

Jerry Durling Inducted into Hall of Fame

by Jim Silver

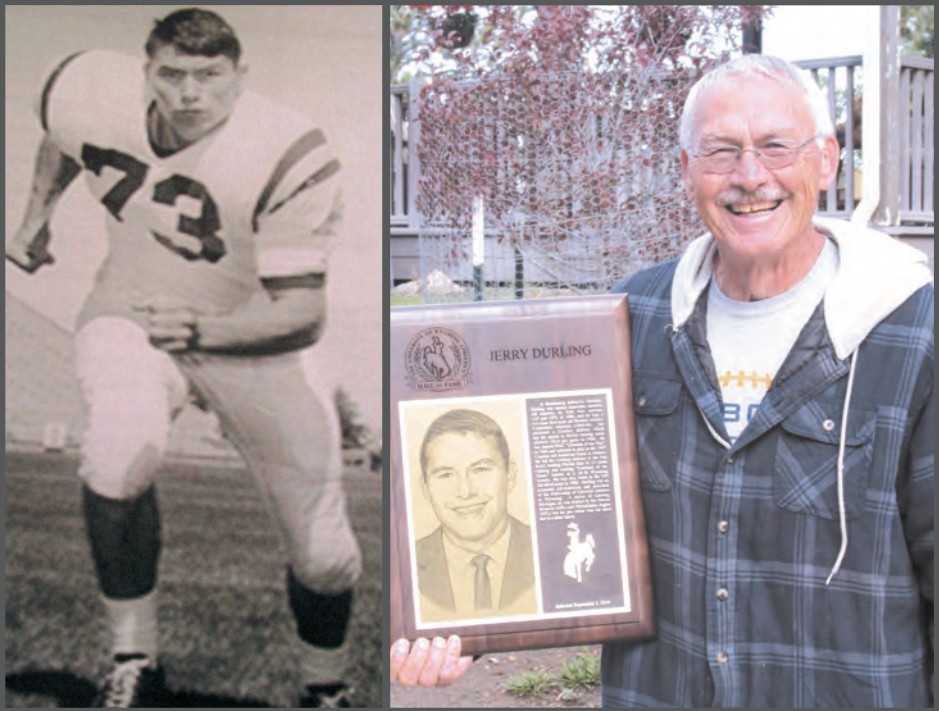
On Friday, September 2nd, seven athletes were inducted into the University of Wyoming’s Inter-collegiate Athletics Hall of Fame. Among those honored was Jerry Durling of rural Westcliffe, who played football from 1963 to 1966. Jerry played high school football in Lansing, Michigan, graduating in 1962, and became a Wyoming Cowboy on a football scholarship. He graduated from the University in 1967 with an MA in Art and a minor in Physical Education.

Jerry’s accomplishments on the grid iron are enumerated in the information packet utilized by the University in making their selection. Bits and pieces can be discovered in conversation with this humble man, but hard-

ly a full picture. The years 1965 and 1966 stand out, for Jerry was named two-time first team All-WAC, 1966 WAC Lineman of the Year (Defensive Guard,) and Most Outstanding Lineman in the Wyoming vs. Florida State 28-20 Sun Bowl victory in 1966. The rest of the story for Jerry in that game, however, was a knee injury which ultimately ended his football career. Signed to play for the Philadelphia Eagles, Jerry was unable to pass the physical.

Mr. Durling turned to a productive career as an educator for a couple years in Wyoming-- and then 43 more years in various schools in Texas. He taught primarily art and history and coached most every /sport except

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Jerry Durling, at the University of Wyoming (left) and Jerry today, in rural Custer County, Colorado (right).

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"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

John 10:10 NKJV

Elections Matter 2016 Part II - Information for an Informed Vote in HD 60

by Representative Jim Wilson

A week has passed since the first edition of "Elections Matter 2016". Another debate, more negative revelations about both presidential candidates and more voters saying, "How did America get to this point?" Advice Alert: Stay the course – one of the two party candidates will become President! The winner will be potentially nominating multiple replacements to the Supreme Court. The replacements will influence the Constitution for decades to come. The stakes are too high not to vote for the future of the U.S. Constitution.

At the state level, there are several constitutional amendments on the ballot. Amendment 69 is the "biggy". A 10% tax increase, a budget larger than the current budget of the State of Colorado, governed by a small group of people with the ability to raise taxes AND it gets locked into the Constitution... What could go wrong with that? Bear in mind, in the history of our state, only 1 amendment has ever been repealed...Prohibition!

As a voter in this election, you will have many choices. Take the time to study the candidates and the issues. Blindly voting for a candidate just because they have an "R" or a "D" beside

their name is like crossing a busy street with your eyes closed – it makes no sense! Keep your eyes open – make an informed decision.

On the HD 60 level, you will have choices as well. I am your current State Representative, and I am seeking another term. I am running again because I want to continue to be a strong voice for HD 60 and rural Colorado. My platform is focused on four needs: jobs and the economy, education, fiscal responsibility and agriculture/water (rural issues). This week I would like to share with you a few of the things I have done to bolster jobs and the economy in Colorado.

I believe we need to get away from the idea that all students need to go to college. Too many of our children are accumulating student loan debt in pursuit of a degree that may not get them a job. For example, in HD 60, approximately 2/3 of our graduating high school seniors will go onto higher education. That means 1/3 will already need some other type of training. Of the 2/3's that do go to college, 1/2 of those will not complete a

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The Sentinel's Take on Proposed Colorado Constitutional Amendments

by George Gramlich

Most of us have received the "Blue Book", Colorado's 2016 State Ballot Information Booklet, on the pros and cons of the various proposed constitutional amendments.

A "committee" puts this together and they ask for comments, both pro and con from various groups and people to put in the "Argument For", "Argument Against" and "Estimate of Fiscal Impact" sections. Conservatives have argued for years that the entries in the Blue Book were left-leaning as a whole, so take care when reading what they have there.

To level the playing field, *The Sentinel* has perused said Blue Book, and here's how we see each amendment through the lens of liberty:

Amendment T: No Exception to Involuntary Servitude Prohibition

Vote NO. This is a lib move to prevent the courts and the prison system from making people work when convicted of a crime. This would probably, in the end, not allow criminals in the prison system to work without paying minimum wage, and would hamstring the court system when the judges impose a community service requirement in place of or alongside a fine. It would dramatically increase prison and jail costs all over the state.

Amendment U: Exempt Certain Possessory Interests from Property Taxes

Vote YES. This would exempt primarily government-to-people/company land leases, worth less than \$6000 a year from being taxed. These are mostly land leases for ranchers. It takes a lot of bureaucratic effort to collect these small amounts. The fiscal impact is minimal: the whole state would lose only \$125,000. In some jurisdictions it costs more to collect the tax than the tax is. Let's get rid of this trivial, harassing tax.

Amendment 69: Statewide Health Care System

Vote NO. This is an INSANE liberal fantasy that would literally destroy Colorado. The libs want to set up a NON-ELECTED board that would run the ENTIRE healthcare system in Colorado, would have UNLIMITED TAXING authority and would, arbitrarily, decide WHO gets healthcare and HOW MUCH healthcare one would get. Vermont passed something similar a few years ago and after it was passed, took a hard look at it and decided it wouldn't work in a million years. They canned it (and the Vermont libs are nuttier than ours!). Every decent doctor in Colorado would leave. Every free-loading

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We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not granted to us by politicians or governments. Freedom demands responsible behavior of all citizens and must be consistent with the truths expressed in the great moral and governing guides as The Ten Commandments, The Declaration of Independence, The U.S. Constitution and The Bill of Rights.

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

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

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

Another Debate; More Controversy

There remains about three weeks until Americans pick their next President. Last Sunday was the second presidential debate and next Wednesday will be the third and last one. Unless Fox's Chris Wallace does something much different than the previous moderators, we will learn nothing about how the candidates will govern our country. All they have wanted to do is zero in on the personal issues. The best we can hope for is that Wallace won't let his personal biases slip out unlike the first three have.

We already know all we need to know about the character of the two candidates. We find it hard to believe there are undecided voters among us. Both of the candidates have serious personal character flaws – but one of them will be the next President of the United States. We know how the Republicans got to where they are. There is a massive and angry tsunami wave about the failure of our federal government. It's too big, too intrusive and spends too much money. Money it doesn't have by the way. So, angry conservative citizens went for

the outsider. Someone, anyone, that wasn't a life-long, greedy, power grabbing, status quo politician whose only concern was getting reelected. Conservatives believe there are already far too many of those and that is the main reason we are where we are. So a tough talking, politically-inexperienced rich man, somewhat crude and unpolished, who is not politically correct and was willing to say what many American were thinking rose to the top. Completely understandable.

Liberals, on the other hand, have no excuses for why they picked their candidate. Unlike Trump, she is a completely known politician. No liberals were confused by who she is and what she stands for. They were aware of her many character flaws. They knew she wanted a big federal government, more control, and more taxes and is willing to spend even more taxpayer money on failed government programs and policies. They knew what she meant when she said she wanted to "invest" in us. They knew she supported open borders, unlimited immigration and

single payer health care. They knew exactly who her husband is, how he actually treats women and they are still willing to put him back into the White House. The liberals knew what they were getting with Hillary Rodham Clinton and they didn't care. Why she rose to the top of the Democrat Party should be of great concern to all Americans. Many of Trump's negatives are speculative. Hers are known. Conservatives are grasping for something different. They are willing to take a chance on an imperfect candidate. Liberals are not taking a chance. They know exactly who she is and they are willing to stand with her anyway. Some only because she is a woman.

We hear the term "presidential" used quite often by the pundits and talking heads. It's quite amusing to hear that someone doesn't appear "presidential." It's used by the media like there are some established qualities that a person must possess in order to be the President of the United States.

The word is the adjective form of the word president which in this context is defined as "the highest executive officer of a company, society, university, club etc., the chief executive of a republic having no prime minister..." Therefore anything the president does, whether it is good or bad, is presidential. If we use the word to mean how we view the presidency, or how we judge the qualities of a person to be president then it becomes very subjective in nature and is meaningless. So we become even more amused when some journalists say "he didn't come across as presidential or he didn't act presidential." Really? There is no job description or list of character traits in order to be president. Many have held the office that in our view didn't have any high moral standards. We all need to put in perspective what the choice is we are facing in the next three weeks. Deeds are much more important than words. We hear Mrs. Clinton say she has been "advocating" for women

and children, et al, for her 40 plus years of public life and service. Advocating is just a word. She hasn't accomplished anything to speak of. And if the definition of presidential were to include things like "honesty and trustworthiness" we know for sure she is not "presidential." And if we add words like "faithful" or "loves America and its Constitution" then we also wouldn't be able to declare Bill Clinton or Barack Obama "presidential" either. What's "presidential" to some might be "unfit" to others.

Remember what we were taught about "stick and stones" and focus instead on their deeds. One has lived in the business world and influenced politicians with money. The other one has lived in the public service world and has been and still is influenced by that big donor money. One is a completely known actor which has been surrounded by scandal and public corruption her whole life. One is not. Vote accordingly.

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Barry’s Hurricane Magic

By Joe Cascarell
Westcliffe CO

The left, led by the president’s pseudo-scientists, still hold to the myth that hurricanes are the result of “man caused climate change.” Our latest hurricane, Matthew, will undoubtedly result in hysterical panic from Obama, Hillary and the UN global warming hurricane club. An MSNBC reporter, Ron Allen, suggested that if Obama has his way with global warming, hurricanes will be a thing of the past. His logic in this matter is unclear to me, so I decided to research the history of our coast from New Orleans to Jacksonville with respect to tropical cyclones, AKA hurricanes. To start, let’s all agree that hurricanes like Matthew, Sandy or Katrina aren’t among the worst hurricanes to hit North America. The worst one destroyed the city of Galveston on September 8, 1900. Galveston, a city of 30,000, lost between 6,000 and 8,000 citizens. If you

add to that number those who died on the Texas mainland across Galveston Bay, you can add another 4,000 dead. The storm surge was 20 feet high.

The Gulf coast has been hit by over 60 hurricanes since the city of New Orleans was founded in 1715. About 30 of these were major, category 3 or higher, hurricanes. The city received a glancing blow from a real category 5 hurricane, Camille, back in 1969.

On June 27, 1957, Hurricane Audrey slammed into the Louisiana coast. There were 518 deaths and the winds and the 20-foot storm surge totally destroyed 1,900 buildings in New Orleans alone with another 19,000 severely damaged. Without 24/7 cable news coverage, how can anyone expect Americans to know about these natural phenomena? Back then, hurricanes were considered acts of God, but we can’t blame things on God anymore.

Today, thanks to the ACLU, we can’t even say “God.” If the National Weather Service said an “act of God”, the separation of Church and State absolutists would be filing a suit with some federal court.

Most of us over 50 remember the devastation that Andrew caused in Dade County Florida, Homestead to be specific. But, Andrew crossed the gulf and managed to do another \$5 billion in damage in Mississippi and Louisiana, too.

Then there is the ever-present racial component aspect of major storms. I’ve experienced a lot of hurricanes in my life, but I never knew that they could target only minorities. Back in 1928, the Okeechobee (Florida for the geography-challenged) Hurricane, another category 5, killed over 4,000. About 2,500 of these were black migrant workers who died when the levies on Lake Okeechobee in Florida failed and the living quar-

ters built in the low lying grounds flooded. I wonder how the media will twist Matthew’s devastation to highlight only minority losses.

Until recently, “man caused global warming” hasn’t be blamed. Why? Because, there is no such thing.

I will always wonder why all those low lying swampy areas in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, the Carolinas and Louisiana have been drained and “reclaimed” for metropolitan expansion and million-dollar summer beach homes. Natural coastal swamps have always been a buffer against big storms. Who in their right mind would live in a neighborhood four feet below sea level or on a beach in a hurricane prone area? Maybe network reporters should ask displaced residents about their choices in the Matthew affected region...just a suggestion.

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swimming. It must be added that Jerry coached the Middle School Bobcats football team in 2013, so there was a brief opportunity for locals to see his coach’s heart at work. The young ‘Cats, now playing high school ball, can most likely still remember his big coach’s voice from the sidelines.

