



Fire District Gets Big Rating Improvement

Could Save Homeowners Affected \$100 - \$200

by George Gramlich

Wet Mountain Fire Protection District (WMFPD) Chief Dave Tonsing has announced that the Insurance Services Office (ISO) has recently upgraded the fire protection rating for large portions of Custer County from a Public Protection Classification (PPC) of 10 to 9 which is a major, cost-saving improvement.

ISO is a company that rates virtually all municipalities/counties in the country for their ability to suppress structural fires within their geographical area. Insurance companies use these ratings to determine whether or not to write a homeowners fire policy, and if they do, what rate they will use for said policy.

Before this upgrade, most of Custer County, outside of a 5-mile

road radius from the WMFPD's main station in Westcliffe was rated a 10, which is the worst rating. (Note that the rating scale is 1 -10. Most rural districts, fall in the 9 or 10 category due to water availability.) With the recent spate of highly destructive forest fires in Colorado, insurance companies have been reluctant to write new insurance policies in many areas, have been dropping a lot of existing policies, and are charging more for many. So this rating upgrade is good news indeed for many in Custer County.

This all came about when ISO came to WMFPD last year to do a analysis and review of the district and verify their rating. The ISO consultants noted that WMFPD could upgrade a lot of the county



Fire Chief Dave Tonsing showing a map of the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District with the four stations they've been working hard on to improve the ISO rating for the community.

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Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

Westcliffe Town Board: Justice or Zero Tolerance?

Board Member John Johnston: Drug Testing, Murals Drama

by George Gramlich, Fred Hernandez

“Justice”: the process or result of using laws to fairly judge and punish crimes and criminals; the quality of being just, impartial, or fair; conforming to truth, fact or reason. The Merriam-Webster online dictionary.

During a somewhat routine Westcliffe Town Board meeting last week, a drama unfolded wrapped

around a series of Board decisions in the end that caused Board member John Johnston to later resign and the concepts of zero tolerance, justice, and fairness explored in-depth.

Sentinel reporter Fred Hernandez attended the meeting and reported that Board member Johnston resigned and walked out of the meeting after the Board decided to fine him for starting a mural on his Country

Courtyard Inn business on Main Street without a Board Resolution being passed allowing it. After receiving the report we felt that there had to be more to this so we contacted John and he graciously granted the Sentinel (Editor/GG) an interview at his business/home on Main Street.

And John gave us the “back story” of the affair. The Board has been recently discussing the drug policy

for town employees which was that if an employee failed a drug test (which includes alcohol, pot, et al.) the Town Board “may” dismiss him or her. In other words, it was discretionary. Many on the Board wanted to change this to “shall” which means if you fail the drug test, even for an instance of a clerical employee having a beer at lunch or for a “false positive”, you are fired with NO recourse. And at the previous Town Board meeting, the Board did in fact change the policy to “shall” fire for employee with Commercial Driver Licenses (CDL/DOT). John was the lone dissenting vote.

So, at the Board meeting last week, under Old Business, was Agenda Item 8, changing the drug policy for “non-CDL/DOT” employees (i.e., all other town employees) to a “shall” fire basis.

And as it happens, following Agenda Item 8, was Agenda Item 9 (k) which was a proposed Resolution to allow John to have a

Kansas artist paint a series of murals on his Courtyard Country Inn building wall that faces John’s own off-road parking lot off of Main Street. Note that the proposed murals do NOT face Main Street, they face John’s parking lot.

Westcliffe requires that one gets a Board approved Resolution before doing any outside improvements, such as painting murals on exterior walls. One submits a sketch and information about the project, the Board reviews it, and says yes or no.

In John’s mural project, there were some mitigating issues. John explained to the Sentinel that the artist, a friend of theirs from Kansas, had wanted to do the murals for John and his wife, Mo, for some time but due to his hectic schedule couldn’t find the time. Then a few weeks ago, the artist called up and said he was coming and could only



The beautiful murals on the side of the Country Courtyard building.

Sentinel photo by Fred Hernandez

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So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10 NIV

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THE NATIONAL SHAME CONTINUES!



“Half way through 2015, VFW and the nation are confronted with two major issues: national security and honoring the commitment to those who provide it. That boils down to defense spending and reforming VA services. Let’s start with VA.”

and some want to take the money for other things. So all in all, after about 15 months not much has been done. We suggested last June that we would be talking about these very same issues during the 2016 campaign and here we are. We were very disappointed that the recent Fox News debate didn’t make this a priority subject. A last minute question was thrown in only after a woman ran up to the moderators and shouted “What about the veterans?” Good for her and shame on the moderators for leaving this important issue out of the debate while asking other silly and unimportant questions. We believe the Commander-in-Chief of the VFW, John Stroud, wraps it up best. He made the following statement recently. “Half way through 2015, VFW and the nation are confronted with two major issues: national security and honoring the commitment to those who provide it. That boils down to defense spending and reforming VA services. Let’s start with VA. If ever there was an unfinished mission, it is the one be-

gun in April 2014 when the crisis in confidence erupted in Phoenix. Despite landmark legislation and hopeful rhetoric from Washington, issues regarding patient care and disability compensation claims are far from fully resolved. Access to promised private medical care has been plagued by problems. Confusing rules and disputed funding have made the Veterans Choice Program less than easy to take advantage of by veterans. As if that were not enough, VA’s elimination of the informal claims process aggravated the situation. VFW is one of two veterans’ organizations that filed suit in the U.S. Court of Appeals to reverse that decision. A transformation of the Veterans Benefits Administration also is called for to better assist vets.”

You can see from that statement that, just as we feared, our elected leaders appropriated some money and then went on to other things, like getting reelected. It’s shameful! The VA needs real reform and needs it now. Stay Tuned.

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PTSD: We All Must Help

by Michael Ware

(Editor/GG: Mr. Ware is one of our readers from Iowa. He has a place in Cotopaxi which he tries to visit as often as possible.)

Chris Kyle. Is there anyone that hasn't heard his name recently? Many of you may have read his book, "American Sniper," and countless others have watched the movie or plan to. Chris Kyle's story has been in the media and even contended by some.

I'm not sure how to convey this without risking the perception of disrespect for our fallen brother. However, I feel as if I'd be dishonoring his last true mission if I didn't shed light on what he managed to overcome. PTSD. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder is the recurring item I gleaned from Kyle's story. Chris Kyle managed to battle back from the abyss and helped others on the brink of the same fate avoid the paralysis, or worse, of PTSD.

I remember as a young Iowa boy watching a train miles away as I sat with my legs dangling off the bridge atop the tracks. For quite some time it was still and I could neither hear nor feel the train's motion. Yet, I could see the light on the nose of the locomotive and knew it was headed straight for me. As time moved the light grew brighter and came closer. It wasn't long before I could hear the noise of tracks and feel a rumble in the earth below me. As the locomotive bore down upon me, and rushed under my legs it was as if the very definition of fury had been

unleashed. I'll never forget it.

I take the same view of PTSD in our soldiers returning from war and conflict. We can look down the track and see it coming, but instead of preparing for it, I think we're ignoring it.

In my studies of the finest warriors over a dozen centuries, one trait comes to the surface for all of them. It doesn't matter if they were tribes or organized militaries, they were all well practiced. Today, our American military is extremely efficient and successful at completing their mission, whatever that may be. The reason we're so good at building and sustaining warriors is constant practice and deployment. We ask ordinary young men and women to join our military. We build and hone fierce machines of battle from this stock. We send them into battle with first rate tools for the job and technology the enemy rarely even understands. They complete their work, and we ask them to turn the switch off, head home, put on an orange vest, and operate a forklift at a commercial lumberyard and home improvement store. Does anyone really believe after a true warrior has been built that the same warrior can be deconstructed by the shuffling of some papers?

As I discuss my concerns with others, I see a startling trend in my conversations. Nearly all of the discussions I have with folks end with an expectation by people that government is somehow supposed to handle this. Many are not of military service, not

that it matters. Some in the service don't grasp the severity either. When a topic of conversation, nearly all my friends and neighbors assume the military is going to take care of this looming PTSD epidemic. They agree a problem exists. They agree people are hurting. They agree my concerns are genuine. Unfortunately, too few grasp that America isn't ready to pitch in and help out. At least they aren't today.

I'm not sure what to do, but in order to begin I think I need to be a decent man. I need to be the friend and neighbor that will help a farmer stack his wood. I need to be the kind of person that says "Hey, the fish in my pond aren't going to catch themselves. Want to grab a pole and head out back?" I need to be the kind of citizen that pitches in when I notice something needs done and requires attention. There's no reason I can't mention to a vet, "Our preacher is kind of long winded, but his sermon is pretty darned good. Besides, the cinnamon rolls the old gals make before Sunday service are stellar. Want to go with us?" I have no idea what kind of impact I can make, but I'm determined to reach out in a genuine fashion to let these folks know people care. That's got to be a start. If we can't be decent and genuine friends, family, and neighbors to our veterans, what kind of country are we sustaining? I'm not sure what Chris Kyle would be telling us at the moment, but I have no doubt he'd encourage us to lend a hand to those we know need it, for our country is impoverished when we forget the errand.

Are We Having Fun Yet?

by Ashley R Smith

Summer break's nearly over and since my kids are still alive and I haven't checked into the local looney bin, I'm chalking it up as a success. Normally, the kids pester me as much as the summer gnats in the backyard that incessantly dive bomb my ears. "What are we doing for fun today? What will we do after that? What will be our fun for tomorrow?" It's turning into a long summer with both gnats and kids driving me to the edge of insanity.

Most years I figure I can either entertain them with unlimited fun, or suffer through whining, wrestling, not-so-nice teasing, and the nails getting shaken out of our walls. So as an act of sheer survival, I'll haul a mini-van brimming with children and snack wrappers to multiple parks, Sonic Happy Hour's half-price slushies, matinee movies, and hikes to Grape Creek. The kids have a blast! I, however, barely make it to bed at night before keeling over unconscious in an almost comatose state. Even in my dreams, I hear them asking, "So tell us again, what exactly are we doing tomorrow?"

Well, not anymore. I finally got the guts to tell my hooligans I'm no longer under obligation to provide unlimited fantastical delights of fun, fun, fun

in the summertime! I'm boycotting fun. Just typing these words sends tingles through my fingers.

Really though, I should have seen the writing on the wall last fall. I was trying to convince the kids to tidy up the house to get ready for the semi-monthly house cleaners. Although the kids have always had regular chores, I take comfort knowing the house will occasionally be legitimately sanitized by professionals. Upon my requests (aka nagging) I could almost hear a symphony of violins accompanying the children's woes as they declared how preposterous it was for them "to clean up for the cleaners."

Appalled by their petty complaints to a tired mother, I decided it was finally time to have my kids assume more responsibility for the deep cleaning. After all, I'm supposed to be training responsible children not pursuing a perfectly polished home. So with tears in my eyes I called to cancel the cleaning service. The hardest part about teaching kids that there's more to life than just having fun is that it requires an awful lot of work on my part!

I was also thrilled this summer to discover the benefits of teenage summer jobs. What a relief it is to appreciate how similar to daycare those are.

They are still under adult supervision, but better yet, this time the teens are getting paid. Hopefully, they also learn to not squander their paycheck, and work through the growing pains of actually depositing some of it into a savings account (a difficult concept for many these days, I know).

As much as I tried boycotting an over-abundance of fun this summer season we still couldn't help but have a great time. It's just been a different kind of fun. Now our activities include picking up rusty barrels and trash along the lake shore when water skiing or handing out food at the local shelter.

My four-year-old has never had more fun than when he gets to hand out hundreds of fresh apples at Loaves and Fishes Care and Share to good folks who, in turn, smother him with praise and affection. His little hand would wave in the air while hollering "Have a good day" to his new-found friends.

Summer may be nearly over, but it's not too late for you to reach an epiphany of your own. Try putting a twist to your summer activities that will encourage growth, learning, and trying on someone else's shoes for awhile. You may not know what real fun is until you try it!

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1 John 4:18, NIV

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American Legion Refuses to Condemn Silver Cliff Pot

11 August 2015

Dear Editor,

A few months ago the following letter was presented to the American Legion Post 170 as a proposed letter to both local papers expressing opposition to marijuana grow facilities in Custer County and specifically in Silver Cliff.

Dear Editor and Citizens of Custer County,

Please be informed that the American Legion Post 170 opposes any attempt to authorize the growing of marijuana in Custer County. Currently, the City of Silver Cliff is reviewing whether or not to authorize such practices within the city. Our Sheriff opposes this and so does Post 170. The American Legion recognizes that marijuana is a "Gateway Drug" and is concerned about young people using drugs and destroying their lives. A part of our Preamble to our Constitution reads, "To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation."

Last year Colorado middle schools reported a 24 percent increase in drug related incidents. Colorado Springs District 11 spokeswoman Devra Ashby states, "All three grades – sixth, seventh, and eighth – are showing steady increases in marijuana use." The Boulder Valley School District is bringing in a

neuroscientist to talk to health classes about marijuana's impact on brain development.

- Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the main mood-altering chemical found in marijuana, impairs intellectual function, memory, judgement and motor skills.
- Marijuana smokers inhale up to five times more carbon monoxide and tar than cigarette smokers.
- THC adversely affects the brain, lungs, heart, reproductive, and immune systems.
- Marijuana can impair growth and development.
- Loss of inhibition from the use of marijuana can lead to injuries and death.
- Studies show marijuana users are often lower achievers compared to non-users.

Germane to this subject are outstanding words of advice from Proverbs 14:34 and 11:14, "Godliness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people – Without wise leadership, a nation falls; with many counselors, there is safety."

All citizens of Custer County are requested to join with us in opposition to approval of any marijuana grow facilities in our county. The future of our children is at risk, and we encourage your support in preventing any

such facilities from becoming part of our culture and landscape.

Thank you for allowing us to voice our concern and continue to show our care and support for our children in Custer County.

For God and Country,
The American Legion Westcliffe Post 170
Commander

The letter was presented to the membership because one of four stated Pillars of the American Legion is "Advocating for our Children." Opposition to operating marijuana grow facilities fits directly into this tenet of our organization. The bullet points presented were lifted directly from the American Legion Brochure "Gateway Drugs" which is distributed to schools across our nation. Other information included was directly from the Colorado Department of Education concerns for our children. The publishing of the letter was overwhelmingly rejected in a secret ballot vote by the membership present and voting at the meeting. Needless to say, I was surprised that the Post did not want to be involved with such an important social issue in our county.

Before the vote, there were disturbing discussions centered on reasons not to support this initiative. Much of the presented ratio-

nale contradicted beliefs supported by the American Legion. One reason presented not to support the concept was that the Legion should not get involved in local political issues. This certainly was not the case when the Post sent a letter to the editor encouraging the citizens to support an increase of tax to fund our EMS. Right or wrong, the Post got involved. Seems like a double standard to me. One member touted to be an expert on drug use in the United States stated that studies relating to marijuana use were all fabricated lies and the information included in the American Legion Brochure was simply not true. One member stated that it is none of the Post's business what occurs in Silver Cliff, this issue is strictly up to the voters in the town. It was also voiced that the American Legion is only concerned with Veteran's issues and should not be concerned with community activities that are outside this purview. Needless to say, there was a significant amount of misinformation presented as reasons not to support opposition to the issue of marijuana grow facilities in our community. The leadership that evening stated that, if members want to weigh in on this issue, they should send individual letters to the papers stating their opposition to establishing marijuana grow facilities.

For the past few months there

certainly has been a paucity of letters from the membership regarding this issue. To date I have seen none – zero. I have patiently waited to give members an opportunity to express their concern about an issue that will directly affect the well-being of our children. The silence is deafening!!!! Time is growing short in order for our community to speak up on this issue. To me, it is shortsighted for our community to disregard the safety of our children and the criminal potential that may manifest itself with the drug business. To disregard the degradation of moral values in exchange for potential tax dollars without a thorough analysis of the long-range implications is careless at best.

I will leave it up to the reader to determine where the Post stands on this issue but I am one member that strongly opposes any type of business that will directly affect the well-being of our children. I would encourage our community to take a stand against allowing marijuana grow facilities in our county. If you don't stand for something, you fall for anything. Think of our children! Now is the time for strong positive community involvement.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Hollingsworth
Concerned Citizen
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An Open Letter to the Mayor and Town Trustees of Silver Cliff, August 5, 2015:

The undersigned are some of the concerned business owners of Silver Cliff.

We have agreed to come together and write to our Silver Cliff town trustees to express our thoughts regarding the matter of cannabis production and sales within Silver Cliff city limits currently under study by a specially appointed/volunteer committee. It is our understanding that the study committee will determine, as a result of its deliberations, whether or not to recommend that the town trustees include the question of allowing a marijuana grow and production, as well as retail and medical sales, of cannabis-based products, in a future balloting to be voted on by only the residents of Silver Cliff.

Since the state of Colorado legalized the sale and use of cannabis products, a period of time has passed which has allowed the state to see the actual effects this law has had on its communities in general and its residents in particular. With all due respect to the committee, and the town trustees, we would like to emphasize that we, as a group, have not conducted our own study on this subject.

However, a cursory look at the internet reveals that there are many studies already completed and many others that are being undertaken by various groups including government entities, educational institutions, and private health practitioners. The majority of these studies establish convincingly that marijuana and its by-products have had more of a negative impact at all levels of society than a positive one.

We have chosen a few instances to use as examples in order to draw your attention to the fact that the negative effects of legalization of marijuana in the state of Colorado outweigh any positive gains which might have been imagined before the law was passed. We quote herewith from an influential person who said in reference to the law: "If I could've waved a wand the day after the election, I would've reversed the election and said, 'This was a bad idea'." As spoken by no other than the state Governor Hickenlooper, in Thehill.com.

We draw your attention to the following few facts for your perusal and consideration:

1 - According to the Retail Marijuana Public Health

Advisory Committee, (same name of website); a Colorado state entity, marijuana affects the brain of adolescents and adults and they have documented these findings. Also, and equally important; second hand smoke from marijuana has proven to have negative effects on all persons most especially children.

2 - To quote Colorado Health Department Director Dr. Larry Wolk:

"It should not be surprising that marijuana can trigger, and there is evidence that it does trigger, psychoactive symptoms, psychoactive diseases. And so it does put both kids and adults at risk."

3 - Wyoming student Leni Pongi, 19, died March 2014 after eating a marijuana cookie and falling from a hotel balcony in Denver. This is only one of other incidents but we do not wish to belabor the point.

4 - Aurora theatre gunman James Holmes, recently convicted, was being treated for some forms of psychoses by University of Colorado doctors. Acquaintances have said he smoked pot regularly. (All the above information is easily available on the internet.)

We could go on citing instances, facts, and statistics regarding the point we are trying to make and bring to your attention the gravity of this matter. Surely you are aware that the internet has hundreds of pages if not thousands and thousands regarding the available facts of marijuana and its usage and the ongoing controversy regarding its ill effects and/or attributes if any.

As far as the business community of Silver Cliff is concerned, we would like to see the town trustees take the high road and reject the introduction of cannabis in any form within the city limits of Silver Cliff. We are concerned about the youth of our community and it behooves the town officials to take a lead in their protection. Adults who wish to partake of marijuana can easily take a short trip to areas where it is readily available. Surely the protection of people's health, especially the youth, is worth this insignificant "inconvenience". (We do NOT want pot MORE readily available to our children in this county. They have enough serious problems.)

In the short period of time

since its legalization we already see in reports and information available from several cities, particularly Denver, that the incidence of homeless people has spiked since the law legalizing marijuana passed. Social services are reaching a point of being overwhelmed, the different law enforcement entities are voicing difficulties in their already challenging work, not to mention a marked increase in expenses and the strain on budgets. Hospital emergency rooms report increasing incidences of emergency patient intake as a result of marijuana or marijuana related accidents, or ingestion with negative health related effects.

At the federal level, marijuana and its use is still against the law. For that reason growers and retailers are unable to utilize banking facilities thus making them, ipso facto, a cash business. As such, how will the town of Silver Cliff monitor the actual level of production to be taxed? Surely the grower will report whatever suits them. In which case, the town will be short-changed of income. Add to this the certainty that law enforcement expenses will increase dramatically.

In closing, we, the concerned business owners of Silver Cliff, categorically reject marijuana in all its forms within the Custer County area for the sake of the youth, and also adults, because the overwhelming abundance of proof is that marijuana has definite negative effects on communities in general and people in particular.

Thank you in advance for your positive consideration of this appeal.

Concerned business owners of Silver Cliff, Colorado.

Sam and Carol Hepp of Tony's Mountain Pizza

Willie Quinney and Cheryl Jenkins of Silver Cliff Inn

Paul Rose of Stanwood Motor Sports

Scott Gillespie, President of Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource

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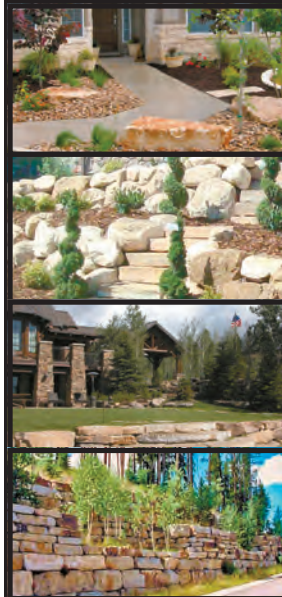


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Local Mountain News & Notices

Nothing to See Here: FBI Recants Alert

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: It is what it is, citizens. We ran the FBI alert story last week that there were multiple instances of military families being harassed at HOME in Colorado and Wyoming by middle-eastern men (read "muslims") about their military family members. In a very threatening and intimidating way. Now, the FBI said that these instances were "not credible threats". Really? The FBI of the old days is gone and now we have a politicized, completely controlled arm of the corrupt U.S. Department of Justice that no longer functions as a honest broker of the law in our country. Note that last year, the left-wing progressives that now run the agency wiped out ALL mentions of "Islamic Terrorism" in all of their training materials and forbid the usage of the words. Their now statist message is that they are going after "Domestic" and "Lone-Wolf" terrorists, which have somehow morphed muslim murdering crazies into patriotic

groups like the Oath Keepers or the local gun club. Folks, the Obama administration is IN BED with the islamists and will do anything to cover up their savage, murdering jihad against the free world. So here, the Denver FBI made a whoopsie when they issued two VALID alerts, but got their behinds slapped by the FBI's political commissars and had to cover it up with this new denial. Thanks for being truthful to the American public, FBI. What do you think those military families who were harassed by these muslims think of you now? The ones who are supposed to protect us?)

After issuing two alerts about Middle Eastern men approaching military families in Colorado and Wyoming and making suspicious statements, like, your husband is a U.S. interrogator; the FBI has decided their warnings contained no credible threats to military personnel or their families.

That's what they're telling the media in Colorado after

the news broke earlier this week and U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner made official inquiries. See our report here.

"The FBI continues to coordinate with its military and law enforcement partners to ensure the safety of our communities," the statement read. "The FBI asks the community to remain vigilant and report signs of suspicious activity to law enforcement."

So there you have it. The "situational information reports" to local law enforcement in May and July contained no credible threats, but be on the lookout for suspicious activity.

Oh, and that statement two weeks ago by FBI Director James Comey in Denver warning that Colorado faced a heightened threat from the Islamic State, someone should tell him he might not be credible.

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FIRE from page 1

from a 10 rating to a 9 if they put Class A Pumper Fire trucks in the WMFPD's Rosita, Boneyard, and Lake DeWeese substations. New Class A Pumper's cost around \$200,000 a piece which meant that if WMFPD wanted to improve the rating, they would have to go to the used marketplace.

WMFPD put a team together consisting of volunteers John Decker, Jimmy Lewis, and Jeff Thomas to scour the country looking for used Class A Pumpers at a price they can afford. After much effort, the team found three excellent trucks and even found one in pristine condition with

only 9,000 miles on it for a measly \$9,000!

WMFPD brought the three trucks back to Westcliffe, re-hab'd them and made sure they conformed to ISO's equipment/functionality Class A Pumper check list. The final step was certifying their actual pump rates and when all was done, ISO accepted them as bona fide Class A Pumpers.

By placing the three new pumpers in the Rosita, Boneyard and Lake DeWeese substations, ISO now gives a 9 rating to residences within a 5 mile DRIVE radius of these substations. WMFPD has a map at the station showing the approximate radiuses but it is the actual road mileage that counts. Once you verify that you are in the 5 mile drive zone, you can inform your insurance company of that and request a fire rate reduction. An ISO representative told Chief Tonsing that policy holders might see a drop of \$100 to \$200 annually. Any questions please feel free to call WMFPD (783-9245).

We would all like to thank WMFPD for all the hard work that went into accomplishing this major improvement in Custer County's fire rating. **Thanks for a great job, WMFPD!**



Fire Chief Dave Tonsing with Wet Mountain Fire Protection District's Engine 5.

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Welcome, Deputy Salbato!

Custer County's newest Sheriff's Deputy, Jason Salbato, was sworn in on Tuesday morning by newly appointed County Clerk Kelley Camper. Pictured above, Sheriff Shannon Byerly reads the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics as part of the swearing in ceremony.

Sentinel photo by Katherine Brenchley



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Thanks for your help!

Brenda Benoit

“I have learned over the years that when one’s mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear.”

Rosa Parks

DRAMA

from page 1

spend a few days there. When he finally arrived John took the artist to the town hall and informed Town Clerk Kathy Reiss of the situation. Kathy called the Town Attorney, Jay Printz and asked him about it and Jay said put it on as an Agenda Item for the next Town Board meeting. The artist spent three days on the project, got about half-way done and had to go back to Kansas.

So the Board meeting finally comes up and the Resolution for John's murals is Item 9 (k).

