

Baccalaureate: A Journey With Faith



A moment of prayer at the Bobcat Baccalaureate Service at the Hope Lutheran Church.

by George Gramlich

The Custer County High School graduating class of 2016 wanted something more than just a diploma graduation ceremony this year. Something that government can't give you: Blessings and Grace from God in celebrating one's graduation from high school. Or, as noted on the Baccalaureate program brochure, "Thank you Lord for Your Grace to see us through graduation . We now humbly seek Your Wisdom and Guidance as we go forward."

Baccalaureate services used to be fairly common in the United States. But with the U.S. Supreme Court forcing God from our children's lives over the last 50 years, the ceremonies have become less prevalent. Our Custer County kids said different: We want God in our lives and our future.

I Will Remember You, Richard

by Fred Hernandez

Richard Hrpcha was a most familiar sight at the Senior Center in Silver Cliff. He enjoyed shooting pool with "the boys" and during football season, it was almost a sacred obligation to watch his favorite team, the Bronco's, between taking turns at the pool table. On Sundays, with family and friends, he preferred to have a late breakfast or lunch at the bowling alley after Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church.

A most active man, even in his later years, Rich, or Dick, (depending on what period of his life one got to know him), loved to work on his multi-acre property, perched on his tractor, either clearing brush or grad-

ing a road. Also known for zipping around on his ATV, he would dart about between pine trees, zig-zagging here and there frightening some unsuspecting guest who might have accepted his invitation to ride along. He drove his truck the same way, at above average speeds, with a gleam in his eye betraying his delight while passengers hung on for dear life. But what Rich will be most remembered for by all was that he was a kind and most gentle man, quick to help everyone, even strangers. In fact, some of his dearest friends were those to whom he had lent a much-needed helping hand at a moment of dire need. His generosity was legendary to the point that if he loaned a piece of equipment to someone and it was returned in less

than acceptable condition, or even broken, his attitude was "what are you going to do" and left it at that.

The oldest of the four children of Joseph and Olga Hrpcha, Rich was born on May 15, 1936 in Joliet, Illinois, where he was raised and attended St. Bernard's Grade School and Joliet Catholic High School. Looking back on his life one gets the feeling he was moving at his usual fast clip. He served in the U.S. Army with a European assignment in Germany and an honorable discharge in 1960. He then went to Louis College in Lockport, Illinois, to get a Bachelor of Science degree, but, before that, he

RICHARD
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How Will Your Faith Last?

Until a few weeks ago, I'd never heard of Baccalaureate. When I was in high-school, we didn't have Baccalaureate in my town. So, when Dean first asked me if I was willing to be the speaker for the Baccalaureate, I have to admit I was a little taken back...but don't worry, I get it now.

Well, you've probably never heard a graduation speech from Deuteronomy... but here it comes. I chose Deuteronomy because the circumstances surrounding the book are strikingly similar to a high-school senior's situation today. I'll explain what I mean.

Deuteronomy is actually a very unique time in Israel's history: Leading up to the book, they've been through quite the journey. They have been set free from slavery in Egypt, crossed the Red

Sea as God held back the waters, received God's Law at Mt. Sinai, wandered in the wilderness for 40 years due to disobedience toward God. During that 40 years, a whole generation has died in the wilderness because God knew they were unfit to enter the promised land. So, when we come to the book of Deuteronomy, that generation's children are the only people left. The problem is, they weren't old enough to remember what happened in Egypt or what God said at Sinai. Therefore, this younger generation doesn't know God's Law, and they don't know God Himself. Moses, Caleb, and Joshua are the only survivors from previous generation, and now they're preparing this younger generation to cross Jordan the River and enter the promised land.

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Seek ye the
LORD while he
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call ye upon him
while he is near:

Isaiah 55:6 KJV



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

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

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

Open Letter To Donald Trump



Hey Donald! Listen up! It's time to change the narrative. You have an uncanny knack for controlling the story in the main stream media. And now is the time. You won the Republican nomination using one tactic. It was very successful with the majority of the Republican base that was tired of the same old strategy of politically correct establishment politics. Forget about your past personal issues like Trump University. Forget about Hillary trashing you and getting under your “thin skin.” Forget about insulting judges and other Americans. Forget about “counter-punching.” It's time to take the initia-

tive and control the news cycle with your plan to grow the economy and create the environment for job growth. It's time to explain why Hillary is just the third term of Obama. Change the narrative from you to the economy and jobs and you will win in November. Stop with the nicknames for your opponents. Most Americans already believe Hillary is untrustworthy, corrupt and has bad judgment. Let the FBI deal with her latest irresponsible, and possibly criminal, behavior. Control the narrative; you have the power to do that and you should do that.

Last weekend the Sunday

news shows spent most of the time talking about your attack on the heritage and ethnicity of a judge. It should have been on the anemic state of our economy. It's in terrible shape. Only 38,000 new jobs were created in May. First Quarter growth was less than 1 percent. The labor participation rate is the lowest in decades. Another half a million Americans quit looking for work last month. Talk about these facts. You should steal a phrase from Bill: It's the economy, stupid! Make the case that Hillary is just more of the last eight years. Start giving prepared speeches on your

plan to fix the economy and help create jobs. You used one tactic to win the Republican primaries. You need a different tactic to win the White House. It's there for the taking. America does not want another Clinton but you must help. Quit making it so hard for the moderate Republicans, Independents and intellectually honest Democrats to support you. This is a very unique time in our history. We don't want more status quo. You can bring all these people together that want to change how our federal government operates. The White House is there for the taking. Don't “snatch defeat from the jaws of vic-

tory.” It is time to unify all Republicans and most of the Independents. Don't let Hillary control the narrative. Step up your game to a more national level of concerns. Focus on America and not your past. Focus on how you will change the failed policies of the past eight years and you will win. Most Americans are hoping for “real” change. Give them hope. Speak about your plans to Make America Great Again. Forget the “small ball” and start playing in the major leagues. America needs new ideas and a fresh vision. The status quo isn't working.

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Revelation 21:4

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A New Arbitrary 2nd Amendment Restriction?

Letter to the Editor

On May 26, 2016, Sheriff Byerly sent a letter to the concealed carry instructors in the county stating that classes not containing range time will no longer be accepted.

I sent the following email expressing my concerns.

Dear Sheriff Byerly,

I received your letter that was sent to concealed carry instructors, expressing your intention to require range time of all cc applicants, and I would like to voice my concern.

I always understood the C.R.S. that you quoted, does not require that applicants have range time as part of their instruction.

For verification of this, I contacted the State Attorney General, who referred me to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation's firearm hotline. The agent I spoke to confirmed that there is no state statute requiring range time as part of the instruction.

He further stated that since Colorado is a "Shall Issue" state, that a permit applicant could not be turned down for a permit simply because they did not have range time.

The concern I have is that if non legislated requirements such as this get added to permit applicants at the county level, what is to keep other items from being added willy nilly, such as a requirement that applicants take the class from one of the posse members, or they must have green eyes, walk with a slight limp and drive a silver pickup no older than two model years old? Ridiculous of course, but I hope I have illustrated my point.

Call me crazy, but I am of the opinion that the Second Amendment has been stretched far too much already. Because of my firm conviction that every law abiding citizen who wants to carry is given that opportunity, I make it a point to do whatever I can to make my class affordable to the masses.

On the first page of my class, I

go over the application procedure and costs for the County in which I am holding the class. I have found that it is not unusual for some participants to excuse themselves at that point due to the fact that they just can't afford to see the process through. When this occurs, I offer to do the class for that person free of charge, with the understanding that they put that money towards the other costs and proceed.

Because I feel it is a dangerous precedent to let these things go unchallenged, I would like to know specifically on what authority this requirement is being added and what basis in law it has.

Sincerely,

James Van Buskirk
NRA Certified Instructor
Westcliffe, CO

cc Thom LeDoux, District Attorney

My thoughts on this requirement as an NRA instructor are probably best illustrated by the content of my class where I recommend anyone with the time and means

to attend firearms training at Thunder Ranch do so. I quote Clint Smith extensively. If it were up to me, I'd probably require anyone with a firearm attend that type of intense training. But it is not up to me, I don't make laws.

As a citizen of Custer County, I have to admit at first I was a bit concerned as you might gather from my letter above. Since then, after a lot of research online and after speaking to as many knowledgeable folks in the firearm training world I could muster a conversation with, I have mel- lowed a bit. Here is why.

It is the way our country is headed. We have a twice elected Chief Executive who has ruled the land with Executive Orders essentially bypassing the Legislative branch. The Legislative branch has let it happen without much resistance, and we the voters have let them get away with letting it happen by not holding them to task. It is ultimately our voice, our vote that either approves of what they are doing or disapproves it. The people have spoken. Majority rules, so this is the way the majority of

us want the country to go. I get that. I don't agree with it, and I don't have to agree with it, but I accept it as the will of the people because this is America.

Following suit, why would we expect any different on the county level? Never mind that the Colorado Revised Statute does not require range time and never mind that the Colorado Bureau of Investigation's opinion is that it is not required. We'll just all accept the idea that our elected official's interpretation of the statute is the correct one and we'll accept that our District Attorney agrees with that interpretation, and we'll accept that any other Custer County officials don't have to go through the motions of all that is required to pass a county law. I get it.

I will continue to teach the best darn class I know how, for the same low price I always have, for Custer County residents. And yes, I will have the most productive range time ever included in my class, because it is really a good thing. I just don't believe it is required by state law.

Giving Back to Custer County For Our Future

I have spent time working on some of the 501C3 boards along side Donna Hood. I've seen her budget & do treasurer reports, work tirelessly on boards to get both sides to agree & go forward together as a team. I've seen her open A Painted View Ranch to the kids of the 4-H, San Isabel Land Trust, Veterans, many equine events & numerous other events over the years. I've seen Donna Hood take in International exchange students through Rotary giving so much of her self, energy & passion. Donna & Ralph have given annual scholarships to graduating students year after year. I've seen her constant trail of giving to our community,

giving of her business, resources, enthusiasm, money & love.

Talking to Donna at this year's Outdoor Buddies, I asked her "Where do you get the time for all of your volunteer work & why do you do so much for our town?: Her answer was simple: "It's what I want to do. I CARE about what happens to this community & it's future." Then she very humbly said: "It's my home, I here live too!"

That's why, in my opinion, Donna Hood is the best candidate for County commissioner.

Kathy McLaughlin
Rural Custer County

Meet Kit Shy: for another take on the facts

Editor,

We support Kit Shy for another term as Commissioner of Custer County. Kit has vast knowledge of the county, integrity and has done a tremendous amount of volunteer work in his time in the community, much of that work not done publicly, nor for accolades.

There has been a plethora of information about past county issues. We would suggest attendance at Commissioner Shy's get together at Hermit Park, Sunday, June 12th at 2 p.m. Have a conversation/visit with him and get another take on the "facts" of these issues.

Jerry and Mary Seifert
Rural Custer County

Fireworks Need Funding

July 4th is fast approaching and All Aboard Westcliffe is once again trying to raise the \$8400 to pay for the Fireworks. To date we have collected \$3500. We approached most of the businesses in February but very few have stepped up to donate. It is our hope that the month of June will see us reach our goal. We will be on the streets again to personally make our plea. Donations can be sent to our address or we will gladly pick them up.

Remember also that All Aboard Westcliffe is sponsoring the Craft/Flea Market in our parking lot on Rosita Ave. for the three days of the July 4th week end. Attend the Car show on Main Street on Saturday then stop over to the Craft/Flea Market before returning to Main Street for the Dance.

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Improve the Economic Condition of the County

Dear Editor:

Dale Falske is our best choice:

I am writing to express my opinion and explain my support for Dale Falske for Custer County Commissioner in the upcoming election. Dale is a neighbor and a good friend. You might say that I am biased. And I would agree. Being a friend, we have had many discussions regarding Custer

County and its future. We share many ideals and viewpoints (not all, but many). I have come to appreciate Dale's strong convictions and character. He is honest, a fiscal conservative and strongly values democracy and our Constitution.

Dale will bring a new energy to the Custer County Commissioners. He wants to find solutions to important issues that face our

county. He especially wants to improve the economic condition of the county (but not at the expense of our rural lifestyle). He knows that this is not a simple issue and as part of his efforts to find these solutions, he wants the citizens of this county to share their opinions and ideas. Many of you have met him and know that he values your input. Those of you who have not met him yet, please consider contacting him and sharing

your thoughts.

Dale has already started working for you. He is not a politician, but he is a concerned citizen and is spending much of his time learning so he is ready to hit the ground running. He has already contacted other Colorado County Commissioners to discuss their county's solution to similar issues. This demonstrates his initiative in seeking solutions and being open

to different ways of addressing issues.

If you want an honest, hardworking, county commissioner that will listen to you and work for you, and that shares many of your values, consider voting for Dale Falske for Custer County Commissioner for District 2.

*Dave Hayward
Hardscrabble Canyon*

Good Steward of Limited County Funds

Dear Editor:

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS must work as a team or nothing can be accomplished no matter how strong or weak an individual commissioner is. When listening to candidates I want each candidate to demonstrate to me that they are going to work as a team using their skills and expertise to support the needs of everyone living here.

Much has been said about the county spending lots of money on a lawsuit that began in 1994 over a land dispute. The record vali-

dates that Custer County was sued by Dr. Robert Hamilton long before Shy and Attebery were elected commissioners. Every commissioner elected since that time has had to deal with this issue with the guidance or our appointed legal counsel.

I have had the privilege of working with Kit Shy and he has always worked tirelessly for the benefit of all of us living here: He has my vote.

