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Huge Cartel Pot Bust in San Isabel Forest

7,963 Plants Worth $1.5 Million Destroyed

by George Gramlich

According to Custer County Sheriff Shannon Byerly, in late August, a lone bow hunter was hiking in to hunt off of Custer County Road 274, in the San Isabel National Forest. About 3/4 mile in, near Mount Stull, this hunter stumbled across a large number of marijuana plants in various clearings. A very large number.

After leaving the forest, the hunter called the Custer County Sheriff's Office with the report which was then relayed to the U.S. Forest Service. Within a few days, the local Forest Service law enforcement



One of the several pot grow areas in the bust after the U.S. Forest Service and Custer County Deputies cut down the illegal plants. After this photo was taken, the plants were gathered into piles, wet down, and left to mold, making them useless.

Photo Courtesy of the Custer County Sheriff's Office

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How a Colorado Valley Became the Center of the Milky Way

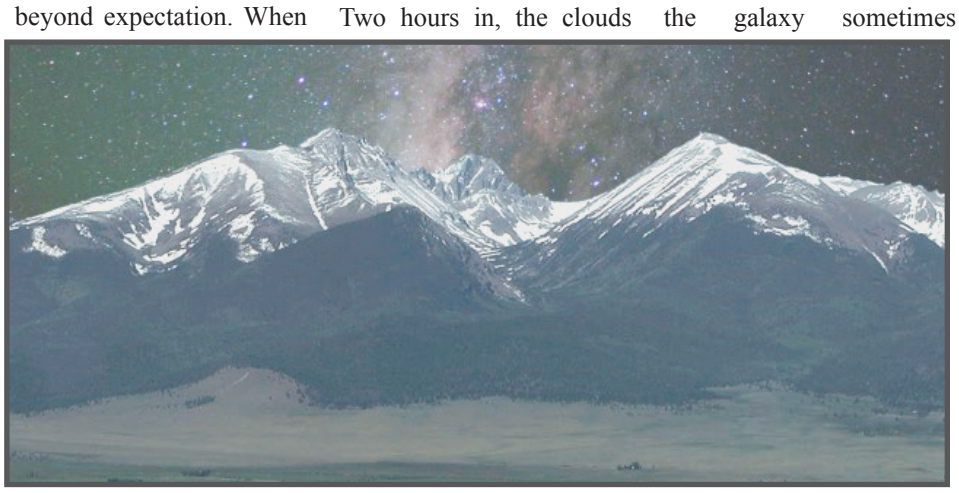
by Marianne Goodland, the Colorado Independent

Just after sunset in the tiny town of Westcliffe, 147 miles south and west of Denver, two dozen people begin gathering in the Bluff, a park on the edge of town.

The hilly Bluff overlooks the Wet Mountain Valley, and just a bit farther, the Sangre de Cristo mountains. The park hosts all manner of activities, including a large bluegrass festival every year. But on this night, its benches, set into the park's natural hillside, are a perfect place to look out over the valley and into the night sky. The view is breathtaking. You can see ranches and grazing land dotting the valley floor miles away.

Most of those gathering are older and retired, but there are a few kids, too. At least a half dozen people are holding telescopes – the kinds that cost hundreds or even thousands of dollars and take a fair amount of muscle to carry or must be rolled on carts to haul them to just the right spot.

That spot is a shed – one with wood siding that isn't much bigger than one you might have in your back yard. But, soon, the unremarkable structure reveals itself to be tricked out far beyond expectation. When



amateur astronomer Jim Bradburn flips a switch, the shed's roof slides forward, revealing a massive telescope, complete with a large-screen TV and a computer that directs the telescope to search the sky.

Bradburn is no Johnny-come-lately night sky viewer. He's among a growing group of locals who are serious about the stars.

On this particular night, at least at first, the sky doesn't cooperate. It's overcast, and clouds shroud the valley.

Bradburn and others fiddle with the observatory telescope and the computer to find an unobstructed view. Two hours in, the clouds are still veiling the stars.

Wait until about 9 or 10 p.m, someone says.

By then, chimes in another, we'll see the stars as they were meant to be seen.

Finally, at 9:30 p.m., it happens. The clouds begin to clear and the stars come out to play. The group aims their telescopes toward the heavens, capturing views of stars with names like M11 and M13, and the Great Hercules Cluster. Cassiopeia, a gleaming W in the night sky, is brilliant, even to the naked eye.

And there, behind the wisps of remaining clouds, spawls the Milky Way – a mass of stars so thick that the galaxy sometimes resembles clouds itself.

On one hand, Bradburn says, when you look into a clear night sky, you feel very small beneath so many stars. On the other, he says, it feels like you can reach up and touch the entire universe.

It's about the altitude, and the attitude.

Westcliffe and adjoining town Silver Cliff are the crown jewels in the United States of a movement called Dark Sky. The international crusade seeks to make sure that future generations can see the Milky Way the way our ancestors did, before the advent of the light bulb. The valley west of Westcliffe/Silver Cliff is the best place to see stars for two reasons – the altitude, which at 8,000 feet, puts you closer to the stars than any other Dark Sky community in North America, and the attitude of the people on the Bluff, beholding the view.

There are 14 Dark Sky communities in the world. Westcliffe/Silver Cliff is Colorado's only certified Dark Sky community, although the state has two Dark Sky-certified parks: Hovenweep, on the Colorado/Utah border west of Durango, and the Black Canyon of the Gunnison.

National media have picked up on the Westcliffe/Silver Cliff stargazing scene. In the past month, locals point out, crews from the *New York Times*, CNN, Today Show and NBC Nightly News have trekked down to the towns (total population, just over 1,100) snuggled between the Sangre de Cristo and Wet Mountain

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Psalm 91:1 NKJV

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

So Much for the 1st Amendment

Recently this paper suffered an act of intolerance which violated our free speech rights. It seems one of the local liberal progressives took offense to one of our views, couldn't control herself and committed a crime against us. You probably know that the *Sentinel* doesn't support Hillary Clinton for president. We believe she lacks the character and is unfit and unqualified for that office. Like many other Americans believe, we believe she is corrupt and lies to us. We also believe she has bad judgement and lacks the leadership qualities necessary to protect our service members and citizens serving around the world in harm's way. This was demonstrated by her lack of support and her inaction during the attack on our Benghazi facility. Mostly, however, we are upset that she failed to conduct official business on a secure government server and her lack of care and/or knowledge for safeguarding our classified information system. These actions put America's security at risk and also endangered American citizens. We know full well that Mrs. Clinton is not stupid or unaware. We believe she intentionally hid her unethical and probably illegal activities from the prying eyes of the press and the American people. So, in our view, she set up an illegal operation to conduct and hide her actions as the Secretary of State. Then when caught she lied and tried to cover up her misbehavior up by deleting official emails, destroying her devices and using the most professional and aggressive methods of scrubbing her server (and not with a cloth) to forever prevent the recovery of her "personal" emails. As we said, we know she is not that stupid and thus her behavior and actions were calculated to destroy any evidence there might be. Then she committed the ultimate offense to the citizens of America – she lied to us. For this reason we believe Mrs. Clinton should be indicted and prosecuted and then, like many other Americans who are serving time for far lesser offenses in our national security programs, be incarcerated.

Because this is what we believe, based on an overwhelming amount of evidence of her lack of character, judgment and fitness, the *Sentinel* has a sign in front of its office that promotes "Hillary for Prison 2016." It is not a humorous sign; it is absolutely serious. So this local liberal progressive, blind to Hillary's faults, decides we are not entitled to promote that opinion and pulls up our sign and tries to hide it from view. She was caught in the act by a *Sentinel* staff member, Audrey Slater, who asked her what she thought she was doing. Audrey is a true patriot and understands the Constitution. The liberal progressive uttered something about her not being in agreement with the sign's view. Audrey challenged her on our 1st Amendment rights and the local liberal progressive then tried to justify her unlawful behavior based "on the children" that go to school across the street and that they shouldn't see such a sign. Really! We believe just the opposite. The parents of those children should explain to any of them that are old enough to understand just why someone might display such a sentiment. They should be told why someone like Mrs. Clinton isn't trustworthy enough and is undeserving to hold the most powerful office in our country. It's called a teaching moment.

But let's get back to the action of the local liberal progressive. Her actions were very consistent with the intolerance of the Left. We see it all the time, in colleges and universities, in the main stream press, and in the social media. Liberals think we have a right to our views only as long as they are in agreement with theirs. This local liberal progressive was wrong to pull up our sign. Another local liberal progressive sent us a letter expressing her similar opinions and we published it. That's what freedom of speech is. That's how the 1st Amendment works. We forgive the sign puller. She just doesn't understand. We just hope she gets outvoted on November 8th.

We continue to believe in everyone's right to express their beliefs. We even support Mrs. Clinton's "hate speech" about the "Basket of Deplorables", Americans that don't support her. This is exactly why we think she remains a great 2016 candidate – For Prison!

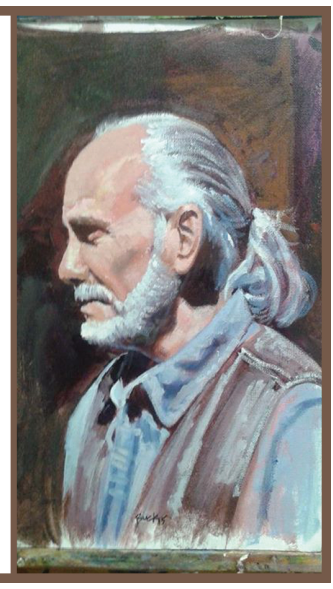
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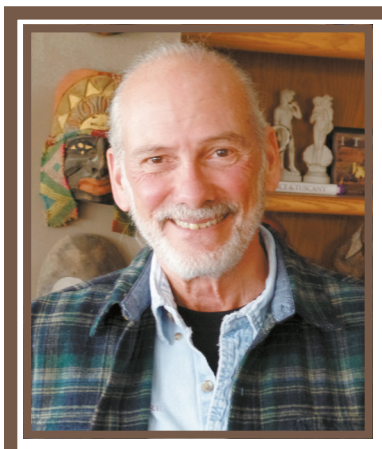

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Kuddos to John Johnston

Dear Editor,

Just a quick note of KUDDOS to John Johnston for his consistent attendance at the commissioner meetings. He is taking the possibility of being elected in November seriously and getting up to speed. Not true of Donna Hood. She is not attending these meetings. One wonders if she'll have time to attend if she'd elected. Jay Printz, who is running unopposed, is attending occasionally.

We will be losing a wealth of experience and history in January. Not only has Mr. Kattnig not been on the board very long, he hasn't been in the county for very long after forty years away. I can't imagine how that board will function come 2017. But we shall see.

Jackie Bubis
Rural Custer County

Initiative 98

Dear Editor:

November 2016 ballot initiatives 98 and 140 allow unaffiliated voters to vote in primary elections in Colorado. Why would sensible party leaders want to allow non party members to help determine a party's candidates? For example unaffiliated voters who lean Republican could vote in the Democrat primary for the worst Democrat, hoping that person will lose. The same thing could happen with other parties. If Colorado does end up having primaries instead of caucuses, they should be closed (i.e. only people registered with that party can vote).

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Over the next week there are a few events that will highlight our **Community**. I am proud to be a part of the Wet Mountain Western Pilgrimage that will showcase our history and culture, the Valley Strong **Community** Dinner that will celebrate our **Community** thanking the volunteers who keep us safe, and a Meet and Greet for Action 22's new President and CEO, Jennifer Herrera. Jennifer will be advocating for our **Community**, one of 22 rural counties, at state and federal Levels.

Vote to elect me, Donna L. Hood, to a **leadership** position on the Board of County Commissioners representing District 3 and **I give you my word** that I will work to strengthen that spirit of community for everyone's benefit.

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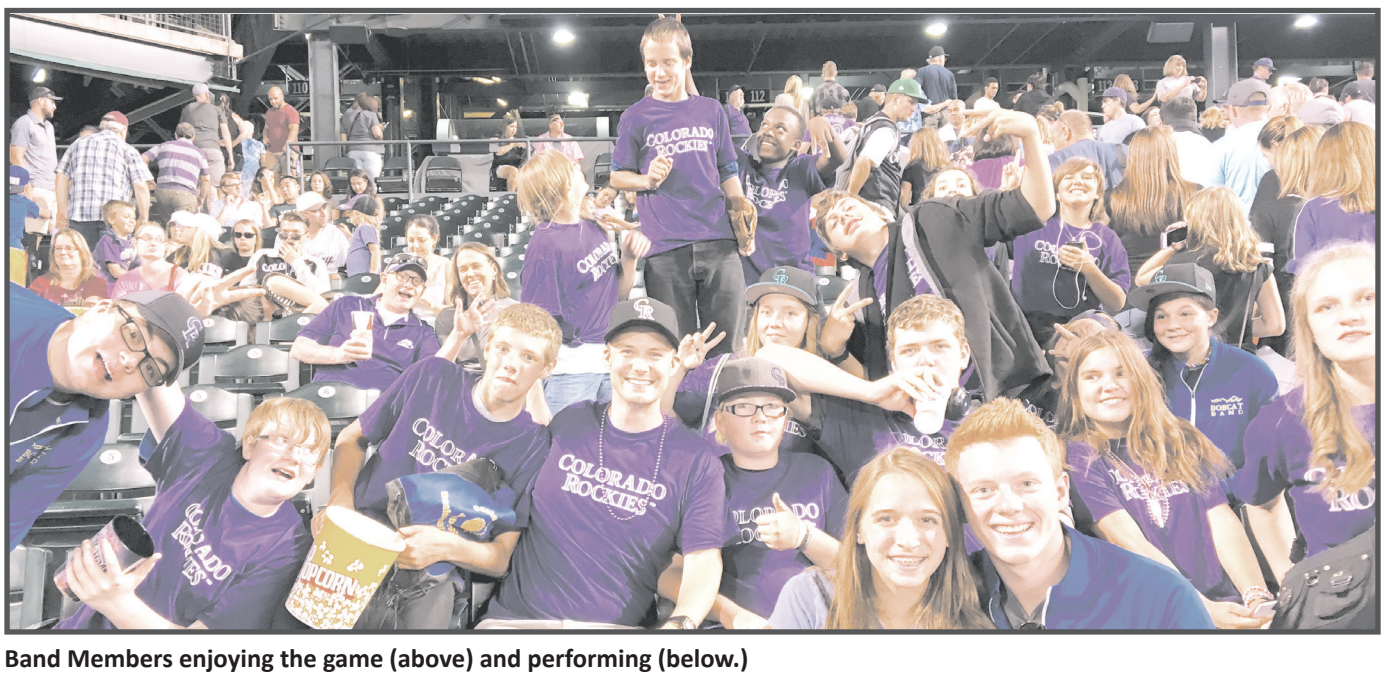
Local Mountain News & Notices

Bobcat Band Plays at Rockies Game

by Andrew Straight
Director of Bands

The Custer County Central School band had the honor of performing the Star-Spangled with several other high school and middle school bands at the Rockies game on Saturday, September 3rd. There were approximately 250 students in all, conducted by Littleton High School band director, Don Emmons.