When asked what this means to him, to be so recognized 50 years after playing football for the Cowboys, Jerry says this: “The honor has to be shared with my teammates, but beyond that, with God my Father. God gave me the strength and spirit to be the athlete I was.” Jerry explained that he put his faith in Jesus Christ his junior year

in college, and this was a turning point in his success as an individual and a team player. At 213 pounds, 6 ft. 3 ½, he was up against a lot bigger people on the opposite side of the line. Good technique—learned from a coach-- will offset both size and ability of opponents, says this seasoned coach. We can imagine that these values and objectives inspired what Jerry Durling imparted to a great number of young student-athletes over those decades of coaching/teaching.

Jerry and his wife, Donna, moved here in 2008 upon their retirement as teachers in Texas. They are the parents of four married daughters, all living out-of-state, and have seven grandchildren.

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“Factually Stated”

Dear Editor,

I appreciate your follow up to the ‘Trib’ article a year and half ago that “factually stated” I had assaulted a mail delivery person. It is a shame that only the twelve jurors know the whole story. The Sheriff’s office only knows the mail lady’s side of the story due to a break down in procedures. This breakdown in Police procedures cost me and my business dearly; the costs financially and mentally can only be rivaled by my divorce.

The most troubling thing is that the Sheriff’s folk and the DA people believe I just got away with it and they will redouble their efforts in the future. Let’s say I have a target on my back....

I need to point out one error in the reporter’s story; while reckless driving caused the incident, it was the mail lady’s state of mind and lack of bodily control that caused me to remove the keys from her vehicle as she refused to stay at the scene until police arrived. She was a danger to herself and

everyone on the road and she just proved it. She then confirmed this by her actions after she had parked. Debi Williams had made the first call to the Sheriff’s office for help with the lady. I wanted a deputy to make the determination as to her condition but...

Thank you for the time and space so that part of the truth can be told and possibly some justice might result???

Sincerely,
David Nequette

One Score and One Year Ago...

It seems like Donald Trump has really stepped in it, albeit many years ago. And now it’s coming around to raise its ugly head. Of course that is what elections have become, slinging dirt at the opponent. It is no longer about the issues, not about governing ability or ideals, but how bad you can make the other guy look. What really bothers me is not the vile statements Trump made about women, that is trash talk and everyone at one time or another has said things they would rather they hadn’t. You have to admit, he did apologize for and take the blame for what he said. What bothers me is the ACTIONS of those in powerful positions. The accusations of rape, never reaching trial, of Bill Clinton. The curious deaths surrounding the Clintons never properly investigated, the lies, the

hidden emails, and the unanswered questions about their foundation. Then I have questions about Hillary’s performance, her physical stamina required as president, her crazy ideology on immigration, judicial appointments, trade, women, guns, the military and police. I may not like Donald Trump, he may not be the cleanest or best political leader this country can produce, but I’m not voting for a spiritual leader, I already have one, Christ. I am not electing a moral leader; I already have one, Jesus. I am hoping for a president I can somewhat trust to do as he has promised. I don’t believe he is going to do a one-eighty and go against what he has campaigned on and made promises about to the American public. However, I can wonder about what Hillary will do. There is no record of accomplishment

there; there is no record of truth, trust and openness.

You know what else bothers me? The opposition by the Bushes’, McCain, Ryan, Ayote, Haley. Nikki Haley was the first to point out the failures of the GOP after the President’s State of the Union Address. They are all too quick to jump on Donald’s neck. It would have been the same response Reid or Pelosi would give, but not a Republican. They are traitors as far as I am concerned and I would not vote for any of them. Like in the upcoming election, I will leave blank some vote positions because that is my refusal to support deceivers. But I will vote for Trump, never Hillary, no way. She will destroy America.

Bill Bailey,
Rural Custer County

Pre-Jesus

Letter to the Editor;

Well, this last week the democrats went dumpster diving and found some trash on Donald Trump. Yes, he is an imperfect human being and like most of us did things in his past (pre Jesus) that he is not proud of. Yes, he has made mistakes as we all have. But once we accepted Jesus, as

Trump has, God throws those sins away as far as the east is from the west and He remembers them no more. God is a forgiving God and we need to be able to forgive and give people the second chance that they deserve. So let’s move on and look to elect a president and leaders that can help bring our country out of the pit it is in

and back to God.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

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I understand that County Commissioners have no **authority** to tell our towns, other elected officials, special districts, nonprofits, clubs, and other organizations what to do. However, I do believe that County Commissioners, as senior elected county officials, do have an inherent **leadership responsibility**. Leaders **communicate**, coordinate, organize, and integrate items of mutual interest throughout the community.

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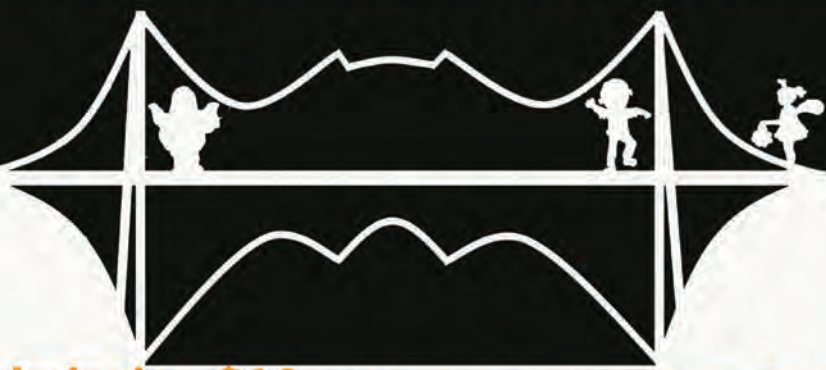


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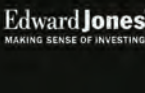
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How Much More Gov't Lawlessness Can We Possibly Endure?

—October 4, 2016

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To keep health care insurers from dropping out of Obamacare the Health and Human Services Department raided \$2 Billion of our money intended to pay down the deficit and paid it to health insurers. We've been illegally stiffed AGAIN for Obamacare that is already in an unstoppable death spiral.

2. There is more. Members of Congress left town this week (until November 14th) on another of its many recesses after passing a bill that funds the government until December 9th. It contains more out-of-control spending for President Obama during his (lawless) lame duck session.

3. And if that is not enough. The lawmakers who are retiring and/or voted out of office have passed legislation that does NOT represent the will of the People before they slither away with their lifetime benefits including fully funded health care that is not available to us, the taxpayers.

4. And there is still more. Six of the published executive orders from President Obama will cost the taxpayers \$25.5 Billion. We, through our elected lawmakers are being outfoxed, outflanked, outsmarted and outmaneuvered by this lawless, cunning president.

We are American Citizens, not deplorable chumps. On November 8th we, the Peoples' jury, can look forward to voting our loud and profound decisions regarding the brazen lawlessness of the elite, ruling cartel.

*Donna Sweere,
Westcliffe*

Chip's American Dream

by Fred Hernandez

On Saturday, October 8th, yet another American Dream came true in Silver Cliff with the Grand Opening of CHIP's ATV and Motorcycle Repair. A master when it comes to repairing, reconstructing, renovating and refurbishing ATV's, motorcycles and other small engine machinery, Chip Doxzon has been immersed in this line of work for decades. His expertise is now available locally at 615 E. Main Street, Silver Cliff, just across the road from the town hall and Tony's Mountain Pizza.

While working for others, Chip always dreamed of one day opening his own shop. Last Saturday, starting at 11a.m., clients and friends began dropping in as he had his grand opening event where his wife, Vicky and office manager Gay Nell, prepared an inviting spread of hot dogs, grilled on the spot, sauerkraut and all the fixings to celebrate his dream come



Chip and Vicky Doxzon with their children at Chip's ATV and Motorcycle Repair's Grand Opening.

Photo by Fred Hernandez

true. Like a souped up ATV, Chip's business took off quickly. Already, on the very day of his grand opening, he had to enlarge the corral where he keeps client's vehicles under lock and key, to twice the original space. In addition, he is building a large shed to house supplies, more vehicles and have extra space to keep up with work orders coming in at a rapid pace. Aside from repairs, Chip will be renting ATV's for

rides around the county. It will be a welcome feature for tourists who visit for a day, or more, to be able to rent these vehicles to explore the beauty that surrounds us.

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NBC will air their coverage of Westcliffe's "Dark Skies" Organization on "NBC Morning News" this Sunday, October 16th.



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Local Mountain News & Notices

New Booster Club Homecoming Tailgate Party and Membership Drive

Press Release

The Custer County Bobcat Booster Club, a new club formed to help people of Custer County assist the public school in the county, has announced its public kick off during the High School Homecoming Tailgate Party, October 22nd, from 11:30 to 1 p.m., offering memberships, fan clothing for sale, and FREE FOOD!

The new club is the brainchild of Dr. Gary Coleman, who graduated from Custer County High School in 1969 and went on to have a very successful career as an astrophysicist helping the U.S. government with its various space programs.

The club organized in March, became associated with the school in April, and has already done quite a lot to help the school. It has already donated more than \$20,000 to various clubs, sports and other programs.

The FREE FOOD will be available during tailgate hours along with fan clothing for sale, and a chance to get in on the ground floor by purchasing a membership in the club. Food will include hot dogs, hamburgers, hot wings and side dishes in a true tailgate environment.

Memberships will be available in several levels. Gold level membership will cost \$500; Silver memberships \$100; and Bronze memberships will be available for \$10. Gold level members have the option to say exactly what project will receive the donation.

Since the IRS has not yet bestowed tax exempt status to this non-profit organization, although the club applied nine months ago, the school superintendent is processing gifts through the school's tax exempt status. All memberships and donations will be tax deductible.

The club has an interesting logo, a booster rocket, to demonstrate that its purpose is to "boost" Custer County School students to their full potential.

For more information, contact club President Gary Coleman at GaryC9050@aol.com, 424-241-8343; or Vice President Bill Canda at billrcanda@gmail.com, 719-431-9979.

The board also includes Secretary Stacey Schock, stacey.shock@gmail.com, 713-242-8371; and Treasurer Angie Rafferty, angierafferty626@gmail.com, 719-371-3076.

*“Therefore if the Son
makes you free,
you shall be free indeed.”*

John 8:36 NKJV

Sheriff's Report...

Between 9/27/16 and 10/10/16, there were 368 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 17 to EMS, and 4 to the Fire Department. As of October 10, there were 9 males and 3 females in the county jail.

9/27/16:
Traffic Summons: James King of Westcliffe for speeding 5 - 9 over in a school zone.

Judith Baker of Cotopaxi for speeding 5 - 9 over in a school zone.

9/28/16:
Traffic Summons: James Seagrest of Amarillo, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Jeffrey Lenhart of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Lance Bryce of San Antonio, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

9/30/16:
Injury: EMS was dispatched to Rosita Avenue in Westcliffe for a male suffering from a traumatic brain injury. The patient was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

10/1/16:
Traffic Summons: Laura Kephart of Salida for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Karen Zimmerman of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Scott Bottoms of Colorado Springs for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Rocky Mazza of Salida for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Earl Wolfe of Pueblo West for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Nelson Bonilla of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Gregg Schlie of Edgewater, CO, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Vehicular Break-In: A deputy took a report from a party whose vehicle was broken into earlier in the day while visiting Bishop's Castle on Highway 165.

Burglary: A deputy was dispatched to Lea Lane in Westcliffe in response to a report of a burglary.

10/2/16:
Vehicular Break-in: A deputy met with a party in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office who reported their truck had been broken into at the upper trailhead for Gibson Creek.

10/3/16:
Pot Bust: Two deputies participated in an agency assist with the United States Forest Service in a search warrant on a suspected illegal marijuana grow in the San Isabel National Forest.

School Injury: EMS was dispatched to the Custer County School for a student who suffered a head injury in the east gym. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

Pot Bust Arrest: A deputy on routine patrol on Highway 96, near MM 20, saw an individual matching the description of a suspect who fled the scene on October 3rd, from illegal activity conducted on the Forest Service property. As the deputy approached the subject immediately put both hands in the air and was taken into custody.

10/4/16:
Threats: A deputy was dispatched to South Street in Silver Cliff to investigate a report of a party being threatened.

Vandalism: A deputy was dispatched regarding vandalism at a private residence on Rito Alto Avenue in Centennial Ranch.

10/6/16:
Traffic Summons: William Frerichs of Crete, NE, for speeding 95 mph in a 64 mph zone.

Unattended Death: EMS was dispatched to Bryan Way in Cristo Visto in response to a report of an unattended death.

Bad Dog: A Sheriff's deputy and EMS was dispatched to Butler Street in Silver Cliff for a juvenile male bitten by a dog. EMS processed a refusal to transport.

Suicidal Ideations: A Sheriff's deputy and EMS were dispatched to CR 389 in Wetmore for a female with suicidal ideations. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

10/7/16:
Traffic Summons: Zander Wertz of Pueblo for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Troy Nichols of Westcliffe for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Theft: A deputy was dispatched to a merchant on Main Street in Silver Cliff for a theft.

Unresponsive Male: EMS was dispatched to Rito Alto Avenue in Centennial Ranch for an unresponsive male. The Wet Mountain Fire Department was dispatched to set up a landing zone for Flight for Life. The patient was airlifted to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

10/8/16:
Traffic Summons: Gayle Dilday of Wetumka, OK, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

10/9/16:
Traffic Summons: Kenneth Ard of Pontotoc, MS, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Grass Fire: The Wet Mountain Fire Department and a Sheriff's deputy were dispatched to Highway 96, MM 13.5 for a grass fire.

10/10/16:
Traffic Summons: Richard Del Valle of Denver, CO, for speeding 10 - 19 over in a school zone.

Attempted Burglary: A deputy was dispatched to First Street in Silver Cliff to investigate a report of an attempted burglary the prior night. An unknown suspect removed a grate from a basement window but appeared to have been scared off.

Possible Assault: A deputy was dispatched to CR 140 to investigate a report of a possible assault.

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Another Big Cartel Pot Bust in Custer County

by George Gramlich

There was another, major, marijuana bust in Custer County Monday, October 3rd in the San Isabel National Forest. The outdoor pot grow was on County Road 287 off of State Highway 96 at Mile Marker 20 (east of Westcliffe). U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer F. S. Henrich was viewing some Google map views of prior known pot grows and the one off of CR 287 looked a little suspicious. So, Officer Henrich decided that it was time for a little look-see on CR 287.

When Officer Henrich approached the site, he noticed two individuals harvesting pot. After setting up a couple of game cam-

eras to get additional information, he withdrew from the area and alerted higher authorities.