I respect and commend Sandra Attebery. We have been professional friends

for many years. I commend Sandra for her professionalism, ability to research issues and her willingness to serve our citizens. However, Dale Falske has my vote. He brings a different perspective coming from law enforcement, is honest, listens to the people, is willing to learn and can be a good steward of limited county funds while still providing needed services to citizens.

Respectfully,

*Carole J. Custer, Ph.D.
Retired Custer County Commissioner*

The Hamilton Case is SIX Years Old!

Letter to the Editor:

The Hamilton case is six years old!

Today I had two people tell me they weren't going to vote for Kit Shy for county commissioner because of his involvement in the Hamilton case.

Kit Shy was NOT a party to the original commissioner's decision to vacate County Road 390 by transferring the deed. However, he has been a commissioner in the time since that action was taken, while the issue was being litigated in court.

The judge ruled that what was done was legal, although it could have also been done in a different

way. The end result of the neighbor's hostilities is that the deed transfer was nullified and the county still owns a too-narrow road they don't want. And the neighbors still don't get along. So what's new?

It's been a long, expensive process, but it's not Kit's fault in any way!

Kit is an honest conservative with a personal knowledge of the county's values and heritage. His father was the county surveyor long before Kit took over the business. In that position, he has dealings with the people in every corner of our county.

Custer County is famous

for a high turnover of inhabitants. They come, bring their great ideas for how to change things, and then they go. Only a few are here for the long term and can appreciate the ebb and flow and the realities of this place. Kit is one of them.

Kit is in this job to do the work of the people, and he does it in a very calm and professional way. He is working for US and doesn't insert any personal objectives into the mix. He is exactly the man we need for the job -- Re-elect Kit Shy for Custer County Commissioner!

*Jeanene Comerford
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Veterans of Westcliffe VFW Post: A Big Thank You to the Community

We, the Veterans of Westcliffe VFW Post, wish to thank the Wet Mountain Valley Community for your support of our Benefit Southern Style Dinner on Saturday, May 28th. The success of this event will enable us to help some very deserving veterans in the valley. In addition to all of our wonderful volunteers who worked so hard cooking and serving the delicious food, we wish

to thank: our hosts Cheryl & Willie of Silver Cliff Mountain Inn Restaurant; Elevation Meat & Seafood Market; the merchants of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe who allowed us to display on of the advertising flyers; American Legion post 170 and Auxiliary unit 170 for your help and donations; and the *Sangre De Cristo Sentinel* newspaper for publishing the notices of the dinner free of charge.



Danny and Fawnda Newton, owners of Elevations Meat.

Photo by Fred Hernandez

Elevations Meat & Seafood Market Party

Danny and Fawnda Newton are gearing up for a one year anniversary of their store in Westcliffe at 101 S. 2nd Street. The party, on Saturday, June 18th, from noon to 4 p.m., is a thank you to all their customers. Hotdogs, cake and ice cream will be served. Everyone is welcome.

NEW CAFE IN TOWN

The Badger Clan Café opened on Friday, May 27th (Memorial Day weekend), across the street from Elevation Meats, on Second Street, right next to the Golden Corner Motel.

Owned by Dan Tschappat, the newly opened café will operate from 5:30 a.m. until 2:30 a.m., serving breakfast and lunch, seven days a week.

Edwin Moyer and his wife Sallie run the store serving down-home cooking

featuring chicken fried steaks, hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch among other specialties. Classic American breakfast is available all day long as well as their delicious homemade bread and cinnamon rolls. Kathie Tschappat and Stephanie Collins round out the whole team at Badger Clan Café to whom we extend a hearty welcome to the Custer County restaurant scene.



Badger Clan Café

Photo by Fred Hernandez

Big Thanks to Ex in Ed

Once again, Excellence in Education shows their commitment to the Custer County Schools with an outstanding fundraising dinner on June 2nd at the Hillside Hall. It was a tremendous evening with great food and a melodrama by CCHS students with help from a villainous Ex in Ed member, Walter van Woudenberg. This letter is written as both an educator and a community

member, my wife and I would like to say a Big Thanks to the members of Ex in Ed who have chosen to be proactive and get involved in our local schools. Your footprint is seen daily in the lives of the students in our community. Thank you. Thank you for your commitment to Excellence in our Custer County Schools!

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L- R. Kylvinn Wisecup, Grace Flynn, Emma Aldrich, Devynne Schoch and Hannah Kennedy.

CCCS Eighth grade students received their certificates on Tuesday, May 24th. The Middle School Choir performed for the ceremony.

Photos by Jennifer Huffman





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See you at camp!!!

Local Olympic Games and Powder Paint

“Laugh Olympics” June 16th
“Color Wars” June 17th

Press Release
West Custer County Library

Let the games begin! Kids will compete in a series of silly challenges where getting dirty, messy or wet is all a part of the fun at the West Custer County Library’s “Laugh Olympics”. This event will take place Thursday, June 16th from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Hermit Park on the corner of Hermit Road and Fourth Street

in Westcliffe. “Laugh Olympics” is part of a month-long series of free Summer Reading events and is for ages 0-10 years. Parents are encouraged to bring their children in their “play” clothes as they will be getting wet and possibly muddy or dirty.

Teens will be battling it out with powder paint at “Laugh Olympics” in Hermit Park on June 17th from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. White T-shirts will

be provided to go over regular clothing, but it is strongly advised that teens wear clothing they don’t mind getting stained. This event is for ages 11-17 and, as with all Summer Reading events, is completely free thanks to funding from the Friends of West Custer County Library. These events and more are part of the West Custer County Library’s Summer Reading Program.

The program offers many events for youth of all ages as well as a fun reading and learning challenge where kids can earn prizes for hands-on experiences. Youth can get registered for Summer Reading at the library during its regular hours through the month of July. For more information about the Summer Reading Program, stop by the library or call 719-783- 9138.



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Local Mountain News & Notices

Obituary Vicky L. Decker

Vicky L. Decker, age 65, passed away at her home in Westcliffe, Colorado, on Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Born on January 27, 1951, in Alexandria, Louisiana, she spent her life nourishing people she met with her loving, generous, and humorous personality. Her life-long passion was being with her horses and friends. Being a two-time cancer survivor, she was a very strong figure to her family and friends and took life with a new meaning.

Daughter of Florence Teddlie and Henry Cannon. She is survived by her husband, John G. Decker, son Ted Bohannon, daughter Melissa Bohannon, and grandchildren, Brittane Bohannon, Brianna Bohannon, Brady Bohannon and Serenity Hodges.

Memorial services will be held at the Wet

Mountain Valley Saddle Club building on June 15th at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club or the Westcliffe United Methodist Church.



Obituary Leo Albert Neal

Leo Albert Neal, age 75, was presented to his Heavenly Father by His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ on June 3, 2016.

He was born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, on October 9, 1940.

He served his country as a radar technician in the Navy.

He was a general contractor, maintaining his carpentry skill throughout his life.

He married his "honey", the love of his life, Mary Ellen Pineda on June 21, 1989. They were blessed with 27 years of marriage.

Leo was an ordained minister. He was called to minister God's Word at Arrowhead Correction Center, Cañon City, Colorado. He and his wife led Bible studies for 11 years, and he was Chaplain for four and a half years. He continued his sharing of God's Word until his death, touching many

lives with his encouragement and love.

He worked for Nobel-Sysco as a truck driver in Denver, and had a southern Colorado route.

He moved to Cotopaxi, Colorado where he joined the Cotopaxi Community Church. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and participating in several ministries. He enjoyed wonderful fellowship with his brothers and sisters in Christ, and he was greatly blessed with their love and friendship.

Words cannot express the heartfelt gratitude of his wife and family for the wonderful outpouring of love, help, and support from the church family.

Survivors rejoicing with him are his wife of 27 years, Mary Ellen Neal of Cotopaxi, Colorado, his daughters Gerry Lynn Mason of Denver, Karen Lee Schmidt of North Carolina, brother David Neal (Marie)

of Jeanette, Pennsylvania, sister Janet (Danny) Crowell, and daughter Lori Lee of Denver; as well as eight grandchildren, two great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Ralph and Juanita Cravens Broomfield, Colorado.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents Leo A. Neal Sr. and Ruth Spinelli Neal and mother-in-law, Clara Pineda.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to Cotopaxi Community Church.

Memorial service will be held at Cotopaxi Community Church, Cotopaxi, Colorado June 19, 2016 at 2 p.m.

Internment will be at Sand Arroyo Cemetery, west of Walsenburg, Colorado, in the vicinity of the Navajo Estates Properties, at a later date.

Obituary Clara M. Pineda

Clara M. Pineda, age 98, passed away gently and unexpectedly into the arms of her Savior, Jesus Christ on May 28, 2016 in Broomfield, Colorado, at Mariposa Haven Assisted Living. She was blessed by the loving care given by Kit, Laura, Kristie, and Scott.

She was born at Sand Arroyo on April 24, 1918. Her happiest childhood days were spent in Russell, Colorado.

She married her musician, the love of her life, Alfonso Pineda on February 12, 1942 and they were blessed with 48 years of marriage. She loved the Lord Jesus immensely and was a Eu-

charistic Minister for 17 years in St. Mary's parish in Walsenburg.

She enjoyed dancing to Dad's music, crocheting creative crafts, and flower gardening. She was an excellent seamstress as well.

She is survived by her sister Delphine Garcia, daughters Mary Ellen Neal of Cotopaxi, Colorado, Juanita and Ralph Cravens of Broomfield, Colorado, grandson Eric (Tertia Speiser) Cravens, and great granddaughter Adelaide Cravens of Lakewood, Colorado, as well as by numerous nephews, nieces, and extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Alfonso Pineda, her parents Geronimo and Juanita Ruibal Quintana, brothers Fred, Fermin, Chris, Ernest, Melton, and sister Rita Quintana, grandson Chris Cravens, sisters-in-law; Bernice, Dora and Elsie Quintana, son-in-law Leo A. Neal.

Memorial service will be held at Cotopaxi Community Church, Cotopaxi, Colorado, on June 19, 2016 at 2 p.m.

Interment will take place at a later date in Sand Arroyo Cemetery, west of Walsenburg, Colorado in the vicinity of the Navajo Estates.

LIGHTHOUSE PREGNANCY RESOURCES

Acting President Paula Shapland announces the resignation of Ms. Candi Sage, who is leaving for personal reasons. We thank her for her service and wish her blessings in all her future endeavors.

Hours of operation at the Lighthouse remain the same as we look forward to serving all our clients. We take this opportunity to thank all our dear friends and supporters.

Dark Skies Sponsors a Star Party this Friday View Jupiter, Mars, Saturn, galaxies and star clusters

WESTCLIFFE / SILVER CLIFF, CO.
(June 6, 2016) –

On the evening of Friday, June 10th, the local Dark Skies organization is holding a star party open to the public. Jupiter, Mars and Saturn will all be visible at late dusk, and there will be a five-day crescent moon to enjoy. As darkness falls, fainter objects such as galaxies, nebulae and star clusters will be viewed. The event will be held at The Bluff and Summit Park, 100 S. Adams Blvd. in Westcliffe, starting at 9 p.m.

Dark Skies members will have telescopes for public viewing and will provide background information on the objects being viewed. Work is being performed on the telescope in the Smokey Jack Observatory and will not be available for this celestial event. Bring a flashlight (preferably with a red light option) and a jacket. All Dark Sky Star parties are weather permitting. If June 10th does not provide good viewing of the night sky, there will a second attempt on the evening of June 11th.

KIDS Friday, June 10, 2016 Gnomes

The word gnome is derived from the Latin, gnomus. It is often claimed to descend from the Greek gnosis ("knowledge,") but more likely comes from genomos ("earth-dweller".) Gnomes first appeared in the oral tradition of Northern European folklore, so it is difficult to pinpoint their exact origins.

Gnomes are also referred to as elves. They are a dwarf-like fairy in Norse mythology and folklore. There were good ones and bad ones. The bad ones lived in the ground. The male gnomes were ugly and humpbacked and lived underground because daylight turned them into stone. In modern times they are often depicted as small, stout, human-like creature who wore tall, pointed, conical caps and dressed in solid colors such as blue, red, or green. The male gnome was depicted as having a long white beard.

The Brothers Grimm featured them in 'The Gnome', a series of short stories detailing the lives of gnomes. In these stories gnomes are depicted in good and mischievous lights. In the good light, clothing is given to two helpful gnomes and they decide to serve a cobbler and his wife for the rest of their days. Other stories exist of gnomes' helpfulness, and relate the willingness of gnomes to assist in gardens. So today we see the gnomes that were turned to stone by staying out in daylight in gardens all over America.

Here in Custer County we have a very special Gnome; the Mountain Gnome. Next time you are traveling east on Highway 96, pull off to the side of the road at the 18 mile marker; there is a safe wide area there to pull off. Turn around and you will see the pointed lover's leap rock. Just to the left of it is the Mountain Gnome. If you look closely you will see his pointed hat and his eyes and nose. You will also see his left hand raised to his mouth holding what appears to be a horn. Coming back from Pueblo it is always comforting to see the Mountain Gnome guarding our roadway to home.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: gnomefrenzy.com, newworldencyclopedia.org, worldbookencyclopedia

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"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Isaiah 55:9 KJV

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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
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Comments, Questions, and Friendly Discussion
on a Sunday Afternoon
Sunday, June 12, 2016 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Westcliffe Park Pavilion on Hermit Road



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Justine Mary Beach- Treasurer

Events Calendar

Friday, June 10, 7 p.m. CC Historical and Genealogical Society; **"Minnie Harding?" / Colorado Women's Hall of Fame** at West Custer County Library

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

Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at 2:00 p.m.
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Sunday, June 12 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Westcliffe Feed Store Amphitheater & Park
Summer in the Park
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Entertainment – The Crestones

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

Tuesday, June 14
Flag Day
Fly your flag proudly!