John is firmly opposed to the zero tolerance drug testing changes that occurred both in last month's decision for CDOT/CDL employees and the parallel one for all other employees that was on the current agenda. He feels that it is fundamentally unfair to an employee to be automatically fired for one infraction of the drug policy. He feels that the Board should keep the "may" fire language so that they can judge each case on its merits. John gave us an example of a clerical employee going out to lunch, having one beer, and coming back to the office where an unannounced drug takes place. With the new policy, this employee is automatically fired with absolutely

no recourse. He feels that each case should be judged based on all the circumstances surrounding it, not just one chemical test. He also noted that there can be false positives on these tests and firing somebody for that would be extremely unfair and unjust.

So when Agenda Item 8 under Old Business came up last week to change the policy for non-DOT/CDL employees to be fired after failing a single drug test, the motion was passed after much discussion with John being the only Nay vote. Now, all employees shall be fired for failing one drug test. Being staunchly opposed to these decisions, John was not happy.

Then next came John's mural Resolution. The Board members knew the circumstances and John explained to them again concerning the inability to schedule the artist due to his work schedule and that he had immediately informed the Town of the project and that an item was placed on the agenda for the next Town Board's meeting to address it. The Board, led by Mayor Pro-Tem Audrey Glutsche, felt that John shouldn't have started the mural without a Town Resolution in spite of the circumstances described by John. They stated that if they let John start a project without Board approval, it

would look like favoritism. After much back-and-forth, John got up, and walked out the side door.

Embarrassed looks, forced smiles, and general unease ensued. Finally, based on a motion by Board member Paul Wenke, the Board voted to approve the Resolution, fine John \$300 and then suspend the fine. The next day John came to the Town, hall paid the \$300 fine, and handed in his Letter of Resignation. John told the *Sentinel* that the Letter of Resignation was really over the zero tolerance drug policy votes and not the mural vote.

Happily, when talking to the *Sentinel*, John informed us he had just given the Town Board a letter rescinding his resignation. After much thought, John decided to stay on the Board to continue to fight against the zero tolerance policy. As a seasoned veteran of small town politics, John has shaken off the mural fine as "politics as usual". And as John told us, he does "not want to be selfish, but to provide leadership including changing this problem of zero tolerance" and how unfair it can often be.

So, welcome back John to the drama that is Westcliffe politics and continue to engage in open and free debate on the issues. Hopefully justice will prevail.

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School Board Signs Letter Condemning Legalizing Pot in Silver Cliff

All Board Members Sign

by Audrey Slater

The August regular school board meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. with all board members in attendance.

During the general public session Candace Sage presented an open letter to the Mayor and Board of Trustees of Silver Cliff for the school board's consideration. The contents of the letter was concerning the harmful effects of marijuana on the children and asking the school board to sign the letter condemning any action by the Town of Silver Cliff to legalize the growing, manufacturing or retail sale of pot in Silver Cliff which would adversely affect all the citizens of Custer County, especially our children. She asked for the board to consider the facts and, if in agreement, sign the letter as a board. Before the close of the meeting Mr. Lee made a motion to accept the letter stating that the school board needed to take a stand against anything that could hurt the students.

The motion was seconded and all the board members signed the letter. **(Editor/GG: Thank you for standing up for our children. The Board Members are Brenda Gaité, Monty Lee, Terre Davis, Brian Cline, and Bob Jolley.)**

Dr. Davis then reported that the school district would be receiving \$8,069.32, gifted and talented reimbursement, from BOCES.

There was discussion on how the financial reports are printed out. Mr. Cline requested a work shop in November so the board could better understand the reports. New school Superintendent Mr. Payler will also look into how to make the reports more meaningful.

Mr. Lee brought up the subject of step increases for the teachers. He stated at a previous meeting it was stated that they would reexamine the budget in August and look at instituting the step increases in September. Mr. Payler noted that the numbers look

good but would like to wait until September to see what the actual numbers of students will be. Dr. Davis reminded them that the increases will be retroactive. The decision was made to reexamine the numbers in September and look to vote on the subject in October.

A propane bid was approved from Enxx Propane for \$0.8815 per gallon with no other charges.

The board retreat will be on August 21st at 10 a.m. in the conference room. It is a work session, no actions will be taken, and the public is invited.

During the superintendent's report, Mr. Payler presented a draft for a Talent Management Strategic Plan to provide direction and goals to recruit, develop, support, and retain high-quality employees. **(Reporter/AS: Maybe we won't have any more uncertified teachers being hired.)** Good job, Mr. Payler.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Patriot of the Week Fred Hernandez



Our thanks to Silver Cliff resident Fred Hernandez for his dedicated effort in fighting the attempted legalization of marijuana in the Town of Silver Cliff. Fred did the hard work of getting almost all of the business owners in Silver Cliff to sign a petition against legalizing pot in the town and he also drafted the Letter of Resolution against legalizing pot for the CCCS Board to sign. Which they did unanimously. Gob Bless this patriot for standing up for a moral America and trying to protect our children from more drug abuse and personal destruction.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

Bobcat Football Begins 2nd Season of 8-Man Football

by Coach Troy Bomgardner

The 2015 CCHS football season kicks off this coming Monday when the Bobcats begin two-a-day practices. Practice will begin at 6 a.m. with helmets only practices for the 1st two days. Players will put on shoulder pads on Wednesday and then full pads on Thursday. Practices will be at 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day, Monday

through Wednesday. Players should have completed a medical physical prior to practice. If a student has not checked out their equipment, they should plan to show up early on Monday to check out a helmet for the 1st practice. CCHS students as well as home-schooled students are welcome to participate in Custer County athletics. The Bobcats' first scrimmage is August 29th at Henrich Field against Pikes Peak Christian.

Like to Run? Join Bobcats Cross Country

The Custer County Cross Country team would like to invite any interested middle school or high school athletes in the county to come join the team. The first official practice will be Monday, August 17th, at 7 a.m. on the High School Track.



Bobcat Menu • Aug 17 - Aug 20, 2015

Monday

NO
SCHOOL

Tuesday

NO
SCHOOL

Wednesday

NO
SCHOOL

Thursday

6th - 12th grades

Breakfast

Cheese Quesadilla

Fruit, Milk

Lunch

Sloppy Jo

Choice of Veg.

Choice of Fruit

Milk

No Salad Bar This Week

KIDS Friday, August 14, 2015

David Crockett: King of the Wild Frontier

On August 17th, we will celebrate the 229th anniversary of the birth of David Crockett in 1786. The name may be unknown to those under 30 today, but to those of us raised in the 1950s, thanks in large part to Walt Disney and the relatively new television, know the name, Davy Crockett, very well. Many of us can still sing the words of song, "Davy, Davy Crockett, king of the wild frontier." Crockett was an interesting frontier celebrity of his time for a whole host of reasons.

Crocket was born on the frontier in Tennessee. Back in those times, a formal education was a hit or miss proposition. Crockett left school at 13 and spent three years in the wilderness honing his "woodsmanship" skills. Demonstrating a strong character at an early age, he returned home to help work off his father's debt. He married young, a custom of the time, and fathered two sons and a daughter. When duty called, Crockett joined the Tennessee militia as a scout to fight the Creek Indians, allies of the British in the War of 1812. The Creeks, responsible for the massacre at Fort Mims (Alabama), where over 500 settlers and militiamen were butchered had to be avenged.

When the Creeks were defeated, Crockett returned home with the rank of sergeant. He then ran for and served in the Tennessee state legislature and served one term. Crockett chose to become a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives and was elected for three non-consecutive terms in the U.S. House. Crockett's eyes turned south to the Mexican province of Texas. Like many Americans who moved to Texas, he converted to Catholicism and received free land. Texas was seen as a major opportunity for the adventurous and for those who wanted a second chance.

Mexico was ruled by Santa Ana, a ruthless dictator, and many American immigrants and native born "Texicans" wanted to be free from Mexican heavy handed rule. Crockett decided to join the fight with many Tennesseans. They joined the defenders of the Alamo, an old Spanish mission reinforced as a fort. While Santa Ana and an army of 5,000 worked its way north to San Antonio to put down the rebellion, 191 Alamo defenders including David Crockett planned to do battle. It became obvious that without military relief, remaining at the Alamo meant certain death. Yet, these defenders delayed the Mexican army for 13 days to allow Sam Houston to build an army that defeated the Mexicans and captured Santa Ana. The price Crockett and the others paid was death.

David Crockett is a great role model for community service for all Americans and in particular students. In a day when the media misapplies the label of "hero" daily, the Alamo defenders were truly heroic in their actions and sacrifice which resulted in freedom for Texas.

Here is a little foot note in local history. The Republic of Texas was much larger than the current state. To be annexed into the USA, Texas needed to pay off its war debt. The U.S. did that, but Texas surrendered some of its land mass which included part of eastern Colorado. You will find Grape Creek, Texas Creek, and the Wet Mountains on an original map of the Republic.

by J. Cascarelli

Sangre de Cristo Sentinel • Westcliffe, Colorado

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



PUBLIC NOTICE

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*County Coroner	\$1,841.67
*County Clerk	\$4,141.67
*Chief Deputy County Clerk	\$3,664.96
*Deputy Clerk /Motor Vehicle	\$2,820.70
*Deputy Clerk/Recording	\$2,297.70
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*County Treasurer	\$4,141.67
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Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Work Shop/Session
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015
9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /Commissioners Room
WORKSHOP TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE
Board of Commissioners/Planning Commission Joint
Session Meetings

Published 8/14/2015
Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
Westcliffe, Colorado

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMBINED NOTICE
PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103
FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 04-15

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: **On February 10, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.**
Original Grantor(s): Greenhorn Ranch LLC, a Colorado Limited Liability Company
Original Beneficiary(ies): Jeri Saboe
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Jeri Saboe
Date of Deed of Trust: November 07, 2008
County of Recording: Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: November 10, 2008
Recording Information
(Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.):
211471 Book: 617 Page: 322
Original Principal Amount: \$350,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance:\$138,005.00

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTH-WEST QUARTER (SW1/4NW1/4) AND THE NORTH-WEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW1/4NW1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT (28); AND THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER (N1/2NE1/4) AND THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (SW1/4NE1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-NINE (29), ALL IN TOWNSHIP TWENTY-FOUR (24) SOUTH, RANGE SEVENTY-TWO (72) WEST OF THE SIXTH

(6TH) PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, TOGETHER WITH ALL ITS APPURTENANCES, COUNTY OF CUSTER, STATE OF COLORADO
Also known by street and number as: CO 81252.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 09/23/2015, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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Westcliffe, Colorado

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

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

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

DATE: 02/10/2015
Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee in and for the County of Custer, State of Colorado

Virginia Trujillo

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee



The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Dan Slater Attorney at Law 1415 Main Street, Suite A, Canon city, CO 81212 (719) 269-3315
Attorney File # GreenHorn/Saboe
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

The Making of "Canyon Trail"

Custer County Welcomes Skeleton Creek Productions



The Wet Mountain Western Roundup at A Painted View Ranch



Local Mountain News & Notices

Classifieds

Builders

WET MOUNTAIN LOG HOMES (719) 783-2883. Swedish cope, stick built, and metal buildings and addition. Helping you build on a budget!

For Sale

FSBO 5 acres north of Oak Creek Grade General Store. Call or see Jack or Audrey at 783-2245

2010 Toyota RAV AWD. One owner, V6, pearl white, Limited, leather, SR, and 70K. Immaculate condition. \$18,985. (303) 550-9206

Fundraising

Save the Date! Saturday, August 29, Club America WMV Fundraising BBQ. Parking lot sale; Water games. Call the Club at 783-0750 to donate items to the sale.

Garage Sale

House and garage sale: kayak, piano, desk, books, treadmill, glassware, crafts, garden supplies, clothes, silk flowers, misc.: August 15th, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at corner of Hermit Lane and Sierra Mojada (one block southwest of Valley Bible Church.

Help Wanted

Now accepting applications for a fulltime driver’s position at Norup Gas, Inc. Must have a CDL, class B with hazmat endorsement. Must be able to pass a drug screening test and subject to random drug screening tests while employed. Salary will be based on experience. Please inquire at 28 Rangeview Loop, Westcliffe, or call (719) 783-9338.

MAINTENANCE POSITION available immediately – part time. Building and mechanical systems, equipment maintenance and repair, swimming pool operator (must be able to

pass certification course) at Club America. Pay negotiable depending on experience. Come by to pick up Application, due by August 20. 783-0750

IN-HOME ELDERLY CARE needed 2-3 days a week, days and nights. Cooking, light cleaning, and general assistance needed. 783-9174 or 269-7882

Real Estate

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Westcliffe Broker.com
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Serving buyers & sellers
since 1982

Services

Concrete Flat Work. Driveways, sidewalks, and patios. Quick, professional service. (719) 429-0219. Ask for Mason.

Mowing and brush hogging. (719) 371-2866

SEPTIC PUMPING (719) 783-2747 or Cell (719) 371-3523 Please call Art Nordyke for your septic pumping and inspections. Don’t let your septic fail! NORDYKE SANITATION

CHAINSAW SHARPENING
Accurate sharpening. Multiple chain discount. Chain loops made to order and repaired.
Ring J.B. 719/783-4448

Call
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to place
your ad

Please call 719-783-3360 or email sdc.sentinel@gmail.com to place your ad.
The deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is Monday at 5 p.m. for that week’s edition.

