

Good Pot Bust Goes Bad: DA LaDoux Refuses to Get Seizure Warrant, Pot Vanishes!

by George Gramlich

Last Friday, August 19th, around 2 p.m., a convoy of Custer County Sheriff’s Office vehicles followed by a fire truck from the Wet Mountain Fire Department and an ambulance from EMS left a staging area in Westcliffe and headed towards a residence and barn located on Little Bear Drive in Antelope Valley. The same place where last year the state law enforcement task force busted a Florida controlled pot grow gang, along with a second site in Custer County and four others in Fremont County.

Apparently they came back. Alerted to a possible new pot grow operation at the Little Bear Drive residence, the Sheriff’s Office had been conducting an in-depth investigation for

months, and finally got a search warrant to raid the place.

Upon arriving at the scene, they discovered a Cuban

national present, an individual named Alejandro Diaz, ostensibly from Colorado Springs. He spoke spanish only. At the scene the deputies, led by Under Sheriff

Chris Barr, discovered 85 mature marijuana plants in the barn and extensive electrical and water equipment. The Sheriff’s Office estimates the value of

the plants at between three hundred and four hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Diaz was arrested and charged with unlawful cultivation of marijuana. An arrest was obtained for the owner of the property, Mr. Iroel Montejo, who was arrested last year for growing pot at the same location. Mr. Diaz bonded out over the weekend. During questioning at the Sheriff’s Office, it was determined that Mr. Diaz was from Cuba and had been in this country for approximately a year.

During the raid, when the pot plants were discovered at the residence, the Sheriff’s Office requested from the District Attorney’s office, a “seizure and destruction order from the court” so the



Barn on Little Bear Drive where the illegal pot was grown.

Courtesy photo from the Custer County Sheriff’s Office

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Commissioner Kattnig’s Town Hall Meeting: The Recall, “The Letter”, 911, and Other Issues Discussed

by Fred Hernandez

The town hall meeting organized by Commissioner Bob Kattnig on August 18th in banquet room of the bowling alley, was called to order on time at 7 p.m., with a standing room only audience of close to one hundred. The well-organized presentation started with a brief update from leaders of organizations with whom Mr. Kattnig interacts in the course of his duties as commissioner. First up was school Superintendent, Mr. Mark Payler, who informed all present about some good news and something new at the school; a “closed campus”, which means no one is allowed to leave campus for lunch at this time. However, upon meeting a certain predetermined criteria over a specified period, students will qualify to leave campus. Mr. Payler also reviewed various other topics.

The Veterans Administration Officer, Mr. Tim Swartz, was up next with a substantial report regarding his work, the progress he has personally made in his training, and in his organizing the VA office to better serve the veterans of Custer County.

Fire Chief Dave Tonsing gave a briefing on the Hayden Pass fire which is officially out and the few smoldering embers will be quickly snuffed out with the first snow. He then reported

on the work being done over the last year to recruit more firefighters and a concept patterned after Florence, which gives a monetary incentive for quick responders.

These briefings took about forty minutes after which Mr. Kattnig came to the podium and spoke for a little more than an hour. In his opening statement he reminded the room full of residents that when he ran for office he promised three things; transparency, broadband and fiscal responsibility. What you see now, he said, is due to that transparency as he works on behalf of the people of the county. He then immediately addressed the current effort to cause his recall and focused on the reasons as stated on the petition itself. The first one, which states that he was unprepared, he attributes to the first meeting he attended as a commissioner when the issue at hand was the selection between the two newspapers in the town for the publishing of the legal notices. He abstained from voting because, as he says it, he was not well versed enough to make a properly considered decision on the matter.

Regarding the accusation about his treatment of women, Kattnig said

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Custer County Sheriff’s Office: Hardscrabble (Highway 96) Fires Extinghuished



Fire on Highway 96 (Hardscrabble).

Courtesy photo from the Fremont County Sheriff’s Office.

Press Release

Hwy 96 fire - At approximately 11:07 am (Editor/GG: Tuesday, August 23rd) the Custer County Sheriff’s Office received numerous calls of multiple fires along Hwy 96 between mile marker 20 and 28. Wetmore Fire, Florence Fire, Wet Mountain Fire, Pueblo Fire, Fremont County Sheriff’s Office all assisted in response to the fires. 10 spots were identified where fires started with most of them small and citizens were able to assist. Two areas grew quickly and fire personnel worked to stop their progression.

Hwy 96 was closed between McKenzie Junction and Wetmore for fire personnel safety. Initial attack was successful and the fires were controlled.

Hwy 96 has been opened to one way traffic for now and we will be trying to open it up in the near future.

The total fire is estimated to be five acres.

(Editor/GG: Thanks for all of our emergency response personnel, especially all of the local fire departments and the citizens who stopped to help. The Sheriff’s Office is investigating.)

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

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

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

INSULTING OUR INTELLIGENCE

The latest release of information about Hillary Rodham Clinton (HRC) conducting Clinton Foundation business while she was Secretary of State (SOS) causes us great confusion. Even though we know she agreed to separate herself from the Clinton Foundation while serving the United States, we now know that to be just another HRC lie. The recent release of emails and phone lists prove beyond a reasonable doubt that she violated her promise. This is not unusual, however, for HRC. There are literally dozens of examples of improper and corrupt behavior, to say the least, during her forty plus years of "public service." Hillary has a history and legacy of scandal, corruption and cronyism. And it seemingly never ends. Why would it end in the White House? The explanations and suggestions that ALL of these improprieties and possible

crimes are the result of a "vast right-wing conspiracy" insult all Americans' intelligence. Based on her record of public life we know she is untrustworthy, dishonest and corrupt. Her lame excuses and distortions insult her supporters most of all. We easily understand why her popularity percentage is so low. Her supporters always counter that with something like this "but Trump's popularity is even lower." That is true, but totally irrelevant. Let's leave the discussion on Mrs. Clinton. We cannot understand how the liberals can stand behind this woman. When is enough smoke enough? A list of her misdeeds and possible crimes would fill this whole newspaper. Yet her supporters continue to defend her as the most qualified person to be the President of the United States. We believe that it is impossible for a dishonest, untrustworthy and corrupt

person of any sex or color to be "qualified." In 2008 Barack Obama said "she will say anything and do nothing." In 2016 he said "she is the most qualified person in the world to be the president." Those conflicting statements tell us only one thing. Barack Obama is also willing to say anything even when it defies logic and truth.

Information that has become public just in the last month or so should keep her out of the White House. Despite her signed pledge in 2009 to separate herself as the SOS from her foundation the big donors had access to her; just another broken promise which speaks to her character. She also failed to name the donors that she promised she would. Just another lie. Later it was disclosed that Clinton left dozens of meetings off her official SOS schedule. That alone is a violation of the Official Records Act. But she just sails along un-

scathed and unbothered by her corruption. After lying recently on Fox News Sunday about her classified emails, she explained it away by saying she must have "short-circuited." A new phrase for what most of us know as "lied." Her campaign released this statement about the Clinton Foundation emails she failed to turn over to the FBI. *"Once again the right wing organization (Editor/JMH: Thank goodness for Judicial Watch) that has been going after the Clintons since the 1990s is distorting facts to make utterly false attacks. No matter how this group tries to mischaracterize these documents, the fact remains that Hillary Clinton never took action as Secretary of State because of donations to the Clinton Foundation."*

Again, an insult to our collective intelligence. One would have to be void of any ability to think and understand to accept that statement. Just look into

the sale of uranium to Russia and the resulting donations to the foundation. Trump has called for a special prosecutor and he is right. We cannot trust the FBI or the Department of Justice.

We know why our liberal progressive friends and colleagues won't vote for Donald Trump, but it is beyond our imagination to understand why they would vote for Hillary Rodham Clinton. She would be a disgrace to the office. The humanitarian efforts of the Clinton Foundation are being used as a good cover story and to divert attention. However the real story is about her continued bad behavior and her continued lies. She is not worthy to sit in the Oval Office. HRC lacks character, integrity and good judgement. Contrary to what Obama says, she is NOT qualified. We hope the majority of Americans will come to realize that by November.



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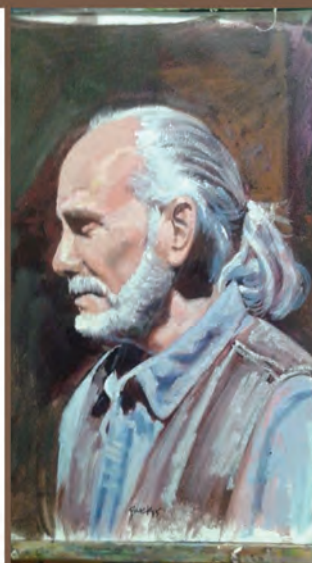
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“Buffalo Bob Kattnig Deftly Rode Herd...”

Letter to the Editor:

I attended the “public town hall meeting” last week and Buffalo Bob Kattnig deftly rode herd over the obviously supportive audience. But I must have fallen asleep – did I miss the question-and-answer portion of that Oscar-worthy performance? Oh, that’s right – after Bob ended his monologue, the doors were opened and the lemmings flowed out into the night toward the Cliffs’ edge (pun intended).

No Q&A, except for a seeming afterthought by Bob to ask for any questions, but not during the active public portion of that meeting. Had I wanted to ask a question, I would have wanted everyone in the audience to hear that question, as well as everyone to hear Buffalo Bob’s

response. Nice ploy, Bob.

At some point, Bob re-iterated his campaign promise of “transparency,” but that was clouded with his smarmy mea culpas and holier-than-thou political rhetoric. It reminded me of former President Nixon’s “I am not a crook” speech, right down to his quivering jowls. Breaking News: Trophy for the best-staged and best-scripted speech with an overloaded agenda. Bovine fecal deposition – gotta love it.

Bob’s childish rant about being slandered / libeled and the ensuing promise of lawsuits was entertaining. He did everything but name names and fist-pound the podium. Who needs Jay Printz threatening the citizenry of Custer County when Buffalo Bob is roaming the hallowed halls

of public meeting venues? What ever happened to truth, fact, and First Amendment rights?

On a lighter note, sincere thanks to Delwin Lester (Clinic), Mark Payler (Schools), Tim Schwartz (Veterans), and Dave Tonsing (Fire) for your respective updates and reports. The four of you opened the meeting with maturity, grace, and professionalism.

I got home after that meeting needing a shower and was thirsty. Shower – I sat too close to the podium. Thirsty – I did not drink the Kool-Aid.

Pats on the back, solicitous testimonials, and a partial standing ovation – please, where’s my antiemetic?

Bill Christie
Rural Custer County

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More Dangerous Than Shooting A Gun

That title sounds rather provocative but what I'm referring to is something much more dangerous, much more long lasting and used with much less thought. A legal gun owner must answer a multitude of questions when applying for ownership of a firearm. To obtain a concealed carry permit you have to answer many more questions, undergo rigorous qualifying training, and be cleared by national and state governing agencies in addition to approval by the local sheriff. If you are a convicted felon you cannot legally own a firearm or even be in possession of one. In addition to that you cannot carry a firearm into any business posted "No Firearms Allowed". All this is to make for responsible legal gun ownership. But what I'm talking about that is more dangerous than pulling the trigger on a gun is pushing the button to vote for someone when you are not educated in politics.

There are far too many peo-

ple in America who vote with their emotions, too many who are single-issue voters, too many people who are lazily, stupidly, voting after being deceived by a candidate who blatantly lies to gain political office. It happens nationally and it happens right here in the Wet Mountain Valley. I get mail from every candidate who runs for any office. It usually tells me absolutely nothing about what kind of person they are. Their resume says nothing about how they will vote on issues. They sometimes even hide their political affiliation and agenda behind a label they think I will believe. Switching parties seems to happen all too often here in the valley. I guess they can't lie outright so they have to lie subtly, gently pulling the wool over our eyes. But they do it because too many uninformed voters will believe them and vote for them. Remember, if you don't stand for something, you will probably fall for

anything.

The best way to see the reality in a political contest is by knowing the track record of the candidate. Before they are elected we should know how they will vote on a specific bill or program. I think we were hoodwinked in the latest primary for Custer County. But we can plainly see, those of us who care to look, who the best candidate is for President of the U.S., for Congress or for Senate. Don't be deceived, put a little effort into investigating what the candidates' track record is, what is their character and how will they vote and govern. Don't be a stupid voter, don't blindly push the button for someone based on feelings. Anyone can pull a trigger and anyone can mark a ballot. The effort one puts into the preparation for either action tells how well they are prepared for the outcome.

Bill Bailey
Rural Custer County

Leave Hillary for Prison

In response to Ms. Miller and her request for *The Sentinel* to remove their "Hillary for Prison" sign, I say leave it. Let the kids at the school ask questions pertaining to it and then Ms. Miller address those

questions HONESTLY and WITHOUT BIAS. Share with them Ms. Miller that EVERYONE is entitled to their own opinion about the candidates, I'm sure they are hearing it at home, so why not at school? I also

say, teach them about CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS in America and that OUR Country was founded on those rights.

Sincerely,
Kendra Strecker

Thank You, Commissioner Kattnig

Letter to the Editor;

Your town hall meeting on Thursday, 18 August was just outstanding. Based on the large crowd this town hall was something of great importance to many Custer County citizens. Presentations from Fire, CC School, VSO and the Hospital District were timely and sent a clear message that the County is

moving forward in a positive way. Your discussions of current issues in the County were right on topic. This is the kind of information the public needs to have on a regular basis. As you said it is all about transparency. I very much appreciate your rebuttal to the recall petition point-by-point. What you said made sense and pulled the cloud away from all of the local

gossip. As a dedicated conservative and lifetime Republican I most appreciate your comments that we, the residents of this County, need to step up to work together to build our communities and our futures. It is time to end the divisiveness. Keep on doing a superb job.

Bob Dreher
Rural Custer County

Kattnig Pure Theatre

Was it a waste of time? I'm not sure, because I did learn a lot from the School Superintendent, the Fire Chief, the CC Clinic Administrator, and our Veteran Services Officer; whose reports were very informative. But the theatre event that Mr Kattnig held last week only provided me with a decent meal af-

ter with my husband of 20 years. We ordered, blinked our eyes in amazement, stared at one another and ate in silence. There isn't much to say about Kattnig's event because it was so obviously staged and stacked for effect. And the standing ovation after, led by an enthusiastic Mr Printz, was absolutely mind-numbing. I've lived in Custer County for 20 years and I've never seen anything like it, it was pure theatre, something I'm seeing more and more of around here. I do

expect political theatre on the national level, but not in Custer County. What I've enjoyed most over the last 20 years, is living in a community where people and things were as they seemed. However, I can take comfort in the fact that all Commissioner Kattnig's promoted, forward-thinking, future-ensuring, fear-inspiring solutions to tomorrow's terrible problems will, most likely, never be needed.