Thursday, June 16
7 p.m.- 8 p.m.
Blackwood Legacy Quartet Concert
First Baptist Church

Friday, June 17, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 19, 2 p.m.
Feed Store Amphitheater
SHAKESPEARE IN THE SANGRES:
"Loves Labor Lost " \$\$

Saturday, June 18
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Feed Store Amphitheater
SHAKESPEARE IN THE SANGRES:
"King Lear " \$\$

Recurring Events

Monday
Club America — 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training; 9 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
6 p.m. Closed Step Study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe.
Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emilie at (719) 371-5974.

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
Club America — 9:15 a.m. Stretch; 10:30 a.m. Zumba; 10:30 a.m. Chair Strength; 4 p.m. Kids Zone; 4 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Core Conditioning.
12 – 4:30 p.m. Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe.

1st 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.

Wednesday
Club America — 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training; 8:00 a.m. Kids Zone; 10:00 a.m. Low Impact; 5:15 p.m. Step Aerobics.
9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Line dancers meet at the Methodist Church. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370.
6 p.m. Closed Big Book Study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emilie at (719) 371-5974

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

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

Thursday
Club America — 9 a.m. Water Aerobics; 9:15 a.m. Yoga; 10:30 a.m. Zumba; 10:30 a.m. Chair Strength; 4 p.m. Kids Zone; 4:00 p.m. – 6 p.m. Core Conditioning.

Second Thursday of the Month
10 a.m. – 11 a.m. "Ask a Nurse" at the library.

Friday
Club America — 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training; 9:00 a.m. Water Aerobics; 9:15 a.m. Stretch; 10:30 a.m. Muscles.
6 p.m. Open Discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emilie at (719) 371-5974.
7 p.m. to 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.
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 have a few spares.

3rd Saturday of Month
9 a.m. VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes Conference Room for more info call Commander Randy Knight 783-9340.

Services

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Custer County Community Sharing Center Inc.
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(719)371-7664
Fri.- Sat. 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources
507 Main Street
Silver Cliff, CO 81252
(719) 783-4357
Mon. – Thur. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

West Custer County Library
209 Main Street
Westcliffe, CO 81252
(719) 783-9138
Tue. – Fri.: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sat.:10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Wet Mt. Rotary Van Service
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Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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but it shall accomplish that
which I please,
and it shall prosper in the thing
whereto I sent it.*

Isaiah 55:11 KJV

Custer County Historical & Genealogical Society
2016 SUMMER PROGRAMS
at the
West Custer County Library
Community Room 7 p.m.

June 10
Minnie Harding? Colorado Women's Hall Of Fame
Presented By Susan Cochran, Director, Royal Gorge Regional Museum & History Center

July 8
"Aunt Helen Told Me" About Helen Montgomery
Presented By Shirley Carey, Custer County And Fremont Historian

August 12
Heritage Of Homes In Land Trusts
Presented By Ben Lenth, Executive Director, San Isabel Land Protection Trust

September 17
Annual Dinner At Rancher's Roost/Cliff Lanes Featuring Willson & Mckee, World Wide Presenters

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The deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is Monday at 4 p.m. for that week's edition.*

Fremont County Events June 10– July 4

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.

July 4th weekend, The City of Florence will host its annual Fourth of July festivities from July 2-4 in Florence. Activities include a parade, craft fair, concerts and fireworks.



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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



Custer County Monthly Payments		
Payments From May 1, 2016 Through May 31, 2016		
NOTICE		
The following is a list of all bills presented, audited, and ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Custer County, Colorado, from their respective funds at the regular meeting on May 31, 2016.		
Custer County Payments for Airport Fund		
Payments From May 1, 2016 Through May 31, 2016		
Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ASCENT AVIATION GROUP INC	POS CHG	30.00
CENTURYLINK	SRV	104.88
DEAN/SHANE	REIMBS	23.36
DECKER/JACK	REIMBS	18.44
DIVERSE DATUM WIRELESS	SRV	60.00
NORUP GAS INC	SRV	75.00
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	SRV	140.79
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	SUPPLIES	16.97
	Final Totals...	469.44
Custer County Payments for Capital Improvement Fund		
Payments From May 1, 2016 Through May 31, 2016		
Vendor Name	Description	Amount
FIRST STATE BANK OF COLORADO	SHERIFF LEASE PAYMENT	15,356.64
T A DUKE & ASSOCIATES	WCCF ARCHITECTURE	1,200.00
UNITED REPROGRAPHIC SUPPLY	ASSR COPIER MAINT AGREE	90.00
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING	ASSR MAPPING COPIER	285.40
	Final Totals...	16,932.04
Custer County Payments for Emergency Services Fund		
Payments From May 1, 2016 Through May 31, 2016		
Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AT & T MOBILITY	OEM SRV	81.24
CENTURYLINK	OEM LANDLINE	104.50
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INS	4,101.00
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	OEM FUEL	44.69
DIGITCOM ELECTRONICS	OEM COMM VEHICLE	8,116.88
HOWARD/CINDY		1,394.53
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES INC	CAD QRTLY	7,812.00
MCCARTHY/JOSEPH	REIMB	85.00
MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING CO INC/THE	DISPATCH HELP WANTED	356.00
POSTMASTER	PO BOX 1351 RENTAL	48.00
TONY'S MOUNTAIN PIZZA	MRC DINNER CONTRIBUTION	500.00
WEST CUSTER CO HOSPITAL DIST	RETAC	1,600.20
WET MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE	DISPATCH HELP WANTED	118.00
	Final Totals...	24,362.04
	Payroll...	9,287.76
Custer County Payments for General Fund		
Payments From May 1, 2016 Through May 31, 2016		
Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	152.78
AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE	CN W/H	167.30
ARKANSAS VALLEY SEED	SEED FOR LANDFILL COVER	351.13
AT & T MOBILITY	SERVICE	972.55
BERG HILL GREENLEAF & RUSCITTI	PROF SRVS	60.00
BERRY/SHERON	WMFPD ELECTION JUDGE	155.00
BILL'S TELEPHONE SERVICE	PHONE LINE CHANGES	352.50
BLUE FLAME GAS	WCCL SRV	187.75
CANON GLASS INC	02 YUKON WINDSHIELD	240.00
CARD SERVICES	NADA MY BOOK	186.00
CCEDC	THE TALENT CO INV 1065	3,447.50
CENTURYLINK	WCCF SRV	323.54
CENTURYLINK	SRV	3,960.87
CENTAS CORP	LNDEL FIRST AID SUPPLIES	71.64
CITY AUTO PLAZA	SHERIFF REPAIRS	70.15
CMI INC	TESTING MOUTH PIECES	77.87
COLORADO CORONERS ASSN	CONF REGISTRATION	400.00
COLORADO COUNTY TREASURER'S	TREAS CONF REG	225.00
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	GARNISHMENT	135.00
COX/CHARLES	REIMBS	227.00

CRENSHAW/LYN	COOKING MATTERS REIMBS	73.61
CRESTONE GRAPHICS	SHERIFF BUSINESS CARDS	50.00
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INS W/H	31,685.62
CUSTER COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC	JAIL SUPPLIES	114.49
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	SHERIFF FUEL	2,424.25
DRAPER/CHAD	CWP REFUND	30.00
EL PASO COUNTY	SERVICES	1,350.00
FALSKE/DALE	SHERIFF CONEX CONTAINER	3,000.00
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	GARNISHMENT	442.00
FED EX	ELECTION MMB'S TO ILART	21.99
FOX DRUG INC	JAIL RX	2.06
FREMONT COUNTY CLERK	WMFPD VOTER LIST	25.00
FRONTIER PATHWAYS	MATCHING FUNDS RETURN	1,004.00
GCR TIRES AND SERVICE	SHERIFF 04 DODGE TIRES	469.28
GOLDER ASSOCIATES INC	LANDFILL ENGINEERING	479.06
GONZALEZ ROOFING AND GUTTERS	SHERIFF ROOF 50% DOWN	12,500.00
GREEN/ELIZABETH	REIMBS	99.00
HENRICH/JAMES D	REIMBS	100.00
HILTON FORT COLLINS	CORONER CONF ACCOM	387.00
IPPOLITO/CHUCK		403.68
KATTNIG/ROBERT (BOB)	REIMBURSEMENTS	210.00
LANG/CHRISTINE	MILEAGE	27.50
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	38.85
LEITSCHUH/JUDY	WMFPD ELECTION JUDGE	100.00
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	JAIL FOOD	759.94
MARTIN/RHONDA K	REIMBS	9.95
MD POLICE EQUIPMENT	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	89.99
MOHR'S WOOD ITEMS AND TROPHIES	VOLUNTEER RECOG PLAQUES	114.00
MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING CO INC/THE	SHERIFF PUBLISHING	782.52
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	SHERIFF REPAIRS	1,322.23
NAYLOR & GEISEL P.C	PROF SRVS	300.00
NEVE'S UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	91.95
NORUP GAS INC	SHERIFF COMPLEX SRV	390.79
OAK DISPOSAL SERVICE	LANDFILL FACILITIES	254.00
OFFICE DEPOT	ASSR SUPPLIES	15.99
OFFICE OF THE DIST ATTORNEY	PROF SRVS	7,645.83
PIQUETTE ENTERPRISES LLC	MAY ACCT	794.66
POSTMASTER	PO BOX 209 RENTAL	110.00
PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN	WMFPD ELECTION NOTICE	56.10
PRECISION GARAGE DOORS LLC	ANNEX GARAGE DOORS	1,950.00
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	SHERIFF COMPLEX SRV	172.80
SAGE/CANDI	WMFPD ELECTION JUDGE	100.00
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	LANDFILL POWER	122.18
SHAW/JOHN	WMFPD ELECTION JUDGE	155.00
SHY/CHRISTOPHER (KIT)	REIMBS	161.00
SHY/JAKE	LOAD RECYCLE CARDBOARD	150.00
SMITH/CLINTON A	MAY PROF SRVS	1,763.00
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	18.39
STATE OF COLORADO	MVR DELIVERABLES	237.24
STOLTZFUS/GAIL		1,215.56
STREBIG/JERRY	WMFPD ELECTION JUDGE	70.00
SWARTZ/JTM		519.13
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	1,083.32
TASER INTERNATIONAL	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	896.83
TECHNICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	PROBATION CLIENT TESTING	237.00
THEEM/MICHAEL	CCSAR BLDG REPAIR/MAINT	635.72
TONY'S MOUNTAIN PIZZA	MRC VOLUNTEER DINNER	1,273.37
TOTAL OFFICE SOLUTIONS		178.44
U S POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE MACHINE POSTAGE	2,000.00
UAACOG	2016 RECYCLING	2,332.00
ULFRA MAX	SHERIFF AMMO	965.00
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	470.09
VERIZON WIRELESS LERT B	EVIDENCE PRESERVATION	50.00
WAXIE SANITARY SUPPLY	CRITIS PAPER PRODUCTS	193.17

WESTCLIFFE PETROLEUM	SHERIFF TIRE REPAIR	15.00
WET MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE	BOCC PUBS	95.37
WILLIAMS/MARIAN	COOKING MATTERS SUPPLIES	133.25
XEROX BUSINESS SERVICES LLC	ASSR DATA PROCESSING	6,229.27
4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	LNDEL REPAIRS	117.14
	Final Totals...	103,078.11
	Payroll...	105,463.83
Custer County Payments for Human Services Fund		
Payments From May 1, 2016 Through May 31, 2016		
Vendor Name	Description	Amount
	Final Totals...	11,756.63
	Payroll...	14,316.59
Custer County Payments for Road and Bridge Fund		
Payments From May 1, 2016 Through May 31, 2016		
Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ACORN PETROLEUM INC	WETMORE DIESEL	2,383.50
AFLAC	AF W/H	56.16
AIRGAS INTERMOUNTAIN INC	SUPPLIES	837.05
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	532.52
AT & T MOBILITY	SERVICE	187.77
BIOSYSTEMS INC	BIO PRO HF	218.44
BLUE FLAME GAS	WETMORE SHOP SRV	187.50
BLUE TARP FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	206.95
CCOM	CDDT EXAM	70.00
CENTURYLINK	WETMORE SHOP SRV	186.36
CENTURYLINK	WC SHOP SRV	268.15
CORPORATE BILLING LLC	BOX & CV TOOL	908.33
CRESTONE GRAPHICS	INSPECTION FORMS	118.50
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	9,868.76
DENVER TRUCK SALES & EQUIPMENT	PARTS	529.28
DRIVE TRAIN INDUSTRIES	ALIGNMENT	199.00
EATON SALES & SERVICE LLC	FUEL SYSTEM REPAIR	1,243.31
FIRST RESPONDER COMMUNICATIONS	TRUCK UNIT INSTALLS	1,850.00
FLORENCE TRUE VALUE	SHOP ITEMS	15.90
GCR TIRES & SERVICE	TIRES	6,193.62
HAMMOND AIR CONDITIONING LTD	AC FOR 14G	2,186.00
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	MISC SHOP SUPPLIES	150.16
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	51.80
LITZ AUTO SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	21.94
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	SUPPLIES	62.38
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	PARTS	555.49
NORUP GAS INC	SRV	384.88
POWER MOTIVE	SUPPLIES	1,163.85
PUMPS AND MORE LLC	FITTINGS	972.76
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	SRV	1,483.80
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	574.98
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	SUPPLIES	253.21
WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO	PARTS	117.78
WET MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE	PUBLIC NOTICE	6.80
WRIGHT ELECTRIC LLC	SERVICE CALL	1,967.00
XEROX CORP	COPIER	56.61
4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	PARTS	701.16
	Final Totals...	36,771.70
Custer County Payments for Self Insurance Fund		
Payments From May 1, 2016 Through May 31, 2016		
Vendor Name	Description	Amount
TASC	CG FLEX ADMIN SHARE	163.68
TASC	RB FLEX ADMIN SHARE	163.68
	Final Totals...	327.36
Custer County Payments for Tourism Fund		
Payments From May 1, 2016 Through May 31, 2016		
Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ARTERBURN FINE ART	MAPS & OHV REPRINTS	1,618.00
	Final Totals...	1,618.00
STATE OF COLORADO		
COUNTY OF CUSTER		
I, Kelley S. Camper, County Clerk in and for said county, and in the state aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, full, and correct list of all office bills allowed paid by the Board of County Commissioners of said county and state, at the regular meeting held in May 2016, as shown by the records and files of my office. Given under my hand and official seal this month of May A.D. 2016.		
Kelley S. Camper County Clerk		
Date published: June 10, 2016 Sangre de Cristo Sentinel Westcliffe, Colorado		