The U.S. Forest Service set up a strike team from their law enforcement section, Homeland Security, and Custer County Sheriff Shannon Byerly assigned two deputies for the raid, Deputy Zoss and Deputy Geanetta.

The grow was about 3/4 of a mile off of County Road 287 in rough terrain. During the raid, two Mexican nationals were arrested and at least two others fled the scene. The two Mexicans were held in the Custer County jail overnight until ICE came the next day to pick them up.

There were 1,109 pot

plants still in the ground with a large number cut and ready to be processed. As with all of these grows, there were miles of irrigation tubing and assorted equipment throughout the area. The U.S. Forest Service was sending in a team to clean up the huge mess.

In an interesting twist, Custer County Deputy Sergeant Mike Halpin was coming to work the next day up Highway 96 (“Hardscrabble Road”) from Wetmore the next day and saw a lone Hispanic man walking on the side of the highway. Upon stopping the individual, it was apparent he was a Mexican national and probably involved in the pot grow. The man was arrested and picked up later by ICE at the Custer County jail.

National Honor Society Seeks Student Participation in Donation Drive for Soldiers

Press Release

Custer County National Honor Society is currently spearheading a national community service project aimed at sending care packages to soldiers overseas. They are asking for donations from students at the school as well as community members.

Donations are due by

November 7th and can be dropped at the school office.

Possible donation items may include:

- scarves/hats
- paracord survival bracelets
- small plush toys
- socks (black, brown, green or tan. No white.)
- lip balm
- deodorant
- hand and foot warmers

- razors (still packaged)
- pens and pocket-sized notebooks
- shaving cream
- moist towelettes
- travel size dental products
- mini battery operated fans
- screen printed clothes
- greeting cards
- used electronics (phones, iPods, gaming systems)
- yarn
- money donations

Basic Cooking Skills Workshop for High School Students

Students can learn how to cook foods other than ramen noodles and ketchup soup at the West Custer County Library’s upcoming event **How to Adult: Cooking Skills, Part 1**. The workshop, instructed by local nutrition expert Traci Terry, will be held Monday, October 17th, from 6:30-8 p.m. Students will meet in the library’s Community Room to get started and then walk to Second Street Kitchen for some hands-on experience. Parents may pick their students up at the kitchen at 8 p.m. This workshop is co-sponsored by the library, Traci Terry and Second Street Kitchen and is part of a series that provides a variety of information and is 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, is held once per month and usually lasts about an hour. It is completely free thanks to the Friends of the Library and several local co-sponsors. For more information, please call the library at 783-9138 or email jessica@westcusterlibrary.org.

First Baptist Church Westcliffe Family Fall Festival

October 26th, 5-7 p.m.

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Bobcats Sport Schedule

MS Volleyball AWAY v West Central League - Cotopaxi

When: Sat, October 15, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Where: Cotopaxi

HS Football Game HOME v Hoehne

When: Sat, October 15, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Elementary Volleyball

When: Mon, October 17, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Where: West Gym

Elementary Volleyball

When: Wed, October 19, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Where: West Gym

STUCO Volleyball

When: Thursday, October 20, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where: East Gym & West

HS Cross Country Regionals

(departure time 11:30 a.m.-meet start time 3 p.m.)

When: Thu, October 20, 11:30 a.m. – Fri, October 21, 5:30 p.m.

Where: Pueblo

HS Volleyball Game HOME v South Park (Homecoming)

When: Fri, October 21, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Homecoming Sat, October 22

When: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Parade

1:00 p.m. HS Football Game HOME v Kiowa

4:00 p.m. Powder Puff

9:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight Dance



Bobcat Menu • Oct. 17- Sept. 20, 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. Chicken Patty Sandwich Oven Fries Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. White Chili w/Chips Corn on the Cob & Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Porcupine Meatball Roll Mashed Potato/ Gravy Fruit & Milk	Lunch Elem. Toasted Cheese Sand. Tom. Soup Veg Sticks & Fruit Milk
Lunch MS & HS Chicken Parmesan Pasta Tossed Salad & Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS White Chili Combread Gr. Beans & Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Porcupine Meatball Roll Mashed Potato/ Gravy Fruit & Milk	Lunch MS & HS Baked Cheese Sand. Tom. Soup Tossed Salad & Fruit Milk

Elementary: Main Dish, Grain Product, Veg., Fruit, and Milk

Middle & High: Main Dish, (Or Premade Chef Salad), Grain Product, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk

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Friday, October 14, 2016

Volleyball

Baseball, basketball, football, volleyball, or soccer.... What’s the difference? Well, there’s a lot of difference if you ask the Lady Bobcats Volleyball team, because right now they are leading their league. Ever wonder how some of these sports got started? Let’s look at how volleyball came to be.

Basketball was invented in 1891 by a physical education instructor, James Naismith, in Springfield, Missouri, as a less injury-prone sport than football. Its popularity grew fairly quickly. Four years later on February 9, 1895, in Holyoke, Massachusetts, William G. Morgan, a graduate of the Springfield College of the YMCA, designed a game to be a combination of basketball, baseball, tennis, and handball and called it mintonette. It was meant to be preferably played indoors. He created it for older members of the YMCA because it would demand less physical contact than basketball while still requiring a bit of athletic effort. He borrowed the net from tennis and raised it 6 feet 6 inches above the floor, just above the average man’s head, though you need to remember that the average American was shorter in the nineteenth century. After an observer Alfred Halstead noticed the volleying nature of the game at its first exhibition match in 1896, the game became known as volleyball (it was originally spelled as two words: “volley ball”).

The first game of volleyball was played July 7, 1896, at Springfield College.

The first official ball used in volleyball is disputed; some sources say that Spalding created the first official ball in 1896, while others claim it was created in 1900. In 1900, YMCA spread volleyball to Canada, the Orient and the Southern Hemisphere. It continued to spread until in 1922 when the first YMCA national championships were held in Brooklyn, N.Y., and 27 teams from 11 states were represented.

During the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, American men and women took gold and silver medals in indoor volleyball competitions.

So, Lady Bobcats keep up the good work, we are very proud to have such a successful volleyball team right here in own backyard. Congratulations!

by Audrey Slater, Sources: athleticscholarships.net, volleyball.org, Wikipedia.org

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For to be carnally minded is death,
but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 8:6 NKJV

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Liberty Rocks

CAUTION TO READERS: BIG DANGER

by Sentinel Staff

October 6th, Liberty Rocks met at Tony’s Mountain Pizza. Dan Bubis, in traditional Scottish kilt, introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Dr. Paul Prentice, PhD. Dr. Prentice began his talk by giving a background on TABOR (Taxpayers Bill of Rights). In brief, TABOR was instituted at the behest of Colorado taxpayers to rein in the spending habits of politicians. Before TABOR, one clearly sees evidence, from the statistics presented by Dr. Prentice, that spending went beyond budgets. After TABOR, the spending is under control and comes within the budgetary guidelines. With this background, the main topic that Dr. Prentice wanted to bring to the attention of the audience is the question of Amendment 69 which will be one of the issues in this coming election in November.

Here is the long and short of this very dangerous, damaging and frightening power grab. It is nothing less than a duplicate government; a duplicate bureaucracy.

To begin with, if passed this issue becomes an amendment to the Colorado Con-

stitution. Laws can be repealed and changed but once it is an amendment it cannot be repealed or changed by elected representatives. It is almost cast in stone.

In its own words as contained in Section 3 (1) There is hereby established a political subdivision of the State called Colorado-Care. ColoradoCare is not an agency of the State and is not subject to administrative direction or control by any State executive, department, commission, board, bureau or agency. (Imagine that, NOT SUBJECT TO ANY CONTROL). However, it can be controlled by non-citizens?

ColoradoCare may be controlled by non-citizens. Beneficiaries, voting members and 21 Trustees will be residents--but need not be citizens--of the United States.

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It will also add a new 10% tax on payroll income which will include investment and retirement income.

The twenty one trustees of ColoradoCare can raise taxes annually without a vote from the Colorado General Assembly or by an election certified by the Secretary of State. In addition it will not be subject to TABOR restrictions.

Again, in its own words, Section 10 EXEMPTION

ColoradoCare and this article are exempt from Section 20 fo Article X of the Colorado Constitution.

It will take control of all State and Federal Health Care funds and Workers Compensation Funds. It will set prices for services and control all spending levels.

It will oversee its own performance and its own financial audits. The trustees will control their own elections, set their own salary levels and, to top it off, they cannot be recalled.

Events Calendar

Saturday, October 15
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Fall Into Christmas Boutique
At The Beckwith Ranch
CO-69 North, Westcliffe

Monday, October 17, 6 p.m.
Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources
Annual Benefit Banquet
Lange Hall, Hope Lutheran Church

Tuesday October 18
10 a.m. Commissioners Meeting
Wetmore Firehouse

Saturday October 22,
CCCS Homecoming
10 a.m. Homecoming Parade
11:30 a.m.. Tailgate Party
1 p.m. HS Football game Home v Kiowa
4 p.m. Powder Puff Game
9 p.m.- Midnight Homecoming Dance

Sunday, October 23 , 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
“Parish House Baroque”
Colorado Springs’ Early Music Ensemble \$\$
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Monday, October 24, 6:30 p.m.
“This Hope” Gospel Concert
at First Baptist Church, 417 S 6th St.

Wednesday, October 26, 5-7 p.m.
Fall Festival w/games,
food, prizes and bouncy house. FREE
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Friday, October 14, Saturday October 15
at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, October 16, at 2 p.m.
“Magnificant Seven”
The Jones Theater
119 Main St., Westcliffe

Recurring Events

Monday
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.

3rd Monday
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
12 – 4:30 p.m. Bridge Club meets in the
Library Community Room in down-
town 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
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 Alcohol-
ics 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 West-
cliffe Call 719-783-2498.

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

2nd and 4th Wednesdays
3 p.m. Scrabble Group West Custer
County Library.

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

Thursday

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

Friday
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 wel-
come! If you have a drum, please bring
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3rd Saturday of Month
9 a.m. VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes
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Fri. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Veterans Day Banquet

The American Legion Post 170 will host their annual Veteran’s Day Banquet from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, November 11th, at Tony’s Mountain Pizza. The public is invited to help honor our Veterans in Custer County.

Mark your calendar now and buy your tickets early. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Seating is available for up to 90 attendees.

The featured speaker is First Sergeant (1SG) Nathan Hepfer, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado. As an active duty senior NCO with years of experience we are sure his presentation will be outstanding.

Three entrée selections are offered; Prime Rib, Chicken or Pasta. A cash bar will open at 5:30 p.m. with opening ceremonies starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are available for \$26 each at three locations until November 5th.

- Tim Swartz, Veterans Service Officer, 615 Rosita Ave, 783-9470
- Ted Ballard, CC Library, 285-3198
- Carol Kennedy, 783-2462

Wild Bill is Carrying His Angel and Friend

Wild Bill is getting his “TOY’S FOR KIDS” campaign started again this year for Christmas for the kids of Custer County.



This year he has an angle with him that has inspired him the first time he ever met her. Peace, love and hope for all the people that have inspired him, especially Courtney Curtis. This year it will be called “Wild Bill and Courtney Curtis Toy Run”. Thanks to the Curtis family for their support.

Applications may be picked up at Lowe’s Super Market and Silver Cliff Mountain Inn. Patches for Toys for Kids are on sale at *The Sentinel* office for \$20 each, for the kids fund.

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In compliance with Titles VI & VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and Colorado law, Custer County School District C-1 does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, age, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, disability or need for special education services in admissions, access to, treatment or employment in educational programs or activities which it operates. Complaint procedures have been established for students, parents, employees and members of the public. The following person(s) have been identified as the compliance officer for the district: Secondary Principal, 709 Main Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252. (719)783-2291

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Local Mountain News & Notices

October 4th BOCC Meeting

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)

October 4, 2016
—WESTCLIFFE, Colorado
by Jackie Bubis

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

Commissioner Kattnig attended an Action 22 meeting with the governor. Updates from that meeting included the governor stating that in the next legislative session many of the marijuana issues that have arisen will be addressed. He is also aware of landfill issues in the small rural counties around the state. Kattnig also addressed the issue of the DA’s Office funding in smaller counties being inadequate. The governor did not think anything could be done about that in the state budget. Kattnig also has been trying to get in touch with Rep. Jim Wilson for a meeting with the commissioners, to no avail at this point.

Commissioner Shy gave an update on the Beulah Hills Fire.

Commissioner Attebery reported that letters have been sent to the granters to update them on the progress of the Wetmore Community Center.

Attorney Smith received the marijuana ordinances from Park and Fremont Counties. He is also preparing for a settlement meeting with the attorneys in the Hamilton case.

Doug Raye from the Fremont County Humane Society and Kathy Reis from the town of Westcliffe met with the board concerning a contract with the Humane Society to cover our county. If our county is covered, strays and owner relinquished pets will be taken. The contract for 2017 will be \$693, split three ways between the two towns and the county. The board approved joining this contract.

Assessor JD Henrich brought

a problem to the attention of the board. There are two roads named Antelope Lane – one out in the Lake DeWeese area and one out in Centennial Ranch. After discussion, the decision was made to change the one out in Centennial Ranch since there are only five owners on that road and only one house affected. Those people will have input into the new name if they want to. Letters will be sent to them giving them sixty days to respond.

Dallas Anderson of the Airport Authority gave his report that the crack seal materials have been delivered and he’s waiting on coordination with Road and Bridge to get the work done. His 2017 budget has been submitted.

Sheriff Byerly also attended the Action 22 meeting. He is hoping for changes in the marijuana ordinances and for empowering the DA’s Office to prosecute illegal grows that create a whole new black market that endangers the community. He admits that the right of entry issues are sticky.

Bob Senderhauf addressed the board with an update from the Upper Arkansas Water Conservation District. Updates included the effort to bring the rest of Fremont County under the current water augmentation plan, purchasing a ranch near Buena Vista for additional water storage and the efforts to keep steady flows for both agriculture and recreation. He asked for a letter of support from the board in support of the creation of a water augmentation plan for the entirety of Custer County. Senderhauf will draft a letter of support for the board to consider.

Gail Stoltfus gave the Public Health Agency report. It included immunizations, an effort to put together a suicide coalition locally to address the high numbers of suicide over the last two years, and updates on the Weigh and Win program. A Chronic Disease study was completed in September involving twelve par-

ticipants from clinic staff on increased BMI, uncontrolled diabetes and hypertension. There was a Motivational Interviewing class held at the clinic as well. The school nurse saw 285 students in September for illness. She also gave 124 eye and hearing tests. She is teaching nutrition to the 9th graders.

