



God Bless Our Veterans

81-Year-Old Marine Frank Schrader

by George Gramlich

38th Parallel, Imjin River, South Korea,1954: a young Marine with the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division is in a trench along with the rest of his rifle platoon facing north towards hordes of North Korean and Chinese troops wondering day after day for over a year whether this will be the day the communists break the year-old truce and attack in human waves.

The young Marine is Francis “Frank” Schrader, a 21-year-old enlistee from Littlestown, Pennsylvania, who wanted to make a difference. Frank, who has been here on Oak Creek Road on the Fremont side of the “Grade” for 17 years,

was born in the 1930’s and raised on a farm. He enlisted in the Marines in 1953 just as the truce was established between the United Nations/Americans and the North Koreans/Red Chinese ending the extremely brutal three-year-old war on the Korean peninsula.

Frank did his Marine “boot camp” at Parris Island, South Carolina, and excelled at rifle and pistol marksmanship. He then did advanced infantry training at Camp LeJeune in North Carolina. After Camp Lejeune, Frank was assigned to the 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division and was a rifle instructor back at Parris Island where he taught marksmanship primarily with the M1 Garand rifle.

After about a seven month stretch as a rifle instructor, Frank was assigned to South Korea with the 7th Marines and was transported there on an old World War II converted merchant marine ship which Frank believes was named the Phoenix. Frank said he was sea sick the entire voyage.

Landing at the famous Inchon Harbor in South Korea, his outfit was transported up to the Imjin River trench complex at the volatile 38th parallel truce line by heavy, “six by” trucks. (The Imjin River was the site of a famous battle in the war between a massive force of Communist



MARINE see page 15 **U.S. Marines Veteran, Frank Schrader.** Photo by George Gramlich

New Flag Pole Erected by Patriot

by Charlotte Burrous

On October 27th, a group of dignitaries, residents and Veterans joined in flag raising ceremonies at the Cañon City Self Storage at 3345 E. U.S. 50.

“My family and I, for years, have talked about (doing) something on the property for our state and our county,” said Rick Shepard. “We’re glad to share it with you.”

Following the opening speech, Mayor Preston Troutman emceed the program.

“What a day to raise the flag in the greatest country on the face of the earth,” Troutman said. “We have no need to apologize for it.”

The Cañon City ROTC raised the huge flag and the Cañon City High School Band performed a patriotic song, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Clay Cross.

“I wanted to honor our flag in lieu of everything that’s going on in our country this past summer with all the events and the National Football League,” Shepard said. “I hope everyone enjoys it.”



The huge flag flies above the intersection at Cañon City Self Storage. The flag pole was installed on October 27th.

Photo by Crusader staff

Trump Wins! RINO’s and Libs Flee for Their Lives

by George Gramlich

Local, Colorado and National Election News and Commentary

Before we get to the local and Colorado election news, we need to report an item that you won’t see in the main stream media: the largest RINO herd migration in U.S. history! Yes, last Tuesday night, after it became clear that THE DONALD beat the crooked, wicked witch for the Presidency of the United States, a large roar was heard on the west coast, the northeast, Washington, D.C., and Denver. It was the corrupt establishment RINO’s migrating, en masse, to Canada, Venezuela and Cuba led by head RINO’s Mitch McDonnell, Paul Ryan, Lindsey Graham, John McCain and our very own Colorado White RINO, Corey Gardner (Mitch McDonnell’s lap puppy). It was a wondrous and joyous sight to behold. President-elect THE DONALD declared an open RINO season with no bag limit. Local Tea Parties were doing the weigh ins.

Local Election Results:

In Custer County, the only contested race was County Commissioner, District 3 with Don-

na Hood beating Independent John Johnston 1,707 to 1,231. Jay Printz ran unopposed for the District 3 County Commissioner slot. Also unopposed was Kelly Camper for the County Clerk and Recorder position and Kit Shy for County Surveyor.

Molly Chilson was unopposed for the 11th Judicial District; District Attorney job.

Colorado Election Results:

Republican Larry Crowder crushed Democrat James Casias for the State Senate District job 35,289 to 21,413 and Republican Jim Wilson hammered Democrat David Higginbotham 25,997 to 12,240. Regrettably, conservative Republican Darryl Glenn lost to liberal incumbent Michael Bennet 48.9% to 45.8% for the U.S. Senate position. The winners of the U.S. House of Representative races were: District 1, Democrat Diana DeGette; District 2, Democrat Jared Polis; District 3, Republican Scott Tipton; District 4, Republican Ken Buck; District 6, Republican Mike Coffman and District 7, Democrat Ed Perlmutter.

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*“You are worthy,
O Lord,
To receive glory
and honor and
power;
For you created
all things,
And by Your will
they exist and
were created.”*

Revelations 4:11
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These were the principles that guided our founding fathers and which we believe are still relevant. These are the principles that will guide our reporting and be the basis of all our views.

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

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Our Opinion... From the Editorial Board

THANK A VET!



Today, November 11th, is Veterans Day. It is a proper time to thank a vet or even say Happy Veterans Day. We thought you might want to know a little bit about the holiday so we included some Veterans Day Facts from the History Channel website: Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11th became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day— a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans— living or dead— but espe-

cially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

VETERANS DAY FACTS:

- In 1954, President Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.
- In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975, President Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11th, due to the important historical significance of the date.
- Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World Wars I and II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sun-

day of November). In Europe, Britain and the Commonwealth countries, it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11th.

VETERANS STATS:

The brave men and women who serve and protect the U.S. come from all walks of life; they are parents, children and grandparents. They are friends, neighbors and coworkers and an important part of their communities. Here are some facts about the current veteran population of the United States.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are over 23 million military veterans in the United States.

- 9.2 million veterans are over the age of 65.
- 1.9 million veterans are under the age of 35.
- 1.8 million veterans are women.
- 7.8 million veterans served during the Viet-

nam War era (1964-1975), which represents 33% of all living veterans.

- 5.2 million veterans served during the Gulf War (representing service from August. 2, 1990, to present).
- 2.6 million veterans served during World War II (1941-1945).
- 2.8 million veterans served during the Korean War (1950-1953).
- 6 million veterans served in peacetime.
- Five states have more than one million veterans among their population: California (2.1 million), Florida (1.7 million), Texas (1.7 million), New York (1 million) and Pennsylvania (1 million).
- The VA health care system had 54 hospitals in 1930, since then it has expanded to include 171 medical centers; more than 350 outpatient, community and outreach clinics; 126 nursing home care units; and 35 live-in care facilities for

injured or disabled vets.

All honorably discharged veterans deserve our gratitude and respect. Service to our country is a very honorable thing and deserves to be properly recognized. We should all take a moment on Friday to acknowledge and remember that many of our veterans are struggling and many are not receiving the proper medical care they earned and rightly deserve. We urge all our elected representatives to ensure our government's promises are kept. Take every opportunity to make sure you remind them of that commitment whenever you can. What you can do personally is find a veteran and give 'em a hug. It'll be good for everyone. Thanks you Veterans!

Last Tuesday was general election day. We probably all know the results by now. We decided to acknowledge and honor Veterans Day in this edition. Some thoughts on the election results next week.



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The True Meaning of DUTY and Honor

In celebration of the 241st birthday of the United States Marine Corps this Thursday, November 10th, and Veterans Day (formally Armistice Day), I would like to share a sad but very true story.

It is the story of a guy named Larry. He was a normal kid from Virginia. His story is below. But there is more to the story. This story was relayed to me by an old salty Gunny Sargent that was First Sargent with Weapons Company 3/9 while we were deployed in the Republic of South Korea in the year of my Lord 1979. The tale was told while sharing a couple bottles of Korean moonshine in sub-zero weather in an old GP tent mess hall. The Gunny was a young private in 1967 with seventh Marines and had first hand knowledge of the actions on that night.

Larry was an 18-year -young corporal with 1/7. On a December night a few days before Christmas, Larry was

tasked with setting up an LP/OP at the mouth of a valley. His job, to take his squad of six men (normally 17, but this was Nam) and be an early warning for Danang, a very large U.S. base.

While setting in the LP/OP (called an ambush site in the citation) he and his team observed a force of 100 plus NVA regulars carrying heavy weapons including rockets mortars moving to firing positions on a hill overlooking Danang.

One hundred-plus against six is a sh***y deck any way you cut it. It was nighttime and from their concealed positions they could have easily laid low and went "di di mao" or get the h3!! out of harms way. It is said that this option was discussed. But these were Marines, and Marines aren't wired that way!

Larry moved his small team into position, called for the Quick Reaction Force (QRF), and attacked! You can read the citation.

Eighteen-years-young, this is a sorry state to be in. Out manned, under armed, with the lives of your brothers in your hands. But Larry understood DUTY and HONOR! He paid the ultimate price and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously (most are awarded that way). Larry's actions exhibit why the Corps motto is "Semper Fidelis" (Latin for Always Faithful), for he was indeed faithful that evening.

In this cynical world where many of today's youth need "safe zones" and millionaire athletes kneel during the National Anthem, it is easy to forget that there are still honorable folks out there.

So on Thursday and Friday, please thank the Marine Corps and veterans everywhere for they are the ones we owe our freedom to, Not these lying, sniveling, crooked, politicians!

