

Rain Barrels in Colorado; What You Need to Know

by Marianne Goodland,
The Colorado Independent

Are you ready for rain barrels? Wednesday, August 10th is the first day that most Colorado residents can legally collect rainwater off their roofs into rain barrels.

Mother Nature doesn’t seem to have taken much note of it – the weather forecast for much of the state calls for hot and sunny weather without a hint of rain.

It’s taken years for this state to get there. Colorado is a “first-in-time, first-in-line” state, which means that the person who claimed the water rights first gets to use what they need, and everyone else gets what’s left. Farmers, ranchers and other water users believe that right extends to even the rain that falls from the skies, because that water drips off roofs, onto the ground

and eventually into streams, rivers and underground natural storage, known as aquifers. the legalization of rain barrels, as long as the law acknowledged senior water rights, and the state commit-



Two fifty-five gallon water barrels. Photo courtesy of The Colorado Independent

After a prolonged debate, water-rights holders agreed to accept

ted to monitoring rain-barrel usage. The law says you can have up to

two 55-gallon rain barrels. The rain barrel must be sealable to prevent mosquitoes from setting up shop. You can only use rainwater for “outdoor purposes,” such as watering your lawn or garden. The rain barrel must be used for collecting rainwater through a downspout that comes off your roof. Rainwater can be used only on your own property, not your neighbor’s.

You can get rain barrels at Home Depot, or online through a number of stores, such as Lowe’s, Amazon, Ace Hardware or through garden stores. BlueBarrel Systems offers a recycled rain barrel option. A group called Tree People demonstrates how to install a rain barrel — something you might want to look at before deciding if a rain barrel is for you.

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Westcliffe Town Board: Town Attorney Concerned Over Sheriff Office Performance

by Fred Hernandez

Following the Call to Order and the usual opening routine the meeting on Tuesday, August 2nd, began with a quorum; absent Ms. Audrey Gluschke. Going immediately to New Business, the first item on the agenda was to consider a request for a paid position to provide special events and activities for children and adults. Recognizing Mr. Mike Benoit, Mayor Patterson asked him to step up and deliver his presentation. The basic idea is to employ a qualified individual to take responsibility over parks and the recreational activities of the town.

With the growing needs of Custer County communities, the time seems to be right for the proper management of resources and activities, for the planning, organizing and controlling of events, budgets, schedules and for creating a system and procedure for harnessing the potential of parks and recreation not only in Westcliffe but in co-operation with Silver Cliff with which expenses may be shared and resources enhanced.

Mr. Benoit informed the board that he will be making the same presentation to the Silver Cliff town board

at their meeting in September. The Westcliffe board signified interest but would reserve further comment pending the results of Mr. Benoit’s presentation to Silver Cliff.

The second item under the New Business agenda was the discussion and review of the towns contract with the Custer County Sheriff for the year 2017. The board was informed there would be no changes in the current budget and that it would be essentially the same for the coming year. Further discussion would be delayed, it was agreed, until the Sheriff is available to attend which would be at the next town hall meeting in September.

However, town attorney Mr. J. Printz, brought up a concern regarding the seeming lack of enforcement of the towns ordinances, particularly parking ordinances. According to Mr. Printz, there seems to be a very small amount of citations being issued and no one visibly enforcing many town ordinances.

Someone in the audience also mentioned noise from large commercial and logging trucks going through town. This was quickly deemed moot when it was

learned that there is no town ordinance for noise. With regard to parking, it was also mentioned that vehicles sometimes park in the handicap slots with no handicap identification. One of the trustees, Mr. Wenke, suggested empowering one of the town staff members to issue citations or warnings but Mr. Thornberg expressed opposition to the idea and suggested instead taking up their concerns directly with the Sheriff at the next meeting. The matters of the contract, budget and these concerns regarding parking enforcement will be tabled for the next meeting in September.

The next item on the agenda was a request to approve amendment to Title 10 Land Use Code. The amendment will include a “no burn ordinance” part of which will take in the manner in which wood ashes will be handled for the sake of safety and fire prevention. The ordinance will be drawn up accordingly.

Committee reports followed briefly after which the board went into executive session to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations and developing strategies for negotiations.

CCCS: Dramatic Improvement in Scores



by George Gramlich

What a difference a year makes! Last year’s Custer County Central School’s ACT 2015 scores were significantly lower than the Colorado state averages in all categories and also showed a severe drop from even the prior year (2014). This year, 2016, the Bobcats came back strong with major gains in all categories and even exceeding the state average in one test area. Twenty-four students took the test.

On the English test, the students were still below the state margin by a fairly large amount scoring 18.2 versus the state average of 19.6 but showed decent improvement over the 2015 score of 17.7. (Note: A single point in ACT scoring is a big deal.)

The Bobcats almost beat the state average in Mathematics, scoring a solid 19.7 to the state average of 20.0 improving almost a whole point from

the 2015 score (18.9).

In Reading, the CCCS students made a HUGE improvement going from 18.9 in 2015 to a respectful 20.3 in 2016 getting real near the state average of 20.7. Good job, Bobcats!

Now we come to the “ACT Home Run” where, on the Science test, the Bobcats improved a simply amazing 2.1 points from their 2015 score, garnering a grade of 21.1 BEATING THE STATE AVERAGE of 20.6! This was also the highest score the Bobcats have achieved in Science in the last five years. Way to go, Bobcats

CCCS’s ACT composite score made a significant jump of 1.2 points from 2015 getting a nice 19.9 grade getting within a half a point of the state composite average of 20.4.

Overall, solid gains all around and congratulations to the students and staff for an excellent performance.

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

Is the Gadsden Flag Racist?



by J Cascarelli

Well folks, it is time for a general realization that when "everything" from disagreeing with the president to flying the Gadsden ("Don't Tread on Me") Flag is labeled racist by the press, that most in America have no idea what the term racist means. This includes the lawyers and bureaucrats at the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission. This overreaching government agency is currently investigating to determine if the Gadsden Flag is a symbol of racism. It is tasks like these that ensure that government jobs investigating nonsense will be around forever no matter who is in charge.

Oh, racism is the belief that one race is by nature superior to another. This is different than words like prejudice, or bigoted. For the record, being a racist is not

against any law, however acting on racism could be. There are some who would like to institute the thought police and others believe that they can tell what's in a person's mind and heart just by virtue of their political affiliation or the friends they keep. I do not believe that this power exists in human beings.

Before taking a brief look at this symbol, let's take a non-politically correct gander at slavery in America. Slavery was NOT invented by Americans. Every civilization in human history had institutional slavery: the Egyptians, the Greeks, the Romans, the Aztecs, the Mayans, and the Chinese just to name a few of the most well-known. Even among our culturally sanitized Indian tribes, slavery was common. Sacajawea, Louis and Clark's translator, was a slave of the Mandan tribe. Let us keep in mind that

America DID NOT adopt slavery, it inherited it. The first African slaves arrived in the colonies in 1609 as indentured servants. They were brought here by the Dutch. If you do not know the difference between a slave and an indentured servant, this would be good

guess, the Dutch, the Spaniards and the Muslims have managed to be held harmless when the New World slave trade is debated. After all, the Muslims bought the African slaves and sold them to the Dutch, the Portuguese and the Spaniards who transported the slaves

fledgling colonial navy. The rattle snake had long been a symbol of the colonies. It was used by Benjamin Franklin's newspaper as a symbol of colonial unity during the French and Indian War and later as a symbol of caution to England when that Stamp Act was imposed. The coiled rattle snake along with the phrase, "Don't Tread on Me" has long been associated with America's goal of freedom. It has never been associated with the institution of slavery until 2014. This bogus issue is more evidence that political correctness, the invention of Trotsky, is doing more to destroy freedom of speech than any kind of formal effort of censorship in American institutions of higher learning.

I have always believed that education is the great equalizer in our culture. Only the ignorant believe in such nonsense that the Gadsden Flag is a symbol of racism. We all need to get a grip, become more intellectually curious and start thinking for ourselves.



The Gadsden Flag

for you to know. Being indentured had a time limit. Now, back to "inheriting" slavery; from 1609 until America declared independence, 67 years later, what became the United States was a part of England, for which slavery was legal according to English law, until 1808. I have always wondered how the Portu-

to America and sold them. Actually, in many Muslim countries, slavery still exists as a legal institution, but you will never read that in *The New York Times*.

The Gadsden Flag was named after an American patriot, Christopher Gadsden. The flag was the original flag of American marines and later of the

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Commentary on “America is Changing”

Reading through the editorial of July 22nd [America is Changing], a couple of items struck me as being a bit oversimplified. And without true clarity, we should not expect to solve the serious problems facing America.

First, is the assertion that areas such as the middle east and north Africa are in chaos because of a lack of American leadership in the world--worse, that America has somehow *abdicated* such leadership. Perhaps I missed God’s memo to earth that the USA was crowned supreme monarch? Pax Americana? Unfortunately, it’s at least partly because of the meddling of the U.S. government (and their various crony sub-powers) that instability in the region has become seemingly permanent. Consider the history of such meddling in Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, and of course Syria--all of which have had suffered the terrible effects of a grim sort of neo-colonialism. John Perkins “The New Confessions of an Eco-

nomie Hit Man” details one episode after another of such practices, and I recommend Americans read it for a peek behind the dark curtain of U.S. involvement in geopolitics. If some meddling increases instability, then how does more meddling decrease it?

Second, is the cited lack of respect for both law enforcement and the rule of law. Fair enough, but have we considered why this might be so? Frederic Bastiat wrote in *The Law*:

“No society can exist unless the laws are respected to a certain degree. The safest way to make laws respected is to make them respectable. When law and morality contradict each other, the citizen has the cruel alternative of either losing his moral sense or losing his respect for the law. These two evils are of equal consequence, and it would be difficult for a person to choose between them.”

One natural symptom of having non-respectable laws

is disrespect for the law. It follows that under these conditions that disrespect would also be found for those attempting to enforce non-respectable laws.

Crime used to require a harmed victim to be considered a crime. Not today. Today our laws are contrary, capricious, and unnecessarily punitive. Rather than protecting liberty, they rob it. Further, these laws are not applied equally to everyone. Just look at the turmoil within American political party leadership--and the utter impunity of those involved-- as reference. Harmful, criminal activity abounds, and has for a long time. And sometimes this impunity even extends to law enforcement. This is the legitimate seed of protest that should be considered carefully. Obviously not all recent protests are legitimate, as some are clearly criminal in nature and intent. But neither are all recent protests entirely illegitimate or without just cause. Non-respectable laws which are unequally enforced are deeply problematic, and will beget

even more problems--ultimately leading to the full unraveling of society.

Please understand I’m not advocating disrespect for the law. Instead, I advocate restoring law and its enforcement to a state of respectability. This will be difficult, since the current system has many who benefit from its current state of disrepute. But until this is changed, we should expect less respect for the law and its advocates--not more.

We seem to be threatened by the menace of “anarchy” these days. Anarchy, by the way, does not mean chaos. It means the rule of none over another (and can be quite similar to the self-ruled state of our own nation when founded). Sometimes a brief state of anarchy is required to abolish and reinstate a government to a condition that serves the liberty of its citizens. After all, a legitimate government has no other purpose.

Jeff Mowry,
Rosita

Student Drop-Off Zone Changes

Press Release

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The west parking lot has been re-striped. Parent morning drop-off areas have been changed as to allow safe passage for our students coming to school in the morning. Parents are to enter in the EAST side of the parking lot (look for the bright yellow arrow) and as they approach the area just past the playground, make a

RIGHT TURN up toward the east doors. Watch for the newly yellow striped DROP OFF ZONE area. Please proceed as far north as possible, and allow your students to leave from the passenger side of your car. Please be quick and watch for other cars when exiting. Once your car is unloaded and your children safely on the side walk, continue NORTH, and follow the area to the WEST and exit out onto the street, WHILE WATCHING for bus traffic that may be coming in, and PROCEED back out onto Main Street.



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Commissioner Kattnig to Hold 'Town Hall' Meeting Thursday, August 18

by George Gramlich

We thought the *Sentinel's* readers might want to go to this. Commissioner Kattnig will be holding his own 'Town Hall' meeting, Thursday, August 18th, at 7 p.m. in the conference room at the bowling alley.

Bob dropped by and told us that the agenda will include him discussing the following topics: the airport, social services, broad band, economic development, and 911 issues regarding cell phones. The floor would then be open for questions. After that, there will be several guest speakers including one from the Hospital District, Superintendent Mark Payler from CCCS, and Tim Schwartz from the Veterans Service Office.

This would be an excellent forum to question Commissioner Kattnig on his views and actions that have caused many citizens to be concerned enough to start a recall campaign against him plus any recent events that might be germane to his being qualified to serve as a Custer County Commissioner. *The Sentinel* will be there.

(GG: This is probably prompted by the current recall effort to oust Bob as county commissioner and Bob's holding a public meeting is a good idea. If you have issues with Bob's performance this is the perfect forum to get his response. Public discussion is the core of free society.)

Hold Your Water? Bill Christie on water barrel issue for rural residents

Two items in last week's *Wet Mountain Tribune* caught my eye – and both concern water: the editor's Forum item "Out of the Barrel" and the Round Mountain Water District article. First, the rain barrel information. While correct in the news aspect, it was incomplete due to lack of detail. Good news for some, but status quo for others.

House Bill 16-1005 does allow for more people to collect precipitation in rain barrels and that bill is loaded with constraints and "fine" print. But Senate **Bill 09-080 takes precedent over the HB 16-1005** especially if the wanna-be rain collector's household is serviced by a well (as compared to municipal service). The HB and the SB are separate and distinct, and SB 09-080 reigns supreme.

One needs to review the "Rainwater Collection Information Table" and the "Rainwater Collection on

Properties with Residential Wells" and perhaps other posts offered by the Colorado Division of Water Resources. If you have a well, then you also need to review the "Instructions for Rooftop Precipitation Collection System Permit Application" (form GWS-78). This form and application is where SB 09-080 supersedes HB 16-1005.