Tim Swartz, Veterans Service Officer, presented his report. After over a year on the job, he’s starting to see some claims approved. The process takes six to eighteen months. If appealed add another six months to two years. And if a hearing is needed, two to five years.

Cindy Howard and Larry Weber from Custer Search and Rescue presented an update on the work needed on the SAR building. Also ongoing issues with the lease to the radio station. The board approved \$2K in repairs and maintenance.

Cindy Howard, Office of Emergency Management presented her report with many meetings and trainings she is taking part in. On October 15th at 3 p.m., there will be a county-wide drill for the Code Red Alert system.

The Human Services report was presented by Laura Lockhart. The Energy Outreach Colorado Grant was approved for \$10,500, down from \$13,000 last year. LEAP signups start November 1st. She also updated the board on Roy Dickins’ situation. Dickins is in a rehab facility in Cañon City. His home has been padlocked. He is very upset that instead of fostering his dogs while he recovered – as he was led to believe – his dogs have been adopted out.

Brenda Gaide, the board’s administrator presented quotes for health insurance. The board approved her getting all the employees to fill out short health questionnaires so that the quotes could be firmed up.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

October 5th BOCC Meeting: Surveyor Kerfuffle

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)

October 5, 2016
—WESTCLIFFE, Colorado
by Jackie Bubis

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

During the public input time, Jay Printz, attorney for the town of Westcliffe, asked the board to waive the landfill fees when the town of Westcliffe either guts or razes the home of Roy Dickins. He assured the board that the debris would be treated so that it posed no hazard at the landfill. Commissioner Shy was hesitant for the board to get involved unless there was a process where the town took ownership legally of the house. Printz responded that he would bring the law in for Attorney Smith to look at, stating that if Dickins doesn’t do what he’s required to do, the town is required to take this action.

Attorney Smith asked what the process was for the town to take ownership of the property is. Printz said that the town wouldn’t ever take ownership of it. The town would raze the house, put a lien on it for the cost of doing that, and it would go to a lien sale at some point. He said it’s the town’s responsibility to remove the health hazard.

This topic is slated for the agenda at the October 18th meeting in Wetmore.

There were no commissioner reports.

Attorney Smith sent letters to the owners on Antelope Lane in Centennial Ranch and to the homeowner’s association with regards to the needed name change for their road.

He took off his attorney hat and put on his Dark Skies hat to report that the NBC filming with Harry Smith went very well.

Annie Kerns from the Saddle Club reported on some of the work that has been finished at the rodeo grounds. They are expanding their youth mentoring program for at-risk kids and are putting together a strategic marketing plan to help contribute to area tourism. She asked the board for \$20K for a tractor from the Conservation Trust Fund. Commissioner Attebery in-

formed her of the time and place to put in her request during the budget hearings next week.

Brent Bruser from Westcliffe brought information to the board after polling the counties in our classification about a county surveyor position. He reported that out of nine counties polled, two have a county surveyor and seven do not (despite it being a mandated position from the state.) The two that have county surveyors do not give their surveyors health benefits. He stated that, with the 2/3 – 1/3 split for health insurance, if a family man filled that position, it would mean \$15K in the county budget. He asked the board to revisit the rules for benefits both for this position and for any part-time positions in the county.

Rusty Christensen and Roger Squire reported for Road and Bridge (R&B) and the landfill. Since they have the funds in the budget they are shopping for a tractor and a new mower. The best price they’ve found is \$42K for both. The commissioners directed them to get the crack sealing done at the airport. R&B is going to try staying with the current schedule of four ten-hour shifts into the winter. Sheriff Byerly joined the discussion of several intersections where he would like to see 4-way stops that are now two-way or three-way stops. Byerly will do a ride-along with Squire to pinpoint intersections that need signs. He also mentioned that no camping signs were needed at the South Colony Trailhead parking lot.

Christensen received a letter from CDPHE saying they want the three wells at the old north landfill abandoned. The board said further follow-up is needed on this as that is not within the purview of CDPHE.

John Piquette brought in the preliminary budget for the board members to peruse prior to budget hearings next week. The revenue shown on that preliminary budget is \$6,174,000 with expenditures at \$6,636,000. That leaves \$462K to cut. He called their attention to the capital projects as a particular area of concern.

Deputy Halpin reported that the bid from Roger Camper on the judicial access project was \$3,400. That was almost twice what he expected. He will get more

bids. The commissioners want to wait to make a decision until after a presentation of the underfunded courthouse plans.

The IGA (Inter-governmental agreement) for shared costs of maintenance on the Verdemont repeater tower was signed.

The letter of support with the San Carlos Ranger District OHV Trails will be signed with minor modifications.

The letter of support for the Cloverdale Mine restoration was signed.

Robin Young from the CSU Extension Office introduced Carlin Cardenas, her new office manager, to the board. She reported that she had eight participants in her canning class. The report from her weeds grant is due November 1st. She has sent weed brochures to the printer. She is hoping to get a Seed School program up here for veterans who need help moving into farming. The San Isabel Land Protection Trust is doing a study of cheek grass at high elevation and Young is working with them to put on a series of workshops.

The 4-H chartering is finished and the Foundation Awards Banquet is October 23rd at 12:30 p.m. at the school. She will be working with the 5th grade class on STEAM (Science – Technology – Engineering – Arts – Math). She is starting project nights for the 4-H’ers to explore other topics they might be interested in. The first one will be shooting sports. The enrollment for 4-H (to be able to show at the county fair) opens October 16th and closes December 1st. The Cattlewomen Micro loan for beef closes October 14th. The 4-H Foundation for Market Livestock (except beef) closes March 1st.

Treasurer Virginia Trujillo gave her report.

The Planning and Zoning report was given by Jackie Hobby. For the year, zoning permits are up. 172 permits this year compared with 145 last year. Fifty-seven septic permits were issued. Several cases were closed and several more needed follow-up with letters from Attorney Smith. One of those involves a property with a cesspool (which are illegal in Colorado) within 30 feet or so from a creek.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m..

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 09-16

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On August 9, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

Original Grantor(s)	Darrell R. Niles and Jennifer L. Niles
Original Beneficiary(ies)	Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Lending Solutions, Inc. DBA LSI Mortgage Plus, Its successors and assigns
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	Matrix Financial Services Corporation
Date of Deed of Trust	March 26, 2009
County of Recording	Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	April 06, 2009
Recording Information	212262 Book: 626 Page: 303 (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
Original Principal Amount	\$176,434.00
Outstanding Principal Balance	\$156,818.07

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

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NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 12/07/2016, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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

Nicholas H. Santarelli #46592

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Attorney File # 16-011827

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

Custer County

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tentative Agenda

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016

10:00 AM

Meeting Location:
Wetmore Fire Station

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Audience introduction
Approval of minutes
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
- CDPHE Presentation – Jerry Henderson
- There's Hope in Healing – Sharon Montgomery
- Roy Dicken's house - landfill fees

NOTICE TO PUBLIC: To meet publishing deadlines, all agenda items must be submitted either by calling the Commissioners Office at 719-783-2552; in writing to the Commissioner's Office at PO Box 150, Westcliffe, CO 81252; or by e-mail to brenda@custercountygov.com no later than 9:00 AM on the Monday of the week prior to the BOCC meeting. Items not submitted in time may be tabled for one month so they may be properly published. True emergency items will be heard. (Audio recordings of the BOCC meetings are available for public review or purchase for \$10 per CD.)

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2016 OFFICE OF THE CLERK & RECORDER CUSTER COUNTY, COLORADO

TO THE ELECTORS OF CUSTER COUNTY:

In accordance with CRS 1-5-205(1), notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held by Mail Ballot Election process, in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, on Tuesday, the eighth day of November 2016 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Voter Service and Polling Place (VSPP) – You may obtain a replacement ballot, drop off your ballot, update your voter registration, register to vote, or vote on the voting machine at the Custer County Clerk's Office located at 205 S 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO.

Hours of operation are:

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 29th, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 5th, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Election Day, Tuesday, November 8th, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
The voting machine will be available at this location only, starting Monday, October 24th.

Drop off location – You may also drop off ballots at the Wetmore Volunteer Fire Department located at 200 County Road 290, Wetmore, CO.

Hours of operation are:

Saturday, October 29th, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 5th, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Election Day, Tuesday, November 8th, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

You may obtain a sample ballot at the Custer County Clerk's Office, or under "Clerk and Recorder" on the County website at custercountygov.com.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

U.S. District Court Orders Local Man to Pay \$1.7 Million

Justice or an Out-of-Control Government?

by George Gramlich

The U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Colorado, issued a press release on October 5th, concerning a local couple, Mike and Darla "Dee" Wilhite, with regards to a restitution payment from a 2001 federal criminal conviction of Mike Wilhite that was not paid. It is newsworthy due to the large amount of the claim, \$1,741,700 and how the U.S. government has pursued the case.

We asked the Wilhite's for a comment, and they graciously sent us a very eye-opening statement that puts a completely different light on the matter. It could very well be folks, that this is another example of a lawless government and judicial system terrorizing a couple for reasons beyond the legal case itself.

In an October 10th conversation with Dee Wilhite and this reporter, Dee expanded on their version of the case and its 20-year nightmare which raised many questions on the fed's case and true intentions. The second judge in the case has ruled that Mr. Wilhite has an interest in the structural

steel company but has not yet determined the extent of such an interest or how the government can collect against any interest.

Below we have the full October 5th press release from the U.S. Attorney's office (Note the next-to-the-last paragraph where the feds gloat over their ability to take money from our citizens,) followed by "the other side", the Wilhite's statement on the case: *Westcliffe Man with Interest in Successful Structural Steel Company Ordered to Pay Creditors, Including the United States*

Court finds defendant acted with intent to defraud and conceal his membership interest in a multi-million dollar Colorado limited liability company.

DENVER -- U.S. District Judge Christine M. Arguello recently found that Michael D. Wilhite, of Westcliffe, Colorado, concealed his membership interest in Advance Floor Concepts, LLC ("AFC"), a successful multi-million-dollar structural steel company for the purpose of hindering, delaying and defrauding his creditors, Acting U.S. Attor-

ney Bob Troyer announced.

In January 2001, Wilhite pled guilty to one count of wire fraud and aiding and abetting, stemming from his involvement in the 1990's in a sophisticated scheme to defraud the Bank of New Ze[a]land of approximately \$5.18 million. The court sentenced Wilhite to three months' imprisonment, three years' supervised release, and ordered him to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,741,700. Wilhite stopped making restitution payments in 2004, when his term of supervised release ended. Wilhite presently owes approximately \$1,719,078.98.

After conducting a thorough investigation into Wilhite's financial condition, the United States filed a writ of execution, seeking to sell Wilhite's membership interest in AFC. Wilhite denied having any interest in AFC and his wife, Mrs. Darla Wilhite, claimed to be AFC's only member.

According to court documents, and the evidence introduced at trial, Wilhite and Mrs. Wilhite created AFC solely in her name in 1997 to avoid and defraud his creditors, including the United States. Indeed, the court found that Wilhite avoided putting a single asset in his name for over two decades, and expressly admitted at trial that he decided not to co-own AFC

with his wife, at least in part because doing so "could have" jeopardized "[his] family's assets." The court also found that Wilhite exercised sufficient control over AFC to be deemed an owner. The evidence revealed that Wilhite could hire and fire employees and direct their duties; could adjust AFC's inventory; authored and implemented memos and policies; "has knowledge of and participates in [AFC's] financial structure"; and even participated in negotiations to sell the company in 2013.

"Due to the tenacious work of our Asset Recovery Division, victims of Wilhite's crime will now see justice in the form of additional restitution payments," said Acting U.S. Attorney Bob Troyer. "We have the 'Seal Team 6' of Asset Recovery, and these folks work tirelessly on behalf of victims and the taxpayers every day."

This matter was handled by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado's Asset Recovery Division."

Here is the Wilhite's statement received by *The Sentinel* on October 10th:

"Twenty-one years ago in 1995, Mr. Wilhite's employer structured an investment program for a group out of Australia in the amount of approximate-

ly \$5 million dollars. His employer subsequently embezzled the funds and converted them to his personal use. Sixteen years ago in 2001, Mr. Wilhite entered into a plea agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office to assist in the prosecution of his former employer. For his part in the case, Mr. Wilhite received 90 days of incarceration, three years of supervised release and a restitution obligation of approximately \$1.7 million. Later his former employer was convicted of over 20 felony charges and sentenced to 13 years in federal prison with a restitution obligation of approximately \$5 million. In connection with the case, the U.S. Attorney's Office stated that Mr. Wilhite did not receive any of the embezzled funds. The federal government has recovered a substantial amount of money from the case but has yet to disclose the true amount nor have any of the recovered funds been credited against Mr. Wilhite's restitution obligation.

In October of 1997, Mrs. Wilhite formed Advanced Floor Concepts as a woman-owned company which still exists today. In March of 2015, the federal government sought to seize Advanced Floor Concepts and sell it, based on the theory that Mrs. Wilhite fraudulently set up her ownership in an attempt to hide Mr.

Wilhite's true ownership of the company. The case was heard by a U.S. Magistrate in a three-day court trial in September of 2015. The magistrate ruled that the federal government failed to prove that Mrs. Wilhite engaged in any fraud and that the government also failed in its claim that Mr. Wilhite had any ownership interest in Advanced Floor Concepts.

In December of 2015, the government filed an objection to the lower court's ruling. In September of 2016, The U.S. District Court of Denver overturned the lower court's decision and determined that Mr. Wilhite must have some sort of equitable interest in Advanced Floor Concepts. The court has not yet determined the extent of the interest or what methodology could be used to ascertain such an interest. Judge Christine Arguello has asked attorneys for both sides to brief the court on suggested methods and case law for reaching a decision as to any equitable interest. This is not a trial to determine guilt or innocence; that matter having been decided 15 years ago. This is a collection proceeding by the government to confiscate assets to satisfy a restitution obligation. Briefs are scheduled for the end of October with a final decision expected before the end of the year."



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Colorado State News



Price Gouging? How Wildlife Folks Are Spinning Fee Increases

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com.

We're still trying to wrap our heads around the spin job coming out of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife folks on how much they intend to gouge hunters and anglers for future fees.

