.org

Father's Day Event

by Charlotte Burrous

The First In Boating the Arkansas festival (FIBArk) began on June 19, 1949, with six boats racing the 57 mile run from Salida through the currents and boiling rapids in the narrow valleys along treacherous canyon walls to Cañon City. Since then First In Boating the Arkansas (FIBArk) event has taken center stage in Salida, where the festival focuses

on whitewater boat races and paddlers from around the country and the world. This year's festival will feature a parade, Tenderfoot hill climb, a beer garden, music, freestyle activities, inner tube races, kayak races and rafting challenges from June 16-19 in and around the Arkansas River in Salida.

Enjoyed by residents and out-of-towners-alike, the

annual FIBArk Parade is one of the highlights of the festival. Sponsored by Moltz Construction, the parade features horse-drawn wagons, monster trucks, Al Kaly Shriners, floats, bands and other entries.

The classic downriver race, which is touted to be the longest, oldest and most prestigious race in North America, begins at 9:45 a.m., followed by the novice downriver race at 10 a.m. and the intermediate downriver race at 10:30 a.m. FIBArk's signature event, the downriver classic open canoe race, starts at 10:45 a.m. and the downriver classic kayaks are at 11 a.m., sponsored by AHRA.

The racers make a fast and furious trip from Salida to Parkdale, where judges keep time and welcome the competitors to the finish line.

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Cotopaxi General Store
20204 U.S. Highway 50

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in Cotopaxi

Upcoming Events June 3rd– June 28th

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, Gallery Reception: Members viewing is from 4:30-6 p.m.; public 6-7:30 p.m. Free Admission on opening night. Impressions – the Art of Printmaking Art Exhibit & Sale, View variations of hand executed prints. June 3-25. 505 Macon Ave, Cañon City CO 81212. For more information, contact 275-2790 or www.fremontarts.org Gallery hours are from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Admission is free for FCA Members and children under 12; \$3 for non-members.

June 3rd, First Friday events will take place from 5-7 p.m. in various stores and galleries in downtown Cañon City. In conjunction, the first Jazz Downtown will be offered at 6:30 p.m. in Cara Fisher Square at Fifth and Macon St.

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 719-275-0593 or emailing reception@lfministries.org.

June 4th, Pancake fundraiser for Hank Bosley's medical fund will take place from 7-11 a.m. in the Penrose Senior Center at 405 Broadway in Penrose. Meal consists of pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs and beverages for \$7 per person. All funds till go to Hank Bosley's medical fund.

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

Park after Dark will feature Kaleo at 8 p.m. at the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park. Tickets are \$40. For tickets, contact www.royalgorgebridge.com.

Tuesdays —Cañon City Farmers Market will begin June 7 and continue weekly from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in Veterans Park, featuring local farmers, bakers, artisans and nonprofits.

Tuesdays —Cañon City Entertainment in the Park will be presented from 7-9 p.m., beginning June 7 in Veterans Park. The event will offer a plethora of music and entertainment throughout the summer. For more information, call 275-2331.

Wednesdays —Florence Entertainment in the Park will be held from 7-9 p.m.in Pioneer Park in Florence.

Thursdays —Florence Farmers Market will be held from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays in Pioneer Park in Florence.

June 11th, The 35th annual Cañon City Car Club will be held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in Centennial Park.

June 11th, Junior Achievement Golf Charity Tournament will begin at 8 a.m. at Walking Stick Golf Course in Pueblo.

June 10-11, 17-18 at 7 p.m. "Steel Magnolias" at Fremont Civic Theater in Cañon City.
June 12th and 19th at 2 p.m., "Steel Magnolias" at Harwood Chapel, 516 N. 10th St.

June 16th, Resource Connection's Tour of Denominations will be held from 7-8 p.m. in the Community Room of the Sunflower Bank at Ninth and Royal Gorge Boulevard.

June 24-25, Royal Gorge Whitewater Festival will be offered in Centennial Park. For more information, check royalgorgewhitewaterfestival.com or 275-1578.

June 28th, End of month Festival for Entertainment in the Park will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Veterans Park. Activities include music, food and a beer garden.



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Religion, The Constitution & Culture State, National, & World

"All That Is Necessary for the Triumph of Evil Is That Good Men Do Nothing"

Edmund Burke

The Daily Jot

Daily reporting and analysis of current events from a biblical and prophetic perspective.

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

Then There Were Locusts

The "president's" policies in his last days in office appear to reflect the strategy of a movie villain by understanding his time is near the end and he wants to do as much damage as possible before he goes. For this Islamic Marxist, he is only doing what he thinks is right, what his Democratic Party would want him to do to set the stage for even more such policies in the event another Democrat takes over the White House. The "president" has accomplished much of what he told Americans he would do: remake America. He has kept his word through the bending of the Constitution, breaking some laws and ignoring others while an impotent Congress looks on. Now, in the final days come the locusts.

Prophesying of Babylon, a nation that in ancient times had a lot of similarities to modern-day America, the Lord said in Jeremiah 51:14, "Surely I will fill you with men, as with locusts; and they shall raise a battle cry against you." We have seen throughout the Bible the consequences of both good and evil leadership. America is reaping the consequences of repeatedly choosing bad leadership in both the White House and Congress. Those consequences are being heaped upon us at an increasing rate the closer the election approaches. One such consequence of bad leadership is found in the *Washington Times* report that a record 225 Syrian "refugees" were admitted to the U.S. on Tuesday. But wait, there's more.

The *Times* says that setting the single day record is evidence of the "president's" intent to admit at least 10,000

such "refugees" before the end of his term. Security analysts claim that the policy is dangerous because these Syrians are not being properly vetted and that there are terrorists among them. Policy Studies Director for the Center for Immigration Studies, Jessica Vaughn, told the *Post* that the Administration, "is on full throttle to admit as many people as possible before the time clock runs out on them. This is the classic scenario when political expediency trumps prudence, and someone slips through who shouldn't have, and tragedy ensues."