The students were then able to stay and watch the game. Thanks to all the parents and community members who came out to support us!



Band Members enjoying the game (above) and performing (below.)

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Colorado Marijuana Troubles Grow

by Christine Tatum, DrThurstone.com

The Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area has released its fourth report on the impact of marijuana on the state of Colorado. Problems associated with the drug continue trending in the wrong direction.

The agency, also known as RMHIDTA, is part of a national network of federal offices charged with providing assistance to federal, state and tribal law enforcement agencies in areas determined to be critical drug-trafficking regions of the United States.

For comparison, the RMHIDTA report, titled "*The Legalization of Marijuana in Colorado: The Impact, Vol. 4, September 2016*" breaks down data by three eras of the state's marijuana history:

- 2006-08: Medical marijuana pre-commercialization
- 2009 to present: Medical marijuana commercialization and expansion
- 2013 to present: Recreational marijuana

From the 2016 report's executive summary:

Youth Marijuana Use:
Youth past-month use increased 20 percent in the two-year average (2013-14) since Colorado legalized recreational marijuana use, compared to the two-year average before legalization (2011-12).

The latest data available (2013-14) show Colorado ranked No. 1 in the nation for past-month marijuana use, up from No. 4 in 2011-12 and No. 14 in 2005-06.

Past-month use among Colorado youth in 2013-14 was 74 percent higher than the national past-month youth use rate. In 2011-12, the past-month youth use rate was 39 percent higher than the national past-month youth use average.

Among comments from school counselors:

Halls Reek of Pot After Lunch:
- "Many kids come back from lunch highly intoxicated from marijuana use. Halls reek of pot, so many kids are high that it is impossible to apprehend all but the most impaired."
- "They go off campus and smoke during lunch with friends. They will run home with friends during lunch and smoke then."
- "Students are often referred after lunch (open campus) after they have been riding around smoking marijuana with their friends."

Just a Plant:
"In March of 2015 a fifth grade boy offered marijuana to another fifth grader on the playground. In October of 2014 a kindergarten girl described the pipe in her grandmother's car and the store where you go to buy pipes. In May of 2015 a first grade girl reported that her mom smokes weed in the garage. 'It's not a drug, it's just a plant.'"

Dad Allows Pot Smoking:
"We had reports of two students (brothers) appear to be high at school. Our officer assessed both of them and discovered that their father, who had a medical marijuana card, was having them both "smoke a bowl" before school. He thought it would make their school day easier."

Parents High:
"At our elementary school, we have noticed an increased number of parents showing up to school high. Kids have also brought [marijuana] to school to show their friends."

Difficulty in Assessment:
"For school personnel, it is more difficult to evaluate what substance a student is under the influence of. We can smell alcohol and smoked marijuana but the edibles and vapes are hard to detect."

College-age Adult Marijuana Use:
Marijuana use among college-age adults increased 17 percent in the two-year average (2013-14) since Colorado legalized recreational marijuana compared to the two-year average (2011-12) before legalization. Nationally, past-month marijuana use among college-age adults has increased two percent in the same time.

In 2013-14, marijuana use among Colorado's college-age adults was 62 percent higher than the national average. In 2011-12, use among Colorado's college-age adults was 42 percent higher than the national average.

Colorado's college-age adults rank No. 1 in the nation for past-month marijuana use, up from No. 3 in 2011-12 and from No. 8 in 2005-06.

Impaired Driving:
Marijuana-related traffic deaths jumped from 71 people in 2013 to 115 people in 2015 — an increase of 62 percent.

Marijuana-related traffic deaths have increased 48 percent in the three-year average (2013-15) since Colorado sanctioned recreational marijuana compared to the three-year average (2010- 2012) before the drug was sanctioned.

20-Year-Old Colorado Man Kills 8-Year-Old Girl While Driving High
A former star athlete at Mead High School accused of fatally running over an eight-year-old Longmont girl on her bike told police he thought he'd hit the curb — until he saw the girl's stepfather waving at him, according to an arrest affidavit released July 29, 2016.

Father Blames Teenage "Son's Death in Part on Legalized Pot":
A 17-year-old, driving while high on marijuana when his car struck and killed another teenage boy, was sentenced to two years in youth corrections. The incident occurred in November of 2014, the teenager was sentenced in April of 2016. Both the father of the victim and the 17th Judicial District Attorney blamed marijuana for what happened.

Middle School Counselor Killed by High Driver as She Helped Fellow Motorist:
A counselor at Wolf Point Middle School, Montana, was hit by a car and killed by an impaired driver in Colorado as she stopped to help another driver.

Teen Driver Charged With Vehicular Homicide and DUI in Boulder, Colorado Crash:
A 17-year-old accused of driving into a stopped car and killing two people in May of 2016 was charged with four counts of vehicular homicide, as Boulder prosecutors alleged for the first time that the teen was under the influence of marijuana at the time of the crash.

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Middle School Volleyball



Middle School played La Veta on August 26th. C Team Huddle (Top Left.) Emma Rusk up to serve (Top Right.) Waiting to receive, (Kyleigh Martin, Shyenne Shy & Kaya Huffman), all 7th graders. (Below.)

Photos by Jennifer Russ

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Bobcat XC Shines at Liberty Bell Invite

JT Taylor Breaks a School Record

by Jack Christensen

Running against 18 other 2A and 3A schools with a total of 197 runners, Custer County had a stellar day Friday on the fast, mostly flat course in Littleton. The Liberty Bell Invitational was host to nearly 90 teams broken up by relative school size. This meant that Custer County would be in the first two races of the day. First up were the boys.



JT Taylor led the race from start to finish.

Photo by Jim Silver

Knowing that they were going up against some fierce competition the boys laid it on the line. JT Taylor led the race from start to finish beating the second place runner by 20 seconds and third place by over a minute. Taylor finished the 3.1 mile race in 15 minutes and 41 seconds. This 15:41 set a *new Cross Country school record* it also places him as the *fifth fastest high school runner to date in all of Colorado,* regardless of divisions.

Following Taylor, were four outstanding performances by underclassmen. Luke Canon, running a very smooth race, finished 25th with an excellent new Personal Record of 18:21. Notably, Canon was the third freshman in the race! Fellow freshman, Elias Zeller, with what is becoming his characteristic blazing finish, also ran a new personal record of 18:39 for 32nd place. Sophomore, Dalton Wommack, continues to improve and ran to a new Personal Record of 20:24 for 84th place. Expect to see more from Wommack as the season progresses!

Rounding out the boys scoring was Tristen Button, a newcomer to cross country. Button with a dramatic new Personal Record of 24:50 (almost a 9 minute Personal Record!) finished in 168th place!

All of these outstanding individual performances added up to an *overall 8th place finish for the Bobcat boys!* Most of the schools in front of the Bobcats were 3A schools, this bodes well for a potential strong finish for the boys at 2A Regionals and possibly state competitions.

Starting only 3 minutes after the boys race on the exact same course, was the girls race. This gave the girls the opportunity to catch some (or several) boys from the already started boys race. Kayla Carter for one, made good use of this opportunity. *Carter ran an outstanding race passing many boys and girls to finish 19th for the girls* in a fast 21:23! Watch for Kayla to continue to run faster times in weeks to come. Noelle Zeller, running in only her second race ever, ran a great race in a time of 27:35 beating out 40 other girls.

Looking ahead, **Bobcat XC High School and Middle School will be running next in Gunnison on Saturday, September 17th.**

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Custer County Cares about Cancer

Annual Fundraising

Walk/Run/Bicycle
Park to Park Trail

Saturday, September 17th at 9 am
Meet at Silver Cliff Park

Proceeds raised benefit Custer County residents and their families
For more information call Julie at 269-8608

Local Mountain News & Notices

Volleyball: Cats Victorious

by Greg Cravens
Head Volleyball Coach



Athena Wisecup



Ashley Gillum

Photos by Jewel Heisig Photography

Three weeks into the season and the Custer County Bobcats volleyball team is 3-1 and starting to get into midseason form. The Cats had two home matches this weekend and were victorious in both. Beating Cotopaxi 3-0, 25-13, 25-21 and 25-13. Sanford were the victims on Friday with the Bobcats coming out on top 3-1, 25-20, 25-19, 22-25, 25-18. The Bobcats are now 2-1 in district play.

On Thursday, the Bobcats were fired up and ready for the Pirates. With strong serving and paying attention to not making so many unforced errors. The Custer County team built up good leads in both the first and third sets. The Pirates battled point for point in the second set and were up late, 20-21. Then Tish Schlabach stepped up to serve and went on a 5-0 run. The Bobcats were able to finish off the set 25-21. Elizabeth Mullett led at the net with 11 kills. Serenity Ham had nine aces and one block. Tish Schlabach finished the match with 21 digs.

Sanford came in on Friday looking to interrupt the Bobcats winning streak. The Bobcats came out the first two sets and dominated the match with good serving and big kills from Mullett and McKensie Penkoff. Athena Wisecup came up big for the Bobcats in the first set getting four kills and finishing the match with seven. Mullett and Penkoff finished with 13 and 10 kills respectively. Ham had five aces with Penkoff close behind with four. Katie Florom had three blocks to lead the Bobcats. Ashley Gillum has been asked to step up and help more in the back row. She finished the weekend with 12 digs and was a solid in serve receive.

The Bobcats are away all next weekend, heading to Del Norte on Friday to take on a Tiger team that is 3-1 on the season also. The Custer County team turns around and goes to Crested Butte on Saturday to take on the Titans and the Sargent Farmers. The match against the Farmers is a big one because the two teams are currently undefeated in district play. Sargent is ranked in the top 15 of the state and is the defeating league champions for the last three years.

Bobcats Sport Schedule

HS/MS Cross Country - Mountaineer Cowboy Invitational
(5:30 a.m. departure /Meet start time 9 a.m.)
When: Sat, September 17, 5:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Where: Littleton

Volleyball Game AWAY @ Crested Butte/Sargent
(7:45 a.m. departure/9:30 p.m. return)
When: Sat, September 17, 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Where: Crested Butte

Football Game HOME v Las Animas
When: Sat, September 17, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Elementary Volleyball
When: Mon, September 19, 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Where: West Gym

Elementary Volleyball
When: Wed, September 21, 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Where: West Gym

MS/HS Cross Country - Pueblo Invite
(7 a.m. departure/meet start time 9:30 a.m.)
When: Sat, September 24, 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Where: Pueblo

MS/HS Cross Country - Pueblo Invite
(7 a.m. departure/Meet start time 9:30 a.m.)
When: Sat, September 24, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Where: Pueblo

Volleyball Game AWAY @ Akron
When: Sat, September 24, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Where: Akron

Football Game HOME v South Park
When: Sat, September 24, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Bobcat Menu • Sept.19- Sept. 22, 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk	**Breakfast** Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk	**Breakfast** Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk	**Breakfast** Biscuit & Gravy Fruit Milk
Lunch Elem. Deli Wrap Carrot &Celery Sticks Fruit Milk	**Lunch Elem.** Nachos Rice Salad & Fruit Milk	**Lunch Elem.** Pigs in a Blanket Oven Fries Fruit Milk	**Lunch Elem.** Italian Dunkers Cheesy Bread Corn on the Cob & Fruit Milk
Lunch MS & HS Deluxe Deli Wrap Creamy Coleslaw Fruit Milk	**Lunch MS & HS** Super Nachos Rice & Beans Fruit Milk	**Lunch MS & HS** Chili Dogs Oven Fries & Baked Beans Fruit Milk	**Lunch MS & HS** Italian Dunkers Cheesy Bread &Corn Cob Salad & Fruit Milk

Elementary: Main Dish, Grain Product, Veg., Fruit, and Milk
Middle & High: Main Dish, (Or Pre-made Chef Salad), Grain Product, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk
A'la Carte Items To Be Sold To M.S & H.S Only

"How to Adult" Workshop Series for High School Students

Press Release
West Custer Library

High school students will soon be immersed in the world of adulthood where the waters can abound with tidal waves and sharks. The West Custer County Library has set up a series of workshops designed to provide the students with tools to navigate adulthood and hopefully emerge from the murky waters unscathed. The series will provide a variety of information and be hands-on as much as possible, enlisting the help of many local experts. "How to Adult" is open only to students in grades nine through twelve, will be held once per month and last about an hour. Also, it is completely free thanks to the Friends of the Library and several local co-sponsors.

The first workshop in the series on Monday, September 19, 2016, deals with car care and is co-sponsored by The 'Cliffes Auto Services. Owner and Certified Auto Technician, David Woolery, will walk the kids through basic vehicle maintenance, such as changing a tire, checking fluid levels and more. Students will meet youth services librarian Jessica Carter in Custer County School's east parking lot at 6:30 p.m. to walk the short distance to the The 'Cliffes Auto Services. Students who drive may meet Carter at the shop at 215 East Main Street in Silver Cliff. The workshop will end at 7:30 p.m. at which time parents may pick up their students at the auto shop.

For more information, please call the library at 783-9138 or email jessica@westcusterlibrary.org.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY

SEPTEMBER 22, 2016
8 AM - NOON
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
BOARD WORK ROOM

A G E N D A

1. "Facilities Major Maintenance Plan" Review – 360 Engineers Presentation
2. Strategic Plan Update
3. Policy JLCDB – Medical Marijuana Administration to Qualifying Students
4. Superintendent Evaluation (Quarterly) & Administrative Support

KIDS Corner

Friday, September 16, 2016

Autumn

Now that we are into the middle of September, we look forward to cooler temperatures, changing colors, and shorter days. While Americans typically use the word "fall," the British use the word "autumn". Both terms date from around the 16th century. Before these terms, the period was called "Harvest". The word "harvest" comes from the Old Norse word *haust*, which means "to gather or pluck." Once people moved to the cities and didn't have anything to harvest, the term fell into disuse and the term "fall of the leaf" began to be used, because of the leaves falling from the trees. It eventually was shortened to just "fall". During the fall, in response to colder temperatures and less light, leaves stop producing chlorophyll, the green pigment that helps capture sunlight to power photosynthesis. As the green fades, the leave's other pigments shine through, such as orange, yellow and vibrant reds.