Semper Fi
Buddha
Oak Creek grade

LARRY E. SMEDLEY
Corporal United States
Marine Corps

Citation

Corporal Larry E. Smedley
United States Marine Corps

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a squad leader with Company D, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. On the evenings of 20-21 December 1967, Corporal Smedley led his six-man squad to an ambush site at the mouth of Happy Valley, near Phouc Ninh (2) in Quang Nam Province. Later that night, an estimated 100 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army Regulars, carrying 122 mm rocket launchers and mortars, were observed moving toward Hill 41. Realizing this was a significant enemy move to launch an attack on the vital Danang complex,

Corporal Smedley immediately took sound and courageous action to stop the enemy threat. After he radioed for a reaction force, he skillfully maneuvered his men to a more advantageous position and led an attack on the numerically superior enemy force. A heavy volume of fire from an enemy machine gun positioned on the left flank of the squad inflicted several casualties on Corporal Smedley's unit. Simultaneously, an enemy rifle grenade exploded nearby, wounding him in the right foot and knocking him to the ground. Corporal Smedley disregarded this serious injury and valiantly struggled to his feet, shouting words of encouragement to his men. He fearlessly led a charge against the enemy machine gun emplacement, firing his rifle and throwing hand grenades until he was again struck by enemy fire and knocked to the ground. Gravely wounded and weak from loss of blood, he rose and commenced a one-man

assault against the enemy position. Although his aggressive and single-handed attack resulted in the destruction of the machine gun, he was struck in the chest by enemy fire and fell mortally wounded. Corporal Smedley's inspiring and courageous actions, bold initiative, and selfless devotion to duty in the face of certain death were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States

Larry Eugene Smedley, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism in Vietnam in December 1967, was born 4 March 1949, in Front Royal,

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Hoping for a United Community

Dear Editor,

As I write this, Election day is still two days away, by the time this gets printed, it will be over. No matter how we voted, it's time to move forward with our lives. This Election was divisive on a National level, but unfortunately, also found its way into our community. I would like to urge,

and challenge, my Custer County brothers and sisters to move past this Election, and to work together for the betterment of our community.

Our newly elected county officials whomever they may be, will need our help. All the candidates are good people and upstanding citizens of our community, and

I have no doubt they have the best interests of our community in mind, even if they aren't who we voted for.

So rather than lament as to what might have been, it's time for all of us to quit complaining and pull together to enrich our community. GET INVOLVED, there are plenty of non-prof-

its that one can volunteer with to help make our community a better place. We can't change the election, but we can work together to improve OUR Community. Each of us, even in a small way, can make a difference here!

Sincerely,

Tim Stodola
Custer County

New Yorker on Elections

To the Editor,

First I would like to compliment all of you producing the *Sentinel*. Most conservative political issues have expressed my thoughts, so I haven't much to say regarding past articles.

I would like to express my thoughts regarding the Presidential candidates. Starting with Mr. Trump. He has brought forward the most truthful evaluations regarding the Clinton campaign. Any observant and thinking person can see this. In my case, since the late 1950's onward, our young people were taught watered down history especially the U.S. Constitution, much of it revised to suggest we can all do whatever we think, mostly, by the present administration which in my view is a

mix of delusional liberals, socialist commies and globalists.

Which says it all about Mrs. Clinton and her associates. In my opinion they are subtle dictators. These hand-wringing sympathy suckers are wolves in sheep's clothing, playing on the needs of the middle class and the poor which they created in the Wall Street stock market free fall in 2008. Mrs. Clinton "you can fool some of the people some of the time but you can't fool all of the people all of the time." Your chickens are coming home to roost and I hope to my just God it's now, so that Mr. Trump wins the Presidency.

God Bless and help America.

Mrs. A. Friend,
Washington County, N.Y.

Response to "A Vote is Precious"

This is to Harald Frank who is a naturalized citizen who wrote the letter entitled "A Vote is Precious" which was printed in the November 4, 2016, paper. Thank you so much for your letter. A letter printed in a newspaper is one of the best ways to get a message across to the people. Please write and tell us why you came to America and became a citizen. Even though not

everyone will have access to the letter, those who do read the letter will have an individual's experience to draw on when explaining to others why America is and should remain a great country. It is amazing how many people I know personally who are ashamed of America. Some of those people think the government has an obligation to take care of them. Others don't re-

alize what is happening and are disgusted when a government entity tries to force help on them. I have come to believe that our naturalized citizens can be the salvation of our great country if only you will speak up and tell all.

Again, thank you,

Linda Anderson
Rural Custer County

Note to the Editor,

Many of my Uninformed Friends (Libs) ask me where I get my information to refute their stupidity. I tell them the *Sangre De Cristo Sentinel*, Westcliffe, Colorado. (Elin & Jeanene are my cousins.)

Keep up the good work.

-Bill Bell



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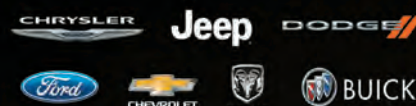
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Local Mountain News & Notices

Korean War Memorial in Colorado Springs

The Dutch Nelsen Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA), was established in 1989 in Colorado Springs. Originally named



Korean War Memorial at Memorial Park in Colorado Springs.
Photos and information courtesy of Mike Thomason

the Colorado Chapter, it was renamed in 1992 in honor of our founder, retired Army LTC Ellsworth "Dutch" Nelsen, who fought the first six campaigns of the Korean War. He later served in Vietnam and retired as Chief of Staff of Fort Carson, Colorado.

In the mid-1990s, the chapter began a planning and fund-raising campaign to dedicate the first Colorado monument to Korean War veterans. Instrumental in planning were Mr. Charlie Snow and Mr. Lloyd Payne (winner of two Silver Stars); sadly, both men died in 2005.

The monument is eight and a half feet tall and carved from black granite. Under the monument, the chapter placed a time capsule that includes photographs, insignia, personal artifacts from the chapter members, and a chapter membership roster. It was dedicated in Colorado Springs on July 27, 1996.

Hug A Vet; Call A Congressman

by M. J. Hess

Today, November 11 is Veterans Day. No one has done more to provide and protect America's liberty and freedom than our veterans. Today, or really anytime, is the proper day to thank a veteran. All vets, currently serving, formerly serving and the ones that have passed on, should be recognized. It's a day you can say "Happy Veterans Day"! Unlike Memorial Day, which is a day to me-

morialize those veterans that died serving or having served their country, Veterans Day should be a day of happiness and gratitude. If you know a vet say thanks or give them a hug.

We know most Americans appreciate vets and act accordingly. Sadly it's our government which has failed our veterans. Many promises have been broken. Many veterans have died while waiting to get care. Most of you are well

aware of the Veterans Administration (VA) scandal of a few years ago, fake waiting lists, pill factories and just an all-around lack of concern and care. Wounded veterans and their families face ongoing challenges to get the help and care they deserve. When the 2014 scandal first broke in Phoenix, AZ, the president and the

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Honest Journalism in Custer County

by Editor/GG

When the *Sentinel* printed Commissioner Kit Shy's important Letter to the Editor last week which contained much local political and election content, we wondered (in writing) if the left-wing paper in town, the *Tribune*, would also print it. (It WAS sent to them.) We "wondered" as the *Trib* has a long history of suppressing the people's voice when they don't like its content.

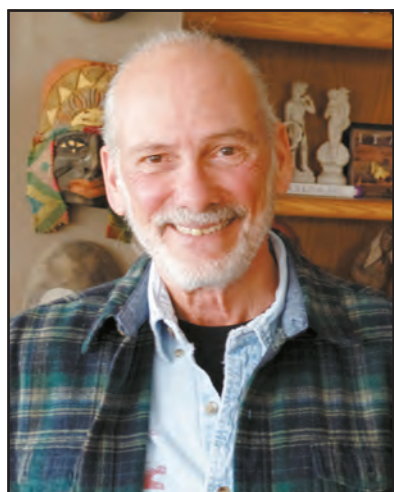
Well, liberal censorship is alive and well in Custer County as the *Trib* did NOT print Commissioner Shy's letter. This is despicable behavior by a local newspaper is typical of the state of journalism in this country - fascists disguised as "responsible" journalists suppressing the opinions of the people. And its ugly head is alive and well here in Happy Valley.

The *Trib* has a long history of speech suppression according to many long term

residents and was one of the factors that caused us to start the *Sentinel* almost five years ago so the people would have a voice.

Kit Shy, in a moment of truth mirth, said the *Trib* might print it after the election - when its content is irrelevant which would be another classless move by our competitor.

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and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.
Romans 13:1 NKJV

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Custer County Commissioner
District 3

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Local Mountain News & Notices

She's a "Patch"!

Press Release

On 25 June 2016, Captain Alissa L. Comerford graduated from the USAF Weapons School at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The USAF Weapons School teaches graduate-level instructor courses that provide the world's most advanced training in weapons and tactics employment. During the five and a half month period, students receive an average of 400 hours of graduate-level academics and participate in demanding combat training missions.

The USAF Weapons School trains tactical experts and leaders of Airmen in 27 different combat specialties and graduates approximately 100 Weapons Officers every six months. The Officers are skilled in the art of integrated battle-space dominance across the land, air, space and cyber domains.

The goal of the course is to train students to be tactical experts in their combat specialty while also learning the art of battle-space dominance. This ability creates such a complete overmatch in combat power in any domain of conflict that adversaries have no choice but to submit or capitulate. Using an integrated approach means that Weapons School graduates are extensively familiar not only with the weapons platform or system they have been trained in through their career path, but also in how all USAF and DOD assets can be employed in concert to achieve synergistic effects.

Weapons Officers serve as advisors to military leaders at all levels, both those in uniform or civilian government positions. Weapons Officers are the instructors of the Air Force's instructors and the service's institutional reservoir of tactical and operational knowledge. The "Patches," as they are called, are trusted advisors and problem-solvers who lead the force and enable it to integrate its combat power seamlessly alongside those of other military services.