The true concept is one designed to bring Islam to the U.S. and, quite frankly, to permanently change America. A refugee is someone who cannot find sanctuary in their own country because of fear of persecution due to race, religion, nationality or membership to a political ideal. This would apply to Syrian Christians for sure. But Syrian Christians are not being admitted to the U.S. These "refugees" are victims of a civil war, essentially one inspired by Arab Spring, which was supported by the "president." They are not being persecuted because of race or religion. And they can find sanctuary in neighboring countries who are sympathetic to the overthrow of the Syrian government. But to change America the way the "president" has promised, the locusts must come.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson

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An Exclusive Interview: Mike Vanderboegh, Founder of the III% Movement

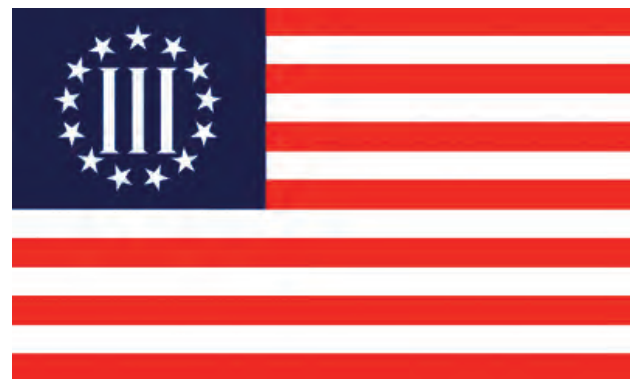
(Editor/GG: As most of our readers and local patriots are aware, Mike came all the way out from Alabama three years ago to march with the Southern Colorado Patriots Club in the Westcliffe July 4th Parade to celebrate our Second Amendment. He then came out last year, sick with cancer, and gave a stirring speech at the Patriot's Day Celebration in Cañon City. Mike has been a inspirational leader in the patriot movement for decades, and sadly it is coming to an end as his cancer has become terminal. We will never forget the time he spent with us here.)

As gracious as ever, Mike agreed to give the Sentinel an exclusive, "farewell" interview. As usual, Mike cuts to the core in his answers and at the same time inspires us to never stop fighting for a return to a Constitutional America. God Bless you Brother, and see you on the other side.)

Sentinel: You have seen the "liberty" movement change and evolve over the last 30 years. What are your observations on the changes in the last five years versus the prior decades?

First, as one citizen journalist to another, I would address the media message aspects. The more things change the more they stay the same. Unfortunately, the liberty movement in its various forms and parts, has precious little institutional memory. We continue to be plagued by unprincipled hucksters and disinformation-artists who are believed by the credulous and who discredit us with serious folks who are otherwise predisposed to agree with us. We do have the advantage of an increasingly powerful weapon in the Internet but this is a two-edged sword used by our enemies perhaps better than our friends. The best tools for organizing are local – including the Internet, which allows us to

network with like-minded folks close to us but focused on local community issues with a state and



national perspective –and from which local and regional political power and influence derive. I have often said that all liberty, property and life is best secured on a local basis from free association of friends and neighbors. The idea that the federal government could provide these things



Mike Vanderboegh at last year's Patriot Day Celebration where he gave a stirring speech.

Photo by George Gramlich

would be absolutely repugnant to the founders. We are first free citizens, securing our own liberty by the fatigues of our own efforts.

Local newspapers such as the *Sentinel* are an important way of taking the true material gleaned from the Net and presenting it to a local audience (especially in rural and suburban communities), much as the dinosaur printed media used to use "official" news

services such as AP and Reuters. What is refreshing about the new media on our side is that we are

honest about our political POV and do not pretend to be "objective" without bias.

As Orwell wrote in *"Homage to Catalonia"*, "It is difficult to be certain about anything except what you have seen with your own eyes, and consciously or unconsciously, everyone writes as a partisan." Truth is vital,

but then so is honesty without the cant of political correctness. We must be both honest and factual. This was an essential element of the struggle to get the truth out about Fast and Furious and other scandals. I often have said that people are welcome to doubt my ancestry but not my footnotes. Yet our efforts would not have been noticed without the Internet.

As far as the broader liberty movement, especially that portion that makes up the active armed citizenry we have always been motivated by (and grown as a result of) events. In the 90s these were Ruby Ridge, Waco and the collectivist power grabs of the Clintonistas in the form of the AWB and Brady bills. The

administration of Dubya, upon which so many folks counted to roll back federal power merely enhanced it. The decade was useful in that it discredited the idea that any deliverance could be expected from the corrupt GOP. The PATRIOT Act and the flood of illegals convinced us of that and from which the Minuteman movement was born. Then came Obama and his naked power grabs and the further exposure of the GOP as spineless mandarins.

As Ben Franklin noted, "Nothing concentrates the mind so wonderfully as the prospect of being hanged in the morning." We are fortunate in one respect however. Dubya's decade long war has produced a trained pool of combat veterans familiar with the necessities of war and disillusioned by the way an empire uses and abuses its own people. In this we are remarkably similar to the colonists hardened in the school of the French and Indian War and it has stiffened the resolve and skill-set of today's armed citizenry in much the same way.

Sentinel: Looking back at the liberty/militia movement in the 90's and it's almost subsequent complete collapse, what lessons are to be learned from that experience for today's freedom lovers?

I would dispute that the constitutional militia movement "completely collapsed" in the aftermath of the OKC bombing. What happened was that we changed our organizational model, less public units, more clandestine, we lowered our signature to prevent agent's provocateur and snitches. We concentrated on local organization and discovered that training did not have to be done wearing BDUs in public and we all developed an allergy to the "mainstream media" and to members who were "look at me I'm

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***Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial,
for when he has stood the test
he will receive the crown of life,
which God has promised to those who love him.***

James 1:12 ESV

Send In The TSA Clowns

by The ZMan

One of the many reasons so many have abandoned the Buckley Right in the last two decades can be seen at the nation’s airports. Immediately after 9/11, Progressives were out screaming for a new Federal bureaucracy to run airport security. The bodies were not even cold and the Democrats were proposing bills for a new Federal security force. You got the sense they had these bills ready to go, just waiting for the right moment.