*As a prisoner for the Lord, then,
I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.
Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.
Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

Ephesians 4:1-3

*Love must be sincere.
Hate what is evil;
cling to what is good.*

Romans 12:9



Come and Worship



Christian Science
9:30 a.m. Worship
8 Bassick Place
Westcliffe

Church of Christ
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
1:30 p.m. Worship
Wed., 6 p.m.
818 Ohio Street
Silver Cliff
719/783-4601

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
10 a.m. Sacrament Mtg.
12:10 p.m. Sunday School
240 Ridgeline Drive
Westcliffe
719/783-9356
719/404-4585

Community United Methodist Church
8 a.m. Worship
10 a.m. Worship
202 S. 6th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2511

Cody Park Community Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
1517 County Rd. 27A
Cotopaxi
719/942-3462
719/942-3526

Cotopaxi Community Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
20326 Hwy. 50
Cotopaxi
719/942-4185

First Baptist Church of Westcliffe
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
417 S. 6th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2498

High Country Mennonite Church
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
110 Rosita Avenue
All Aboard Westcliffe Bldg.
Westcliffe
719/783-9045

Huerfano Community Bible Church
10 a.m. Sunday Worship
7 p.m.: Thursday Bible Study
603 Leon Street
Walsenburg
(719) 251-9053

Hope Lutheran Church
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship
3rd & Powell Streets
Westcliffe
719/783-9773

Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church
Diocese of Pueblo
11 a.m. Sunday Mass
10 a.m. Tuesday Mass
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday Adoration
109 S. 5th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-3507

Our Lady of Mt. Zion Catholic Church
11 a.m. Mass
3rd Sunday of each month
210 S. 2nd Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2491



*Don't love the world and what it offers.
Those who love the world don't have the Father's love in them.
Not everything that the world offers--
physical gratification, greed,
and extravagant lifestyles--
comes from the Father.
1 John 2:15 - 16 GW*

Sangre de Cristo Fellowship
9 a.m. Worship
Sunday School & Prayer Mtg to Resume in the Fall
120 Jerry Court
Westcliffe
719/783-0903

Sangre de Cristo Seminary Chapel
10 a.m. Worship
6160 County Rd. 130
Westcliffe
719/783-2447

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
10:30 a.m. Worship & Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Fellowship
3rd & Rosita Streets
Westcliffe
719/783-2477

St. Patrick's Anglican Church
11 a.m. Worship
401 South Second Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2500

Valley Bible Fellowship
10 a.m. Worship
116 Hermit Lane
Silver Cliff
719/783-9050

Westcliffe Community Church
10 a.m. Worship
103 N. Adams St.
Westcliffe
719/429-4256

Wetmore Baptist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
Wetmore
719/784-4197

Wetmore Community Church
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
County Rd. 395
Wetmore
719/784-0596

Wild West Cowboy Church
3 p.m. Sunday School
4 p.m. Worship
Followed by Potluck
Tuesdays 6 p.m.: Bible Study
60260 Hwy. 69 North
Westcliffe
719/783-2676

Eateries

Alpine Lodge
6848 Cty. Rd. 140 • Westcliffe
719/783-2660
Wed. - Sat., 5 - 10 p.m.
Sunday Brunch
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Reservations recommended

Belle's Backyard BBQ
100 S. Third Street • Westcliffe
719/371-8358
Wed. & Thur., 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Candy's Coffee
106 S. 2nd St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9516
Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Chappy's Bar & Grill
213 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-0813
Mon. - Thurs., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri. & Sat., 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sundays, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Hunger Buster
824 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9228
Mon. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

JB's Café
104 Main Street • Westcliffe
719/783-3033
Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wed. - Thurs. & Sun.,
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fri. & Sat., 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Closed Mondays

Letter Drop Inn
6654 Cty. Rd. 328 • Rosita
719/783-9430
Wed. - Sun.: Starting at 5 p.m.

The Lodge at San Isabel
59 Cty. Rd. 371 • San Isabel
719/489-2280
8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Tuesdays

The Mining Company Restaurant
60 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9144
Mon., Thurs. - Sun.,
6:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tues., 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Closed Wednesdays

Nacho Mama's
404 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719/783-3331
Mon. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Bar stays open later

Oak Creek Grade General Store, Bakery & Coffee Shop
13 miles north on Cty. Rd. 255
719/783-2245
Please call ahead

Rancher's Roost at Cliff Lanes
25 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-2147
Mon. - Fri., 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat. & Sun., 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

St. Andrews Golf Course Café
800 Copper Gulch Rd. • Westcliffe
719/783-9410
Open Daily
Call for Hours

Sangrita
212 Main * Westcliffe
719/783-4054
Tues., 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Wed. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Reservations recommended

Silver Cliff Mountain Inn
700 Ohio Street • Silver Cliff
719/783-2688
Open 7 days a week
Sun. - Sat., 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Silver Cliff Pizza Company upstairs in the Silver Dome Saloon
110 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719/783-9499
Call for hours

Subway (inside JR's Fuel Stop)
425 S. 6th St. • Westcliffe
719/783-2748
Mon.-Sat., 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sundays, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sugar & Spice Mtn. Bakery
411 Main St. B • Westcliffe
719/783-4045
Tues. - Fri., 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat., 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Tony's Mountain Pizza
630 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719/783-9300
Mon. & Tues., 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Wed.. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sundays, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Local Mountain News & Notices

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 277 calls for service from the Sheriff's Office, 9 from EMS and 1 from the Fire Dept. As of August 11th, there were 3 males in the county jail.

08/04/15 2015-05210
1424 hours: A deputy served civil papers to a party on Shawnee Circle in Cuerno Verde Pines.

08/04/15 2015-05211
1429 hours: A deputy was dispatched to investigate a reported burglary on Marcey Road in Silver Cliff Heights. This matter is currently under investigation.

08/04/15 15-0512
1833 hours: A deputy took a harassment complaint from a party on Rubel Road.

08/04/15 15-0515
2225 hours / Lone Tree Circle / Traffic Summons: Cassandra Routt (DOB in 1989) of Westcliffe was issued a summons for driving without a license and no insurance.

08/04/15 15-0514
2250 hours / CR 129 / Traffic Summons: Nathan Stark (DOB in 1991) of Westcliffe was arrested for driving without a license.

08/05/15 2015-05233
0745 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS and a Sheriff's deputy responded to a medical emergency on South Street in Silver Cliff. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

08/05/15 2015-05240
1214 hours: A deputy served civil papers to a party on Ohio Street in Silver Cliff.

08/05/15 15-0516
1632 hours: A deputy was dispatched to CR 328 K for a civil stand-by.

08/05/15 15-0517
1734 hours: The Wet Mountain Fire Department, EMS, Flight for Life and personnel from the Sheriff's office were dispatched to a two vehicle accident on Hwy 69S and CR 328. One patient

was transported by ambulance to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo. A second patient was airlifted to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo by Flight for Life.

08/05/15 15-0518
2331 hours / Hwy 69S MM 58 / Traffic Summons: Sandra Vickerman (DOB in 1974) of Cañon City was issued a summons for speeding 10-19 over.

08/06/15 15-0519
0024 hours: Officers coordinated with El Paso County on an agency assist involving a vehicle that was broken into at the North Pole, in Cascade. Vehicle was from a residence in Custer County. CCSO deputies lifted fingerprints from the vehicle and a report was filed. Nothing further at this time.

08/06/15 15-0521
1437 hours: Officers and EMS personnel responded to an address, on CR 341, involving a possible overdose. EMS initially

processed a refusal for transport, but was called back to the address when the party started to have chest pains. That party was then transported to St. Mary Corwin. No further information is available.

08/06/15 15-0524
2052 hours: Party Foster, Stephen (DOB in 1962) was cited for speeding 10-19 over on Highway 69-South.

08/07/15 EMS
1037 hours: EMS personnel responded to a call for assistance from a party that had fallen and received a laceration to the back of their head. Medic 4 treated and transported the party to St. Mary Corwin.

08/07/15 EMS
1533 hours: EMS party transported a party to Parkview Medical Center. No further details available.

08/07/15 CCSO
1641 hours: Officers assisted a motorist who was broken down near 6th Street in Westcliffe. Deputy on scene transported the party to get a new battery and then returned him to his vehicle. Officer cleared once party was mobile.

08/07/15 15-0529
2004 hours: Officers responded to do a follow-up on a potential 17-year-old runaway. Report was entered in the National Missing Persons Database. Nothing further at this time.

08/07/15 15-0530
2255 hours: Call came in to 911 reporting an assault that had just taken place at the Silver Dome Saloon. One party (Brady, Dylan, DOB in 1988) was taken in to custody and transported to the Custer County Detention Facility.

08/08/15 EMS
0901 hours: EMS received a call from a local ranch for a party with a severe laceration on his hand. Due to the location of the event, Fremont County was contacted and asked to dispatch

medical personnel. No further information at this time.

08/08/15 CCSO
1043 hours: CCSO Dispatch received a call requesting an emergency response in the Deer Mountain area. Dispatch was able to arrange helicopter transport through Eagle Med in Salida. Deer Mountain Fire was also toned to assist with flight landing.

08/08/15 15-0533
2106 hours: Summons issued to a party (Owen, Eric, DOB in 1970) for failure to yield at a stop sign near 3rd Street in Westcliffe.

08/09/15 15-0535
1100 hours: Summons issued to a party (Wegner, Amber, DOB in 1974) for speeding 10-19 over on 6th Street in Westcliffe.

08/09/15 15-0537
1211 hours: Party (Johnson, Mark, DOB in 1958) was cited for speed 10-19 over on Highway 69, MM 58.

08/09/15 15-0538
1916 hours: Officers took a report of a possible attempted burglary on South Street. Incident is under investigation.

08/09/15 EMS
2111 hours: EMS personnel responded to the Custer County Sheriff's Office to assist an inmate injured his hand. Party was transported to Parkview Medical Center for treatment.

08/10/15 15-0542
0733 hours: Party (Scott, Willie, DOB in 1995) was cited for speeding 10-19 over near 6th Street in Westcliffe.

08/10/15 15-0543
0753 hours: Party (Veal, Edward, DOB in 1956) was cited for speeding 10-19 over on 6th Street in Westcliffe.

08/10/15 15-0544
11:56 AM - Officers responded to a minor automobile accident at the Westcliffe Supermarket. One vehicle had backed into another while attempting to exit the parking lot. A report was taken. No charges

were filed.

08/10/15 15-0546
1402 hours: The CCSO took a report of a possible break-in on Hull Avenue. No signs of forced entry were present and nothing was missing from the home. Report taken and officers will continue to monitor the area.

08/10/15 15-0547
2012 hours: Officers responded to a report of a verbal disturbance, on the 600 block of Main Street. Incident was found to be verbal in nature only and did not require police action.

08/10/15 15-5432
Deputies and Fire were dispatched to the Custer/Fremont County line on a report of fire/smoke. Nothing was found in the area.

08/11/15 2015-05450
1306 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Marcey Road in Silver Cliff Heights for a civil stand by.

08/11/15 2015-05454
1504 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Excelsior Lane in Silver Cliff Ranch to investigate a theft.

08/11/15 2015-05457
1515 hours: A deputy attempted to serve civil papers to a party on Ohio Street in Silver Cliff. Negative contact was made.

08/11/15 2015-05458
1539 hours: A deputy served civil papers to a party on Ohio Street in Silver Cliff.

08/11/15 15-0548
1629 hours: A deputy was dispatched to CR 136 to investigate a report of criminal mischief.

08/11/15 2015-05467
1746: A deputy was dispatched to an area approximately one-half mile south of the Fremont County line after a 911 call was received in which a child could be heard crying in the background. The call was deemed a false alarm.

08/11/15 15-0550
2039 hours: A deputy was dispatched to a domestic dispute on Ohio Street in Silver Cliff.