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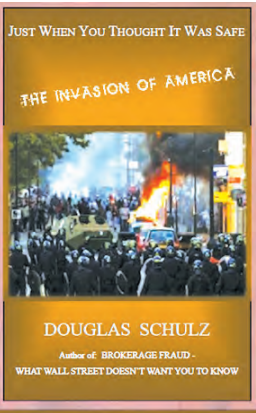
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Book Review: "Just When You Thought It Was Safe, The Invasion of America"

by Candi Sage



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- Kirkus Reviews

"Finally, an author with the insight to adapt a fictional thriller to issues threatening our nation's

sovereignty, its domestic tranquility, and its heralded tradition as 'a nation of laws'."
-Jim Gilchrist, Founder and President, The Minuteman Project

Local author, Douglas Schulz spent seven years in research and writing this hard to put down intriguing historical-political fiction. Having short chapters that pull the reader into the next one, the story focuses on four brothers who have various roles within the American society including ties to Washington. Their personal and emotional struggles including life sacrifices are a direct result of a deep denial and cover-up from an inept and corrupt government. While not for the squeamish, anyone with military experience in foreign countries, missionaries, or those having taken trips outside of the commer-

cial tourist stops would easily understand how Mr.Schulz captured the vision and pulse of a nation with its own twisted politics leading that nation into chaos. Mr. Schulz backs up this realistic fiction with some of the startling facts and statistics relating to border immigration issues and the ramifications of those issues. The intrigue of reading this book can be compared to *New York Times* bestselling author Joel C. Rosenberg, yet without the biblical influence. Question is; can parts of the vision painted in this book all too soon become a real-life chapter in the history of America, yet with various immigrating nationalities? For more information and reviews or to purchase a copy, go online to: www.justwhenyouthoughtitwassafe.com

Obituary Janet Aretta (Chambers) Lane

Janet Aretta (Chambers) Lane, 74, of Texas Creek, Colorado, went to be with the Lord, near family in Gunnison, Colorado, on August 13, 2016. Janet was born on April 13,1942, in Las Animas, Colorado to Lawrence Milton Chambers and Aretta Elizabeth (Parsons) Chambers. She accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior as a young adult. Janet graduated from Cotopaxi High School in 1962. Janet was united in marriage to James Theodore Lane on April 5,1964. Janet enjoyed canning, crocheting, making western shirts and cooking. She is most famous for her home-

made ice cream & cinnamon rolls. Janet served as Sunday School Secretary/Treasurer for many years at Cotopaxi Community Church. Janet was preceeded in death by her parents, three sisters at infancy, her first husband, Bernard Phillips and her second husband Jim Lane. She is survived by her children, Milton "Tim" (Amy) Lane, Ronda (Buddy) Ernst, Basil (Melissa) Lane and Julie (Jeff) Townsley; seven grandchildren Jessica, Ariel, Josh, Ambria, Jeremy, Shane and Randy, a brother Doug (Madeline) Chambers, sisters Pat Banta, Aggie Moss, former sis-



ter-in-law Ronda Kuhlman as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial Services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 27, 2016, at Cotopaxi Community Church with Pastor Bill Korf officiating.



A young Gymkhana Competitor at last week's Wild West Cowboy Church's event.
Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

Thank You From Bob Kattnig

I want to thank all the citizens who attended last week's Town Hall meeting. The room was full. A special thanks to Mark Payler, Superintendent Custer County Schools; Delwin Lester, Custer County Clinic; Tim Schwartz, Custer County Veterans Service Officer and Dave Tonsing, Chief Wet Mountain Fire Dept. Each had exciting news for our community. I was both humbled and honored by the tremendous outpouring of support. Sincerely, Bob Kattnig Custer County Commissioner District 1

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Bobcat Volleyball Preview



by CCCH Staff

Our teams have been named and the jerseys have been handed out, now comes the hard work. The Custer County High School Volleyball Team stands twenty strong this year. All of them ready to become better volleyball players, teammates and people.

The JV team has twelve members and have improved so much over

this last week. They have been focusing on skills and starting to learn the offense and defense they will be running in high school. The JV members are Skylor Smith, Jessie Henrich, Emma Aldrich, Brittany Benoit, Grace Flynn, Lindsey Gillmore, Haylee Hutterer, Haiden LaBoeuf, Kassidy Moore, Devynne Schoch, Kylinn Wisecup and Holly Young. K

The Varsity Team is looking for a good year. All of them have extensive varsity experience and are looking to do well in the playoffs at the end of the year. The Varsity players are Ashley Gillum, Serenity Ham, Latisha Schlabach, Athena Wisecup, Halie Lemons, Elizabeth Mullett, McKensie Penkoff and Katie Florom. For some of these players, this is their third or fourth year of playing on the varsity team and are going to be looked to for their leadership. Latisha Schlabach is currently twelfth all-time in career digs in the State of Colorado and with another strong year could finish in the top three. Serenity Ham is already the school top assist leader and now looking to lead this team to the State Tournament in November.

As for the Southern Peaks League, the Bobcats are looking to finish in the top three. Sargent, Sanford and Del Norte will be as good as they were last year and South Park will be better as their team gets older.



Bobcat Junior Varsity Team with Assistant Coach, Mike Benoit. Back Row: Brittany Benoit, Kassidy Moore, Jesse Henrich, Kylinn Wisecup, Haylee Hutterer. Middle Row: Skylor Smith, Coach Benoit, Devynne Schoch, Holly Young. Front Row: Haiden LaBoeuf.

Courtesy Photo from CCCS

La Veta is first on the schedule on August 26th. JV will begin at 3 p.m. with varsity to follow. La Veta is fourth in Class 1A this year and will be a great starting point for the Bobcats. The Bobcats will play all the league teams twice and also go out to Akron again this year to meet up with some of the best in north-eastern Colorado. The girls first home match is on September 8th

against the Cotopaxi Pirates who will be a good non-conference opponent for the team. The JV match starts at 5 p.m.

"We are so thankful for all the support the community provided for us this summer", says Coach Cravens. "We are able to buy new uniforms and warm-ups and several training devices to make us better. Come in on September 8th and watch these girls shine."



Bobcat Varsity Volleyball Team with Coach Greg Cravens. Back Row: Athena Wisecup, Halie Lemons, Coach Cravens, McKensie Penkoff, Katie Florom. Middle Row: Latisha Schlabach, Serenity Ham. Front Row: Ashley Gillum, Elizabeth Mullett.

Courtesy Photo from CCCS

2016 Sustainable Ways House Tour

Press Release

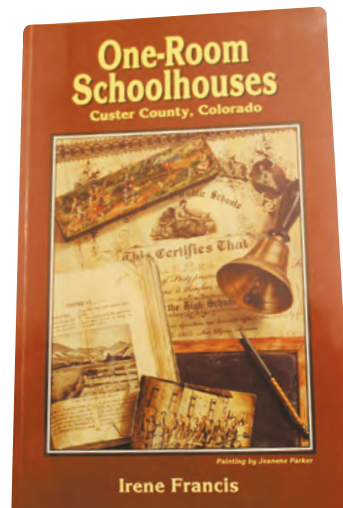
The local non-profit Sustainable Ways is sponsoring a tour of energy efficient houses on Saturday, August 27th from 1 to 5 p.m. The tour will include a house heated by sunspace connected to a rock bed under the house, a post and beam straw bale infill house and an earthship under construction.

The houses showcase three of many ways to construct attractive, energy efficient homes.

The tour will use the Rotary van and will leave the south parking lot of the courthouse at 1 pm. In order to have enough Rotary vehicles, please RSVP to SWLasswell@gmail.com. Donations for the van use

are not required but will be appreciated.

In addition to annual house tours, Sustainable Ways sponsors the Cliffs' Park Community Garden as well as High Country Recycling which, among other activities, conducts the plastic recycling at Club America and the annual paper shredding event.



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Bobcats Football Team: Giving the Gift of a Football Clinic

by Jim Silver

Last Saturday, August 20th, the Bobcats capped off their two-per-day practices prior to the start of school with another “team-building activity.” On the lookout for ways to engage his players in some type of community service, Coach Troy Bomgardner’s project this year was to give a football clinic to two Special Olympics teams in Pueblo. The day’s activity started at 8:15 a.m. with a bus ride to Colorado Springs for the repeat of a hit from last season’s outing—a time of playing laser tag with simulated firearms at “Battlefield Colorado.” Eighteen players made the trip, so “Alpha” and “Bravo” teams were evenly matched. Coaches joined in the games as well: Head Coach Bomgardner and Assistant Coaches, Eric Prins, Scott Thomas and Sterling Hinson.

After the short ride to Pueblo, the clinic took place at Pueblo Central HS practice field. The Bobcats met the players from the “Eagles” and the “Crush” teams. They warmed up together and then divided up for the various drills for which the Bobcats demonstrated correct techniques and then observed and instructed, along with their coaches.

The last item on Coach Bomgardner’s schedule was to introduce the Pueblo teams to “Bobcat Ball,” a free-form passing game

that the Bobcats play just for fun. One of the Pueblo coaches, however, had one more idea in mind for a wrap-up. He wanted a short scrimmage between the Bobcats and his team, “The Crush.” A couple of their players were masters at throwing the “long ball” to some very adequate receivers. Coach Bomgardner knew in advance that one of the teams was 2nd in the nation last year, and his Bobcat players got to come up against “the Crush” and see why for themselves.

Asking a few of the Bobcats for their thoughts and impressions afterward are as follows: Dylan Schoch said, “They’re not that much different. Just treat them with respect.” Dylan got a game of catch going right away with 4 or 5 of the Pueblo players. John Feldmann had a sit-down conversation with Matt. John says, “Matt said he was tired and just wanted to talk.” Kobe Lewsader said simply, “It was good for the (Bobcats) team to give.” He was surprised at the athletic ability of some of the Pueblo players. Adam Sapp, a new sophomore from Mississippi, joined into the instruction effectively. He said that it was a good experience to have that community service. Andy Feldmann said enthusiastically, “It was an awesome experience!” He knew they were there to instruct, but that they (the Bobcats) also learned a lot.

There was one more stop to round out the afternoon. Coach Bomgardner arranged to have the gate unlocked at the CSU-Pueblo stadium, the home of the “Thunderwolves.” The Bobcats will play their first game on turf in 2 weeks, rather than the lush grass they’re used to. So, an hour or so later, the Bobcats bus finally pointed toward Westcliffe and arrived there at about 7:30 p.m.—the end of a pretty full day.

Coach Bomgardner stated afterward that he was “very impressed with the way the team jumped in and helped to coach the Pueblo Special Olympics teams!” The teams interacted well together, thanks to the Bobcats appearing to enjoy what they were doing and getting to know the players from Pueblo. Much appreciation was expressed all around, and there’s even a possible plan for the Pueblo teams to travel to one of the Bobcats home games.

From the point of view of an onlooker/reporter, it’s a privilege to observe these coaches in action—team-building. They’re engaged in coaching the skills involved in playing the game of football, but so much more. Hopefully, a Bobcat football player will be a better team player and a better young man because he chose to go out for this team this season. GO BOBCATS!

Bobcats Sport Schedule	
Volleyball Game AWAY @ South Park When: Fri., September 2, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Where: South Park	When: Wed, September 7, 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Where: West Gym
Volleyball Game AWAY @ South Park When: Fri., September 2, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Where: South Park	Volleyball Game HOME v Cotopaxi When: Thu., September 8, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
MS/HS Cross Country - Husky Invite (time TBD) When: Sat., September 3, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Where: Avon	HS Cross Country - Liberty Bell (time TBD) When: Fri., September 9, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Where: Littleton
Football Game AWAY @ Rocky Mountain Lutheran When: Sat., September 3, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Where: Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School, 10391 Luther Court, Commerce City, CO	Volleyball Game HOME v Sanford When: Fri., September 9, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Elementary Volleyball	Football Game HOME v Sangre De Cristo When: Sat., September 10, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
	MS/HS Band Perform @ Rockies Game When: Sat., September 3, 12 p.m. – Midnight

Bobcat Menu • Aug. 29 - Sept. 1, 2016			
Monday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk lunch Hamburger Oven Fries & Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Tuesday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk lunch Spaghetti W.G. Roll Salad, G. Beans & Fruit Milk	Wednesday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk lunch Super Nachos Corn, Refried Beans Fruit Milk	Thursday Breakfast Biscuit & Gravy Fruit Milk lunch Creamy Chicken & Rice Pumpkin Bread Peas & Fruit Milk
Elementary: Main Dish, Grain Product, Veg., Fruit, and Milk Middle & High: Main Dish, (or Pre-made Chef Salad) Grain Product, Veg., Fruit, and Milk			

KIDS

Friday, August 26, 2016

School Days

This week Custer County students started another year in their educational journey. There is the hubbub of getting your locker assignments and class schedules, meeting new teachers and new friends. However, there was a time when schooling was very different than it is today.

Hundreds of years ago most learning happened at home. Parents taught their children and some wealthier parents would hire tutors. As the United States grew, the Northwest Ordinance of 1785 was passed by Congress. This ordinance required every state to set aside a section in every township for public schools.

In 1879, the people of Custer County elected a superintendent of schools whose responsibility it was to organize the school districts. The school houses were set up approximately 5 miles apart to facilitate the students walking to school. The students had morning chores to do before beginning the long trek to school. Winter blizzards made walking to school pretty treacherous.

Once the districting was complete, Custer County had 26 school districts. Twenty-four of these had schoolhouses and the other two maintained classrooms in homes donated by families. So was born the one-room schoolhouse.

Teachers were a hardy bunch, arriving at least an hour before the students to light the fire. The school day began with ringing of the school bell at 8 a.m. In good weather, the teacher and students gathered around the flag pole for the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of the National Anthem. Besides teaching and disciplining the students, the teacher was required to clean the room at the end of the day and scrub the floor at least once a week. Teaching in a rural setting was difficult, to say the least. Teacher’s responsibilities were varied and salaries were low. Many districts had families who took turns “boarding the teacher”. Some teacher’s contracts regulated the teacher’s social life and required excellent moral character.