Upon graduation, Captain Comerford returned to Moody AFB, GA, in support of the A-10. Alissa is a 2003 graduate of Custer County High School and the daughter of very proud parents, John and Jeanene Comerford.

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Captain Alissa L. Comerford graduated from the USAF Weapons School.

Courtesy photo

Sources of Strength Hosts Dodgeball Tourney

Thursday, Nov. 17th

by Holly Wenger

Sources of Strength is an organization in the school focused on developing students' strengths to improve the classroom and community. In addition to the dodgeball tournament, Sources of Strength peer leaders will be leading activities for the entire student body. Students and community members are encouraged to make a team and sign up in the school office. There can be 6-10 members on a team. There will be an Elementary, Middle School, and Open Division with **free food** in the school commons area starting at 6:30.p.m. The **tournament begins at 7 p.m.** in the East Gym. If you would like to be involved, and don't have a team, we will find you one! There will be **prizes** for tournament winners as well as best dressed. The one requirement to gain entry is to name a positive friend. *If you have any questions, contact Mr. Bomgardner at troy.bomgardner@ccbobcats.net or call the school office at (719)783-9636.*

Coach Cravens on Lady Bobcats : Some Things to Remember Forever

by Coach Greg Cravens

The 2016 Custer County volleyball season has come to an end. With two hard fought battles in Hoehne on Friday, the team fell short of the CHSAA State Tournament.

As a proud coach, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for the support we have received this year. From the new Booster club, who bought new training devices and clothing for the team, to all the fans that came out and supported us this year. It has just been an incredible journey. Friday was no exception. With the support of our families and a spirit bus, we saw many familiar faces in the stands. In fact, during one time out Coach Benoit turned to me and said, "You should see our fans, they are going crazy up there." It felt like we were the home team at times. It was great!

The first match of the day was against the John Mall Panthers, a team from the Santa Fe league that finished third in league and was ahead of the Bobcats in the

CHSAA RPI rankings. John Mall was coming off a loss to the Hoehne Farmers and needed a win to stay in the playoffs. Both teams didn't disappoint as they battled for every point. The Bobcats came out on top three sets to one, 25-23, 25-21, 19-25 and 25-23. Elizabeth Mullett led the CCHS team with 18 points, 14 kills, 3 aces and a block. Serenity Ham had 5 aces and 33 assists and Tish Schlabbach led the way defensively with 35 digs.

With the win, it came down to one match with the Hoehne Farmers for a spot in the State tournament. Hoehne was 20-3 for the season, first in the Santa Fe League and second in the State 2A RPI rankings. The gym was packed and neither team was willing to go out without a fight. Hoehne was on fire for the first set winning 25-12. Custer County was having issues with Hoehne's serve and were out of system for most of the set. The Farmers had 4 serving aces for the set and CCHS only passed 1.73 rating which was below the season average. The next two sets the Bobcats were up to

the challenge by improving on their passing but the offense never improved. With that the Farmers still came out on top, 23-25 and 16-25. Athena Wisecup didn't want her senior year to end without giving it her all. She led the team with 6 kills. Tish Schlabbach had 25 digs in her final match as a Bobcat and Serenity Ham capped off an incredible career with aces and 22 assists.

There were some firsts and great highlights for this team. The Bobcats won its first Southern Peaks Conference Championship. They finished second at the CHSAA District 1 Tournament.

Individually, the team has some things that will be remembered forever. **Serenity Ham** finishes her high school career with 1489 assists and 181 aces. That is a first in the school record books for both. As of right now, Serenity leads the state for all-time classification with 109 aces on the season and that makes her 138th in the nation! That also ties her for 7th in aces for a season all-time in Colorado.

Tish Schlabbach went into Fri-

day with 538 digs for the season and 1,801 for her career. Just 6 digs off the all-time career state record. With her 60 digs for the day, Tish finishes with 598 digs for the season which makes her third in the state all classification. The 1,861 digs for her high school career makes her the all-time leader in Colorado. Not bad for a Southern Colorado, small town kid.

The leadership this senior class has given to the program is remarkable. Skylor Smith, Ashley Gillum, Wisecup, Schlabbach and Ham have left their mark on the volleyball program that will not be forgotten. Even as I write this article I can't believe I will never be these girls' coach again.

Though replacing the seniors will be hard, the future is bright for Custer County volleyball. Four of the top five offensive players from this season will return in 2017; Elizabeth Mullett, McKensie Penkoff, Halie Lemons and Katie Florom will be back to continue the proud tradition of volleyball at Custer County High School.

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Lions Club Student of the Month Awards

by Briana Carey,
Cotopaxi Student

With over a million members, the Lions Club is the world's largest service club organization. We are lucky enough to have several members in our area who are dedicated to the club's motto "We Serve." The Cotopaxi Lions Club is an organization that does work in the community with local projects and charities. The organization is continuing its tradition this year with their "Student of the Month" program. Every month, the teachers and Cotopaxi Lions Club pick a student they feel did exemplary in all areas.

September's Student of the Month was freshman Chance Gulliford. His parents are Devin and Wes Gulliford. In his free time, Chance enjoys hunting and

playing sports, and his favorite subject is history. When asked how he felt about being Student of the Month, Chance replied, "Pretty good."

Mrs. Fritz says, "It's a real pleasure having Chance in band. He is an amazing trumpet player and a wonderful person. He is a true leader in music."



Chance Gulliford, freshman.



Wayne Ogden, seventh grade.

Photos by Tiffany Coleman

October's Student of the Month was seventh grader Wayne Ogden, son of Kathy and Dan Ogden. Wayne's hobbies are playing baseball, football and basketball, and his favorite subject is math. When asked what his reaction to receiving Student of the Month was, Wayne said, "I was proud of myself for winning this award."

"Wayne is a student who not only cares about the wellbeing of himself, but the wellbeing of others as well. He goes out of the way to help others in need," commented Mrs. Schoech. Congratulations to Chance and Wayne for their continued hard work.

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Saturday, November 12, 2016

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Lunch Elem. Chicken Patty Sand. Fries & Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Tostada/Lettuce Rice Corn & Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Turkey over Stuffing Mshd. Potato & Pumpkin Bread Gr. Bean Cass. & Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Meat Pizza Carrots Fruit Milk
Lunch MS & HS Chicken Parm Pasta Mixed Vegetables Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Tostada Grande Rice & Beans Corn & Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Turkey over Stuffing Mshd. Potato & Pumpkin Bread Gr. Bean Cass. & Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Supreme Pizza Salad/Mixed Veg. 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 A la Carte Items To Be Sold To M.S. & H.S. Only			

KIDS Friday, November 11, 2016 Ellis Island

Immigration is the international movement of people into a destination country of which they are not natives or where they do not possess citizenship in order to settle or reside there, especially as permanent residents or naturalized citizens, or to take-up employment as a migrant worker or temporarily as a foreign worker. (Wikipedia.org)

People immigrate to another country for many reasons; religious persecution, employment, to better their standard of living, retirement etc. The early settlers from England and Holland were immigrants, so America is basically the land of immigrants. For that reason we are known as the melting pot.

Ellis Island, in Upper New York Bay, was the gateway for over 12 million immigrants to the United States as the nation's busiest immigrant inspection station from 1892 until 1954. In the 35 years before Ellis Island opened, more than eight million immigrants arriving in New York City had been processed by New York State officials. The federal government assumed control of immigration on April 18, 1890, and Congress appropriated \$75,000 to construct America's first federal immigration station on Ellis Island.

On January 2, 1892, 15-year-old Annie Moore from Ireland became the first person to pass through the newly opened Ellis Island.

Ellis Island is where the immigrants were vetted and approved. It was important to the government that the new arrivals could support themselves. Some unskilled workers were rejected because they were considered "likely to become a public charge." Approximately two percent were denied admission to the U.S. and sent back to their countries of origin for reasons such as having a chronic contagious disease, a criminal background or insanity. Those with visible health problems were held in the island's hospital facilities, sometimes for long periods.

Today, over 100 million Americans—about one-third of the population—can trace their ancestry to the immigrants who first arrived in America at Ellis Island before dispersing to points all over the country.

On November 12, 1954, Ellis Island closed their doors after processing more than 12 million immigrants.

Beginning in 1984, Ellis Island underwent a \$160 million renovation and in September 1990, the Ellis Island Immigration Museum opened to the public and today is visited by almost two million people each year.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: Wikipedia.org, history.com

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Thursday, Jan. 19
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Thursday, March 16
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Thursday, May 18



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“In Memory of those who gave the last full measure of devotion...”

—November 11, 1985

by President Ronald Reagan:

Ladies and gentlemen, ...A few moments ago I placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and as I stepped back and stood during the moment of silence that followed, I said a small prayer. And it occurred to me that each of my predecessors has had a similar moment, and I wondered if our prayers weren't very much the same, if not identical.

We celebrate Veterans Day on the anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I, the armistice that began on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. And I wonder, in fact, if all Americans' prayers aren't the same as those I mentioned a moment ago. The timing of this holiday is quite deliberate in terms of historical fact but somehow it always seems quite fitting to me that this day comes deep in autumn when the colors are muted and the days seem to invite contemplation.

We are gathered at the National Cemetery, which provides a final resting place for the heroes who have defended our country since the Civil War. This amphitheater, this place for speeches, is more central to this cemetery than it first might seem apparent, for all we can ever do for our heroes is remember them and remember what they did -- and memories are transmitted through words.

Sometime back I received in the name of our country the bodies of four marines who had died while on active duty. I said then that there is a special sadness that accompanies the death of a serviceman, for we're never quite good enough to them-not really; we can't be, because what they gave

us is beyond our powers to repay. And so, when a serviceman dies, it's a tear in the fabric, a break in the whole, and all we can do is remember.