If your well permit number has a suffix of the letter "F" then your do not qualify to collect rain. The application cites six qualifying statements and applicants must meet all six, not some, but all six. **To quote the form's instructions: "If you do not meet all of the above criteria, or if your well permit number ends with a suffix other than -A such as -F or -R, the provisions of Senate Bill 09-080 do not apply to you, and it is illegal for you to collect or divert and use precipitation falling on your property, ..."**

Well owners need to understand the government's (CoDWR) information, need to know what their well classification is (exempt, non-exempt, small capacity, large capacity, etc.), and need to know their well permit number. So don't rush out and buy rain barrels just yet – do your research and due diligence.

The other item in the *Tribune* concerning Round Mountain Water District indicated their delivery of 200,000 gallons per day to "roughly 1,000 residents." Residents or Residences? If "residents" is correct then the math works out to be 200 gallons per person per day – wow! That's whole lot of water – what I could do having and using 200 gallons per day. I hope that the word "residents" in the article should have been "residences" as in homes or apartments or households.

I have very low yield with my water well, so my res-

idence with two residents is ultra-conservative with water. I recently penned a book on water as part of my participation in the Westcliffe Writers Group. The title is **"The Little Big Book on Water"** and the subtitle is "a compendium of information and how-to for self-reliance, preparedness, and survival." Chapter titles include: procurement, filtering, purifying, storing, and conserving plus several appendices. The book is on display and available at the 4-H / County Extension office on the second floor of the county courthouse and also at the *SDC Sentinel* newspaper office.

Bottom line here – whether you are rich with water or poor with water, use it wisely and cautiously. We've all "dipped our straws" into the ground one way or another, and we're all sipping or slurping from the same source.

Bill Christie

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Candidate Johnson Speaks at Liberty Rocks Forum

by Fred Hernandez

The Liberty Rocks meeting on Thursday, July 28th at Tony's Pizza, got underway when Mr. Dan Bubis introduced Mr. Jared Maddox of the John Birch Society based in Colorado Springs who spoke briefly about the conservative organization. The John Birch Society (JBS) stands for limited government, is anti-communist and vigorously promotes and defends the Constitution of the United States of America. As he ended his talk, Mr. Maddox asked the attendees to support a bill (HR-1205) -which seeks to get the United States out of the United Nations- sponsored by Congressman Rodgers of Alabama.

The meeting, attended by about two dozen people, included Mr. Jay Printz, current County Commissioner Kit Shy, Dr. Gary Mohr, realtor Bob Senderhauf and other residents of the county.

Next, Mr. John Johnston, an unaffiliated candidate for county commissioner in the forth-coming November elections who will be up against Mrs. Donna Hood, was introduced. Mr. Johnston gave a brief review of his resume, his work and achievements during the years he has been a resident of Westcliffe. These included his having served as Town Trustee for Westcliffe. After his introductory statement, the floor was opened for questions. When asked about water issues by one of the val-

ley's best authorities on water, Mr. Bob Senderhauf, Mr. Johnston clearly stated his support for the water conservation board including the current policies with regard to distribution, ownership and storage of this all important resource.

Asked by Mr. Printz to "distinguish" himself from his opponent, once again, very clearly, Mr. Johnston positioned himself as being a fiscal conservative whose main objective is always to protect and conserve taxpayer resources. He went on to explain that he is not opposed to the various forms of economic development and opportunity but emphasized the importance of being careful with public funds.

Someone in the audience asked about the controversy of the mural on the wall of his business establishment on Main Street. With great attention to detail, Mr. Johnston explained the events and chronology of the mural story. Mr. Printz, the Town Attorney during the time of these developments, seemed to agree with the explanation given. At about the time that this question was posed, Mr. Printz had just made mention that Mr. Johnston, during his time as Trustee of Westcliffe, was at all times well prepared when attending the meetings, had read all the material beforehand and had good questions during discussions, which Mr. Printz appreciated. In his closing statements Mr. Johnston reiterated his position as one who does

not label anyone. As he says it, he is neither Republican nor Democrat, conservative nor liberal. He is fiscally conservative because he is most concerned about the way the taxpayers' money is employed. He asks everyone to work together for the benefit and progress of all the communities of Custer County.

As the meeting drew to a close, Mr. Bubis explained the process of recalling an elected official referring to the ongoing efforts to place Commissioner Kattnig back on the ballot this coming November. The requirement for recall in this case is 470 signatures, however it is best to get at least twenty percent more, in case some of the signatures are not acceptable due to some anomaly such as wrong address, misspelled names, or other wrong information. Simply said, according to Mr. Bubis, if you agree; sign the petition and, if not; do not sign it. This process is a legally instituted right and voters can take it or leave it as they choose.

Liberty Rocks meetings usually come to an end with a trivia contest among the attendees. As in the previous meeting, the runaway winner was Dr. Gary Mohr.

The next meeting is on August 25th, the fourth Thursday of the month. They are still working on getting senatorial candidate, Mr. Darryl Glenn, to address the group. More information will be available soon.

Sen. Cory Gardner In Silver Cliff

by Sentinel Staff

It was a windy summer afternoon at the park when Senator Gardner came to Silver Cliff. In addition to a number of local residents who came to the park, on hand to welcome him on Thursday, June 28th, were Town Mayor Steve Lasswell, Mayor Pro-Tem Lela Cravens, and town board members Mary Behrendt, Marty Wolff, Stacey Schoch, "Buck" Wenzel and Fred Hernandez. Also present were County Commissioner Bob Kattnig, Westcliffe Town Attorney Jay Printz, Under-Sheriff Chris Barr and Katherine Brenchley of the Sheriff's Office. Welcomers included Silver Cliff Museum Curator Dorothy Urban and town hall staff, Roger Camper and Ileen Squire. Mike Carter from the Westcliffe Planning Commission was also present to greet the Senator along with Troy Bomgardner and the Bobcats who were asked to help with the event.

The Senator made a beeline for the Bobcats almost immediately, and spent some time with them away from the main group, talking and

getting pictures. The Senator expressed his delight at having our young Custer County residents present at these events.

Gardner took the time to speak to most of the attendees and learn first-hand about some of the concerns and issues affecting Silver Cliff and its residents. Of paramount importance, was the matter of communications, which is a chronic problem affecting the entire county. Sen. Gardner indicated his understanding of the situation regarding communications as it affects business development and situations involving the safety of locals as well as tourists, especially in the summer months. Ms. Kathy Garcia, who works at the senator's office in Pueblo, exchanged information with those who will follow up with her and Senator Gardner, to take the necessary steps to address not only communications, but all the other concerns as well.

It was a wonderful opportunity to interact with one of our leaders and it is hoped we can arrange for more of the same in the future.



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School Board Meeting

by Larry Luikart, reporter

The regular session of the Custer County School Board opened with the Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Board President Dr. Terre Davis. Mr. Cline was absent.

The Amended Agenda was approved and Sam Frostman invited ten students and their teacher from the middle school to a Dark Skies / Star Party for those students interested in astronomy. Mr. Shy spoke in regard to awarding a Bobcat Pride Certificate to Mr. Tommy Walker who works everyday to help the FFA students with their welding.

The Consent Agenda was quickly approved consisting of the acceptance of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Budget Hearing on June 14, 2016, along with approval of Caplan and Earnest as the District Legal Counsel and Swanhorst and Company as the District Financial Auditor.

The Action Items included a rather long list of Personnel approvals: Scott Thomas, Social Studies, a correction from the previous agenda, Carmalene Odle, School Nurse, Monica Dean and Keely Smith, Para-Professionals, Donna Eldrige, Second Grade Teacher, Rene Smith, Secretary to the

Board, Caleb Van Duesen, MS Football Coach, Ruth Taylor, MS Cross Country Coach.

The Board discussed and then approved a change in the meeting time for their **meetings back to 4:30 p.m.** with the next Board Meeting set at September 13, 2016. Please make note of the new start time!

Superintendent Payler presented the graduation requirements policy for a final reading. This change is a result of new requirements set by the state. Included in this policy are state requirements increasing credits to 27 in 2017 and rising to 28 in 2018 along with a technology education credit, by 2021, must demonstrate college or career readiness in English and Math from the Menu of College and Career-Ready Demonstrations sheet. Approved.

The Board, in a first reading discussion, approved a policy for Medical Marijuana Administration for Qualifying Students. The Board Policy adopted policy is more stringent than the state law and it permits the district to exercise more control over this controversial issue. The issue is complex and too extensive to cover in this article. Please get a copy of the policy from the District and read it.

The Board continues to review and update policies. The following received first readings and approval: Curriculum Development, Records Retention, Professional and Staff Fringe Benefits, Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment / Qualifications of Substitute Staff, Reporting Child Abuse, Public Conduct on District Property.

The following items were approved: Check Vouchers and Financial Reports, Agreement with Custer County Commissioners for a School / Public Health Nurse, and Student and Athletic Handbook. Mr. Christensen received an appreciative thank you from Mr. Payler for his hard work in putting the Athletic Handbook together. The Propane bid with Enxx Propane was approved for the 2016-17 school year.

The Board continued its discussions regarding the creation of teacher housing. Wendy Rusk, First State Bank of Colorado presented the loan information and the rationale for the amounts requested. Mr. Payler indicated he hoped to have paperwork available at the next meeting with the details of the project and its costs presented.

**SCHOOL BOARD
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Silver Cliff Town Hall

by Sentinel Staff

Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on August 1st, Monday at 5:30 p.m., called to order by Mayor Steve Lasswell with all present.

The Mayor gave a brief update on the Senior Center which is being upgraded as a result of successful fund matching through the Daniels Grant. Aside from the floor improvement, the restroom will now be ADA compliant. Fundraising will continue

as work goes on to redo the rest of the facility.

Under Staff reports, Mr. Roger Camper, Silver Cliff Building and Zoning officer, reported, among other things, that a company by the name of Viscount Mining has shown definite interest in further exploring possibilities of mining for silver within town limits. There seems to be conclusive evidence that the mineral is present in quantities that may be commercially viable. The town has a twenty percent right to all mineral underground.



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August 2nd BOCC Meeting

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Meeting

—WESTCLIFFE, Colorado

August 2, 2016

by M. Keinbusch

The BOCC Chairman opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, and Introductions of the public (none). There were no minutes to approve, so the meeting moved directly into Commissioner Items. Commissioner Attebery reported a person working under the Useful Public Service provided him a rendition of a mural she wants to paint on an interior wall of the Court House building. The BOCC reviewed the rendition and agreed to vet the idea with staff that work within the building and return a decision. Under the Wetmore Library project, he reported the contract is being modified to capture recent scope changes and will be submitted to the BOCC for review. Commissioner Attebery received notice of a grant payment for \$35,000 from the Becher Foundation to support the Library project.

Commissioner Shy reported that Charlie French erected a monument in front of the Court House that marks the position of the tip of the shadow from the Court House flag pole during the summer solstice.

Attorney Smith reviewed a Three Year Forest Service Program which he recommended the BOCC approve as submitted. The BOCC passed a motion to accept the program plan as presented. No details of the plan were discussed at this meeting.

Under Old Business, the Sheriff's department is completing a grant application to be submitted by August 24, 2016.

Airport Advisory Board re-

ported the airport received and installed a game camera. It is time to purchase jet fuel, the fuel storage tanks are approaching re-fill levels and the prices of fuel is expected to continue to fall. The BOCC approved a motion to fund a purchase of 2,000 gallons of jet fuel. The BOCC asked the Airport Board to provide cost estimates to purchase crack-seal to conduct maintenance on the runway. The BOCC did not have comments on the Capital Improvement Program document the Airport Board submitted, stating these comments are dependent upon the 2017 budget process. Finally, the Airport Board requested the BOCC consider using part of the airport property for members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) to fly their model aircraft. After much discussion, the BOCC approved a motion to allow AMA use of part of the airport pending BOCC review and approval of policies and procedures to control the use of the property and airspace.

Public Health reported an evacuation center was set up for the Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp at the Custer County School on July 12, 2016, as a result of the Hayden Pass Fire. There were 117 campers and 65 adults that remained at the center for three days. There were 21 volunteers involved with the center. The school nurse position has been filled by registered nurse, Carmalene Odle. She starts August 18, 2016. Thirty-one children were provided sports physicals on July 27th, with more children calling for a physical. Public Health will hold another sports physical event on August 19, 2016.

The Extension Office reported the Fair was a huge success. The Fair Board re-cap meeting is planned for August 17, 2016. They plan to expand the horse and shooting programs in the future. Keep a heads up for a "Planning for Project Night" coming this fall, more

to come on topics and areas of interest. The 4-H Foundation will hold an Awards Banquet soon; the date is yet to be determined. Check out the updated 4-H Facebook page. **Congratulations to Robin Young for being selected by her peers for the National Association of County Agricultural Agents- Achievement Award!**

The Veterans Service Office reported the county now has 271 registered veterans. There are currently 40 active disability claims in the county. Within 12 months, the state is converting the claims application process to be completely digital (no forms). The office conducted three home visits in July for Home Based Primary Care Programs. The office received its semi-annual state payment of \$8,316 last month. The office will soon have a decal placed in the office window to increase visibility. **Congratulations to Tim Swartz for receiving his accreditation as a Department of Veterans Affairs representative of the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers.** These officers implement the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims for veterans' benefits. This is a huge accomplishment for Tim and Custer County Veterans, allowing Mr. Swartz more power to inspect and process claims.

Human Services has noticed a recent increase in assistance claims. The office provided their monthly report to the BOCC, information that is sensitive and not discussed in the meeting. Overall, operations were reported as "OK". The office reported that because the county (and I assume all counties in the state) are completing timely application at or above 95%, a lawsuit against the state is now being dropped.

The meeting was closed at 12:15 p.m.



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Saturday, August 27, 2016



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SATURDAY AUGUST 27, 2016.

The games to begin at 1 p.m.

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Press Release

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mentally appropriate and engaging for infants and young children. The goal is to increase his or her comfort level and confidence in the water. An adult -- whether a parent, guardian or caregiver -- is required to accompany each child in the water and participate in every class.