Local Mountain News & Notices



CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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: nug-
gettrocks888@yahoo.com. Published: *Sangre de Cristo Senti-
nel*, Westcliffe, CO May 27, 2016; June 3, 2016; June 10, 2016.

tion, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 08/03/2016, at the office of
the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, West-
cliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash,
the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s),
Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying
the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by
the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and
other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a
Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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

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

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

DATE: 03/31/2016
Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee in and for the County of Custer,
State of Colorado

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee

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

Mark A. Ohlsen #22480
Ohlsen Law Firm 1311 N Greenwood, Pueblo, CO 81003
(719) 546-1952
Attorney File # Eagle Horse Ranch

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

**Custer County School District C-1
Regular School Board Meeting
Library – June 14, 2016 – 6 pm**

Budget Hearing – June 14, 2016 – 7 pm - Library

AGENDA

**“For the good of the students
of Custer County Schools”**

1. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call – Board Attendance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. General Public Comment Session - Comments will be limited
to 3 minutes, Admin Response
5. Bobcat Pride Certificate(s): Mark Payler / Dr. Davis
6. Consent Agenda
 - a. Acceptance: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on
May 17, 2016
 - b. Approval: SB 191 Assurances Checklist for July 2016
7. Reports from Students/Staff
8. District Financial Report – Monthly Overview – Amy Per-
schbacher
9. Reports from Public: Excellence in Education (Lori Short),
Accountability (Shelly Penkoff)
10. Board Committee Reports: Accountability, BOCES, FFA,
Legislative, Preschool Advisory Committee
11. Action Items:
 - a. Approval / Personnel:
 - i. Summer Maintenance Help: Layne Geroux, Billy
Berry, Madison Henrich, Nicole Henrich, Ed Berry –
Greg Cravens
 - ii. Coaches (2016-17): See Attached Listing
 - b. Approval: Teacher Housing Proposal: Mark Payler &
Housing Committee
 - c. Approval: Policy IKF: Graduation Requirements – Mark
Payler
 - d. Approval: Check Vouchers & Financial Reports - Amy
Perschbacher
 - e. Approval: Interest Free Loan Program Borrowing Reso-
lution - Amy Perschbacher

BUDGET HEARING 7 p.m. - Library

**(Regular Meeting will be recessed at 7 p.m. to
conduct the Budget Hearing)**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call – Board Attendance
 2. Approval of Agenda
 3. Presentation of Proposed Budget: Mark Payler & Amy
Perschbacher
 4. Public Comment
 5. Approval: Proposed Budget 2016-17 & Appropriation
Resolution – Board
 6. Adjournment of Budget Hearing; Return to Regular
Meeting
-
12. Principal's Reports:
 - a. Elementary - Holly Anderson
 - b. Secondary - Barb Jones
 13. Superintendent's Report - Mark Payler
 - a. District Highlights
 14. Items introduced by Board Members
 15. General Public Comment Session (Comments limited to 3
minutes)
 16. Executive Session – Expulsion Recommendation, Personnel
(Superintendent Evaluation)
 17. Looking Ahead: Regular Board Meeting, August 9, 2016
 18. Adjournment

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 De-
mand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auc-



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Candidate for
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District 2

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FFA Parent-Member Banquet 2016



2015-16 Custer County FFA Officer Team. From left: Halie Lemons - Historian, McKensie Penkoff - Reporter, Andrew Feldmann - Treasurer, Ashley Gillum - Secretary, Noah Tillotson - President, Sam Dunlap - Vice President, and Megan Frahm - Sentinel



Eight Custer County FFA Members receiving their Chapter FFA Degrees. From left: Scott Freeburg, Nicole Henrich, Micheal Evert, David Kinsey, Ian Aldrich, Halie Lemons, Megan Frahm, and McKensie Penkoff with Lia Coleman, Advisor



John and Michelle Tillotson receive the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree from Noah Tillotson, President.



Ed Berry received two \$500 scholarships in the memories of the late Jack Geroux and Kirk Ruzanski, to be applied should he be elected a Colorado State FFA Officer in June.

by Halie Lemons,
Custer County FFA Reporter

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Custer County FFA Parent-Member Banquet was Sunday, May 15th. This banquet was a huge success for all Custer County FFA Chapter Members. We had a numerous amount of special guests that joined us this year. This banquet was dedicated to Jack Geroux, the man who molded our chapter into what it is today. Without him, our chapter would not be as phenomenal as it is.

Jake Shy, the President of the FFA Advisory Committee, announced awards presented by our Advisor, Lia Coleman, to chapter members. There were awards given to 8 members for completing their first year in FFA, which is known as the Greenhand Degree. To earn this degree, they memorized the FFA Creed, planned and established a supervised agriculture experience, and demonstrated an understanding of the workings of the FFA. The next highest

degree given out is the Chapter FFA Degree. For members to receive this degree, they have received their Greenhand FFA Degree, built upon their experience, earned a minimum of \$50.00 through their Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAEP), and also demonstrated leadership skills within the FFA Chapter and community. The next degree that was given out was the State FFA Degree, which is earned by productivity investing or earning \$2,500 in the SAEP. With the numerous degrees to be given out, all of the members in the chapter at least earned one degree and award. Awards were also given out to the members who participated in chapter teams such as livestock, horse, meats, and floriculture. These teams had a very successful year. The livestock team had a high scorer at the state competition-- Ashley Gillum. The horse team high scorer was Megan Frahm and McKensie Penkoff was a silver individual. The floriculture team placed as a bronze team, with Jessie Morris as a high scorer.



Lia Coleman, Advisor presents a plaque to the family of the late Jack Geroux. The 2016 Custer County FFA Banquet was dedicated to the Memory of Mr. Geroux.



Star Greenhands. From left Jakob Morris and Billy Berry with Lia Coleman - Advisor



Megan Frahm receives recognition from Lia Coleman, Advisor for Superior Recordbook.

The meats team did very well, and Edward Berry placed as a silver individual. A presentation of the FFA Creed was given by Jakob Morris. He was the winner of the local FFA Creed competition, went on to districts, and became a silver individual.

The FFA has a tradition to uphold at every banquet to present the Honorary Membership degree to certain individuals. This year, the Honorary Members were Mr. and Mrs. John Tillotson and Beverly Goertz. This membership is an historical accomplishment for our chapter and truly a thing to be very proud of as a chapter, having so many community members who are such a big part of our chapter.

One of the most exciting parts of this banquet is the installation of the new FFA chapter officer team. This year our officers were: President - Noah Tillotson, Vice President - Sam Dunlap, Secretary - Ashley Gillum, Treasurer - Andrew Feldmann, Reporter- McKensie Penkoff,

Sentinel- Megan Frahm, and Historian- Halie Lemons. This officer team really set some high standards for the upcoming team. Our new officer team for the 2016-2017 FFA year are: President- Ashley Gillum, Vice President- Cody Young, Secretary- Megan Frahm, Treasurer- McKensie Penkoff, Reporter- Halie Lemons, Sentinel- Nicole Henrich, Executive Committee Member - Andrew Feldmann and Historian- Jessie Morris. This officer team has a lot to offer our chapter and should fulfill the set standards. Noah Tillotson gave an incredible retiring speech before handing the podium over to the new president.

Overall, this 2015-2016 FFA Parent-Member Banquet was a huge success for all chapter members and definitely one to remember, thanks to the Custer County FFA Advisory Committee and the community. Now we move on to the next chapter in the life of our organization.



FFA Members recognize parents



2016-17 Custer County FFA Officer Team. From left: Jessie Morris - Historian, Halie Lemons - Reporter, McKensie Penkoff - Treasurer, Megan Frahm - Secretary, Ashley Gillum - President, Cody Young - Vice President, Nicole Henrich - Sentinel, and Andrew Feldmann - Executive Committee.



Seven Custer County FFA Members are added to the esteemed list of Colorado State FFA recipients. From left: Ryan Young, Sam Dunlap, Ashley Gillum, Andrew Feldmann, Cody Young, Justin Walden, and Seani Millard with Lia Coleman, Advisor



Jake Shy, Advisory Committee President, swearing in 2016-17 Custer County FFA President, Ashley Gillum.

Local Mountain News & Notices

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 169 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 11 to EMS, and 1 to the Fire Department. As of June 6, 2016, there were 6 males and 1 female in the county jail.

5/30/16:
Stranded: Dispatch received a call from a party in Denver reporting a friend was stranded on CR 198 up pass Rainbow Lake and the Coverdale Mine. The subject had provisions and shelter. In view of this, a decision was made to activate Search and Rescue in the morning since the mission could not be

completed in the remaining daylight.
Domestic Dispute: A deputy was dispatched to CR 254 for a domestic dispute in progress.

5/31/16:
Traffic Summons: Nichol-le Gasper of Westcliffe for passing on the left where prohibited.

6/1/16:
Domestic Violence Arrest: A deputy was dispatched to CR 215 for a domestic dispute in progress. Patrick Dodge of Cotopaxi was arrested for Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Criminal Mischief. EMS

was dispatched to the Sheriff's Office to assess a laceration of the subject's hand caused from breaking the driver's side window of the vehicle he was driving.

Traffic Summons: Ulrich Lange for speeding 20 - 24 over.

6/2/16:
Traffic Summons: Darren Foster of Montrose for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Wandering Bull: A deputy responded to CR 241 for a report of a bull on the side of the roadway. The rancher arrived and the bull was

returned to pasture.

6/3/16:
Vandalism: A deputy took a report of vandalism in the Antelope Valley area.

Traffic Summons: Justin Beham of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Jon Brumley of Fort Worth, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Nathaniel Gilber of Silver Cliff for unsafe backing.

Vandalism: A deputy took a report of vandalism in the area of CR 328 and CR 327.

Drunken Attempted Entry: A deputy responded

to Mill Street in Silver Cliff for a welfare check on an intoxicated party attempting to walk in his residence.

6/4/16:
Traffic Summons: Nathan Whitney of Colorado Springs for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Kevin Woodard of Westcliffe for reckless driving, driving without a valid driver's license on his person and driving without valid insurance.

6/5/16:
Disturbance: A Sheriff's deputy was dispatched to Ohio Street in Silver Cliff

for a verbal disturbance.

Traffic Summons: A Sheriff's deputy was dispatched to Highway 96 in Silver Cliff in response to a report of two vehicles traveling at high rates of speed. Linda Altaminano of Pueblo and Linda Deny also of Pueblo were each issued summons for reckless driving.

6/6/16:
Behaviour: EMS and a Sheriff's deputy were dispatched to Main Street in Westcliffe regarding a behavior health emergency. EMS processed a refusal to transport.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF POLICY CHANGE SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Sangre de Cristo Electric (the "Association") proposes to revise Policy C-7, "Extension of Service, Lines and Facilities", effective July 15, 2016.

- Add a \$500 fee plus inspection fees for any extension that requires a BLM or Forest Service permit; add a \$350 fee plus inspection fees for any extension that requires a highway department permit.
- Add a deposit equal to 10% of the office estimate prior to any field work for subdivisions or developments. The payment will be applied to the Costs of the job and will be forfeited to the Association if the Applicant decides not to proceed with construction or due to inactivity for six months from the date the request for Costs and agreement are sent to the Applicant.
- Add a requirement that subdivision plats must be provided in specific electronic formats.
- Clarify that all Permanent Service requirements (Engineering, Impact, BLM/ Forest Service/highway permit Fees, payment, pre-existing agreements, meter deposits and services charges) apply to subdivisions, developments, mobile home courts and campgrounds.

The purpose of the changes is to distribute costs to the parties that cause those costs.

Anyone who desires to comment about the policy may file in writing with the Association at 29780 North US Highway 24, P. O. Box 2013, Buena Vista CO 81211 at least ten (10) days before the proposed effective date.

/s/ Paul A. Erickson, CE

May 31st BOCC Meeting

—WESTCLIFFE, Colorado

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Meeting

by Sentinel Staff

The meeting started at 9 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, a Roll Call, the approval of meeting minutes and audience introductions.

Under Commissioner Items, Commissioner Bob Kattnig reported he attended meetings with the Airport Advisory Board and the Economic Development Company; Commissioner Kit Shy reported he attended a Custer Emergency Services (CES) meeting on code red and the Office of Emergency Management's role, he also attended a Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment soil certifications meeting. He will meet with the Colorado Department of Transportation to follow up on a Custer County grant application. Commissioner Lynn Attebery reported the court house cus-

todian requested approval to adjust his daily work hours, which the board discussed and approved. The Sheriff's Department needs to use a dump truck from Road and Bridge to remove gravel from the roof repair project. The BOCC discussed places to use the gravel. The Wetmore Library project received a matching \$4,000 donation from the Basin Electric Power Cooperation. Attorney Clint Smith reported he had to resend his land-fill easement letter to Black Hills who never received his first letter.