It is, in a way, an odd thing to honor those who died in defense of our country, in defense of us, in wars far away. The imagination plays a trick. We see these soldiers in our mind as old and wise. We see them as something like the Founding Fathers, grave and gray haired. But most of them were boys when they died, and they gave up two lives -- the one they were living and the one they would have lived. When they died, they gave up their chance to be husbands and fathers and grandfathers. They gave up their chance to be revered old men. They gave up everything for our country, for us. And all we can do is remember.

There's always someone who is remembering for us. No matter what time of year it is or what time of day, there are always people who come to this cemetery, leave a flag or a flower or a little rock on a headstone. And they stop and bow their heads and communicate what they wished to communicate. They say, "Hello, Johnny," or "Hello, Bob. We still think of you. You're still with us. We never got over you, and we pray for you still, and we'll see you again. We'll all meet again." In a way, they represent us, these relatives and friends, and they speak for us as they walk among the headstones and remember. It's not so hard to summon memory, but it's hard to recapture meaning.

And the living have a responsibility to remember the conditions that led to the wars in which our heroes died. Perhaps we can start by remembering this: that all of those who died for us and our

country were, in one way or another, victims of a peace process that failed; victims of a decision to forget certain things; to forget, for instance, that the surest way to keep a peace going is to stay strong. Weakness, after all, is a temptation -- it tempts the pugna-

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cious to assert themselves -- but strength is a declaration that cannot be misunderstood. Strength is a condition that declares actions have consequences. Strength is a prudent warning to the belligerent that aggression need not go unanswered.

Peace fails when we forget what we stand for. It fails when we forget that our Republic is based on firm principles, principles that have real meaning, that with them, we are the last, best hope of man on Earth; without them, we're little more than the crust of a continent. Peace also fails when we forget to bring to the bargaining table God's first intellectual gift to man: common sense. Common sense gives us a realistic knowledge of human beings and how they think, how they live in the world, what motivates them. Common sense tells us that man has magic in him, but also clay. Common sense can tell the difference between right and wrong. Common sense forgives error, but it always recognizes it to be error first.

We endanger the peace and confuse all issues when we obscure the truth; when we refuse to name an act for what it is; when we refuse to see the obvious and seek safety in Almighty. Peace is only maintained and won by those who have clear eyes and brave minds. Peace is imperiled when we forget to try for agreements and settlements and treaties; when we forget to hold out our hands and strive; when we forget that God gave us talents to use in securing the ends He desires. Peace fails when we forget that agreements, once made, cannot be broken without a price.

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Each new day carries within it the potential for breakthroughs, for progress. Each new day bursts with possibilities. And so, hope is realistic and despair a pointless little sin. And peace fails when we forget to pray to the source of all peace and life and happiness. I think sometimes of General Matthew Ridgeway, who, the night before D-day, tossed sleepless on his cot and talked to the Lord and listened for the promise that God made to Joshua: "I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

We're surrounded today by the dead of our wars. We owe them

a debt we can never repay. All we can do is remember them and what they did and why they had to be brave for us. All we can do is try to see that other young men never have to join them. Today, as never before, we must pledge to remember the things that will continue the peace. Today, as never before, we must pray for God's help in broadening and deepening the peace we enjoy. Let us pray for freedom and justice and a more stable world. And let us make a compact today with the dead, a promise in the words for which General Ridgeway listened, "I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

In memory of those who gave the last full measure of devotion, may our efforts to achieve lasting peace gain strength. And through whatever coincidence or accident of timing, I tell you that a week from now when I am some thousands of miles away, believe me, the memory and the importance of this day will be in the forefront of my mind and in my heart.

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Thank you. God bless you all, and God bless America.

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Cliffs Community Christmas Parade

Press Release

The 2016 Annual Cliffs Community Christmas Parade in Westcliffe is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd at 5 p.m. It is sponsored by the Custer County Chamber of Commerce; with the help and participation of many community volunteers.

In the interest of the community the Parade organizers plan to re-vamp it's Holiday Tradition; adding a theme to the Parade and prizes for the top three floats.

This year's theme is "A Winter Wonderland". We encourage everyone to decorate a float with your favorite Winter Wonderland scene.

A new addition to the Parade festivities will be a community Santa dress-up. Children and adults are asked to dress-up as Santa, elves, angel's, or anything Christmas related. There will also be a prize for the best costume. This group will be directly following the Color Guard in the line-up. Let's get in to the Christmas spirit in style.

The Parade will begin at 5 p.m. at the Mining Co. 1202 Main St Westcliffe, CO 81252. Parade check in starts at 4 p.m. in the Mining Co parking lot. If you would like to participate in the celebration, please contact Candace McDaniel 719-783-4050

Reserve your space as a part of Westcliffe's biggest Holiday Parade. There is no charge to any organization to participate in the Cliffs Parade. Kick off the Holidays with the sights and sounds of the season.

Events Calendar

Friday, November 11
5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
American Legion Post 170
Annual Veteran's Day Banquet
At Tony's Mountain Pizza \$\$

Saturday, November 12, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
FFA Oyster Fry
West Gym, Kitchen of the School \$\$

Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12,
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sharing Center Rummage Sale
at Hope Lutheran Church

Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12,
at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, November 13, at 2 p.m.
"Jack Reacher: Never Go Back"
Action | Adventure | Crime | RPG-13
The Jones Theater \$\$
119 Main St., Westcliffe

Tuesday, November 15, 10 a.m.
BOCC Commissioners Meeting
Boardroom

Friday, November 18
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources
Semi-annual **Indoor Yard Sale**
Purchases by donation.
417 Cliff Street, Silver Cliff \$\$

Friday, November 18, 7-9 p.m. and Saturday,
November 19, 9 a.m. -Noon
Chili supper following Saturday session
Marriage Video Conference
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Sangre de Cristo Fellowship, 1
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Friday and Saturday, November 18 and 19,
at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, November 20, at 2 p.m.
"Inferno"
Action | Adventure | Crime | RPG-1
The Jones Theater \$\$
119 Main St., Westcliffe

Friday and Saturday, November 25 and 26, at
7:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 27, at 2 p.m.
"The Girl in the Train"
Mystery | Thriller | R
The Jones Theater \$\$

Thursday, December 1, 3-6 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, December 2-3,
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friends of the West Custer County Library
Winter Arts & Crafts Fair \$\$
Lange Fellowship Hall at Hope Lutheran Church
3rd and Powell, Westcliffe
Crafter Forms available online or at the Library
Deadline: Nov. 26, 2016.

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 Alco-
holics 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 Enri-
etta 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
it. We have a few spares.

3rd Saturday of Month
9 a.m. VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes
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Services

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Mon. and Thur. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

West Custer County Library
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Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may
put to silence the ignorance of foolish People—

1 Peter 2:15 ESV

Local Mountain News & Notices

Obituary Angus Thomson

Angus Thomson has passed away at age 84 after sustaining injuries from a fall at his home in Antelope Valley. He was the beloved husband of Dorothy Thomson, married for 56 years. Angus and Dorothy emigrated from the UK to the USA in the 1960's and enjoyed living in New Jersey and Indiana before retiring to the Wet Mountain Valley 20 years ago. Their love of gliding introduced them to each other in Derbyshire, England, and brought them to the valley many years later.

Dorothy would like to thank her many friends in Westcliffe who have lent such enormous support to her over the past weeks during Angus' stay in Parkview Hospital and Skyline Nursing and Rehabilitation in Cañon City. She is overwhelmed by your kindness and cannot thank you enough.



Angus Thomson

Courtesy Photo

November 1st BOCC Meeting

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)

November 1, 2016

—WESTCLIFFE, Colorado

by Jackie Bubis

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

Commissioner Kattnig attended the meeting of the Community Mitigation Assistance Team (CMAT) regarding future planning for effective wildfire mitigation. He also spoke with the MAWPP (Middle Arkansas Wildfire Prevention Partnership) hoping for support with the insurance commission regarding lower rates for people who do mitigation on their property.

Commissioner Attebery reported that the software for the recording device for the commissioner meetings needed to be updated at the cost of \$295.

Attorney Smith advised the board that state law has few restrictions on how the board decides to dispose of the fixtures that are coming out of the Wetmore Community Center. They can do almost anything as long as it's made public.

Dallas Anderson brought the monthly report from the Airport Advisory Board. Their fuel sales remain high and they will need to replenish the tank soon. The money to do that is in their account and the board approved. Mr. Anderson attended a CDOT Capital Improvement workshop, returning with good information for the next grant cycle that opens in 2018. The reimbursement for the crack seal materials is approved.

He commended the Road and Bridge crew for doing an excellent job on sealing cracks. The Airport Advisory Board continues to work on the Airport Sustainability Plan. They are also looking into a program that will take Weather Underground information and transfer it to pilots using the airport.

Robin Young presented the monthly report for the Extension Office. She is helping the OEM with updating the CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan.) Commissioner Shy stressed the importance of getting as much participation as possible from vendors and stakeholders in the community. Ms. Young has started on 2017 grants. New weed brochures are available in her office. She has been appointed to the Natural Resources Planning and Reporting Unit working with the Warner School of Natural Resources. One of the projects is a tree identification app for phones that she hopes will be available by summer of next year. The 4-H banquet went well with 115+ people attending. She has several local youth going to statewide and national conferences. She is working with the new Cloverbud leader, Brianna Evert in the second grade program. Enrollment in 4-H will be open until December 1st. Commissioner Kattnig requested that there be a review and audit of the auction records.