Autumn begins when the center of the sun crosses earth's equator. The autumnal equinox occurs on different dates each year, but usually falls on September 22nd or 23rd. The equinox (fall and spring) is when day and night are (roughly) the same length all over the world.

The Harvest Moon is the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox, This means it is usually the September full moon but can also occur in early October. Before artificial lighting, such moonlight was essential to a farmer's successful harvest.

The season of autumn can bring a sense of resting and melancholy. Probably due to the shorter days, the falling of the leaves and the gardens being put to "sleep" for the winter. It's sweater weather, hot chocolate and cuddling with your honey. It's the start of a new school year, football season, and the end of baseball season.

Here are some fun facts I bet you didn't know about autumn:

- Autumn babies, or those born between September and November, are more likely to live to 100 than those who were born in other times of the year.
- There are only two days of the year when you can stand an egg on its end, the autumn and spring equinox. Place the egg on a hard, flat surface on its largest end. Carefully pull your hands away and it should remain upright.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: facts.randomhistory.com, brittanica.com

Local Mountain News & Notices

Voters Beware of Calls:
Possible Voter Fraud, Identity Theft

Press Release

Secretary Williams, State of Colorado

—DENVER, Colorado

Sept. 9, 2016

State and county election officials have received numerous complaints this week from Colorado voters who are concerned about phone calls that appear to be an effort to obtain their personal and sensitive information.

During the automated calls, voters are advised their registration is incorrect and needs to be updated before they can receive a ballot for the November election. But both Democrats and Republicans who have received the calls told the Colorado Secretary of State's office or their county clerk that their registrations are current.

At least one person reported being asked to provide a full date of birth after selecting the option for "more information."

The individuals also have reported that the calls are from an organization identifying itself as "Go Vote CO" or "Go Vote Colorado." Some voters believe the Secretary of State is somehow involved because that name is similar to the web address of the Secretary of State's online voter registration system (www.GoVoteColorado.com).

The Secretary of State's office does not contact individual voters regarding voter registration issues except to respond to inquiries initiated by voters themselves. Secretary of State Wayne Williams reminds Colorado residents not to disclose sensitive personal information, such as month and day of birth, driver's license or state-issued ID numbers, or Social Security numbers to any person or organization they do not know and trust, whether by telephone or otherwise.

Anyone with information concerning the individuals or organization responsible for conducting this telephone solicitation campaign identifying itself as "Go Vote Colorado" or "Go Vote CO" is asked to contact Elections Division legal analyst Chris Amero at 303-894-2200 ext. 6381or chris.amero@sos.state.co.us at the Secretary of State's office.

Workshop with Custer County Extension Office



A Hands On Workshop, "Preserving the Harvest", is scheduled for September 24th at 10 a.m. at the Second Street Kitchen. The cost is $20. Those who want to attend should register by September 21st.
A minimum of six and maximum of twelve registered participants is needed. Participants will go home with a jar of jam.
Please call 783-2514 to register.

Conservation District Annual Dinner

The Custer County Conservation District is holding its 76th Annual Dinner/Meeting Friday, September 30th, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Cliff Lanes Community Room.

The evening's program will include the opportunity to judge the 6th grade Conservation Poster Contest entries, a brief presentation on a new Forest Health Project, and also information on how local landowners can voice natural resources concerns in Custer County. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn about crop insurance options.

The Conservation District is pleased to have Brian Bledsoe return as the evening's Keynote Speaker. Brian currently serves as chief meteorologist at KKTV in Colorado Springs. Brian is also Weather5280's climate and long range forecast specialist, with a passion for helping farmers and ranchers in seasonal planning. His presentation will address the long range forecast for the area.

For information or to make reservations visit www.custercountyconservationdistrict.org or call 783-2481. Please make your reservations by Friday, September 23rd.

It's NOT too late!

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: Every Tuesday STARTING September 13th (6:30-8 p.m.) in the CCHS Choir Room (North set of double doors on the West end of the school)

Dress Rehearsal**:** Saturday, December 3rd (10a.m.) at Hope Lutheran Church

Performance: Saturday, December 4th (2 p.m. & 4 p.m.) at Hope Lutheran Church

Events Calendar

Friday, Saturday, Sunday,September 16, 17, 18
Wet Mountain Western Pilgrimage
All Aboard Westcliffe Inc.
110 Rosita Ave. Westcliffe $$ 719-783-9163 **http://www.wetmountainwesternpilgrimage.com**

Saturday, September 17 - All Day
Club America's Hermit Pass Marathon at A Painted View Ranch
3115 Co Rd 160

Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Obstacle Course Main Event,
Saddle Club, 90 Co Rd 24, Westcliffe

Saturday, September 17, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Annual Custer County Historical and Genealogy Society Dinner and Program
25 Main St. Westcliffe $$
Contact: dorothyurb@yahoo.com or genohis@earthlink.net

Sunday, September 18, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Little Black Dress Fundraiser for the Custer County Chamber of Commerce
A Painted View Ranch
3115 Co Rd 160

Tuesday, September 20, 9 a.m.
Commissioner's meeting Wetmore

Wednesday, September 21, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Valley Strong Community Dinner
Main St., Westcliffe

Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, September 25, at 2 p.m.
"Ben-Hur"
Action | Adventure | Drama | PG-13
At the **JONES THEATER**
119 Main St. Westcliffe $$

Saturday, September 24, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
20th Anniversary Art for the Sangres
A Painted View Ranch
3115 Co Rd 160, Westcliffe

Sunday, September 25, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Saddle Club Royal Pageant
90 Co Rd 241 Westcliffe

Monday, September 26, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Saddle Club Gymkhana
90 Co Rd 241, Westcliffe

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.

Third Friday of the Month
Camp Happiness for 0-6 yrs old.
1-2:20 p.m. at West Custer Library

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

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.**

Custer County Community Sharing Center Inc.
120 N. 3rd St.
Westcliffe, CO 81252
(719) 783-3303
Fri.- Sat. 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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417 Cliff Street
Silver Cliff, CO 81252
(719) 783-4357
Mon.and Thur. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m. - 1 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.

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(719) 783-2343
Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Classifieds

Announcements

20 x 28 Shed
The Sharing Center is selling their 20 x 28 shed with two windows and two doors to the highest sealed bid. Minimum bid is $5000 and all bids must be post marked by Sept. 30th and sent to CCCSC, PO Box 1592, Westcliffe, CO 81252. For more information or to see the shed please call Marci 783-2289.
Proceeds from the sale will be used to continue to feed the hungry.

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Run the 2nd Annual Lucky Hermit 13K (8 miles) or Half Hermit or the Hermit Pass Marathon on Sat. Sept. 17 at A Painted View Ranch on Hermit Road. Register online at www.imathlete.com/events/hermit2016 or call Barbara at 719-371-8001 for details. *Sentinel* readers get a $10 discount on entry fee - use code Sent10off.

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Hillary's America:
The Secret History of the Democratic Party
The Movie

Hillary's America, the latest film from the creators of America: Imagine The World Without Her and 2016: Obama's America takes audiences on a gripping journey into the secret history of the Democratic Party and the contentious rise of presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

In Hillary's America, New York Times #1 best-selling author and celebrated filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza reveals the sordid truth about Hillary and the secret history of the Democratic Party. This eye-opening film sheds light on the Democrats' transition from pro-slavery to pro-enslavement; how Hillary Clinton's political mentor was, literally, a cold-blooded gangster; and how the Clintons and other Democrats see foreign policy not in terms of national interest, but in terms of personal profit.

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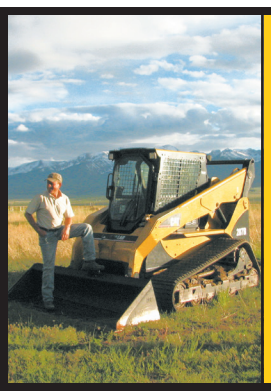
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Runs through Wednesday, September 21st

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Hebrews 13:16 NIV

Local Mountain News & Notices

Westcliffe Town Hall Meeting

September 6, 2016

—WESTCLIFFE, Colorado

by Sentinel Staff

The meeting was called to order on time by Mayor Patterson and started with Old Business after the usual opening procedures. First of two items in old business was a debriefing of the Beanstalk Festival by Sheriff Shannon Byerly who stated in response to the first question from the Mayor that the festival "went as well as we can ask for it to go". He went on to say that there had been one minor incident of a person who was intoxicated but who left the premises peacefully and there was no cause to make an arrest. According to the sheriff the clientele was impressive, polite and friendly. In fact, they were more cordial than the rodeo folk. There were some complaints about noise but it was to be expected. Asked about attendance and whether they would be back, the Sheriff said that he understood from the promoter that they ended up about $80,000 "in the hole" as a result of low attendance and that they would not be returning next year. However, in spite of the financial loss everyone was paid and, in fact, the Sheriff's Office refunded some of the money because they did not have the expenses anticipated in terms of manpower. With regard to business for town merchants the festival generated little or none for most of the business owners.

The second item under Old Business was the Sheriff's Office Budget. The Sheriff was asked questions about the number of calls from Westcliffe (calls are made by residents or deputies) and about the enforcement of the towns ordinances particularly parking. The town is concerned about having their ordinances enforced. The Sheriff explained his limitations in terms of the manpower resources at his disposal and the territory they have to cover (800 miles of roads within the county). The trustees agreed that the Sheriff's Office is doing a good job and they understood the constraints faced by the sheriff. One of the trustees suggested helping the Sheriff's Office by having good signage visibly posted including painting markers on the street to indicate precisely where vehicles are expected to park. Any part of the vehicle outside of the indicated area would make the vehicle operator liable for a citation.

Under New Business the following requests for consideration were approved:

a) Street closure application for the Arts Hullabaloo parade on October 1st as requested by Ms. Arterburn.

b) 2016 Budget Expenses for The Bluff as requested by the San Isabel Land Trust.

c) Request for assistance to finance the Hermit Road bridge. Commissioner Kit Shy was on hand to explain that the county will receive a grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) in the amount of $111,000 to build the bridge. They request for the town to budget about $10,000 to improve the road just before and just after the bridge. The project will be implemented October 2017.

d) Ordinance No. 13-2016 Amending Title 10 Land Use Code was approved.

e) Fix the current drainage problem at the east entrance of the Lea Haven Trailer Park.

f) Review the Municipal Judge Request for Proposal was approved.

The item for consideration of installing two poles on Main Street for over the street banners was not approved pending further staff work on studying other less pricey alternatives. One such alternative could be an arch.

The consideration to replace the furnace in the town hall also needs further study and at least three quotes.

The consideration to approve the 2017 contract with the Fremont County Humane Society was, after much discussion, not approved. Instead, the Town Clerk was asked to write a letter asking Silver Cliff and Custer County if the contract price could be split three ways.

The board then went into Executive Session and the public was dismissed at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 6th BOCC Meeting

Board of County Commissioners

September 6, 2016

—WESTCLIFFE, Colorado

by Jackie Bubis

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, and Introductions of the public in attendance.

Commissioner Kattnig attended the taping of the Dark Skies program for CNN. The airdate is September 15th. He also has been working with a movie company who is scouting locations for filming.

Commissioner Shy updated the information on the Philanthropy Days filming. The proof will be available to the board the week of the 12th.

Attorney Smith, who is also a Dark Skies board member, announced that, in addition to CNN, NBC Nightly News and the Today Show were interested in features.

Smith brought the proof of the lease for the tower space for emergency services. In the past, this lease was for 25 years. This one is in perpetuity. The tower is on Hibbs Hill (a.k.a. Lookout Mountain). After a few minor corrections to spelling, the board approved signing the lease.

Commissioner Attebery presented the Amendment for Supplemental Funds for the Wetmore Community Center. The commissioners were unclear on some of the numbers in the document and will do a bit of research before signing the document.

Dallas Anderson from the Airport Authority got approval to order the $10K crack seal supplies which Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) will reimburse in total. The Road and Bridge crew will do as much crack sealing as the materials will cover. The remainder of the work will be done next year when another $10K will be available from DOLA.

Gayle Stolzfus presented the monthly report from the Public Health Agency. She was joined by Beth Green and the new school nurse Carmelene Odle. In August, her office gave 70 child immunizations, 19 adult immunizations, and did 26 blood pressure screenings. Flu shots have arrived and they will be given at the senior centers and on a walk-in basis. Sports physicals are finished for the year – 112 students were seen (up from 70 last year.) One human case of Tularemia was reported. There have been an exceptionally high number of Strep A cases this summer. Fifty-three cases were reported from April to present, up from eleven last year. The new school nurse was introduced and she is seeing 15-30 students a day.

CPR and the AED (automatic external defibrillator) use and training was discussed. With there being frequent times when the first ambulance crew is already on a run and no second crew is available, Commissioner Kattnig is concerned that the courthouse should have someone who knows CPR. The commissioners agreed to pay for any county employee that wants to take CPR training (AED is included.)

Robin Young, from the CSU Extension Office presented her monthly report. She is giving a canning course on September 24th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the 2nd Street Kitchen. She brought the new bylaws from the Weed Advisory Board. After a few changes, the board passed it unanimously. Carlin Cardenas will be joining her office part-time, to be full-time in January. Robin asked the board about using the annex for meetings that she has. A discussion ensued. Apparently that building is primarily for the use of the Veteran's Assistance Office (VSO). The only time it can be used by others is when the VSO is not open.

The Veteran's Service Officer, Tim Swartz, was next on the agenda. The new season for claims has begun and he expects to be very busy. He reported that, in the last 16 months he helped with 532 forms. The prior 16 months, there were only 190. He is also excited about helping veterans understand how to use Medicare with their benefits. He is also working to get the word out about the Homebased Primary Care Program from the VA. He reminded the board that hearing aids and batteries are provided to veterans free of cost. He reported that he had the unique experience of helping with replacing a headstone for a Civil War veteran. The board approved his report unanimously.

Human Services Laura Lockhart reported that there are increasing numbers of households on assistance locally in August. Many people are moving into the area while on Social Security and her office is putting them on food assistance. She remarked that we were fortunate that the towns and county do not allow the sale of marijuana – that Costilla County has people moving in droves, living in tents, etc. in order to participate in the marijuana industry.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

POT BUST
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agent, Aaron Henrichs, along with another agent, hiked in to verify and get a feel for the operation. As they approached the grow, because of its size, they decided to surveil the area and come back later. Based on this surveillance, it was estimated that there was around 2,000 plants in the grow.