There's no need to panic over fees doubling, because it's just one option, they say. The other option is to raise fees, or blackmail us with this option:

According to the *Denver Post*, without a fee increase, [wildlife manager Lyle] Sidener said, the agency would lose access to tens of

thousands of acres it leases for access by hunters and anglers. Fish hatcheries would close. License allotments would be cut. Invasive-species inspections would end. Conservation efforts would stop.

See? Nothing to worry about.

We're confused by their reasoning that revenues are down because of the national economic downturn, so they need to raise prices even more because people already can't afford to pay nearly \$60 for an elk tag.

Equally driving us crazy, is that in "downplaying the doomsday scenario" to the

Denver Post, state officials didn't bother to tell us exactly how much money they are already collecting, or the amount needed to stay fully operational, just bits and pieces.

We know they have cut \$40 million over seven years, but had money to run around the state this year and host 18 forums to tell us they might have to double fees.

They collected nearly \$44 million just from elk permits, don't know how much from fishing, but doubling fees for both would raise \$16 million.

How did they get into a

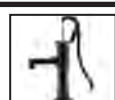
budget shortfall? We don't know that either. More importantly, is the money really needed to sustain operations, or to expand operations they already can't afford?

Lawmakers will have to do a lot of soul-searching, and budget crunching before they approve any increase, including the option of doubling prices.

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degree. Now we have 2/3's of our graduating seniors that need some type of employable skills. I have been working hard to create opportunities in the areas of vocational training and workforce readiness.

During my time at the

Capitol, I have been the primary sponsor on several bills to move the needle towards enabling Coloradans to develop marketable skills that will actually get them a job:

- Create Manufacturing Career Pathways
- Allow Community Colleges to Grant Four-Year Degrees
- Increase Post-Second-

ary & Workforce Readiness

- Create a Pre-Apprenticeship & Apprenticeship Study

These bills are just a few examples of the efforts I have made to ensure that our young people have the opportunity to be better prepared for the real world of work. Peter Drucker once said, "Efficiency is doing things right. Effec-

tiveness is doing the right things." As your representative for HD 60, my goal is to be both efficient and effective. I believe that my work at the Capitol reflects both attributes.

Next week's column will cover education. The ballots will go out on October 17th – the election will be over before we know it. Time is running out on doing our homework.

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Florence-Penrose
Fremont RE-2
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Fremont County Community Concert Association Presents “AcousticEidolon”



Hannah Alkire and Joe Scott of Acoustic Eidolon to perform at the Cañon City High School auditorium on Tuesday, November 1st at 7 p.m.

Courtesy Photo

Acoustic Eidolon, presented by the Fremont County Community Concert Association, will perform on Tuesday, November 1st, at 7:00 p.m., in the Cañon City High School auditorium, 1313 College Avenue, Cañon City. Featuring Joe Scott on double neck guitjo and Hannah Alkire on cello, the couple have graced stages throughout the U.S., Europe, Australia and Canada. With eleven CDs and a DVD to their credit, these masterful artists continue to captivate audiences throughout the world with their signature “new acoustic” sound and boundless possibilities in blending Celtic, Americana, World and Flamenco musical influences offering concert goers a chance to absorb some of the most powerful and intriguing music on the scene today.

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Florence City Council

—October 3, 2016
by Charlotte Burrous

During the meeting Monday, the Florence City Council approved a raw water agreement for Fremont Paving and Redi Mix, Inc.

Water Superintendent Brandon Harris told the council. “This is something we’ve done before with Austin Exploration. As we’ve talked about earlier, it’s a straight up formal contract. The reason for \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons is we have pumping costs to get it to our raw water filling stations.”

In a related matter, City Manager Mike Patterson said, “We are on record. We need their taps. We need more connections. This is a residential tap. It’s estimated that the meter will be 5 to 10 feet from the main line so it’s very easy. There’s absolutely no problem with pressure. It should be a very easy one for the community. We recommend you approve this ¾ inch water tap at 1739 CR 95.” Council approved.

During the mayor’s report, Mayor Keith Ore said the filming has been going very well.

When Councilman Paul Villagrana asked if the street would be closed this week, Ore said it would not be closed until next Monday when crews film another parade scene for the movie, “Our Souls at Night.” Ore said he had to contact the combined high school

bands, Giggles the Clown, the Rotary Duck, the Elks mascot and the Shriners in their little cars and the acrobat woman and noted that 300 extras are coming for our parade on Greyhound buses.

City Manager Mike Patterson noted that the film crew will film more scenes on October 7th and 10th.

During the committee meeting reports, Councilman Paul Villagrana recommended setting up an ad hoc committee to discuss the homeless problem in Florence.

“The Catholic church is waiting for the meeting so they can find out what they can do to help with this particular problem,” he said.

Patterson said that it was originally a staff committee, but it could be converted to an ad hoc committee.

Patterson noted that the council would discuss the homeless problem at 10 a.m. Friday, just before the marijuana meeting,

As part of the committee reports, City Planner Wade Broadhead thanked city council, especially the members who helped out the Colorado Inc. visit two weeks ago, which were Larry Baker, Mayor Keith Ore and his wife, Elsie. Some of them were developers and have never been to Florence. The second in charge of local affairs also toured Florence along with a representative from USDA.

“Later that evening, we got the Governor’s Award for creative fundraising (for Rialto),” Broadhead said. “We had a picture of Mike [Patterson] sitting on the marquee. A number of procedures and awards were given out. Florence was well represented.”

He also thanked the school district for sending a bus, as well a great driver, a high school teacher and three of their students who were interested in civics and local government.

Mr. Broadhead said they received some grant money and they have the OK to start the pedestrian bike path (along the river). It doesn’t mean it’s going to happen tomorrow (but) it’s going to free up some money [to hire someone to design it]. CDOT gave us an update on the (Colo.) 115 and (Colo.) 67 project. It looks like it will go out to bid in November 2017. They’re working on the design. We’re working with them now. There will be construction (the intersection) in 2018.”

The council also made the following decisions:

- Set a public hearing for the renewal of Ito Japanese Steak House Shushi and Thai hotel and restaurant liquor license at 7 p.m. Oct. 17.
- Council approved notice of final payment in the amount of \$9,500 to Langston Concrete, Inc. for Front Street Improvements Project.

Events

Oct. 15th - Oct. 31st

Oct. 15, Oktoberfest from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. at Florence Brewing Company. The street will be closed on Pikes Peak from Front to Railroad, including the sidewalk in front of the brewery.

Friday, Oct. 21, Boots and Bling Masquerade will be featured from 6:30-11 p.m. at the Abbey Event Center. Dinner, dancing, 50/50 jackpot, door prizes, silent auctions, wine tasting and much more will make up the fundraiser for Family Crisis Services Inc. and Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Crisis Center. Tickets are \$40 per person and may be purchased by calling 275-2429.

Saturday, Oct. 22, Boo at the Bridge! Royal Gorge Bridge & Park offers a howling good time from 4-9 p.m. for this magical Halloween event designed for safe, family fun with special entertainment and a “spooktacular” line-up of Trick or Treat stations at North America’s highest suspension bridge.

Sunday, October 23, Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner, 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. The Florence Elks Lodge #611 at 131 E. Front Street, Florence, Colorado. 50 % of proceeds go to the local Sons of Italy Scholarship Fund. Call 429-6667 or 269-3519 for Tickets or Pay at the Door. Adults: \$10, Children (12 & under) \$4.

Saturday, Oct. 29, SPOOK-tacular and Trunk or Treat event in Cañon City will take place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., followed by the costume contest. Parents and participants will be instructed to begin their route at 1:30 pm on the south side of Main and Eighth Street and head west to Third Street. Then, cross over Main and head back east, stopping at the Trunk or Treat area (located on Seventh Street between Main and Macon) before proceeding to the front of Cañon Signature Mortgage where the costume contest will take place at 3:45 p.m. The participating merchants and DOC staff will shut off the candy giving events at 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 28, Cañon City Recreation District will offer a special **adult night** for those 18 or older. A bonfire, a band and a beer garden courtesy of the Fremont Community Foundation and Rocky Mountain Coors Distributing will be offered. The cost is \$12 per ticket to get entry in to the **bonfire, beer garden and the haunted house**. If you don’t want to go into the haunted house, the cost is \$5. Of course you must be 21 or older to partake in the beer. **This year’s band will be “Hit List.”** They are a favorite from the 2012 and 2013 Royal Gorge Whitewater Festivals. You will definitely want to attend this performance by the bonfire.

Oct. 31, Trick or Treat in Florence will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Main Street. Bring the kids for a safe Trick or Treating environment!

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NOTE: When writing about God and Jesus, The Daily Jot means YHVH as God and Yeshua Ha Mashiach as Jesus--the actual original names and the true nature and character of them.

Ignoring The Obvious

The Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 6:11-13: "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." The order of wickedness emanates from the devil. His minions are established in spiritual principalities, extending to those who are placed in the hierarchy here on earth—those of this world. We need to recognize this and understand it, especially as it relates to our leadership.

On October 22, 1962, President John F. Kennedy faced such an example with the Cuban missile crisis. Kennedy addressed the nation, saying "This Government, as promised, has maintained the closest surveillance of the Soviet military buildup on the island of Cuba. Within the past week, unmistakable evidence has established the fact that a series of offensive missile sites is now in preparation on that imprisoned island. The purpose of these bases can be none other than to provide a nuclear strike capability against the Western Hemisphere". The Soviet leadership lied about the missiles up to the very day of Kennedy's address. It was obvious, even though many did not want to suspend their disbelief to see the imminent threat of death or surrender that was facing our beloved country.

This is no different than the current administration. It has been revealed that the White House and its minions deliberate-

ly lied to the American people and the news media, misled them intentionally, about dealing with the world's foremost sponsor of terrorism—Iran. According to a *Washington Free Beacon* investigative report, the administration lied to the media, lawmakers and the citizenry for over nine months as it reached agreement to release \$1.7 billion to the very Iranian bank that funds the country's ballistic missile system. Instead of curtailing Iran's nuclear program, the White House has accelerated it. For over seven years, the White House has appeared to work against the best interest of Americans.

We, as a law abiding people, chose to right these types of wrongs peacefully rather than with bloodshed. We do it through elections. We cannot ignore the obvious. Continuing the takeover of our nation by those who wish to destroy it in the name of change is ignoring the obvious. Continuing this is detrimental to ourselves and our offspring. The Scriptures say that the devil wishes to steal, kill and destroy. That is what is facing us with this election. We can either chose peacefully to begin to change it with this election, or ignore the obvious and reap the consequences as children of disobedience. It will lead to more theft, death, and destruction. As for me and my house, we chose to take a course where us and our seed may live. We have to draw the line in the sand somewhere. We must repent, pray, and most certainly, ACT.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson

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Friends and Enemies

by The Zman,
thezman.com

**(Editor/GG: This is EX-
ACTLY where we are and
how we got there. Our
own team betrayed us.
Maybe too late, but lesson
learned.)**

For well over a year now, I have been talking about the Trump Effect™ and how it may be the single most important part of this election. Don't get me wrong, Clinton winning is most certainly the end of America as an on-going concern. She will invite in 50 million foreigners, confiscate guns, auction off everything that is not nailed down in exchange for cash to her slush fund. She will weaponize the court by packing it with coreligionists. America will have become a banana republic and there is no peaceful way of returning from it.

That may be the end result, even if Trump wins the election, but what comes next will include a whole lot of people who are now fully aware of the reality of the political class. There are exponentially more people "fully woke" now than a year ago. Official Conservatism™ is circling the bowl, largely because the grassroots have looked around and decided guys like Jonah Goldberg are just low-tax liberals who hold them in contempt.

For a long time, the Cloud People have told the Dirt People that the great divide in America is between Liberals, who want to expand government and create a socialist utopia, and Conservatives that wish

to restore limited government and a constitutional republic. The Bush administration put the lie to the latter and the mobilization of Wall Street behind someone's wife in order to block Trump puts the lie to the former. Old school Progressive like Bernie Sanders are now outsiders on the Left.

*"The game is up now
and the Dirt People are
waking up to it."*

In fact, among the Cloud People there is no divide. They unanimously agree that class solidarity comes before everything else. That's made clear in this editorial from the *Arizona Republic* endorsing someone's wife.

*"The 2016 Republican
candidate is not conservative
and he is not qualified."*

*That's why, for the first time
in our history, The Arizona
Republic will support a
Democrat for president."*

This is the new team chant of Official Conservatism™. The logic here is akin to saying "They don't have my favorite ice cream so I'm going to have rat poison instead."

*"Trump responds to criticism
with the petulance of
verbal spit wads."*

*That's beneath our national
dignity."*

By "our dignity" they are not speaking for you. You are not "our" and you better get that through your thick head.

*"Trump's long history of
objectifying women and
his demeaning comments
about women during the
campaign are not just
good-old-boy gaffes."*

*They are evidence of deep
character flaws. They are
part of a pattern."*

These are not the words of serious people thinking seriously about the country. These are the words of teenage girls gossiping about one another in the bathroom. That's what is dawning on many Dirt People. These feckless airheads allegedly carrying the people's banner in the media are more concerned with their status among the beautiful people than anything else. There is no divide among the Cloud People. They think the Dirt People are revolting.

And increasingly the Dirt People are revolting. Even people like Ace of Spades are moving toward a break with Official Conservatism™ and the GOP.

"The party — not just the

*party;the writers who are
supposed to have telling
the truth as their first mission,
but instead of become
nonstop liars all the time
decrying Trump as a liar
himself — has declared
war on all of the Lessers
beneath their station, those
not in The Media and who
should, therefore, not have
quite as much of a say in
things as they themselves
have.*

*They've made themselves
into exactly what they pretend
to oppose — and exactly
what I do in fact oppose."*

Guys like Jim Geraghty, and other NR-types, used to quote Ace all the time, but now they don't know his name. The reason is class loyalty. Ace has his ideas and loyalty to the managerial class is simply not a concern. Given the choice between Trump and Clinton, he rationally picks Trump. For the *National Review* types, this is treason. Class loyalty trumps everything or else, so Ace is now dead to them.

The sadness and frustration you see in that Ace post turns up all over as people begin to see the reality of their condition. More than a few look back at their support for Bush, for example, and wonder how all those big shots in conservative media were so wrong. They wonder why they never talk about it, much less admit it. The conclusion many are making is that it was just a scam, a con, a way to turn the virtue of conservative voters into a vice in support of the Progressive project.