County Health Nurse Gail Stoltzfus presented her monthly report. Commissioner Kattnig commended her office for their work during the fire. Her office and volunteers logged 366 total hours during the fire (199 of those from volun-

teers from the Medical Reserve Corps.) She updated the board on vaccinations, height/weight screenings and the school nurse. The Core Immunization Contract was approved by the board and signed.

For Human Services, Laura Lockhart informed the board that there have already been six emergency payments made. She updated the board on Roy Dickens' situation and related that there isn't much her office can do.

Veterans Affairs Officer Tim Swartz had 115 office visits last month. He has 298 vets in the database and thinks the number could grow to over 1,000. Since the Trust Fund kickoff, his numbers have been up. He finally has access to the VA computer system which will make his job much easier and give him more ways to help veterans. On Veteran's Day, he will be attending the 40th anniversary of the Bruce McCandless Veteran's Home in Florence and then attend the American Legion dinner that evening. Though there is a waiting list to get Homebase Primary Care and many local vets do not live within the requisite 60 miles from Pueblo, Swartz spoke highly of the program. Commissioner Kattnig suggested that he put together something to help older vets with fire mitigation. Swartz agreed and thinks he can involve some of the younger vets with that project.

Wells Squire with Anderson Hallis Architects presented the final assessment of the courthouse needs for the Underfunded Courthouse program.

The meeting adjourned.

Sharing Center Winding Down Disaster Assistance Center

Press Release

As the Junkins Fire was declared 100 percent contained on November 5th, the Sharing Center, in our role as the Disaster Assistance Center, is beginning the process of winding that operation down. Since the Sharing Center took on this role, we have been honored to provide needed resources to thirteen families.

The Sharing Center food pantry will return to normal hours of 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays on the week of November

14th. We will continue to assist those affected by the fire with food and clean-up resources as needed on an ongoing basis during our regular schedule or by appointment. Our phone number is 719-783-3303.

Any clothing and household items donated at our temporary location in the basement of Hope Lutheran Church that have not been picked up by those affected by the fire will be sold off in a **by-donation rummage sale this coming weekend, November 11th and 12th from 9 a.m. to**

3 p.m. in the basement of Hope Lutheran Church. All proceeds from the sale will be put into the disaster assistance account to benefit those affected by the fire. Remaining goods will be donated to Goodwill or New Horizons the following week.

We wish to thank our many local, county, state and national partners in this effort to help our neighbors in their time of need. Most importantly, thanks to our generous community for — as always — being there for each other.

November 2nd BOCC Meeting

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)

November 2, 2016

—WESTCLIFFE, Colorado

by Jackie Bubis

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

Commissioner Attebery reported that the bi-weekly contractor meetings for the Wetmore Community Center will be on Wednesdays from now on, with the next meeting at 9 a.m. on November 9th.

Commissioner Kattnig attended the transition meeting from the Type 1 to Type 3 fire team. He reported that the outgoing Type 3 team commended the county on the great job the cooperating agencies and volunteers did. He has other fire related meetings coming up.

Commissioner Shy will attend the trails meeting at Coyote Moon coordinated by the Custer County Economic Development Corporation.

The Board waived landfill fees for fire victims with appropriate identification, stressing that the regulations of what the landfill can and cannot take, will not be waived.

There was a discussion on the next steps for the courthouse renovation options and funding.

Virginia Trujillo presented the Treasurer's report.

Rusty Christensen and Roger Squire gave the Road and Bridge and Landfill report. There was a discussion of the viability of homeowners paying for repair and flushing of culverts. No decisions were made but all agreed that it could be really complicated. Attorney Smith will check on the legalities. Durablend (chloride product for road stabilization) will be put down on two more miles of CR 255. There was discussion of clearing county right-of-ways for mitigation purposes.

Donna Hobby, representing Human Resources and Finance, was next on the agenda. The end-of-year

Dedicated Service Awards (Christmas bonuses) were approved by the board. The November 30th meeting of the BOCC will be a phone-in meeting (which the public can attend in the BOCC meeting room) at 10a.m. for the purpose of approval of bills.

OEM Cindy Howard reported on fire wrap-up. She continues to work on grants and on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). She admitted that it was difficult to get the community stakeholders to show up for meetings. She had little participation in the Hazard Mitigation Plan and hopes that the reality of the fire will improve participation in the CWPP.

Jackie Hobby, from the Planning and Zoning office brought a number of cases before the board for their input and approval. Attorney Smith will work with her office drafting letters that must be sent to several landowners on various issues.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

**Indoor Yard Sale
and Crafts Table
at Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources
417 Cliff Street, Silver Cliff, CO
Friday, November 18th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

As always, purchases will be by donation. This year we are trying something exciting and new: In addition to the indoor yard sale we will also have a Crafts Table with creative things made by our very own Lighthouse Staff with proceeds going to the center.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

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Wet Mountain Fire Protection District *Report*

For more information about WMFPD or to donate, call (719) 783-9245 or contact firechiefwmfpd@centurytel.net. P.O. Box 342, Westcliffe CO 81252

On October 24 two firefighters and two engines responded in Westcliffe to a carbon monoxide detector alarm and discovered that the unit needed a battery. Firefighters advised the owner that the monitor was nearing its six year average usable service life and recommended replacement in the near future.

On October 26 two firefighters and two engines responded to reports of smoke south of the 11 mile marker on State Hwy 96. Firefighters discovered that the owner of the residence had just lit an exterior wood-burning water boiler that produces an unusually large amount of smoke on start-up.

On October 26 firefighters were asked to respond to the Bear Basin Ranch area for reports of excessive wildland smoke. Two firefighters and one engine stood down when it was safely determined the smoke was from the Junkins Fire borne on a wind out of the south.

On October 27 a single firefighter and engine responded to an EMS call for a patient lift assist.

On October 27 five firefighters and three engines responded to a report of

a vehicle in Grape creek with possible injuries. Upon arriving firefighters and EMS found the driver of a pickup standing in the creek in probable shock after having managed to work free of the vehicle. The pickup apparently drifted off the right side of the road, hit a post and flipped on it's top in about two feet of water. After the patient was transported to a Pueblo hospital, firefighters placed haz-mat absorbent booms to collect less than a gallon of gasoline and small amounts of oil drips. They then aided in traffic control until a wrecker retrieved the vehicle from the creek.

On October 31 five firefighters and one engine parked at 4th and Main in Westcliffe to hand out Halloween candy.

On October 31 three firefighters and two engines responded to reports of a grass fire in the south end of the valley. Three firefighters were on standby at the main station. A probable spark from the chimney of a wood burning stove (properly equipped with a spark arrestor) combined with extremely high winds, ignited a small section of close-cropped

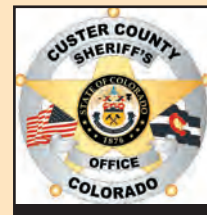
grass. Firefighters quickly extinguished the smoldering fire.

On November 3 two firefighters and an engine responded to the west end of Schoolfield Road to reports of a smoke cloud. Upon arriving, firefighters found a frontend loader in the process of loading large tree stumps into a chipper/mulcher machine that was the cause of the large clouds of smoke-like dust. Then owner was advised to make sure fire-extinguishers were in place and that a water resource was readily available if the need for fire suppression occurred.

On November 2 firefighters and an engine were again asked to respond to reports of smoke south of State Hwy 96 at the eleven mile marker. The engine stood down when it was confirmed that the source was the same boiler start-up reported on October 26.

On November 5 a single firefighter and engine responded to a reported propane leak in Westcliffe. The leak was isolated to the propane tank valve which the owner immediately reported to his propane provider.

Sheriff's Report...



On the dates below, there were 258 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 7 to EMS, and 4 to the Fire Department.

As of 11/7/16 there were eight males and two females in the county jail.

10/31/16:

Junkins Flare Up: Dispatch received a report of a flare up from the Junkins Fire approximately 150 yards from a residence on Highway 165. The information was forwarded to the Junkins Fire Operation Team.

11/1/16:

Traffic Summons: Brandon Isley of South Dakota for speeding 10 - 19 over.

11/2/16:

Traffic Summons: Erika Sill of Westcliffe was issued a summons for driving under a canceled drivers license and given a warning for speeding. Mitchell Martin of Gallatin, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

11/3/16:

Traffic Summons: Daniel Ferro of Pueblo was issued a citation for a defective vehicle and given a warning for speeding.

Jesse Ginn of Tulsa, OK, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Horses: A deputy responded to MM 57 on Highway 69S of a report of horses on the highway. The horse owner arrived and they were able to get the horses back into the pasture.

11/4/16:

Traffic Summons: Rigoberto Ramirez of Long Beach, CA, was issued a summons for driving on a revoked license and the vehicle was towed from Main Street in Westcliffe.

Marta Duran of Denver for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Fire Summons: Stephanie Mondragon was issued a citation for having a fire during a stage 2 fire ban.

11/5/16:

Traffic Summons: Peter Jeffs of Cotopaxi for speeding 25 - 39

over and for violating an instruction permit.

Traffic Stop:

A deputy attempted to make a traffic stop on CR 170 and the vehicle failed to yield. The matter is under investigation.

Antelope/Vehicle:

A deputy responded to a report of an antelope that had been hit by a vehicle on Highway 67. The animal was put down and a party was on hand to take the meat.

11/6/16:

ATV Crash:

A deputy, Florence EMS, Flight For Life, and Colorado State Patrol responded to an ATV crash on CR 290. An individual was transported to the hospital and a report was taken.

11/7/16:

Arrests:

Deputies responded to Ohio Street in Silver Cliff on a report of suspicious vehicle. Two juveniles were arrested for possession of alcohol and curfew violations. Additional charges are pending.