Under New and Old Business; The BOCC signed accounts payable checks, they reviewed and awarded the Needs assessment contract to one of three bidders. The winning contractor is Anderson Hallas Architects from Golden, Colorado based on proposal responsiveness and lowest bid. The BOCC reviewed a Social Media Policy from Fort Collins to use as a first draft for Custer

County's Social Media Policy. This Policy applies to Custer County employees and elected members when posting material to social media. After discussion, the BOCC moved to approve the draft policy as presented. There will be a trash clean up day on June 18, 2016, for the towns of Westcliffe and Silver Cliff. St. Andrew's liquor license was renewed.

The Rural Philanthropic Group requested a \$500 donation from the county. The BOCC discussed the request and asked that this request be tabled until further review can be conducted in light of the budget and status of current expenses.

The BOCC meeting recessed until the scheduled teleconference with the District Attorney. The call was to discuss an additional budget request for adding a staff person to conduct legal research. The meeting ended for the public with an executive session with the Berg Hill Greenleaf & Ruscitti LLP Attorney.

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BOCC Press Release

A Statement From The Board Of County Commissioners To The Citizens Of Custer County

Press Release

—WESTCLIFFE, Colorado

The Board of County Commissioners for Custer County (BOCC) is issuing this statement to inform the public about the status of the lawsuit involving Dr. Robert Hamilton (Las Mojadas, LLC), Mike and Laura Halpin, and the County. This lawsuit has received a substantial amount of media and public attention over the last year. A portion of County Road 390 runs over property previously owned by Dr. Hamilton and now owned by Las Mojadas, LLC, a company controlled by Dr. Hamilton. The road provides the only access to property owned by the Halpins. Dr. Hamilton and the Halpins have a long-standing dispute over ownership of the road. The following is a short summary and clarification of the events that led up to the lawsuit, what the legal issues were, the court rulings that have been made, and where the lawsuit stands now.

THE FACTS: In 2002 the differences between Dr. Hamilton and the Halpins finally resulted in the filing of a lawsuit in the District Court for Custer County. The County was not named as a party to this first lawsuit and did not participate in that case. In 2006, after four years of litigation, the district judge handling this lawsuit dismissed the case, stating that the “right-of-way easement” across Dr. Hamilton’s land was a County road and that the matter was “incapable of judicial determination without the County as a party”. Despite this ruling, the dispute between Dr. Hamilton and the Halpins continued, only now they were calling the County Sheriff’s Office to try and resolve their ongoing disagreements about the road.

The County attorney met repeatedly with attorneys for both sides to try and resolve their dispute. When these negotiations failed, the BOCC believed it was only a matter of time before Dr. Hamilton/Las Mojadas sued the County. To avoid expensive litigation, the BOCC determined that the County should divest itself of its interest in the road easement. The BOCC knew that the County did not own Las Mojadas’ land, but rather had a road easement over the land. The BOCC also knew that Colorado law prohibits a county from “land-locking” property and leaving its owners with no right of access. As a result, the County decided it should transfer its road easement to the Halpins because Las Mojadas had access to its property without the road, but the Halpins did not. The County had an absolute statutory obligation to assure that the Halpins continued to have access to their property.

In October of 2010 the BOCC unanimously voted to transfer the road easement to the Halpins by means of a County deed. Importantly, the County did not attempt to transfer actual ownership of Las Mojadas’ land to the Halpins, but intended to transfer the road easement only. Although much has been written and said about the fact that the deed was signed on September 30, 2010, five days before the Resolution

was passed by the Board on October 5, it was judicially determined in 2015 that that there was nothing improper about this procedure and that claim was not pursued on appeal. By issuing the County deed, the BOCC believed the County was saying, “We don’t need this road easement, we don’t want this road easement, and we don’t want to be dragged into a lawsuit over this road easement.” Unfortunately, the County deed did not resolve the matter. In 2012, Las Mojadas sued the County and the Halpins, claiming that the County deed was illegal and that Las Mojadas owned the road easement. This forced the County to hire a law firm with expertise in the complex area of road law.

THE LEGAL ISSUE: After the lawsuit was filed in 2012 the County again tried to work out a settlement through mediation and negotiations, but again these efforts failed. On March 18, 2015, District Judge Stephen A. Groome ruled that the County had acted properly when it issued the County deed and granted the County’s Motion for Summary Judgment, dismissing Custer County from the lawsuit. Dr. Hamilton appealed this ruling, and on May 19, 2016, the Colorado Court of Appeals reversed Judge Groome’s decision. Here is an excerpt from the Court of Appeals opinion written by Judge Navarro: This case presents the following question: Does section 43-1-202.7, C.R.S. 2015, grant a county the authority to abandon a county road and convey ownership of that road to a third party by deed? The answer is “no”. The Court of Appeals held that the County deed was “invalid and void”; it never used the word “illegal” in reference to the County deed. The Court of Appeals did not hold that the County cannot transfer its road easement to the Halpins; it only said that the County could not do so by means of a deed; that there is a statutory procedure for doing so.

WHERE THE CASE STANDS NOW: The case has been remanded back to the District Court for Custer County. The County still owns the road easement and again finds itself caught in the middle of a private dispute between Dr. Hamilton and the Halpins. The County owes no money to Dr. Hamilton. This case is not about a claim for money; the sole issue was about the transfer of the road easement by means of a deed. The County thought it could divest itself of ownership of the road easement by deed, but the Court of Appeals said no, it could not be done that way. The County accepts that ruling and does not intend to appeal to the Colorado Supreme Court. The County believes it has two options at this point: To retain ownership of the road easement (and to maintain it), or to transfer ownership of the road easement to the Halpins pursuant to the correct statutory procedure. The County attorney will again explore the possibility of a settlement agreement with the attorneys for Las Mojadas and the Halpins without the necessity of further court proceedings.

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Elect Dale Falske County Commissioner District 2



I am originally from Durango, ranch bred and totally in tune with the rural lifestyle. I moved to California and joined the LA County Sheriff Dept. I was also in business for 32 years. I retired from both and moved to Custer County 10 years ago and went to work for the Colorado Department of Corrections. I quit my job at the D.O.C. in July of 2015 to run for the office of Custer County Commissioner District 2. I have attended virtually every commissioner meeting since and rarely have I seen visitors there. I visit and talk to Custer County citizens every day and practically beg them to attend. “Please people get involved”.

Don’t believe what you hear from their cheerleaders. Right now the meetings are designed to discourage your attendance but when I am commissioner this will change. One thing I intend to do is to offer quarterly evening meetings with concerned citizens. I intend to be available to all citizens all the time, my phone number is 784-3378 and I am very easy to find. I want to serve you but I cannot do it alone, it will take a concerted effort of people who want to move forward. Most folks tend to resist change but change is inevitable. Our world is in a state of flux; the question is will we change for the better or for the worse?

This is an election year and now we’re finally getting some service, for example the Sheriff’s Dept. finally got a couple of new vehicles, a few of our county roads are finally getting some attention, the commissioners are finally beginning to talk about moving forward on the Wetmore Community Center after seven years, even though they still don’t have the money. It may interest you to know that the Royal Gorge Bridge was built, start to finish in under six months, June 5, 1929 - November 30, 1929.

In 2009 when we were told the recession was officially over, the median income in Custer County was \$49,184, by 2014 adjusting for inflation it was only \$32,261, which ranks us third worst performing county in this regard in the entire country. Does anyone feel like they are better off now than they were ten years ago? I have a burden for Custer County and for our children. It is so easy for a kid to join a gang or do drugs, why don’t we make it that easy to be involved in wholesome summer activities and academics. Why don’t try to attract some small business here so they can have summer jobs and our people can be gainfully employed? Sandra Attebery located her business in Fremont County where they could bene-

Paid for by the candidate.

fit from any revenue that she might generate but now in an election year she also is talking about commerce for Custer County. Too little, too late.

When your government no longer serves you, when your public servants turn into self-serving career politicians, when public office is handed down from husband to wife like a dynasty something is very wrong. Year after year these people take our money and all they do is tie knots in our tails. They are wasting time on our dime.

I do not seek public office for the sake of the office. I want to be your voice and to represent you. The other candidates are distracted by full time jobs, businesses or both. Mathew 6:24 says, “No man can serve two masters, either he will love one and hate the other or be devoted to one and despise the other.” This is not a part-time job, this is a full-time responsibility. We have had enough of mediocrity.

My name is DALE FALSKE and I am asking for your vote and your trust. And if I am lucky enough to win the privilege of serving you, I will strive for excellence every day. I will hit the floor running every morning and I will do you proud.

Colorado, Single-Payer, and the Definition of Insanity

by David Catron,
The American Spectator

Centennial State voters will soon decide whether to trade in Obamacare for single-payer

If the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results, the promoters of Amendment 69 — popularly known as ColoradoCare — are certainly crazy. Despite the uniform record of failure racked up by single-payer health care systems everywhere they have been imposed, the advocates of Amendment 69 believe the results will be different in the Centennial State. Thus, they contrived late last year to add a question to this November’s ballot asking their fellow Coloradans to approve an amendment to the state constitution permitting them to demonstrate yet again that single-payer doesn’t work.

If the promoters of ColoradoCare aren’t *certifiably* nuts, they obviously suffer from a serious learning disability that prevents them from absorbing the lessons of similar experiments conducted in other states with “universal health care.” They have not, for example, learned anything from the failure of a similar scheme in Vermont. Green Mountain Care, as Vermont’s Democrat governor dubbed the single-payer system that he made the centerpiece of

his reelection campaign, exploded on the launch pad 18 months ago. Why? For the same reason all such schemes fail — money. To paraphrase P.J. O’Rourke, free health care is very expensive.

But such realities have little effect on the magical thinking of Amendment 69 advocates, particularly when they have the support of Vermont’s own Bernie Sanders, who last fall endorsed the scheme in a statement to the *Colorado Independent*: “Colorado could lead the nation in moving toward a system to ensure better health care for more people at less cost.” What Sanders refers to as “less cost” will come to a hair-raising \$38 billion per year, more than Colorado’s annual state budget of \$27 billion. And where, precisely, will all this money come from? Why, from the usual victims, of course. The *Denver Post* provides the grisly details:

Funding for Amendment 69 will come primarily from an additional 10 percent tax on all earned income generated in Colorado. All employees will pay a 3.33 percent tax and their employers will pay 6.67 percent tax, regardless of employment status (full-time, part-time, seasonal, per diem, etc.) or resident status. Citizens earning non-payroll income will pay a 10 percent tax on business income, rental income, farm and ranch income, taxable pensions, taxable Social Security, taxable

interest, dividends, taxable refunds and credits, capital gains, taxable IRA distributions, and other income.

This horror story has produced a broad bipartisan consensus that the state can’t afford ColoradoCare. Statewide opposition to Amendment 69 is led by a group called “Coloradans for Coloradans,” coordinated by the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. Prominent politicians opposing Amendment 69 include the state’s

York Life Insurance and ahead of well-known companies such as American Express, Twenty First Century Fox, 3M, Sears, Nike and McDonald’s.” Oddly, this analogy fails to note that the revenue for all of these companies is derived from the sale of goods and services that customers *voluntarily* purchase. If Amendment 69 passes, Colorado taxpayers won’t enjoy the luxury of choice.

One of the most ironic features of ColoradoCare involves its pro-

posed organizational structure. As a promotional brochure explains, “ColoradoCare would operate using the cooperative business model.... Other cooperative businesses are credit unions, rural electric cooperatives, REI [Recreational Equipment, Inc.], and the Green Bay Packers.” Conspicuously absent from this list of examples is Colorado HealthOP, one of eleven Obamacare CO-OPs that collapsed last year. That “cooperative business model” caused about 80,000 Coloradans to lose their health coverage after cash reserve issues forced the state’s Division of Insurance to shut it down.

And speaking of Obamacare, the advocates of ColoradoCare will have to go hat-in-hand to our Beltway masters even if the referendum produces a victory for Amendment 69. Section 1332 of Obamacare permits states to create their own customized health care systems, as long as they meet certain requirements, but a waiver must be issued by the Department of Health and Human Services. Also, the Colorado General Assembly will have to pass legislation in order to facilitate the transfer of resources from the state’s Obamacare exchange and to deal with a variety of issues relating to Medicaid, the Children’s Basic Health Plan, and Workers’ Compensation.

But, first, the referendum will have to garner a majority of “Yes” votes in November. In the end, that probably won’t happen. As Jack Healy writes in the *New York Times*, “The proposal’s chance of success is dubious. Colorado has a mixed record when it comes to ballot measures, though it has passed some notable ones over the years, including marijuana legalization.” And, come to think of it, the success of the reefer referendum may explain Amendment 69. Perhaps the advocates of ColoradoCare aren’t crazy after all. Maybe they’re just stoned.

Please see: <http://http://spectator.org/colorado-single-payer-and-the-definition-of-insanity/>

Military vs. Bird: GOP Puts Security Before Flighty Environmentalists

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Environmentalists are spitting mad that Republicans have added language to the defense spending bill to block the Obama administration’s so-called sage grouse recovery plan.

U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton says the defense bill language blocks any spending to list the bird as an endangered species and continues to allow states to pursue their own conservation efforts “without heavy-handed federal interference.”