Of course, that new agency would hire tens of thousands of dues-paying union employees, who could be counted on to vote Left. Millions in union dues would flow into Democrat coffers and Democrats would work hard to expand the agency in the future, thus guaranteeing themselves another revenue stream. Like with the schools, any useful activity coming from this new agency would be coincidental.

A sign of just how awful the Bush years were going to be was in the response to this craven attempt by the Left to exploit the death of Americans. Instead of fighting they proposed an even bigger government agency. We not only got the Transportation Safety Administration (TSA), we got the staggering monstrosity called the Department of

Homeland Security. Fifteen years later, our airports are grinding to a halt because TSA can’t perform its one job, which is to molest peo-

Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport is now inviting miniature therapy horses and their handlers from the non-prof-



ple before they enter the terminal.

With mounting delays around the country being blamed on Transportation Security Administration cutbacks and increased passenger traffic, airports are turning to musical performers and free sweets to keep travelers’ tempers in check.

And some airports are getting a little more creative.

it Seven Oaks Farms Miniature Therapy Horses program in Hamilton, Ohio, to visit the terminals several times a month.

“Animals help reduce stress and anxiety levels and put smiles on people’s faces,” said Mindy Kershner, a spokeswoman for the airport.

“Unlike service animals, who are working and should not be touched, ther-

apy animals can be patted and hugged.”

And while many other airports have therapy dog programs in the terminals, “We figured this is Kentucky, after all, so we need horses,” Kershner said.

This is how third world bureaucracy works. Instead of fixing the problem, they use the problem as an excuse to expand the department. It will not be long before we learn that some Senator slipped in funding for a new division of miniature horses and clowns at the TSA, along with its own director and staff. That also means expanding maintenance budgets to pick up after the horses crapping all over the terminal.

It’s not just miniature horse keepers who will benefit. Senator Chuck Schumer, a well regarded airport engineer and security expert, is demanding dogs be unleashed on the people standing in line. You’re standing in-line and a miniature horse just took a dump on your sneakers and then a pack of hounds trailed by fat guys in blue shirts starts chasing the horses through the terminal. Maybe that’s where the clowns come in. Like at the rodeo, their job will be to distract the animals.

In all seriousness, Chuck Schumer is a genius, but he does not know the first thing

about running an airport or running airport security. In fact, no one in the TSA has the slightest idea how to do any of this stuff. The proof of that is this bit from a CNN story on the subject. The TSA has 45,525 employees and they claim an additional 768 people will alleviate the problem. That’s roughly adding half a person to every airport the TSA covers. There’s simply no way that a 2% increase in staffing can have the claimed benefit.

Inevitably, we will learn

cho-tyranny. The self-serving security bureaucracy is only good at harassing honest citizens. A trip to the airport involves at least three glaring apparatchiks giving you the business. That’s the tyranny. Standing in line for half a day to take a one hour flight to Philly is the anarchy. In the managerial state, the basic functions of government grind to a halt or are simply abandoned.

The obvious solution is to let the airports run their own security like they used to do before we lost out minds.

“You’re standing in-line and a miniature horse just took a dump on your sneakers and then...”

that this is a carefully choreographed slowdown by the TSA so they can get more money. The media will play up the lines and people will write their congressmen. This being an election year, everyone will want to be the solution so that means a boost in funding for more hack jobs and more miniature pony rides at the airport, while you stand in line hoping the pervy-looking TSA guy does not put his hand in your daughter’s pants.

This is, of course, anar-

TSA never would have stopped the 9/11 hijackers. Private security firms have much better training and methods. Augmenting this should be restrictions on travel to and from Muslim countries. Sensible limits on letting Muslims travel to America would cut threats by 99.9999999%. No system is perfect, but I’m willing to take that chance for the ability to walk unmolested in an airport.

Please see: <http://thezman.com/wordpress/?p=7456>

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Book Review: "Confessions of Congressman X"

by J Cascarelli

Some of you may have heard about this "book," (it's only 68 pages long) on Fox News. I was able to buy "Confessions of Congressman X" on Kindle yesterday and read it last night. For those of us who watch politicians and politics closely, there are very few surprises. Washington DC is a cesspool of lying and cheating in the pursuit of power and wealth. Everyone who gets elected and goes to DC gets infected. There are none who avoid it.

It is a fast read...took me about 45 minutes. Rather than an exposé on politicians, it is an indictment of the voters. The reader should have a strong sense of self-worth if they are going to read this brief insight into the darker side of politics. The author calls American voters "apathetic and gullible" with strong feelings of "powerless[ness] about changing the status quo." These characteristics are not used as a criticism, but as a reason for politicians

having so much power. Let's not forget Churchill's observation, "The best argument against a democracy is a brief chat with the average voter."

Congressman X points out, "It's far easier than you think to manipulate a nation of naïve, self-absorbed sheep who crave instant gratification." This is "us" that the congressman is talking about. The big flaw in the system according to "X" is fundraising. He admits that asking us for money is so time consuming that he rarely has time to read the Bills that he is voting on. The second most hateful part of the job is town hall meetings. Town hall meetings are easier for officials who are "charming liars."

One can only wonder at what point a newly elected freshman congressman is corrupted by the system. According to "X," it can't take long because it is obvious to even the most motivated elected official that the number one objective is to stay in power. That requires lots of money and it is big business

and their lobbyist that can provide that kind of cash. That means that the little guys, the average middle class working stiff, will just have to wait for their needs to get met. "X" and his colleagues know that our short attention spans and self-centered views will help the elected elites keep their seats. The solution is simple, tell the voters what they want to hear and then do what has to be done to stay in power.

As "X" points out, "As far as I'm concerned, whatever viewpoint I embrace is the truth." In an environment where "Cheating and lying have become a societal norm," the gullible are more than willing to vote for a congressman over and over again with little or nothing to show for it.

We, the common people, are not highly thought of by our representatives in Washington or the state capitol. To them the voters are the useful idiots.

I can only pray that every voter reads this book the day before they vote.

Deport and Imprison

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

I'm done. You support this, you are not American and have no place in this nation.