Events Calendar

July 10 – August 30
Tues. – Sat., 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., & Sun., Noon – 4 p.m.: Fremont Center for the Arts presents its Family Summer Special, Disney Fine Art, an Exhibit and Sale of Disney's Fine Artists Originals and Prints, 505 Macon, Cañon City; Admission; (719) 275-2790

Friday, August 14
7 p.m.: Jones Theater: Youth Theater Musical: "Lady Pirates of the Caribbean", The lady pirates are out to dominate the Caribbean with songs and laughter. A fun performance by many of very talented local children; \$15 Adults, \$5 kids 12 and under

Saturday, August 15
9 a.m.: Gymkhana at The Cowboy Church
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Bobcat Fun/K and Walk
1 p.m.: Registration for AQHA Trail Challenge at Saddle Club, \$30; Dry camping, \$10/night & \$10 course fee. More info, call Annie 783-2886
2 p.m.: Saddle Club presents an AQHA Trail Challenge; More info, call Annie 783-2886
7 p.m.: Jones Theater: Youth Theater Musical: "Lady Pirates of the Caribbean"

Sunday, August 16
2 p.m.: Jones Theater: Youth Theater Musical: "Lady Pirates of the Caribbean"

Recurring Events and Business Hours

Monday
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

Monday through Friday
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Custer County public transit service available to everyone through Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Noon: Lunch served at Custer County Senior Center located on first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 am

Monday and Thursday
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff assisting new mothers and families. Free pregnancy tests, ultrasound, counseling, and more. Call 783-4357

Tuesday
12 - 4:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe.
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Jammin' band at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff

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

Monday, August 17
4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.: High School Open House

Tuesday, August 18
4:30 p.m.: Middle School Open House

Thursday, August 20
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.: School commences for grades 6-12
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: Orientation for Early Bears in PK classroom
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Orientation for Late Bears in PK classroom
10 a.m.: Airport Advisory Board Meeting

Friday, August 21
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "Wyatt Earp – A Life on the Frontier" – A one-man show presented by the great grand-nephew of Wyatt Earp. Adults: \$15

Saturday, August 22
9 a.m.: U.S. Law Shield seminar at The Wild West Cowboy Church
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "Wyatt Earp – A Life on the Frontier" – A one-man show presented by the great grand-nephew of Wyatt Earp. Adults: \$15



Daughters of the American Revolution

D.A.R. General Marion Chapter of Cañon City will meet August 15, 2015, will meet at Pueblo Bank and Trust in Cañon City at 9:30 a.m.

The program will be a continuation of 'Our Patriots' as members tell stories of their patriots.

Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

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

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

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

Fremont
Republican
Central
Committee
4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Sunflower Bank,
lower level
831 Royal Gorge Blvd.

Southern
Colorado
Survivors
1st Sat at 8:30 a.m.
El Alazan
Mexican Restaurant
1925 Fremont Dr.
Cañon City

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

sdcsentinel@gmail.com



The Shops at Four-Mile Creek Bring New Life to East End of Cañon City

by Barbara Penezic

Cañon City's historic Main Street struggles to fill empty storefronts but overall retail business has increased along the east end of the Highway 50 corridor. The old Denny's restaurant is now home to a very bustling I-Hop and the ever popular Chili's is only a stone's throw away. These businesses offer the community two very different dining choices and provide income for area employees.

Westside Investment Partners has recently purchased Creekside Shopping Center located at the intersection of Highway 50 and Justice Center Road, directly across Highway 50 from Chili's and I-Hop. Scaffolding is up and workmen are busy giving the newly named 'THE SHOPS at FOURMILE CREEK' a facelift. The entire 21 store center will be revitalized and current tenants are clearly happy about the prospect of having a new fresh look for the center. The scaffolding is already in place at the east end of the center and workmen were involved in the new stucco work earlier this week. Gary Favor, owner of Favor Roofing says both the roof repair and stucco work should be completed in three weeks.

One of the three principles for Westside Investment Partners said, "We want tenants that are adding to the community. The tenant



The work commences at Shops at Four-Mile Creek.

mix right now is good, we want to have complimentary tenants to the current existing tenants." Smith would like to see a movie theater back at the mall, but adds a liquor store is not likely to fill one of the slots in the retail/restaurant complex. "We'd like to have some local tenants and some national presence, as well." Several national chains are presently located in Cañon City. They include Walmart, Home Depot, True Value, Chili's, and more recently, Big 5 Sporting Goods, Big R, I-Hop and newly opened Jimmy John's all located on the eastern end of Highway 50. Another new enterprise will be open for business in this area of Cañon City the first part of September. FREMONT COUNTY CRUSADER is a new, weekly newspaper that will bring conservative, constitutional, truthful reporting that will not be constrained by "political correctness" but by truth, facts, logic,

and common sense. While I was unable to visit with each of these enterprises, a quick-check of their parking lots indicates they are all doing a booming business.

A commercial broker for NAI Highland located in Colorado Springs, Tiffany Colvert, is one of the brokers charged with getting new businesses at the mall and retaining current tenants. One of her goals is to have the center full within a 12-month period. There is even talk of a national restaurant moving in and building in the parking lot. That would require some work with Cañon City and the planning department and that is probably a little ways out, according to Kevin Smith. Open store fronts at The Shops at Four-Mile Creek range in size from 18,021 sq. ft. to 903 sq. ft. To contact Tiffany Colvert about leasing at the new mall, call 719-510-6033.

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Historic Church Tour Coming Soon

by Charlotte Burrous

In celebration of its 20th anniversary, The Resource Connection will host a Tour of Historic Churches on Aug. 29th in Cañon City. The event kicks off in the First United Methodist Church at 801 Main St. and continue to First Baptist, the United Presbyterian and Christ Episcopal, ending back at the United Methodist Church.

"It's a walking tour," said Pastor Bob Wahl, who founded TRC. "The total distance (of the tour) is probably about a half mile. We'll have a display of 20 years of (TRC) ministry here in Cañon City." The tours will be escorted from church to church, where a historian will discuss the history of each one. At the end of the tour, refreshments and a history of The Resource Connection will be presented in the First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

"All of the churches (were founded) in the 1800s," Wahl said. "I know that the Methodist Church and the Baptist Church were founded within a year of each other, but the first thing they did was have a joint revival meeting." The tour will be more than a history lesson. "In addition, tour participants will marvel at the structure of these awesome buildings, the wood work, the marvelous stained glass, the pipe organs and the worshipful atmosphere," a release said. "It will be an opportunity to take a step back into another world that few of us have ever explored."

Tours will begin at 12:30 p.m., 1 p.m., 1:30 p.m. or 2 p.m. Aug. 29 and end 801 Main St. in Cañon City. "It's going to be fun (to find out more about our churches and our community)," Wahl said. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$15 per couple and are available at Words of Life.



Community Barn Dance

The Florence Chamber of Commerce sponsored its first Community Barn Dance and Pie Auction on August 7 at Pioneer Park in Florence.

In spite of the wind, residents enjoyed a variety of activities, including numerous entrees, as well as learning the dances and the nonprofits and service clubs. In the second hour of the event, Susan Frushour said she was pleased with the support from the community and vendors. "It's early, but it's going good," she said.

During the event, Mike Vendetti auctioned 23 pies and cakes, donated by 16 nonprofits and several businesses. Joining the chamber, nonprofits, and service clubs participated in the event along with Mayor Keith Ore and members from the Florence City Council and Florence Chamber of Commerce.

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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.

Finding Hope

When the new congress was elected, there was high hope of setting things right. Republicans like Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell and Ohio Representative John Boehner promised they would repeal socialist healthcare, secure our borders, and protect traditional values. In reality, they have been utter failures in the first two years of the new congress. Both keep paying lip service to the public by saying the right things, but they are ineffectual. The trouble is, replacing them with democrats is akin to going back to the vomit. We keep seeking someone among them who will stand in the gap for the land that it not be destroyed, but we find none. We must realize that our hope is not in man, but in Christ.

If ever there were a case that the words of John Jay should be etched on the doorstep of every home, the behavior of congress and the White House this past year would prove it. Jay, the first Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, wrote in a letter addressed to Pennsylvania House of Representatives member John Murray, dated October 12, 1816, "Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest, of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers." Many a pastor has preached from the pulpit that Christians should not be involved in politics, and this current gaggle of evildoers in public office are the wages of this errant teaching.

There are many who look within the world system and decry that it is im-

possible to turn things around for the better. Indeed, looking through the eyes of what we know as human beings--the immediate past and present administrations have driven Americans into unprecedented debt; Constitutional rights have been trampled as if they were never written; enemies have been allowed unchecked entry into our nation for the purpose of colonization; secret societies and special interest groups have overcome our nation like thorns on an abandoned farm. But these adversities are no less than those faced by a handful of pilgrims, or a small group of minutemen, or the brave souls at Normandy.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 8:31, "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" Yes we have drifted as a nation from our Lord, but let us remember the promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." God sent His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. Psalm 103:2 says, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." It all starts with Jesus. May your relationship with Him give you peace, comfort and strength.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
www.dailyjot.com
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Prime Age Workers Tumble in July; Workers 55 And Over Surge to New All Time High

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: There is NO recovery. There never has been. Older folks can not afford to retire and let younger people have the GOOD jobs because the government, via the Fed, has kept interest rates at virtually zero destroying people's retirement income. Note below that the prime age workers are LOSING jobs every month, and if they find one, it is part-time, low-pay. And sorry, patriots, there is no good exit out of this: when the Fed can't suppress the interest rates anymore, and they rise, the interest due on the federal, state, and local debt will explode causing cataclysmic defaults. And the rest will be history. And note, the main stream media touted the July jobs report as great!!)

By now what we first, heretically, said back in 2010: that the U.S. is becoming a part-time economy, is common knowledge only the politi-

cally correct way of phrasing it, one which supposedly gives it a bullish spin, is "the sharing economy", as if that makes it better for millions of millennials that they will never again have any career security whatsoever.

But one other, even more damaging trend has yet to be noticed: the fact that elderly workers, still unable to retire due to ZIRP's crushing of their trillions in savings which have a "high yield" of under 1% at best, remain in the workforce, and the result is that there is no opportunity for young workers to enter the labor pipeline on the other end.

July confirmed as much, when in a month in which the Establishment survey reported that 215K jobs were added, the Household survey was far less sanguine, estimating only 101K job gains in June after a drop of 56K in May. But the punchline emerged when looking at the age composition of the job winners... and losers.

As we expected, **more than all job gains**, or 211,000 of the total, came in the 55 and over job category. Workers 16-24 lost a total of 8,000 jobs. And the worst hit were, who else, those in their prime, **as the number of workers aged 25-54 dropped by another 131K.**

Putting this in perspective, while the elderly workers in the U.S. have risen by a whopping 7.4 million since the start of the Depression in December 2007, workers aged 25-54 are down 4 million!

But don't blame your father or grandfather for taking a job that you would like: they are simply unable to retire due to nearly a decade of idiotic Fed policies.

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The Four Words A Sheriff Is Adding to His Cruisers Has Some Angry: Sheriff Doesn't Care

by Kaitlyn Schailhorn,
TheBlaze.com

(Editor/GG: Standing up to tyranny. We win this war one battle at a time.)

A Kentucky sheriff has made a bold move in the renovations he's giving his department's fleet of police cars.

On the back bottom bumper of the cruisers, in all capital letters, reads a message: "IN GOD WE TRUST."

"You can't trust the stock market, you can't trust banks, you can't trust Washington, but you can trust God, you can always trust God," Sheriff Keith Cooper told WSAZ-TV.

Cooper is standing firm in his decision to adorn the back of the police cruisers with that message of faith, despite the protests of some — seemingly only from outside of the Greenup County community — who say that he is violating the separation of church and state.

"About all I can say to them

is good luck on judgment day," Cooper said.

When WSAZ-TV asked what he would do if someone told him to take the message off, he said he'd tell them that they could "kiss [his] a**."

But the news station reported that they could not find a single person on the street in the county who opposed Cooper's decision, and evidence from the Greenup County Sheriff's Department's Facebook page supports that. The majority of the comments on a photo of a cruiser with the motto is overwhelmingly in support of the message.

"I am a new resident to Greenup County and am glad to see the Sheriff taking this stand," Gary Stoddard wrote on the page. "For those offended by 'IN GOD WE TRUST' it is on our money as well so if you believe this strongly you might want to stop using it."

Cooper told WSAZ-TV that he hopes other police



Image via Greenup Co. Sheriff's Office/Facebook

departments will follow suit and begin to outfit their cars with the same message of faith even though he's seen some of the backlash other forces have faced when they did do so. In July, a Missouri police department announced its decision to outfit its vehicles with the same words. The Stone County Sheriff's Office also incorporates a Bible verse on its website.

"I would've done it before, but I never realized that was something that we could do," Cooper said.

About 20 cars will be outfitted with the message, cost-

ing approximately \$160. Cooper said that money will come from drug forfeitures, not taxpayer dollars. While some cars already have the message, not all yet do.

Set to retire in three years, Cooper says the message will remain for at least that long.

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"The greatest way to live with honor in this world is to be what we pretend to be."

Socrates

Road Warriors! Montezuma County Shuns Federal Rules, Reclaims Public Road

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: About time. It's OUR land. The people's land. Adolph Obama and his fascist, liberal puppets don't own America . They want to, but finally some patriots have stood up. God Bless the Montezuma County Commissioners. Well done and an example for America. (And what a shame; look what the liberals have done to the U.S. Forest Service and BLM: turned it into a modern gestapo.))

The federal pursuit to push us off public lands, one road at a time, has now reached into Montezuma County, Colorado.

However, officials there have decided to reclaim the road rather than allow the U.S. Forest Service to block users and demand commercial and recreation travel fees like some roadside troll.

Montezuma County Commissioners are claiming historic rights to the Dolores-Norwood Road that they say precedes national forest creation in 1905.

The 55-mile road in question links the three counties of Montezuma, Dolores, and San Miguel Counties but also crosses through the San Juan and Uncompahgre National Forests. It's used to access private property, oil and gas development, and is a major thoroughfare, according to the *Cortez Journal*.

The road dispute came to a head during a recent commission meeting, when Forest Service Official Derek Padilla told officials the county had overstepped its boundaries by posting signs telling drivers to share the road with all-terrain vehicle users.