Eric Hoffer wrote "What starts out here as a mass movement ends up as a racket, a cult, or a corporation." That's what happened with the conservative movement. By the 1980's they had their charismatics, Reagan and Buckley. Next came the money making opportunities in talk radio and book selling. By the time Bush came along it was a racket, a bust out, where the only real concern was how much money these people could stuff into their pockets before the game was up.

The game is up now and the Dirt People are waking up to it.

Please see: <http://thezman.com/wordpress/?p=8686>



The Story Nobody Is Reporting On

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

Why aren't we talking about this?

Remember, the actual “public” deficit is the difference in borrowing between the end of the fiscal year and the beginning in debt held by the public. The total increase in debt, including intergovernmental (mostly Social Security and Medicare) is the actual deficit and is exactly equal, on an arithmetic basis, to the destruction in your personal purchasing power that the government causes (or gain if the government runs a surplus.)

The actual deficit -- that

is, *the destruction in purchasing power the federal government caused last year*, is the percentage of 1.423 trillion .vs. the total GDP of 18.450 trillion *or approximately 7.7%.*

That's right -- the government intentionally destroyed almost 8% of

your paycheck and your savings last year, running a \$1.423 trillion dollar budget deficit, which is roughly equal to the worst of the “great recession” when tax revenues went through the floor.

Today, there is no such “tax shortfall” excuse.

The breakdown of exactly where the ugly is coming from will be published next week. I already know what is in there because I've been following the monthly treasury statements all fiscal year, but wish to report final “as tallied” facts -- and thus will have another post at that time.

*Let me be clear: On the arithmetic if we do not stop this now within the next 4-5 years -- that is, within the next Presidential term -- our government will collapse, our economy will collapse, our health care system will collapse and **both the stock and housing markets will collapse.***

*This is not politics, it's arithmetic. And the worst part of it is that I am utterly certain that the “references” count, along with the “views” count on this article will **both** be a fraction of the politically-oriented articles I've recently posted. That the real end of our way of life in America a threat that is obvious, mathematically certain, not very far in the future and yet avoidable if we act now fails to garner any sort of serious attention is the **real** outrage folks.*

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Date	Public Debt	Intergovernmental	Total
09/30//2016	14,173,423,516,895.80	5,400,021,197,040.97	19,573,444,713,936.80
09/30/2015	13,123,847,198,347.80	5,026,770,468,136.52	19,573,444,713,936.80
Purchasing Destruction	1,049,576,318,548.01	373,250,728,904.45	1,422,827,047,452.46

Washington's Elites Think We're All Morons, New Study Says

by Alex Thompson,
Vice News

Voters are angry at the political establishment and the political establishment doesn't much care for the voters either. In fact, they think voters are pretty d*** stupid.

That's the conclusion of a new survey of America's unelected governing elites by political scientists at Johns Hopkins University. While media outlets endlessly poll and probe the American people to understand why they feel so disenchanted with their government, Professor Benjamin Ginsberg and Senior Lecturer Jennifer Bachner instead looked at America's political ruling class for answers. The federal bureaucrats, think tank leaders, and congressional staff members they surveyed, Ginsberg said in an interview with *VICE News*, “have no idea what Americans think and they don't care. They

think Americans are stupid and should do what they are told.”

It seems that the disenchantment is mutual.

In their new book “*What Washington Gets Wrong*”, Ginsberg and Bachner report that the overwhelming majority of D.C.'s Beltway Insiders think the American public is pitifully uninformed on government policy. Seventy-two percent of those governing officials think the public has little or no knowledge about policies to aid the poor. Seventy-one percent believe that they have little or no knowledge about science and technology. And across eight different policy areas, never more than six percent of those surveyed thought the public possessed a “great deal” of knowledge on the topic.

With such a low opinion of the American public, perhaps it is not surprising that the vast ma-

jority of these political insiders believe they should ignore public opinion. At least 78 percent of those surveyed thought that actions in all eight policy areas should *not* always or even mostly heed popular sentiment.

If the public resists, Ginsberg told *VICE News*, then bureaucrats “nudge people into obedience.” In fact, ‘nudge’ has been the PR-friendly word of choice for bureaucratic regulations in the Obama era. Cass Sunstein, Obama's Administrator of the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, even co-wrote a book in 2008 called “*Nudge: Improving Decisions about Health Wealth, and Happiness*” that lays out how the government can use behavioral psychology to more efficiently achieve policy goals. They dubbed it libertarian paternalism.

While many voters have long

suspected this condescension, evidence of it has occasionally risen to the internet's ever-choppy surface. In 2014, MIT Professor and Obamacare architect Jonathan Gruber was caught on tape explaining that “the stupidity of the American voter or whatever ... was really, really critical for [Obamacare] to pass.” Most lawmakers and voters, he suggested, did not really understand the law and that “lack of transparency is a huge political advantage.”

This divide between the federal government and the public seems likely to split even wider as the beltway technocracy has only grown in wealth and power in recent years. The three wealthiest counties by median income in the United States are in the D.C. suburbs. In 2015, the average salary for a full-time federal government employee was \$79,437 and only \$58,726 for an employee in private industry, according

to the government's Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Perhaps as a result, public trust in government is at historic lows. Only 19 percent of Americans trust the government to always or almost always do the right thing, according to a 2015 Pew Research Center study. In light of this new survey, that may not be surprising since most in government don't think the public knows what the right thing is.

The remedy for this disconnect between the Capital and the people it ostensibly serves is unclear. Whether Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton win this November, this beltway class will remain largely in place. This election may only be a foreshadowing of more voter anger.

Please see: <https://news.vice.com/article/washingtons-governing-elites-think-were-all-morons-a-new-study-says>

Federal Judge Is Helping Clinton Cover Up Crimes

by David Codrea,
Oathkeepers.Org

“A federal judge has rejected a conservative group's lawsuit demanding the release of drafts of a criminal indictment of Hillary Clinton prosecutors prepared, but never issued, during the Whitewater investigation in the 1990s,” Politico reports. “U.S. District Court Judge Reggie Walton ruled Tuesday that Clinton's ‘substantial privacy interest’ outweighed any public interest in disclosure and that the material was protected from disclosure by a court rule enforcing grand jury secrecy.”

Right. She's running for president, where character and competence are foremost in the interests of

Americans, and her privacy interests outweigh our right to examine criminality evidence from a publicly-financed court case directly responsive to that character.

So says Reggie Walton. And why shouldn't that surprise us?

He's the judge who, back in the days before Heller, ruled against the Second Amendment in *Seegars v. Ashcroft*. Long story short, per Walton, there's no individual right to keep and bear arms, and the District of Columbia isn't a state, so it doesn't apply there anyway.

The anti-gunners were ecstatic.

“The court's decision is a

victory for the safety and security of District residents,” the Violence Policy Center (VPC) crowed. “Despite the ‘handguns for all’ mentality of the NRA, the last thing District residents want is more handguns in their communities.

“Judge Walton's opinion is not only the most comprehensive ruling ever to address the constitutionality of Washington, DC's strict gun control laws, it is one of the most thorough and thoughtful decisions on the Second Amendment ever rendered,” VPC continued to gush, referring fellow travelers to their amicus brief in support of a disarmed citizenry.

Their “big gun” argument for that...?

TEXTUAL ANALYSIS CONFIRMS THAT THE SECOND AMENDMENT PROTECTS A RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS FOR MILITIA PURPOSES, NOT AN INDIVIDUAL RIGHT TO OWN ARMS FOR PRIVATE SELF-DEFENSE OR OTHER PERSONAL USES.

Walton agreed.

And here's something else about him that shouldn't really surprise us: He was appointed to the DC District Court by President George W. Bush. He was also appointed to the secret FISA Court by “conservative” Obamacare supporter Chief Justice John Roberts. Previously, he'd “served” on the DC Superior Court under appointments from

anti-gun Ronald Reagan and New World Order-heralding George H.W. Bush.

This is where we keep coming back to an assertion by Carroll Quigley, which the more it's read, the more it sounds like an in-your-face boast:

“The argument that the two parties should represent opposed ideals and policies, one, perhaps, of the Right and the other of the Left, is a foolish idea acceptable only to doctrinaire and academic thinkers. Instead, the two parties should be almost identical, so that the American people can ‘throw the rascals out’ at any election without leading to any profound or extensive shifts in policy.”

We need to be aware of

that, and to make sure those we can influence are as well, if we hope to do anything about it.

(Editor/GG: When you have RINO's like ex-President George W. Bush appointing Constitution-hating leftists like this Walton guy, you know the repubs have become part to the corrupt, self-serving machine running our country out of D.C. These federal judges are here for LIFE and will provide the legal cover for the bolshies to destroy our country. Contact left!)

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Yahoo Admits It Secretly Hacked ALL User Accounts for U.S. Intelligence

by Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

Just days after admitting that some 500 millions of its email accounts were hacked (allegedly Russians, of course), the Yahoo confessional continues as Reuters reports, somewhat stunningly that, **Yahoo secretly built software to search all of its customers' incoming emails for US intel officials.** Yahoo's reaction to this: we are "a law abiding company."

Following claims of state-sponsored attacks of its customers' email accounts, Reuters reports, Yahoo also hacked its own customers' accounts...

Yahoo Inc last year secretly built a custom software program to search all of its customers' incoming emails for specific information provided by U.S. intelligence officials, according to people familiar with the matter.

The company complied with a classified U.S. government directive, **scanning hundreds of millions of Yahoo Mail accounts at the behest of the National Security Agency or FBI,**

said two former employees and a third person apprised of the events.

Some surveillance experts said this represents the first case to surface of a U.S. Internet company agreeing to a spy agency's demand by searching all arriving messages, as opposed to examining stored messages or scanning a small number of accounts in real time.

According to the two former employees, Yahoo Chief Executive **Marissa Mayer's decision to obey the directive roiled some senior executives and led to the June 2015 departure of Chief Information Security Officer Alex Stamos,** who now holds the top security job at Facebook. This suggests that the previous news of a massive hack at Yahoo previously blamed on Russians may have been all the doing of Marissa Meyer herself, under pressure by the NSA.

Mayer and other executives ultimately decided to comply with the directive last year rather than fight it, **in part because they thought they would lose,**

said the people familiar with the matter.

Yahoo in 2007 had fought a FISA demand that it conduct searches on specific email accounts without a court-approved warrant. Details of the case remain sealed, but a partially re-

messages containing the character string the spies sought and store them for remote retrieval, according to the sources.

The sources said the program was discovered by Yahoo's security team in May 2015, within weeks of

tomer data to intelligence agencies. **But some former government officials and private surveillance experts said they had not previously seen either such a broad directive for real-time Web collection or one that required the creation of a new computer program.**

"I've never seen that, a wiretap in real time on a 'selector,'" said Albert Gidari, a lawyer who represented phone and Internet companies on surveillance issues for 20 years before moving to Stanford University this year. A selector refers to a type of search term used to zero in on specific information.

"It would be really difficult for a provider to do that," he added.

But don't think for a minute it was only Yahoo: as Reuters adds, **"it was likely that the NSA or FBI had approached other Internet companies with the same demand,** since they evidently did not know what email accounts were being used by the target. The NSA usually makes requests for domestic surveillance through the FBI,

so it is hard to know which agency is seeking the information."

"Alphabet Inc.'s Google and Microsoft Corp, two major U.S. email service providers, did not respond to requests for comment."

Which probably means we can expect more dramatic revelations at that "other" free email company.

"Yahoo is a law abiding company, and complies with the laws of the United States," the company said in a brief statement in response to Reuters questions about the demand. Yahoo declined any further comment.

So - to clarify - after "Russian" hackers hacked 500 million Yahoo accounts, Yahoo itself hacked ALL user accounts.

Paging Verizon? Is this material enough to break the deal?

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Where the September Jobs Were: Secretaries, Waiters, Retail and Social Workers

by Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

While we already noted that the headline quantitative print in jobs, which rose by a seasonally adjusted 156K in September, was far weaker when observed from a quality standpoint, as a result of the surge in part-time jobs, the dip in full-time jobs, and the jump in multiple jobholders to the highest since the financial crisis, another question is which industries were hiring, albeit mostly part-time workers.

Here is the answer:

- The most actively hiring sector was the otherwise stable "professional and business services" where employment rose by 67,000 in September and has risen by 582,000 over the year. However, a quick look within the number reveals that the most active sub category was that of administrative and support services, which account for more than half, or +35,000, of the increase. In other words, secretaries and
- Obamacare may be crushing the middle class, but it continues to "create" jobs: health care added 33,000 jobs in September. Also thank America's aging population: ambulatory health care services, aka social workers, added 24,000 jobs. Over the past 12 months, health care has added 445,000 jobs.
- There was the old faithful: waiters and bartenders, aka "Employment in food services and drinking places" which
- continued to trend up in September (+30,000) and has increased by 300,000 over the year. This group remains one of the strongest, minimum-wage contributors to the Obama "recovery."
- Finally, there was minimum wage retail trade workers, where employment continued to trend up over the month (+22,000). Within the industry, job gains occurred in clothing and clothing accessories stores (+14,000) and in gasoline stations
- (+8,000). Over the year, employment in retail trade has risen by 317,000.

In other words, more than half of the 156K jobs added in September went - once again - to minimum wage workers.

What about higher-paying jobs? Manufacturing jobs declined by 13K, transportation and warehousing dipped by 9K, there was no change in mining and logging workers, while financial activities workers rose by a paltry 6K in September.

And that is why America continues to have no wage growth aside from mandatory minimum wage increases, which however as we reported before, may generate higher wages, but it also leads to far fewer hours worked, resulting in flat or declining aggregate compensation.

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A Psalm of David, Psalm 144:1

Book Review: "Surviving a Mass Killer Rampage" by Chris Bird

by Dean Weingarten,
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I met Chris Bird at a Gun Rights Policy Conference (GRPC). We were sitting next to each other in the front row. We had both interviewed Vic Stacy, the hero who made hits at 57 yards at the Peach House gun fight.

Stacy shot the insane killer who was shooting at police sergeant Steven Means from behind cover. He made the shots with a six inch, stainless .357 magnum Colt Python. Not surprisingly, the stories we got were nearly identical. Chris published his account in one of his books, mine went on Gun Watch. Stacy's story is one of those used in Chris' latest book.