The language can hardly be called a “rider” because the grouse plan would in fact hamper military readiness as the proposed habitat stretches across numerous training areas.

If the red-cocked woodpecker can bring training operations to a halt at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, so can the sage grouse across 11 states.

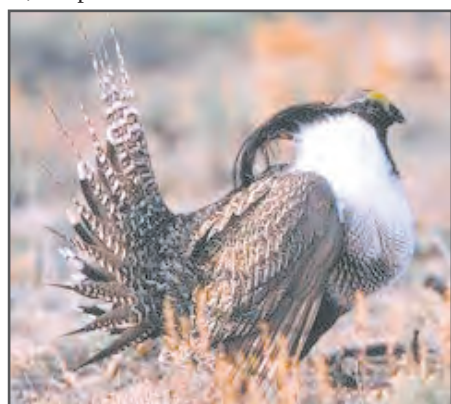
We can only imagine how WWII would have been fought if environmentalists had been allowed to run amok. “Sorry sir, we can’t storm the beaches of Normandy because endangered sea turtles, birds, and seaweed habitat prevented our training to undertake such a mission.”

Environmentalists boldly predicted to the *Daily Sentinel* that the provision would be stripped from the spending bill, just as it was in a previous year, accompanied by one of the worst soundbites ever penned by a public relations hack:

“Unfortunately, we’re going to have to go through this political dance again that, unlike the sage grousestrut, serves no useful purpose,” said Clare Bastable,

public lands director for the National Wildlife Federation.

With Republicans now controlling the Senate, we predict it will survive.



Sage Grouse

Courtesy Photo

(Editor/GG: Ah, the big, bad, hard core conservative RINO’s. Yea, they’re real tough on a freaking bird problem, but what happened the last few years on REAL issues like funding Obamacare, stopping the invasion of our country by third-world illegals and the destruction of our military? Answer: Trivial issues like this bird are all political theatre to preserve the corrupt status quo that both parties enjoy. Where was Tipton during those REAL votes? Answer: In the D.C. pig trough, rooting for more money and power like the rest of the republicans. Sickening.)

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Party Pooper: Hick Lamely Blames Party for Ignoring Will of Voters

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Is the Democratic Party’s dirtiest little secret out?

According to Gov. Hickenlooper, he doesn’t have to cast his super delegate vote for Bernie Sanders, who clearly won the state’s Democratic primary, because the national party specifically instructed them to ignore the will of the voters.

That’s the totally lame excuse he laid on *USA Today* during an interview where he tried to divert attention from the fact he, U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet and U.S. Rep. Jared Polis are in trouble with the home folks because they will betray voters at the national convention.

Honestly, we think he’s making it up.

“The superdelegates are specifically told ... you’re supposed to look at not the vote but the person, who you think is best ready to be president,” Hickenlooper said.

And Hick has made no secret of the fact that he clearly thinks Hillary would make a great running mate president.

It looks like Hick is doing a little pre-disaster spin control for when Sanders supporters make a spectacle of themselves at the party’s national convention in Philadelphia come July.

We expect that Hillary will be shouted down and heckled by Sander sup-

porters in the same vicious manner that Bennet was humiliated during his acceptance speech at Colorado’s Democratic convention.

So does Hick, which is why he said this:

“A convention is a place where you want a little chaos at the beginning and then you want everyone coming together.”

And by coming together, he means the voters better get in line with the party machine, and nominate Hillary.

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“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,” saith the LORD.

Isaiah 55:8 KJV

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

Edmund Burke

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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.

The Prophetic Reality

Some Daily Jot readers and others who have read Daily Jots that have been forwarded are taking me to task over reporting what Republican Donald Trump is saying about the media. In fact, every time something is written about Trump, doesn't matter what it is, Christians are appalled that he is even mentioned in Daily Jot. One accused me of Trump being my Messiah. Another wrote an email repeatedly calling Trump a liar. Another saying Trump is not a Christian. Others say that Trump is part of the global one-world-order conspiracy. To be fair, many more Christians are saying they support Donald Trump. The prophetic reality is that the upcoming election is more about destiny than candidates.

I say prophetic because this nation—whether people want to believe it or not—was not only founded, but built, on godly principles. I'm not saying that every person was a Christian. Neither am I saying that there were not wrongs and injustices heaped upon some. But I am saying that for the most part Americans followed God's principles in establishing this country. Our laws, our way of life, our general treatment of others were conducted in a manner that tried to abide in God's word. We have been a nation that supports godly principles worldwide—spreading of the gospel, support of human rights and freedom, support for Israel, and until recently, an adherence to the moral code of scriptures. We have been blessed.

No, Trump is not my messiah. I do not know what kind of president he will make. But I do know what the alternative is, and what hangs in the balance for a nation that

turns away from God. In California, Brietbart reports on a Trump rally where “demonstrators” were aggressively pushing Trump supporters around and chanting and holding signs that read “America was never great,” “F*** Donald Trump and his hate,” “This is Mexico and you're not welcome,” and more. Trump supporters were beaten and bloodied. We have reported before that George Soros, a true one-world-order guy, is paying for these thugs, and they are part of La Raza—a radical Hispanic group--and the Communist Party.

These are the same people that support the current “president” and the current presidential candidates—socialists Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton. They are also those who are supported by the current “president” and the Democratic Party's socialist candidates. Herein is the clash in ideals between Trump and Clinton/Sanders. A socialist America, a godless America, is what Clinton/Sanders are aiming to foment. This shapes America's prophetic destiny. Your actions in the upcoming months in who you support, criticize, speak against, will also shape our prophetic destiny. Jesus says in Matthew 25 that nations will be judged as well as individuals, “he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.” That's prophetic reality. And your actions regarding our country help determine it.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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“Hating Jesus”: Liberals Declare Spiritual Warfare

by Matt Barber,
FreedomOutpost.com

“Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.”

– John 15:20

The answer had to be yes. The Holy Spirit made it crystal clear. When Tristan Emmanuel, managing publisher and CFO of BarbWire Books, called me and said it was time for me to put pen to paper and write a book on the anti-Christian left's demonic war on religious liberty (and all things godly and good), I immediately agreed.

And so with the tireless help of my project partner – author, researcher, editor and veteran intelligence expert Paul Hair – I have now released my new book, *“Hating Jesus: The American Left's War on Christianity.”*

Why did I write the book? Because it had to be written. God's natural created order, His immutable, scientific and transcendent moral precepts, as well as the very lives and livelihoods of Christian Americans, are under vicious attack today at a level unprecedented in American history.

I had to sound the alarm. And I had to lay out a clear defensive strategy as to how we Christians might preserve our American, indeed our Christian, way of life.

What a mess our world is in. What a mess America is in. What a mess the church is in.

Depressed yet?

Isaiah 5:20 encapsulates, I believe, the cultural condition of much of the world, most of America and an alarmingly high percentage of those who belong, or at

least claim to belong, to the body of Christ. “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.”

Calling evil good. That sums us up.

There are evil blasphemies beyond imagination being foisted upon the American people today by our own godless government in the name of “progress.” Things like presidential edicts that open up little girls' showers to grown men; the sin-centric and oxymoronic notion of “gay marriage”; forced taxpayer funding of child sacrifice; and forced participation by Christ's followers in all the above sins, under penalty of law, to name but a few.

Amid the final sprint to election 2016, the secular left's utter disdain for both our Creator Christ and His faithful followers is fast approaching critical mass. Self-styled “progressives” – that is, America's cultural Marxist agents of ruin – typically disguise their designs on despotism in the flowery and euphemistic language of “reproductive health,” “anti-discrimination,” “civil rights” and “multiculturalism.”

Just a few short decades ago a churchgoing man who publicly supported the right to life, backed laws protecting marriage and spoke freely of Christ's love for fallen man would be universally recognized as a fine and upstanding citizen. He would be welcomed anywhere, including at the highest levels of power.

But things have changed. In today's America, the progressive left actively endeavors to destroy such a man. Modern American liberals start by vilifying Christians. They then begin scheming, quite often with success, to get Christians terminated from employ-

ment and forever marked with a scarlet letter “C” to inhibit any future prospects for employment.

Next, they simultaneously attack their family and work to tear it apart, at once sending a warning shot over the bow of other Christians and pushing them to the fringes of society.

The ultimate goal? Conform to their pagan demands, or face incarceration.

American progressives have co-opted every elite institution: schools, government, the media, Hollywood and the arts – even, at an increasing rate, many conservative organizations. What's worse is that progressivism has, like a deadly cancer, fully metastasized into what passes for the church in America. There is a great falling away afoot, and apostasy is widespread.

The secular left doesn't merely have a disagreement with Christianity. These are not people with whom one may reason, compromise or even disagree. They are dedicated to evil. They demand nothing less than the abolition of the biblical world view and the destruction of Christ's followers right along with it.

Now is the time to fight back. If you are someone, Christian or not, who refuses to see Christianity wiped out (like it ever could be) and your children indoctrinated into pure evil, then sitting on the sidelines is no longer an option.

In *“Hating Jesus,”* I first document how successful the American left has been in its War on Christianity and then conclude by providing both hope and a simple action plan on how the body of Christ can fight back against the enemies of God.

We live in dire times. But, with Christ, it's never too

late to turn the tide.

The American church has a problem. It's one-part fear, one-part confusion and one-part apathy. Pastors, priests and rabbis have long swallowed the false notion that all things religious and all things political are somehow mutually exclusive – that never the twain shall meet.

Nonsense. They're one in the same.

Leading up to Ronald Reagan's landslide presidential victory in 1980, Rev. Jerry Falwell, the founder of Liberty University, captured the crux of the church's apathy problem. “I'm being accused of being controversial and political,” he said. “I'm not political. But moral issues that become political, I still fight. It isn't my fault that they've made these moral issues political. But because they have doesn't stop the preachers of the Gospel from addressing them...”

Nor does it stop those of us in the pews from standing right alongside them.

Indeed, it is not just within the church's purview, but it is the church's duty to insert itself into state matters relating to morality, public policy and culture at large.

The push back has begun. Christian governors, lawmakers, business owners, lawyers, parents, judges, county clerks, organizations, universities, hospitals, adoption agencies and other individuals and groups have been given an ultimatum by the anti-Christian left: “Keep your Christianity at church and away from our culture!”

To which we say, “Not on your life.”

“Or our own.”

Will you join the fight?

Please see: <http://freedomoutpost.com/hating-jesus-liberals-declare-spiritual-warfare/>

***The night is far spent, the day is at hand.
Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness,
And let us put on the armor of light.***

Romans 13:12 NKJV

Senate OK's: HUD Cleared to Tell Americans Where to Live

by Kathryn Watson,
Daily Caller News Foundation

(Editor/GG: Read below and understand that the republican party (except for literally a handful of patriots) is ALL POLITICAL THEATRE. Here they have a chance to actually prevent the destruction of neighborhoods by welfare thugs and what do they do? NOTHING! The first vote was the smokescreen so the real vote isn't revealed behind the Wizard's curtain. I wonder how Colorado Senator Cory Gardner voted on the second one?)

Virtually the entire U.S. Senate voted overwhelmingly to prohibit the federal government

from forcing American communities to rezone along racial and economic lines, but then turned around and declined to prohibit federal tax dollars from funding such Affirmative Action-like zoning.

The vote was prompted by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently introducing the “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing” rule, which conditions \$3 billion in annual community development block grants to cities rezoning along racial and income guidelines.

Senators voted 87 to 9 to prohibit HUD from requiring cities to

conform to federal zoning preferences, but tabled a stronger bill from Utah Republican Sen. Mike Lee that would have prohibited HUD from tying federal funding to the regulation altogether.

“Americans wonder what is going wrong with the system in Washington, D.C., where senators seem more interested in playing paddy cake with President Obama and his radical agenda rather than standing up and fighting it,” Americans for Limited Government President Rick Manning said in a statement.

“Senator Mike Lee breaks this stereotype with his offering of language to de-fund President

Obama’s HUD regulation that allows federal bureaucrats to coerce local governments to conform to Obama’s racial and income gerrymandering zoning requirements,” Manning said.

“Unfortunately, too many of his Republican colleagues were more afraid of the race hustlers who seek to put low income high rise apartments into middle class neighborhoods, and the Lee amendment failed,” Manning continued.

Manning said the reaffirmation of current federal law prohibiting government from setting city and county zoning policies is a “possible pinpoint of light. The fact

that so many Democrats voted for this amendment proves that the politics of a centrally planned zoning policy by HUD are abysmal.”

Some liberals have criticized HUD Secretary Julian Castro for not being progressive enough in his housing policy, saying that failure should remove him from consideration as former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s running-mate on the 2016 Democratic presidential ticket.