The adult participants learn too! Adults learn how to safely handle their infants or toddlers in, on and around the water, as well as how to become water smart. Swim diapers or pool pants designed especially for swimming are

required for children who are not fully potty-trained. In addition, your child may feel warmer in the water if he or she wears a polyester shirt. Registration forms are available at Club America's front desk. You may learn more information about this Parent and Child Aquatics class or other swimming/aquatics activities by calling Lisa Kaufman at 783-4468 or 783-0750. Sign up and join the fun, beat the summer's heat and learn about laying the foundation for your child's future aquatic skills!

KIDS

Friday, August 12, 2016

August 11, 1934

Alcatraz

Gets Its First Federal Prisoners

So where do you put the worst of the worst criminals? Alcatraz was the place from 1934 till 1963 until U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy ordered Alcatraz closed, citing the high expense of its maintenance.

Alcatraz was called "The Rock" because it is an island. It's a twenty-two-acre rock outcropping, one-and-one-half miles offshore in the San Francisco Bay.

In 1775, during the exploration of Spanish Lieutenant Juan Manuel de Ayala, Alcatraz was an uninhabited seabird haven. He named it Isla de los Alcatrazes (Isle of the Pelicans). The Spanish sold Alcatraz to the United States in 1849. In 1854, it had the distinction of housing the first lighthouse on the coast of California. It served as a military fortification and then a military prison, housing defiant U.S. soldiers, rebellious Indian scouts, American soldiers fighting in the Philippines who had deserted to the Filipino cause, and Chinese civilians who resisted the U.S. Army during the Boxer Rebellion (1899 - 1901).

In 1934, Alcatraz was fortified into a high-security federal penitentiary and on August 11th, the first group of federal prisoners arrived at Alcatraz.

Its purpose was to hold the most dangerous prisoners in the U.S. penal system, especially those with a penchant for escape attempts. Some of the more famous prisoners were; Al Capone (also known as 'Scarface'), Richard Stroud, the "Birdman of Alcatraz", so named for his writing of an important study on birds while being held in solitary confinement in Leavenworth Prison in Kansas, and George "Machine Gun" Kelly, just to name a few.

Despite many attempts to escape Alcatraz, no prisoner was known to have successfully escaped "The Rock." The 1979 film, Escape from Alcatraz, was inspired by the story of the 1962 attempted escape of three men, Frank Morris and brothers, John and Clarence Anglin. Only one man, John Paul Scott, was recorded to have reached the mainland by swimming, but he came ashore exhausted and hypodermic and was found at the foot of the Golden Gate Bridge, unconscious and in a state of shock. In its 29-year run, Alcatraz housed more than 1,500 convicts.

Today the Federal Government has another prison to house the worst of the worst convicted criminals. It's located in Florence, CO, a mere 40 miles from Silver Cliff and Westcliffe. It shelters the likes of Ted Kaczynski, aka the UNIBOMBER; Ramzi Yousef, the man convicted of leading the 1993 World Trade Center attack; Thomas Silverstein, considered one of the prison system's most dangerous inmates; and numerous Al-Queda operatives along with convicted drug cartel members. The Florence, Colorado, U.S. Penitentiary ADX (Administrative Maximum Facility) is sometimes called "The Alcatraz of the Rockies" and is nearly in our backyard.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: americaslibrary.gov, worldhistoryproject.org, history.com, businessinsider.com/famoussupermaxinmates.

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and you will be saved, you and your household."*

Acts 16:31 NKJV

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Update; Public Review Period

The Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) is federal legislation that requires proactive, pre-disaster planning as a prerequisite for some funding available under the Robert T. Stafford Act (as amended APR, 2013). The DMA encourages state and local authorities to work together using multi-jurisdictional planning on pre-disaster planning. The Custer County Office of Emergency Management has been diligently working with our local municipality leaders and county agencies over the past nine months in the development of the Custer County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP).

Custer County previously participated in the development of the Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments Hazard Mitigation Plan. This new plan will help guide and coordinate mitigation activities throughout the planning area by identifying

resources, information, and strategies for reducing risk from natural hazards. The update process resulted in the identification of a total of 47 mitigation initiatives for implementation by the county and the participating communities of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe.

The plan was developed to meet the following objectives:

- Meet or exceed requirements of the DMA.
- Enable all planning partners to continue using federal grant funding to reduce risk through mitigation.
- Meet the needs of each planning partner as well as state and federal requirements.
- Create a risk assessment that focuses on Custer County hazards of concern.
- Create a single planning document that integrates all planning partners into

a framework that supports partnerships within the County, and puts all partners on the same planning cycle for future updates.

- Coordinate existing plans and programs so that high-priority initiatives and projects to mitigate possible disaster impacts are funded and implemented.

The DRAFT Mitigation Plan will be posted on the Custer County website: <http://www.custercounty.gov.com/> Hard copies can be found at the West Custer County Library, the Towns of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe, and at the Custer County Zoning Office. **We welcome any comments on the draft mitigation plan update no later than August 26, 2016** and request your comments be directed to the Custer County's Office of Emergency Management at (719) 783-2410 or ccoem@custercountygov.com.

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SCHOOL BOARD from page 6

Discussion only. The Board approved membership in the Colorado Rural Schools Alliance.

Superintendent Payler and High School Principal Christensen presented a plan to modify the school closed campus policy. Essentially, the campus will be closed for **ALL** students during the first two weeks of school. Mr. Christensen in consultation with administration, faculty and students will develop criteria for students to earn open campus lunch breaks during this two-week period. The process will begin with the sophomore class. There is no open campus for freshman.

Elementary Principal Anderson in conjunction with Ruth Mitchell presented a request to place a clothing collection box for students in the parking area of the school. The Board approved the measure

with Superintendent Payler acting as monitor. The Board made it clear they have no problem with collection of clothing for students but any depositing of anything other than clothing will result in immediate removal of the collection box.

Elementary Principal Anderson presented her report to the Board in written form. She was absent from the meeting. High School Principal Christensen discussed the improvement in ACT scores with the caveat there is lots of work to do. He thanked everyone for his warm reception to the community and he indicated he had made an effort to discuss with every member of the faculty and coaches in his area their goals and aspirations for year. He is trying to meet with all incoming freshman before the beginning of school. Superintendent Payler indicated in his report a net gain of 33 students for this year. He thanked the staff for their diligent and hard work during the summer. Many good things were accomplished and the coordination was superb during the time the gym housed the Lutheran Camp students during the fire situation.

During the public comments section, a question was raised by Mr. Rodriguez regarding the bonus given to Superintendent Payler. President Davis, after patiently listening to the comments, indicated Mr. Payler completed in one year, more goals than some Superintendents achieve in ten years. The Board felt the bonus was more than justified and she further indicated Mr. Payler's talents and skills far exceed the salary he receives. Mr. Payler offered a written document which outlined the completion of the goals set in the Strategic Plan, which he accomplished in one year. (Reporter's note: I was a member of the Strategic Plan Committee. The Plan was designed for implementation in three years which essentially Mr. Payler completed in one. Exceptional leadership and exceptional hard work Mr. Payler. Thank you.)

Events Calendar

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
August 11, 12, 13, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday August 14, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
WCPA - **Youth Theater Musical**
"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"
The Jones Theater \$\$

Friday August 12, 7 p.m.- 8 p.m.
Library CommunityRoom
Water and Ranching:
The history and future of the Wet Mountain Valley
Presenter: Ben Lenth, Executive Director
San Isabel Land protection Trust

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
August 12, 13, 14 All Day
Wet Mountain Western Roundup
A Painted View Ranch
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Sunday, August 14 , 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.
SUMMER IN THE PARK - Free Concert
"jonas and jane"
Westcliffe Feed Store Amphitheater & Park

Wednesday August 17, 12 Noon
Commissioners Meeting At San Isabel

Thursday August 18, 7 p.m.
Town Hall Meeting: Commish Kattnig
Bowling Alley, Westcliffe.

Saturday, August 20 All Day
Rotary Golf Tourney & Steak Fry
Annual fundraiser for Custer County Students.
Two tee times, 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Annual steak fry is at 5 p.m.,
includes a silent auction and awards.
St. Andrews Golf Course - Custer County \$\$

Saturday, August 20, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Cattle Barons Ball
At Beckwith Ranch, CO-69 \$\$

Sunday, August 21, 2016
2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
SUMMER IN THE PARK - Free Concert
"The Rifiers"
Westcliffe Feed Store Amphitheater & Park

Monday, August 22, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Saddle Club Gymkhana
90 Co Rd 241

Recurring Events

Monday
Club America — 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training; 9 a.m. Water Aerobics; 10:15 a.m. Stretch; 11:30 a.m. Muscles; 1:00 p.m. Low Impact; 5:15 p.m. Step Aerobics
6 p.m. Closed Step Study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe.
Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emilie at (719) 371-5974.

1st and 3rd Mondays
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Writers group at the Library. If you write or would like to start writing, please join us in the Community Room for peer editing, feedback, ideas, comradery, and more.

Tuesday
Club America — 9:15 a.m. Stretch; 10:30 a.m. Zumba; 10:30 a.m. Chair Strength; 4 p.m. Kids Zone; 4 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Core Conditioning.
12 – 4:30 p.m. Bridge Club meets in the Library Community Room in downtown Westcliffe.
6 p.m. Bible Study at Wild West Cowboy Church. Call 719-783-2676

1st Tuesday of the Month
6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes
American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting.
6:45 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March – October) at the Saddle Club.

Wednesday
Club America — 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training; 8:00 a.m. Kids Zone; 10:00 a.m. Low Impact; 5:15 p.m. Step Aerobics.
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Farmers Market. Jess Price Park, Westcliffe.
9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Line dancers meet at the Methodist Church. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370.
6 p.m. Closed Big Book Study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or

Emilie at (719) 371-5974
6:30 p.m. Men's and Women's Bible Study. First Baptist Church of Westcliffe Call 719-783-2498.
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Custer County Community Band practice in the band room at the high school.

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

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

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

Friday
Club America — 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training; 9:00 a.m. Water Aerobics; 9:15 a.m. Stretch; 10:30 a.m. Muscles.
6 p.m. Open Discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emilie at (719) 371-5974.
7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bible Talks with Domenic Enrietta and John Hartig. At the Library Community Room. All welcome. No charge.

Saturday
10 a.m. Wet Mountain Al-Anon Family Group meets at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Dee (719) 404-1851 or Jean (719) 371-1229.
2 p.m. Laughter Yoga at the West Custer County Library. Open to the public.
3 p.m. Open Drum Circle at the West Custer County Library. All ages welcome! If you have a drum, please bring it. We have a few spares.

3rd Saturday of Month
9 a.m. VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes
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Fri. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

West Custer County Library
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Sat.:10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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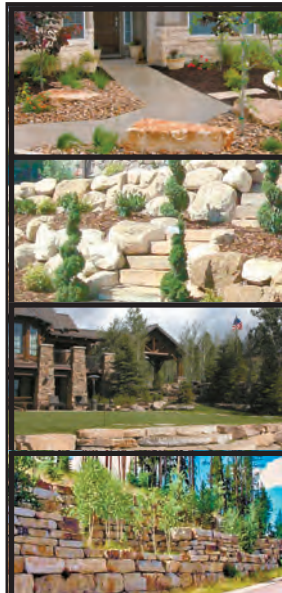


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Custer County BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Agenda WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2016 12:00 PM Meeting Location: San Isabel Restaurant and Lodge Call meeting to order Pledge of allegiance Roll Call Amend agenda Audience introduction Approval of minutes Public Comment Commissioner Items Attorney Items Executive Session New/Old Business - Club America – Special Events Permit – K. Camper	- Letter Drop Inn – Liquor License Renewal – K. Camper - Letter of Support for Grant Application – Ben Lenth, San Isabel Land Trust - REDI Grant - VALE Grant - Valley Strong Proclamation - Resolution to Designate Pike Route as “a section of a pioneer trail” - Enactment Clause for the 2016 Zoning Resolution – J. Hobby NOTICE TO PUBLIC: To meet publishing deadlines, all agenda items must be submitted either by calling the Commissioners Office at 719-783-2552; in writing to the Commissioner’s Office at PO Box 150, Westcliffe, CO 81252; or by e-mail to brenda@custercountygov.com no later than 9:00 AM on the Monday of the week prior to the BOCC meeting. Items not submitted in time may be tabled for one month so they may be properly published. True emergency items will be heard.	Name Change Legal Notice Be it known, that the Custer County Court, Westcliffe, Colorado has ordered the following publication regarding the following name change: 1. Name of Laura Louise Green is requested to be changed to Laura Louis Frevert. 2. Pursuant to statute, public notice of this change of name shall be published three times in a legal newspaper published in this county. This publication is to be made within 21 days of the date of this order. 3. Proper proof of publication shall be filed with the Court upon final publication to receive a Final Degree for a Change of Name. Date: 7/22/16 Judge Amanda Hunter Published in the Sangre de Criston Sentinel, Westcliffe, CO on 08/12/16
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Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 259 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 13 to EMS, and 2 to the Fire Department. As of August 7th, there were 5 males and 5 females in the county jail. 8/3/16: Assault Arrest: A deputy was dispatched to Broadway Street in Silver Cliff regarding an individual reporting his life had been threatened and that he was assaulted. EMS was dispatched to the scene to assess the victim. Shaw Davis of Commerce City and a minor were arrested for Third Degree Assault and Menacing. Traffic Summons: Rodney Leggit of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.	Shawn Reeves of Paris, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over. Theft Arrest: Danielle Walden of Silver Cliff was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Custer County. Walden was arrested for Theft between \$300 but less than \$750 and Unauthorized use of a financial transaction device, \$300 but less than \$750. Fire: The Wet Mountain Fire Departemtn was dispatched to the Maytag Ranch for a grass fire believed to have been caused by a lightening strike. 8/4/16: Traffic Summons: James Robertson of Houston, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.	David Koelsch fo Tuttle, OK, for speeding 10 - 19 over. Patrick Petersen of Seminole, FL, for speeding 20 - 24 over. Carmen Reyna of Amarillo, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over. Scott Reiley of Costa Mesa, CA, for speeding 20 - 24 over. Michael Smith of San Luis, CO, for speeding 20 - 24 over. Bennet Schiro of New Orleans, LA, for speeding 20 - 24 over. Arrest: Ashley Draffen of Silver Cliff was arrested on a warrant out of Indiana during a routine traffic stop. Arrest: Frederick Radmer of Cotopaxi was issued a sum-	mons and arrested for Driving a Vehicle While Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs or Both, and Failing to Drive in a Single Lane (Weaving). He was also issued a summons for Expressed Consent for the Taking of Blood, Breath, Urine or Saliva. 8/5/16: Traffic Summons: Joe Tsou of Irving, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over. David Wengert of Philadelphia, PA, for speeding 20 - 24 over. Stephanie Amos of Silver Cliff for speeding 10 - 19 over. Lauri Duran of Trinidad for speeding 10 - 19 over. Ashley Vigil of Westcliffe for speeding 20 - 24 over.	8/6/16: Traffic Summons: Joseph Joyce of Wilmette, IL for speeding 10 - 19 over. Paul Ka of Helotes, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over. Robert Canda of Cañon City for speeding 20 - 24 over. Marc Miller of Dripping Springs, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over. HOA Meeting Rucus: A deputy was dispatched to Main Street in Westcliffe for a disturbance at an HOA meeting. Mischief: A deputy was dispatched to Main Street in Silver Cliff to investigate a report of criminal mischief.	Shot His Own Hand: A deputy responded to Driftwood Road for a male who accidentally shot himself in the hand. EMS transported the patient from Wetmore to a hospital in Pueblo. 8/7/16: Traffic Summons: Robin Weeks of Wimberley, TX, for speeding 5 - 9 over. Disoriented: A deputy was dispatched to CR 255 on a report of an elderly woman walking in the area who appeared disoriented. SAR: Search and Rescue was activated to find a 37-year-old male who went hiking up at the Rainbow Trail around 1330 hours and had not returned.
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Nathan On The Law:

The Sentinel's Court Report

Reporting on cases at the Custer County Court and the 11th Judicial District held at the Custer County Courthouse.



by Nathan Thomas, Sentinel Court Report People vs. Phillip Suenkel 11th Judicial District, Custer County Court, August 5, 2016 Presiding Judge: District Judge Ramsey Lama Plea & Sentencing Hearing [2015CR34] Misdemeanor Menacing Disposition: Guilty Plea After becoming involved in a bar altercation with a Mr. Mays, Mr. Phillip Suenkel discharged his firearm into the air three times in an attempt to scare him away. Suenkel’s actions were successful and Mays was later stopped for driving while intoxicated. Suenkel plead guilty to one count of misdemeanor Menacing for the discharging of his firearm and was sentenced to serve sixty days in jail. Judge Ramsey Lama granted Suenkel’s request to serve jail time as opposed to	being placed on a period of probation after he indicated that he wanted to put the incident behind him as soon as possible. Suenkel had no prior convictions. People vs. Barry Lang 11th Judicial District, Custer County Court, August 5, 2016 Presiding Judge: District Judge Ramsey Lama Bond Modification Hearing [] 2 Counts of Second Degree Burglary 2 Counts of Criminal Mischief 2 Counts of Criminal Trespass 1 Count of Theft Mr. Barry Lang petitioned the court to reduce the amount of bond money necessary for his release from jail. Lang’s bond was originally set at \$25,000. Judge Ramsey Lama denied the motion due to Lang’s extensive criminal history. Lang has previously been convicted of similar offenses as well as more serious charges such as assault and manslaughter.
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Press Release —CUSTER COUNTY, Colorado August 8, 2016 On 8/3/16 at or around 1630 Ms. Danielle Walden, female, 44 years of age, of Silver Cliff, CO, was arrested by the Custer County Sheriff’s Office for suspicion of Theft of \$300 or more, but less than \$750 and Unauthorized Use of a Financial Transaction Device. Both offenses are Class 2 Misdemeanors. It was reported by the Custer County Road and Bridge Department that someone was taking gasoline from the County gas pumps without authorization. Investigation discovered the person believed to be taking gas without authorization was employee, Danielle Walden. Ms. Weldon was released on \$250 bond. If you have questions regarding this or any press release contact Under Sheriff Chris Barr at (719) 783-2270. Please do not contact dispatchers for information. Only the Public Information Officer is authorized to release information.
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I write to you, little children,
Because your sins are forgiven you for His name’s sake.

I John 2:12 NKJV

Westcliffe's 70th Annual Stampede Rodeo

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Local Mountain News & Notices

The Custer County Book Fair



photo by Carol Clemenson

by Carol Clemenson

The Book Fair held at the “Old Westcliff” Schoolhouse. August 5th through the 7th, was a great success all three days, selling over 4,000 books. Some of the categories like “Colorado”, history, American Native Heritage and western were completely sold out. The volunteers were such great help and the community really came through for us again this year.

The proceeds from these book sales help maintain the old ‘West-cliff’ Schoolhouse and Parks and Recreation for the youth of our community. Contact Marci Gregg at 719-783-2289 or Pattie Collins at 719-783- 2739 for information on how to donate more books or make money donations. They would like to thank the whole community for their interest in this worthwhile project.

Ten Minute Plays Production:

Call for actors,directors and crew

Press Release
Jones theater

August 9 ,2016

Anyone interested in partic-
ipating in the original ten
minute play productions sched-
uled for Friday and Saturday
September 30 and October 1, is
invited to two scheduled meet-
ings in Studio 2 of the Jones
Theater.

Potential directors are invited to
attend the meeting on Monday
August 15th at 5 p.m. Actors
are invited to attend a meeting
on Monday, August 22nd at 5
p.m.

Questions can be ad-
dressed to Lynne Tabb at
lynnlouise63@gmail.com or
(719) 371 5698 or to Katherine
Williams at Kathrw@hotmail.
com.

August 3rd BOCC Special Meeting

Board of County
Commissioners (BOCC) Special
Meeting

August 3, 2016

—WESTCLIFFE, Colorado

by Jackie Bubis

The meeting started at 9:00 a.m.
with the Pledge of Allegiance,
Roll Call, and Introductions of the
public in attendance. The college
students from Denver who are
doing the building assessments
around town were due so Commis-
sioner Shy was helping them get
started. He joined the meeting late.

Paul Leech of Valley Strong spoke
during the public comments time.
He informed the commissioners
of the Main Street Day of Unity
Community Dinner to be held on
September 21st. Main Street will
be shut down to set up tables for
the dinner. He urged the commis-
sioners to produce a resolution of
support for this event. People can
sign up online to host a table and
invite their friends to join them.
More information is available at
www.ValleyStrong.US.

Commission Attebery announced
that the USDA is meeting with the
Wetmore Community Center to
find ways to help them put togeth-
er their kitchen in the remodeled
building.

Charles Bogle again approached
the BOCC on behalf of the Custer
County Economic Development
Corporation urging them to find
the \$5K matching funds to move
forward with the REDI grant for
the study for broadband in the
county. Dale Mullen, in the au-
dience spoke passionately that,
without the commissioners finding
the funds, there was no option to
proceed. He stated the importance
of the deployment of broadband to
the future economic development
of the county. **Bogle stated that,
once the study was done, the de-
ployment of broadband would be
“very, very expensive”, re-
quiring a 50% match.** The com-
missioners were willing to look for
the funds. Commissioner Kattnig
made a motion to give them \$2500
but the motion died for lack of a
second. Commissioner Attebery

said he couldn’t second the motion
without knowing where the funds
would come from. They agreed to
speak with Donna Hobby about it
later in the meeting.

OEM, Cindy Howard, brought the
Special Projects Grant Applica-
tion for signatures. This grant is
for heating and air conditioning
in the OEM office/SAR building.
The new generator for the Sher-
iff’s Office came from this grant
last year. The board approved the
application. She also reported that
Safety Day, a joint operation with
all the emergency services in the
county, would be August 27th at
the fire department from noon to 4
p.m. She announced an up-coming
discussion to clarify protocols for
call outs in the field. This relates
to how and when the ambulance is
called out when SAR has a patient
that they are bringing out from a
remote area.

There will be a mural painted on
the north wall of the east entrance
to the county building by one of the
Useful Public Service participants.

In the Road and Bridge report,
Rusty Christensen and Roger
Squire said chip sealing will be-
gin August 11th and 12th. There
has been an increase of traffic on
all county roads. Man hours and
equipment hours are logged for
each road, so there is detailed infor-
mation on the upkeep of all coun-
ty roads. Mowing will proceed in
coordination with the Extension
Office for the spraying of weeds.
The landfill is requesting a scraper
for September/October. They need
to get another pit started. Money
budgeted for the well that will not
get done this year, may be used for
the scraper.

Prior to the Executive Session re-
garding the Hamilton case, Attor-
ney Clint Smith had a discussion
with the Road and Bridge staff
from Wetmore and from West-
cliffe, along with Deputy Halpin
to gather the facts about the roads
in question. He questioned them
about the standards for maintain-
ing secondary roads in the county.
Halpin was able to clear up time-
line questions. It was established
that plowing any roads in the coun-
ty is a courtesy only according to

the Highway Users Tax Fund, but
it was a job that the county would
continue as it has in the past.
Commissioner Kattnig asked At-
torney Smith if Dr. Hamilton had
been invited to the meeting. Smith
explained that Halpin was in the
building anyway so he asked him
to come in case there were ques-
tions, that he hadn’t even thought
to invite Hamilton. That didn’t
really seem to satisfy Kattnig, but
he didn’t comment further. Brent
Bruser asked if there was ongoing
financial risk for the county in this
matter and further financial obli-
gation. Smith was hopeful that
the matter would be taken care of
locally and no further legal fees
would ensue. Obviously, there is
no way of knowing what Hamilton
will do in the future.

The BOCC went into executive
session on the matter.

After coming out of executive ses-
sion, Resolution 1606, setting
aside one portion of the subdivi-
sion agreement with Shining
Mountain Estates/Sky Peak Part-
ners was signed.

The Board of Equalization (anoth-
er function of the BOCC) met with
J.D. Henrich. This board meets
annually to hear any property val-
uation disputes that have not been
settled by the assessor’s office.
Henrich had no cases for them to
hear. Commissioner Shy extended
his thanks to Henrich for a job well
done, saying that the reason for no
cases making it to the board was
because of Henrich’s diligence and
great work.

The board heard the Treasurer’s
report.

Jackie Hobby from Planning
and Zoning brought the recent-
ly amended zoning resolution for
the board’s approval. There was a
change to how political signs were
to be posted and removed after an
election.

Donna Hobby from HR brought
her report and the board discussed
funds that might be made available
from the broadband study.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00
p.m.

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Colorado State News

Never Enough Cash: Massive Amendment 69 Money Grab Won't Cover Costs

by [ColoradoPeakPolitics.com](#)

It's not even close. Even with a tax \$25 billion increase to double the size of the state government, there still will not be enough money to cover the single payer health care system proposed under Amendment 69, according to an independent report published today.

The Colorado Health Institute released a detailed financial analysis of the socialized medicine proposal that will appear on this November's statewide ballot, indicating that ColoradoCare would break even during its first year, but would fall short in subsequent years without further tax increases. The program would simply not be able to keep up with increases in the cost of healthcare

year after year.

On top of the projected shortfall, the study pointed out additional uncertainties that could further stress any ColoradoCare universal coverage model. Some of these include:

- Unknown impact of businesses not locating in Colorado because of the increased payroll tax expenses that are used to

fund ColoradoCare.

- Unknown impact of people and businesses leaving the state because of increased costs
- Unknown impact of people moving to Colorado to take advantage of the universal healthcare offering

In addition to these unknowns, the study did not even consider transition start-up and transition

costs. The state would implement a 0.9% increase in the income and payroll tax next year to cover the start-up expenses.

There is no solid understanding as to whether this would even be enough, and, let's be honest, government does not have the best track record in projecting costs and timelines.

Amendment 69 is nothing

short of a Pandora's Box of unknown costs and bureaucracy. We simply cannot afford to bet our state's economy and our citizens' health care on a proposition that would, from its inception, be on life support.

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Polling Problems: National Media Using Old Numbers to Declare Clinton Winner in Colorado

by [ColoradoPeakPolitics.com](#)

The national media is proclaiming Clinton the winner of Colorado to explain away her decision to stop advertising here, and because they love her.

Their evidence? Out-of-date polling.

This is how the *New York Times* declared her the

frontrunner in their coverage of Hillary's appearance here Wednesday:

COMMERCE CITY, Colorado — With polls showing Colorado slipping from the grasp of Donald J. Trump, Hillary Clinton sought to close and bolt the door on him Wednesday, campaigning in a heavily Hispanic community, while the Trump campaign dispatched Mike Pence, to rally the state's

bloc of social conservatives.

We clicked on the link of polls provided from the *Times*. Interestingly, none of them were Colorado polls.

Because Colorado is no longer considered a battleground state, we are missing from the line-up of those polls over at Real Clear Politics.

However, *Politico* continues to cite their battleground polling average as proof she is winning Colorado:

With a clear lead in the polls, demographic advantages, and a rival who is out of sync with local GOP leaders, Hillary Clinton is beginning to put some distance between her campaign and Donald Trump, raising the prospect that

Colorado, a pivotal swing state, is too far gone for Trump to catch up.

So we checked those polls that show Clinton has a 7.8 percent lead. Not surprising, they are all out of date, taken long before the national conventions began.

There is a reason multiple polling is conducted nearly every day during the campaign season, because

opinions change, polling numbers change. What never seems to change, is the media bias for the Democratic Party, no matter who is running.

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Colorado Euthanasia Proponents Submit Petition

by [ColoradoPeakPolitics.com](#)

Yesterday, "Yes on Colorado End of Life Options" dropped off more than 160,000 petition signatures to the Secretary of State's office for their euthanasia measure, titled "The Medical Aid in Dying Initiative." The Secretary of State requires 98,492 valid signatures for the matter to make the November ballot.