With the new intelligence on its large size, the Forest Service decided to send one of its national law enforcement teams that specializes in busting pot grows on National Forest Land to perform the search and seizure. Also brought in was a team from the Department of Homeland Security that also specializes in destroying illegal pot grows.

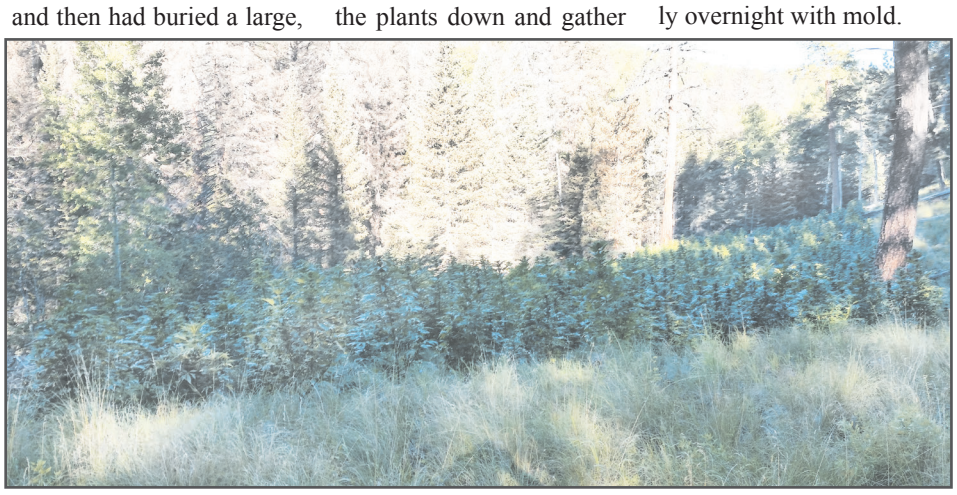
On September 8th, 2016, those two teams along with Custer County Sheriff Shannon Byerly, Under Sheriff Chris Barr, and three Custer County Posse members split into two teams to perform the search and seizure. Coming in from two directions, the two teams carefully approached the area and slowly entered the perimeter.

What they discovered was astonishing. What was originally thought to be a 2,000 plant illegal grow turned out to be much, much larger, with an eventual final pot plant count of 7,963 plants with an estimated street value of $1.5 million! Also at the grow was a large covered cooking area and a large covered pot drying area. Based on the type of setup, the engravings on several trees, and the discovery of a statue of the patron saint of the Mexican drug cartels, Jesus Malverde, the Forest Service experts concluded that it was indeed a Mexican cartel grow.

No one was found at the site but the consensus was that people had just fled into the forest. An extensive search of the surrounding area failed to turn up anybody or find the criminals sleeping area.

There were three, large separate grow areas along a valley below Mount Stull with Newlin Creek running down the middle. The cartel criminals had actually created a pond at the high spot going into the valley, and then had buried a large, main pipeline from the pond down through the valley with hundreds of offshoots feeding an extremely sophisticated drip-irrigation system for the plants. Sheriff Byerly said that there were literally miles of pipe and feeders in the system.

Once the area was secure, additional Forest Service personnel came in to cut the plants down and gather evidence. The original plan was the teams were going to use pack animals to take the plants out and burn them offsite, but it was quickly realized due to the number of plants, that that was not feasible. So instead, the teams spent all day chopping up the plants, putting them in piles, wetting them down and then throw dirt on them. This ruins the plants virtually overnight with mold.



One of the pot grow areas before they were destroyed. Sheriff Byerly said the cartel growers were experts as they carefully planted the pot plants next to camouflaging trees. Note here, the pot plants look like young ponderosa trees next to real, mature ponderosas.

Photo courtesy of Custer County Sheriff's Office

The pack animals were instead used to bring out the cartel's infrastructure and equipment. (A couple of Sheriff Byerly's mules were used in that operation.)

Based on the size of the operation and the number of people required to maintain it, law enforcement was surprised that there was no observable trail between the grow and CR 274, showing the expertise of the cartel criminals.

The Forest Service agent in charge, who has been on dozens of large scale pot busts, stated that this grow was the best one he has seen in a long time with regard to the quality of the pot and the sophistication of the infrastructure.

The bust occurred just in time as the plants were starting to be harvested. The Forest Service was planning on returning to the site to dig up the buried water pipelines and remove them via helicopter.

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Custer County Legal Notices

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Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 415 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 20 to EMS, and 2 to the Fire Department. As of September 11th, there were 8 males and 2 females in the county jail.

8/31/16

Traffic Summons: *Matthew Ryan of Beulah for speeding 10 - 19 over.*

Manual Perez Salcido of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Tyler Schulze of Wetmore for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Michell Guneri of Lake George, CO, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Cory Bronw of Broken Arrow, OK, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Jennifer Murphy of Westcliffe for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Runn'n Dawgs: *A deputy was dispatched to Main Street in Westcliffe on a report of two dogs running at large. A municipal summons was issued to Roy Dickens, the owner of the two dogs.*

Attempted Suicide/Arrest: *Deputies were dispatched to Westcliffe Drive in Aspen Acres to a report of a male who attempted suicide. Rye EMS was dispatched to the scene. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo. Jeannie Morton of San Isabel was arrested for assault in the second degree.*

9/1/16:

Battery Be Gone: *A deputy met with a party in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office who reported trespassing and the theft of an automobile battery.*

9/2/16:

Traffic Summons: *Robert Wages of Denver for speeding 10 - 19 over.*

Christopher Allen of Amarillo, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Summons: *A deputy was dispatched to North 4th Street in Westcliffe for a report of dogs running at large. A municipal summons was issued for Roy Dickens of Westcliffe.*

9/3/16:

Traffic Summons: *Shad Snell of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.*

Jake Hannaflous for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Marco Apodaca for speeding 20 - 24 over and for driving while license was suspended.

Christine McCollum for improper backing which caused a fender bender.

James Morgan of Pueblo for speeding 10 -19 over.

Arrests: *Joshua Cunha of Colorado Springs on an outstanding warrant from El Paso County.*

Sexual Assult Arrest: *Deputies responded to CR 243 and arrested Ronald Raff for domestic violence, assault, criminal mischief, obstructing telephone service, prohibited use of a weapon while under the influence and sexual assault.*

9/4/16:

Camping Issue: *A deputy responded to the intersection of South Colony Road and Colfax Lane for a complaint about people camping in an area where they should not be permitted to do so.*

9/5/16:

Power Line: *A deputy, Rye Fire Department, and San Isabel Electric responded to CR 371 in the San Isabel area for reports of a downed power line.*

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September 11, 2016























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Local Mountain News & Notices

Bobcats Open with Big Win, Then Struggle Against Top Ten Team

by CCCS Staff

The CCHS football team began the 2016 season with a big victory over Rocky Mountain Lutheran on Saturday afternoon. The Bobcats made the long trip to Denver to battle against the Eagles in a non-conference game. RML is a traditionally strong program in 8-man and the Bobcats stepped up to the challenge with a 26-12 win. The Bobcats defense started out strong by stopping the Eagles in their first 2 possessions on 3 and out series. The offense took a series to get rolling but on the second series began methodically marching the ball down the field with runs by senior Andy Feldmann and play-action passes by sophomore quarterback Chad Lewenkamp. The drive was cut short by a Bobcat fumble and on the next play, the Eagles busted a 60-yard run for a touchdown.

"We had been playing so well," said head coach Troy Bomgardner. "And then they score on a long run, I felt like this was the test for the 2016 team, would we quit or keep fighting." A bobbled return put the Bobcats inside their 10 on the ensuing kickoff and the Cats had their backs against a wall. A rugby punt was executed to perfection by sophomore Billy Berry and gave CCHS some breathing room to the 35-yard line. With the offense moving again, a miscue on a snap gave the Eagles the ball again. But the Bobcats defense was playing aggressive and forced the Eagles to punt. This time CCHS would march down and get their firstst score of the 2016 season on a pass from Lewenkamp to junior Kobe Lewsader. A big run by Feldmann on the drive was sparked by great blocks by sophomore Adam Sapp and Lewsader.

The Bobcats would recover an onside kick and get another scoring pass from Lewenkamp to Berry to take 14-6 lead into the half. "It was a great 1st half," said Bomgardner. "We recovered after the touchdown by RML and just went to work."

The second half started off with a big play by Berry on the kickoff return, looking to be down at the 20-yard line, Berry spun off a tackle, and putting his hand on the ground, sprinted away from the Eagles for a 92 yard touchdown return. This took the air out of the Eagles and gave the Bobcats the confidence they needed to cruise to victory and dominate the second half.

"I credit Coach Prins and our staff for getting us ready defensively," noted Bomgardner. "They had a deceptive offensive scheme but our guys remained disciplined and just did their assignments and shut them down with great gang tackling that took it's toll on their backs." Leading the Bobcats defensively was Andy Feldmann with 10 solo tackles and 7 assists, while Berry added 8 solos and 10 assists. Also playing solid defensively were David Kinsey and Bryce Roscoe.

Offensively, Feldmann led all rushers with 173 yards on 21 carries. "There is no doubt Andy had a tremendous game but you also know there is an offensive line doing their job," added Bomgardner. "Guys like Kobe Lewsader, Adam Sapp, Johnny Feldmann, Tylor Howdeshell, David Kinsey, Dylan Schoch, and fullbacks Ray Perez and Bryce Roscoe did a great job blocking for Andy." Lewenkamp was noted as having a solid game in his first start at quarterback, completing 5-10 passes for 55 yards and 2 touchdowns.

On Saturday, September 10th, the Bobcats welcomed Sangre de Cristo Thunderbirds to Henrich Field. The Birds have been a tough opponent the last three years for the Bobcats with CCHS still looking for a victory over Sangre. This year the Cats were hopeful after a big week one victory. The game began like two heavyweights trading blows as each team struggled to get a first down. Late in the first quarter, a big turnover in the first quarter was an interception by senior Andy Feldmann that kept Sangre from scoring. "We played pretty well in the first half," said head coach Troy Bomgardner. "They have a solid team, I think they are ranked eighth now in the state, but we held our own for most of he first half, we let a couple of big runs hurt us. We felt it should have been 12-0 at halftime."

Sangre scored on a long run before half-time to take a 18-0 lead into half. But the Bobcats came out swinging in the second half and put together a drive that took them deep into Thunderbird territory where they were stopped on four downs. Another drive in the fourth quarter ended short and the Bobcats would be shut out by the tough Sangre squad. "There are always positives in a game like this," said Bomgardner. "We stopped 5 of 6 of their extra point plays, we held them scoreless for almost two quarters of the game. So we felt good about a lot of things, but we told the guys, to play with the good teams, it takes consistency over the course of an entire game. We expect the Bobcats to continue to get better!"

The gridders will have to regroup some this week having lost senior Andy Feldmann, sophomores Billy Berry and Jake Morris for at least one game due to injuries. Berry led Bobcat rushers with 53 yards and David Kinsey had two catches for 22 yards. Chad Lewenkamp was 3 of 10 for 32 yards. The Bobcats will host Las Animas at 1 p.m. this Saturday at Henrich Field.

SHERIFF'S REPORT
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9/6/16:

Traffic Summons: *Victoria Havens, of Montgomery, TX, for speeding 20 -24 over.* ***9/7/16:***

Traffic Summons: *David Caughman of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.*

Brian Barela of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.

9/8/16:

Missing Person: *A deputy was dispatched to a party on CR 241 who wanted to file a missing person report.*

Neighbor Dispute: *A deputy was dispatched to Kildare Lane in Lake DeWeese regarding a neighbor dispute.*

9/9/16:

Traffic Summons: *Neal Graber of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.*

Sandra McMullen of Cañon City for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Elden Beach of Larkspur for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Randy Hoffman of Highlands Ranch for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Micah Sprague of Hurst, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Richard Khoury of Hallsville, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Mischief: *A deputy was dispatched to Citation Drive in Silver-West Estates for a report of criminal mischief.*

9/10/16:

Traffic Summons: *Michael Selden of Westcliffe for speeding 20 - 24 over.*

Sleeping Pills: *EMS was dispatched on an agency assist for Fremont County, to Navajo Drive in Ilse Camp for a male who overdosed on sleeping pills.*

Mischief: *A deputy took a criminal mischief complaint involving damaged property at the Custer County School.*

9/11/16:

Arrest: *Kevin Mendez of Pueblo was arrested on the following charges: Violation of two Protective Orders, Driving a Motor Vehicle with a License Under Restraint (Suspended), Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle on a Public Roadway, and Displaying Expired Number Plates.*



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Colorado State News

How Weld County Fully Funded Its Pension Plan While Staying Debt Free

by Don Warden, via CompleteColorado.com

Beginning with financial reporting for the fiscal year ending in 2015, governmental employers who sponsor a pension plan must report pension liabilities and costs as part of their overall financial summary. Now, instead of governments disclosing pension information in the footnotes to their financial statements (which generally included only the reported contributions they were required to make, the amount actually paid and the difference between the two for the year) governments are, for the first time, required to report a "net pension liability" figure, as well as funding projections, on their balance sheets.

In 2012, the Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) approved two statements, 67 and 68, which were designed to improve the way state and local governments report their pension liabilities and expenses in order to provide a more complete representation of these financial obligations; they require the pension plan's net position to be reported by the state or local government as a liability on their comprehensive financial statements.

For many state and local governments, including municipalities, counties, special districts and school districts, those will be big numbers. In fact, some analysts expect the newly reported pension liabilities will swamp the balance sheets of many public employers. A recent example was seen in the December 15, 2015, *Greeley Tribune* article which reported Weld School District 6 had an unfunded liability through its proportionate share of the Colorado Public Employees' Retirement Association's (PERA) liability — $285 million with a total yearly budget of $160 million. Put more simply, the pension liability was 178% of the annual budget alone.

While the GASB standards are not binding by law in many states, it is believed that state and local governments must meet them in order to receive clean, or unqualified, opinions from auditors on their financial statements.

The unfunded liability of most public pension plans was the result of the 2001 "dotcom" stock crash, and the 2008 recession. Weld County, like many public pension plans, experienced the same impact and had an unfunded liability. All Weld County employees are covered by the Weld County Retirement Plan, except the Public Health Department employees, who are part of the Colorado PERA. For those employees in PERA, the Weld County shares its proportionate share of the unfunded PERA liability which is $8 million.