Families who wanted a high school education for their children, had to move to a larger town where a high school was located. So, in May of 1921 Custer County voters approved the building of a high school. During construction, classes were held in the upper level rooms of what once was Jennings Market at 200 Main Street.

Eventually, it became increasingly difficult to maintain the one-room schoolhouses both logistically and financially. Georgianna Kettle, the Custer County Superintendent, worked on the moving of rural grade school students to the town schools of Westcliffe and Silver Cliff, and in 1948 C-1 District was formed.

For more information on the One-Room Schoolhouses, their history, and their location, the book “One-Room Schoolhouses Custer County, Colorado” by Irene Francis is an excellent resource. See Irene’s ad on page 6 for contact information.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: One-Room Schoolhouses Custer County, Colorado by Irene Francis, people.howstuffworks.com

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Events Calendar

Friday August 26, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday August 27, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. American Legion Fundraiser Yard Sale Wet Mountain Saddle Club Hwy 69 north to CR 241	September 1, 2, 3, 4, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 18th Annual Labor Day Weekend Quilt Show & Boutique The Olde Schoolhouse Quilters Historic Old Westcliff Schoolhouse 320 S. 4th St. Free admission
Saturday August 27, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Fundraiser Book Sale St. Patrick’s Anglican Church 401 S. 2nd St.	Friday, Saturday & Sunday September 2, 3 & 4, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fiber Art Show & Sale Greenstone Art Works, 95 Main St
Saturday, August 27, 9 p.m. - 4 p.m. Parking Lot Sale at Club America	Saturday, September 3, 8a.m. - 4 p.m. Yard Sale for St Luke’s, 201 S 3rd St.
Saturday, August 27, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saddle Club Obstacle Course Clinic 90 Co Rd 241 \$\$	Saturday, September 3 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. All Aboard Westcliffe - Open House At the DR&G Depot, Main St.
Friday, Saturday, August 26 & 27, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. WCPA - “The Gentleman Doc Holliday” The Jones Theater 119 Main St \$\$	Saturday, September 3, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Sangres Art Guild Fall Show Reception 59000 N. Highway 69
Saturday, August 27, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Custer County Friends of NRA Inaugural Banquet	Sunday, September 4 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. SUMMER IN THE PARK - Free Concert Westcliffe Feed Store Amphitheater & Park Entertainment: “Tom Munch”
Saturday, August 27. 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Dark Skies - Star Party	Tuesday September 6, 9 a.m. BOCC Meeting /Boardroom
Sunday, August 28, 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. SUMMER IN THE PARK - Free Concert Entertainment: “Rebecca Folsom” Westcliffe Feed Store Amphitheater & Park 116 N 2nd St.	Wednesday September 7, 9 a.m. BOCC Meeting /Boardroom
Wednesday August 31, 9 a.m. BOCC Meeting /Boardroom Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday	Saturday, September 10 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. High Peaks Music Festival Westcliffe Feed Store Amphitheater & Park 116 N 2nd St.



VFW Meeting Report

by Fred Hernandez

The meeting of the Spencer Young Post 1263 was held on Saturday, August 20th, 9 a.m., at the function room of the bowling alley and called to order by the presiding officer Mr. Randy Knight. The other officers of this post are Ivan Brooks, Administrator for Funds, Sr. Vice Bert Daniels, Jr. Vice Dan Hoffman and Chaplain Joe Orgeron. As usual, the meeting starts with prayer which includes a moment of silence for the departed. Once underway, the meeting took up the matter of new members’ applications and promptly approved Al-

ice Good, Barney Flick and James Arphelps. There was a reminder about the talk given by Ms. Sandy Esposito earlier this summer when she visited the post to inform them about her efforts, with her husband Joe, as volunteers for Freedom Paws, to provide companion dogs for veterans in need. To this end and to raise the needed funds, there is a concert given by Collin Raye on September 17th in Pueblo. All are reminded to support this most worthy cause.

The normal business of the veterans went on as they discussed the need to be constant in their follow

ups to get the VA benefits to which they are all entitled whether it is medical, pensions, or other benefits. It is for this reason that they work closely with the Veterans Service Office and the officer-in-charge, Mr. Tim Swartz. In fact, the VSO which started out with about sixty registered vets now has about three hundred which is a great improvement.

The VFW meets regularly on the third Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. at the bowling alley. Veterans of all services are encouraged to attend, get involved and stay connected for the good of all veterans in the area.

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 -7 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 Emily 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.
6-7 p.m. Closed Big Book Study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or

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

Saturday

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

3rd Saturday of Month

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

Services

Club America 50 E. Main Street Silver Cliff, CO 81252 (719) 783-0750 Public Swim hrs. – Mon. thru Sat. 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. \$2 PER PERSON	Custer County Community Sharing Center Inc. 120 N. 3rd St. Westcliffe, CO 8125 (719) 783-3303 Fri.- Sat 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	West Custer County Library 209 Main Street Westcliffe, CO 81252 (719) 783-9138 Tue. – Fri.: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Sat.:10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Custer County Senior Center 612 Main St. Silver Cliff, CO 81252 (719) 783-9508 Lunch; Mon., Tues. & Thur. at Noon. RSVP by 9:30 a.m.	Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources 417 Cliff Street Silver Cliff, CO 81252 (719) 783-4357 Mon. – Thur. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Fri. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Wet Mt. Rotary Van Service For transportation needs, contact Van Dispatch (719) 783-2343 Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Wet Mountain Valley Community Chorale

The Wet Mountain Valley Community Chorale invites all singers to join in this year’s community Christmas concert. Rehearsals will be every Tuesday evening from 6:30-8 p.m. in the school music room (north set of double doors at the west end of the building). Rehearsals will begin Tuesday, September 13th.

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The Colorado Department

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To gain more information on these efforts contact the Custer County Economic Development Corporation office at 719.315.6339 or email: ccEconDevC@gmail.com

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Matthew 19: 26 NKJV

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—August 21, 2016

Subject: Custer County
Broadband Master Plan ef-
forts Continue

The Statewide Internet
Portal Authority (SIPA)
recently provided a broad-
band \$5,000 grant, with
Silver Cliff sponsorship.

Sheriff's Report...

SO Report for 8/26/16

On the dates below, there were 208 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 10 to EMS, and 3 to the Fire Department.

As of 8/26/16 there were 6 males and 3 females in the jail.

From 8/15/16 to 8/21/16 there were the following service calls:

8/15/16

Arrest: A Sheriff's deputy and EMS were dispatched to a residence on CR 255 for an unresponsive male in an unknwn vehicle in the driveway of a private residence. Marland Jones of Cañon City was arrested and booked for Violation of a Protection Order, for consuming alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, Resisting Arrest and Careless Driving.

Traffic Summons: Jeri Sumpter of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Bad Checks: A deputy met with a party in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office who filed a report of fraud by check. The complainant, Ann Bowman of Hollandale, MN, sold a horse to a Westcliffe resident for \$3,000. The purchaser wrote two separate \$3,000 checks to Bowman, both of which were returned by the bank because of insufficient funds.

8/16/16

Traffic Summons: John Odom of Golden, CO, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Kenneth Day of Westcliffe for driving a vehicle with a license under restraint (suspension) - third offense.

Jolene Nielson of Westcliffe was issued a municipal summons for Parking as Prohibited by Signage.

Josue Estrella of Beverly Hills, FL, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Shooting: A deputy was dispatched to Drunk Horse Lane in Antelope Valley concerning a complaint of individuals discharging firearms in the area.

8/17/16

Traffic Summons: Jessie Buchanan of Westcliffe for driving with a license under suspension and speeding 10 - 19 over.

Sarah Jardis of Edwards, CO, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Sativa Stephens of Silver Cliff for driving a vehicle with a license under restraint (denied) and a defective tail light.

8/18/16

Traffic Summons: Joseph Morabito of Pueblo for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Roy Kock of Delta, CO, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Mylie Wood of Del Ria, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Theresa Kennedy of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

False Reporting: A deputy met with a party in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office who filed a report of a hit and run accident on Highway 96 and CR 328. It subsequently came to light the accident actually occurred two weeks earlier on Highway 50. Todd Henningsen of Westcliffe was issued a summons for false reporting.

8/19/16

Traffic Summons: Elin Ganschow of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over and driving a vehicle with an expired driving license.

Pot Bust/Arrest: EMS and the Wet Mountain Fire Department were staged as deputies executed a warrant on Little Bear Drive in Antelope Valley. Alejandro Diaz of Colorado Springs was arrested and booked on charges for the unlawful cultivation of marijuana.

Arrest: A deputy was dispatched to Highway 96, MM 8.4 on a motorist assist. Sandra Rodriguez of Cañon City was issued a summons and arrested for driving a vehicle without a valid driver's license, failing to obtain registration within a 60-days of the purchase of a vehicle, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and resisting arrest.

8/20/16

Traffic Summons: Mohammed Mahmoudzadelyazi of Cambridge, MA, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Crystal Maes of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over and driving with a license under restraint.

Dead Elk: A deputy was dispatched to Highway 96 between MM 15 - 16 for a dead elk that was blocking the westbound lane of traffic.

Arrest: Patrick Dodge of Westcliffe was pulled over on a routine traffic stop and arrested on an outstanding warrant. Dodge was also issued a summons for driving a defective/unsafe vehicle, driving a vehicle with no stop lights, and driving a vehicle without a driver's license.

BOCC Meeting

SAN ISABEL, Colorado

—August 17, 2016

by Jackie Bubis

The meeting started at noon with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, and Introductions of the public in attendance. Attorney John Naylor was present in addition to the regular members of the board and citizens.

In the public comment section, Bob Senderhauf commended Commissioners Shy and Attebery for a great job over the years and for supporting the Wetmore Community Center, which they've been working on for years.

Commissioner Attebery announced an upcoming meeting of the Southern Colorado Economic Development group at the Library on Tuesday, the 23rd, from 5-7 p.m. Also spoke about the upcoming Courthouse Security meeting. He mentioned the auction of county vehicles and equipment coming up on Saturday, the 20th.

Commissioner Kattnig spoke about the Custer County Communications Committee meeting and a meeting with Dave Bailey, the 911 coordinator, as well as with CenturyLink. They are seeking

to close the gap in laid fiber in the county. He announced a tower outside Silver Cliff that should be going online in the next 30-90 days.

Commissioner Shy reported from the 911 Board meeting that they have over \$200K in the fund for when upgraded software will require a new console. He mentioned the possibility of the 911 fee going from the current \$1.25/month to \$1.79/month. That would require a petition to the PUC and justification for the increase. At the meeting, they explored the best use of the money in the fund.

He also reported on the crew that was in the area filming for the Philanthropy Days project and the building assessment students from CU Architectural School.

Shy also spoke about the Custer Emergency Services (CES) meeting, where they discussed radio protocols and the difficulty getting second crews for the ambulance. The Salamander project, which includes updated databases on all emergency services in the State and issuing uniform ID's for EMS personnel and county personnel is ongoing. Shy attended the Resource Advisory

Council for the BLM for two days in Alamosa.

Attorney Clint Smith reported that there has been no response from the Fremont School District on the deed for the Wetmore community center property. He will also be meeting with attorneys for both sides of the Hamilton case. He commended Wilson Jarvis on his interview for Dark Skies with the *New York Times*.

Commissioner Attebery added that the Fremont RE2 board had tabled the request on the deed.

A special events permit was issued to Club America for the Custer 2020 annual run on Sept 17th, to be followed afterward with a get-together at A Painted View Ranch.

The Letter Drop Inn's liquor license was renewed.

The remaining funds for the airport (\$5K) were transferred to their account and the discussion on crack sealing was put on the next agenda.

The REDI Grant \$5K match was discussed. Commissioner Kattnig has spoken with Kelly

BOCC
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Come and Worship



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

Church of Christ
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Worship
818 Ohio Street
Silver Cliff
719/783-4601

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

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

Cody Park Community Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Mtg.
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Bible Study
0157 County Rd. 27A
Cotopaxi
719/942-3462
719/942-3526

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

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

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

Huerfano Community Bible Church
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
7 p.m.: Thursday Bible Study
603 Leon Street
Walsenburg
(719) 251-9053

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

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

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

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

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

Sangre de Cristo Fellowship
Sundays, 9 a.m. Meet and Greet
Sundays, 9:15 a.m. Service
120 Jerry Court
Westcliffe
719/783-0903

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Diocese of Pueblo
Saturday Mass 3:00pm
Highway 69, Gardner

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

Westcliffe Community Church
10 a.m. Worship
103 N. Adams St.
Westcliffe
719/783-2545

Wetmore Baptist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
Junction of Hwy 96 & 67
Wetmore
719/371-1230

Wetmore Community Church
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
699 County Rd. 395
Wetmore
719/784-0596

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

Eateries

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6848 CR 140•Westcliffe
719-783-2660
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11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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S 2nd St. •Westcliffe
Mon-Sun, 7:30 am-2:30 p.m.

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215 Main St., Westcliffe
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Sun. 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Mon-Sat. 7 a.m.- 8 p.m.

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719-783-9516
Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Feed Store
116 N. 2nd St. Westcliffe
719-783-3033
Tues - Sat 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and.
4p.m-8 p.m.

Hwy 96 Road House
404 Main St. Silver Cliff
719-783-3331
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Fri - Sat 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Rancher's Roost at Cliff Lanes
25 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-2147

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St. Andrews Golf Course Café
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Sangrita
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fri-Tues.
212 Main Street•Westcliffe
719-371-0938

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

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

Tony's Mountain Pizza
630 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719-783-9300
Mon.- Tues. 4 p.m.-8 p.m.
Wed.- Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sundays, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.



Local Mountain News & Notices



CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

**Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Agenda**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2016

9:00 AM

**Meeting Location:
Commissioners Boardroom**

**Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Approval of minutes:
Audience introduction
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business**

- Review vouchers and sign checks
- Hazard Mitigation Plan – C. Howard
- Excessive Speeds on CR 140 – J. Hood
- Airport Crack & Seal
- Custer County Day of Unity Proclamation
- Resolution designating Pike Route “a section of a pioneer trail”
- Guy Richter – zoning
- Staff Meeting

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. (Audio recordings of the BOCC meetings are available for public review or purchase.)