Karla Molinar, a University of New Mexico student, said she participated in disrupting Trump's speech because she felt he was attacking members of her family who are living in the country illegally.

What part of illegal is difficult to understand?

This chick knowingly and admittedly participated in an act of extortion — she participated in a violent protest in an attempt to force you, I, and everyone else in this country to give a "free pass" to members of her family who are breaking the law.

Extortion is defined in the law as attempting to force you to give someone something they are not entitled to through force, threats or blackmail and it is a crime. In this case her family members

are not entitled to be here; they are breaking the law. Karla participated in attempting to disrupt the lawful speech of a political candidate through acts that did turn violent and lead to both intimidation and property damage for the expressed purpose, as she admitted to a national media outlet, of allowing her family to continue to break the law without consequence.

That facially appears to meet the legal definition of extortion and every single person involved in such an act ought to be brought up on charges, tried and jailed.

Folks, we will get exactly nowhere as a nation until we enforce the rule of law, and nowhere is this more necessary than in examples like this where people are openly violating the law and then using threats and physical violence as a means to demand that they be allowed to continue doing so.

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*But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.*

Isaiah 53:5 ESV

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Captain John Parker, Lexington Green, April 19, 1775

God and Guns: What the Bible Says About the 2nd Amendment and the Right to Life

by Bethany Blankey,
Constitution.com

Both Obama and Hilary Clinton claim to be Christians, yet they are both intent on banning access to firearms and ammunition from law-abiding Americans.

Who can forget when Obama declared that, "bitter Americans cling to guns and religion and antipathy towards people who aren't like them as a way to express their frustrations." Since then, he has sought by every means necessary to circumvent the Constitutionally protected "Right to Bear Arms."

And, who can forget Hilary's answer in *The New York Times* about her favorite book:

At the risk of appearing predictable, the Bible was and remains the biggest influence on my thinking. I was raised reading it, memorizing passages from it and being guided by it. I still find it a source of wisdom, comfort and encouragement.

Yet, her daughter assures everyone that with Justice Scalia out of the way, Hilary will be able to gut the Second Amendment.

Perhaps, however, if any of these three actually were what they claim to be, and know and follow what the Bible says, they wouldn't be such terrible actors.

God's definition of the right to life and one's right to protect it, is clear throughout both the Old and New Testament of the Bible.

God created laws and government to restrain evil and promote that which is good. The Ten Commandments were the initial guide for right conduct, but numerous civil and criminal laws were enacted and enforced through Moses and the court system he established with judges. These laws became the basis for Western law, including laws governing self-defense, personal injury, property rights, and much more.

Exodus 22:2 instructs homeowners that they are not guilty of murder, (prohibited by the Sixth Commandment) if they kill a thief who is breaking and entering into their home or stealing his property. And, throughout the Bible, using a weapon is required for self-defense.

Nehemiah, a man chosen to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, was protected and armed by the Persian King Cyrus. Cyrus made sure that he and his men were armed. Every man "wore his sword girded at his side" (Neh. 4:18)– while they were building a wall.

Jesus affirmed the Old Testament laws, and as was

able rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men.

Here is what some of the the Founders said about guns:

John Quincy Adams wrote specific instructions to his

school. Give about two of them, every day, to exercise; for health must not be sacrificed to learning. A strong body makes the mind strong. As to the species of exercise, I advise the gun. While this gives a moderate exercise to the body, it gives boldness, enterprise, and independence to the mind. Games played with the ball, and others of that nature, are too violent for the body and stamp no character on the mind. Let your gun therefore be the constant companion of your walks."

One of the original members of the U.S. Supreme Court, James Wilson, also a signer to the Declaration of Independence, explained *that a man not defending his home was negligent:*

"Homicide is [required] when it is necessary for the defense of one's person or house ... Every man's house is deemed, by the law, to be his castle; and the law, while it invests him with this power; [places] on him the duty of the commanding officer [of his house].

"Every man's house is his castle ... and if anyone be robbed in it, it shall be esteemed his own default and negligence."

According to the Bible, men are required to protect themselves, their families, their homes, their possessions, and if they choose not to– are negligent. The "right to bear arms" is not only a Constitutionally protected right but a biblical command. Christians are instructed not to commit murder, and only to kill if in the process of self-defense.

Perhaps both Obama and Clinton need a history lesson and instruction on what "clinging to religion and guns" actually means according to the Bible. For Christians, this entails the opposite of Islamists who steal firearms to intentionally destroy Western civilizations. The "Right to Bear Arms" is a commitment and obedience to protecting one's right to life– an inalienable right– that God requires be protected from harm.

Please see: <http://constitution.com/god-guns-bible-says-second-amendment/>

"The Framers understood that self-defense is a God-given right..."

recorded by his disciple, Luke, said, "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions, are undisturbed." (Luke 11:21).

Exodus 22:2 acts as the basis for U.S. law known as the Castle Doctrine. In 23 states, this doctrine includes "Stand Your Ground Laws," and in some states, both apply to a person's home office, vehicle, or yard/land/property surrounding the home.

The Framers understood that self-defense is a God-given right, which to them meant it is an inalienable right.

Constitution signer, John Dickinson, defined an inalienable right as that "which God gave to you and which no inferior power has the right to take away."

The Framers of the Constitution established the foundation for American law, and its primary purpose, to protect the individual's inalienable rights, which are further detailed in the Bill of Rights. The Declaration of Independence states:

We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalien-

brother, Thomas, for educating and training his boys (George, age 9; John, age 7; and Charles, age 3). He wrote:

"One of the things which I wish to have them taught – and which no man can teach better than you – is the use and management of firearms. This must undoubtedly be done with great caution, but it is customary among us – particularly when children are under the direction of ladies – to withhold it too much and too long from boys. The accidents which happen among children arise more frequently from their ignorance than from their misuse of weapons which they know to be dangerous."

Adams added that his brother take his sons out with him on shooting excursions, to learn how a musket and pistol were built, how they worked, "the prudence in handling[them]," and to practice shooting firearms by "firing at a mark" to better their aim, accuracy, and skill.