Padilla insisted all-terrain vehicles are not permitted under their travel management rules.

Responded the county: Your travel management rules are WRONG.

The whole matter could be completely resolved, explained County Attorney John Baxter, if the feds simply step away from the road and sign jurisdiction back to the county:

“We say it’s ours. If you think it’s yours, then maybe you should take us to court.”

Bravo, Baxter!

We’re getting seriously annoyed with all of this road rage from the Forest Service and BLM, exerting unnecessary control over roads or simply shutting them down to choke off energy development and recreation access.

Rather than permitting the feds to continue with these Western Slope eviction notices that are kicking us out of our own backyard, we’re glad to see someone is standing up to the trolls.

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Ex-Planned Parenthood Director's Shocking Claim About Fetal Body Parts Controversy

by Billy Hollowell,
TheBlaze.com

A pro-life activist who worked as the director of a Texas Planned Parenthood clinic for eight years before her views on abortion profoundly changed, believes that Planned Parenthood is making a profit of between \$100 and \$200 for each aborted fetus.

“Shipping only costs a clinic \$4 to \$10 but they are sometimes charging \$100 to \$200 for each baby,” Abby Johnson told *The Christian Post*. “They are charging additional fees, but in reality there are no additional fees except for minimal shipping costs. There is definitely money to be made and that’s an issue with the current law.”

Johnson also recently wrote an open letter to Dr. Deborah Nucatola — the Planned Parenthood Federation of America’s senior director of medical services who was featured in the first of a series of undercover videos that allegedly show officials discussing the sale of post-abortion fetal tissue and organs — urging her to leave the abortion industry.

Nucatola was seemingly shown in the clip describing how some doctors carefully conduct abortions that leave

fetal body parts in tact.

“I watched the video put out with your face on it. I heard you talking about harvesting fetal body parts. I saw you sip your wine while talking about how to remove an intact fetus,” Johnson wrote. “I want you to know that I’m not disgusted by you. I’m not disgusted, because I used to be just like you. You see, my former Planned Parenthood clinic used to harvest fetal body parts. I used to sift through their bodies and prepare them for transport to the research lab we were contracted with.”

Johnson explained that, at her clinic, most women who had abortions signed a consent form for donations, as she and her team “made it seem like that by donating, they were helping others... altruism during abortion.”

The ex-clinic director went on in the letter to tell Nucatola that she believes that the doctor is misguided, but not evil, and that she understands the desensitization that comes along with the job. That said, Johnson urged her to leave the abortion world behind.

As TheBlaze previously reported, Johnson has become one of the most well-known and outspoken anti-abor-

“The defining moment for me leaving was assisting and witnessing a live ultrasound abortion procedure and seeing a 13-week-old child struggle for his life inside his mother’s womb.”

tion activists in America, as she has publicly detailed how she went from an unsuspecting college student to a volunteer at her local Planned Parenthood. Eight years later, she found herself directing the very clinic she started at during her undergraduate years.

It wasn’t until 2009 that Johnson felt compelled to leave her position at the clinic. The exact moment, she claims, came when she was asked to assist in an abortion. This apparently was atypical, as she was the clinic’s director and not a medical professional, however the office was short-staffed, so she stepped into the role.

“The defining moment for me leaving was assisting and witnessing a live ultrasound abortion procedure and seeing a 13-week-old child struggle for his life inside his mother’s womb,”

Johnson recalled. “It was really shocking for me to witness that mainly because I had been told by Planned Parenthood that the fetus didn’t have any sensory development until [later].”

The pro-life advocate claims she was “in a state of shock” and that she instantaneously felt betrayed. At the same time, she remembers feeling like a liar, as she, too, had told thousands of women that fetuses wouldn’t feel pain or struggle.

“I looked at myself and said, ‘I’m part of the problem’ — and I had been a part of the problem for eight years,” she said.

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Grouse Getting Busy! New Report Says Population Has Rebounded

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Good news right? Got a ton of them now so the feds can leave our landowners alone? Don't bet on it, patriots. It ain't about the birds. It's all about establishing TOTAL federal control over OUR land and lives. Watch the feds dance around this and still put the screws to us. Cause they can.)

The sage grouse population has exploded in the last two years, growing by nearly two-thirds from more than 49,000 males in 2013 to more than 80,000 this year.

That’s according to a new study by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and reported on by Greenwire.

This is encouraging news for the bird, and for the people whose lives would be turned upside down by the federal

government if it still insists on listing the critter as an endangered species on the brink of extinction.

The report considered the population across the bird’s 11-state habitat, with specific news on the growth in Colorado numbers:

The high count for males this spring in Colorado was 6,400, the highest ever counted in the Centennial State and about 50 percent above the previous year, said Kathy Griffin, statewide grouse coordinator at Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Griffin said northwest Colorado, home to about 4 percent of the nation’s sage grouse, had a mild winter and good moisture in the spring, similar to the conditions of the previous year. “Some momentum is building,” she said.

The report falls on the heels of a gloom and doom forecast by environmental-

ists, who insist that male populations have decreased by half.

State wildlife officials said the report cherry-picked just the years of decline — 2007 marked a major peak in sage grouse populations, and 2013 could be a trough, they said. To identify long-term population trends, state officials recommended looking at how past peaks and troughs compared to the most recent peaks and troughs.

What remains to be seen is which report the government will take into account when making its listing decision in September – the cherry-picked account commissioned by Pew Charitable Trusts, or fish and wildlife experts.

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Hang Onto Your Wallet! Higher Electricity Prices Coming to Colorado

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

If you liked what President Obama did for your health insurance, you're going to love what he just did to your electricity bill.

In his never-ending quest to secure his legacy, Obama has declared through administrative fiat that nearly one-third of all power must come from wind, except when it's not windy, or solar, except when it's not sunny, or seaweed — whatever the alternative energy de jour.

We have 15 years to meet this random goal that many experts say won't do jack squat to reduce global warming. In which time, we will see the loss of tens of thousands of jobs, billions of dollars fueling the economy, and watch our monthly bills skyrocket.

In Colorado, 60 percent of our electricity power comes from coal, part

of our mining industry that supports more than 73,000 jobs and pumps \$8.8 billion into our economy.

Who would support Obama's nonsensical plan? Well, everyone who Bruce Finley interviewed for his glowing article on the rules.

Finley must have run out of space on the Internet before he could actually include opponents to this pie-in-the-sky plan, except to say "Legal challenges loom. Some governors have threatened not to comply."

So, we'll take up the slack. The Colorado Mining Association has asked Colorado to join other states in filing the lawsuit to block the rule, which will be implemented by the EPA.

Stuart Sanderson, president of the mining association, says it's all pain for no gain, as the rule would reduce atmospheric CO₂ by less than one-

half of one percent and global average temperature by less than 2/100 of a degree.

"The nation's coal power plants account for a scant three percent of global emissions, yet provide nearly 40 percent of our nation's electricity. Meanwhile, clean coal from Colorado has helped the nation reduce emissions by more than 90%." "We are sacrificing affordable and reliable energy for a symbolic gesture, at most," he added.

We urge the State of Colorado to join other states in challenging this rule. We expect it doesn't have a legal leg on which to stand.

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Obama's America Sets New Record EVERY Single Black Person Needs to See

by Derrick Wilburn, AllenBWest.com

The number and sorts of economic records being set by the Obama economy keep mounting. At this moment the United States has a post-Depression era, record high number of citizens living at or beneath the federally-defined poverty line; a record-high number on the federal welfare foodstamps/SNAP program; a record low workforce participation number; and now, six-and-half years into the Obama presidency, the economy has set yet another new statistical low.

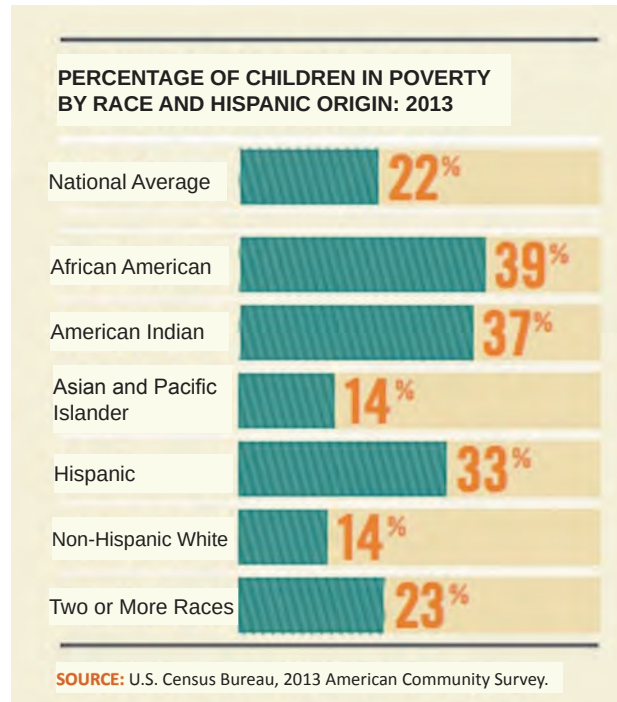
According to a new report by the Annie E. Casey Foundation last week, a greater percentage of U.S. children live in poverty now than during the Great Recession. The study shows poverty rates among all children have grown since 2008 when the rate was 18 percent; it increased to 22 percent by 2013.

The report highlights particularly bleak news for black-American, American Indian, and Latino children, among Obama's strongest support blocs, stating:

"On nearly all of the measures that [it] track[s], African-American, American Indian, and Latino children continued to experience negative outcomes at rates that were higher than the national average....During the last three months of 2014, the unemployment rate for whites and Asian Americans was roughly 4.5 percent, compared with a devastating 11 percent for African Americans and 6.7 percent for Latinos."

Almost 40 percent of African-American children now live in poverty.

The report examined data from several federal agencies ranging from 2008 to 2013 to assess state-by-state trends



of 16 factors of children's well-being, including economics, education, health and family, and community. It found that one in four children — a total of 18.7 million kids — lived in low-income households in 2013; low-income families were defined as those who use more than 30 percent of their pre-tax income for housing. Black, Hispanic, and American Indian children were more than twice as likely to live in poverty than white children, the report said.

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Yep, This Is Where We're At

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

Read this folks, it's spot-on (<http://www.wsj.com/articles/what-voters-see-in-donald-trump-1438301641>):

His rise is not due to his supporters' anger at government. It is a gesture of contempt for government, for the men and women in Congress, the White House, and the agencies. It is precisely because people have lost their awe for the presidency that they imagine Mr. Trump as a viable president. American political establishment, take

note: In the past 20 years you have turned America into a nation a third of whose people would make Donald Trump their president. Look on your wonders and despair.

Exactly.

The beltway is full of people who deny math while at the same time preaching that it's "settled science" that the earth is warming -- and we're the cause.

People who claim to be "fiscal conservatives" and then hand a profligate president one trillion dollar deficits as far as the eye can see.

People who claim that we ran "only" \$300 billion in deficits last year but borrowed a trillion, or \$1,000 billion, in new debt last year.

People who swear to uphold the Constitution but then approve spying on every American and refuse to honor as few as four words in a sentence: shall not be infringed.

People who claim to honor life but refuse to act against an organization that is on video talking about prices for aborted baby parts -- and how to manipulate the procedure to make sure

you get the desired ones.

Washington has come to view the population as asleep and willing to put up literally any ignobility, theft of their money and property, and oppression they can come up with -- silently. They have good reason to believe: After all, just two weeks after passing TARP 98% of them were returned to office.

So what does Trump really mean? We'll find out.....

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VA Tries to Take Guns Away from Veteran: Community Stops It!

by Tim Brown,
FreedomOutPost.com

(Editor/GG: This is just the beginning by our lovely democrats to disarm our veterans. Note that the VA, unilaterally, without ANY due process, hearing, or review decided that this American veteran must be disarmed and not allowed to purchase anymore firearms. This is tyranny period and is exactly what the liberals want: to RULE us.

Why this VA confiscation process (It was announced this year by the VA commissars on orders from Obama.) is not SHUT DOWN completely by the republican congress is where the real problem lies. The repubs are just as responsible for this as the bolshevik libs. Our rights are being stolen daily and the RINO's blat about the highway bill. And don't forget your local red babies: our bolshies here in Westcliffe want to disarm us, too (July 4th parade anyone?). And the Colorado state dems almost did two years ago. Every election, especially the local ones, matters. Stop the infection before it spreads. And kudos to Bonner County Sheriff Wheeler who stopped this illegal gun confiscation by our federal government.)

This is what "We the People" is supposed to be about. A U.S. Veteran received a letter from the Obama Veterans Affairs in-

forming him that they would be coming to confiscate his guns. However, when dozens of the people around him heard about it, they showed up on his lawn to stop feds from executing unconstitutional authority.

KREM reports:

PRIEST RIVER, Idaho -- Veteran John Arnold said he received a letter on July 30th telling him Veterans Affairs representatives were planning to come pick up his guns.

Dozens gathered in front of Arnold's home on Thursday to support his right to keep those guns.

Arnold had a stroke one year ago. In January, paperwork filed with the VA stated that Arnold was financially incompetent and could not handle his own affairs.