NOTICE OF INTENT AND PUBLIC MEETING

Custer County will file an application with the USDA Rural Development for financial assistance to develop the community kitchen in the Wetmore Community Center. A public meeting for comments will be held at 10:00 AM on Sept. 12, 2016 at the Wetmore Community Center building to discuss the proposed project and to provide the opportunity for public comment.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER’S DEED 2013184

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to

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BONNIE MAY KEMP

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 22nd day of November A.D. 2013, the then County Treasurer of the County of Custer, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Azure Land Company, the following described real estate situate in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOTS TWELVE (12) AND THIRTEEN (13), TARA – J FIRST FILING, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION FILED FOR RECORD IN THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER’S OFFICE ON JULY 17, 1961 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Azure Land Company;

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2012;

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Opal D Williams Ltd for said year 2012;

That on the 5th day of August, 2016, said Azure Land Company assigned said certificate of purchase to Northern Ridge LLC.

That said Northern Ridge LLC, on the 5th day of August, 2016, the present holder of said certificate, (who) has made a request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate;

That a Treasurer’s Deed will be issued for said real estate to

the said Northern Ridge LLC at 10:00 o’clock AM., on the 22nd day of December, A.D. 2016, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer’s Deed.

Witness my hand this 18th day of August, A.D. 2016.

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer

1st Publication Date: August 26, 2016 in the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER’S DEED 2013205

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to

SPECHT FAMILY LIVING TRUST DATED 8-10-05
SILVER-WEST HOMEOWNERS’ ASSOCIATION

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 22nd day of November A.D. 2013, the then County Treasurer of the County of Custer, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Kevin Giedd & Kathy Giedd, the following described real estate situate in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 22 SILVER WEST ESTATES and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Kevin Giedd & Kathy Giedd;

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2012;

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Specht Family Living Trust for said year 2012;

That said Kevin Giedd & Kathy Giedd, on the 3rd day of August, 2016, the present holder of said certificate, (who) has made a request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate;

That a Treasurer’s Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said Kevin Giedd & Kathy Giedd at 10:00 o’clock AM., on the 15th day of December, A.D. 2016, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer’s Deed.

Witness my hand this 10th day of August, A.D. 2016.

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer

Published 08/19/16, 08/26/16 in the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER’S DEED 2013168

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to

JEFFREY SAMUELS

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 22nd day of November A.D. 2013, the then County Treasurer of the County of Custer, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Douglas Alan Bair, the following described real estate situate in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT SIXTY-FIVE (65) IN SILVER CLIFF HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION NO. 15

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Douglas Alan Bair;

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2012;

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Jeffrey Samuels for said year 2012;

That said Douglas Alan Bair, on the 3rd day of August, 2016, the present holder of said certificate, (who) has made a request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said

real estate;

That a Treasurer’s Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said Douglas Alan Bair at 10:00 o’clock AM., on the 15th day of December, A.D. 2016, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer’s Deed.

Witness my hand this 10th day of August, A.D. 2016.

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer

Published 08/19/16, 08/26/16 in the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER’S DEED 2013145

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to

ESTATE OF MORGAN S TYLER JR
ESTATE OF STEVEN G TYLER
STEVEN G TYLER
PAMELA H TYLER SEPARATE PORPERTY TRUST, DATED OCTOBER 2, 2007
PAMELA H TYLER, AS TRUSTEE
PAMELA H TYLER
MORGAN S TYLER III

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 22nd day of November A.D. 2013, the then County Treasurer of the County of Custer, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Azure Land Company, the following described real estate situate in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT SIXTY-FOUR (64) IN BLUMENAU SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 2

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Azure Land Company;

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2012;

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Pamela H Tyler Trustee & Estate of Morgan S Tyler Jr, etal for said year 2012;

That on the 5th day of August, 2016, said Azure Land Company assigned said certificate of purchase to Northern Ridge LLC.

That said Northern Ridge LLC, on the 5th day of August, 2016, the present holder of said certificate, (who) has made a request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate;

That a Treasurer’s Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said Northern Ridge LLC at 10:00 o’clock AM., on the 15th day of December, A.D. 2016, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer’s Deed.

Witness my hand this 11th day of August, A.D. 2016.

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer

Published 08/19/16, 08/26/16 in the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel.

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 Frevort.
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 Decree for a Change of Name.

Date: 7/22/16

Judge Amanda Hunter

Published in the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel, Westcliffe, CO on 08/12/16, 08/19/16, 08/26/16

Bobcat Football Team Building Day





Colorado State News

Catch and Release: Gitmo Terrorists Coming to Colorado?

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

What if President Obama did not have to relocate the Gitmo terrorist prison camp to Colorado, because he's pretty much releasing all of the bad guys to other countries?

This week he shipped 12 Yemenis and three Afghans to the United Arab Emirates, the largest release

Obama has conducted so far, and includes former Usama bin Laden bodyguards and Al Qaeda bomb experts.

Another 19 are slated for transfer, which would bring the population to 42.

However, other countries are not willing to accept the worst of the worst held at Gitmo, which means Obama is still eyeing Colorado.

Even as the administration accelerates the transfers, it still faces the thorny problem of figuring out what to do with prisoners that cannot be sent to other countries. The Defense Department has looked at prisons in Colorado, South Carolina and elsewhere, but Congress, by law, prevents the Pentagon from bringing any of those detainees to the United States.

U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner said in a statement that this week's release is especially troubling because so many of them return to the battlefield, and it coincides with a heightened instability in the Middle East and the rise of ISIS.

"Instead of capitalizing on partisan politics, I urge the Administration to prioritize the fight against ISIS and homegrown terror by

developing a real strategy to keep Americans safe at home and abroad. I'll continue to fight to ensure that the Guantanamo Bay detention facility remains open to keep the remainder of the prisoners, some of which have been deemed too dangerous to be released, off of U.S. soil and where they belong."

This latest release is a desperate attempt to keep

a campaign promise at any cost, and the cost of Obama's catch-and-release program may be Colorado's peace of mind and our national security.

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Why Cigarette Tax Is About More Than Just Smoking

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

In case you missed it, the proposed cigarette tax made the ballot earlier this week. The proposed tax would increase a tax on cigarettes, but not e-cigarettes or marijuana, by approximately \$315 million per year, or from 89 cents per pack of cigarettes to \$2.59 per pack of cigarettes. While that's a huge tax increase, the tax increase isn't even the worst part of this. Here are five reasons to say no to the tobacco tax:

1. This \$315 million a year blank check offers very little accountability to taxpayers. To fund what? Just vague promises – cure cancer! (It won't.) Some of the projects that this would fund don't even exist yet. Yes, you read that right. Additionally, the state agency that is tasked with distributing the funds this measure would raise was just cited by the state auditor (yet again) for needing stronger "conflict of interest policies". Colorado

should definitely give that agency more money. That's sarcasm, PeakNation™.

2. If this measure's proponents claim that this will stop smoking, that means that this measure will grow government spending but decrease the revenue that would pay for that spending. That's a really bad idea. It would be like buying a \$1 million McMansion right before you retire and go on social security.

3. The only way to fix this bill,

in case the programs don't work is to pass another constitutional amendment. If you support Raise the Bar, here is your example of what not to put in the constitution.

4. Colorado already has received more than \$1.6 billion in tobacco taxes, but the state spent it on unrelated programs. Maybe Colorado should start by spending money intended for tobacco programs on tobacco programs, instead of trying to shove a constitutional amendment through before Raise the Bar makes it more

difficult to change the constitution.

5. Hey, we have roads and schools to fund. This wouldn't fund any of that. Yeah, that's kind of a problem.

Look most people hate smoking, but this is a bad deal for taxpayers and a windfall for special interests.

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*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ,
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for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*

Romans 1:16 NKJV



Colorado State News



Libertarian Gary Johnson Is Clocking in at 16% in Colorado

by Corey Hutchins, *The Colorado Independent*

Libertarian Gary Johnson is drawing a whopping 16 percent in support from Colorado voters — higher than in other battleground states like Iowa and Virginia, according to new polling from Quinnipiac University.

Johnson is a former Republican governor of New Mexico who is running with William Weld, a former Republican governor of Massachusetts.

For comparison, Johnson is earning 12 percent support in Iowa and 11 percent in Virginia, according to the Quinnipiac poll.

Johnson and Weld are making civil liberties, criminal justice reform, Internet freedom, and the War on Drugs a focus of their campaign.

There are about 35,000 registered Libertarian voters in Colorado, the state where the Libertarian Party was formed in the early 1970s.

But Lilly Tang Williams, the Libertarian Party's nominee for U.S. Senate in Colorado who supports

Johnson, points out that the largest voting block in the state, more than 1.3 million voters, are unaffiliated with a political party.

"I think they are really open to a third viable option right now," she told *The Colorado Independent*. "I'm hoping that I can ride the wave of Gary Johnson's ticket and ask people to give me a chance, to check me out."

With this year's presidential matchup between Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump, plenty of voters, particularly millennials, have been telling reporters covering the race that they are dissatisfied with the choices.

A 31-year-old mother of two from Fort Collins, recently told *The Washington Post* that the election "feels like a joke."

Meanwhile, Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate for president, is registering at 7 percent of support in Colorado, according to the Q poll.

Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Q poll, says while Johnson is above 15 percent in Colorado, the

big question is whether he can crack that threshold nationally and get into the debates, which will make or break his candidacy.

As for why he might be polling so high in Colorado, Brown says, "It probably has more to do with the fact that Mr. Trump is not running as well as Republicans normally run. That's probably helping Mr. Johnson. It may say as much about Mr. Trump as Mr. Johnson."

Colorado, it should be noted, is a state where marijuana is legal, and Johnson has ties to a marijuana company and has been involved in legalization efforts. He has an A+ rating from the Marijuana Policy Project, a pro-legalization group. Clinton and Trump have B+ and C+ ratings respectively.

"I bet if you and I were to stroll through a suburban shopping mall in Lorain, Ohio or Brandon, Florida or Valley Fords, Pennsylvania— i.e. states that are big deal states, that are up for grabs to some degree— my guess is most voters don't have a clue what Mr.

Johnson is for or against," Brown told *The Independent*. "It may be true that those who favor legal marijuana are aware of it, but 'Joe and Jill six pack' I'm guessing... we haven't polled on this... around the country are not aware of that. And then the question is would it help or hurt his candidacy."

In Colorado, Williams, the Libertarian U.S. Senate candidate, hopes more news coverage of third party candidates this year will grab the general public's attention.

"The media should take leadership this year for [covering] third party candidates," Williams says. "This year people are fed up on both sides."

Quinnipiac University surveyed 830 likely Colorado voters from August 9th to August 16th with live interviewer calls to landlines and cell phones. The results have a margin of error of +/- 3.4 percentage points.

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Climb Aboard, Republicans: Quinnipiac Poll Shows Big Johnson Effect

by ColoradoPeak Politics.com

The message out of the Quinnipiac Poll on Colorado flashes one big message in neon lights: Republicans, get on board the Trump Train.

On the surface, a head-to-head match up between Democratic Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump is glum — 49% to 39%, respectively.

But, when third party candidates are factored in, Trump fares better than Clinton. And, here's another morsel to chew on; if all of Libertarian Gary Johnson's Republican defectors supported Trump, he could very well be ahead of Clinton, or at least within the margin of error.

We get it, your candidate may not have made it through the primary and you may not like Trump. But given a choice between two candidates, one who may be unlikely, but another who belongs in jail for trading America's foreign interests for profit, the choice is easy.

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Annexation Water 101

by Tom Piltingsrud
Former Florence City
Manager

No matter whether you are for marijuana grow operations or not, whether you are for lettuce, flowers and tomatoes in greenhouses or not, this annexation is asking for too much water. Too much water that our city cannot afford to tie up for up to 85 years, given the city's current water portfolio.

I got involved with this annexation when my daughter's father-in-law and his brother went to city hall to ask how this annexation would impact cattle grazing on the parcel in question. City staff told them that the reason this annexation needed to go forward was that Fountain could take unused water rights from Florence. Both brothers are savvy in water practices and asked me about that likelihood.

I did some legal research and attended a city water committee with staff and council. There, I heard the same fear of Fountain taking unused water rights as a justification for this annexation. I told council that **there was no water law in Colorado where one municipality gained water rights at the expense of another.** In fact, I told them **quite the opposite.** The Colorado Supreme Court has recognized a duty of cities to gather water rights in excess

of their current need, a duty the Supreme Court calls the "great and growing cities" doctrine which provides cities with some protection from claims of speculation or abandonment. I told council they should not be making land use decisions based on an unfounded fear of loss of water rights and that they had significant demands on their water rights from subdivisions already on the city's books but not yet built.

I then went to the city's planning commission meeting on August 11th. I discovered that the **planning commission was holding a public hearing on the annexation agreement and water agreement proposed for this annexation, three days after the council held a public hearing on the same agreements.** I suggested the city's cart was before its horse. I told the planning commission that the city code required them to make a recommendation to city council regarding the annexation. I asked the planning commission to include a request to council that the city staff complete an annexation impact report as required by state statute and to not ask Fremont County to waive the requirement. The planning commission and I were somewhat surprised to hear from city staff, that **the city had already requested a waiver of the annexation**

impact report from Fremont County. This annexation cries for an annexation impact report.

I then attended the city council meeting on August 15th. I talked to council about their water rights. Brandon Harris, the city water superintendent, was in attendance. His figures of 7.11 cubic feet per second for the city's daily direct flow right, 3.5 cfs for daily demand, and 1.5 cfs for the Sumo golf course's daily raw water demand are depicted on the pie chart. Remembering that approximately 3,000 subdivision water taps in the city limits are committed for water but not yet realized, I have calculated 1.39 cfs as their future daily demand figure. The city is contemplating this annexation whereby .423 cfs will be dedicated to this greenhouse project for 35 or 85 years. Doing the math, .423 cfs from .72 cfs leaves .297 cfs remaining in the city's direct flow portfolio.

We have now gone from worrying about Fountain taking unused water rights to whether there are any unused water rights for Fountain to take! **Council, are you ready to gamble that this annexation's dedicated water won't be needed by the citizens of Florence in the future?** Are you ready to **commit to a 35 and/or 85 year water contract?** What's the big rush to push this through?

Annexation and Water Woes

by Colleen Stewart,
Commentary

A lot of confusing meetings have taken place over the last few weeks. I can't figure out what's the big hurry to sign this water agreement and annex this property. After what former City Manager Tom Piltingsrud reported to the council, it seems like they might want to slow down the process, but that doesn't seem to be happening.