Early Childhood Enthusiasts to Meetup

Press Release

All those who work with, or are thinking of working with, young children will have a chance to get together and inform one another about their projects and activities at the Early Childhood Community Meetup on Wednesday, November 16th at 5 p.m.

The meetup will take place at the West Custer

County Library's Community Room.

"There are people and organizations in the valley doing wonderful things for children and families," said Jessica Carter, the Youth Services Librarian at West Custer County Library. "This is a fantastic opportunity for us to discover one another and build relationships in order to better serve the families in our

community."

Carter organized the meetup after she had talked with a couple of local child-focused groups and realized that there were opportunities for partnerships, referrals and collaborations that were being missed.

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

**"And you shall know the truth
and the truth shall set you free."**

John 8:32 NKJV

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



NOTICE

The following is a list of all bills presented, audited, and ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Custer County, Colorado, from their respective funds at the regular meeting on October 31, 2016.

Custer County Payments for Airport Fund Payments From October 1, 2016 Through October 31, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ANDERSON/DALLAS	SUPPLIES REIMB	125.64
ASCENT AVIATION GROUP	POS CHG	30.00
CENTURYLINK	SERVICE	107.88
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	TRACTOR REPAIR	359.34
DDW INC	SERVICE	60.00
NORUP GAS INC	SRV	25.00
SANGRE DE CRISTO	SRV	132.82
VANCE BROTHERS INC KC	RUNWAY CRACK MATERIAL	9,989.20
	Final Totals...	10,829.88

Custer County Payments for Capital Improvement Fund Payments From October 1, 2016 Through October 31, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ANDERSON DALLAS ARCHITECTS, PC	SEPT SRVS	7,535.98
R E WHITLOCK INC	WCCLP CONSTRUCTION CHG	80,374.50
T A DUKE & ASSOCIATES	WCCL ARCHITECT/ENGINEER	1,855.00
UNITED REPROGRAPHIC	ASSR COPIER MAINT	90.00
UNITED REPROGRAPHIC	PLOTTER/SCANNER	4,112.38
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL	ASSR MAPPING	285.40
	Final Totals...	94,051.26

Custer County Payments for Emergency Services Fund Payments From October 1, 2016 Through October 31, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
APCO INTERNATIONAL	2017 DUES MCCARTHY	69.00
AT & T MOBILITY	OEM SRV	85.32
CENTURYLINK	OEM LANDLINE	106.19
CENTURYLINK	DISPATCH LD	1.85
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	4,794.60
GALLEGOS/KAIRE	DISPATCH HELP	290.88
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	OTP INTERPRET	5.81
US BANK	DISPATCH TRAINING	39.00
	Final Totals...	5,392.65
	Payroll...	12,168.87

Custer County Payments for General Funds Fund Payments From October 1, 2016 Through October 31, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
A G ENGINEERING &	LNDFL FINANCIAL	1,000.00
ALL AMERICAN PUBLISHING	SHERIFF EXPENSE	654.00
AMERICAN FIDELITY	DS W/H	129.58
AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE	CN W/H	161.10
APPLIED CONCEPTS INC	SHERIFF REPAIRS	230.00
AT & T MOBILITY	SERVICE	1,037.71
ATTEBERRY/LYNN	REIMB	64.00
BLUE TARP FINANCIAL	LNDFL REPAIRS	86.98
BROOKSIDE CONCRETE LLC	SHERIFF EXPENSE	50.00
CARD SERVICES	TREAS SEMINAR	327.00
CCI FOUNDATION	SHY-ATTEBERRY-KATTNIG REG	1,050.00
CDPHE	LNDFL QRTLTY	1,428.88
CDPHE ADMIN DIV & FIN	OWTS PERMIT	360.00
CENTURYLINK	WCCL SRV	411.22
CENTURYLINK	SERVICE	3,986.15

CHEMATOX LABORATORY	BA TESTING	305.00
COLORADO ASSESSORS	WINTER CONF	325.00
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	GARNISHMENT	135.00
COX/CHARLES	SEPT REIMB	204.00
CREATIVE FORMS &	EOY FORMS	122.90
CRESTONE GRAPHICS	ELECTION SECURITY SLIPVES	269.30
CUSTER COUNTY	INSURANCE W/H	34,247.64
CUSTER COUNTY	PEST/WEED	3,509.54
CUSTER COUNTY FAIR	REIMB	654.39
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD &	SHERIFF FUEL	1,957.18
CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL	CONTRACT LABOR	954.55
EL PASO COUNTY	SERVICES	1,350.00
FALSKE/DALE	JAIL REPAIRS	275.00
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	GARNISHMENT	442.00
FOX DRUG INC	INMATE RX'S	66.99
GCR TIRES AND SERVICE	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	1,032.28
GREEN/ELIZABETH	MILEAGE	54.00
HENRICH/JAMES D		214.00
HOTEL COLORADO	ASSR CONF ACCOM	414.00
IPPOLITO/CHUCK	REIMBS	148.63
KATTNIG/ROBERT (BOB)	REIMB	75.00
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	38.85
LEXISNEXIS	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	105.38
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	JAIL FOOD	1,347.49
MB POLICE EQUIPMENT	SHERIFF UNIFORM	89.99
MHC KENWORTH	LANDFILL REPAIRS	314.15
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF	SHERIFF REPAIRS	1,741.44
NAYLOR & GEISEL P.C.	PROF SRVS	200.00
NORDYKE/ARTHUR	TRAVEL	175.00
NORUP GAS INC	SHERIFF COMPLEX	128.63
OAK DISPOSAL SERVICE	LANDFILL FACILITIES	102.50
OFFICE DEPOT	ASSR SUPPLIES	183.54
OFFICE OF THE DIST	PROF SRVS	7,645.83
PIQUETTE ENTERPRISES LLC	1ST 1/2 BUDGET PREP	2,387.66
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE MACHINE SUPPLIES	31.19
PRECISION HYDRAULICS	LANDFILL REPAIRS	588.24
REIDA/BRIDGETTE	REIMB UNIFORM EXP	95.37
ROTH/RANDALL		61.18
ROUND MTN WATER &	SHERIFF COMPLEX	268.80
SANGRE DE CRISTO	LNDFL SRV	73.11
SBA STRUCTURES LLC	TOWER RENTAL	260.84
SHY/CHRISTOPHER (KIT)	REIMBS	236.00
SMITH/CLINTON A	PROF SRVS	1,600.00
SSR AUTO SUPPLY INC	SHERIFF REPAIRS	156.99
STATE OF COLORADO	OCT MVR	238.40
STOLTZFUS/GAIL	REIMBS	438.95
SWARTZ/TIM		136.99
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	999.99
TECHNICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	PROB CLIENTS TESTING	334.75
TENNESSEE CHILD SUPPORT	GARNISHMENT	574.00
TOTAL OFFICE SOLUTIONS	CLERK SUPPLIES	400.08
U S POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE MACHINE POSTAGE	2,000.00
UNITED REPROGRAPHIC	RECORDS RETENTION	4,343.91
US BANK		379.47
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	JAIL REPAIRS	710.09
VIVID INK AND TONER	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	319.64
WARRIOR KIT	SHERIFF UNIFORMS	838.00
WESTCLIFFE PETROLEUM	SHERIFF TIRE	40.00
WET MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE	P & Z SUBSCRIPTION	96.08
WIRELESS DATA SERVICES	SHERIFF RADIO	44.50
XEROX BUSINESS SERVICES	ASSR DATA	6,229.27
YOUNG/ROBIN	TRAVEL	205.00
4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	LANDFILL REPAIRS	2,955.72
	Final Totals...	96,850.04
	Payroll...	103,856.06

Custer County Payments for Human Services Fund Payments From October 1, 2016 Through October 31, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
	Final Totals...	11,625.90
	Payroll...	14,642.48

Custer County Payments for Road and Bridge Fund Payments From October 1, 2016 Through October 31, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AFLAC	AF W/H	53.00
AIRGAS USA LLC	BALANCE FROM SEPT	1,365.39
AMERICAN FIDELITY	DS W/H	394.44
ANDERSON/BARBARA	MILEAGE	120.00
AT & T MOBILITY	SERVICE	218.06
BEACH REDE-MIX	BARRIER BLOCKS	360.00
CCI FOUNDATION	SQUIRE HAYNES CHRISTENSE	1,050.00
CCOM	CDOT EXAM	100.00
CENTURYLINK	WETMORE SHOP SRV	187.94
CENTURYLINK	WC SHOP SRV	331.14
CRESTONE GRAPHICS	INSPECTION FORMS	122.50
CUSTER COUNTY	INSURANCE	11,711.56
CUSTER COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC	CDL PHYSICAL	146.00
D & W SERVICES LLC	TIRES	148.98
HOTEL ELEGANTE	CC CONF ACCOM X 3	552.00
IPPOLITO/CHUCK	NETWORK ADAPTER	22.64
J J KELLER & ASSOCIATES	SAFETY MGMT	279.00
LEGAL SHIELD	LS W/H	51.80
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	SUPPLIES	20.96
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	PARTS	1,206.07
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	SIGNS	1,351.91
PENROSE STEEL & TUBING	SQUARE TUBING	115.80
POSTMASTER	PO BOX 1669 RENTAL	110.00
PROCOM	NW CERTIFICATION	300.00
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	SERVICES	456.73
SEIFERT ENTERPRISES LLC	NATURALS	4,749.04
SNAP ON TOOLS	TOOLS	1,034.00
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	574.98
TOOLS PLUS INDUSTRIES	QUILTED	117.92
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	SUPPLIES	407.66
WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO	PARTS	2,855.96
WEAR PARTS & EQ. CO.	SCRAPER	768.13
WET MTN FIRE PROTECTION	SUPPLIES	319.80
XEROX CORP	COPIER	288.02
4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	SERVICE TRUCK &	1,132.88
	Final Totals...	33,024.31
	Payroll...	37,231.36

Custer County Payments for Self Insurance Fund Payments From October 1, 2016 Through October 31, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
COLORADO STATE TREASURER	UNEMPLOY BENEFIT REIMB	10,037.00
	Final Totals...	10,037.00

STATE OF COLORADO COUNTY OF CUSTER

I, Kelley S. Camper, County Clerk in and for said county, and in the state aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, full, and correct list of all office bills allowed paid by the Board of County Commissioners of said county and state, at the regular meeting held in October 2016, as shown by the records and files of my office. Given under my hand and official seal this month of October A.D. 2016.