Since forming the committee to advocate for this ballot measure in May of this year, the group has raised more than \$4.3 million.

Substantially all of that has come from a Denver-based group, Compassion and Choices, which chipped in \$4.25 million.

Many prominent Democrats are behind the measure, including recalled Colorado Senate President John Morse, who is the group's designated filing agent. Those against? Disability and right to life organizations.

Monday should be a big day for those watching the ballot initiative process unfold, as it is the due date for signatures to be submitted

to the Secretary of State for all ballot initiatives. Issues such as increased setbacks for oil and gas exploration, "local control" of fracking decisions, an increase in the tobacco tax, and new rules around the state's primary election process are all under consideration. The Secretary of State has 30 days to verify the signatures.

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IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT School Board Meetings:
Cañon City Fremont RE-1
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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
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Core Knowledge School Gymnasium,
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Fremont Republican Central Committee
4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
603 Main Street

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El Alazan Mexican Restaurant
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Florence City Council Part I: Pot, tax and the ballot

by Charlotte Burrous

During the August 1st meeting, the Florence City Council approved placing the question of a recreational marijuana facility in its jurisdiction with several amendments, on the ballot along with a ballot measure to collect an excise tax through TABOR.

The council also approved an ordinance calling for an election and setting the ballot title to submit on whether the city should allow retail marijuana cultivation facilities in its jurisdiction.

“We discussed this in committee. There were two changes,” said City Manager Mike Patterson. “The first one is to change the ‘5 percent’ tax to read ‘up to 5 percent’. The second one, [what the funds would be used for] we want to change the wording to ‘with the resulting revenues collected and spent to defer general and capital improvement project expenses of the city.’ The reason is, as the city attorney pointed out to us, if the marijuana tax passes,

we’ll have to collect it. We would be burdening the general fund by making the general fund pay for that without revenues that could go to pay for that particular salary. We need to give ourselves a little bit of flexibility. Clearly the goal of myself and this council is to have this money go primarily into [the] capital improvement budget. It’s really unfair to have the general fund pay for the excise taxes.”

City Attorney Bryan Fredrickson noted the council would have to come up with the exact amount to impose as an excise tax so it could be put in an ordinance when council votes on it.

“The tax will ultimately have to come about by way of an ordinance by city council anyway,” he said. “If you pass that ordinance, you’ll have to come up with an amount to impose on the public and it could be anywhere up to 5 percent.”

After approving the amendments, the council approved the second reading of the ordinance as amended.

Florence City Council Part II: Committee Meeting on Water Rights and Worries

by Charlotte Burrous

During the August 1st committee meeting, former City Manager Tom Piltingsrud presented some water facts, after listening to the council talk about water issues and the idea of having a marijuana grow operation located south of Florence.

“If we don’t use it, we’ll lose it,” said current City Manager Mike Patterson.

However, Piltingsrud said that is not true.

“I keep hearing about the Aurora boogey man coming down to steal our water,” he said. “There’s not one documented case in the Supreme Court of a municipality prevailing against another municipality taking their water rights. Since 1939, the Supreme Court has ruled that cities have a duty to look to the future in their water rights, calling it the ‘great and growing cities doctrine.’”

It’s been reviewed by the Supreme Court all the way up to 2009.

“Not only do you have a duty to look to the future for water rights in excess of your current needs, but to quote Pagosa II, it gives you a 50-year planning cycle to perfect those requirements,” Piltingsrud continued. “While 50 years might be a little high, you certainly have more than three or four years. Even if Aurora were to file an abandonment claim, it takes 10

years to perfect an abandonment claim. You have to abandon your water right another 10 years in order for them to perfect it.”

He suggested the council look at their current needs, noting the city has 3,000 lots in Sumo on the books, Willowbrook and High Meadows, as well as land inside the city limits that’s subject to water requirements. **Any area inside the city limits, the council guarantees water.**

“You have no choice. My concern is with these annexations... up north, there are now uses out there that I have no idea what they’re likely to be. Does anyone in this room know?” Piltingsrud asked the committee. “What are those uses? What are the demands for water? Maybe we ought to be thinking about what the demands are going to be. In this current annexation, how much water do they want? How many million gallons a day?”

Patterson noted the water attorney said Florence had to use the water or lose it.

“Is he saying our water rights are subject to an abandonment claim with Aurora?” Piltingsrud asked him.

“He [the water attorney] absolutely said we have to get going with this,” Patterson replied. “I can agree we have 10 years, but at the same time, 10 years comes fast so we need to be working on it now.”

After the last meeting, the city attorney drafted an ordinance with revisions that included adding a 1,000 foot buffer from churches, schools and residences. The other change was to add “marijuana grow operations only” to the ordinance.

This ordinance passed with a 4-3 vote last meeting; however, the ordinance passed with a 6-1 vote on second reading. Councilman Mike Vendetti was the only one to vote against it.

“Because it’s an advisory vote, the council cannot be bound by it”, Patterson said. “The discussion at the meeting, [essentially using the example of Pueblo County,] seems to be pretty clear. If the voters vote no, then the council could go back and put it in anyway. You’re pretty much guaranteeing yourself it’s going to be on the ballot again and conversely if the voting goes positive and the council chooses not to go by the will of the people, it’s probably going to come back [as a ballot issue again.]”

Piltingsrud said he does not believe the law can enforce that. When he asked if the city had done a study on how much water is needed in the city, Patterson assured him that they had.

“You still have unknowns with the annexation up north,” Piltingsrud added.

“At the same time, the Sumo developers want to sit on *their* water rights,” Patterson replied. “We need to do what Penrose does and say when you come in and you purchase your water rights, it’s good for this amount of time. If you don’t build a house within that amount of time, it expires.”

Piltingsrud suggested the city change the zoning on the city books.

“The last change case you had with Union Ditch Shares is the easiest case you’ll ever have and it took nine years,” he said. “If you have enough shares to make it worthwhile to go to water court, it’s going to be much more difficult because there are no more big parcels you can offer up. **You’re running out of shares that can be converted and you’re running out of areas you can offer up.** Eventually you’ll get to the point, you’re going to have to monitor [resident’s homes if they sell it and they have Union Ditch shares] to make sure they aren’t mixing it with raw water. **You have the Number one right on the Arkansas River and I think you ought to protect it and not start giving it away just because Aurora is out there.”**

Events

August 15-September 15

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

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

Wednesdays— **Puppies at the Library** will be featured from 2-4 p.m. at the Cañon City Public Library at 516 Macon Ave. Pick a dog; pick a book; pick a time. For more information, call 269-9020.

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

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

August 15-Oct. 15, The seventh annual Religious Fine Art Show will be offered from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays at the Abbey Monastery at 2951 E. U.S. 50. For more information, call 275-8631.

August 17, Park After Dark will feature **Gin Blossoms** at 8 p.m. at the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park.

August 18, The Tour of Denomination will continue with **“Who Are the Evangelical Free?”** at 7 p.m. in the Sunflower Bank. All sessions meet at 7 p.m. in the Sunflower Bank building. Call the TRC office at 275-4438, or access trcsoco.org to register and for more information.

August. 20, Boys & Girls Club Sixth Annual Bids n’ BBQ will be held from 5-8 p.m. at Harrison School.

DAWN to DUSK, Fremont Center for the Arts’ two-month Summer Family Event on the lives & art of Colorado Native Americans & Early Settlers. Learn a bit of Colorado’s history, dances, music, entertainment, art and more. Tues thru Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **Special entertainment and demos at 1 p.m. Aug. 20. Live Western Music** 505 Macon, Cañon City, 719-275-2790. Visit www.fremontarts.org/dawn-to-dusk.html

Sept. 9, The Fremont Campus of Pueblo Community College and Cañon City High School invites the public to join in an Observance of 9/11 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Citizens’ Stadium at CCHS at 1313 College Ave.

Sept. 9-10, The Fourth Annual Sons of Italy Italian Festival will begin from 7-10 p.m. Sept. 9th and continue from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Sept. 10th on Macon Plaza in front of Fremont Center for the Arts and Cañon City Public Library. For more information, visit osiaroyalgorge2866.com or call 429-6667.

Sept. 10, The John Wells Memorial Toy Run will begin at 9 a.m.. For more information, visit fremontcommunityfoundation.org

Sept. 9-11, Holy Scrap Chicks Scrapbooking Retreat at 8 a.m. Sept. 9th through 4 p.m. Sept. 11th. Registration is due before Aug. 22 and may be made at Brenda.mckay@theabbeycc.com.

Sept. 15, The Tour of Denomination will continue with **“What Is a Lutheran?”** at 7 p.m. in the Sunflower Bank. All sessions meet at 7 p.m. in the Sunflower Bank building. Call the TRC office at 275-4438, or access trcsoco.org to register and for more information.

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Discernment, Confusion and Exodus 18

In the coming months there is going to be a lot of information fired at you. You will see many emails, news reports, commentaries, blogs, radio and television ads and other forms of media. In fact, it will be information overload. There may even be an ebb and flow of your thoughts from one decision or another and back again. Everyone on the political scene will be trying to make their point. Some will say that because of their moral principles they can't vote for this candidate or that. Some will say that Christians shouldn't participate in the political process. Some will say that there is only one choice. So how do you discern what to do? What is the course that you should take? How would God want you to proceed?

First and foremost, during this and any other national election, we must keep in mind that we are not electing a religious or spiritual leader—not electing a pastor. There is no real political solution to the problems the world or our nation faces. If we are relying on a political savior, we will be highly disappointed. The Lord gives us guidelines in Exodus 18:21 on the type of leader that we should be seeking: "able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness." That is the standard. Most candidates will not measure up, so we need to choose the one that comes closest. That is not necessarily accepting the lesser of two evils, but rather the one that comes the closest to the standard.

When a candidate is known to lie; supports

issues or causes that God specifically abhors; sets out to compel redistribution to others of what you work hard to attain (covetousness); this is one that should not be supported or voted into office. If both candidates do these things equally, you still have an obligation to discern which one will come closest to the standard. Remember that throughout the Bible there were leaders who didn't measure up, but some still did the will of God. Nebuchadnezzar and Cyrus come to mind. While many Christians would argue that they were God's men, they also did not meet the Exodus 18 standard for leadership.

Notwithstanding, God gave Americans the right to choose our leaders rather than have kings or dictators. It is part of our civic responsibility to vote, and to vote responsibly. This has always provided clarity to me. God is not the author of confusion. People are asking how to vote responsibly when candidates do not measure up. Choose the one that you believe will best match the standard who has the best chance to win, and pray that the Lord blesses the choice and honors the intent of your heart. But to refuse to vote, or to vote irresponsibly, is akin to hiding the talent due to fear that the Lord would not be pleased. Don't be confused or fearful. Discern, pray, act.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson

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A Free People Erasing Their Own Freedoms

by Matt Patterson and Lindsey DePasse, The American Thinker

The Greek city-state of Athens had no constitutional protections for people who advocated notions radically at odds with prevailing wisdom.

The result: Socrates was put to death for "corrupting" the youth.

Four hundred years later, the Roman province of Judea contained no constitutional protections for wild-eyed preachers who advocated radical alternatives to established political and religious orthodoxies.

The result: Jesus was crucified for claiming to be "King of the Jews."

Sixteen hundred years later in Italy, there were no constitutional protections for thinkers who discerned profound restructuring of metaphysical realities.

The result: Galileo Galilei was tried and sentenced to house arrest by the Catholic Inquisition for advocating views contrary to Church doctrine.

Four hundred years later, the United States of America *did* provide constitutional protections of speech and assembly, allowing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to lead a movement that changed laws and expanded liberty for millions.

Socrates, Jesus and Galileo lacked governmental protection to say crazy things. As a result, they were put to death or imprisoned by the government for saying crazy things.

True, Dr. King also met with an untimely end, slain by a fellow citizen who denied him his constitutionally protected freedoms. But the others were killed or imprisoned by the government because they had no

constitutionally protected freedoms.

That is all the difference in the world. And it is a difference that Dr. King died for.

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution allowed Dr. King to spread his liberating and glorious message. But let us not forget that for many in the 1960's South, Dr.

"...40 percent of Millennials favor explicit, unconstitutional censorship of 'offensive' speech."

King's message was considered offensive "hate speech." And so it was — hatred for the established order that kept millions of Americans locked in a horrible caste system. Hatred for an oligarchy that denied them essential freedoms.

It just goes to show, one man's hate speech is another man's emancipation. One person's offense is another person's release. Which is why the Founders, in their wisdom, pro-

"...let judges adhere to the Constitution, not because it constricts, but because it liberates."

tected all speech when they approved the charter for the new American Republic in 1787 and included therein a First Amendment that explicitly guaranteed freedom of speech, press, assembly and religion.

Now those protections are threatened, threatened because they are now frighteningly little cherished, especially by young people. A 2015 Pew Research survey found, "Four-in-ten

Millennials say the government should be able to prevent people publicly making statements that are offensive to minority groups."

Let that sink in for a moment: 40 percent of Millennials favor explicit, unconstitutional censorship of "offensive" speech. The same Pew survey found

that 35 percent of all Democrats and 33 percent of all women "say the government should be able to curtail speech that is offensive to minorities."

As if that isn't frightening enough, a federal judge recently advised his colleagues to ignore the Constitution. Writing for Slate, Judge Richard Posner of the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals admonished:

"I see absolutely no value to a judge... studying the

Constitution, the history of its enactment, its amendments, and its implementation. Eighteenth-Century guys, however smart, could not foresee the culture, technology, etc., of the 21st Century. Which means that the original Constitution, the Bill of Rights... do not speak to today."

This erosion of loyalty to the Constitution -- by large sectors of the populace and

those charged with protecting and preserving it -- is both foolish and dangerous. Let us not forget that the "feelings" of white Southerners would have been protected with restrictions on Dr. King's speech. Fortunately, King knew that the ideas embodied in the Constitution *did* speak to him and his time, just as they speak still to us and our time:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

True, these words were written by white, moneyed men in the late 18th-Century. But, if we can look past the color of the hands that shaped them, we could see profound elegance, foresight and astonishing courage.