In the last meeting, August 15th, Mr. Pilingsrud talked about how much water is being used already. Of the 7.11 cubic feet per second water available, 6.7 cfs has already spoken been for with Sumo, Willowbrook and the other subdivisions. That doesn't include the annexation that took place up north. Where is all this excess water coming from? The city can't use all it has stored in Pueblo Reservoir or from Buena Vista, without eventually running out of water. What about the Regional Water System? Those towns

also expect to get water for the communities of Rockvale, Williamsburg and Coal Creek. And it all goes along with Florence.

If this annexation wasn't about marijuana, there would be no rush to judgement. There would be no hurry to get this done before the taxpayers find out what's happening. Haven't they learned from Sumo, which came in and virtually ran over them? They got their subdivision built with the promise they would take care of the roads, the drainage system and lots of other issues. But hardly any of that happened. Once the initial building was done, so were they. They just up and left town, hardly ever to be heard from again.

Another thing they're talking about is how they could use the transportation. What transportation? The roads are a mess. There's no airport or train station that's close to the proposed site. The only option is trucks coming in and out on

those terrible roads that look like they've been bombed or ruined by a tornado. There is no transportation that's easily accessible in that area.

And why would they want to give our water away for an 85-year period? That's ridiculous. That's unacceptable. Nobody should have access to this water for 85 years without some kind of accountability. The idea started with a 56,000 square foot facility and has moved up to 1 million square foot building along with another 600,000 square foot facility. To grow lettuce, tomatoes and flowers? Come on. I do not believe that for one moment. It's for marijuana and nothing else.

As far as the job situation goes, there won't be very many added to this economy. In the words of President Ronald Reagan, "tear down this wall (of lies). We don't want the traffic, the marijuana or strangers moving in to take over our town.

Events

August 26-Sept 24

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.

Aug. 27 Hot August Nights will offer a street dance, beer food, Kids Corner, the Elks Drug Awareness Trailer and Elroy the Elk from 4-11 p.m. in the 100 block of Petroleum Avenue in Florence. Dreamland Express will play the music

Aug. 27, Elks Soccer Shoot will begin with registration at 9 a.m. at Pathfinder Park in Florence. Soccer Shoot starts at 10 a.m. First place winners will receive a meal and an opportunity to shoot at district competition in Trinidad.

The first Friday of every month starting Sept. 2nd, Main Street in Cañon City from 5-7 p.m. Check out all the stores that stay open late, featuring music, food, art and more.

Sept. 3 Animal Swap 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Tractor Supply at 1919 E. Main St.

Sept. 2, Mo Mungus will be featured during the **Jazz in the Park** at 6 p.m. in Cara Fisher Square at 505 Macon Ave.

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 from 7-10 p.m. and Sept. 9 10 a.m.-10 p.m. The fourth annual Sons of Italy Italian Festival on Macon Plaza. For more information, visit osiaroyalgorge2866.com or call 429-6667.

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

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

7 p.m. Sept. 15, Tour of Denominations will continue with "What Is a Lutheran?" at the Sunflower Bank. All sessions meet at 7 p.m. in the Sunflower Bank building. Trcsoco.org to register and for more information.

Sept. 24, Bikes & Brews will begin at 8 a.m. on Macon Plaza. The event combines the Royal Gorge Century Ride (50k & Metric routes too) with Micros on Macon beer festival. Proceeds will benefit the continued growth of FAR.

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

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT School Board Meetings:

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

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

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

Florence City Council
1st and 3rd
Mondays at 7 p.m.
Council Chambers
Florence

County Commissioners
2nd and 4th Tues.
9:30 a.m.
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Royal Gorge Tea Party
2nd Thursday
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Truth and the New American Future

There are so many Christians, some are readers of The Daily Jot, who despise Republican Presidential nominee Donald Trump. I have stated repeatedly, and I will do so once more, that a vote for a third party candidate or a non-vote in this election is a vote for Democratic Party nominee Hillary Clinton. It's not about the lesser of two evils. It's about a vision for America. One of those visions we have seen very clearly. It is one of victimization, class struggle, socialism, and godlessness. The other vision we have not seen play out, but there is hope in the platform, the on-record statements regarding policies, and commitment to take our nation away from the Islamic Marxist path of the past eight years.

People rightly say that Trump needs to filter how he says things. In a recent speech this is what Trump said about his mouth: "As you know, I am not a politician. I have worked in business, creating jobs and rebuilding neighborhoods my entire adult life. I've never wanted to learn the language of the insiders, and I've never been politically correct -- it takes far too much time, and can often make it more difficult. Sometimes, in the heat of debate and speaking on a multitude of issues, you don't choose the right words or you say the wrong thing. I have done that, and I regret it, particularly where it may have caused personal pain. Too much is at stake for us to be consumed with these issues."

He also said this: "But one thing I can promise you is this: I will always tell you the truth. I speak the truth for all of you, and for everyone in this country who doesn't have

a voice. I speak the truth on behalf of the factory worker who lost his or her job. I speak the truth on behalf of the Veteran who has been denied the medical care they need -- and so many are not making it. They are dying. I speak the truth on behalf of the family living near the border that deserves to be safe in their own country but is instead living with no security at all. Our campaign is about representing the great majority of Americans -- Republicans, Democrats, Independents, Conservatives and Liberals -- who read the newspaper, or turn on the TV, and don't hear anyone speaking for them. All they hear are insiders fighting for insiders."

These are things that past experience with Hillary Clinton tells us will never happen with her or her party's platform. It is wired differently. Some will say that they don't believe Trump; that he is a phony blowhard. The problem here is that Trump is saying the right things. Clinton is not. What is the best choice for America? A third party is not going to win. The winner will shape the New American Future, probably for the next 50 years or more with all the Supreme Court appointees that will occur.

Exodus 18:21 says we should select leaders "out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness." You will need to discern which best fits this description. Pray, discern, act. Don't get mad at me. I'm just the messenger.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
www.dailyjot.com
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by TL Davis, Christian-Merc.Blogspot.com

There is a war being waged in America, but only one side is fighting. The progressives, or Marxists, or outright Communists have been waging war against middle America, using every diabolical means available, for decades, perhaps a century, but middle America is too busy just trying to survive to bother with them. Like the day when Barack Obama declared ISIS to be the Junior Varsity team, middle America considers this war being waged on them as insignificant to their lives, too distant and too petty. Yes, some useless and pathetic residual guilt is responsible for some of their acquiescence.

Yet, the Marxists have taken ground steadily, pushing and shoving against the pillars of traditional American culture until they have begun to rattle the foundations. Still, middle America shrugs at these advancements, hopefully ignoring them, waiting for something to cause the Marxists to give up. But, they will never give up. They are not stronger than middle America, but they are more persistent and right now, they are aided by every structure of government, the media, entertainment, sports figures, or so it seems. We will never really know the truth, because we get infor-

mation from the media and they are liars.

The media covers up for crimes, preferring the lies of omission to the truth of objective reporting. That is all really up to them, but

own masters as it might seem to them. They are foot soldiers in a bigger battle. The Marxists came for Russia and China. What reason would they have to bypass America? How?

they will use discontented minorities from the inner cities; they will use IRS agents; they will use the power of the United States government; they will use the media; they will use sports figures; they will use relatives within families.

We are about to see the masks come off. That is what this is all about, all of this unrest, all of these riots. It is time for them to show middle America what progress they have made over the past century. Of course, they have to make a serious push to get our guns first. They have to disarm the populace they intend to enslave. Then they will offer the chance to live our lives as before, watching television, texting, facebooking, etc, all under the new standards and rules of communication, you understand.

There is a line where middle America figures it out and begins to fight back. I don't know where that is, but it is there. We saw it on 9/12, however fleeting it might have been. Perhaps it is when they realize that their children will be beaten and killed to satisfy the bloodlust of a tyrant. All I know is, if they do not see the line by then, it is because they are on the wrong side of it.

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There Is a Line

"Marxists ...have begun to rattle the foundations."

they have become nothing other than Baghdad Bob, who proclaimed to Iraqi television that there was nothing amiss in Baghdad while American tanks

Through convincing the discontented that they could get satisfaction by attacking the enemies of the masters. Time after time, place after place, it was all the same.

"We are about to see the masks come off."

rolled in the street behind him. That is our media today and like Baghdad Bob, they are covering for their leaders: Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. They sound as ridiculous as he did and are as transparent.

In decades hence, the media will be forced to wear the shame they should feel today, but that is another post for another day.

The crowds in the streets of Milwaukee are not their

Barack Obama, perhaps the most notable Marxist of our time, with the background to prove it, is pulling all the strings. It was clear when his Attorney General made it clear that the Obama Administration would stand behind Black Lives Matter no matter what. That was the signal, in front of the whole nation that the administration was with them.

So, this is what the Marxists want: America. They will use Muslim jihadists;

Seven States Will Require Work for Food Stamps

by Thomas Phippen, Daily Caller News Foundation

Several states are unilaterally ending the waivers on work requirements for food stamps, which were part of the post-recession stimulus package, before being federally required to end the waivers.

The 2009 stimulus allowed states to waive the work requirement for food stamps recipients and gave federal money to cover the extra costs. States had to request the waivers, and now Arkansas, Florida, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and New Jersey, join other states ending the program early, Bloomberg reports.

The Supplemental Nutri-

tional Assistance Program (SNAP) work requirement, part of the 1996 welfare reform law, mandates that individuals without dependents and who are considered able-bodied must either prove they are working or in a training program at least 20 hours a week, or lose food stamps after three months, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

About 43.5 million people currently receive food stamps, which is 9 percent lower than the program's peak in 2012, according to available data. The retreat from the waiver program may account for the drop in food stamp use, but some states say that since the improving economy has made

it easier for childless adults to find work, the work requirements should be reinstated.

"We are in a position where we don't want that waiver anymore," South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said in March when she announced the move. "We see this as an opportunity to give more people work."

When Kansas reinstated work requirements in 2013, 60 percent of able-bodied adults removed from food stamps found work within a year, the Foundation for Government Accountability found in a February report.

After seeing success in reinstating work requirements in three counties this

year, Georgia announced it would expand the requirements to other counties starting in 2017.

"No one who is able-bodied and able to work should be drawing food stamps, period," state Rep. Greg Morris told the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* this week.

(Editor/GG: Hey Colorado State Senate republicans, how about fighting for this and actually make a difference?)

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Why the Establishment Can't Grasp The Nature of Islam

by Selwyn Duke,
The American Thinker

The media and effete powers-that-be have been twisting themselves into Halal pretzels Islam-splainin', rationalizing how a given Muslim terrorist attack isn't really "Islamic" or isn't significant. These contortions can become quite ridiculous, such as suggesting that the recent Allahu Akbar-shouting Munich shooter, Ali Sonboly, might somehow have had "right-wing" motives because, among his violent passions, was an interest in the Norwegian mass murderer Anders Breivik.

A more common (un)intellectual contortion is the minimizing tactic of claiming, as is politically correct authorities' wont, that a given jihadist attacker "has no ties to IS" (the Islamic State), as if there's nothing to see here if a man doesn't provide notarized evidence of allegiance to the boogeyman *du jour*. Yet this is much as if we'd claimed during the Cold War, that a Marxist terrorist attack wasn't really a Marxist™ terrorist attack because we couldn't find a connection to the Soviet Union. The issue and problem wasn't primarily the Soviet Union but communism (Marxism birthed the USSR, not the other way around), an evil ideology that wreaks hav-

oc wherever it takes hold. Likewise, the IS didn't birth Islam; Islam birthed the IS. Nonetheless, moderns will often use the misdirection of focusing inordinately on national or group associa-

no organization; they may be of any race or ethnicity, be rich or poor, and male or (occasionally) female. They only have one truly common thread: being Muslim.

jor reason why.

Becoming serious about a faith and digging into it generally means getting closer to its actual teachings. A lukewarm cradle Catholic may have little knowledge of even the Bible, but a devout one will likely have read that and the Church's catechism. Likewise, an indifferent nominal Muslim (you know, the kind they call "moderate") may not know much of the Koran, nine percent of which is devoted to political violence. Yet a pious Muslim may scour that book — and more. He may also imbibe

there is bad religion.

Now, most belief sets that have been embraced by man — whether we label them "ideology" or a "faith"; be they Nazism, communism, the Aztec religion involving mass human sacrifice or something else — have been what we today would call lacking to awful. This understanding lends perspective:

Islam is *not* an anomaly, historically speaking.

Rather, it aligns more closely with man's default for belief sets: violence-enabling/tolerating wicked-

naturally display many, if not all, the Seven Deadly Sins and be generally barbaric unless some civilizing agency tempers their fallen nature. Thus, as with a person, the true measure of a religion is not just what it does, but what it fails to do — its faults of omission not just of commission.

It is clear to me that while Islam may be better than the Aztec and some other pagan religions, it nonetheless does a relatively poor job taming the beast. In fact, it apparently gives great license to our sinful nature. Considering greed, lust and sloth, why is it that many Muslims believe it's licit to rob, rape and leech off *kuffars* (non-Muslims)? Does Islam do much to temper the envy and pridefulness inspiring so much anti-Western hatred? What of the officially approved bearing of false witness called *taqiyya*? Then there's that father of violence, wrath. Danish psychologist Dr. Nicolai Senneels, who worked for years with incarcerated Muslim youth, points out that anger is highly accepted in Muslim cultures; moreover, the ability to intimidate, he writes, "is seen as strength and [a] source of social status." He concludes, "Islam and Muslim culture have certain psychological mechanisms that harm people's development and increase criminal behaviour."

Also note that the West's foundational faith, Christianity, and its root, Judaism — the two faiths Westerners are best acquainted with and whose norms they may reflexively (and unwisely) project onto Islam — have as the basis of their moral law, the Ten Commandments. Islam's moral law is *Sharia*. And ne'er the twain shall meet.

In other words, even if given Muslims aren't mindful of their canon's violent injunctions, even if jihad is the furthest thing from their minds, they will as a group, still be more prone to violence. That is, as long as their hearts and minds embody what Islam does, and what it fails to do.