Read more: <http://dailycaller.com/2016/05/20/obama-admin-housing-regs/#ix-zz49lQCNIC>

Since 2014 the U.S. Has Added 455,000 Waiters and Bartenders, and Lost 10,000 Manufacturing Jobs

by Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

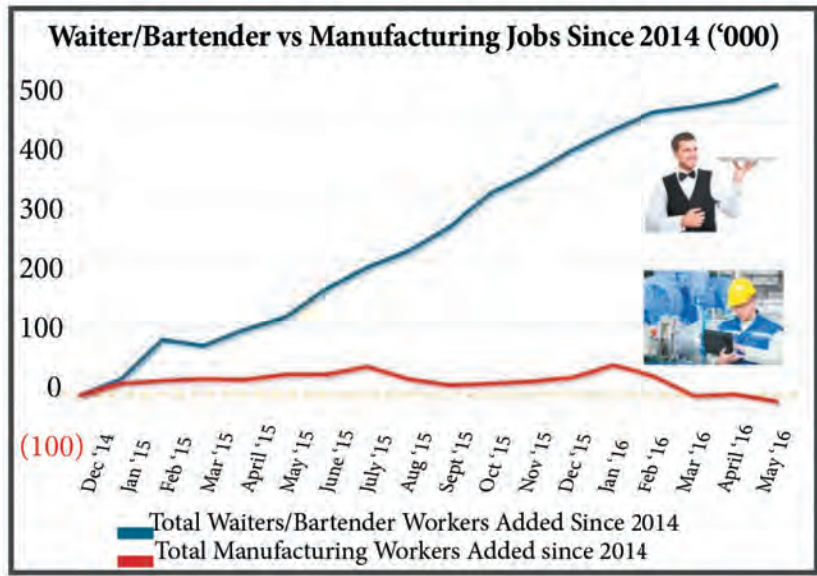
When Obama made another TV appearance earlier this week, taking credit for the Fed’s reflation of the stock market as somehow indicative of an economic “recovery” (“fiction peddlers” not allowed in the crowd), he once again ignored the underlying “facts” behind said recovery: here is another way of showing the unprecedented trans-

formation in the U.S. labor pool: since December 2014, the U.S. has added 455,000 waiters and bartenders, while losing 10,000 manufacturing workers.

Behold: “Obama’s recovery.” ... which we find curious in light of all the recent “hirings” of robots to replace minimum-wage workers who are demanding higher wages. Something tells us the Bureau

of Labor and Statistics’ (BLS) goal-seeking model will be in for a major shock one day when it finds just what the underlying picture behind the U.S. “waiter and bartender recovery” truly is.

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Captain John Parker, Lexington Green, April 19, 1775

Four Little Words

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

"Shall not be infringed."

Four little words.

Yet Hawaii doesn't only intend to infringe the 2nd Amendment (more), they intend to destroy it. According to a Fox News report,"

Hawaii could become the first state in the United States to enter gun owners into an FBI database that will automatically notify police if an island resident is arrested anywhere else in the country."

See the problem with this yet?

No?

An arrest is not a conviction, and many arrests (most) are not even for felony crimes, and of those that are felonies a huge number of them are non-violent.

Let me remind you that the First Amendment prohibits abridgment of the right to free speech.

Even if you are convicted of a felony as a result of misusing speech (e.g. inciting a riot) the court system cannot, and does not, prohibit you from speaking after you've served your sentence. You don't, for example, have your tongue cut out or vocal cords removed.

Why not?

Because it's unconstitutional, that's why.

Well, guess what? Any law that claims to prohibit you from owning or bearing a firearm if you're convicted of an offense, even one involving the misuse of a firearm, is also unconstitutional for the exact same reason.

Oh, I know, that's not what courts have held. But courts do not trump plain

language; ***they are empowered to debate and decide ambiguities*** and the words **"shall not be infringed"** are not ambiguous!

There are those who argue that the Constitution and Bill of Rights was written 200+ years ago and we live in a different time. I'm inclined to agree. However, *what I think is immaterial; what matters to statutory construction is what's on the page.*

One, and only one, *lawful* means exists to modify the Constitution: *Write and pass an amendment.*

It's hard to do, and it's hard on purpose. It requires great public support that must either exist already or be developed through a robust debate. And by the way, *The Bill of Rights* has a preamble -- a reason for being. It reads:

"The Conventions of a number of the States, hav-

ing at the time of their adopting the Constitution, ***expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added:*** And as extending

"...the words "shall not be infringed" are not ambiguous!"

the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best ensure the beneficent ends of its institution."

Have you ever seen that before? Do you know it's in the original document, and precedes the 10 Amendments that were adopted? Do you know there were more, that were not adopted? Do you recognize ***that there was a robust debate on their adoption*** prior to same, and in fact that de-

bate is memorialized in two **books** that are today known as *The Federalist* and *The Anti-Federalist*? Have you read both and do you own personal copies? (Warning: It will take a while to read them!)

There are more than **50,000** blatantly unconstitutional gun laws and regulations on the books across the 50 states today. Virtually **every** single one of them, other than those that deal solely with constraints on firearms ownership **while under felony indictment, imprisonment or post-incarceration supervision**, is flatly unconstitutional.

That's not my opinion, it's **fact**, as there is no ambiguo-

ity in the Second Amendment just as there is none in the First when it comes to your right of free speech.

Nothing in the First Amendment protects you from the consequences of misusing your right to speak freely. Likewise, nothing in the Second Amendment protects you from brandishing, assaulting or battering (shooting) someone unlawfully with a firearm.

*But just as the First Amendment **absolutely prohibits** declaratory actions that criminalize speech **before said misuse occurs** so does the Second Amendment **absolutely prohibit** declaratory actions that criminalize the keeping and bearing of arms **before** a firearm is misused.*

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Canadian Officer Says Gun Registry Is an Important Symbol of Gov't Power

by Dean Weingarten,
GunWatch Blogspot

Canada passed its long gun registration scheme in 1995. The bureaucratic attempt to require state knowledge and tracking of all legal guns in Canada was a disaster from the beginning. It was plagued with non-compliance, sabotage, corruption, cronyism and cost overruns. Advertised as costing only 110 million, the costs ballooned into billions, as the ruling party used the program to reward favorites, and paid consultants to lobby to increase registry funds.

The registry was discontinued on April 5, 2012. Quebec fought to keep the registry in courts, but was ruled against in the Canadian Supreme Court a year ago.

There never was any data showing that the registry had any effect on crime. It

appears the RCMP, at the minimum, assured that no data was kept that would indicate if the registry was of any use as a crime fighting tool. No instances could be found where the registry was useful in solving crimes.

Now, as the Quebec government fights to create its own, separate, long gun registry, a new, perhaps clearer and more honest reason for the registry has been put forward by a long retired police officer. From news1130.com:

But Brisebois believes the registry is more than just a tool for law enforcement — that it's a symbol of how a society treats firearms and that it reinforces Canada's cultural differences from those of the United States.

"Seeing what the registry did for me — spend the money," Brisebois said.

"The important thing is to

show people you are doing something (about guns)," he said. "The American way is that guns represent liberty and rights — do we want this? I don't. So am I ready to spend that money? Yes."

Brisebois does not want symbols of liberty and rights. It does not matter that the registry is expensive and ineffective in fighting crime.

The Canadian Supreme Court even refused to hear a case put forward by leftist feminists, claiming that doing away with the registry violated their rights. The reason the court did this? Because there was no evidence that the registry had reduced crime one iota.

Interestingly, this is a very similar reason given for the great forced Australian gun "buy back". Prime Minister Howard said that he hated guns and did not want Australia to go "the

American way".

The long gun registry was never popular in Canada. It was put forward as a way to punish cultural conservatives, to show rural and western Canadians who was in charge, and it was not them.

Canadians educated themselves. They lobbied. They voted. They rid themselves of the registry. Similar situations are occurring in many American states. The compliance with long gun registration schemes in New York, Connecticut, and California are at 4-10%. Whether that resistance will result in political change is uncertain.

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The Future: Army Lt. Colonel Denied CCW Permit, Court Agrees

by Tre Goins-Phillips,
The Blaze

(Editor/GG: This is the future for the 2nd Amendment in America. You need the permission from bureaucrats to even buy a gun. Then you need permission from them to get a CCW permit. And then when denied, the corrupt, left-wing statist staff the “judiciary”, again deny you your God given right to defend yourself. You get there incrementally folks. And it started here in Colorado a few years ago with the magazine ban. You know what’s next...)

On paper, Lt. Col. Terry S. Russell, who has served 27 years in the Army and holds a senior position at Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey, appears to be the perfect candidate for a concealed carry permit. However, he was recently deemed unworthy of such a license.

Apparently, neither his expertise nor the fact that he

works at a military base that has been under threat of terrorist attacks was enough for the state to grant Russell a permit.

In denying the military man’s application for a concealed carry permit, Oceanport Police Chief Daniel W. Barcus said Russell was unable to identify a “justifiable need” because there had been no specific attacks or threats made directly to him. And the decision was ultimately taken to the Superior Court, where the police department’s decision was backed up.

In a comment to *National Review* earlier this month, Russell said, “Service members, including family members, have been specifically targeted by radical extremist groups,” adding that the military has “verified” that “[the Islamic State] has placed a significant emphasis to actively identify U.S. military personnel” — a position that has been confirmed by both the FBI and the Department

of Homeland Security.

Additionally, Russell is subject to a vetting process conducted by the Department of Defense every five years and holds Top Secret Sensitive Compartmented Information clearance. At the Picatinny Arsenal, Russell serves as the “Product Manager for the Army’s Individual Weapons and Small Arms program.”

Picatinny also houses the headquarters of the United States Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center. Russell oversees the weapons on that base and all “small arms” for the U.S. Department of Defense.

However, none of that is enough to make the veteran eligible for a concealed carry permit.

“None of these threats appear to specifically relate to this applicant — he is in no different position than any other person who is assigned to that facility,” Monmouth County Prosecu-

tor Christopher J. Gramiccioni said.

And Superior Court Judge Joseph Oxley, who presided over a hearing on the decision, agreed with the denial. Though Evan F. Nappen, Russell’s attorney argued that denying the permit “puts national security at risk,” Oxley sided with the police department, thanking Russell for his service before rejecting his appeal.

Nappen said he has filed a motion for reconsideration and is currently awaiting response.

“Putting New Jersey’s precious gun laws over national security is both absurd and dangerous,” he said.

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Any questions email the Southern Colorado Patriots at SCPatriotsClub@aol.com or see the SCP website at scpatriotsclub.com.

FAITH
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However, the world this younger generation was about to enter into was absolutely full of evil. First, there were all kinds of immorality— fornication, adultery, promiscuity, divorce, incest, homosexuality, transvestism, and there were STD’s everywhere. Second, there were all kinds of injustice- pride, greed, and exploitation; the blind, deaf, widows, and orphans were being mistreated horribly. Lastly, there were all kinds of idolatry—occultism, superstition, astrology, spiritism, necromancy, fertility occults, etc.

So, as you can understand, Moses is worried about the children of Israel. He’s wondering to himself, “Are they going to make it, will they stay true to God, or are they going to compromise?” Now, an interesting point is that Moses knows he only has a week to live, God has revealed this to him, so the Book of Deuteronomy is what Moses did with his last week.

This is huge, everything I’ve said so far is building up to this. Look at what Moses did with the last week of his life. He prepares the younger generation to do two things:

- First, encounter God’s Word. In order to do this, he reads them God’s Law.
- Second, encounter God Himself. We see this later in Joshua chapter 3. When Israel is crossing the Jordan River to enter promised land, God stops the waters of the Jordan River and Israel crosses on dry land. God shows Himself to them in this way.

Interestingly, just at their fathers crossed the Red Sea and received the Law at Sinai, now the new generation must encounter God at the River Jordan and know God’s Law for themselves. Both were enabled and prepared to enter the promised land in the same way.

You may have figured it out already, but the important question now is, “How does this story speak to us today?”

Graduates, you will not make it out there, your faith will not last, unless you have encountered God’s Word and encountered God Himself for yourself. No one can do it for you. It doesn’t matter who your parents are or what church you grew up in. You must encounter God, or you won’t make it. Be prepared

Now you might say, “come on Sterling, it’s not that bad out there...” I think you’ll find this interesting. (In the following statistics, “students,” “young people,” or “youth” means high-school – college age.)

According to recent research noted in Josh McDowell’s sobering book, “The Last Christian Generation”:

Over the last generation, the number of students who say that the church will play a part in their lives when they leave home has dropped from 66% to 55%, down to 33%.” About 80% of young people are leaving the church after high school and less than 10% of them are returning.

On the positive side, 65% of this generation claim they want a close relationship with God; and 49% want to make a difference in this world.” Most will even say, “God is important to them,” but, “they

just believe different things” than the previous generation.

Well that’s not so bad right? They just “believe different things.” Well, it depends... What do the youth of this generation believe?

- 63% don’t believe Jesus Christ is the son of the one true God
- 51% don’t believe Jesus rose from the dead
- 68% don’t believe the Holy Spirit is a real entity
- 65% don’t believe Satan is a real entity
- 58% believe all faiths teach equally valid truths

There is no longer a detectable difference between the world view of a student raised in a Christian home and a student raised in a non-Christian home.

George Barna led a revealing study that divided so called “born-again,” Christians into two categories: (1) Those who believe in Christ and their lives reflect Christlikeness, and (2) those who believe in Christ but their lives do not reflect Christlikeness. Barna discovered that 98% of professed “born-again” young people believe in Christ, but overall, their lives do not reflect Christ in action or attitude.

Let’s do a little math here: Statistics show that less than 6% of American youth attend church each week. If you take the number of youth who profess to be Christians and whose lives reflect Christ (2%.) and multiply it by the 6% of youth who attend church, you find that only about .0012 / 100 or (one-thousandth of one percent) or one in every 100,000 youth in America are professing followers of Christ who attend church and

have observable actions and attitudes that reflect Christ.

Now I know that statistics can be manipulated, but come on... And let’s not forget that the description I gave earlier of the evil in the land of Canaan is a perfect description of America today.

So graduates, the obvious question



Valley Bible Youth Pastor Sterling Hinson delivered a poignant sermon.

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is, “How are you going to make it out there? How will your faith last?” I beg you, heed the word of Moses, the Word of God, and my word. First, you MUST encounter God’s Word, and most importantly encounter God Himself, He must be your reality.

Second, understand the tension of being a Christian. We aren’t meant to escape the tension of living in this world, we’re meant to remain steadfast in that tension.

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-sur-

passing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that His life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.”