So let judges adhere to the Constitution, not because it constricts, but because it liberates. Let young people hear all manner of speech, even (especially) offensive speech. And let us remember the words of Socrates, Jesus, Galileo and Martin Luther King Jr. were all at one labeled "offensive."

Let us not throw away the greatest gift ever given to a sovereign people, the freedom to think, speak, associate and worship according to the dictates of our conscience.

Let us us keep the First Amendment first in our hearts.

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General Welfare Clause Revisited: James Madison's Warning Against Federal Meddling in Local Schools

by KrisAnne Hall,
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According to the father of the Constitution the powers delegated to the central government “are few and defined and those that remain in the States are numerous and indefinite.” Federalist Papers #45

Madison also explained that those powers are “reserved to external objects” of “war, peace, negotiation, and foreign commerce.” He also stated that the central government’s power to tax is intended to be limited to those powers. Federalist Papers #45

Madison clarified the meaning of the often-abused “clauses” in 1792 during the Cod Fishery Bill debate. Specifically, that the General Welfare, Necessary and Proper, Commerce, and Tax and Spend clauses were not powers of their own but de-

scriptions of the purposes of those limited and enumerated powers already mentioned.

The General Welfare clause, he explains, was added to describe the purpose of the limited powers being delegated to the central government, i.e. so the central government could use those powers for the “general welfare” of the union, rather than for the benefit of one State over the other. The debates make it crystal clear, that this is not a blanket power to “do anything you can think of” to promote the so-called general welfare. It is in fact a limitation to direct that the power be wielded equitably.

In this debate Madison also warns of the consequences of interpreting this clause as a general boilerplate power, rather than a description of the intent that the limited powers be to the general benefit of the entire union. He said, “For if the clause in question really authoriz-

es Congress to do whatever they think fit, provided it be for the general welfare, of which they are to judge, and money can be applied to it, Congress must have power to create and support a judiciary establishment, with a jurisdiction extending to all cases favorable, in their opinion, to the general welfare, in the same manner as they have power to pass laws, and apply money providing in any other way for the general welfare... If Congress can employ money indefinitely to the general welfare, and are the sole and supreme judges of the general welfare, they may take the care of religion into their own hands; they may appoint teachers in every state, county, and parish, and pay them out of their public treasury; they may take into their own hands the education of children, establishing in like manner schools throughout the Union; they may assume the provision for the poor; they may undertake the regulation of

all roads other than post-roads; in short, everything, from the highest object of state legislation down to the most minute object of police, would be thrown under the power of Congress; for every object I have mentioned would admit of the application of money, and might be called, if Congress pleased, provisions for the general welfare.” James Madison, “On The Cod Fishery Bill, Granting Bounties”, 1792

It is relevant to note in this discussion that Madison is remarking that it is an obvious abuse of power for the central government to assume the role of education. He is speaking to his colleagues in extremes to show his point that interpreting the clauses in this way would result in an unlimited central government, a notion that would be highly offensive to the men involved in this debate.

Therefore, it is clear that the General Welfare clause does not give power or permis-

sion for federal involvement in school and much less for the Federal Department of Education. And to the contrary, according to “the Father of the Constitution,” once we have adopted this erroneous interpretation and application of the General Welfare clause, and perhaps see federal involvement in our schools, we will know we have a ridiculously out of control federal government.

As Madison himself said it, “I venture to declare it as my opinion, that, were the power of Congress to be established in the latitude contended for, it would subvert the very foundations, and transmute the very nature of the limited government established by the people of America; and what inferences might be drawn, or what consequences ensue, from such a step, it is incumbent on us all to consider.”

Because we have turned Constitutional interpretation over to our own musings

that we have indeed “transmuted” into something other than a representative republic. In our arrogance we have decided that the wisdom sown into our founding documents and that, expressed in the profuse writings of its framers, does not need to be consulted. The fact is this wisdom as you know is tied to over 700 years of lesson in history and 5 foundational Liberty Charters, not to mention the liberty philosophers and writers that our founders diligently consulted.

The question is this: Where is such negligence leading us? What kind of government are we creating? Into what are we transmuting?

(Editor/GG: So how did we get in this mess we are in now? Via corrupt U.S. Supreme Court justices. Almost from the beginning.)

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The Holy Grail of Health Insurance Alternatives

by Michael Hamilton,
Heartlander Magazine

As health insurance costs grow and provider networks shrink, more Americans are turning to a cost-effective alternative to traditional third-party insurers, despite the Affordable Care Act’s (ACA) mandate that those who can afford to purchase health insurance do so.

Unlike other federal mandate dodgers in U.S. history, a growing number of insurance dodgers are dodging in full compliance with the law. These are budget-savvy, self-pay patients who have found the best way around ACA is straight through it.

Carved into ACA’s individual mandate is an exception for members of health care sharing ministries (HCSMs). Membership in an HCSM costs less than health insurance, accommodates members’ conscientious objections to ACA, and reduces

health care price inflation by placing patients directly in charge of their health care costs.

HCSMs operate similarly to insurers, with important distinctions. Instead of premiums, members pay monthly fees commonly referred to as “shares” – a key word in HCSMs’ faith-based paradigm. Sharing for religious reasons is the basis for HCSMs’ exemption. Groups such as Medi-Share, Samaritan Ministries, and Liberty HealthShare maintain Christians have been cost-sharing to meet each others’ needs since the days of the early church, almost two thousand years ago.

Monthly shares are generally about \$200 per individual and \$500 per family. In most such sharing ministries, organizations collect and redistribute the shares to other members with medical needs, although Samaritan members send shares (and

sometimes an encouraging note or prayer) directly to needy members via personal check.

The receiving members pay a portion of their own medical expenses, similar to a deductible. A family within Samaritan’s framework would pay the first \$300 for each of its first three non-preventive medical “needs” in a year. Every dollar above this limit is “publishable,” meaning members receive “gifts” (essentially reimbursements) for the remainder of all medical costs – up to \$250,000 per need – until the need is met. After a family’s third publishable need in a year, all subsequent needs costing at least \$300 are publishable.

This means a typical Samaritan family pays a quasi-premium of \$405 per month (\$4,860 per year), for a quasi-deductible as low as \$900 per year plus smaller-dollar non-publishable expenses.

Contrast these costs to those

of health insurance. In 2015, the average family coverage premium was \$17,545 per year, with employees contributing \$4,955, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation’s 2015 Employer Health Benefits Survey. Employees with high-deductible health plans were then liable to pay a family coverage deductible of \$4,345 on average, with 19 percent having an aggregate family deductible of at least \$6,000, states the same report. The legal limit on out-of-pocket maximums for family coverage was \$13,200.

Despite the huge savings HCSMs offer members over health insurance, many members turn to HCSMs because of conscience instead of cost. “Members are joining primarily on principle, not price,” Anthony Hopp, Samaritan’s director of membership development, told Health Care News on April 7. “It’s a biblical health care option that is consistent

with their religious beliefs.”

HCSMs attract some members who qualify for federal subsidies or Medicaid expansion under ACA, but who morally object to receiving taxpayer-funded premium assistance when reasonably priced non-government alternatives are available. Other HCSM members are convinced, or at least suspicious that a small portion of the premiums they would pay for ACA-compliant health insurance might be used indirectly to fund abortions.

Frugal and conscientious, HCSM members benefit the entire health care system by helping to stem the inflation of health care prices. Most members are self-pay patients who frequently pay cash at the time of service, expecting to receive quasi-reimbursements (gifts in the form of others’ shares) in the following months.

As self-payers, members are predisposed to negotiate dis-

counts with providers, who are glad to increase their profit margin by cutting out middle-man insurers. Such savings lower the bottom line for HCSMs, some of which financially reward members who earn large discounts. By contrast, insured individuals typically have no idea what their health care actually costs, and many try to max out their annual deductibles to gain the illusion of “free” health care the rest of the year.

Cost-effective, principled, and patient-driven, HCSMs are the holy grail of health care insurance alternatives. Or, to frame it in terms familiar to HCSM members: What profit it a man to gain health insurance but lose his soul?

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“\$2 Billion a Year” – Illegal Immigrants Get More Food Stamp Benefits Than Poor American Citizens

by Mac Slavo,
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There’s a reason Americans are angered over illegal immigration and despite what liberal-leaning socialists like Hillary Clinton and the *Huffington Post* may suggest, it has absolutely nothing to do with racism.

It’s an economics issue, plain and simple.

And as highlighted by a new report from the *Washington Examiner*, it’s actually American citizens who are feeling the brunt

of the pain and being treated unfairly, not the other way around:

Illegal immigrant households tapping into the federal food stamp program are receiving \$1.4 billion to \$2.1 billion a year despite their ineligibility, according to a new analysis of the Agriculture Department program.

And rules guiding who can get food stamps favor households with illegal immigrants over all - U.S. citizen homes, according to the detailed report from the Center for Immigration Studies released

Monday morning.

David North of cis.org explains how the scam works:

Let’s say that the all-citizen family consisted of three people, employed father, stay-at-home mother, and a small child. Dad makes \$2,400 a month. The family’s income is too high for food stamps since the maximum monthly income is \$2,177 for a family of three.

Then next door there is a mixed family, also three people, with the father being the only worker, also earning \$2,400 a month.

The difference is that the father is an ineligible alien and so, under many states’ regulations, one-third of the family’s income is ignored (prorated is the word in SNAP circles), leaving the family with a nominal income of \$1,600 a month that allows the family to get a food stamps allotment, but only for the two citizens, not for all three in the family.

There is thus a band of households of three with earnings in the range of \$2,177/mo. at the bottom to \$2,589/mo. at the top that would be eligible for food stamps but only if the wage

earner is a non-eligible alien in the eyes of USDA; all-citizen households in this band would not be eligible for food stamps. (Here’s the math: \$2,589 = 150 percent of \$1,726, the maximum income allowable for a family of two when there is a 33.3 percent discount on the illegal’s wages).

That \$2 billion a year in free food offered to people who shouldn’t be in this country in the first place, is only part of it.

An already overburdened American taxpayer is also forced, by way of the gun, to pay for illegal immigrants’

health care, college tuition, and other social services.

But if you argue against illegal immigration or the “free” services they consume, you are a racist.

We’d argue you’re a realist, especially if you understand that all of these free service only work until the government runs out of other peoples’ money.

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8 of 11 Surviving Obamacare Co-Ops Facing Failure

by Richard Pollack, Daily Caller News Foundation

(Editor/GG: Ah, the wonders of socialism. And surprise! The Colorado co-op is in BIG trouble. But who cares—it’s somebody else’s money.)

Eight of the 11 remaining Obamacare health insurance co-ops are in serious financial trouble and could collapse by the end of the year, Mandy Cohen, a top federal health official, told Congress in testimony before a House oversight panel.

Cohen, the chief operating officer for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, generally stonewalled the House Oversight Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules during a hearing focused on the status of the surviving Obamacare health insurance co-ops and the additional costs taxpayers could face in the event of more failures.

Twenty three of the non-profit co-ops were established under Obamacare in 2012 to compete with commercial for-profit insurance companies. But so far half — or 12 — have closed their doors after only two years of operation. A thirteenth co-op in Vermont was never licensed to operate.

Cohen stubbornly refused to disclose which of the remaining 11 are struggling, but conceded that eight now face either federal “enhanced oversight” or are operating under a federal “corrective action plan.”

Cohen refused to guarantee any of the three co-ops not presently operating under a corrective plan would survive the year. “Too early to tell in the year,” Cohen said. “As new information comes

up, if we need to, we will put more folks up on corrective action plans.”

The CMS corrective plans identify operational problems, management deficiencies, poor vendor oversight, pricing problems, an inadequate medical network, or a deficient business strategy, according to Cohen.

The co-ops face “challenges,” Cohen told the panel, but refused to predict which are likely to fail, saying “they don’t fix overnight.” She also declined to estimate how much more taxpayers will lose on the co-op program or how much, if any, will be recovered.

“We are just learning how much we will lose,” she said.

About \$1.4 billion of the \$2.5 billion in Obamacare loan funding was lost when the 12 failed co-ops went under.

Cohen ominously hinted that many local hospitals, medical clinics and doctors may not be paid for services they delivered to co-op patients, because federal law requires that the government be first in line among creditors.

“For federal loans, there is an order of repayment,” she said. “I believe we are at the very top of all of the creditors,” but who gets paid “is on a case-by-case basis” determined by the Justice Department.

Subcommittee Chairman Jim Jordan, an Ohio Republican, wanted more public information for consumers about the performance of the surviving co-ops, but Cohen stoutly resisted the suggestion.

“So your position is that certain information can’t get out because it would some-

how jeopardize the ability of co-ops to survive,” he said. “I fail to see that. Somehow if we get information about enrollment projections and profitability, that’s going to ruin their reputation? Really?”

Cohen said she was “happy” to share that information in private.

“If consumers get that information that’s somehow it’s going to hurt them,” Jordan asked, “That’s the kind of information they need to know so they can say, ‘look, this thing is going down.’”

Cohen still refused to disclose the troubled co-ops, saying that was up to the state insurance commissioners. “That’s really the job of the state department of insurance.”

Cohen also declined to discuss how many of the surviving co-ops were failing to meet enrollment projections. “I can’t speak to the specifics of any one of the co-ops, but that’s definitely a factor we look at,” she said. “We’re first getting in the data.”

Rep. Buddy Carter, a Georgia Republican, told Cohen the federal government ought to pull the plug on all of the remaining co-ops. “One of the things they told us is when you’re in a hole, stop digging,” he said. “We’re in a hole here. Why are we still digging?”

Cohen responded that “we share your concern here. This program certainly has challenges,” and she promised “extensive and aggressive oversight” by her agency.