Read more: http://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2016/08/why_the_establishment_cant_grasp_the_nature_of_islam_.html#ixzz4GCwZfqJF

"...increasing religiosity among the Muslim youths actually made them more violent."

tions when discussing terrorism. This is a dodge, one designed to help us avoid uncomfortable truths, and which relegates us to playing an eternal game of whack-a-mole. The USSR is gone but communism is still a problem (witness North Korea and Cuba), and insofar as it's less of a threat, it's largely *because its ideas have been discredited*. Bad ideas' standard bearers will change. But as long as the bad ideas remain tolerated and credible, they'll always win converts.

In fact, the reality that today's terrorists *are* diverse makes the point. They may be Iranian, Afghani, American, Albanian, German or from any nation whatsoever; they may be part of Hamas, IS, al Qaeda, the U.S. Army (Maj. Hassan), some other organization or

The point is that, ultimately, this is a battle not of nations or organizations but of *ideas*, and ideas are powerful. Beliefs matter. Every action begins with a thought — or, at least, with a reflex response reflecting a worldview that has shaped one's thoughts and emotions.

Yet there's more to understanding Muslim violence. A comprehensive German study of 45,000 immigrant youths, reported in 2010, that while increasing religiosity among the Christian youths made them less violent, increasing religiosity among the Muslim youths actually made them more violent. Not *more violent* "if they join Islamic State" — but more violent, period. And while the study authors had their own, mostly politically correct explanations, I think I know a ma-

the remaining 84 percent of the Islamic canon, the two books known as the Hadith and Sira.

And, respectively, 21 percent and 67 percent of their texts are devoted to political violence.

That's what you call a full dose. Also note that while access to these two more obscure Islamic canonical texts was once limited, the Internet age places them at everyone's fingertips. Couple this with the violent preaching of immigrant Imams, and that Muslims consider violent warlord Mohammed "The Perfect Man" and thus the ultimate role model, and the German study's findings are no mystery. Speaking of mysteries, though, the true effect of Islam will remain one unless we delve further — and break ourselves of certain misconceptions common to our times.

In the grip of religious-equivalence doctrine, many moderns have a habit of painting all faiths with the same brush; militant secularists hiss that they're all bad while many conservatives will behave as if all "real" religions are good; consequently, conservatives sometimes reconcile dislike for Islam by insisting it is "not a religion." But like ideology, "religion" is a category, not a creed; it contains the good, the bad and the ugly. So while religion isn't bad,

ness. It is Christianity that is anomalous — *as a real religion of peace*.

Why does grasping this matter? The common assumption that a belief set labeled "religious" must

"...Muslims believe it's licit to rob, rape and leech off kuffars..."

involve generally peaceful injunctions is a result of projecting our own historically anomalous Christian standards onto other, often historically normal belief sets. This understanding can break us of the emotional reluctance to accept that what we call a "major religion" could be destructive. Instead of wrongly believing we must place Islam in a lonely, sparsely occupied "abnormal" category, we realize we merely have to accept that it's closer to that oh-so-tragic, bloody human norm. Now, there's yet one more thing to consider about the impact of Islam.

When analyzing the effect of a religion, people understandably focus on its injunctions. What does it dictate? Yet such an analysis is insufficient because man's default is not to be saintly but uncivilized; people will



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The Tyranny of Race

by The Zman

There are a limited number of ways to govern a multi-ethnic or multi-racial society. As much as modern elites believe they are wrestling with new problems, the issues the West faces today are common throughout history. The very first settled human societies were multi-ethnic. The “cradle of civilization” was full of tribal people with identities different from one another, often with different languages. One tribe would come to dominate the others, but the subjugated people maintained their identities. They just paid tribute to the dominant tribe.

One way humans have met this challenge is through **hard segregation**. This is when areas are carved out for specific groups of people and only those people. The governing authority helps the groups defend their turf from any encroachment from the others. One group is dominant, but a big part of how they maintain their dominance is by keeping the peace between the rest of the groups. The Arab world still functions under this model for the most part. One tribe dominates, but the other tribes run their own turf for the most part.

The opposite of this is **compulsory assimilation**, where everyone is blended into one identity. The English banning Welsh and other local languages from government is an example of how the ruling

group can force assimilation. The Romans would settle barbarians in the Empire with the goal of assimilation. This meant sprinkling them around in small groups so they would adopt the local lan-

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guage and customs and lose their native identity. Their inability to do this with the Goths is often held up as one of the causes of the collapse.

The third most common method for confronting the problems of diversity is **soft segregation**, where you end up with a multi-tier social order. The dominant group gets all the privileges and benefits of society. The lower orders are barred from positions of authority and perhaps have fewer legal rights. Muslims prefer this model. Europeans used to treat the Jews as a guest race of people, with limited legal rights. In America, this was the mode employed after the Civil War to manage blacks. In the North it was implicit and in the South it was explicit.

None of these models are seen as legitimate or moral by modern Western leaders. America still

maintains reservations for Indians, but that’s only because no one knows how to get rid of [reservations]. The Europeans still have a gypsy problem, but like the Indian problem, no one knows what to do about it so it is ignored. Otherwise, the West has no interest in segregation or compulsory assimilation when it comes to the challenges of diversity. In fact, diversity is viewed as an unalloyed good, so any attempt to temper it is forbidden.

That has resulted in the current way of meeting the challenge of diversity in the West, which is **Proportionalism**. This is where the costs of violating liberal principles are weighed against the perceived benefits from violating the principles. For instance, legal discrimination is wrong as a principle, but quotas and set asides allegedly have benefits that are too

A good recent example is the Freddy Gray case in Baltimore. The city charged every cop involved with the highest possible count, even though little evidence suggested they did anything wrong, much less deliberately criminal. The victim was black so the city violated the rights of the cops and ruined their lives because the city thought the benefits outweighed the rights of the cops. In other words, naked racism to counter the consequences of perceived racism was justified based on expected outcomes in this particular case.

The result of this mode of thought, this philosophical outlook, is a thicket of rules and precedents that are incoherent in isolation because they exist only in the moment. America is a land where you can be sued for discriminating against blacks in favor of whites,

upon the judge and the circumstances.

There’s a word for arbitrary application of the law. It’s called tyranny. That is the inevitable end of Proportionalism because benefits and costs are always subjective. The City of Baltimore looked at the lives of six police officers and said they were not worth another riot. The family of the police officers had a very different valuation of these things. The dozens of dead black guys would probably have a different calculation, but the police went on a silent strike so those black guys got killed and no longer have a say.

The reason tyranny eventually collapses is, it devolves into a recursive use of resources in order to maintain itself. Once the law becomes arbitrary, the violations of the law, and the willingness to flout the law, increase exponentially. The only thing everyone knows is that voluntary compliance has no benefit. This requires an exponential growth of authority to maintain order. Eventually, the cost of order exceeds the resources available to the authority and collapse ensues. It’s why authoritarian regimes tend not to live long past their founder.

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Proportionalism; see http://www.slideshare.net/aquinas_rs/proportionalism

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valuable to pass up, so the state engages in active racism in hiring. Because the scales are entirely subjective based on one’s point of view and the moment in time, there can be no fixed rules, just a mindset.

while simultaneously being sued for discriminating against whites in favor of blacks. Since there are no set rules that apply all the time, you could lose both cases in the same courthouse. It all depends

Wealth Tax Looms As Citizens FORCED to Declare ALL ‘Assets’ to Tax Authority

by Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: Not “if” in the USA, but “when”. The libs and RINO’s are running out of “other people’s” money to pay off the peasants. So, just like Greece, the U.S. middle class will be the chosen ones. Attention people with pensions: those pensions will be the first to go as they are very easy to confiscate. You have been warned.)

In Greece’s ongoing collapse into utter farce, The Greek Finance Ministry confirmed some more details of the long-planned registration of all kinds of private wealth that will go into effect in February 2017. As *KeepTalkingGreece* reports, more than 8,500,000 tax payers registered in Greece will be called to **declare all moveable and immovable assets, their total “wealth” and even cash they possess even if it is below 100 euros**. Furthermore, **the taxpayers will have to register changes in their assets when they occur and not annually**.

Tax authorities will upload on their website pre-filled data like real estate, declared income, income from rents, loans, vehicles etc. – the pre-filled data will refer to data given by taxpayers in their income declaration.

And under the new scheme,

Greeks are mandated to have registered everything they own, with taxpayers having to add movable and immovable possessions such as paintings, antiques, jewelry, even historical weapons,

“...citizen[s] should be asking - why does the government want to know this?”

etc., but also the cash they have in their wallets or under the mattress.

“Taxpayers must declare all the cash they have in their hands, even one euro!” an official from the Finance Ministry told newspaper *To Vima* on conditions of anonymity.

The Greek Finance Ministry apparently does not know yet what value the taxpayers will have to declare if they possess a necklace and a ring, a painting made by the cousin and a sculpture made by the sister in the ceramics course. **The Ministry has also no idea, who will estimate the value and how.**

Within a month, the taxpayer will have to submit a modification statement, if there are any changes in his possessions status.

“This will affect any case of

property transfer or acquisition, but not of income, which is being declared each year, and are directly updated by the tax authorities, *To Vima* stresses.

KeepTalkingGreece sarcastically concludes... that as

she understands, she will not have to submit cash possessions modifications every time she goes to the kiosk to buy chewing gums or cigarettes and pays cash from the money in her wallet.

“P.S. No comment for the time being as my current movable possessions are two bikinis, 2 pairs of flip flops and a beach towel. Swimming is the best medicine against state madness and officials with Robespierre’s attitudes.”

The simple question every Greek (and European and American and Japanese) citizen should be asking - why does the government want to know this? ...and besides what gives them the right to invade the citizenry’s privacy to such a degree?

The answer is sadly simple. The road the **dystopi-**

an “wealth tax” endgame has been long-written. As we pointed out in 2011, the “muddle through” is dead... and there are only painful ways out...

And now it is time to face the facts. What facts?

The facts which state that between household, corporate and government debt, the developed world has more than \$20 trillion in debt over and above the sustainable threshold by the definition of “stable” debt to GDP of 180%.

The facts according to which all attempts to eliminate the excess debt have failed, and for now even the Fed’s relentless pursuit of inflating our way out this insurmountable debt load have been for nothing.

The facts which state that the only way to resolve the massive debt load is through a global coordinated debt restructuring (which would, among other things, push all global banks into bankruptcy) which, when all is said and done, will have to be funded by the world’s financial asset holders: **the**

middle-and upper-class, which, if BCS is right, have a ~30% one-time tax on all their assets to look forward to as the great mean reversion finally arrives and the world is set back on a viable path.

But not before the biggest episode of “transitory” pain, misery and suffering in the history of mankind. **Good luck, politicians and holders of financial assets, you will need it because after Denial comes Anger, and only long after, does acceptance finally arrive.**

The truth is far, far uglier than anything anyone in a position of power will tell you because acknowledgment would imply the need to come up with solutions that involve more than merely extending the event horizon for a little longer. Alas, even politicians now realize there is only so far that the can can be kicked.

There is one thing we would like to bring to our readers’ attention because we are confident, that one way or another, sooner or later, it will be implemented.

Namely a one-time wealth tax: in other words, instead of stealth inflation, the government will be forced to proceed with transfer of wealth. According to BCG, the amount of developed world debt between household, corporate and government that needs to be eliminated is just over \$21 trillion. Which unfortunately means that there is an equity shortfall that will have to be funded with incremental cash which will have to come from somewhere. **That somewhere is a tax of the middle and upper classes, which are in possession of \$74 trillion in financial assets, which in turn will have to be taxed at a blended rate of 28.7%.**

And perhaps Greece is the western world’s guinea pig for the first effort?

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United States	\$ 11,216	\$ 43,134	26.0%
European Union	8,329	24,493	34.0%
United Kingdom	1,704	6,314	27.0%
SUM	\$ 21,249	\$ 73,940	28.7%



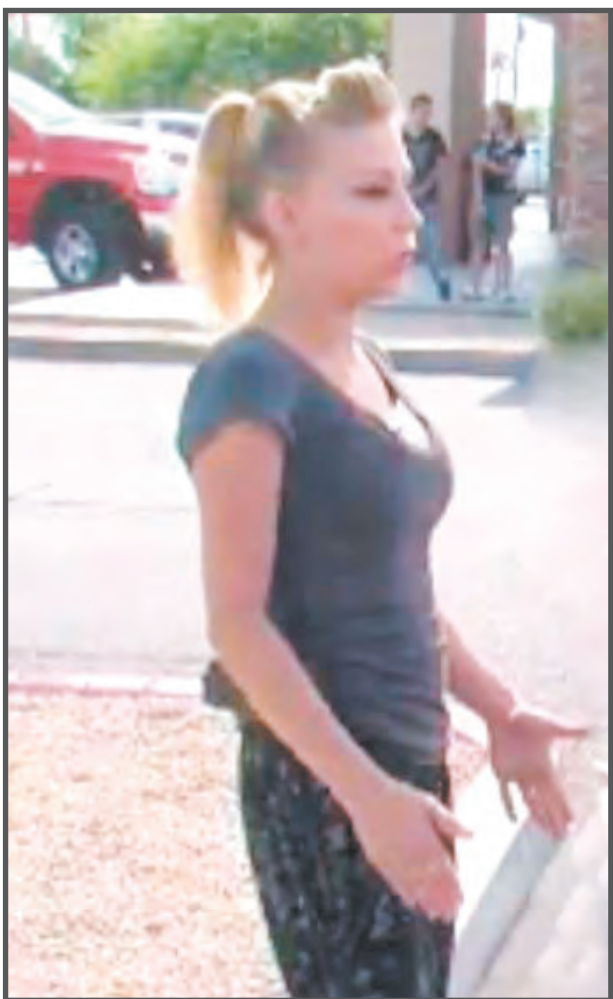
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Captain John Parker, Lexington Green, April 19, 1775

Woman Openly Carrying Glock Threatened by Armed Felon: She Kills Him



Carolann Miracle during an interview after the incident.

Courtesy photo from GunWatch BlogSpot.com

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—Arizona

A woman openly carrying a Glock was threatened by an armed felon in the early morning hours of 1 August, 2016. She was leaving the gas station with a drink in her hand and the Glock on her hip. Her daughter would be turning three in about a week. From abc15.com:

Miracle said she was leaving the Circle K near 59th Avenue and Camelback Road with her family early Monday morning when the suspect, Frank Taylor, tried to bum a cigarette. She told him that she didn't have one, and then seconds later, Miracle said, she could feel the barrel of the gun against her skin.