Richard Henry Lee, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, declared:

"[T]o preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms, and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them."

And, Thomas Jefferson's advise to his fifteen year-old nephew, included:

"In order to assure a certain progress in this reading, consider what hours you have free from the school and the exercises of the

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Assemble at 9:15 AM, July 4th at the east end of Main Street (Highway 96), Silver Cliff/Westcliffe, CO at the open field just west of the Mining Company Diner (with convenience store and gas station). Look for the Southern Colorado Patriots assembly area (Gadsden Flags, Tea Party Flags, and guns, guns, guns). Plenty of places in town for breakfast and lunch. March is about one mile long, takes about 45 minutes. Short Rally at end of parade.

Firearm Protocol: Rifles: unloaded, safety on, no detachable magazines inserted in rifle, chamber flag appreciated, **MUST BE SLUNG** on shoulder or back. No handling of weapons during the parade. All rifles welcome. Hand Guns: Holstered, open carry. No handling of weapons during the parade.

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NRA Views Trump Endorsement As Easy Choice

by Stephen Gutowski,
The Free Beacon

The NRA endorsed presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump on Friday with one top official calling the decision one of the “easiest” the group has ever made.

“To me, we make a lot of difficult decisions, this is one of the easiest decisions we’ve ever had to make,” Chris Cox, head of the NRA’s lobbying arm, told the *Washington Free Beacon* during the group’s annual meeting on Saturday. “With Justice Scalia’s passing it’s become the ultimate high stakes. We no longer have a majority on the Supreme Court and the next president’s first decision is going to be who to nominate to the Supreme Court.”

“In Donald Trump we have a candidate, I would argue, that’s the most forceful Republican nominee for president in the last 100 years when it comes to not only gun ownership, but the lawful use of guns for self-defense. He’s been unapologetic. He’s pointed out a very different path forward on guns than Hillary Clinton.”

He pointed to Hillary Clinton’s comments at a private fundraiser last October, first reported by the *Free*

Beacon, where she criticized the landmark Heller decision. “I was proud when my husband took [the NRA] on, we were able to ban assault weapons, but he had to put a sunset on some 10 years later. Of course [President George W.] Bush wouldn’t agree to reinstate them,” Clinton said. “We’ve got to go after this. And here again, the Supreme Court is wrong on the Second Amendment.”

Cox said those comments made the choice between the two candidates clear. “We have a very clear path,” he said. “Hillary Clinton has said that the Supreme Court got it wrong on the Second Amendment. It’s important for Americans to know exactly what that means because all the Supreme Court said was you have a basic right to keep a gun in your home to defend yourself if some murderer comes in.”

“They didn’t talk about carrying outside of your home. They didn’t talk about carrying in restaurants or bars or pet stores or wherever else our opponents feel uncomfortable. Just in your home. And Hillary Clinton said they got it wrong.”

Trump hasn’t always been a strong defender of gun rights or friendly towards

the NRA. In his 2000 book “*The America We Deserve*”, Trump supported an assault weapons ban and a 72-hour waiting period for all gun purchases. “I generally oppose gun control, but I support the ban on assault weapons and I also support a slightly longer waiting period to purchase a gun,” Trump wrote. “With today’s Internet technology we should be able to tell within seventy-two hours if a potential gun owner has a record.”

Trump also accused Republicans of walking “the NRA line” and refusing “even limited restrictions” on guns in the same book.

When asked if the NRA was concerned about comments in favor of new gun control Trump had made in the years before his presidential run, Cox pointed to Trump’s current positions and said the candidate no longer supports an assault weapons ban.

“His first position paper that he put out on the campaign was on immigration,” he said. “The second position paper was on the Second Amendment. I encourage people to go to his website and read his Second Amendment paper that outlines his opposition to gun bans, his opposition to

magazine bans.”

“He was asked about a past comment he had made 20 some odd years ago about supporting a semi-auto ban and he said he no longer supports that position. So, you look at the campaign he’s running and the positions he’s articulating versus the one hundred percent certainty that we know with Hillary Clinton and that decision becomes crystal clear.”

He acknowledged a lot of gun owners may have supported other candidates in the Republican primaries but called for people to unite behind Trump.

“It’s time to move on,” Cox said. “It’s time to unite. So we made a decision that there’s too much at stake to wait a day longer. We’re moving forward with our endorsement and the men and women across this country who support this freedom are gonna work and fight like h*** to make sure we save this freedom and save this country.”

“We’re gonna do it by electing Donald Trump president.”

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out of Mesa County.

5/27/16:

Traffic Summons: Hieu Boa Le of Fountain for speeding, traveling 93 in a 65 mph speed zone.

William Kohlefel of Cypress, TX for speeding 20 - 24 over.

5/28/16:

Booze/Rifle: Two deputies

were dispatched to CR 241 to investigate a report of an intoxicated individual walking on the road carrying a rifle.

Traffic Summons: Danon Brocardo of Fountain for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Accident: A Sheriff’s deputy and EMS were dispatched to CR 241, MM 3.1 for a vehicle pedestrian traffic accident.

The patient, who had been conscious, became unresponsive as EMS departed the scene of the accident. Flight for Life was called and the patient was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

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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.



Has This Been Seen Before?

Many Americans, particularly Christians, find themselves utterly discouraged concerning the evident options to be made available in November’s presidential election. Some are so distraught that a specific prayer for our nation has eluded them. As I pondered the dilemma, it occurred to me that King David often found himself in extremely difficult circumstances with no ready exit in sight. His strategy was always to plead for God’s mercy, not only for himself but for the nation as well. (Psalm 123) The first time the Lord’s mercy is mentioned in Scripture is instructive because it’s connected with Sodom, the ancient prologue of political correctness.

It’s not hard to imagine— Sodom’s public school teachers who couldn’t teach children how to read, but were successful in teaching them how to fornicate. Their government no doubt funded sexually perverse and sacrilegious art while the local SCLLI (Sodom Civil Liberties Union) promoted child pornography. Gay parades were protected but the ancient equivalent of manger scenes were ruled unconstitutional. Sound familiar?