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Hillary’s List of Planned Tax Hikes

by John Kartch, Alexander Hendrie, Americans for Tax Reform

Hillary Clinton has made clear she intends to dramatically raise taxes on the American people if elected. She has proposed an income tax increase, a business tax increase, a death tax increase, a capital gains tax increase, a tax on stock trading, an “Exit Tax” and more (see below). Her planned net tax increase on the American people is at least \$1 trillion over ten years, based on her campaign’s own figures.

Hillary has endorsed several tax increases on middle income Americans, despite her pledge not to raise taxes on any American making less than \$250,000. She has said she would be fine with a payroll tax hike on all Americans, she has endorsed a steep soda tax, endorsed a 25% national gun tax, and most recently, her campaign manager John Podesta said she would be open to a carbon tax. It’s no wonder that when asked by ABC’s George Stephanopoulos if her pledge was a “rock-solid” promise, she slipped and said the pledge was merely a “goal.” In other words, she’s going to raise taxes on middle income Americans.

Hillary’s formally proposed \$1 trillion net tax increase consists of the following:

Income Tax Increase – \$350 Billion: Clinton has proposed a \$350 billion income tax hike in the form of a 28 percent cap on itemized deductions.

Business Tax Increase -- \$275 Billion: Clinton has called for a tax hike of at least \$275 billion through undefined business tax reform, as described in a Clinton campaign document.

“Fairness” Tax Increase -- \$400 Billion: According to her published plan, Clinton has called for a tax increase of “between \$400 and \$500 billion” by “restoring basic fairness to our tax code.” These proposals include a “fair share surcharge,” the taxing of carried interest capital gains as ordinary income, and a hike in the Death Tax.

But there are even more Clinton tax hike

proposals not included in the tally above. Her campaign has failed to release specific details for many of her proposals. The true Clinton net tax hike figure is likely much higher than \$1 trillion.

For instance: **Capital Gains Tax Increase --** Clinton has proposed an increase in the capital gains tax to counter the “tyranny of today’s earnings report.” Her plan calls for a byzantine capital gains tax regime with six rates. Her campaign has not put a dollar amount on this tax increase.

Tax on Stock Trading -- Clinton has proposed a new tax on stock trading. Costs associated with this new tax will be borne by millions of American families that hold 401(k)s, IRAs and other savings accounts. The tax increase would only further burden markets by discouraging trading and investment. Again, no dollar figure for this tax hike has been released by the Clinton campaign.

“Exit Tax” – Rather than reduce the extremely high, uncompetitive corporate tax rate, Clinton has proposed a series of measures aimed at inversions including an “exit tax” on income earned overseas. The term “exit tax” is used by the campaign itself. Her campaign document describing this proposal says it will raise \$80 billion in tax revenue, but claims some of the \$80 billion will be plowed into tax relief. How much? The campaign doesn’t say.

This proposal completely fails to address the underlying causes behind inversions: The U.S. 39% corporate tax rate (35% federal rate plus an average state rate of 4%) and our “worldwide” system of taxation, which imposes tax on all American earnings worldwide. The average corporate rate in the developed world is 25%. Thirty-one of thirty-four developed countries have cut their corporate tax rate since 2000. The U.S. has not. Hillary’s plan moves in the wrong direction.

Read more: <http://www.ATR.org/full-list-hillary-s-planned-tax-hikes#ixzz4FnLV-5jPg>

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Psalm: 103:19 ESV

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

Captain John Parker, Lexington Green, April 19, 1775

The Battle of Athens, Tennessee

by David Codrea

As Recently as 1946, American Citizens Were Forced to Take Up Arms as a Last Resort Against CORRUPT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

On August 1-2, 1946, some Americans, brutalized by their county government, used armed force as a last resort to overturn it. These Americans wanted honest open elections. For years they had asked for state or federal election monitors to prevent vote fraud (forged ballots, secret ballot counts and intimidation by armed sheriff's deputies) by the local political boss. They got no help.

These Americans' absolute refusal to knuckle under had been hardened by service in World War II. Having fought to free other countries from murderous regimes, they rejected vicious abuse by their county government.

These Americans had a choice. Their state's Constitution -- Article 1, Section 26 -- recorded their right to keep and bear arms for the common defense. Few "gun control" laws had been enacted.

These Americans were residents of McMinn County, which is located between Chattanooga and Knoxville in Eastern Tennessee. The two main towns were Athens and Etowah. McMinn County residents had long been independent political thinkers. For a long time they also had: accepted bribe-taking by politicians and/or the sheriff to overlook illicit whiskey-making and gambling; financed the sheriff's department from fines-usually for speeding or public drunkenness which promoted false arrests; and put up with voting fraud by both Democrats and Republicans.

The wealthy Cantrell family, of Etowah, backed Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the 1932 election, hoped New Deal programs would revive the local economy and help Democrats to replace Republicans in the county government. So it proved.

Paul Cantrell was elected sheriff in the 1936, 1938 and 1940 elections, but by slim margins. The sheriff was the key county official. Cantrell was elected to the state senate in 1942 and 1944; his chief

deputy, Pat Mansfield, was elected sheriff. In 1946 Paul Cantrell again sought the sheriff's office.

At the end of 1945, some 3,000 battle-hardened veterans returned to McMinn County; the GIs held Cantrell politically responsible for Mansfield's doings. Early in 1946, some newly returned ex-GIs decided to challenge Cantrell politically by offering an all-ex-GI, non-partisan ticket. They promised a fraud-free election, stating in ads and speeches that there would be an honest ballot count and reform of county government.

At a rally, a GI speaker said, "The principles that we fought for in this past war do not exist in McMinn County. We fought for democracy because we believe in democracy but not the form we live under in this county" (*Daily Post-Athenian*, 17 June 1946, p.1). At the end of July 1946, 159 McMinn County GIs petitioned the FBI to send election monitors. There was no response. The Department of Justice had not responded to McMinn County residents' complaints of election fraud in 1940, 1942 and 1944.

FROM BALLOTS TO BULLETS

The primary election was held on August 1st. To intimidate voters, Mansfield brought in some 200 armed "deputies." GI poll-watchers were beaten almost at once. At about 3 p.m., Tom Gillespie, an African-American voter was told by a sheriff's deputy that he could not vote. Despite

being beaten, Gillespie persisted. The enraged deputy shot him. The gunshot drew a crowd. Rumors spread that Gillespie had been shot in the back; he later recovered (C. Stephen Byrum, *The Battle of Athens*, Paidia Productions, Chattanooga, TN, 1987; pp. 155-57).

Other deputies detained ex-GI poll-watchers in a polling place, as that made the ballot counting "Public" A crowd gathered. Sheriff Mansfield told his deputies to disperse the crowd. When the two ex-GIs smashed a big window and escaped, the crowd surged forward. The deputies, with guns drawn, formed a tight half-circle around the front of the polling place. One deputy, "his gun raised high...shouted: 'If you sons of b*****s cross this street I'll kill you!'" (Byrum, p.165).

Mansfield took the ballot boxes to the jail for counting. The deputies seemed to fear immediate attack by the "people who had just liberated Europe and the South Pacific from two of the most powerful war machines in human history" (Byrum, pp. 168-69).

Short of firearms and ammunition, the GIs scoured the county to find them. By borrowing keys to the National Guard and State Guard armories, they got three M-1 rifles, five .45 semi-automatic pistols and 24 British Enfield rifles. The armories were nearly empty after the war's end. By 8 p.m. a group of GIs and "local boys" headed for the jail but left the back door unguarded to give the jail's defenders an easy way out.

Three GIs alerting passers-by to danger were fired on from the jail. Two GIs were wounded. Other GIs returned fire.

Firing subsided after 30 minutes; ammunition ran low and night had fallen. Thick brick walls shielded those inside the jail. Absent radios, the GIs' rifle fire was uncoordinated. "From the hillside fire rose and fell in disorganized cascades. More than anything else, people were simply shooting at the jail" (Byrum, p.189).

Several who ventured into the street in front of the jail were wounded. One man inside the jail was badly hurt; he recovered. Most sheriff's deputies wanted to hunker down and await rescue. Governor McCord mobilized the State Guard, perhaps to scare the GIs into withdrawing. The State Guard never went to Athens. McCord may have feared that Guard units filled with ex-GIs might not fire on other ex-GIs.

At about 2 a.m. on August 2nd, the GIs forced the issue. Men from Meigs County threw dynamite sticks and damaged the jail's porch. The panicked deputies surrendered. GIs quickly secured the building. Paul Cantrell faded into the night, having almost been shot by a GI who knew him, but whose .45 pistol had jammed. Mansfield's deputies were kept overnight in jail for their own safety. Calm soon returned. The GIs posted guards. The rifles borrowed from the armory were cleaned and returned before sunup.

THE AFTERMATH: RESTORING DEMOCRACY

In five precincts free of vote fraud, the GI candidate for sheriff, Knox Henry, won 1,168 votes to Cantrell's 789. Other GI candidates won by similar margins.

The GI's did not hate Cantrell. They only wanted honest government. On August 2nd, a town meeting set up a three-man governing committee. The regular police having fled; six men were chosen to police Etowah. In addition, "Individual citizens were called upon to form patrols or guard groups, often led by a GI... To their credit, however, there is not a single mention of an abuse of power on their behalf" (Byrum, p. 220).

Once the GI candidates' victory had been certified, they cleaned up county government, the jail was fixed, newly elected officials accepted a \$5,000 pay limit and Mansfield supporters who resigned were replaced.

The general election on November 5th passed quietly.

McMinn County residents having restored the rule of law, returned to their daily lives. Pat Mansfield moved back to Georgia. Paul Cantrell set up an auto dealership in Etowah. "Almost everyone who knew Cantrell in the years after the Battle agree that he was not bitter about what had happened" (Byrum pp. 232-33; see also *New York Times*, 9 August 1946, p. 8).

The 79th Congress adjourned on August 2, 1946, when the Battle of Athens ended. However, Representative John Jennings Jr. from Tennessee decried McMinn County's sorry situation under Cantrell and Mansfield and the Justice Department's repeated failures to help the McMinn County residents. Jennings was delighted that "...at long last, decency and honesty, liberty and law have returned to the fine county of McMinn.. " (Congressional Record, House; U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1946; Appendix, Volume 92, Part 13, p. A4870).

THE LESSONS OF ATHENS

Those who took up arms in Athens, Tennessee, wanted honest elections, a cornerstone of our constitutional order. They had repeatedly tried to get federal or state election monitors and had used armed force so as to minimize harm to the law-breakers, showing little malice to the defeated law-breakers. They restored lawful government.

The Battle of Athens clearly shows how Americans can and should lawfully use armed force and also shows why the rule of law requires unrestricted access to firearms and how civilians with military-type firearms can beat the forces of government gone bad.

Dictators believe that public order is more important than the rule of law. However, Americans reject this idea. Brutal political repression is lethal to many. An individual criminal can harm a handful of people. Governments alone can brutalize thousands, or millions.

Law-abiding McMinn County residents won the Battle of Athens because they were not hamstrung by "gun control". They showed us when citizens can and should use armed force to support the rule of law.

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Friends of NRA events raise grant funds for local organizations in support of Second Amendment Rights and promoting shooting sports education and ethical use of firearms. Organizations involved in helping youth shooting sports, youth education, firearm safety, range development, wounded warriors and other disabled persons are all eligible for grant funds raised from Friends of NRA banquets

A major portion of the dollars you spend at this event will be returned to Custer County through grants to deserving local community service organizations.

Tickets for this great event can be purchased online from the Friends of NRA website at www.friendsofnra.org. For more information and to order tickets, please contact Dwaine Robey at 783-9044.

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Colt Unveils a New Expanse M4 - the CE2000

Press Release
WEST HARTFORD, Conn. – (July 29, 2016)

Colt, designer and manufacturer of the M4 carbine and M16 rifle, is excited to announce a new chapter in the evolution of it's popular Expanse M4 carbine line with the release of the new upgraded model CE2000.

"This was a natural move for us," said Justin Baldini, Product Director for Colt.

"We simply listened to what our customers and our Colt Stocking Dealers were telling us, and the story was simple. Folks want the added features of a real Colt dust cover and forward assist, and they want it to come that way from the factory."

And Colt did just that. Building on what made the original Expanse M4 model CE1000 special – the same Colt forgings, bolt, and other parts used on the rest of the Colt M4 line – the new Colt Expanse M4

model CE2000 is upgraded to include a Colt dust cover and forward assist.

"We couldn't be happier to deliver to our customers exactly what they want," said Paul Spitale, Senior



VP at Colt. "It's a proud moment to be able to build on the success we've had with the Expanse M4 in a way that provides an even better ownership experience to the discerning firearms enthusiast."

With this latest model in

the Expanse M4 line, Colt continues it's efforts to put a quality AR-15® within easy reach of the modern sportsman. The Expanse M4 is a great point of entry for an enthusiast looking to

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Father of Orlando Terrorist Loves Hillary Clinton

by Bob Owens, BearingArms.com

The mainstream media did the best they could to hide the fact that the Pulse Nightclub massacre, the deadliest Islamic terror attack since 9/11, was carried out by a devout supporter of Hillary Clinton. It's also now clear that Clinton has the support of his father as well, as he was spotted in the crowd by an incredulous Florida news team covering her rally.

Hillary Clinton spoke to a crowd in Kissimmee, FL, just south of Orlando. She was supposed to be talking jobs, but started the speech off paying tribute to those affected by the Pulse Nightclub shooting.

"I know how many people, families, loved ones, and friends are still grieving, and we will be with you as you rebuild your lives."

WPTV happened to notice the man, who has a mustache and was wearing a red hat, behind Clinton. It was Seddique Mateen,

the father of Orlando mass shooter O__M__*. By chance, the news team ran into Mateen at a rest stop after the rally, where he created that showed his support for Clinton on Benghazi, and said that the Democrat was "good for national security."

The Taliban-supporting elder Mateen also said that Hillary Clinton had the right idea on gun control.

Gun control laws ensured that the 300 people inside

Pulse Nightclub the night of June 12 were disarmed and nearly helpless when his ISIS-supporting son began his three-hour massacre.