"He put the gun up to my neck and said, 'It's loaded, don't move,'" Miracle said. "I think he thought, 'She's a little girl. Maybe she

doesn't know how to use her weapon.'"

Miracle said, "I dropped my soda, released my gun from my holster and cocked it. I shot him and ran in the opposite direction."

Carolann's father was a Marine. He taught her well. The pistol appears to be a Glock model 17 or 22, with night sights.

There are several things to note about this encounter. Many elements of the story are items often found in armed robberies/muggings.

First is the **approach**. It is common for robbers/muggers to use a pretext to close the distance and distract the victim. Asking for a cigarette is a common pretext. So is asking for the time.

Second is picking what appeared to be **weak prey**. Carolann is a small woman, 4'11, 85 pounds. It is common for human predators to pick on weaker prey. Maybe he did not see the Glock on her hip. It was dark. She was holding a drink from the gas station, probably in her right hand. If she was wearing a dark top, as she was in the video, the Glock would not have presented much contrast. While open carriers tend to be very aware of their defensive firearm, many people never notice it.

Carolann did many things right. The first was to instantly recognize the threat. Many become mired in the thought that "this cannot

be happening"; "this is not real". People who carry are much less likely to do that because they have considered the possibility of attack and prepared for it.

She did the right thing when she dropped her drink. Dropping things to access your weapon or to fight better is not an instinctive reaction. Many people instinctively hang on to useless things that impede their ability to fight. I taught my students to practice dropping things at the beginning of a fight so that they could draw their firearm, and fight more effectively.

She did the right thing when she fled the area in the opposite direction from the way the attacker was going. Many attacks, perhaps 50%, involve an accomplice. She purposefully made the decision, moved to safety, then called the police.

Carolann's response is common. She did not want to kill her attacker. It was a consequence of what he forced her to do. She would have preferred that it never happened.

There were witnesses and surveillance video, both of which backed up her story.

Carolann says she "cocked it". I suspect she was carrying Israeli style, in condition 3, with an empty chamber. If you practice pulling and releasing the slide as you draw, it can be fairly fast.

What did not happen

Carolann was openly carrying. She was accosted by a violent, armed felon. He did not simply "shoot her first" as many who oppose open carry claim will happen. Even though he "had the drop" on her, she won the gun fight.

Action beats reaction. Dropping the drink likely gave her another second, as the felon probably thought "dropping drink" not "drawing gun".

It is a known gunfighter tactic that Louis L'Amore wrote about in one of his novels. In that case, the fictional character let a match burn down to his fingers from lighting a cigarette, thus conditioning his opponents to expect him to flick his hand away from the burn. Expecting that, they were surprised by the draw.

Maybe Carolann did not consciously make that decision; but the effect was similar.

Carolann Miracle; small woman, Marine's daughter, open carrier, mother, now undesired gunfighter. She survived and lived to see her daughter's third birthday.

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Local Friends of NRA Are Throwing a Party



The local Custer County Friends of NRA will be holding its inaugural fundraiser banquet at A Painted View Ranch on Saturday, August 27th. The event kicks off at 5:00 PM. The cost is \$35.00 per person which includes games, auctions, special drawings, art, limited edition firearms, outdoor merchandise and a wonderful dinner served by Alpine Inn Chef, Richard Kastendieck. A cash bar will be available.

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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The Language of Liberty Series

Response Time "Zero": Gun-Free Zones vs. Concealed Weapons

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Current laws should be changed to allow concealed carry weapons (CCW) permit holders to be armed in gun-free zones (GFZ).

Below are two scenarios to consider:

First, you have a CCW permit and are out for a normal day. You find yourself in a GFZ. Therefore, you don't have your gun as current law prohibits this. Now a shooting breaks out. Without your gun, what do you do? Do you flee or hide? Unfortunately, being unarmed, your options are limited. The outcome for you and fellow citizens may be completely out of your control. Although law enforcement in our nation is outstanding and officers are trained for such events, their response is reactive, taking several minutes. That means people die.

Now the second scenario: Laws allow you to be armed in GFZs. You are now a potential first responder instead of being helpless and defenseless. In this scenario, the shooter has unknowingly lost a vital advantage. Conditions may allow you to end the threat or at least minimize deaths. However, because of your CCW training, you understand the conditions under which it may be best to not engage the shooter if you can't do so safely.

Which scenario potentially offers you a better outcome? What does

your gut, your natural survival instinct tell you?

Statistics show that gun sales and CCW applications spike after news reports of shootings. People instinctively realize the need to assert their inherent, natural right to take responsibility for their own protection.

Those who apply for a CCW must take a gun safety course that includes shooting range time. Knowledge is power. Individuals who are unfamiliar or uncomfortable with guns become more confident with that knowledge. Crime statistics prove the gun crime rate for CCW permit holders is near non-existent.

Here are some gun facts:

- Defensive Gun Use (DGU) by citizens occurs more than 2.5 million times a year. In 15.7% of DGU incidences, a firearm saved lives.
- A government study indicates significant DGUs nationwide. Defensive gun use is six times that of criminal gun use, proving that citizens who carry deter crime without incident. This proves out the saying "An armed society is a polite society".
- 80% of DGUs involve concealed handguns.
- 77% of all gun crimes occur in public.
- States tracking violent crime data on CCW permit holders show consistently low rates.

• From 1987-2014, Florida issued more than 2.5 million CCW permits. Out of those, only 168 CCW permit holders, or .0067% of the total, committed firearm crimes.

• Likewise, Texas data for 4,295,434 CCW permits from 1996 to 2011 indicate 30 crimes, or .0007% of CCW holders.

• Of all the alternatives to prevent mass public shootings, law enforcement officers cite trained civilians with CCW permits as the most effective solution. Eighty-six percent (86%) believe mass-shooting casualties would likely have been reduced or avoided all together.

Law abiding citizens must not be left defenseless because of the abundance of sensationalized media reports that fit the narrative for gun control. The statistics simply do not bear out the disproportional news reports. Actually, the facts show just the opposite. Where there is more gun control, there is more violent crime against citizens. According to USA Today, Chicago, now with their strict gun control laws in place, has just experienced a drastic spike in gun related violence, proving this reality.

What a predator does with a weapon has more to do with the evil intent of the heart than the availability of guns. Guns are no more the cause of murder than spoons are the cause of obesity or cars the cause of drunk driving.

The statistics prove that more than 99% of the time, people with ill intent obtain guns illegally, regardless of gun laws. They will avoid the legal paper trail at all costs. If not guns, these predators will use other means to commit crimes. Data from nations that have banned guns show an astounding increase in the number of violent crimes on an unarmed society, using illegally obtained guns, knives, hammers, and other objects.

The Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990 has not made schools immune to shootings. Why? Criminals, by definition, ignore the constraint of laws.

Some schools have a law enforcement officer on-site, often referred to as resource officers. Although a good start, this is insufficient. School policy should allow CCW permit holders on staff to exercise their natural right to self-defense at school. The same should apply in other GFZs, allowing citizens to conceal carry. Such changes would create multiple lines of defense with citizens as potential first responders in an active shooter event. Soft targets would disappear. People with evil intent would be put on notice that citizens have taken action to defend themselves, and are no longer defenseless victims.

In each area with CCW or Constitutional carry laws in place, violent crime remains lower than gun-restricted areas. If armed citizens were causing issues in

the course of carrying their legal weapons, rest assured, it would be lauded on every news outlet, ad nauseam.

A fear-based message concerning guns relies on silencing the actual data and instead, using a purely emotional narrative with unfounded talking points. Ignore fear-based arguments that tout so-called "common sense" gun control. The faulty arguments against gun ownership are not grounded in fact, defy real common sense, and are only emotional talking points.

Exercising our natural right to self-defense is the best deterrent to perpetrators of gun crimes. Instead of ridiculous "Gun-Free Zone" signs, the signs should read: "Criminal Free Zone: Protection Provided by Armed Citizens" Then, response time for citizen first-responders would become zero.

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If You Don't Yet Own an AR-15 to Defend Your Family...

by Bob Owens, Bearing-Arms.com

A multi-block neighborhood in north Milwaukee erupted into rioting, looting, and arson last night after minority residents affiliated with Black Lives Matter used the death of an armed violent criminal to justify a crime spree. The rioting, looting, and arson followed the officer-involved shooting death of 23-year-old gang-affiliated felon named Sylville K. Smith. Smith turned towards a black police officer with a stolen gun in his hand and was fatally shot.

The criminals who rioted last night in Milwaukee won't get another chance to wage war against civil society without a fight.

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker has activated the National Guard to help police should further rioting erupt in a predominantly black Milwaukee neighborhood where police killed an armed suspect.

The Sherman Park neighborhood, which has a reputation for poverty and crime, appeared calm hours after businesses were burned, cars set ablaze and gunshots fired overnight by demonstrators angered by the police killing.

Seventeen people were arrested in the disturbances, Milwaukee Police Chief Edward Flynn, said.

Four police officers were treated for injuries and released from hospitals.

Chief Walker said the Guard would be "in a position to aid local law enforcement upon request."

Unfortunately, the response comes almost 24 hours too late.

One of the terrifying realities of an interconnected digital age is that radicals can easily and quickly organize flash riots. They can descend on an area with little or no warning in large numbers, commit significant felony acts in a short amount of time, and then disappear before law enforcement can mount a significant response.

a riot within hours, before local authorities have the opportunity to recognize an escalating threat, much less mobilize, equip, and deploy their forces in effective numbers.

Now more than ever, you may find yourself and your neighbors forced to band together and defend your homes, businesses, and lives, just as Korean shopkeepers famously did in the 1992 Los Angeles riots, and residents, storekeepers and Oathkeepers did in Ferguson in 2014.

It probably won't come as a surprise to anyone that the firearms best suited for keeping these violent mobs at bay are the very firearms that anti-gun Democrats are so fervently attempting to ban.

An AR-15 such as the one above is among the most

discern threats, a bright tactical light to clearly identify threats, and 30-round magazines, a law-abiding citizen is well-equipped to take on mobs primarily armed with handguns, impact weapons, and molotov cocktails.

have shown that they are willing to torch buildings with little or no thought to the lives inside those structures.

This creates a plausible scenario where a citizen sees rioters about to put

defense of your family and community, you may want to consider if you're making a mistake.

Increasingly, it may be the responsibility of armed citizens to save their communities from violent mobs



Korean Americans defending thier stores during the 1992 Los Angeles six-day riot.

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effective possible firearms against murderous, arson-minded rioters in suburban and urban situations.

Equipped with a low variable-power scope to help

The same general rules of engagement apply during riot as they would at any other time. You may not use deadly force upon another human being unless they pose an imminent deadly force threat to you or a third-party.

That noted, the willingness of these rioters to use deadly force is unquestioned. They have fired shots at police and citizens, and they

lives at risk, up to several block away, justifying a much-longer-than-normal third-party self-defense shot of dozens to hundreds of yards.

If you do not yet own a quality AR-15 (or similar rifle) with good low-powered scopes or a red dot optic, a decent weapon-mounted light, other required accouterments and the training to use these carbines for the

when law enforcement cannot mobilize fast enough to prevent attacks that are nothing more or less than domestic terrorism.

Be prepared.

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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.



Who Authored Free Speech?

Recent surveys indicate that forty percent of millennials favor curtailing free speech that is determined to be offensive to minorities. The exporters of political correctness have successfully convinced a significant percentage of the dumbest down generation that the Constitution is no longer applicable. The great exception would be when they desire to spout off! College students protesting conservative guest speakers on campus is a hypocrisy that is more repugnant than a broadcasting skunk in the church house. Naturally, it's indoctrinated Neanderthals on the left who consider themselves qualified to be the arbiters of correct speech. Opposition to free speech is synonymous with obstruction to liberty; those who would participate in this kind of antagonism must have jumped off the evolutionary train years ago. Their chimp ancestors would be so proud of them.

The Scriptures make it abundantly clear that God permits all vocalized opinions, even when they are of the vilest sort. Nowhere is this better illustrated than with those who lied about and slandered Jesus Christ. To be sure, there were future consequences of disastrous proportions, but all the same, the Lord tolerated their verbal insanity. One lightning bolt could have remedied the situation, but God in keeping with His own dictates of creation (mankind with a free will) allowed the defamation. The alleged insults that so-called minorities suffer are miniscule indeed compared to the torment hurled on the One who said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." It's in that spirit that Bible believing Christians endure ridicule that transgenders and similar groups have never encountered. The mainstream media is their ally, but our adversary; consequently, they are cast in a much better light than Believers who cling to their religion and guns.

The only weapon that was ever at the disposal of the Old Testament prophets were words. Not one lifted a sword or led an army; they simply preached unpopular messages which centered around the theme of repentance. This was generally labeled "hate speech" which motivated Jesus to say, "Woe unto you! For ye build the sepulchers of the prophets, and your fathers killed them." Free speech was costly but only to those expressing Godly opinions. What's new?

For the benefit of the educationally disadvantaged, the First Amendment reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment

of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press, or the right of the people peaceable to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." Beyond any shadow of coincidence the prohibition of curtailing religion is the first to be mentioned followed by the freedom of speech. The reason is obvious: religion, particularly Bible Christianity, hangs on the nail of speech. The apostle Paul said, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine." (II Timothy 4:2) By its very nature preaching often disturbs, offends and insults the listener. Therein lies the rub...few really want their sin pointed out. The reaction is ---if the messenger cannot be eliminated, his message must be stifled. Historically, overt attacks on Christianity have enhanced its propagation, consequently, a more subtle approach must be utilized.

If the Bible and those who subscribe to it did not exist, would any of this even be a serious discussion? It's the Scriptures that stand opposed to most forms of political correctness and liberalism. The seeds of criticism against abortion, large government, excessive taxation, lax national defense, loose immigration and bureaucrat corruption are all in the Word of God. Since a frontal attack is risky, the Left is constantly probing the flanks.

The preamble of the Constitution reads: "We The People of the United States in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States."

The Constitution was ordained to "secure" the blessings of liberty that already existed in 1789. Where did these blessings exist? They were present in the individual states which were openly Christian. All fifty states have expressed in their preambles, or the body of the state constitution itself, dependence on God for their preservation and strength. This Biblical ideal was woven into these documents when the leaders of the different states were planning the structure of their civil government. Therefore, when the federal constitution was drafted, the principle of faith in God was presumed to be a universal for healthy civil government.

Perhaps there is a reason government is in ICU today!