The Lord announced to Abraham his determination to destroy Sodom because of what He called “grievous sin.” Abraham appealed to God for mercy if fifty righteous individuals could be located in the city. The Judge of the universe agreed. Abraham finally negotiated the number all the way down to ten, but even that low bar could not be hurdled. The final result was: “Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven.” (Genesis 19:24) God’s inclination to be merciful had been demonstrated but the first time the word is actually used in Scripture is in reference to Lot and his family being spared. (Genesis 19:16)

Naturally, the average Liberal stands critical of God’s response, professing to be wiser and greater in mercy than the Lord Himself. Although the word mercy is negative in nature, it is the word that has kept the unsheathed wrath of God from blasting the whole solar system into atoms. (II Peter 3:10-13) God has put up with lying, stealing, killing, fornication, adultery, bestiality, perversion, murder, torture, embezzlement, fraud, rebellion, lust, cheating and oppression for more than five millenniums, and He has tolerated it on a global scale with every kind of man, woman, boy or girl of every color, age, race or upbringing. If it were not for His mercy (Ecclesiastes 8:11), there wouldn’t be a human being alive on the face of this earth today. The eyes of Holy Righteousness have beheld the Gestapo torture chambers of Paris and Berlin, the holocausts of Treblinka, Auschwitz, and Buchenwald, the racks and pincers of the Spanish Inquisition, the funeral pyres of Smithfield, England, the slave camps of Siberia, the starving children of Africa and India, the drug traffic of Mexico, Central America and Turkey, the ter-

rorists of North Ireland and now the unspeakable acts of Muslim jihadists around the world. “The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.” (Proverbs 15:3) This includes lying religious leaders, the blasphemous rantings and ravings of Darwin, Dewey and Marx, the inane drivel of Einstein, Huxley, Haeckel and William James, the monstrous attacks on the Holy Bible, the ghastly deaths of millions on the battlefields of Europe and Asia, the lying fraud and deceit of international politics, and the screams and cries of ravished girls and grandmothers, through 6,000 years of recorded history.

God’s detractors use these events to discredit his long-suffering, but in truth, if it were not for the Lord’s mercy you wouldn’t be looking at this print. Three decades ago Billy Graham stated that “if God didn’t judge America, He would have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah.” Judgment does not always descend in the swift motion that Sodom experienced but is on some occasions incremental. One possible manifestation is a nation given poor choices for its leadership. A classic example is found in I Kings 11-14. In spite of great economic prosperity during Solomon’s forty years as king, his reign was concluded with national cultural decay and spiritual rebellion. The presumed heir to the throne was Solomon’s son Rehoboam who turned out to be a committed ideologue favoring heavy tax increases. God raised up an usurper who was declared to be “a mighty man of valor.” Consequently, the public was faced with an individual of great reputation, Jeroboam by name, or the anticipated rite of passage monarch. The kingdom eventually split with each of the ‘Boam’ boys taking their portion in different directions, both resulting in their own train wrecks.

If there is a silver lining in this cloud of history, it’s found in Jeroboam’s several opportunities to upright the ship and steer it on a proper course. On the other hand, Rehoboam’s philosophy is so ground in granite that possible course adjustments are never mentioned. The parallel to today’s state of affairs is so stunning that a further explanation is unnecessary. “The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there anything where of it may be said, See, this is new? It hath been already of old time, which was before us.” (Ecclesiastes 1:9,10)

My suggested prayer is: Oh, Lord, your Word declares “The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.” (Psalm 103:8) We acknowledge America’s leadership has largely rejected any direction from you...but thankfully, they don’t speak for all of us, even as “Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:” (II Peter 2:7) We appeal to your mercy in our behalf. In the name of an all merciful Savior, we plead. Amen.

A Sheepdog Barks!

We have all heard the “sound bites” of Obama’s Hiroshima remarks as he delivered his ‘non-apology’ apology. In these sound bites it was clear he was criticizing the United States and President Harry Truman. For me, and I believe many other Americans, it was sickening to listen to him while he juttied his pious and arrogant chin high into the air. I took the time to read his entire transcript and his complete remarks make the visit even worse. Check some of these comments out:

Obama: *Why do we come to this place, to Hiroshima? We come to ponder a terrible force unleashed in a not-so-distant past. We come to mourn the dead, including over 100,000 Japanese men, women and children, thousands of Koreans, a dozen Americans held prisoner.*

Sheepdog: He has never gone to Pearl Harbor to “mourn” the dead. Nor has he “mourned” the millions slaughtered by the Japanese in China, Korea, the Philippines and all over the Pacific.

Obama: *In the span of a few years, some 60 million people would die. Men, women, children, no different than us. Shot, beaten, marched, bombed, jailed, starved, gassed to death.*

Sheepdog: And who did all those atrocities? The bad guys. The Nazis, the Japanese and their allies. The United States put a stop to it. Obama ignores that fact.

Obama: *That is why we come to this place. We stand here in the middle of this city and force ourselves to imagine the moment the bomb fell. We force ourselves to feel the dread of children confused by what they see. We listen to a silent cry. We remember all the innocents killed across the arc of that terrible war and the wars that came before and the wars that would follow.*

Sheepdog: He makes me sick. Why hasn’t he stood on the USS Arizona or in the German and Japanese brutal prison

camps and “felt” the dread?

Obama: *Mere words cannot give voice to such suffering. But we have a shared responsibility to look directly into the eye of history and ask what we must do differently to curb such suffering again.*

Sheepdog: What “we” must do? “We” must act to stop the evil when it starts. There is no “curbing” the terrorists. We must destroy them.

Obama: *Still, every act of aggression between nations, every act of terror and corruption and cruelty and oppression that we see around the world shows our work is never done. We may not be able to eliminate man’s capacity to do evil, so nations and the alliances that we form must possess the means to defend ourselves. But among those nations like my own that hold nuclear stockpiles, we must have the courage to escape the logic of fear and pursue a world without them.*

Sheepdog: What the h*** does that mean? He is a true pacifist. They just don’t get it.