Kelley S. Camper
County Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tentative Agenda

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016
9:00 AM

Meeting Location:
Commissioners Boardroom

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
- Budget
- Health Department will convene to discuss a Public Health issue

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.)

Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall: Coloradans Speak in Kentucky

by Ron Taylor

Coloradans were recently guest speakers at the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall in Williamstown, Kentucky, September 29 to

October 2, 2016. Ron Taylor of Westcliffe, Colorado, Paul Taylor of Cañon City and Beverly Shoemaker, along with husband Jerry Shoemaker, of Cañon City, Colorado.



Retired Lt. Col. Charles Kettles and recent Medal of Honor recipient and Custer County Resident, Ron Taylor.

Courtesy Photo

Several honored guests were present. Lt. Col. Charles Kettles who finally received the Medal of Honor after 49 years on July 18, 2016. We were very honored to meet him, and had pictures taken with him. He is a very gracious man.

Gen. Arflak, Vietnam Veterans Affairs for Kentucky spoke along with John Osborne, Crew Chief for Lt. Col Charles Kettles and others.

All were there to honor the 58,307 names on The Wall, eight of which were women.

The families of five fallen heroes from Grant County, Kentucky, were escorted to the places at The Wall where their names appeared and wreaths were laid.

All the ceremonies honoring the fallen were so

moving – and a bus load of school kids traveled to Williamstown, Kentucky, to honor the fallen. These kids were so respectful, not only honoring the fallen, but the living, with thank you's, handshakes and a lot of hugs. Grant County, Kentucky parents and school teachers are to be commended for teaching these kids a genuine respect for our sailors, airmen, army and marines who sacrificed lives and service for freedom for this great U.S.A.

Many Vietnam veterans passed through and touched the names of their buddies. Special thanks to Mayor Rick Skinner, City Council, and Stormie Vannover for making this event possible.

For more photos of this event, go to <http://www.usmarineriders.com/apps/photos/album?albumid=16025559>

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Chinese troops and the British 29th Brigade.)

For slightly over a year, his battalion occupied a trench and bunker line facing the communists. On the left of his battalion was a unit from Turkey and on the right was a "Black Watch" company from the United Kingdom.

It was a long year with the winter being particularly harsh. Food was canned rations, "C-Rats", all the time with one exception. Once a week the company marched south for about an hour to get a hot meal at the closest mess tent. The journey south to the mess tent was never without drama as North Korean infiltrators would mine the road at night and the first troops going down the road would often trigger those mines. Not a stress-free trip

to the restaurant, by any means.

The one break in the year was a two week "R&R" (Rest and Recreation) trip to Japan that Frank enjoyed.

When his year in the trenches was up, Frank took another troop ship back to the states where he was a rifle instructor at Camp Pendleton, California, for about a year. Frank was honorably discharged at the end of that year.

After his stint, Frank and his wife, Deloris, lived in the Gettysburg, Pennsylvania area for about 30 years and had four boys and two girls. He was a life-long heavy equipment operator.

About 19 years ago, Frank and his wife bought a brand new pickup truck and decided to spend seven weeks touring the Rocky Mountains as Frank had a passion for mountains along with hunting and fishing. After

touring Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, they came down and explored Colorado, discovering the Wet Mountain Valley and Oak Creek Grade.

The couple bought a 78-acre lot just off the "Grade" and eventually built a house there, moving in to it shortly after.

This 81-years-old Marine is still hunting, fishing and target shooting. One of his greatest pleasures is to simply take a walk in the woods with his rifle. He often visits our local gun store, On Mark Arms, in Silver Cliff, to talk to the gang about firearms and hunting.

An American Patriot. A United States Marine. A Veteran. One of the last Korea War era veterans.

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Virginia. He attended elementary schools in Berryville, Virginia, Augusta, Georgia; Union Park, Florida; and Howard Junior High School in Union Park, leaving the latter in 1964.

He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, 18 March 1966, at Orlando, Florida, then reported to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina, and underwent recruit training with the 1st Recruit Training Battalion. In July 1966, he completed individual combat training with the 2d Infantry Training Battalion, 1st Infantry Training Regiment, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Upon completion of recruit training, Pvt Smedley served as a ri-

fleman and fire team leader with Companies D and C, respectively, 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, 2d Marine Division, Camp Lejeune. He was promoted to private first class, 1 September 1966, and to lance corporal, 1 January 1967.

In July 1967, LCpl Smedley arrived in the Republic of Vietnam. He was assigned duty as a rifleman and squad radio man with Company D, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, and was promoted to corporal, 1 September 1967. While on patrol in Quang Nam Province on 21 December 1967, he was mortally wounded.

His medals and decorations include: the Medal of Honor, the Purple Heart, the Presidential Unit Citation, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with one bronze star, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

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Colorado State News

PERA: A Disaster In the Wings

by George Gramlich

Citizens of Colorado, Colorado's Public Employee's Retirement Association (PERA) is technically bankrupt. The unelected people running it, including the top talking head, CEO Greg Smith (who just got a pay raise and will be making almost \$800,000 a year by 2018!!!), only got a 1.5 percent return in 2015 which added another \$2.2 BILLION!! to its unfunded liability which stands at a staggering \$26.8 BILLION!!!

These bureaucrats are assuming they will be getting a 7.5 percent return in the future WHICH IS LUDICROUS. Plus, their investment portfolio has steadily moved more and more into riskier areas in a desperate attempt to meet the pie-in-the-sky return goal.

Instead of recommending to the citizens of Colorado that we must change the underlying coverage and payment structure in order to be able to pay out the benefits, they are lying to all of us hoping to cash in on their own lavish salaries and benefits while being employed there, get out, and let the next crew of corrupt government-connected lackeys rape the place. (And this is EXACTLY what is going on with Social Security and literally almost every major public, union and private pension fund in the country.)

Now with a government controlled healthcare system that is

ACCELERATING the rate of rise in healthcare costs and with public pensions that have totally out-of-line benefit provisions compared to the ordinary private sector citizen, the Defined Benefit model that they use is simply unrealistic and unsustainable.

MIGHT ENDANGER THEIR RE-ELECTION CHANCES.

And it gets worse every year.

Below is the recent Colorado Department of the Treasury's press release on the state or PERA funding. Read it and weep:

"...this issue... fiscally dwarfs everything else facing us in Colorado."

Colorado needs to immediately drop the Defined Benefit model for PERA and go to a Defined Contribution model (which eliminates the down range unfunding issue) for its new employees and drastically redefine the current benefit, contribution and cost structure of its current employees and retirees.

What we have now in Colorado is NOT working and will be a disaster down the road not only for the taxpayers of this state but also the retirees.

And notice, folks, how this issue which fiscally dwarfs everything else facing us in Colorado, IS NOT ADDRESSED BY OUR POLITICIANS because it is too controversial and

Press Release from the Colorado Department of the Treasury:

PERA Misses Annual Rate of Return, Plan's Unfunded Liability Continues to Grow

Denver, CO—Today, Colorado's Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA) released their Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), reporting that in 2015 they achieved a 1.5 percent return on their \$43 billion portfolio. Their return falls well short of the plan's assumed investment rate of return of 7.5 percent. The assumed rate of return is the yearly return PERA's portfolio must average to pay current and future beneficiaries. Each year that PERA does not achieve its 7.5 percent average rate of return, their un-

funded liability grows.

The unfortunate returns mean the pension's time horizon to be fully funded grew to 44 years. This is well out of compliance with the Government Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) standards to be considered a healthy pension fund. A healthy fund must have a 30-year amortization rate. Further, missing their assumed rate of return in 2015 by 6 percent increases PERA's unfunded liability by \$2.2 billion to \$26.8 billion. The unfunded liability is money owed to retirees PERA does not currently have in their accounts.

This financial result stands in stark contrast to the message disseminated by PERA CEO Greg Smith's most recent public relations tour. Smith spent the winter traveling to editorial boards and communities disingenuously telling the story of how the 2010 reforms adequately funded the plan, all while knowing that PERA fell further into the red in 2015. Compounding the poor optics, last summer Smith was given a lavish pay raise that results in an almost \$900,000 pay-day in 2018, a steep raise not tied in any way to the performance of the fund.

"This whole situation is unfortunate for every PERA member and taxpayer in Colorado. PERA and Greg Smith are doing PERA

members a huge disservice by not addressing the underlying structural problems in this plan." Stapleton continued, "This is not a partisan problem, this is a giant math problem. Greg Smith seems more interested in public relations tours, pay raises and kicking-the-can down the road rather than taking a sober minded view and responsibly managing the pension system."