At the 2016 GRPC, I received "Surviving a Mass Killer Rampage", published this year. The research that went into the book is outstanding. The book is extreme-

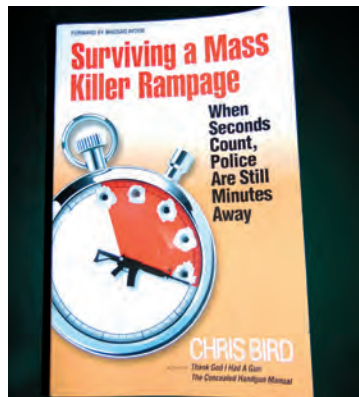
ly informative and easy to read. There are details you will not find elsewhere, unless you follow Chris' steps and gain access to official records and interview participants. The details make the book read like an adventure novel. It is hard to put down.

Did you know that at Virginia Tech, Air Force Cadet Matthew La Porte, in uniform, charged the shooter, only to be shot down? He took eight bullets. La Porte received an Air Force commendation, posthumously.

Chris gives a detailed account of the Faculty Administrator Safety Training and Emergency Response (FASTER) course that is wildly popular in Ohio. The course instructs staff to be armed responders, to do triage, set priorities and use lifesaving first aid after the threat is stopped. It is an intense three day course. A school resource officer that attended an

advance course made this comment:

"When I came in here, I was adamantly opposed to this. I did not believe in it; I was really, really



398 pages, paperback, Privateer Publications, 2016.

Courtesy Photo

upset by it. Now I am on board. I thought I could protect them, but now I see that I need help."

When you read Chris' detailed account of the training, you will understand why the officer's mind was changed.

Chris covers much more than school mass killings.

Chris describes, in detail, the evolution of police tactics on responding to mass killer rampages. Police realize you need to go in immediately, even if you are the only officer on the scene. Seconds are lives in these scenarios.

One officer, Justin Garner, of the Carthage, North Carolina, Police Department, did exactly that. There is no question that he saved lives. He stopped the killing with one shot at the shotgun wielding murderer from a measured 142 feet. He used a Glock .45. Garner was near simultaneously fired upon and survived two relatively minor buckshot wounds.

This is the sort of detail that Chris

uses to explain the tactics needed to survive these encounters. If you are caught in a mass killing rampage, or need to respond to one, the information may save you and others.

The book is solid, factual, entertaining and extremely well written. Buy it, read it, pass it around. Give it to a school teacher or administrator who might be interested. If they read it, they will likely be the best informed staff on the subject in their school.

You can order the book directly from Chris at Privateer Publications, or from Amazon. It is available in paperback for \$22.95, or for \$18.99 on Kindle.

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Man Who Shot Muslim Crossroads Mall Terrorist IS a Gun Competitor

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United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) Shooter, 3-Gunner, and NRA-certified firearms instructor Jason Falconer has been identified as the man who shot and killed a 22-year-old Somali immigrant who went on a stabbing rampage inside a St. Cloud, (MN) Mall on Saturday.

The apparent terrorist—who apparently asked victims if they were Muslims before stabbing them—was engaged by Falconer inside the mall.

Falconer is the president and owner of Tactical Advantage LLC, a shooting range and tactical training facility with a strong focus on arming concealed carriers. He's also a former chief of the Albany (MN) police department, and he remains a part-time officer.

But Falconer has consistently been identified in the mainstream media only as a "former police chief" and

"off-duty police officer."

A knife-wielding suspect who was dressed in a private security uniform and made references to Allah while attacking at least nine people during a mass stabbing incident at the Crossroads Center shopping mall was shot dead by an off-duty police officer from Avon, authorities said.

Jason Falconer, former police chief of Albany, Minnesota, was shopping when he confronted the suspect.

At a press conference at the police department just after noon on Sunday, St. Cloud Mayor David Kleis said he believes Falconer prevented additional injuries and loss of life.

"Clearly he is a hero. Officer Falconer was there at the right time and the right place."

Kleis said the end of the attack and the final confrontation could be seen on video from the Macy's store. Describing the video, which did not have au-

dio, Kleis said the suspect clearly had a knife in hand, and lunged at Falconer, who fired at him. The suspect fell, then got back up three times before the fatal shot.

"None of us ever want to have to do that," said St. Cloud Police Chief Wm. Blair Anderson, "but that's what we're here for, and Officer Falconer's actions were swift and direct, and in my opinion appropriate."

Eight people were treated at St. Cloud Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries following the attack first reported about 8:15 p.m. Saturday at the mall. Three people were admitted, according to Chris Nelson, spokesperson for St. Cloud Hospital. By early Sunday evening, all three had been released. A ninth victim went to the Long Prairie Hospital.

It's also most like the media is attempting to cover up the fact that creating and training armed citizens is a major part of Falconer's

life.

Here's Falconer's bio at Tactical Advantage, LLC:

Jason Falconer is the President and Owner of Tactical Advantage and has also been operating Tactical Advantage Firearms Training, Inc., since 2003. Tactical Advantage currently concentrates on firearms training for individuals in a group or private setting, including permit to carry training classes in Minnesota. Jason has also created advanced and customized classes for individuals who desire more advanced safety training. As a consulting member of SME-AC, Jason specializes in reality-based firearms, law enforcement and personal security training. His business has grown primarily through student referrals, and he takes great pride in providing the best training options available in Central MN.

Jason believes everyone can always learn something new, no matter what their expertise or discipline. That is why continued educa-

tion and training has been a strong personal interest of his. As a result, he has attended some of the best firearms training schools in the United States. His goal is to teach individuals the mindset, knowledge and skills needed to be successful with firearms in order to secure their personal safety or that of their family; at home or in public. As a firearm training professional, he continuously researches and develops new curriculum and training methods to make the experience for his students the best they can get.

Jason has a law enforcement background and is the former Police Chief of the Albany Police Department where he continues to serve as a part-time officer. Jason also serves as the department's firearms instructor, and has created POST Board approved firearms training curriculum.

Jason Falconer isn't some marginally-trained big-city patrol officer with just a basic grasp of using his department-issued firearm.

He's a firearms instructor passionate about training concealed carriers and developing the best-possible, most-realistic training for his clients. He's part of the reason why concealed carry continues to surge in popularity, with more than 14 million Americans now choosing to carry some or part of the time.

While Mr. Falconer hap-

pened to be the armed citizen who stopped the wannabe mass killer before he could take a life, it just as easily could have been one of his students.

It just as easily could have been one of you.

(Editor/GG: This could happen ANYWHERE. The islamic terrorists look for soft targets. ALWAYS be prepared. If you are not armed, GET ARMED, and GET TRAINED. And keep training. Shooting is a perishable skill. If you need an instructor come down to the Sentinel and we will put you in contact with one of our excellent, local instructors. One other point: as our society degenerates, the level and severity of the violence continues to increase. Where once a smaller caliber handgun and six rounds might have been enough. Those days are over. Bring enough gun. Note that the degenerate muslim mall shooter got up THREE TIMES while being shot. And he was being shot by an EXPERT! At least 9mm, double stack and an extra mag, brothers and sisters: you only get one chance to protect yourself, your loved ones and your neighbors.)

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The Biblical View of Self-Defense

Part 4.1: "New Testament Passages on Lethal Force and Self-Defense"

by Michael Tan, Biblical-SelfDefense.com

At this point, you may be thinking this is all relegated to Old Testament principles and thinking. Let's turn to some passages in the New Testament dealing with lethal force and self-defense.

Buying and carrying a sword

Luke 22:35-39 And He said to them, "When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?" So they said, "Nothing." **36** Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. **37** "For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end." **38** So they said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." And He said to them, "It is enough." **39** Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him.

Here's the context. Picture this. Jesus and his disciples have just had communion. They are about to go to a time of prayer in the garden. Jesus says these words to His disciples, and it's as if they are saying, "Look what we have with us, Lord. Two guns!" Jesus responds, "It is enough."

If you read commentaries on this passage, there are a number of questions which are not clearly answered. There are questions about the applicability of this passage, of the intent of Jesus, of the meaning of His response.

Whatever your interpretation of this passage, there are a few broad-stroke observations we can make about this passage.

- 1 Jesus expected them to have swords and anticipated a time when those without swords would need to acquire them.
- 2 Among eleven disciples, they did have two swords--in almost a 1:5 ratio.
- 3 Jesus expected them to carry the swords on their person as they traveled from the city to the garden prayer meeting.

It is difficult to make absolute claims beyond these observations, but the observations themselves have significance. Namely, among those closest to Jesus, some carried personal weapons in His presence with His consent to communion and to prayer meetings. We cannot make absolute claims as to the reasons, right or, wrong, for the carriage of these weapons. Perhaps it was in anticipation of trouble from the Jewish leadership. Perhaps it was protection against mere robbers. Paul in 2 Cor. 11:26 cites the "perils of robbers". Though there are questions we can't answer, we do know they possessed these weapons, that they carried these weapons, and that Jesus knew and consented. Furthermore, Jesus spoke of some time, present or future, when disciples would need to acquire personal weapons, even more urgently than garments.

The Garden of Gethsemane

Now, the next passage we come to follows these events. Jesus and the disciples are in the garden and the men come to arrest Jesus. At least two of the

disciples are armed, with the knowledge and consent of Jesus. Here is the question: Will they use the sword against the armed multitude which has come against Him? Let's look at the three passages which recount this event.

Luke 22:49-53 (NAS) **49** And when those who were around Him saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" **50** And a certain one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. **51** But Jesus answered and said, "Stop! No more of this." And He touched his ear and healed him. **52** And Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders who had come against Him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as against a robber? **53** "While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but this hour and the power of darkness are yours."

Matthew 26:51-56 **51** And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. **52** But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword

in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. **53** "Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? **54** "How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?" **55** In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me. **56** "But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled."

John 18:10-11 **10** Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. **11** So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"

In these three passages, you get a sense that Jesus is saying, "Though we have a right to employ our swords in defense of this unrighteous arrest, we are intentionally putting aside our lawful right, and I am allowing myself to be tak-

en without resistance." See how this is expressed: "Lord shall we strike with the sword?" "No more of this." "This is your hour, and the power of darkness." "Put up your sword... or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father... all this was done that the Scriptures...might be fulfilled." "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup...?"

Why Christ tells Peter to put up the sword:

- 1 Christ is willingly laying down His life, though He has the right to use sword and angelic legions to deliver Himself from this unjust arrest (Luke 22:51, John 18:11).
- 2 Those who are quick to resort to violence will die by violence (Matt 26:52). The Lord hates the one who "loves violence" (Psalm 11:5).

The sword is not always the appropriate response, especially in persecution for Christ.

There is greater protection than swords.

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Bear Spray Failure in Montana

by Dean Weingarten, GunWatch.Blogspot.com

Another documented bear spray failure. In this case the victim chose to use bear spray instead of the pistol he had with him. It is an interesting contrast with Kim Woodman, who was also charged by a sow grizzly with cubs. Kim had a 10 mm pistol, a Glock model 20. He stopped the charging grizzly at almost contact distance. Kim only had 30 yards to react. Todd says the grizzly charged him from 80 yards off.

From Todd's Facebook post:

"I yelled a number of times so she knew I was human

and would hopefully turn back. No such luck. Within a couple seconds, she was nearly on me. I gave her a full charge of bear spray at about 25 feet. Her momentum carried her right through the orange mist and on me."

Todd had a pistol with him, attached to his pack. It may have been in a chest holster, but he did not access it. We do not know precisely how the pistol was holstered, the caliber, or Todd's decision making process. We know he had time to have his bear spray out and ready, and that he started spraying when the bear was at about 25 feet. It did not work.

The sow left after mauling

Todd. He was able to walk, so he started back toward his truck, three miles away. He had been on the trail to get help for 8-10 minutes when he was attacked the second time. Return attacks by bears are not uncommon. From Todd:

"I tried to peek out without moving but my eyes were full of blood and I couldn't see. I thought that if she came back a third time I would be dead, so I had to do something. Staying in position on the ground, I slowly reached under my chest to grab at the pistol I was unable to get to earlier. I felt I needed something to save my life. The pistol wasn't there. I groped

around again but nothing. I wiped the blood from one eye and looked around.

No bear. The pistol and holster were lying five feet to my left. The bear's ferocious bites and pulling had ripped the straps from the pack and the holster attached to it. Now trashed, that backpack may have helped prevent many more serious bites on my back and spine."

Todd Orr's bear attack has gone viral. Bear spray manufacturers will no longer be able to claim that bear spray has never failed.

When I talked to Kim Woodman about his attack, I asked about his opinion

on bear spray. He said that it might be useful in some circumstances, but that he would want armed people with him as back up, in case the bear spray did not work. The reputation of bear spray is built on its use on non-aggressive bears that are merely curious,

and/or far too habituated to the presence of humans.

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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.

It Was Really That Way?

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"We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old." (Psalm 44:1) The psalmist is dipping into history but is also fast forwarding to a time when all that Israel will possess is a distant memory of a former greatness. After Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem, razed the Temple, stole the precious artifacts of gold and silver and marched the surviving remnant off to Babylonian captivity, little remained except a remembrance of better days. As they gathered around the evening campfires of bondage the old men could only reminiscence as they attempted to describe a God of great exploits to a younger generation full of skepticism. When the grey heads chronicled an evolution of religious and cultural rot, some went so far as to suggest their present circumstances were well deserved. Youth never receives this message well, always preferring an entitlement mentality.

Donald Trump has utilized one-liners to his distinct advantage but none has resonated more with the public than "make American great again." The general perception is that border control, the tightening of immigration, strengthening the military, a recovering economy, better trade deals with China and Mexico, and keeping the nation safe will fulfill the prediction. If Mr. Trump is elected and actually capable of producing those results we shall all cheer the effort and applaud the outcome. However, any sincere thinker must contemplate the height and depth of true greatness. If it is contained only in these external manifestations, a shallowness exists that will surely beach all navigational efforts. These proposals can be produced without character or a strong moral compass, but the belly of the ship must contain a cargo of constitutional conscience if its survival is to be assured.

Having passed the three score and ten, this old timer ponders a glimpse of history that needs to be rehearsed to our grandchildren. They may roll their eyes if they ever look up from the electronic visual aid in their hand, but a story untold bears no significance. The following thoughts do not necessarily represent reasons for better days but rather expressions that came from sunrises of substances.

There was a time when the presentation of our Stars and Stripes created a lump in our throats, even at events as whimsical as rodeos and ballgames. It was, after all, our national symbol; its anthem was sung without warbling, artistic license with the atten-

tion on the flag rather than the voice.