In response to the unfunded liability, Weld County took a number of actions to correct the situation including reducing the benefits of the plan to new members since 2002, going to a hybrid pension plan for new hires since 2010, and increasing contributions from the county and members. The county also contributed additional funds to reduce the liability. With regard to its Public Health Department Employees who are in PERA, Weld County has fully funded this liability with a reserve in the Public Health Fund.

Because of the forethought and management actions on December 31, 2015, when the new accounting requirements went into effect, the Weld County Retirement Plan is now fully funded and shows no accrued actuarial unfunded liabilities as the county begins fiscal year 2016.

In fact the Weld County Retirement Plan had a surplus of $4,658,013 or is 101.93% funded as of the beginning of this year. This means that Weld County will continue to show no long-term debt on it financial statement. A claim few, if any other, local jurisdiction can make.

Don Warden is Director of Finance for Weld County in Colorado.

(Editor/GG: You see, it can be done. And NOT by ripping off the taxpayers who have never signed off on these deals that the politicians make with the unions.)

Please see: completecolorado.com/pagetwo/2016/08/29/how-weld-county-fully-funded-its-pension-plan-while-staying-debt-free/

Bennet: Colorado $upporter$ Don't Add Up

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

We've taken numerous jabs at U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet for raising the bulk of his reelection war chest from out-of-state contributors — 64 percent to be exact, while only 36 percent of his financial support is from Coloradans.

So we found it interesting that his campaign should release a list this week of Bennet's 100 supporters in the Colorado business community.

Not only is it a sad ploy to convince voters that people here actually like him, but an even more pathetic attempt to portray Bennet as a bipartisan lawmaker willing to cross party lines to work with Republicans.

We are to assume, because they are leaders in the business community, they are Republicans? We won't dispute that Republicans are easily identifiable because they have jobs, but Democrats might take it as a slap in the face.

The list includes quotes from those top supporters, including Chris Muhr of All Metals Welding and Fabrication Company of Grand Junction. Muhr delivers the necessary praise in the press release, but in the Federal Election Commission records, we could only find a $450 donation.

The *Denver Business Journal* also drops some other names like Kim Jordan, founder of New Belgium Brewery (Boycott!) who appears to have only donated, uhm, nothing we can find.

The same for Mayor Wellington Webb, we can't find a dime he's donated, and skipping through the list looking through the donor base with random names, we didn't have much luck, either.

Maria Garcia Berry, who is also quoted in the press release, donated a whopping $5,600, and so did Marco Abarca who pitched in $2,700.

But these are hardly Bennet's biggest supporters.

Here's the list of his top donors, and no surprise, the League of Conservation Voters tops the list of Bennet's biggest financial supporter with nearly $200,000 in donations.

The Blackstone Group of New York is number two, followed by Akin Gump in D.C. with nearly $95,000, Oaktree Capital Management in L.A. with nearly $87,000, Pershing Square Capital Management in New York with nearly $76,000, and finally at number six we see our favorite Colorado Democratic donors, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck with more than $67,000 in contributions.

After that, it reverts back to the away team with Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, on and on. We did note that employees from the University of Colorado managed to kick in $51,000, a drop in the bucket compared to what he's getting from out-of-state.

Although Denver ranked as the number one location for Bennet's fundraising efforts, number two was New York, number three was Washington, D.C., number four was Los Angeles, and Boulder topped out at number five.

It was a nice try Bennet, but Coloradans aren't going to fall for it.

Instead of a top 100 list of business backers, it looks like the Bennet campaign has released a list of the only supporters with jobs they could find in Colorado.

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Colorado SUPERFUND: EPA Declares Itself a Disaster

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Declaring the Silverton area one of the ten worst disasters ~~they caused,~~ (they will talk about cleaning up over the next few decades,) the EPA has announced with great fanfare their Gold King Mine failure has made their own Superfund cleanup list.

"Listing the Bonita Peak Mining District on the National Priorities List is an important step that enables EPA to secure the necessary resources to investigate and address contamination concerns of San Juan and La Plata Counties, as well as other downstream communities in New Mexico, Utah, and the Navajo Nation," EPA regional administrator Shaun McGrath said in a prepared statement.

Translation: We don't have any money to actually do anything, but this gives us a great weapon with which to beat up Republicans for not giving us any money to cause further damage to the economy.

The district consists of 35 dormant mines, seven tunnels, four heaps of dog poo, a couple of sticks and three million seasonal mud puddles.

State officials claim to love the announcement too, and pledged to continue working closely with the EPA, except when the feds cause yet another spill, in which case the state had nothing to do with it, and in fact, have never even heard of the EPA.

Officials have pledged yet again to keep us all informed, except when they cause another spill like they did last month, and neglected to inform the public. Again.

Interestingly, no one is putting themselves out there as a laughing stock by giving us any sort of timetable on exactly how long this cleanup is expected to take.

Hopefully, we'll be able to nail that down in our 20th anniversary special report titled "Are They Done, yet?"

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

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

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

Royal Gorge Tea Party
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4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. 603 Main Street

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Florence City Council Meeting

85-year Water Contract with Sonnenschein Groupe is a No-Go

—September 6, 2019

by Charlotte Burrous

During the Florence City Council meeting on Tuesday, City Manager Mike Patterson answered a question about how much water Florence has, how much is been used and how much is left.

"What we discovered when we sat down with the city's water engineer, went through all of our water rights, we have a lot of water that we can't really count," he said. "It's not in priority water (or) it's water we [will] very seldom be able to use. When you cut through all of that, we actually have 7.6 cfs (cubic feet per second) available as a constant senior water right.

"That puts us in a spot where on the worst day when we're pulling 5.6 cfs and Sumo pulls 1.52 cfs, we have about .68 cfs [remaining]," he said. "The big concern that we have with the proposal from the Sonnenschein Groupe is really about the land. If they proposed this contract for five or 10 years while they acquire some other water rights, I think we could safely do (this), but we can't safely do what they want to do for 85 years. We cannot and we should not do anything beyond (a five or 10 year period). The other significant disagreement comes from the situation with Sumo. Sumo hasn't had a house start in 14 years. They've got 3,000 water taps that someday they plan to pull."

He said one of the changes the community needs to model to is what most communities in Colorado do; that is a water tap is not guaranteed unless it is purchased and the buyer starts paying the debt retirement along with the rest of the users.

"If Sumo wants to do that, the impact that would have to the average water payer, it would take their rate from about $23 to roughly $7 or $8 a month. Obviously Sumo is not going to do that. They're not going to pay for 3,000 taps at roughly $5,600 and I don't think they're going to pay the debt service on them. That's one of those things we need to make very clear; there's no guarantee.... Eighty-five years is just unacceptable. For five or 10 years, we could do it. We have a bit of a snapshot of what's going on for the next five to 10 years. We have communicated that to Sonnenschein. Sonnenschein is out seeking their own water sources. If they want to do something, Sonnenschein is going to have to have their own water. I don't think there's enough Union Ditch shares available so they're going to have to either downsize or [do something else]. When they discussed a 1.6 million square feet facility on non-marijuana grows, it sounded exciting. The problem with that [is], it sounds too good to be true. We probably can't handle 1.6 million square feet of greenhouse space even for five to 10 year contract. We don't know what they're going to do for sure. We do know they are negotiating for water sources that would give them 1,080 acres of development space in Florence or wherever they choose to do it. They'd have to make changes."

In other items, Morrie Aves said the council should check with CDOT on how the heavy truck traffic turning off CO 67 (for a million square feet facility) would impact the area.

"I don't know if the city has checked with CDOT for a slow-down, turn lane out there for truck traffic into their facility," he said. "You might want to check with them and get something started with them."

Patterson said they were tackling that issue.

"We're really focusing on the gravel trucks," he said.

In a related matter, the council approved an agreement to sign task order No. 61 up to $10,000 for the Siloam Road extension.

"This is to get the engineering done for Siloam Road," Patterson said. "This is about $10,000 for this (engineering design). Richard Saxton believes he's going to be able to do it for significantly less. That's why he's requesting up to $10,000. He previously did the work, [which] was done about 14 or 15 years ago. We only have to update some of that. We're looking at it as a gravel road, not a paved road at this point. We've had a lot of discussion with the neighbors that live out there [and] what the trucks are doing to their roads."

Mayor Manager Coffee Chat

—September, 1, 2016

by Charlotte Burrous

Excerpts:

Mayor Patterson discussed Front Street repairs, the Sonnenschein Groupe water proposal, and other ongoing goals for economic development which have either not worked or not panned out for the community. During the coffee chat, Patterson commended the city council.

"I'm very proud of our city council and our staff," he said. "We're taking some heat these days because when city council hired me, one of the major goals they talked about was economic development, the lack of jobs in this area and problems that persist with that lack of jobs."

He noted this city council and staff have been very proactive in trying to create jobs.

"I know there are those out there right now who basically want to attack our staff, but I can tell you this, there is a wealth of people trying to do the right thing for Florence," Patterson said.

He said they want to create jobs so when they get older they can live somewhat close to their children and grandchildren.

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

James 5:16 NKJV

Events

Sept. 16th-Oct. 1st

Tuesdays **—Cañon City Farmers Market** *through Sept 27th, weekly from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in Veterans Park*

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

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday—Florence Senior Community Center *at 100 Railroad St. in* ***Florence.*** *Call 784-6493 before 9:30 a.m. for reservations. Suggested price is $2 for 60 and older or $6.50 for 59 and younger.*

The First Friday of every month*, Main Street from 5-7 p.m. Stores that stay open. Music, food and art, as well as the Fremont Center for the Arts at 505 Macon Ave.*

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

Fremont Center for the Arts and Starpoint Art Exhibit & Sale *will be featured* ***through Oct. 1*** *in the Fremont Center for the Arts through Oct. 1 at 515 Macon Ave.*

Sept. 16th, Pioneer Day festivities *begin with* ***Junktique*** *in the 100 block of Santa Fe. The festival continues with the Florence* ***Pioneer Day Parade*** *at 10 a.m. Downtown Florence. music, awards and entertainment will be featured in Pioneer Park after the parade.*

Sept 17, Louie's Street Dance *in Florence in the evening in the 100 block of S. Pikes Peak Ave.*

Sept. 17, Soap Box Derby *event will be offered all day near Harrison School at 920 Field Ave. in Cañon City.*

Sept. 17, Humane Society Breakfast Fundraiser *will be held from 7-10 a.m. Get your tickets today. Call or stop by Humane Society at 110 Rhodes Ave. or call 275-0663. Meals are $7 for adults or $5 for children 12 and under.*

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. Join Fremont Adventure Recreation for an experience you won't forget. Proceeds will benefit the continued growth of FAR.*

Sept. 24, The Winery at the Holy Cross Abbey *offers its 2016 Harvest Festival from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Wine, music, art and food. For more information, visit abbeywinery.com/harvest-fest/*

Sept. 27, AARP Drivers Course *will be offered at 1 p.m. in the Golden Age Center. For more information, call 275-5177*

Oct. 1, Safety Day *will be held from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 141 MacKenzie Ave. in Cañon City.*

Oct. 1, Animal Swap *from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Tractor Supply Company at 1919 E. Main St.*

Oct. 1, The Penrose Chamber of Commerce 81st Apple Day Festival. *The theme for this year's Apple Day is "Famous Apples throughout history." Vendors, a parade, apple pie contest, entertainment and lots of good food being served all over town.* ***Apple Day*** *begins at 6 a.m. with the pancake breakfast at the Penrose Volunteer Fire Department, which is always a great turn-out.*

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Exposed: Clinton's Enablement of Terrorists

In September of 2011, my ministry partner William Agbeti and I shot a news video outside a village in Ghana, West Africa to spotlight that it was the victim of a nomadic Islamic tribe called Fulani that migrated from Nigeria. The Fulani were linked to Boko Haram, an Islamic terrorist group who had slaughtered hundreds of Nigerian Christians and in 2015 pledged support to the Islamic State. The Fulani entered villages in Ghana and forced the elders to yield, convert or die. Entire villages had been slaughtered—men, women and children. Little did I know that this video in front of that village that had been terrorized by the Fulani would intersect me with Hillary Clinton and her dealings as Secretary of State.

On May 7, 2014, Josh Rogin of *The Daily Beast* reported: *"In the past week, Clinton, who made protecting women and girls a key pillar of her tenure at the State Department, has been a vocal advocate for the 200 Nigerian girls kidnapped by Boko Haram…On Wednesday, Clinton said that the abduction of the girls by Boko Haram was "abominable, it's criminal, it's an act of terrorism and it really merits the fullest response possible, first and foremost from the government of Nigeria."… What Clinton didn't mention was that her own State Department refused to place Boko Haram on the list of foreign terrorist organizations in 2011, after the group bombed the U.N. headquarters in Abuja. The refusal came despite the urging of the Justice Department, the FBI, the CIA, and over a dozen senators and congressmen.*

It seems more than coincidence that Nigerian oil dealer Kase Lawal, a devout Muslim, was a Hillary Clinton "bundler" during her last campaign for president, raising over $100,000 for her campaign from his home in Houston, and influenced millions in contributions to the Clinton Global Initiative. *World Magazine* reports that Lawal's dealings, which include some $2.5 billion in annual revenue, depended on Boko Haram warlords who controlled certain Nigerian oilfields, dating back to 2011 when Clinton was fighting against having Boko Haram declared a terrorist group. *World Magazine* lists numerous dealings by Lawal with terrorists and murderers where he depended on Clinton's State Department to assist him.

Agbeti provides this insight from our ministry in Ghana: "There is common knowledge that America is scaling up from being the world's "policeman" to being a fore-runner in the establishment of a one-world government...We know Boko Haram, Al-Qaeda, ISIS and the like are fighting to establish a one-world order, too. We believe it has nothing to do with religion. It is an economic empire they want to build, using religion to cow everyone and establish "forced peace." The concept transcends the borders of Islam, attracting the support of other one-world diehards...It comes without surprise to some of us native Africans, therefore, that the Clintons and [sic the U.S. "president"] have a soft spot for and love affair with Boko Haram, etc."

As you can see, Clinton decries the actions of terrorists on one hand, but refused to designate them as terrorists on the other

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The Low-Trust State

by the Zman

Social trust is one of those things that we know is important to economic growth, sound government and social stability. When the people of a society generally trust one another and wish to be trusted by others, their society prospers. The question that always arises is over causality. Some would argue that altruism is a biological trait that scales up to social trust. Others would argue that good government and the rule of law encourage positive economic growth, which in turn increases social trust. It is one of those topics that keeps academics busy.