Obama: *We may not realize this goal in my lifetime, but persistent effort can roll back the possibility of catastrophe. We can chart a course that leads to the destruction of these stockpiles. We can stop the spread to new nations and secure deadly materials from fanatics.*

Sheepdog: He not only didn’t stop “the spread” and “secure deadly materials” from fanatics like Iran; he actually “charted” the path for them to develop nuclear weapons. He has also destroyed less of the U.S. stockpile than the last four presidents. He is delusional and insincere.

Obama: *My own nation’s story began with simple words: All men are created equal and endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Realizing that ideal has never been easy, even within our own borders, even among our own citizens. But staying true to*



that story is worth the effort. It is an ideal to be strived for, an ideal that extends across continents and across oceans. The irreducible worth of every person, the insistence that every life is precious, the radical and necessary notion that we are part of a single human family — that is the story that we all must tell.

Sheepdog: Really? “Every” life is precious; unless you are a few hours or days from being born. So we are a “single human family.” So we should embrace the Nazis the Japanese warriors, the Islamic terrorists? Not me. They are not part of my family.

Obama: *The world was forever changed here, but today the children of this city will go through their day in peace. What a precious thing that is. It is worth protecting, and then extending to every child. That is a future we can choose, a future in which Hiroshima and Nagasaki are known not as the dawn of atomic warfare but as the start of our own moral awakening.*

Sheepdog: Here is where he “suggests” the decision by President Truman was immoral. Only a man like Obama could think that way. He ignores the fact that it stopped the immoral, ruthless and brutal actions of the Japanese government and its evil forces. Even one bomb wasn’t enough. It took two. A third would have been justified. So many American and Allied fighters had already died and so many more would have died and suffered in an invasion of Japan. We must stop evil no matter what it takes or the alternative will be far worse. What Truman did was very moral. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH

Three No-No’s

by Fred Hernandez

If you are wearing dark clothes, have had a little too much to drink and you are walking in the middle of a county road in the dark of night; these are the three no-no’s and something bad might happen to you. That is just what took place last Saturday on County Road

241 at 9:20 PM as this male individual walked home presumably. Along came a vehicle, traveling at the speed limit towards town, and as it rounded the corner, slammed into the pedestrian who was in the middle of the road. With a compound fracture of the leg he was taken by Flight for Life to

a Pueblo hospital where he is recovering and may have even been discharged at this time. The case is being investigated by the State Patrol but conventional wisdom doubts the driver of the vehicle will be charged with any offense. Remember the three no-no’s for your own safety.

Immigrants Dwarf American Households in Welfare: “Obama Seeks \$17K for Every Illegal Minor”

by Mac Slavo,
SHTFPlan.com via Zerohedge.
com

Who exactly is the burdensome, broken and disturbingly unsensible **welfare system being run for?**

A new study found that both illegal and legal immigrants, who typically work low wage jobs, **receive more in government assistance each year than struggling American families do.**

via the *Washington Examiner*:

Illegal immigrant households receive an average of \$5,692 in federal welfare benefits every year, far more than the average “native” American household, at \$4,431...

The Center for Immigration Studies, in an analysis of federal cost figures, found that all

immigrant-headed households — legal and illegal — receive an average of \$6,241 in welfare, 41 percent more than native households. As with Americans receiving benefits such as food stamps and cash, much of the welfare to immigrants supplements their low wage jobs.



The total cost is over \$103 billion in welfare benefits to households headed by immigrants.

Not only is this staggering cost a source of contention with American taxpayers, but it is something of a hidden boon for corporations who can get away with paying workers, many of whom are illegal, less money in wages because their livelihoods are being supplemented by welfare.

For traditional non-immigrant families, it is a double blow to an economy that has forced many native Americans on welfare as well, while they watch good jobs slip away and an increasing number

of desperate people from all backgrounds race to the bottom.

Though there are many employ-

ers benefiting from government largess, Walmart is the classic example of the company that pays its workers minimum wage, only to encourage them to apply for food stamps and other welfare benefits – which are largely then spent inside their own store walls.

But worse than the already over-sized dependence upon the federal government by new arrivals and undocumented immigrants, is that the pace set by the amnesty president who clearly wants to break the system Cloward-Piven style.

Obama is apparently calling for a huge increase in welfare benefits for minors, who according to the *Washington Examiner*, are often being used by their illegal immigrant parents for household income:

The new report follows another that found President Obama seeking \$17,613 for every new illegal minor, more than Social Security retirees get.

While millions of average citizens are struggling and watching the American dream die in front of them, the government is doing all it can to break the back of the real economy, and hand off money from the dole to the very competing workforce that is undermining the effort of Americans just to make it and hold on to what they have.

Stay vigilant, the squeeze is on.

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and limited government. And that is the Republican Party. The Jewish People have flourished in the United States of America because of those principles, as have all people regardless of whatever groups they belong to.

The Hebrew word for charity is Tzedaka. The Torah tells us that it can't be Tzedaka if someone else, like a government forces you to give it. It can't be Tzedaka if you put your hand in someone else's pocket and give to those who will vote for you or help you politically. That's Commandment # 8 if I remember correctly: "Thou shalt not steal." No, it's only Tzedaka when you put your hand in your OWN pocket and voluntarily give to someone in need. It's an even a bigger blessing if you

do it anonymously."

Well said, Karen! For those claiming to be Bible believing Republicans or Democrats, hopefully you will see the absurdity of the socialistic movement within our government that has twisted charity into a ‘social gospel’ which IS NOT biblical. Jesus NEVER preached a ‘social gospel’, nor is it in the Torah or other books in the Old Testament. Some think it sounds good, is biblical, or Christian to act as the liberal government is forcing; taking as Robin Hood did. However, Karen reminded us that it is not the case!

I hope all people getting ready to vote in the local, as well as the national election, do so with their eyes wide open and with awareness of the motivations of those running for public office.