A Sheepdog Barks!

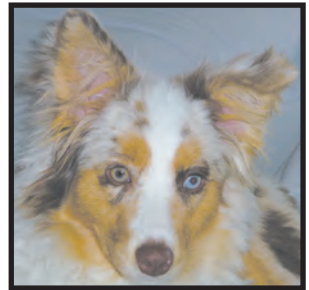
Thank goodness the Olympics are over. Last Sunday they came to a conclusion with the Closing Ceremony. Remember I'm not against the athletes competing. There are World Championships every year. Even Major League Baseball calls their playoff championship the World Series. I'm against all the excess spending and corruption of the International Sports Federations and the International Olympic Committee (IOC). You get on the IOC and you get rich just like our politicians, especially the Clintons and very soon, the Obamas. WOOF!

Last week I talked about how the crazy expansion of sporting events has become ridiculous. I forgot to mention one other really stupid medal event so I want to do it now. OLYMPIC WALKING. No I'm not making this up. However this is really stupid. I can't tell if they are walking really fast or running really slow. However, the officials do, because some even get disqualified for wiggling their hips too much. I can't believe how this ever became a sport. I do know one thing for sure --- my sheepdog wife could never enter this event. I'm not sure any other human can walk as slow as she can. Maybe they could include slow walking into the Olympics and see who can walk a marathon the very slowest in the world. My sheepdog wife could win a gold medal! I also thought of a few new sports that could be included in Tokyo. How about Rhythmic Wrestling and Synchronized Shooting. Sounds to me like this would fit right in. And by the way, there were some final results released on Sunday that got no media attention, so you may not have caught this. France got the gold, Burkina Faso got the silver and somethingstan got the bronze in the Olympic Bocce Ball Team finals. NBC didn't bother to show it on TV. Okay, I'm making this one up. But I bet some of you believed it. We'll talk again in 2020. WOOF!

Now let's turn our attention back to the disaster this country might be facing in about 70 days. Hillary Rodham Clinton (HRC) just might be elected President of the United States. This thought actually depress-

es me every day. The scandals, lies and corruption keep coming out about this woman weekly. It never ends and it never will. Her history and her legacy of the last 40 plus years of public service are full of scandal, charges of criminal behavior and cronyism. She is largely successful at this because the main stream media protects her by failing to investigate and expose her corrupt behavior. Just look at the last week. These latest emails brought to light by Judicial Watch should be the final nail in her political coffin. They prove she failed to honor her commitment to separate herself from the Clinton Foundation (CF) while she was Secretary of State (SOS). Huma Abedin, her close assistant, worked for both the State Department and the CF at the same time. HRC also failed to disclose her donors even though she agreed to. She broke all of her agreements with her pal Barack Obama and he is still supporting her. And HRC's reaction to all this potential crime of selling out America while getting very rich through her foundation - laughing and joking. She is a master of deception and the stupid LPSDs just keep buying her lies. BAAA! She was on Jimmy Kimmel this last week joking about these 15,000 newly exposed emails which had not been turned over to the State Department. These are work related emails which she lied about and tried to destroy. But with Jimmy she tries to have us believe they are just some more boring emails about her yoga and wedding plans. HOWL! These are not boring emails; they are incriminating. WOOF!

Clinton supporters are rushing to her defense about what great work has been done by the CF. One idiot supporter, James Carville, even said that people will die if the CF is shut down. HOWL! This is another effort to shift the attention from her colossal wrongdoing and influence peddling. She sold her access to the CF donors and then made sure "things" happened. They actually expect us to believe differently. Juan Williams, the Clinton sycophant, said there is absolutely NO proof of any quid pro quo. REALLY! Let's have an independent investigation or Spe-



cial Prosecutor look at this. Do not get confused. The efforts of the CF are a good cover story to deflect attention from the dirty and corrupt behavior of the Clintons. WOOF!

Judicial Watch and the Associated Press (AP) are doing great work exposing this despicable woman. It took three years of court battles to get HRC's schedule of visitors and now we know that more than half of her SOS contacts were with CF donors. The AP also exposed a pass through company, WJC, LLC, which is used to channel payments to William Jefferson Clinton (WJC - see how clever) for "consulting" and "other" services from the CF. How neat. A way to launder foundation money to the Clintons you suppose? No doubt in my mind. WOOF!

And HilLIARy didn't report WJC, LLC on her financial disclosure forms because it has NO assets or employees. And was the SOS involved? Yep, according to the AP investigation the State Department approved a three year contract in 2011 to allow WJC, LLC to provide consulting services. Really? What will it take for the LPSDs to realize she is not fit or qualified to be the President of the United States?

The LPSDs excuse HilLIARy's behavior by saying that Donald Trump is worse and not fit to be president. HilLIARy's dishonest and untrustworthy, possibly even criminal, behavior has been done while she was serving in the government. She has continually violated the public trust. We know how she will behave as POTUS. We don't know how Trump will behave. We do know we cannot trust HilLIARy Rodham Clinton. She is corrupt and definitely unfit to serve in the Oval Office. Intellectually honest LPSDs have to admit that! Are there any? WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



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order from the court" so the deputies could seize and destroy the pot to prevent it from being used or stolen. As Sheriff Byerly later stated in an email to *The Sentinel*, "The grow was obviously and blatantly illegal." Assistant District Attorney Cassady Adams and District Attorney LaDoux recommended NOT seizing the pot because of possible liability issues and offered to obtain a seize and destruct order Monday morning. With no other options available, the deputies took samples of the pot for evidence, secured the area and placed crime scene tape at crucial points.

Come Monday morning DA LaDoux informed the Custer County Sheriff's Office that he would NOT obtain a seizure and de-

struction order and according to Sheriff Byerly, "... Mr. LaDoux actually had the audacity to tell us it was really a zoning issue and that the local residents just don't like the smell of it and no jury would ever convict the suspect."

Thus, without the physical evidence, the criminals running this large scale, "blatantly illegal" pot grow will probably walk free. This will now give the go-ahead for other, and bigger, illegal grow operations to start in Custer County which might soon resemble the illegal pot war zone that currently exists just north of our border in Fremont County in the Deer Mountain, Copper Gulch area, which is a VERY dangerous area.

After NOT receiving the seizure order during the raid, and NOT getting the order again on Monday morning, deputies returned

to the grow site Monday night and found that the crime scene tape had been broken AND ALL OF THE MARIJUANA WAS GONE! All 85 plants worth between three hundred and four hundred thousand dollars! This removal effort must have required multiple people and many trucks to accomplish.

(Editor/GG Comments: Custer County residents: Do you want to live next to a major, illegal pot grow, manned by armed, dangerous, illegal aliens or gang members from Cuba, Mexico, Texas or Florida? Like many of the residents do in southern Fremont County (right next to us)! IT WILL HAPPEN if the District Attorney's office refuses to assist in the arrest process and prosecute "obviously and blatantly illegal" pot grows. DA LaDoux's refusal to obtain a lawful seizure and destruction or-

der has probably resulted in two felons getting off, and HAS resulted in three to four hundred thousand dollars of high grade pot to be most likely illegally exported out of Colorado to be sold to children. And most importantly, IT HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO EVERY ILLEGAL POT GROWING CRIMINAL THAT CUSTER COUNTY IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS. This refusal by DA LaDoux to, in essence, destroy a slam dunk felony level pot grow case, is COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE and will result in a dramatic increase in criminal activity in Custer County. Mr. LaDoux was elected to enforce the law, not ignore it. We need a change in attitude at the District Attorney's office, and we need it now.)



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Camper about taking that money from the Conservation Trust monies. Since she had not heard back about this being an appropriate use of those funds, Kattnig spoke with Dawna Hobby and John Piquette about other accounts that \$5K could come from. Their suggestion was that it come from the courthouse communications budget. A motion was made to take the money out of that fund and passed unanimously.

The VALE Grant (Victim Assistance Law Enforcement) was authorized for \$10K.

The Valley Strong Proclamation was discussed. It was tabled until next meeting so that the wording could better reflect the county-wide nature of the proclamation rather than Valley only.

The Resolution for the Zebulon Pike route of the Pi-

oneer Trail was tabled to give time for further study of the routes and waypoints on the trail. Since there will be other resolutions for other explorers, Commissioner Shy recommended more specific language when the time comes for the resolution.

The amendments to the Zoning Resolution regarding election signs were passed.

The road vacation submitted by Guy Richter of San Isabel was discussed. The commissioners and attorney visited the site prior to the meeting. After a lengthy discussion, some recommendations were made for Richter to pursue.

The Wetmore Community Center project is awaiting final word from DOLA on the supplemental funds needed to start the work. Again the reverter clause was discussed and both attorneys (Smith and Naylor) expressed that they didn't think this was a problem that should hold up the

project. Commissioner Kattnig did not seem convinced. But the contract was approved unanimously, pending receipt of the DOLA approval for the supplemental funds. The tentative completion of the work would be in January of 2017. The attendees from Wetmore were relieved and happy to finally have the go-ahead. There will be a kick-off meeting on site on August 30th at 9 a.m. It will be included on the BOCC calendar in case several of the commissioners want to attend.

Commissioner Shy asked about the County Surveyor position. This position is currently vacant despite there being state regulations that the position must be filled. Kelly Camper responded that both the Republican and Democrat central committees had been notified that they can put forth a candidate for that position and get it on the ballot for November.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.



"I've lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: That God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We've been assured in the sacred writings that unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. I firmly believe this, and I also believe that without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel."

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he there is no real basis for this, as he has not come across other ladies who have made these claims and more importantly, there is no real evidence to back this accusation. With regard to campaign and election violations, he faced up to the state officials in Denver and admitted his shortcoming in not having been more competent in his reporting. His case was dismissed by the State.

As to the other reason for recall as stated in the petition, that he was not a rancher, as he has claimed to be, only because he only has twenty acres, he rebutted the notion by saying most ranchers work out of smaller parcels of land while leasing or renting large tracts for their operations.

Mr. Kattnig then shifted over to the letter *(Editor/GG: see additional information regarding "the letter" at the end of the article)* received by the editors of both local papers which made the claim that, while having lunch at a restaurant in Florence, the writers of the letter overheard Mr. Kattnig talking loudly on his cell phone, threatening to dismiss county employees for incompetence, lack of job knowledge, and other reasons. He is also claimed to have made snide remarks about fellow commissioners. Mr. Kattnig denied he had done this and went on to say that in consultation with legal professionals he had been advised that he could bring legal action for slander,

defamation of character and other similar injuries against his person. (Neither local paper printed the letter or mentioned it.)

Continuing his presentation, Mr. Kattnig addressed issues and concerns affecting the county. He spoke about the airport and how it had no budget when he took office and now, a year later, it not only has a budget but some revenue as well, based on rentals and sales of AV-GAS. He informed the audience that the county will be opening the airport for more people to use and with the AW-AC system will be a safer airport in the near future. He touched on the need for affordable housing and referred to the "Senior Tsunami" saying the county has to position itself to care for the many seniors now and in the near future.

He enumerated the issues facing the county and the need to address each one in due course; 911 Emergency and AT&T service is unacceptable. The commissioners are currently working closely with AT&T and CenturyLink and, in some detail mentioned the antenna in Silver Cliff, the Patriot System now in use which is to expire soon and will be replaced by a new one called Besla. He spoke of broadband and the need to get up to speed in order to attract business for economic development.

On the matter of the Wetmore Community Center, there is no doubt that the community needs a place to house their library, have a Sheriff's department area, a meeting place for residents and a

command center in times of necessity. In short, Mr. Kattnig says he fully supports the Wetmore Community Center.

On the subject of the county suit, the Court of Appeals has ruled

because of the lack of resources when preparing cases for trial. He feels it may be necessary at this time to call the attention of the State to see if they could ease the situation. He hailed the Sheriff's office for doing a good job in en-

terment of the entire community. Commissioner Kattnig received a standing ovation as he ended his presentation. Virtually no questions were asked.

(Editor/GG: With regards to "The Letter" mentioned in the article, two weeks ago The Sentinel received a letter from a couple who have been vacationing in the area for decades, stating that they were in a restaurant in Florence and overheard Commissioner Kattnig making comments that were potentially criminal in nature, concerning Custer County employees. The same day, The Sentinel received the letter, the woman phoned The Sentinel to make sure we got the letter and to reassure us that it was genuine. She stated that she and her husband lived in Texas and have vacationed here for many years, didn't really know anybody in the area well, and certainly didn't know Commissioner Kattnig. In other words, they had no axe to grind. They were just doing a public service reporting on what they heard. A few days later I called them back to confirm everything in the letter. We passed the letter on to the Custer County Sheriff's Office to investigate. We decided not to publish the letter, as it contained allegations of potential criminal behavior by Commissioner Kattnig, and it was uncorroborated. Commissioner Kattnig dropped by The Sentinel a few days after we received the letter and I asked him if the statements in the letter were true, and he said he did not make those statements.)



Commissioner Bob Kattnig speaking at the town hall meeting.

Photo by Fred Hernandez

that proper procedure was not followed and the case is effectively back to "square one". Mr. Kattnig is of the opinion that the county needs to negotiate in order to put an end to this protracted issue.

Continuing on to the Office of the District Attorney, Mr. Kattnig underscores the severity of its lack of funds and compares it to the Offices of the Public Defender which is well funded. Citing an increase in felonies mainly due to drugs, and how the D/A is at a disadvantage in most cases

forcement of the laws but, unfortunately, the cases don't stand up in court as a result of the shortcomings of the D/A in its preparations due to being underfunded. This bothers him a lot.

In closing, Mr. Kattnig called the attention of everyone that, while in the past we have had challenges as a community, we have been able to come together and overcome these challenges. Going forward, we have to figure out constructively, how to do the things we need to do for the bet-



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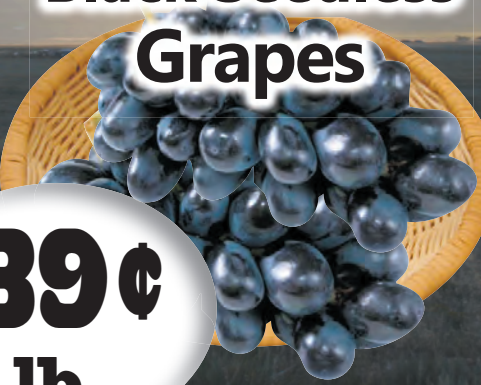
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