The distinguishing characteristic of low-trust societies is a near total lack of trust in the state by the people. Russians, during the old Soviet Union, understood that everything that was said by the state was a lie of some sort. In fact, the only thing they could trust from the Bolsheviks was that whatever they said was untrue. This amplified the natural distrust of Russians as they did not have an authority to which they could appeal in order to arbitrate disputes. Contracts have to be enforceable before anyone will enter into them.

The point here is that you can debate the causality of social trust, but a society with a corrupt and untrustworthy state is going to be a low-trust society. Alternatively, to use the language of the pseudo-sciences, social trust correlates with public corruption. The causal arrows may point one way or both ways, but public corruption is a good proxy for social trust. There are measures of public corruption and the most popular is from these guys, ***(Editor/GG: www.transparency.org/)*** who publish downloadable statistics every year for the pseudo-sciences.

Trust in the state is always going to drift over time, but you can spot some trends. Just take a look at the U.S. over the last few decades. In the 1980's, the savings and loan crisis put

> *"…politicians are conspiring to rig public hearings…"*

a lot of people in prison. Even some politicians got dinged for getting too cozy with the crooked bankers. A decade later we had the dot-com bubble and the accounting scandals, but no one went to jail. They just lost money. Less than a decade later we had the mortgage crisis and the crooks got bailed out by the government with taxpayer funds. This is a trend worth noticing.

Now, look around at what we are seeing today. The Clinton e-mail scandal is so outlandish; it is now threatening the rule of law. In the 1970's, Nixon was run from office over 18 missing minutes of tape. Clinton erased 17,000 emails, some may have been under subpoena. It is blazingly obvious that she and her cronies violated Federal law by mishandling classified information. The most logical explanation for all of this is that they were selling it for cash through that ridiculous charity they run—A charity that has systematically violated the law with regards to accounting for donations.

How is it possible that this woman and her flunkies are not in jumpsuits waddling around Danbury FCI?

The first problem is the head of state appears to be a pathological liar. This Iran story is the sort of thing that used to bring down governments. It was certainly the sort of thing that should have administration officials hiring lawyers in preparation for the FBI visit. That would require an FBI that is not equally corrupt. Of course, the FBI is a product of the political class and ours is proving to be astonishingly corrupt. Today we learn that the politicians are conspiring to rig public hearings, which are the bedrock of popular government.

A certain amount of public corruption is to be expected. Politics will always attract shady characters, but it should attract honest characters, too. These are the folks that enjoy the boring work of good government. They police the system, enforce the rules and make public appeals for cleaning up the problems. Today, those people either

> *"…the political elite has lost the capacity to feel shame."*

do not exist or they have become too afraid to speak up. The American political class looks a lot like a corrupt police precinct. The crooks are in charge and they have inverted morality so that the honest fear detection by the corrupt.

It is not unreasonable to think that we may have passed the point where the political class cannot be expected to reform itself. Their unwillingness to even try to thwart the rise of these vulgar grifters from the Ozarks suggests the political elite has lost the capacity to feel shame. Anyone willing to defend Hillary Clinton to the public is someone who will lie about anything, violate any law, violate any taboo. That is a person lacking in anything resembling a soul. A political class populated with such people is a ruling class at war with itself, the very definition of a low-trust state.

The truly frightening thing is that the only institution the public trusts is the military. Take a look at what is happening with the sports ball players protesting during the national anthem. This coming Sunday is 9/11 and even the most reptilian of Progressives are saying such a protest on that day would be a slap in the face to the men and women who serve the country. When no one trusts the ruling class, and the military is the only institution in which the public has faith, there is always one result. It does not have to be that way, but that's the way it has always been.

At some level, some portion of the public understands this. The Trump phenomenon is not about Trump in the conventional sense. There's a lot not to like about the man, but he is honest, he loves his countrymen and he is not doing this for the money. Whether or not he understands his role and the movement he is leading is unknown. Maybe his election will just be a false dawn and what follows is what always follows the onset of a low-trust state. If things are going to turn out different for us, Trump will win and usher in an era of reform.

Otherwise, what comes next will be much worse.

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Corrupt and Deranged

by Robert Gore,
Straight Line Logic

Contemporary governance embodies corruption within deranged systems resting on foundations of theft and fraud. Corruption makes reform impossible; derangement assures eventual collapse.

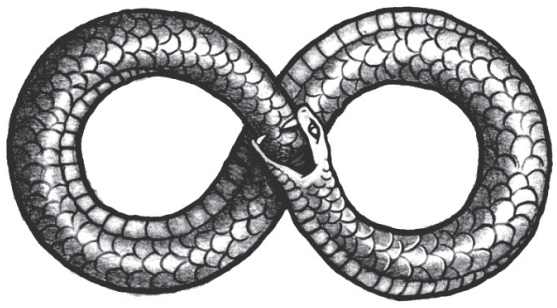
"Defense" spending is a misnomer. The U.S. could defend itself at a small fraction of what it spends on its military and intelligence. The U.S. government's foreign intervention and maintenance of a confederated empire are actually a welfare and transfer payment program. Spending has become the point: maximizing the payoff to military and intelligence contractors, their think tanks and lobbying arms, captured politicians, and the vast bureaucracies. Winning wars doesn't serve the interests of those beneficiaries, lengthy and inconclusive engagements do.

The war on terrorism is a mother lode. The enemy is whomever the government deems it to be, wherever the government chooses to fight it. The war itself creates more terrorism. Victory cannot be defined; the war will go on as long as the current ideology remains in place. It enriches the military-intelligence-industrial complex, but a war-without-end welfare program is clearly deranged, a fitting target of satire. It will continue indefinitely because its beneficiaries have far more incentive and resources to promote their interests than the rest of us have in promoting peace.

Politicians use other people's money to line their own pockets and buy votes; recipients accept the largess and become dependent on it. There is no limit to demands that the government fund "needs," and no limit on the political willingness to meet those demands. It is testament to this lack of limits that the world's richest countries cannot fund the demand for redistributive largess from their countries' own resources. Aggregated, they have accumulated the largest debt load in history, far beyond their ability to repay it.

Mounting debt generates its own limit: insolvency. Demographics shaped by the transfer state compound the problem. Stealing the fruits of labor penalizes honest productivity and constricts opportunity. Faced with bleak prospects, many of the young opt out of the financial obligations of starting families, rearing children, or even supporting themselves. Birthrates have dropped far below replacement in most developed countries: fewer people to fund taxes and debt just as the number of putative beneficiaries skyrocket. Pension shortfalls around the world are the canary in this coal mine. The mathematics are inescapable. Present arrangements are unsustainable, but will continue until debt markets and taxpayers rebel.

They will face a counter-rebellion by dependency-warped recipients deprived of that which was never really theirs. Those who can but don't honestly produce are both dishonest



and unproductive. Faced with a cut-off, expect chaos and violence.

Debt and taxes fund governments and enslave their constituents. They're the foundation for the second most insidious racket: the banking complex. The Federal Reserve Act of 1913 began the shift from real money (gold) to debt, enshrined the banking cartel, and was, through the establishment of the lender of last resort function, the first major step towards making taxpayers the guarantors of bank liabilities. Later, deposit insurance and Too Big To Fail (TBTF) sealed that guaranty.

Bankers have found heaven on earth, but their paradise has destroyed the economy. TBTF has removed capitalism's most potent corrective: failure. Government debt issuance, central bank monetization, interest rate suppression, and random, whimsical, and absurd policies provide banks with middleman's profits, inside information, access to cheap funding for speculation, and, as a particularly vicious policy—the war on cash—gathers steam, and takes captive deposits. They destroy honest saving and investment and burden the economy with an increasingly onerous load of debt and taxes. Even governments and central banks, entities that can conjure their own debt and mandate its acceptance, will for all intents and purposes go broke if spending outruns revenues long enough.

"Bread, circuses, and moral degeneracy entertain and placate the masses."

The most insidious racket? While the banking camarilla is nothing to sneeze at, lawyers writing laws and regulations must be reckoned the Mt. Everest of rackets. They write, implement, interpret, and enforce the laws, augmenting their wealth and power every step of the way. Even the bankers ostensibly kowtow to the government. (What happens behind the scenes is another matter). With the repository of lawful coercive force, government inevitably becomes organized crime and the law nothing more than the means to corrupt the ends. Write the law and write your own ticket.

Standards of honesty and integrity crumble in societies based on theft and fraud, replaced by a new standard. Coercive, redistributive "altruism" excuses all manner of corruption among the powerful and the servitude of those who either choose or are forced to produce. Bread, circuses, and moral degeneracy entertain and placate the masses. The bizarre becomes commonplace, but the populace grows sated with each new manifestation, always more "transgressive" (of standards that no longer exist) than the previous one, in progressively shorter spans of time.

Anything and everything goes. Only one standard remains that rouses virtually everyone—rich and poor, powerful and powerless—to righteous indignation: the more pervasive the corrupt derangement, the less acceptable it is to talk about it. In our own time, the obvious conclusion that the warfare and welfare states are morally and fiscally bankrupt, doomed to collapse, remains confined to the fringe.

Here's a rewrite of the "Emperor's New Clothes" in light of modern realities. The child points out the Emperor's nudity. The Emperor's beholden courtiers and the impoverished but thoroughly cowed townspeople immediately threaten and intimidate the child. Naively stubborn, he repeats himself until someone claps a hand over his mouth. The headline next day: "Child who Questioned Emperor's Attire Found Dead in Field Outside of Town."

Hillary Clinton wins support, not despite her corruption and derangement, but because of it, especially among the establishment. Their rackets need a participant and patron. Donald Trump is hardly a naively honest child, but he has had the temerity to question a few rackets, notably immigration, trade, and the warfare state's global empire. Questioning that last one—because it's the largest and most lucrative—has provoked copious quantities of vehement vitriol.

Truth can awaken minds and rouse people to action, posing an obvious threat to the corrupt and deranged. Should Trump win the election, he will assuredly be presented with the same choice as the child in the story: get with the program or die. Odds are he folds, in which case those of us rooting for meaningful change will be left with the hope that the inevitable collapse occurs before we die.

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Bachelor's Degrees at Starbucks

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

Fox has an interesting piece today:

What neither Clinton, Trump, Obama, or any other public official is likely to do on Labor Day, however, is to level with the American worker. None of them are likely to confess the hard truth: the jobs they keep talking about bringing back to the United States are not coming back.

True but misleading.

The exact jobs that were offshored won't come back because they no longer will exist.

However, this does not change the truth that I outlined in "Leverage" in 2011 and in countless Tickers before -- *wage and environmental arbitrage across borders is an* ***inherently evil*** *act.*

Environmental arbitrage -- putting a job somewhere *because you can pollute there with (relative) impunity* is inherently evil because you **force** the local population there to absorb the cost (in the form of destruction of their environment) that you, as a manufacturer, would otherwise be forced to pay.

Wage arbitrage -- putting a job somewhere *because either the state of economic development, government theft, protectionism and monopoly, refusal to enforce the Rule of Law or similar* makes one place "cheaper" than the other is also inherently evil because you again **force** others to absorb the cost (in the form of said theft, protectionism, monopoly and similar) that you would otherwise be forced to pay. A nation full of either beggars or slaves will work for pennies *but neither is a natural state of affair*s absent active interference. Likewise, a nation that engages in manipulation of its currency, unsound pyramid lending and similar schemes may appear to have lower labor costs *but that is a chimera created by the theft of value from other persons.*

Further, we must accept *and deal with* the fact that not everyone is a rocket scientist. Not only are a lot of people not interested in learning how to program a computer (or a robot) or engage in some other form of "high tech" enterprise, *a large percentage of the population is intellectually incapable of it -- either entirely or in the majority.* Unless you intend to start literally executing anyone with an IQ under 120 or so, you had better figure out what those persons who are marginally on the left side of the IQ bell curve are going to do for productive work *or you're going to quickly find that 30% of the population is left paying the entirety of 100% of the life expenses of the population.*

Since you cannot force people to produce at a high level of intellect via any effective means this ultimately means society collapses since at some level of confiscation (taxes, fees and regulatory burdens) virtually *any* person will decide to join the handout line *instead* of producing. So long as you have any sort of system of wealth in a society, and such systems *always* arise (Star Trek utopian ideals notwithstanding) this dynamic will always exist.

Arguing for "more education" is a fine idea, but the fact of the matter is that it doesn't work *absent both ability and cost-effectiveness*; all that providing "more education" *without* consideration of those two necessary elements does is drive people further and further into debt with no hope of repayment. There should be utterly **nobody** pulling coffees at Starbucks with a Bachelor's degree, but there are a **lot** of people doing so today.

This is not proof that we need more Bachelors degrees, *it is in fact proof that we have too many, with many of those alleged "degrees" being issued either inappropriately to people who can't think their way out of a paper bag, for an alleged skill that has no demand at a salary that can reasonably cover said debt in a* ***rational*** *amount of time (on the order of five years or thereabouts), or both.* This was a *bad* problem in the 1990s when I was running MCSNet (people claiming credentials, and having them too, that were utterly incompetent in their claimed skill set) **but today it is flat-out off-the charts and into the realm of the ridiculous.**

It was not *that* long ago that shop class was a fixture of junior high. I took it. You got a taste of a number of trade-related skills in such a class; I learned the basics of stick welding, gas welding and brazing, along with the use of both wood and metalworking equipment of various sorts (including lathes and mills.) As a result, I can do all of the above and use all of the above at a passable level, should I need or desire to, *forty years later.*

These sorts of classes and exposures are *gone* from our educational system in the main, with a few "diversionary" programs left for people considered "low achievers" in some districts. *This is flat-out wrongheaded -- there is nothing "bad" about someone who likes to weld, run wire, install plumbing or fix air conditioning!* In fact, of those, only *some* welding is conducive to robotic replacement -- the rest is, and will remain, a human endeavor that must take place at the point of consumption, not some 5,000 or 10,000 miles away in a third-world hellhole.

Come talk to me about not needing to provide diversity in the workforce in regard to these sorts of skills when it's 103 degrees farenheight in your house and the AC stops working.

I'll be waiting.

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First Female Tries Out For Elite 75th Ranger Regiment: Flunks Out

by Jonah Bennett, Daily Caller News Foundation

The first female ever to try out for the army's elite 75th Ranger Regiment has flunked out, but will get the opportunity to try again later this year.