Islam: S**ual Contact with Little Girls and Babies Is ‘Permitted’

by Bethany Blankley,
Constitution.com

(Editor: Bethany reports on the views of the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the Supreme Leader of Iran, concerning temporary marriage to children under the legal marriage age of nine. He gives Qur’anic backing for molesting children! We encourage our adult subscribers to read the rest of the article online. It is too explicit to print in our paper.)

Followers of Muhammad’s actions and instructions hold an entirely different view about marriage, and women, than any other group of people in the world.

Muhammad did everything he specifically permits in the Qur’an, which is why the following behavior is advocated in Islam.

Islamic men, like Muhammad did, can: marry multiple women (4:3), including slaves (4:24), and prepubescent girls (65:4), and beat their wives as a form of punishment (4:34). They can also divorce them for no reason and have greater legal rights than their wives...

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The photo portrays a group of Islamic men accompanied with the child to whom they have been arranged to marry. In the Palestinian areas adjacent to Israel, the little girls are dressed in white dresses, holding the hands of men who are the age of their older brother, cousin, father, uncle, or even grandfather, to whom they are forced to marry. (The girls are holding Palestinian/Hamas flags.)

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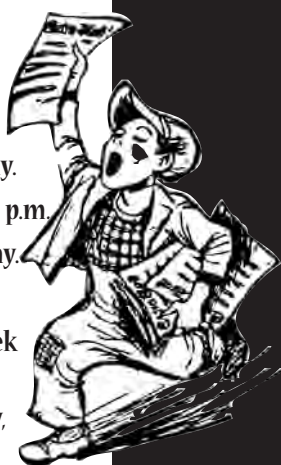
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on teevee” personalities. We learned, we improvised, adapted and overcame the mistakes of the 90s. Because this involved dropping off the media and SPLC radar, the collectivist media machine concluded we had disappeared. Yet each time events called for it, we mobilized – the Minutemen, the various gun control fights, the opposition to the PATRIOT Act right up to the Tea Party insurgency’ we saw the same familiar faces from the 90s.

Sentinel: There are various liberty groups out there (Oath Keepers, III%’ers, etc). How can they work together going forward?

Each group has its own area of operation, as it were. Like the 90s, many are an exercise in tiny empire building and fall prey to the desire of their leaders to be big fish in their own little ponds. Some groups are turf jealous and prickly to deal with. Unlikely to share opinions about everything, they must ally around incidents and issues that they share without, a) expecting too much from the other and, b) getting confused about who does what.

Sentinel: Your comments on local efforts (e.g., Communi-

ty Preparedness Teams, etc.) versus national liberty efforts? Where should the individual concentrate considering where we are today politically and culturally?

I have concluded that no help can come from any combination of national politics. Anyone who counts on deliverance from above is smoking some of your Colorado weed. Even state politics are problematic. All survival, all liberty and property defense must come from local efforts centered around community and church.

Sentinel: I know this is a tough question, but what do you think will happen to our country in the next five years with regards to us maintaining a constitutional republic?

God may yet work a miracle, but we are more likely to see the utter collapse of our economy, our political system and civilization leading to a bloody civil war – perhaps degenerating into a three sided race war – that will make the collapse of Yugoslavia look like a kindergarten playground fight.

Sentinel: With the now decades of betrayal of the Constitution by the once liberty loving Republican Party, where can patriots go now to participate politically at the state and national levels?

I have no idea of any larger political solution that might

work. That is why I’m so pessimistic.

Sentinel: With you leaving the scene, where should the III%’ers go for guidance?

My blog, *Sipsey Street Irregulars* will still be carried on by my son. Read the works and study the history of the Founders. For myself I would refer you to the “Three Percent Catechism” and to my recent “Three Percenter Valediction”. Prayer wouldn’t hurt, either.

Sentinel: As the federal and state governments become increasingly belligerent to our Constitution and our fundamental rights as sovereign citizens, when is the time to practice “civil disobedience”?

Every blessed chance you get.

Sentinel: Looking back at your efforts to bring back a Constitutional America, what would you have done differently?

More. More and yet more. Organizing, logistics, networking, street action. Knowing that I would be ending my fight soon, I would have done more. At the same time I would have done a better job supporting my family. They have paid the costs of my fights more than anyone and I am leaving them with little but memories. The truth is that you can love the big things like liberty, truth and

justice but they don’t love you back, only family and friends do that.

Sentinel: What individuals in today’s liberty movement do you admire?

Twenty plus years in this fight have brought me into contact with many such folks. To remember them

“...a bloody civil war ...that will make the collapse of Yugoslavia look like a kindergarten playground fight.”

all would be impossible; to name some and not others would be insulting to those not named. It has been humbling and an honor to know them all.

Sentinel: How will God guide us through the coming hard times? (Or, how can we keep God in the liberty movement as it is the essential underpinning for all personal morality and behavior?).

It may well be that God has removed his protecting hand from this country because of our iniquities. You can spit in God’s eye only so long and then God spits back and when he does, civilizations fall, cities dissolve in fire, entire peoples are enslaved and the innocent die with the

guilty. Someone has to answer for tens upon tens of millions dead babies – a holocaust that we are all complicit in. There may be enough honest, worshipful believers to intercede for us, but prayer is in truth the only thing that can matter.

Mike’s closing comments:

anniversary of the battles at Lexington and Concord.

I wasn’t able to go to church this morning, but God was close by. As I drove down out of Custer County just after dawn, I was struck dumb with the power and majesty of God. As the light played off the mountains in colors that were stark and shaded at the same time – it was breathtaking. How anyone can see such grandeur and not be convinced of the power and majesty of the Almighty Creator is beyond me. Amen?

You know we think we have mountains in North Alabama – but they’re really just foothills of the Appalachians, which are an old, tired bunch of mountains anyway. You have some new fresh mountains out here. But those (points to mountains outside Cañon City – now THOSE are mountains. The other thing I noticed as a member in good standing of the armed citizenry, and it was not exactly a religious observation, is what GOOD KILLING GROUND it is. May God have pity on any tyrant who tries to invade here, especially Custer County.

“I leave you now, grateful for your hospitality and your courage. It has been an honor.”

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