James 1:2-4

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.”

Matthew 10:16, 22

“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as

serpents and innocent as doves.... You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

Third, remember, the Christian journey is not one of survival, but of victory through Christ!

John 16:33

“I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Graduates, go out with courage, joy, peace, and love. Endure to the end. Overcome the world.



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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.



Do Losers Really Exist?

Without a doubt, Donald Trump's ascendancy is more a result of voter anger than his perceived qualifications. Many of my personal friends have remorsefully remarked that a lifetime of voting for politicians has delivered nothing but an increasing instability at all levels of life. I am not a Trumpster, but presently he is the least grim of the possibilities. In spite of our reservations the Donald does display some characteristics that deserve a measure of applause. One is his inclination to confront political correctness with unabashed enthusiasm. Multitudes of Americans are sick of feeling stifled in speech because some idiot is lurking in the shadows waiting to be offended.

The press has been highly critical of Mr. Trump's willingness to refer to some individuals as "losers." Of course, Barak Obama describing Republicans as terrorists is totally acceptable. The word "loser" is a product of modern vocabulary; consequently, it is not found in the Bible, but God's descriptions of some people is far more insulting than the relatively harmless moniker. The Scriptures document a long list of losers without apology to anyone. Able brought a sacrificed lamb as an offering to God which pointed to the final solution of salvation. In contrast, Cain presented produce from the ground that the Lord had cursed; hence, "you can't get blood from a turnip." God's rejection of Cain's offering angered him enough to murder his brother. The Divine sentence was: "and now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; when thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth." (Genesis 4:11,12). It really doesn't matter how you slice the story, Cain, willing to disregard the heavenly edict was a loser. His self-righteousness was his downfall. The liberal media seems to be afflicted with a similar turnip plague.

Esau sold his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of Texas chili which is defined in the Scriptures as "despising his birthright." What he traded away would have given him a double portion (Deuteronomy 21:17), of the Abrahamic blessing (Genesis 12:1-3), and would have caused him to be in the line of Christ. Just as Abraham turns out to be a prophet (Genesis 20:7), Isaac receives the same distinction. (Genesis 27:28-29) This means Esau lost the "right to prophesy" as well. (See Hosea 12:13) The conclusion was: "As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated." (Romans 9:13) All who despise God-given opportunities are big time LOSERS!

Jezebel, wife of King Ahab, esteemed herself to be a person of such great privilege which enabled her to live above the law. Ahab cov-

eted a vineyard that their neighbor Naboth owned but refused to sell. Jezebel arranged perjured testimony against Naboth resulting in his execution. This presidential pair went to any length of devious behavior to achieve their nefarious goals. However, temporary winners do not always retain the crown. Elijah the prophet delivered God's message which was in part: "And of Jezebel also spake the Lord, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel." (I Kings 21:23) The prophecy was fulfilled in agonizing detail in II Kings 9:30-37 which accounts for the popular expression "gone to the dogs." LOSERS!

When the wise men arrived in Jerusalem inquiring about the birth place of the King of the Jews, King Herod assembled the religious heavyweights expecting the answer. They had enough Biblical knowledge to know Bethlehem was the designated location, but they didn't have enough spiritual motivation to travel five miles to witness "god manifest in the flesh." (I Timothy 3:16) Some things never change...only a limited few have the disposition to thoroughly investigate any issue, choosing rather to simply parrot a party line of their preference. Failure to search out the claims of Jesus Christ results in a tragic loss. We find no satisfaction in calling that crowd losers, but Jesus explained it with incredible emphasis: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26) Sadly, the greatest losers of all.

Second to the passage just rehearsed, one of the most ominous verses of Scripture is John 6:66: "From that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him." Thousands, if not millions, of Christians in America have ignored their heavenly citizenship and abdicated from earthly responsibility. The excuse often rendered is fatalistic in nature...reduced to its most simplistic form, it would read: "The will of God will dictate all future events," thus allowing divine sovereignty to provide an escape mechanism. The preeminence of the Creator seldom trumps mankind's ability to choose right from wrong. The Bible is a history of human events that were primarily forged by human will. Choices are presented which are followed by consequences, good or bad. Never has there been a time in our generation when it was more imperative for God's people to rise up to pray and let loud voices be heard.

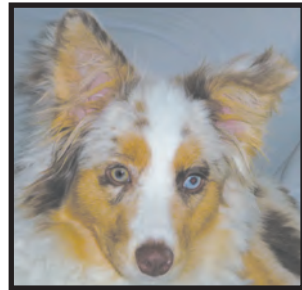
"Let not anyone pacify his conscience by the delusion that he can do no harm if he takes no part, and forms no opinion. Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men look on and do nothing." John Stuart Mill - 1867 In today's vernacular, they would be losers!

A Sheepdog Barks!

I continue to worry about the future of America. Week after week the insanity and the "transforming" of America continues at an even greater level than before. In 2009 I helped create a local Tea Party group because of Barack Hussein Obama and his threat and promise to "fundamentally" change America. He has been very successful in that promise. I had great hopes that the Tea Party movement would help stop that insanity and help everyone in America to restore this country's liberties, freedoms and values. There were some successes. But it didn't persevere. Apathy set back in and the LPSDs seem to be winning the game. Take a look at this last week's top stories: The death of a gorilla and an overdosed celebrity. The ignored stories included extreme gun violence in Chicago, the Department of Justice choosing to not resist the appeal of a fired VA director and the meager recovery of the economy. The death of the gorilla to save a small boy got 55 times the coverage of the gang violence in Chicago. Are you not disturbed? Over the Memorial weekend there were 8 murders and 69 injured in gang violence shootouts with little or nothing being done to stop it. So far this year over 250 people have been murdered in Chicago and the police seem paralyzed. Worse, the citizens reelected the democrat Mayor, Rahm Emanuel. The press and main stream media should be all over this story. Murder rates are up in most big cities. But there was great outrage over the shooting of one gorilla in a zoo. Yes it was unfortunate that a three-year-old boy was able to penetrate the protective safety barriers of the gorilla compound. But once he did, his safety and his life became paramount. Thousands of citizens argued that the decision to shoot and kill the gorilla was not justified. Really? Not justified? Some even argued that because the gorilla was "endangered" its life was paramount. This is insane. What sickness has taken over America that there is even a debate over a situation like that? I call it LPSD disease. You can legally kill a human baby just hours or

days before it is born but if you shoot an animal or harm an eagle you can go to prison. This lack of respect for human life is sick. This attitude is why I worry about America. The LPSD emotional way of thinking is so foreign to me I cannot make sense of it. Bald Eagles and other birds are protected by stringent laws, yet at the same time the LPSDs promulgate policies that allow thousands of them to be killed by wind turbines in the name of renewable energy! Makes no sense to me. I consider it more LPSD insanity. And I'm told that MY logic and thinking is flawed. WOOF!

Obama is allowed to go to Indiana and take a victory lap on the economy. How insane is that? He actually said that by every measure the economy is better than when he took office. The lying government even has the gall to tell us that unemployment is down to 4.7 percent. It went down of course because another half a million Americans quit looking for work. The unemployment rate is a totally bogus statistic and just another way our government "fools" us. We have the lowest labor participation rate (62%) in many decades. This is ignored by the press and main stream media as they let Obama distort the truth. We've had over 7 years of anemic economic growth (less than 2% avg). Home ownership is at a 48 year low. Median income is down \$1600 a year. College grads get low paying jobs or no jobs at all. The 1st quarter growth in 2016 was less than 1 percent. Food stamps are at an all-time high and many Americans are working two jobs. Many of the new jobs being created are low paying or part time. And Obama goes to Elkhart, Indiana, and "spikes the football." This is insane. And HiLIARy is campaigning to continue the great efforts of the Obama administration. And the people cheer at her rallies. This is more than insane. I don't even have a word for it. I know it to be a part of the LPSD "disease." And the only cure is to elect radical conservatives or this insane path to complete and utter destruction will continue at a breakneck speed.



America is bleeding profusely from a thousand cuts and the LPSDs are stimulating the heart to pump faster and stronger. We must stop the bleeding. WOOF!

And what did HiLIARy do this last week? She gave a "Foreign Policy" speech which was really nothing more than a "Trash Trump" speech. That's expected. But consider these comments she made. "There is nothing I take more seriously than our national security." Really? So that's why she operated as the Secretary of State (SOS) on an unsecure private email server which was most assuredly hacked? She also said "I have experience with the tough calls" as she took some credit for the killing of OBL. What a joke! How about those tough calls that were needed to help some Americans at Benghazi? She made no "calls" except to go home and go to bed! Why weren't she and Obama in the situation room during that terrorist attack? She has NO excuse. She is the one unfit to lead America and be commander in chief. She also took credit for the intentional sanctions on Iran; yet a few minutes later praised the Iranian Nuclear Deal which eliminated them. What insanity! More LPSD bull poop! WOOF!

LPSDs are out of control all over America. They are burning American flags, waving Mexican flags, physically attacking those they don't agree with, demanding American flags be removed from fire trucks in Rhode Island and calling the fire fighters terrorists. REALLY? More LPSD "disease." I can tell you this. As flawed as Donald Trump may be, he is by light years a better choice for America than ANY LPSD.

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Obituary

Richard John Hrpcha

Very much loved, father and husband, Richard John Hrpcha, age 80, passed way at home in Westcliffe, CO, on May 28, 2016. He was surrounded by his wife Virginia, his daughter Gina, and her boyfriend Darren.



Richard John Hrpcha,
Courtesy Photo

Richard was born May 15, 1936 to Joseph and Olga Hrpcha in Joliet, Illinois.

He served in the U.S. Army in Germany and made a six-year commitment. He graduated from Lewis College and received his MBA from DePaul University. Richard met Virginia Pasternak through her Uncle Tom and they got married and had two girls, Bridget and Gina. Richard started out at the Barge Line and pursued his career in the hospital as Chief Financial Officer, eventually landing a job as CFO at Rose Medical Center in Denver, CO. Later he started YES America, a mortgage firm with Tim Long and then he worked at St. John the Baptist in Longmont as a CFO.

After retirement Richard and Virginia moved to Westcliffe, because he fell in love with the beauty of the mountains. He has lived here for about 20 years. In Westcliffe, Richard volunteered at the Light House Pregnancy Center as

a financial advisor and president. He also served on the financial board at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church and was a greeter, reader and Eucharistic minister for the church. He was a member of the Rotary Club and a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus as a 4th Degree Knight.

When Richard was not volunteering, he would be on his tractor fixing the roads for his community. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting elk. He was also fond of football and other sports, plus a good bowler and pool player. Richard was known for his 'hard' handshake and he always said "I am fantastic and getting better". Richard went out of his way to help anybody and made people feel welcome. He was a good host and was known for his cooking. He loved to cook. He will be sorely missed by all those

that knew him.

He is survived by his wife Virginia, daughters, Gina Hrpcha and Bridget Whiteman and her husband Scott Whiteman, grandsons Andrew and Matthew Whiteman, brother, Bud Hrpcha and sister, Jean Taylor. He also had many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary Ann Barrowman.

The Memorial Mass is on Friday June 10th with a Rosary at 9:30 a.m., and Mass at 10:00 a.m., at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church, 109 S. 5th Street Westcliffe, CO. Internment is at Assumption Cemetery followed by a meal at the Catholic Church Hall. Arrangements are entrusted to Harwood Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at Harwoodfunerals.com.

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married his sweetheart, Virginia Pasternak, with whom he had two lovely daughters, Bridget and Gina. He then went on to get a Master's of Science degree from DePaul University in Chicago. Aside from a short stint in transportation, when he worked for Mechling Barge Line, most of his professional life was devoted to the health care industry. He was assistant comptroller at St. Joseph's Hospital in Joliet, then Director of Financial Affairs at St. Anthony's Hospital in Chicago.

In 1974, Rich and his family made the big move to Littleton, Colorado where he took up the position of Assistant Administrator of General Rose Memorial Hospital. A short time later he became President of Rose Medical Center

(ROMED), the holding entity of a number of doctors some of whom worked and owned interests in the hospital. He served in that capacity for more than a decade before retiring to Custer County where, for several years, he had been enjoying his favorite sports of hunting and fishing with his many friends. His last employment was at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Longmont, Colorado where he was the Business Administrator. Retired or not, once he was in Custer County he never slowed down. He was a community leader involved in a myriad of activities. At the Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center, he was a board member and President. He was in the Finance Committee of his church, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, as well as an active Eucharistic Minister. For a time, he was a member of the local Rotary Club and

an EMS volunteer. He was a licensed ham radio operator and helped with the financial aspects of the local clinic. He was also, for many years, a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus in Littleton and Longmont.

Always helpful and always interested in people, he was a networker who introduced everyone he knew to everyone else. He was a true Christian who loved people ,especially children. Richard never had a negative word about any person no matter if he was baited. His daughters clearly remember his "pearls of wisdom" such as, "Always God first" and "Always common sense". No doubt Rich will be sorely missed and most fondly remembered, most especially for the many little memorable sayings and some of his routines such as shaking men's hands with an iron grip sure to practically bring one down to their knees. When asked about the pronunciation

of his unusual name (pronounced HERP-CHA) his response was, "it's a burp and a sneeze". His favorite however, was when he was asked how he was or how he was doing, to which he would respond, "fantastic and getting better". Yes, fantastic was his attitude but getting better was not to be after his stroke in 2014 which left him disabled until his recent departure.

But he was more than ready for his journey. One of his all-time favorite prayer was Psalm 23: "THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT ...He maketh me lie in green pastures, He leadeth me beside still waters... Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me."

May God bless Richard forever and ever....and God bless his family.



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