As part of the Army's effort to integrate women into combat roles, it allowed this unnamed female staff sergeant to try out via the 75th Ranger Regiment's Ranger Assessment and Selection Program 2 (RASP 2) June 16, *Army Times* reports.

"The female soldier did not meet performance objectives required for assignment to the 75th Ranger Regiment," Lt. Col. Robert Bockholt, a spokesman for U.S. Army Special Operations Command (SOCOM), told *Army Times*. "The female soldier has been afforded the opportunity to reapply for RASP 2 beginning December 2016."

Staff sergeants can attempt the 21-day course, which is offered nine times a year, to join the elite special operations unit. Secretary of Defense Ash Carter opened all combat roles to women in December.

Then-SOCOM commander Army Gen. Joseph Votel elected not to request an exemption for special forces to keep those combat roles male-only.

"Today, Secretary Carter announced his decision to fully integrate all positions, career fields, and specialties to women," Votel said in December. "I want to take this opportunity to state that I stand behind Secretary Carter's decision, and fully support opening all special operations specialties and units to female service members."

Votel assured special operators that no standards would be lowered to accommodate women.

"I want to firmly state right up front that as we move forward with integration, we will absolutely not lower, raise, or create multiple sets of standards for special operations," Votel said. "If candidates meet our time tested and scientifically validated standards and if they have proven that they have the physical, intellectual, professional, and character attributes that are so critical to special operations then we will welcome them into our ranks."

(Editor/GG: With Generals like Votel, who are now just leftist political commissars for the oligarchs, the future of our combat troops looks dim. The finest armed forces in the world is no more.)

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"It's Worse Than the Great Depression": *One in Six Prime-Aged Men Have No Job*

by Tyler Durden, Zerohedge.com

While Obama has repeatedly touted the sub-5.0% unemployment rate (4.9% most recently) as confirmation his "economic recovery" has been successful, what has received far less media attention, has been the unprecedented surge in Americans no longer in the labor force, which as of August stood at a near-record 94.4 million.

And while the traditional response by economic apologists and the media has been that this number is the result of a demographic change in U.S. society, with mostly older workers no longer in the labor pool, we have over the years argued that that is misleading, and that millions of prime-aged workers have fallen out as a result of drastic changes to America's job market, coupled with structural lack of demand for legacy jobs, which has - for example - sent the number of employed waiters and bartenders to all-time highs, even as the number of manufacturing workers is lower than it was in December 2014.

Overnight, NPR confirmed precisely what we have claimed for so long, when it said that while the nation's unemployment rate is half of what it was at the height of the Great Recession: saying that the unempoyment number "**hides a big problem: Millions of men in their prime working years have dropped out of the workforce — meaning they aren't working or even looking for a job.**"

Citing a recent report by Obama's Council of Economic Advisors, NPR notes that 83% of men in the prime working ages of 25-54 who were not in the labor force had not worked in the previous year. So, essentially, **10 million men are missing from the workforce**.

Putting that number in context, in the 1960s, nearly 100 percent of men between the ages of 25 and 54 worked. That's fallen over the decades.

The condemnation of Obama's "recovery" is dire: "**One in six prime-age guys has no job; it's kind of worse than it was in the depression in 1940**," says Nicholas Eberstadt, an economic and demographic researcher at American Enterprise Institute who wrote the book *"Men Without Work: America's Invisible Crisis."* **He says these men aren't even counted among the jobless, because they aren't seeking work.**

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The Second Amendment Corner
Liberty's Line in the Sand

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

Captain John Parker, Lexington Green, April 19, 1775

Can You Own a Gun in Colorado If You Smoke Pot?

by Corey Hutchins, The Colorado Independent

This week, a federal appeals court covering nine western states upheld a ban on firearms sales to residents who hold medical marijuana cards.

Though Colorado was not among those states, lawyers here say the move sends a signal that the federal judicial branch is not sympathetic to state laws when it comes to guns and pot.

The ruling stemmed from a lawsuit brought by a Nevada woman with a medical marijuana card— she says she's not a user— who was denied a gun by a gun dealer. The court decision is again fueling a debate about the intersection of state and federal law on weed and weapons.

"We've had this problem from day one," says Tony Fabian, an attorney who has helped draft firearms legislation in Colorado.

"There's nothing in Colorado law that says that it is unlawful to be in possession of a legal amount of marijuana and have a firearm," Fabian told *The Colorado Independent*. "The problem is the dichotomy in federal and state law. And the feds are much more restrictive when it comes to firearms ownership."

Colorado law is silent about whether someone of the appropriate age can carry a legal firearm and a legal amount of marijuana at the same time, says John Jackson, the chief of police for Greenwood Village and a former director of the state police chief's association.

"If they're 21 and they've got a joint, and a gun on their hip, there's no issue there," he said. (Colorado is also an open-carry state.)

The feds have a different take.

"Under federal law, a marijuana user cannot legally possess a firearm," Lisa Meiman, a spokeswoman for the Denver division of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, told *The Independent*. Not even in Colorado where marijuana is legal to have and use.

So, local Colorado police don't mind, but a federal agent might. The problem is also compounded because the administration of Democratic President Barack Obama has directed federal agencies not to zealously enforce some federal laws in states that have legalized marijuana.

The difference between state and federal law has frustrated some firearms enthusiasts in Colorado since the state legalized the sale and possession of recreational marijuana with a constitutional amendment passed by voters in 2013. The disconnect between laws and agencies grows wider when it comes to concealed-carry permits because county sheriffs ask applicants if they are marijuana users. A "yes" answer means no permit.

"Of course you can drink booze, but no devil's cabbage," says Isaac Chase, a Colorado Springs firearms instructor and co-founder of a group called Guns for Everyone.



Last year, Chase's group tried unsuccessfully to gather enough signatures for a ballot initiative that would change the concealed-carry application process. Students in his training classes kept asking about the marijuana issue, he said.

Buying a gun here — no matter how you carry it — requires filling out a form which asks several questions, including whether the buyer is an unlawful user of marijuana. The Colorado Bureau of Investigation uses a system called InstaCheck and runs information through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, or NICS. The bureau also runs background checks for county sheriff's offices for those applying for concealed weapons permits. But InstaCheck does not access medical marijuana information in the background check, CBI spokeswoman Susan Medina told *The Independent*.

So says Boulder attorney Jeff Gard who practices marijuana law, "the bottom line is but for your own disclosure of that information, there is no way [for a gun dealer] to know," whether a gun buyer is a medical marijuana card holder.

And here's something else: Because the 9th Circuit doesn't cover Colorado, it's possible for a similar case to pop up in the 10th Circuit, which does cover this state.

Gard offers this potential scenario: What if a botanist who doesn't use marijuana decides to grow the legally allowed limit of six pot plants because he likes the way they look? If he tells a Colorado gun dealer that he grows pot when he tries to buy a gun, and gets denied a purchase for the same reason as the woman in Nevada, how might the 10th Circuit rule on that one?

Gard suspects such a case could have a different result because it could be a "cleaner" case. And if that happens, Supreme Court here we come. It should be noted that Congress could also step in, make marijuana legal at the federal level, and these issues would be moot. It also should be noted that's not likely to happen anytime soon.

In Colorado, there isn't a concerted coalition effort to lobby for law changes among proponents of legal cannabis and the Second Amendment community, say those who work in the industry.

"We don't really get involved in the issue because it's not really primary to our members," says Taylor West, spokeswoman for the National Cannabis Industry Association, which has an office in Denver.

But, she said, "I think if a patient is legally accessing marijuana as medicine under state law then there's no reason that should affect their constitutional right to possess a gun."

The woman who brought the lawsuit in Nevada says she got a medical marijuana card in part to express her support for marijuana legalization, *ABC News* reported, but the court in its 3-0 decision said it was "reasonable for federal regulators to assume a medical marijuana card holder was more likely to use the drug."

So, to recap: Can you lawfully have a gun in Colorado— say, a shotgun passed down to you by your uncle— and also be in possession of marijuana at the same time?

The answer depends upon whom you ask. Or, more importantly, who catches you doing it.

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"The Birthright of Americans"
by Founding Father Tench Coxe, Pennsylvania Gazette, February 20, 1788

"The power of the sword, say the minority... is in the hands of Congress. My friends and countrymen, it is not so, for The powers of the sword are in the hands of the yeomanry of America from sixteen to sixty. The militia of these free commonwealths, entitled and accustomed to their arms, when compared with any possible army, must be tremendous and irresistible. Who are the militia? Are they not ourselves? Is it feared, then, that we shall turn our arms each man against his own bosom. Congress has no power to disarm the militia. Their swords and every terrible implement of the soldier are the birthright of Americans."

Safety Spike: More Coloradans Want Training to Carry Concealed Weapons

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

News that makes our heart soar — the number of folks statewide seeking training to carry concealed weapons has doubled over last year — from nearly 16,000 to more than 32,000.

That's according to the *Denver Post*, which held back from spewing forth a totally snarky, preachy story and actually wrote a *mostly* straight-forward piece on the spike:

Certified trainers who teach classes required to get a permit say people flocking to the classes often are motivated by mass shootings. Politicians say politics and the fear that stricter gun control laws eventually may prohibit gun ownership also play a role.

"Any time the Democrats like Obama, or Hillary Clinton now, start talking about guns, people get worried that their Second Amendment rights might be infringed," said state Sen. John Cooke, R-Greeley. "They're doing this to beat the rush."

We would argue that folks are not motivated by mass shootings, but the desire to protect themselves after watching the mass media inundation of the aftermath of such, along with Democrats preaching that we're all next, but we quibble.

Democrats see the training and permits as a bad thing, because they want us to surrender ourselves and our safety to the government, which they argue is always right there to ~~take our money~~ protect us.

"Our concerns are that it just makes guns more prevalent in everyday walks of life," said Eileen McCarron, president of Colorado Ceasefire Legislative Action. "It's just changing our public life of how we view one another with suspicion that people are bringing in arms to places you wouldn't expect them to."

Someone sounds paranoid. Probably from watching too much MSNBC.

For westerners, guns have always been prevalent in our walk of life, mostly because we view with suspicion the bear charging at us across our ranch, or the coyotes circling our cattle.

It's a good thing that the number of folks seeking concealed carry permits is increasing, because it means that our neighbors want to be trained and equipped to safely carry a firearm.

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Good Samaritan and Concealed Carrier Save Mother and Baby by Killing Armed Robber

by Bob Owens, BearingArms.com

A robber is dead, another suspect is in custody, a baby is safe, and two people are recovering in the hospital following an armed robbery attempt at a Shawnee, Kansas, Walmart on Sunday night that was thwarted by a concealed carrier who saved three lives. According to FoxNews4, Kansas City;

Police are investigating after a shooting in the parking lot of a Wal-Mart on Shawnee Mission Parkway off Interstate 435.

Police said the incident began when two suspects approached a woman in the parking lot putting her baby in a car seat, and hit the woman in the head. That's when a Good Samaritan stepped in to help her and was subsequently shot multiple times by one of the suspects.

Another bystander then shot one of the suspects, who died at the scene. The other suspect fled the scene but was caught by a K-9 team east of the Wal-Mart.

The mother was taken to the hospital with critical head injuries. The Shawnee Police later said she was upgraded to fair condition and may be released from the hospital soon. The baby was unharmed.

The bystander who was shot was also taken to a hospital with critical injuries. Police later said that person was awake and alert, and underwent surgery on Sunday.

As of Monday morning, one of the suspects was being held in the Wyandotte County jail on a warrant. Police say they used Wal-Mart surveillance video to help track down the suspect.

It was brave of the unarmed man stepping in to try to help this mother under attack by these armed robbers, but it was smart of the concealed carrier to be armed and skilled with his handgun so that he was able to end the threat and send the remaining bad guy running for his life.

A police K9 and Walmart security camera footage quickly led to a second suspect being arrested.

His mom, of course, swears that he was innocent.

The remaining suspect can be charged for the first degree murder of his fellow robber under Kansas' implementation of the felony murder rule, which holds that any participant in a felony that ends in death of anyone involved can be charged with first degree murder.

"It happened at Walmart!" is becoming something of a dark joke, thanks to the serious crime problem that seems to be dogging the discount shopping chain, nationwide.

I personally don't go there if I can help it, and when I do go, I go armed, just because incidents like this are hardly rare.

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DAILY JOT
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because she was benefiting financially from a friend of the terrorists.

This convoluted corruption is the hallmark of Hillary Clinton's body of work as human being. Christian girls in Nigeria were raped and forced into sex slavery at the hands of Boko Haram. Men, women, and children in peaceful Christian villages in Ghana faced horrible deaths at the hands of these terrorists. Yet Clinton fought to ensure that they were neither declared nor dealt with as terrorists because of money going into her campaign and foundation. It makes Benghazi a walk in the park. 2 Timothy 3:13 says, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." Clinton's one of them.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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Politics & The Bible
From Pastor Jim





Jim Modlish has been in ministry 50 years, pastoring churches from upstate New York to 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, happily returned to their home state in 2006. He is currently the founding pastor of Huerfano Community Bible Church in Walsenburg. 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 the King James Version.

Take a Day Off!

I find politics intriguing, primarily because even though the players change, the scenarios remain essentially the same. "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 1:9) My interest lies in uncovering the mysteries of the present with the search light of the Scriptures. The Bible always remains relevant, but occasionally the modern melodrama becomes extremely monotonous which resulted in a case of severe writer's block; I could not think of one more insanity that piqued my interest enough to warrant an investment in time and thought. My boredom was undoubtedly compounded by recurring thoughts of a longtime friend undergoing cancer surgery. Her dilemma serves as a stark reminder that some things in life have greater consequences than elections. This quandary led me to call my therapist, Roger the Dodger, to schedule a rehab session. Now Roger has no formal training in psychology but does possess a good amount of John Wayne common sense. Roger was a politician for several years but spends his retirement days dodging the public….their stupidity drives him over the brink which requires our roles to reverse.

On the morning of the appointment I threw my saddle in the pickup and headed for the ranch to meet up with the Dodger and my therapy facilitator, Foremen, a gun metal grey quarter horse. After loading the mounts in the trailer we drove to a trailhead which initiated entrance to the high country. As we rode up a mountainside covered with scrub oak punctuated with frequent giant ponderosas I was reminded it was a good time to "set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth." (Colossians 3:2) God has created a myriad of things in nature to help us ponder the "big picture." "And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: they shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;" (Hebrews 1:10,11). The common temptation is to worship nature (Romans 1:18-32) rather than allowing creation to testify of the Creator. The Lord's magnificence is illustrated in His never idle workshop. The granite steeples point heavenward to a gold far superior to any hidden in the earth.