Arnold claimed the box that was checked was done in error and he was always competent to handle himself. However, the VA said that due to the paperwork, Arnold was no longer allowed to buy, sell, or possess firearms.

He was overwhelmed by the support of the community who showed up at his home, including Representative Heather Scott from Idaho and Representative Matt Shea. Bonner County Sheriff Daryl Wheeler was also in attendance.

"I took an oath to uphold the U.S. Constitution and uphold the laws of Idaho," Wheeler said. "This seemed appropriate to show my support. I was going to make sure Mr. Arnold's rights weren't going to be breached."

Scott spearheaded the gathering, according to the Associated Press.

AP also reported that Bret Bowers, a VA spokesman, said that the letter was sent, but also said the agency doesn't have power to confiscate weapons.

"We don't send officers to confiscate weapons. We are about providing health care to health care," he said.

However, somehow, this agency, which is not authorized in the Constitution and thus, has no authority when it comes to the rights of the people, especially under the protection of the Second Amendment, which binds the federal government, not the people, claims that they can declare veterans incompetent and keep veterans from obtaining weapons. Where is that in the Constitution? It isn't there and these people who stood with Mr. Arnold know it. That's why they showed up!

"This does happen sometimes, where the VA sends out a letter," said Bryan Hult, veteran services officer for Bonner Coun-

ty. "Especially if a veteran has dementia ... and a fiduciary has to be appointed to manage finances like a pension and income. You wouldn't want that person to be in possession of a gun."

But the problem is that the Constitution does not provide the federal government such authority. What does Mr. Hult not understand about "...shall not be infringed"? It isn't rocket science.

Republican U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX), instead of pressing the teeth of the Second Amendment into the necks of the bureaucrats attempting to usurp it, proposed legislation that would require court action before barring gun purchases by veterans declared incompetent. We don't need more laws, Senator Cornyn. We need faithful men to uphold the law.

The people of the community should be applauded. This is exactly the kind of thing that occurred in Numbers 32 concerning the inheritance of the children of Israel and making sure that each one obtained what was rightfully theirs, others came alongside them.

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Socialist Bernie Sanders Wants to Ban All Self-Defense Firearms

by Bob Owens,
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Editor/GG: Folks, here's the "back story" on ol' sweet cakes Bernie: socialist Bernie Sanders (the current "darling" of the democrat party) is from Vermont, for a long time the only state in the Union where open and concealed carry of firearms were allowed without any permit. An extremely liberal state, it is simply an anachronism from Vermont's long-gone, leave-me-alone farmers. Bernie hates guns and freedom like any democrat, liberal, or socialist, but he could not get elected for dog catcher in Vermont if he didn't tow the line on the 2nd Amendment. So he lied for his entire career about it to get elected in Vermont. Now that he is running for a national "office" (sorry about that folks, but it is what it is), he can ditch the pro-gun facade and reveal his inner, sensitive self on the horrors of being able to defend yourself from being raped, robbed, murdered, etc. Lesson to be learned here patriots: some of your local democrats will spout the "I have a gun, too" rhetoric when it suits them, but they ALL want to disarm America to establish their soviet republic of America. So, think twice about voting for that "nice" guy democrat down the block running for town council or commissioner - he IS Bernie Sanders.)

Wild-eyed Democrat presidential candidate Bernie Sanders has confounded many on the left with his views on firearms. While the Vermont Socialist has espoused radical leftist views on most issues, he's traditionally espoused a more libertarian view of firearms ownership... until now:

Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders called for making existing gun laws "stronger" and "more enforceable" in the wake of last week's bloody shooting at a Lafayette, Louisiana, multiplex screening of Trainwreck.

Speaking from New Orleans on NBC's Meet The Press, Sanders told moderator Chuck Todd that "guns used to kill people exclusively, not for hunting, should not be sold in the United States of America."

With that simple and intentionally loaded statement, Sanders declared the he would ban nearly all handguns, the majority of the most popular rifles, and many common shotguns as well.

Sanders is stating directly that he wants to ban all firearms designed for self-defense, and that he regards the Second Amendment as privilege that allows hunting alone... for now.

I'd like to thank Senator Sanders for finally bringing his real views on firearms forward. Sanders has been moderate on firearms during his political career in Vermont—a constitutional carry state with very few laws restricting where you can carry firearms—and seemed intent on echoing those views as a Presidential candidate, even though they seemed to run in opposition to core socialist values of "the government must control everything."

Sander's seemingly incongruous Second Amendment views lasted roughly two weeks after Hillary Clinton took the opportunity to try to outflank him on the left over gun policy. Sanders has now used the shooting in a Lafayette, Louisiana, theater by a mentally-ill, older man armed with a cheap handgun to outflank her once again, showing that his decades of tepid Second Amendment support was always insincere.

Texas Governor and Republican President hopeful Rick Perry, who is known to carry a concealed handgun and who has used it in self-defense against wildlife, took the opposite view in favor of the right of self-defense.

Rick Perry, meanwhile, took the opposite tack, suggesting on CNN that moviegoers should be allowed to arm themselves. Asked by State of the Union host Jake Tapper if he thought moviegoers should be allowed to carry guns, Perry replied, "If we believe in the Second Amendment and we believe in people's right to protect themselves and defend themselves and their families."

Perry, the former Texas governor now seeking the Republican nomination for president, called the notion of gun-free zones "a bad idea."

Perry has consistently been a strong Second Amendment supporter, unlike Democrat-until-lately Donald Trump and New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, and back-pedaling neurosurgeon Ben Carson.

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Justice Dept. Clears Itself of Wrongdoing, Says It Didn't Target Gun Companies in Controversial Operation Chokepoint

by Fred Lucas, TheBlaze.com

(Editor/GG: Utter and total lies by the "most transparent" government in U.S. history. If you have been following this you would have heard dozens of stories by gun store owners about having the banks and credit card companies they had been doing business for years cut them off. Why? Because the fascists at the anti-2nd Amendment "Justice Dept." (Suppress laughter.) threatened the banks. If you think the rule of law exists anymore for us peasants.....)

An internal investigation by the Department of Justice asserts there was no wrongdoing by the department in the controversial Operation Choke Point.

Operation Choke Point is run through the Department of Justice, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Consumer Financial Protection Board and targets how banks handle accounts with the gun industry, payday lenders, casinos, check cashers, and debt collectors, among other businesses deemed as high risk by the government.

Last May, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee issued a report saying there was strong evidence to show the operation was unfairly targeting legal businesses by denying industries such as gun dealers, payday lenders, and others access to financial services needed for survival and forcing banks to terminate relationships with several legitimate businesses that regulators said posed a "reputational risk" for the banks.

Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-Mo.) led more than 30 other members of congress to ask for the Justice Department internal probe from the DOJ's Office of Professional Responsibility and from its inspector general.

The OPR determined that Justice Department attorneys did not engage in professional misconduct or target industries in an improper way during the operation.

"Neither the design nor the initial implementation of Operation Choke Point specifically focused on Internet payday lenders or their lending practices," the OPR report says.

It found that while Justice Department attorneys viewed payday lenders "in a negative light," there wasn't evidence

to suggest that the department issued subpoenas unfairly.

Brian Wise, a senior adviser to the U.S. Consumer Coalition, which opposes the operation, called the investigation "a farce."

"If the administration was serious about an investigation, they wouldn't have had the very agency that is being investigated conduct it," Wise told TheBlaze in a statement.

"When watchdog groups like the U.S. Consumer Coalition called for an independent investigation, the president proceeded to restrict the authority of the offices of inspectors general within his own administration," Wise said. "This unprecedented move got little media attention and only proves to show that President Obama, in his final year in office, plans to continue these extra-legal programs and hide the truth. We believe Americans are smarter than that."

The inspector general at the Justice Department and other inspectors general have complained to congress that they are inhibited from carrying out investigations.

Neither Luetkemeyer's office nor the House Oversight Committee immediately responded to inquiries from TheBlaze.

The House Financial Services Committee last week approved a bill sponsored by Luetkemeyer that would prevent federal agencies from blocking access from legally operating businesses to financial services.

"I am pleased a group of bipartisan members of the Financial Services Committee showed there is a need to curb the abuse of authority seen in Operation Choke Point," Luetkemeyer said in a statement after the committee passage. "This legislation needs to be codified into law so that federal agencies don't fall into the illegal and abusive practices seen out of the FDIC and Justice Department. I hope this legislation is quickly brought to the floor so we can halt this unconstitutional and unprecedented program and return order and reason to the financial institution examination processes."

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"Everyday Americans" Hillary and Bill Clinton Report \$140 MILLION in Taxable Income Since 2007

by Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: Did the ol' wicked witch lie when she famously said that she and the serial rapist that is her "husband" that they were "dead broke" and "in debt" when they left the White House? Not Hillary. She wouldn't lie. And note that this "income" (read "bribes") does not include the almost BILLION dollars their scandal wracked "charities" have raked in.

Gotta love these "blue-collar", everyday Dems. They know the extortion racket. Update: Their recently released tax returns show that HALF of their charitable donations went to their own charities!!! How come we can't get away with that?)

Clinton told ABC's Diane Sawyer in a June interview, "We came out of the White House not only dead broke, but in debt."

Ever since Mitt Romney's tax disclosure fiasco in which allegations of tax avoidance and usage of offshore tax shelters played a major part in the Democrat counter campaign, there has been great interest in the Adjusted Gross Income reported by presidential candidates. Which is why to avoid any surprises on the primary circuit, Hillary Clinton released the full data of her and Bill's tax income going back to 2007.

So without further ado, here is the Clinton family's adjusted gross income since 2007. The summary: \$139.1 million in income since 2007, most of it thanks to speeches starting at \$225,000 and going much higher.

And that is your "everyday Americans."

Over this period, the dynastic presidential family paid \$43.9 million in Federal Tax.

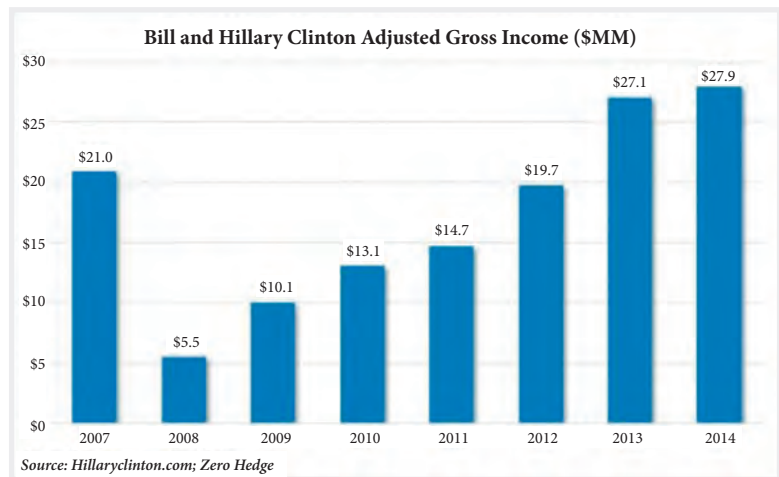
Here is what Hillary posted on her disclosure statement:

As the returns detail, since 2007, the Clintons have paid \$43,885,310 in federal income taxes. In the two most recent years, 2013 and 2014 the Clintons paid an effective federal tax rate of 35.4 percent and 35.7 percent, respectively. When accounting for state and local taxes, the Clintons' combined effective tax rate was 44.6 percent in 2013 and 45.8 percent in 2014.

Since 2007, the Clintons have also made \$14,959,450 in charitable contributions. In 2013, charitable giving represented 11.4 percent of their income. In 2014, it represented 10.8 percent.

To supplement the disclosure of her tax returns, Clinton posted a complete inventory of paid speeches delivered by both her and her husband in 2013. The disclosure includes the amount earned for each speaking engagement. The same information was released for her husband annually during Clinton's tenure as Secretary of State. Corresponding data for 2014 and the early part of 2015 was released in May on Clinton's financial disclosure report.

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Death Zones

by Mike Vanderboegh, Sipsey Street Irregulars

(Editor/GG: The top picture shows the entrance to one of the places the murdering U.S. Islamic coward shot up. Note the prominent NO GUNS ALLOWED sign making it a death zones for citizens and military.)

What we need is a campaign to counterpost these:



With a modified sticker of this:



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.



Bear Traps of Politics

The evidence seems clear enough that the recent GOP debate hosted by Fox News was an attempt to showcase its own moderators rather than an effort to obtain substantive answers from the candidates. The majority of the questions were launched from an oppositional position, hoping for the "gotcha" moment. The network, anticipating a large audience, fell victim to the temptation of exalting entertainment over expertise. Some would argue that the adversarial grilling was excellent preparation for the more liberal interrogators in the future. Everyone knows the modus operandi of the mainstream media will feature strategy over substance but rarely will the viewer have the opportunity for wall to wall information that aids in forming secure opinions. Fox let us down, but should we be surprised...the middle verse of the Bible is: "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." (Psalm 118:8)

In spite of the southpaw curveballs, the contenders held their own often demonstrating intelligence superior to the examiners. All conservatives will be plastered with a bullseye that Hillary will never be subjected to but none more than the Christians who have voiced a clear testimony of faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ. The prince of darkness will order the artillery of antagonism to be discharged at every opportunity.