There was a time when the board of education was applied to the seat of knowledge of a misbehaving student accompanied with the most feared words on planet earth..."I am going to call your father." The ramifications were course corrections lowering potential prison populations.

There was a time when 98% of high school females were "nice girls" and nurseries weren't required for education. Hormones were controlled, not facilitated by the distribution of condoms. The only comfortable home for the F-bomb was the slimy gutter.

There was a time when "hardware" meant a store, not a decorated face, and tattoos were for sailors and dock workers, most of which specified a career or special love of their life. Few were covered with "art," intending to draw attention to themselves

There was a time when Little League baseball, football or any other community youth events would never be scheduled on Sunday. Schools even avoided Wednesday evening activities, deferring to traditional church prayer meetings.

There was a time when the most coveted conversations were eye-to-eye, face-to-face, experiencing expressions, laughter or even sorrow. America was full of personality that has sadly evaporated in favor of lifeless gadgets without emotion. The drones are coming.

There was a time when the only selfies were school pictures, and the majority of "victims" would have been embarrassed to Facebook their image for the world to see.

There was a time when the words of popular songs could be understood without the instruments playing a 109 decibels; adults were respected with monikers of Mr. and Mrs.; Maynard G. Krebs was a joke, not a reality and doors were opened for ladies who in turn smiled in appreciation.

Donald Trump continues to advance the idea that America doesn't win anymore. There is certainly an element of truth in that, but what we have lost cannot be restored with economic and political restoration. True greatness lies in the sanctuary of the heart, not in the tabernacle of Trumpisms. Only God can revive a national character that once contributed to a great nation. Without the Lord's involvement the best that future generations can expect is: "We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us."

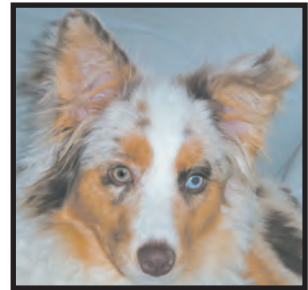
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A Sheepdog Barks!

So much for the Republican's pledges to support their nominee. I think it's become perfectly clear that they are a bunch of panty-waist fraidy cats (also known as straw lions) MEEEOOW! I am disgusted with their cowardly behavior and actions. They are terrified they might lose their own seats. MEEEOOW!! I now believe they are also terrified of Donald Trump winning. WOOF! I haven't been a big fan of Paul Ryan. In fact I call him Paul Ryan-Boehner, and that's no compliment. He has proven that he is just another status quo establishment politician. Which is the main reason that Trump was created. Yes that's right. Obama and HilLIARy created ISIS and the feckless RINOs in both houses of Congress created Donald Trump. We can no longer trust them. They are in cahoots with the Democrats and that's why nothing good ever gets done for the American people. Trump is now essentially an Independent! The Republicans are once again weak, gutless and far too politically correct! The Democrats rally around their "black sheep" while the Republicans eat theirs. I am reminded of a situation many years ago when America considered homosexuality a deviant behavior. A Democrat congressman was caught having homosexual relations with his young male pages. His LPSD colleagues rallied around him and he was eventually reelected. Mind you this was criminal behavior. Years later a Republican congressman was caught in a similar situation and was run out of office. This is what is going on right now with the LPSDs. In contrast Trump is exposed as a crude and lewd "talking" man and the Republicans disown him and run for cover. They immediately create a circular firing squad. I guess they can't understand how this will actually hurt them more than it will help them. This betrayal by the Republican leaders, like McCain and Ryan-Boehner, et al, will not be soon forgotten. Apparently they feel like they have more in common with and can deal with a President Clinton more than a President Trump. They are going to lose the GOP base. As a result they will suffer losses in 2016 and lose all power in the U.S. Con-

gress by 2018. Are they really that stupid or just that liberal? First of all, we know from several books written by those close to her that HilLIARy has a "potty mouth" which would shame some sailors. Does that sicken you, Paul? Why isn't that important? Why can't the Republican sissies put that in perspective with Trump's locker room talk? Do they really want Clinton in the White House? She just told us on Sunday night what she is going to do to the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS). That should cause them all to rally around Donald. What in the h3ll are they thinking? A little dirty talk and they flee like young school children. Get real! Men, and some women, talk like that in private. They tell all sorts of dirty, racial and ethnic jokes, some in the Halls of Congress, I imagine. Grow up. Republican must be afraid of the LPSD reaction. They should be concerned about the GOP base reaction. They will pay a big price for this disloyalty. Paul Ryan-Boehner actually said Trump's comments "sickened" him. Really? Has he ever listened to or read about JFK, LBJ, WJC and even HRC herself? Wake up you idiot! WOOF!

Are you Republicans not "sickened" by HilLIARy's classified emails? Are you not "sickened" by the information exposed with the release of Podesta's emails. Are you not "sickened" about her competing private and public beliefs, her hatred of the everyday American, her dream of open borders? Are you willing to accept everything that goes along with her corrupt and criminal behavior because Trump is a dirty old man? Wake up! The LPSDs are complete and utter hypocrites. They detest and denounce Trump's comments yet overwhelmingly support the crude and lewd words of hip hop and the vulgar dancing by Beyoncé. A good amount of LPSD women helped buy the 50 million copies of the sexually explicit novel "50 Shades of Gray". Are you not sickened by that Paul? You need to grow up and get a grip. You, McCain and the other disloyal Republicans "sicken" me. Your hypocrisy is unbelievable and unforgivable as you



help elect HilLIARy Rodhan Clinton. I, for one, will never let you forget it. Your feeble attempts to walk down the middle of the road and have it both ways will blow up in your face. Just wait until President Clinton appoints her first Supreme Court Justice. You will never survive the wrath of the real conservative people in America and I will help lead the way. Paul, you and the others of your ilk, might as well change your party affiliation. You are not conservative. WOOF!

We want and need a man like Trump. We know that he will shake things up in Washington D.C. and we also know that you establishment life-long Republicans are terrified of that. We want a straight talker of which there are none presently in our capitol. I even lost some respect for Charles Krauthammer who, after the debate, tried to tell me that America doesn't put former presidents in jail like dictators do. He was critical of Trump's promise to properly investigate HilLIARy Clinton and put her in jail. Charles suggested that that was wrong. He couldn't be more wrong himself. No one should be above the law. NO ONE! The failure of the DOJ/FBI to prosecute Clinton for her crimes is shameful and political. Putting her where she belongs in an "orange pantsuit" would be the absolute right thing for a country which is supposedly based on the Rule of Law. WOOF!

I'll end with a few more thoughts I had this week. What the h3!! are the Bushes doing supporting an LPSD? Why was one of "W's" daughters doing at a fundraiser for HilLIARy in Paris? Disgusting! Are there any honest, unbiased FBI agents? And, if there are, why aren't they speaking out? WikiLeaks is slowly peeling the onion back for all to see. Are any LPSDs crying yet? HilLIARy



Minnesota Obamacare Premiums Going Up at Least 50%!!!

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Minnesota will let health insurers increase their rates by at least 50 percent next year to protect the state's Obamacare health insurance individual market from "collapse," the state announced Friday.

The announcement came from Minnesota commerce commissioner Mike Rothman, who explained bluntly that the state's individual market was barely staying afloat.

"The Commerce Department pursued every option within its power to avert a collapse this year," said Rothman. "We succeeded in saving the market for 2017, with only Blue Cross leaving. But the rates insurers are charging will increase significantly to address their expected costs and the loss of federal reinsurance support."

The increase in premiums for next year will range between 50 percent and a staggering 67 percent. This comes on the heels of an increase of between 14 percent and 49 percent for 2016. After those increases, Rothman warns, the annual growth rate will be completely unsustainable, showing a desperate need for reform.

"Middle-class Minnesota residents in particular are being crushed by the heavy burden of these costs. There is a clear and urgent need for reform to protect Minnesota consumers who purchase their own health insurance," Rothman said at the time.

About five percent of Minnesota residents, roughly 250,000 people, are dependent on the individual market for their health insurance. Obamacare requires all American adults who do not receive health insurance from their employer to either buy individual health insurance or pay a fine. The persistent increases in the price of individual insurance are a sign of a potential "death spiral" in the individual market, as the massive cost increases will likely encourage more people to go without insurance and pay the fine instead, thereby reducing the customer base for insurers and forcing additional rate hikes.

The federal government offers tax credits for the purchase of health insurance on the individual market, but these credits disappear at income of \$47,520 for an individual and \$97,200 for a family of four.

Please see: <http://daily-caller.com/2016/10/01/minnesota-hiking-obamacare-premiums-at-least-50-to-avoid-collapse/>

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hypochondriac around the country would move here. Your taxes would skyrocket. They would even tax retirees!!! Vote NO, Vote No, Vote No.

Amendment 70: State Minimum Wage

Vote NO: Our current minimum wage is \$8.31 and it is adjusted each year for inflation based on the Colorado Consumer Price Index. (This was accomplished by a constitutional amendment in 2006.) So it goes up when inflation goes up. Which is good. What this proposal does is dramatically raise the minimum wage on January 1, 2017 to \$9.30 per hour, and keep jacking it up every year until it reaches \$12.00 per hour on January 1, 2020, and then does cost-of-living increases every year after that.

Not a good idea. It would create a whole bunch more unemployed people, destroy entry level jobs, put hundreds if not thousands of small businesses out of business, dramatically increase the cost of most goods and services and hurt poor people the most. Just plain stupid. Fundamental economics shows that if you raise the cost of a service or goods, you will use less of it. And that applies to labor. Let's keep our entry level jobs for our young and unskilled. You gotta start somewhere.

Amendment 71: Requirements for Constitutional Amendments

Vote YES: From the Blue Book, "Amendment 71 adds a requirement that signatures be collected

statewide for the citizen-initiative process and increases the percentage of votes required to adopt changes to the constitution in most situations. Amendment 71 does not alter the process or requirements for citizen initiatives that propose changes to state statutes." The proposal requires that for a constitutional amendment, at least two percent of the registered voters in each of the 35 senate districts must sign it and the overall percentage of voters needed to pass goes up from 50 percent to 55 percent.

The backers of this amendment are saying basically two things: 1) it's too easy to change the constitution and 2) the libs in Denver with their money and numbers can get the required number of signatures without any input from the rest of the state. The opponents of the amendment, including some very conservative organizations like The Independence Institute (which we love), say by making it harder, it will take away the voice of the people and only big-money libs will have the ability to propose changes. Fair enough.

Here's how *The Sentinel* sees it: With Colorado leaning left, and the continued mass migration of west coast, east coast and Texas libs coming to Colorado, it will be easier and easier for the libs to change the constitution in ways that are contrary to the founding principles of our country. Just look at proposed Amendment 6; the absolute loony-tune, state single-payer ColoradoCare that would not only destroy the health-care system in the state, but destroy Colorado period. This would never have gotten on the ballot if Amendment 71 was in place. And

we will see more of the left's socialist agenda being attempted through the amendment process as the state turns more liberal. If you don't think these Bolsheviks won't try to destroy our second amendment rights in the future, when they think they have the votes, you're living on another planet.

So, making it harder to change the Colorado Constitution is kind of against the grain for us "we the people" patriots, but the demographics are telling us we better tighten up the process to preserve what little freedom we have left. Vote YES on Amendment 71.

Amendment 72: Increase Cigarette and Tobacco Taxes

Vote NO. Here they go again. The libs want more of our money, to dole out to their homies ("medical research", "health-related programs", and, of course, for the "children",) by TRIPLING the tax on a pack of cigarettes from \$0.84 to \$2.59 and raising the tax on "other tobacco products" from 40 percent to 62 percent.

The state of Colorado has more than enough of our tax money. This would also hurt the poor the most as they smoke more than the average person. This measure, if approved, would also introduce a CRIME WAVE of smuggling that would swamp Colorado law enforcement. Just look at New York State where a huge percentage of the cigarettes "bought" are illegally smuggled into the state. No more taxes. Period. Vote NO.

Proposition 106: Access to Medical Aid-in-Dying Medication

Vote NO. This would allow termi-

nally ill people to kill themselves with physician supplied medication. Suicide is a sin and against God's word. Vote NO.

Proposition 107: Presidential Primary Elections

Vote NO. This proposal would amend Colorado statutes to "establish a presidential primary election in Colorado that allows participation by unaffiliated voters."

Without getting into the dirt, the Colorado caucus process is just horrible. Cronyism, lack of information, small turnout, it just sucks. We would definitely like a primary election to choose our party's presidential candidate, but it should be restricted to the registered voters of that party. Unaffiliated voters have NO business voting in a republican or democrat election. So as much we would like to see a primary, vote NO on Proposition 107.

Proposition 108: Unaffiliated Voter Participation in Primary Elections

Vote NO. This proposition would amend Colorado statutes to, 1) "change the primary election process in Colorado to allow unaffiliated voters to vote in a non-presidential primary election of a single political party" and 2), "allow political parties to opt out of holding a primary election and instead choose to nominate candidates by assembly or convention."

If you are NOT a registered member of a political party, you have NO right to vote in their primaries. Vote NO on Proposition 108.

Retention of Judges:

Colorado Supreme Court Justice William Hood:

Vote NO. He should NOT be retained. Hood was a long time democrat donor and party hack. He is the definitive liberal. And guess who appointed him a few years ago? Yup, Hickenlooper. That's enough reason, right there. Vote to NOT RETAIN this biased judge.

*11th Judicial District Chaffee, Custer, Fremont and Park Counties:
District Court Judge William Murphy*

Vote NOT TO RETAIN. Judge Murphy was a 20-year public defender and his sentencing record was, as noted by the non-attorneys on the review board, "to be more lenient in sentencing than the combined record for all district judges standing for retention." And another Hickenlooper appointee. We have too many left-leaning ex-public defenders as judges in Colorado. Time for a change. Vote NOT TO RETAIN.

Eleventh Judicial District Judge Stephen A. Groome

Vote NOT TO RETAIN. The non-attorney's reviewing his work give a pretty low rating compared to the other judges. Gotta go. Vote NOT TO RETAIN.

Note on the Colorado Court of Appeals Up For Retention:

Folks, the retention review process is suspect at best. The majority of these judges are liberal and are the ones that stripped us of our Constitution 2nd Amendment rights a few years ago. Time to clean house and let Hickenlooper know that we won't put up with this From-The-Bench constitutional writing.

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