"Ready for Hillary, " indeed.

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Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim

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

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

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



Dear Mr. Trump

I am a small voice in an obscure part of America, but I do believe that the following thoughts are representative of the sentiments of millions of our fellow citizens. As a businessman you are familiar with contracts which are simply agreements between two or more parties to fulfill an obligation mutually consented to. I propose such a pledge binding you and American Christians together in an effort to upright a national sinking ship.

Our expectations of you are considerable but the office of the presidency is accompanied by the weight of great responsibility. First of all, we are extremely weary of the sovereign syndrome which has afflicted us the past eight years. One of ancient Israel's greatest errors in judgment took place when they requested a king. God warned the nation of the consequences but to no avail. King Obama has worn us out with his executive orders, apologies to our enemies, total disregard for our Constitution and his narcissistic egotism. To be clothed with the humility of a servant's spirit is a rare commodity in those seeking the highest office of the land, but a personal confrontation with "the road to Damascus" God can radically alter a previous disposition.

Absence of arrogance generates a much higher probability of truthfulness. Satan, who "is a king over all the children of pride" (Job 41:34) is "a liar, and the father of it." (John 8:44) Rational, thinking Americans are emotionally exhausted from hearing lies about Benghazi, reasons for 400 million dollars shipped to Iran, the J.V. team and a religion of peace. The light of truth is not always comfortable, but it is infinitely safer than the darkness of prevarication. Mr. Trump---we desire a leader who speaks the truth. History has demonstrated that is not a quality we could ever expect from Hillary. Please do not allow past performances to set any precedents. The prophet Isaiah well described the spirit of our age when he declared: "And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." (Isaiah 59:14) We often feel like beggars looking for bread crumbs of truth that have been hidden by the media and the aristocracy. A president who will deliver the whole loaf would be an oasis of refreshment in a parched wilderness.

The next priority is one of highest proportions, namely national security. You have made statements concerning the need of an increased military, limited immigration (particularly from Muslim countries), and strengthened relationships with allies such as Israel...these remarks have resonated with us peasants. The problem is that if you are elected untold volumes of political pressure will be applied to dilute those

objectives. When a man's foundation is truth as opposed to expediency, he may find the courage to face the most insidious adversaries. A marvelous preacher of yesteryear, Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., once said, "You know, if you want to do right, you don't have any trouble knowing what's right. It's easy. All you've got to do is ask God, and if God's already told you, you don't have to go back and ask Him. If it's contrary to the Ten Commandments, it's wrong. If it's contrary to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it's wrong. But it's hard to do right. Sometimes it's awfully hard. It takes faith, and character, and manhood, and womanhood ---you know it isn't easy to stand. A soldier on a battlefield has no harder time to stand than some of you in the quiet, ordinary, routine battles of life. These two little words are such big words, and you can know what's right if you want to know. And if you want to know what's right, God can give you grace to do what's right." Mr. Trump---we desire a president who will do right! Are you that man?

A portion of right will tackle the elephant in Congress which is, of course, government spending and the national debt. It will require the boldness of a lion to veto pork barrel budgets and legislation. The yoke of indentured servitude has fallen on us with the weight of Goliath's spear, but if there is to be a David in our nation's future, he may be remembered in history as "Donald the Lion Hearted."

If you will address these and other pressing issues with Biblical common sense, I believe the Christian community will rally to support you with their prayers which will fulfill our part of the covenant. Prayer may sound trite to the uninformed, but I assure you, of the things that others could do for me, prayer would top the list. To discount the effectiveness of prayer is to deny the power of God. Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance; it is laying hold of His highest willingness.

At the close of the American War of Independence the representatives of the people met to draw up a constitution for the country. For several weeks they talked but made little headway. Finally, 82-year-old Benjamin Franklin addressed the assembly calling to mind how often they had met for prayer during the war. Repeatedly they had been delivered. Then he said that "if not a sparrow can fall to the ground without your Heavenly Father, I am sure that no Empire worth rearing can ever be raised without Him." (Cf. Matthew 10:29)

On this suggestion they went to prayer, and as a result the Constitution of the United States of America was soon adopted. Prayer permeated and perfected it, and only prayer will preserve it.

A Sheepdog Barks!

Let me get something off my chest. I love sports. I love competition. I used to love the Olympics. However, I do not love what the Olympics have become. The Greeks got it right in the beginning. Come together every four years and see who is the best runner, jumper and wrestler. The Olympic Spirit was great. Once the modern games were started again it was good for many years. Amateur athletes showed up and competed without performance enhancing drugs or blood doping. Normal facilities were used. But then along came scandals, politics and the need to "out-do" the last games and that meant more money. It seems like everything always comes down to more money. I now dislike what the games have become. First and most important, is the colossal waste of money in building costly and extravagant Olympic villages and venues that later are abandoned. I read the other day that the debt in many cases takes decades to pay off and usually at the expense of the citizens.

For me, the games begin to suffer when events were added that required "judges." When an event relies on subjective evaluations like gymnastics, diving and ice skating you can bet the corruption and politics are not far behind. Countries like the USSR, East Germany and others started taking youngsters and creating state supported professional athletes. The Olympics used to only be amateur athletes. After the countries that adhered to the Olympic principles and spirit started losing to the full-time, professional athletes, things changed. "Pros" were allowed to compete. So now the NBA competes and wins us a gold medal. I started losing my love for this spectacle about that time.

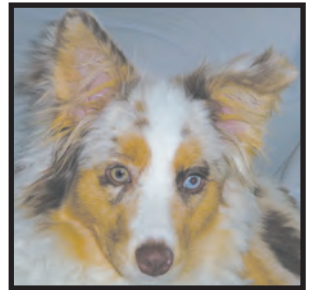
And the games have spiraled out of control. Powerful sports federations and organizations have pushed to include more and more silly competitions into the games. Originally the games were conducted to find out who could run the fastest, jump the highest, throw something the farthest or lift something the heaviest. But then things got out of hand. We now have "sports" like golf, trampoline gymnastics and table tennis which most of us know as ping pong. REALLY? When the dominate sports in the Olympics like gymnastics and

swimming wanted even more medal events, they successfully created events like synchronized diving and rhythmic gymnastics. This is starting to become insane. Who knows what might be added next; marbles, tidily winks or how about Team Pokemon? This colossal growth and waste of money needs to stop. WOOF!

And when oodles of money are involved, you know the corruption is not far behind. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has been involved in many scandals and has become a symbol of arrogance and corruption. Members have been caught taking bribes. One former IOC vice president was found guilty of accepting \$700,000 in gifts and bribes for helping select Seoul and Salt Lake City. Yet when it needs to do its job like bar the athletes from a state sponsored doping operation, it can't get it done. There are already investigations into a \$2 Million payment which might have led to the selection of Tokyo for the 2020 games.

And look at the situation in Rio. There was a chorus of objections to the selection of Rio because of its crime and its unhealthy and polluted environment. The IOC accepted pledges from Brazil that were totally implausible such as transforming the terribly polluted Gwanabara Bay. I heard a kayaker capsized when he ran into a floating sofa. Brazil promised \$1Billion to clean up the cesspool but after being selected reduced the committed budget to \$51Million. Imagine that! And get this. The Mayor of Rio de Janeiro, Eduardo Paes, in defending Rio's selection said Rio has always been a trailblazer city. WHAT? Can someone explain that? WOOF!

I'm sorry, but it's time for a change to the Olympics. Consider the recent reports about Rio's Opening Ceremony. London spent \$42 Million on its opening ceremony and Rio was only able to muster \$20 Million. REALLY? ONLY \$20 Million? \$20 Million for a crazy two hour ceremony full of political correctness! We were blasted with the "wonderfulness" of a Refugee Olympic Team and the "horrors" of Climate Change. Total nonsense! Things have got to change. I admit that I love to see an American athlete win a medal and hear the National Anthem played. But at what cost are these games being



done today? It's not worth it WOOF!

The Olympic motto is "Citius, Altius, Fortius." That's "faster, higher and stronger." It has now become Corruptius, Costlius, and Politcius Correctius! It must be reformed. Get back to the basics and go where there are facilities that already exist. Stop awarding the games to places that don't have the infrastructure to conduct the games. We do applaud the IOC for a few good decisions over these sports federation excesses. They finally did eliminate the "solo" synchronized swimming event when it was pointed out that a solo swimmer couldn't "synchronize" with anyone. And they also barred men from synchronized swimming. Way to go! Finally! I'm sure we can expect transgenders competing in the 2020 games. That will be interesting to say the least. If Michael Phelps would get in touch with his feminine side he could compete for three or four more games and win 20 more gold medals. WOOF!

I'm sure I've gored a few of my reader's oxen and for that I'm sorry. I know some of it is just my cynicism which my sheepdog wife continues to warn me about. But when HRC tweets out that she was so proud of an American athlete competing in a hijab, I couldn't help but worry about where America might be headed. My first thought when I heard the report that there was a hijab being worn under a fencing helmet was WGAHA?! Is it important to know that Mormon athletes might be wearing religious underwear or that a competitor might be secretly carrying a cross? NO, it's not. I guess HillIARy really needs the votes. She didn't, however, bother to mention the American woman who won the first gold medal with a GUN! MY kind of woman. Well I'm glad I got this off my chest. If you'll excuse me, I have to go watch an American win the Shot Put. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



RAIN BARRELS
from page 1

Washing your car? Sure! Washing your neighbor's car? Only if your neighbor moves it to your property for washing. Theresa Conley of Conservation Colorado points out that you might have some issues with water pressure.

Washing your outdoor windows or siding? Sure!

Putting water in your dog's outdoor water bowl? Or maybe putting it in your livestock trough? Maybe not. The law says rainwater isn't to be used for drinking, although that's generally viewed as a human consumption issue, not animal.

Reagan Waskom, director of the Colorado Water Institute at Colorado State University, said there were rainwater bills passed in 2009 that allowed rain barrels for homeowners with domestic well permits, for home use only. Those laws were viewed as not applying to livestock. "The only way you could allow your horse to drink rainwater is if the horse could reach through your window to the sink," he quipped.

Then there's the "ick" factor. As Waskom sees it, "if you don't lick your roof, don't put it in your mouth." Meaning, rainwater that comes off a roof isn't treated and isn't safe for consumption. Think bird or insect droppings and older roofs with deteriorating shingles that are losing gravel, tar or other bits of debris. Ick.

One more thing: Rain barrels will be legal for another portion of Colorado residents – but not for everyone. The law applies to people living in single-family residences or a "multi-family residence of four or fewer units." According to Conley of Conservation Colorado, the law does not allow rain

barrels to be used by schools or for homeowners' associations that have more than four homes connected by a common wall (think townhouses, or townhouse-style condos, which are common throughout the metro area). That said, HOAs can't ban rain barrels for single-family homes and townhomes with four or fewer units, says Molly Foley-Healy of the Colorado Homeowners Association, which does legal work on behalf of HOAs. An HOA can impose requirements on what the rain barrel looks like and how it's placed on the downspout, according to Conley, who helped draft the bill.

Top ten ways you can use rainwater

10. Washing your car;
9. Filling your outdoor koi pond;
8. As water for a slip-and-slide, probably okay;
7. Dust suppression – you could use it to water off the dust on your porches and patios;
6. Filling birdbaths;
5. Washing your dog, as long as you do it outdoors;
4. Cleaning outdoor equipment, such as gardening tools;
3. Using it to put out small fires, like in a fire pit. A reminder, though, fire pits are NOT legal in Denver, although they are legal in other counties;
2. Watering your outdoor garden. CSU Extension Service says 110 gallons, the maximum amount that can be collected in two rain barrels, would provide enough water for about 180 square feet, roughly the size of a 15-foot x 15-foot garden. Waskom says you could also water your indoor plants, if you take them outside to do it;
1. Water your lawn or outdoor landscaping. That's the heart and intent of the new law – to allow Coloradans to water lawns and gardens.

Top ten ways you can't or shouldn't use rainwater

10. Filling your hot tub. Probably not so good for your hot tub's filtration system, especially if you have an older roof;
9. Filling your kids' wading pool;
8. Indoor washing – dishes, laundry, yourself or your pets;
7. Cooking;
6. Drinking;
5. Filling the water tanks in your camper or RV, or flushing out the water lines;
4. Bobbing for apples;
3. Filling up your beer buckets for BBQs or other parties;
2. Water balloons for outdoor water fights, squirt guns and other outdoor water toys. Again, kind of an "ick" issue;
1. "Home-Alone"-style stunts, where you could set up a bucket of water on a railing in order for it to fall on somebody. (Yes, someone actually suggested that.)

There will be eyes on Colorado's new rain barrel law: the state water engineer (yes, we have that) is required to be involved in the new law. Their biggest job for the August 10 roll-out, according to Deputy Engineer Kevin Rein, was setting up guidelines for rain barrel use, which is now on the Division of Water Resources website.

Under the new law, the state engineer has to determine whether allowing rain barrels has caused in-

jury to those with the first-in-line water claims.

It won't be easy, according to Rein. The division is currently monitoring a pilot project on rain barrels near Sterling Ranch in Littleton; otherwise, they're likely to find out about injuries to water users through complaints and other data. "It's information we'll pick up," he told *The Colorado Independent* Monday. "If someone believes they have been harmed by rain barrel use, we're counting on them to let us know."

Even then, Rein said, it will likely be difficult to measure. Rainstorms generate a small amount of runoff from roofs and downspouts, he said, and much will depend on the magnitude of a storm.

If there's any harm to water users, it's most likely to come out when the state engineer updates the legislature, but that won't happen until 2019. The state engineer does have the ability to curtail use of rain barrels if such harm is discovered.

The bottom line on rain barrels: Using two rain barrels to water your garden could save up to 1,200 gallons per year. And Conservation Colorado says it's a great way to connect to the state's water supply, because using a rain barrel tunes you into Colorado's natural rain cycles.

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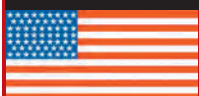
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