Religious tradition will be utilized, expecting the Believing office seeker to be nice, soft spoken, compromising, conciliatory, kind, agreeable, gratuitous, and affable. His path will be littered with bear traps hopeful of exposing a dark side to be exploited. The Christian aspirant would do well to examine the behavior of our Saviour as he navigated through the ranks of the hostiles. Jesus never deviated from his mission and when detours were presented, he handled them with deft and wisdom. In Matthew 15 the Lord was approached by a Canaanite woman in great despair, declaring her daughter to be "grievously vexed with a devil." Jesus' response indicated his ministry was exclusively intended for Israel, but he didn't stop there... "It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs." The suggestion was so racist and sexist that it was unmistakable---Jesus called a Palestinian woman a dog! How unfortunate that Donald Trump doesn't have a better grasp of the

Scriptures; had he known this story, he could have thrown a live grenade back at Megyn Kelly. It would have been priceless to watch her expression along with her co-hosts'; now that would be real entertainment! It should be noted before someone falls face first into the pie of political correctness, the woman agreed with the Lord's assessment and then he granted her request. Those in the body of Christ will be hurled every distraction in attempts to prove that they are bigots on every turn. These accusations have nothing to do with the real qualifications for president but to low information voters, perception is reality.

Not only did Jesus stay on assignment but perhaps even more annoying to his enemies was his absolute unwillingness to compromise on sin. Without controversy, the Democratic Party subscribes to a good god, good devil, good everybody (expect conservatives) theology. The reason is obvious: when the lines of good and evil are blurred, all standards of righteousness are diminished to a benchmark so low that it is no longer recognized. That position accommodates the many who desire to feel more comfortable in their own offense. Any candidate who suggests that sin in the name of social engineering or any other term is wrong will be verbally tarred and feathered.

Jesus refused to play by the rules. His usual approach was to drive the nail right into the heart of the problem. On one particular occasion the Lord met a woman at a well and ask her for a drink. It took less than five minutes for Jesus to transition from a conversation about water to her personal life. When he asked her to go call her husband, she acknowledged that she didn't have one. The Saviour replied with insightful honesty: "Thou has well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thine husband." (John 4:18) The Lord's purpose went far beyond condemnation for as the narrative continues, he is demonstrating that there is a better solution than shacking up. Sin must first be confessed before a resolution can be applied.

Without a doubt Bible believing conservatives would rally behind a presidential hopeful who would speak the truth with clarity and conviction, refusing to compromise one ounce of moral fiber. Is there one who will stand in the gap?

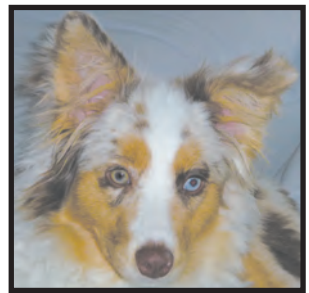
A Sheepdog Barks!

Are there real troubles ahead for HiLIARy? We can only hope so. It appears her lawyer, with no proper security clearance, has been carrying around TOP SECRET government documents in his pocket. REALLY? They punished Petraeus for having classified documents in his own possession and not properly secured. The Department of Justice (DOJ) has announced they are going to seize her personal server. This is good; however, it's probably way too late to really be of any use. However, it's a beginning and might lead to real trouble. YAHOO, I mean WOOF! There are many other troublesome facts starting to surface here. Seems HiLIARy's two assistants were using personal email accounts, also. This is a big problem and we can't be sure just who will be part of the cover-up. There is an interesting theory out there though that I kinda like that goes like this. Obama hates HiLIARy so much and loves Joe Biden so much that he is behind this and will have the DOJ take her down. Just a criminal investigation with her as the subject would be enough to kill her presidential campaign. That would be great. WOOF! Sometimes the right outcome happens for the wrong reason. If that were the case here, I would be pleased. She is corrupt and has been for many years. But, like the leaders of organized crime, has always been able to keep her skirts, er pantsuits, clean. Going down, over her decision to use only "one personal cell phone", would be justice. HiLIARy is a liar. She lies about almost everything, including her emails, Benghazi, her foundation, and her love and concern for the middle class. It would serve America well if Obama chooses to stop her in her tracks, as he should. This would give us Joe Biden. What could be sweeter than Joe "The Buffoon" Biden on the Democrat ticket? Even McCain and Romney would have won. WOOF! So we say seize that illegal server, find all the classified emails, charge her with the appropriate crimes, and let's see what happens. This woman supports the heinous crimes of Planned Parenthood. She

is not worthy of being America's president. WOOF!

I was very disappointed in the FOX News Debate. The moderators did a horrible job. They talked too long, asked silly questions about gay marriage and fat women, and tried to start "cat fights" on stage between the candidates. It seemed they were out to enhance some candidates while hurting others. Not sure that that is their job. They should just ask a short, legitimate, hard question and let us be the judge. I love what Trump is bringing to the campaign. Donald is certainly not politically correct and will cause the right dialogue to occur. Overall, I believe this will be good. I'm looking forward to the CNN debate after Labor Day to see how this situation has progressed. Overall, I believe Fox dropped the ball. These are the main concerns for most of us: terrorism and U.S. security (ISIS), the economy and jobs, illegal immigration, entitlements, the \$19 Trillion dollar debt and VETERANS. FOX had no question on the National Shame of how our veterans are being poorly treated and cared for by the VA. Megyn Kelly "threw" that subject into the middle of her ridiculous closing question of "Does God talk to you?" and only after a woman ran up to the stage and screamed at the moderators -- "What about the veterans?" It was terrible that they hadn't asked about veterans long before that. Shame on them. WOOF!

And one more thing about the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The National Shame with respect to the overall care of our veterans continues. Please read the editorial on page 2. Congress is finally trying to empower the agency with new legislation that gives the VA chief the power to eliminate the bad managers and employees but there is little hope when the Secretary, Robert McDonald, is against that. NO, REALLY! He actually said it would make his job harder for him to recruit the best workers. He said it would tie his hands by limiting bonuses (a good thing) and force him to rotate workers (so?). He was quoted as saying, "You



can't motivate good people to do a good job by punishing them for things that others have done." What is he talking about? The idea is to get rid of the bad ones not the good ones. No one is suggesting you punish the good managers and employees. Is he crazy? He doesn't want the power to eliminate the corrupt and uncaring types that had secret lists and falsified data. He apparently isn't the right man for the job and there is little hope for serious reform in the VA health care system until we find a real leader that will clean out the corruption. How about Allen West? WOOF!

I'll end today with a short comment on the Iran Nuclear Deal. The LPSDs will rally around Obama and it will sustain a veto if that is even necessary. Senator Schumer's no vote is symbolic and meant to keep his good standing in the Jewish community. He knows the votes are there so he can cross over. If he was sincere, he would lobby the other LPSDs and it was reported that he would not do that. We know that Iran will cheat on the deal and they have already started. Three days after the feckless Kerry said General Soleimani, the Quds Force commander responsible for more terrorism and American deaths than anyone else, would not be relieved of any travel sanctions, he went to Russia to meet with Putin. This is about as "in your face" as the Ayatollah can do to Obama and even before the deal is signed. You can bet that the conventional arms will soon be on the way to strengthen Iran and all compliments of Barack Hussein Obama. There is no hope this deal will stop Iran from fully developing the nuclear weapon they need to terrorize the world. Thank you Obama and Kerry. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Obama Will Jetset to the Arctic to Warn About Global Warming: Jet Will Emit 354,585 Pounds of CO₂

by Michael Bastasch,
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(Editor/GG: No surprise here. Hypocrisy, narcissism and complete lack of shame or guilt are the hallmarks of socialism. And Nobama is king of them all. Ninety-three million Americans out of work and Obama wants to shut down a quarter of the electricity industry.)

The Obama administration will kick off a massive campaign Monday to push the president's agenda to cut carbon dioxide emissions just months ahead of the United Nation's global warming summit in Paris.

This climate campaign, oddly enough, includes a trip to the Alaskan Arctic by President Barack Obama to "call attention to the effects of global warming," according to *The Washington Post* — which was briefed on the administration's new campaign by an unnamed source prior to its unveiling to the public.

"Power plants are the single biggest source of the harmful carbon pollution that contributes to the climate change," Obama said in the transcript of a video that was given to *The Washington Post*. "But until now, there have been no federal limits to the amount of that pollution those plants can dump into the air. Think about that."

Ironically, Obama's trip to the Arctic will emit lots of carbon dioxide — the very greenhouse gas he blames for causing catastrophic global warming. Yet as he's prepared to emits tons to highlight why rising emissions are detrimental to the planet, he's calling the EPA's carbon dioxide rules for power plants "the biggest,

most important step we've ever taken to combat climate change."

Using calculations from the president's flight to the Everglades for Earth Day, Obama will travel at least 3,361 miles from Washington, D.C., to Alaska's Elmendorf Air Force Base (where Air Force One generally stops to refuel). During that trip, Air Force One will consume some 16,805 gallons of jet fuel, which emits more CO₂ when burned than conventional gasoline.

Based on government data, Obama's jaunt to the Arctic aboard Air Force One will emit about 354, 585 pounds of carbon dioxide, or about 161 metric tonnes, for just that one leg of the flight. That's equivalent to what 22 homes emit from burning electricity every year or the annual emissions from driving 33 cars, according to the EPA's own carbon footprint calculator.

Obama has been criticized before about making big pronouncements on global warming while emitting tons of carbon dioxide emissions in the process. On Earth Day, Obama got slammed for flying down to the Everglades in Florida to talk about the dangers of global warming.

The White House did not respond to The Daily Caller News Foundation's request for comment on why Obama needs to burn the annual energy needs of 22 households' flying to the Arctic in order to highlight global warming.

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Denninger on Global Warming: The Left's Largest Global Theft in the History of Mankind

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

From the Boston Globe:

WASHINGTON — Rick Santorum calls climate change "a beautifully concocted scheme." Senator Ted Cruz contends that no climate change has been recorded in the last 15 years, bluntly declaring, "It hasn't happened."

Ben Carson, a renowned neurosurgeon, has said, "We may be warming. We may be cooling." Former Florida Governor Jeb Bush grants that climate change is real, but he is unwilling to say it is caused by humans.

Donald Trump, meanwhile, sees a conspiracy: "The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive."

Most of the 17 republicans running for president are skeptical about climate change caused by humans, a stance that appears to line up with conservative voters who hold sway in the GOP primary contest.

But it jeopardizes their chances with the broader swath of voters who will determine the winner of the general election — and Democrats are ready to take advantage of that opportunity.

Go right ahead.

The only impact that "globull warming" as a political issue will have, if you take the LunaticLeftyWeSell-AbortedBabies position, is the lightening of your wal-

let through outrageous increases in price for energy and probable outages.

Why?

Because the odds are overwhelming that either (1) the climate screamers are wrong and humans are not the cause of "climate change" or (2) they're right but there is nothing you're going to be able to do to stop it.

Let's face reality -- you're not going to tell China, India, and the rest of the developing world to stop emitting carbon except by force of arms. They are where the growth is all coming from in percentage terms, and thus if you're going to impact the CO₂ emissions that's where you have to focus your attention. Doing anything else will not make a material difference.

Further, if you're wrong and humans are not the cause then you wasted your money -- literally. Except that it wasn't actually "wasted" -- someone got that money from you and kept it for themselves. They will not be giving it back. This horscrap from the LunaticLeft is the largest attempted global theft in the history of mankind.

Never mind that increased atmospheric CO₂ is beneficial to plant yield and we want that, particularly given that we're not about to embark on eugenics. After all, we need to feed all these mouths, right? Or are we about to restart eugenics in a new name, under the guise of "globull warming"? Let me guess -- you want to murder a couple of

billion people so they don't join the developed world (which inherently comes with dramatic increases in per-capita CO₂ output), right?

I suspect in 20 years or so we're going to be talking about a new Dalton Minimum instead, but that's an educated guess based on actual observations of sunspot patterns. Can I prove it? Not any more than the other side can, but if I'm right on this and we blow the time we have before it happens trying to tax carbon, a billion humans are going to die from the resulting famine. When they do every one of the globullwarming screamers will deserve to go to the gallows for their part in those (quite-preventable) deaths.

This much I can tell you with certainty however: When your model predicts an outcome and it doesn't happen, which is what all the so-called "models" that predicted catastrophic warming have as their track record your hypothesis is wrong.

That does not tell you what the correct hypothesis or model is, unfortunately that is left to be determined.

But it is a fact that whatever you thought you knew and whatever you thought you had modeled accurately was incorrect, and predicated public policy on a discredited hypothesis isn't an honest error or even a belief -- it's fraud.

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“Fix reason firmly in her seat, and call to her tribunal every fact, every opinion. Question with boldness even the existence of a God; because, if there be one, he must more approve of the homage of reason, than that of blindfolded fear.”

Thomas Jefferson

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