Topping a high ridge we left the oak behind, dropping into a valley of firs which was permeated with a faint menthol odor. It was a pleasant fragrance bringing to mind the "Great Physician" and His unlimited abilities. God has a great appreciation for certain aromas, but few please Him more than the sweet smelling prayers of the saints. (Revelation 5:8)

The stillness of the forest was altered only by horses' hooves on the rocks. A passage came to mind: "Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven." (Psalm 107:28-30)

Dear reader, please tolerate a recommendation: disconnect the media for a day or two, take a walk in the park and feed a goose or duck, watch the squirrels or study the work ethic of the ants. Take a drive in the country, sit beside a mountain stream, smell the willows….observe God's handiwork. Take Paul's advice when he wrote "study to be quiet." (I Thessalonians 4:11) Modern translation… turn off your phone which may enable you to hear a higher voice!

As we ascended up the aspens became increasingly prevalent. It was early (September 9th) so they only yielded occasional sprinkling of the amber which will soon follow. "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face." (I Corinthians 13:12) Presently, our vision is obscured, but one day the glory of heaven will dim all its earthly illustrations.

A meadow of tall bunch grass, ringed by aspens gently stirring in a light breeze and canopied by an azure blue sky served as a cathedral in the wilderness. We dismounted, allowed the horses to graze a bit, sat and prayed for Pat and her surgeon. Way too many prayers are self-centered, but intercessory prayer for others carries an energy that not only gains the attention of God but completes the circuit back to the originator. When I opened my eyes the landscape seemed greener, the sky was deeper and my ham, chicken and cheese sandwich was fare fit for a king. The brush of faith had indeed painted a brighter canvas of colors.

No evidence of human intrusion eventually leads to Roger's sardonic: "I wonder what the folks in the big city are doing?" With that we mounted up for the return trip with the satisfaction that the heavenly psychiatrist is always successful; He is indeed "the balm of Gilead." (Jeremiah 8:22)

That evening Jim, Pat's husband, called to report her textbook surgery. The pathology reports will come in a week which allows time for faith to increase. Jim and I have pursued ducks, geese, pheasants, fish, deer, elk and moose together, but those adventures lacked the requirement of the present: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5)

A Sheepdog Barks!

So let's start with the NFL and the player protests during the National Anthem. Most of us agree that the players have a right to their beliefs, right or wrong, but the platform they have chosen is wrong and stupid. It's spreading and it's going to get worse. They seem to be protesting in support of Black Lives Matter (BLM). BLM is not a good organization to support. They are now kneeling and raising "black power" fists in the air. These actions during the Star Spangled Banner, especially during a memorial tribute to the victims of 9/11, were not a very smart thing to do. BLM is a radical organization based on untruths and calling for violence and disrespect of law enforcement. To protest during a 9/11 Memorial tribute to the victims, makes these players appear petty and anti-American. They are misusing their 1st Amendment rights. The NFL owners need to think about the impact on their product being used to promote these personal and somewhat misguided views of their employees. Not many businesses in America would tolerate this sort of thing. Even the federal government inhibits free speech. Soldiers wearing the U.S. Army uniform are not allowed to express their personal beliefs at all. The owners have a right to do something here and they better do something quick. The worst part of these protests is that now high school players are emulating these so called "role models." They don't really understand what they are doing. There is a proper time and place for everything. Dragging real or imagined social injustices into sports is a bad idea, a very bad idea. Sports should remain neutral. Hold a press conference, donate money, go speak to organizations or go march in a parade. Do your thing. Just leave football and basketball alone. And for goodness sakes leave the flag and the National Anthem out of your protests, especially when you already live in the greatest country in the world. These players have chosen a symbolic moment of freedom that for many disrespects American veterans and our war dead. Stop already. WOOF!

Now let's look at what is going on in Washington D.C. these days. Once again the Republican leaders in the House and Senate have failed to get the job done. Speaker Paul Ryan-Boehner now has to throw together another Continuing Resolution (CR) to fund the government past September 30th. He promised he would put a stop to this ragtag funding debacle and restore normal order to Congress in developing an annual budget. He lied. He is just like all the rest. Now time has run out again and there will be another last minute deal (never good for America) thrown together to keep funding government at the same stupid and overspending levels until it's time to do another CR. It's known as kicking the can down the road. Nothing gets changed and the debt and deficit just keeps growing. We criticized the Democrats for not passing budgets. The Republicans have failed also. The STRAW LIONS continue to fail us all. MEEOOW! And get this; the debt ceiling will need to be raised once again in March. Imagine that. They raised it about ten months ago so it would not come up again until after Obama was out of office. They were afraid to take him on and caved in again. MEEOW! We know what will happen in March. Anyone believe it won't be raised again? How does $22 Trillion sound or maybe $25 Trillion? We have been fooled again by the Republicans. They have no intention of putting a stop to big government overspending. They are cowards. WOOF!

I can't end without a few comments on one of my favorite "despicables" – HilLIARy Rodham Clinton (HRC). We all know she has deceived America about almost everything she has been involved in and now she's deceiving us about her health. I hadn't been paying much attention to the claims she was seriously ill until this last weekend. In screening all the video clips of her over the last few years and based on her own admission that she can't remember important national security stuff because of her concussion and brain blood clot, I have decided this is a legitimate issue. Watch her future appearances closely. These are not Secret Service agents around her. They are doctors and nurses. The van she is riding around in (instead of just a normal black SUV) is probably a black ambulance. Her outrageous lust for power is causing her to deceive all Americans again. There are now serious doubts that she has the strength and general good health to function as the President of the United States. The press has an obligation to get to the bottom of this story. The LPSDs demanded John McCain prove that he was healthy enough to serve. It's time they do the same about HilLIARy (or should we now call her ILLary) and this little "pneumonia" PR cover up story is not good enough. You know what I mean. Enough with the cough, cough, cough, cough, head jerk, head jerk, knee buckle, fainting spell, falling down, seizure here, short circuit there, I'm just dehydrated and need a drink of water bulls**t. She is sick and we need the truth. We must demand the truth and rid ourselves of the Clintons forever. When she loses this election she and Bill will truly be in America's rear view mirror once and for all. WOOF!



HilLIARy slipped up and let her true feelings out this week. The "Basket of Deplorables" is how she really feels about conservatives in America. And I for one am proud to be in her basket. So is Wayne Newton apparently. On TV this week he said, "I'm Deplorable." Good for you Wayne, WOOF! I also saw a great meme on Facebook yesterday. It had a picture of HilLIARy saying, "Most of Trump's supporters are deplorable." Then it had a picture of Trump saying, "Most of HilLIARy's supporters are deportables." A lot of truth in that one! WOOF! And for the record she DIDN'T apologize. If the LPSDs find me deplorable that's fine. What I find them is not printable. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



DARK SKIES
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ranges in south central Colorado.

The valley just west of the two towns has something unlike most other communities in the continental United States or Canada: a clear night view of the Milky Way and billions of other stars.

Amy Moulton, who works in the local library, says it would be odd in these parts not to notice the stars at night. Fellow librarians Cathy McCarthy and Ted Ballard say they've never seen meteor showers such as those they see here – sometimes as many as 20 or 30 meteors in the span of just a few minutes.

"It's a gift," McCarthy says.

That gift didn't come on its own. The community has taken both legal and financial steps to keep its night sky dark.

The movement in Westcliffe/Silver Cliff started about 15 years ago when a local rancher, Susan "Smokey" Jack, began to notice the night sky was changing, with more light pollution bleeding from the towns as well as from Pueblo and Colorado Springs, about 50 miles west. According to her friends in the local Dark Sky organization, she was the first to push for night-friendly lighting in the community to preserve the special view of the sky over the valley. Jack died in 2004, and the Bluff observatory is named after her.

Nowadays, a dozen years after her death, it's increasingly difficult to see the Milky Way near any metro area. Steve Linderer, past president of the two-dozen-member local Dark Sky group, points to studies that estimate 80 percent of the population in the United States and Canada live in areas with light pollution that blocks the view of stars. A lot of kids will never see the Milky Way, Linderer laments.

"We've been working for 15 years to make sure [light pollution] doesn't happen here."

Dark Sky isn't just another quirky Colorado phenom.

The International Dark-Sky Association – which works with lighting manufacturers, parks, city planners, lawmakers and others to implement "smart lighting choices" – was formed in 1988. According to its website, the group, based in Tucson, is the leading authority in identifying and publicizing the effects of artificial light at night on human health, wildlife and climate change.

"We're supposed to have night," Linderer says, citing a recent report by the American Medical Association. He notes that too much light in the nighttime interferes with the body's production of melatonin. Sea turtles have changed their migration behavior because they head to coastal lights instead of using the shimmering seas to navigate to their traditional nesting sites. Night light has affected bird migrations, too.

As Linderer likes to put it, life evolved on earth 3.5 to 4 billion years ago, but only since Thomas Edison came up with the incandescent light bulb has it been okay to "take away the night."

The folks in the Westcliffe/Silver Cliff Dark Sky group are striving to grab it back.

That effort has translated into "smart lighting" ordinances requiring developers to use Dark Sky-compliant lighting when they build new homes or developments in the area. It also has meant making sure outdoor lights, such as streetlamps, use more energy-efficient lighting with relatively low-wattage and low-heat bulbs. The communities make sure street lamps have covers so their light reflects toward the ground rather than in all directions. In March 2015, the town's efforts won Dark-Sky certification from the international association.

It hasn't always been easy to persuade locals to get on board. At first, Bradburn says, the Dark Sky members got a little over-enthusiastic about telling people they had to change their lights to preserve the night sky. Their "light police" attitude didn't sit well among everyone in the community, which has been the home of family ranches going back 150 years. More recently, the valley and surrounding mountains have become home to empty-nesters and retirees from big cities, as well as both an Amish population and members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a splinter Mormon sect.

It was Jack's idea to start raising money to change out the streetlights, and that has made all the difference. For those who haven't been able to afford it, the homegrown group of stargazers raises money to pay for the lights and other Dark Sky-compliant fixtures.

"We need to be advocates and educators to maintain our Dark Sky heritage," Bradburn says. "We don't tell the neighbors to cover their lights," but if they're willing to change, the stargazers will make it happen. It cost the group about $10,000 to convert all the streetlights in Silver Cliff.

Bradburn notes that if you go above town, such as up to the national forest campground that's to the west in the Sangre de Cristo mountains, you can't see the town lights at night, but when you drive down Main Street, it's as brightly lit as any other place.

The effort has spread outside of Westcliffe/Silver Cliff. The nearby town of Florence houses three federal prisons, whose ultra-bright perimeter lights bleaches the darkness with noxious florescence. Tom Chapman, a spokesman for the Florence prisons, says the facilities are in the process converting standard lights to LED lights that are Dark Sky-friendly, in part because those non-light polluting structures will provide better security and are more energy-efficient.

The area's Dark Sky designation isn't just about aesthetics. There's an economic advantage, too.

Because of the harsh winter weather (think 24 below zero), the two towns will never be a year-round destination for astronomy lovers, but expanding the summer tourist season into the fall or late spring is definitely possible, according to folks involved with economic development in the area. Given the newness of the IDA certification, and the area's lack of broadband capability, efforts to market the wonder of the Westcliffe/Silver Cliff night skies haven't yet taken off.

Still, Westcliffe has grown 20 percent in the last 15 years, and many of the regulars at The Bluff are part of that recent migration.

Among the stargazers are Ed and Jacquie Stewart, who moved to the area from Austin, Texas, about 16 years ago. Ed says he has been a stargazer for 50 years, and that they were drawn to Westcliffe by the mountains and the night sky. Linderer, who retired from the National Park Service, has lived in the area for 10 years. Bradburn was an architect in Denver for about 25 years, but has lived just outside of Westcliffe for 15 years.

Charles Bogle, who heads up the Custer County Economic Development Corporation, told *The Colorado Independent* that city leaders anticipate people coming to see the stars in Westcliffe/Silver Cliff from all over, and hope the Dark Sky designation put the surprisingly lightly-tread Central Colorado area on the map for the more urban folks of our state. It isn't just the skies, he says. The quality of life in the valley is also alluring.

"We figure by 2040, people won't want to live along the I-25 corridor," and that Westcliffe/Silver Cliff will be among the places people choose to live, he says.

There are still some skeptics about growth in Westcliffe/Silver Cliff, Bogle adds. "We still need to win over some elements of the community who are opposed to change." The county intends to be careful about future economic development planning. Says Bogle: "We don't want to mess it up."

As the night grows later and the skies clearer, some on The Bluff muse about our relationship to the stars.

Susan "Sam" Frostman says seeing millions of stars makes her feel small. "But it's like being in another world. Everywhere else, you see one star here or there."

Linderer, who says he has been entranced by the stars since he was a boy, gazed up at the heavens. "Since the first human, we've been fascinated by the night sky and the Milky Way. I can't help but think how many humans before me have looked at this."

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Hebrews 13:2 ESV

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JOIN THE FREE PROGRAM TODAY!

Get Paid to Achieve a Healthy Weight

What is Weigh and Win?

JOIN FOR FREE
at www.WeighandWin.com or any kiosk.
Free for all Coloradans 18 and over.

DAILY COACHING
on healthy eating and active living via email or text.

TRACK YOUR PROGRESS
with weigh-ins at community kiosk locations.

EARN CASH REWARDS
every 90 days for weight improvement and maintenance, plus monthly prize drawings.

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CUSTER COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY

Custer County Medical Center

KIOSK LOCATED AT:
704 Edwards Ave | Westcliffe

Improving your health can...

- *Reduce need for certain medications (and save you money)*
- *Lower your cholesterol*
- *Prevent type 2 diabetes*
- *Improve your quality of life*
- *Increase your confidence*
- *Increase your energy levels*

Weigh and Win's Impact

100's of people in your community are participating!

500+ pounds lost in Custer County

8% or 17.7 lbs average weight loss by Weigh and Win participant

Market

Your Neighborhood Grocery Store

LOWE'S

Lowe's
Large Round Top
White Bread Loaf
2 FOR $1.00

Shur Fine
Canned Vegetables
11-15 oz.
2 FOR $1.00

1-2-3
Vegetable Oil
33.8 oz.
2 FOR $3.00

Lowe's
Ice Cream Pail
132 oz.
$3.88

Fresh Salad Size
Avocados
28¢ each

Fresh Bone-In Split
Chicken Breasts
99¢ lb.
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