Senate Bill 1, passed in 2010, is frequently referenced by PERA's Smith as the only reform needed to fix the fund. This legislation was predicated on PERA keeping their 8 percent assumed rate of return. However, when the board lowered the return to 7.5 percent in 2012 more reforms were automatically needed. PERA has averaged less than 7.5 percent in recent years. With only a 7.3 percent average over five years and 6 percent over 10 years, all signs point to needing more reforms.

"Obviously SB10-01 was a step in the right direction but Greg Smith selling it as the only fix needed is a serious default of leadership. He is avoiding the tough decisions in an attempt to run out the clock and collect his own substantial retirement. Operating this way is a huge disservice to every plan member but especially younger workers who are going to be left out in the cold when Colorado cannot afford to pay them what they were promised in retirement."

Experts Say PERA Probably Can't Earn Projected Returns

by Secure Futures Colorado

November's Colorado PERA board meeting should be a doozy, as board members wrestle with whether to keep PERA's projected investment return figure at its current, ambitious 7.5 percent.

The future solvency of Colorado PERA's retirement funds is predicated on earning an average return on investments of 7.5 percent over the next 40 years. Every year that PERA falls short of that goal makes subsequent years more challenging.

So it didn't come as welcome news when two respected Wall Street insiders told the PERA board during a workshop last week that the 7.5 percent figure needs to come down by as much as two percentage points.

I don't think you'll get returns that high in the future," said Byron Wien, vice chairman of Blackstone, one of the world's largest investment firms. "You need to trim it back. You may need to cut it by as much as 2 [percentage

points]. You may not want to go [that far] in one fell swoop, but I would drop it [soon] by a full percentage point. I understand that puts a strain on your state budget, but that's how I see the world right now."

Wien cited low productivity growth, global competitiveness, and the influence of technology as reasons for his relative pessimism. On the bright side, he said he didn't foresee a recession or economic cataclysm on the near horizon.

Wien's recommendations were echoed by Shoqat Bunglawala, a senior executive with Goldman Sachs. In fact, while reluctant to forecast in specifics too many years out, Bunglawala said equity (stock returns) of between 5.5 percent and 6 percent seem more likely than 7 percent over the next 20 years.

Wien stressed that he only looks three to five years out, and tends to revise even those relatively short-term projections regularly. "That may be too incremental for you but I can't forecast responsibly 40 years ahead."

And that's the out PERA may try to give itself. Sure, things might be a bit rocky over the next few years, but taking a longer view, 7.5 percent seems reasonable. After all, didn't pension funds earn north of 8 percent over the past 30 years?

Never mind that few experts believe that those kinds of returns are even remotely possible over the next 30 years.

But it's hard for PERA to contemplate even that 1 percent cut Wien recommended, because the results could prove catastrophic.

You might recall that a few months ago, when PERA's annual report was released, we wrote the following:

The state division, for example, has a 54 percent probability of being fully funded 40 years from now. To meet that goal, PERA would have to earn at least a 7.62% average annual return for the next 40 years.

But there's also a 23 percent chance that PERA will become insolvent at some point after 2036 – as little

as 21 years from now. That dire outcome would occur should PERA's state division earn an average annual return of 6.51 percent or lower.

Projections are similar for the school division. There's a 52 percent chance the division will be fully funded in 40 years, but to do so it will have to earn an average annual return of at least 7.73 percent.

On the gloomy side, there's a 20 percent chance the school division will be insolvent some time after 2036. That would happen if average annual returns dipped below 6.28 percent.

And now you've got a world-renowned expert telling PERA that lowering its investment return to 6.5 percent would be a good first step.

As my grandmother used to say, succinctly and eloquently: "Oy."

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CLEXIT

Several analysts characterized Donald Trump’s presidential victory as similar to the recent Brexit vote where Great Britain rejected globalism and left the European Union. Perhaps the Trump victory should be characterized as Clexit—the mass exit of the American people from the Clinton brand of morally bankrupt and corrupt politics. According to exit polls, some 80% of evangelical Christians turned out with a strong vote for now President-elect Trump. *The Wall Street Journal* reports that born-again Christians voted for Trump in numbers larger than they supported the Republican presidential candidates in the past three elections. This proves the power of Christian’s in this nation when they move in unity.

Clearly, American Christians sent a message to those who call evil good and good evil: that we are not going to take it anymore. The demeaning of Israel with the elevation of her enemies; the possibility of a Supreme Court bending our laws against life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; the loss of our jobs and dignity to globalism; unsecured borders; massive crime; race-baiting; bribery; socialist health care; Islamic terrorism; the disrespecting of God in the public square; the destruction of marriage—are the sum of the parts that equaled the whole result of this election. Christians stepped up and voted for the imperfect candidate to save the country from one of the most evil agendas in our history.

Now that we have seen how God can work through us when we are obedient; how prayer and action is honored, may

the hope of unity found in Ephesians 4:14-16 be our mantle going forward: “That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supply, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, make increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

You see, we have our work cut out for us. We have bought some time. There are only promises of a better, more righteous future for our nation. We must hold accountability—not the type of accountability of judgment and condemnation to our fellow citizens who disagree with us and are blinded by the god of this world—but the accountability of the standard of Christ in whom we believe and are disciples. From Supreme Court appointments to the treatment of Israel to freedom of religion, we must stand in the gap and make the hedge. We must be ever vigilant that our nation is fully advantaged by the mercy our Lord has bestowed upon us. Let us continue to pray, act, repent, and seek the Lord that He may forgive our sin and heal our land. Happy Clexit!

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson

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Economist Predicts Rising Obamacare Costs Will Lead to Riots

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

Now that it is widely accepted by everyone except the president in denial, that Obamacare is an epic debacle, one which boosts GDP because it is fundamentally a tax that counts toward healthcare expenditures yet takes away from other discretionary spending leading to a downtrend in overall U.S. consumption, most also have an opinion on how it unwinds. However, few are as gloomy as economist Chris Butler of Butler, Lanz and Wagler, who discussed the cost of health insurance plans rising next year under the Affordable Care Act, and said he expects riots as the populace begins to express outrage upon learning [that] many will be priced out of health care options.

Butler told Chris Stigall on Talk Radio 1210 WPHT to expect more public demonstrations of anger as prices move upward.

Cited by CBS Philadelphia, Butler said, “right now, I think you do have to say that A, it’s failing and that B, I think next year, you’re going to have a bunch of people that don’t get the subsidies that make the premiums a little bit more affordable that are just going to riot because it’s just too expensive for most people if you don’t qualify for subsidies.”

Butler said he still objects to court rulings siding with the government requiring individuals to purchase insurance or pay a penalty. In that case, he will be even angrier to learn that according to Obamacare architect Jonathan Gruber, the “solution” to prevent millions of Americans opting to pay penalties instead of be enrolled, is to hike the penalty even more.

“You can go back to the Supreme Court decision on this. I’m still shocked that we are being told that our constitution says that it is allowable to force to people

to buy something. When I hear people talk about forcing them, not only to buy something, but to make the penalty stiffer if they don’t, I just get queasy.”

Butler told WPHT there could be simple solutions to lower costs and cites buying plans across state lines as an example.

“Do you know what New Jersey is anticipating? Theirs is considerably less, as I recall, than Pennsylvania, yet we are not allowed to cross state borders to buy insurance. There are a lot of states, by the way, that have big cities on borders that are actually going to have huge increases but they border on a state that is quite reasonable in its growth in premium costs. We talked about that while all of this was being discussed back in 2010, some of the quick fixes you could make that would have a difference to our health-care system, that was one of them, allow people to buy insurance across state

lines to help equalize some of this stuff.”

Well, according to many, the U.S. is on the verge of full-blown rioting and even civil war on any given day: might as well throw in one more catalyst that will unleash chaos. After all, as Krugman said in March, “The important point about war from macro-economic point of view is that it was a very large fiscal stimulus.”

(Editor?GG: Question: Why have the republicans done NOTHING about shutting down Obamacare? They could have done it easily at budget time but did NOTHING. As the middle class is being raped by astronomical premiums, co-pays, and deductibles yielding essentially worthless coverage. Why?)

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The Zombie Epidemic of Idle Men

by Michael Cook,
Foundation for Economic Education

The U.S. stock market continues to set new records. Unemployment continues to go down. The United States is now at or near “full employment”. According to a *Bloomberg* headline last year, “The Jobless Numbers Aren’t Just Good, They’re Great”.

But a closer look at economic data by demographer Nicholas Eberstadt reveals something else entirely. While “unemployment” has gone down, the work participation rate, and especially the male work rate, has been relentlessly declining for most of the post-war era and is now reaching a crisis with Depression-era levels.

In his new book, “*Men Without Work*”, Eberstadt describes this as a deep moral and social crisis which is passing almost unnoticed by politicians, pundits, business leaders and economists.

What are men doing with their time if not working?

One-sixth of all men of prime working age in America – men aged between 25 and 54 – are not just unemployed, but have

stopped looking for jobs altogether. This is a time bomb with far-reaching economic, social and political consequences.

“Unlike the dead soldiers in Roman antiquity,” he

They “experience notably low levels of emotional well-being throughout their days and ... they derive relatively little meaning from their daily activities,” Krueger found. And there are 7 million of them.

“*“Millions of men are becoming dependent, infantilized and sick.”*

writes, “our decimated men still live and walk among us, though in an existence without productive economic purpose. We might say those many millions of men without work constitute a sort of invisible army, ghost soldiers lost in an overlooked, modern-day depression.”

In many ways, this is a disturbing book. Never before in American history have so many men done absolutely nothing. Millions are becoming dependent, infantilized and sick. According to a recent paper by Princeton economist Alan Krueger, nearly half of the men who are not looking for work are on painkillers and many are disabled.

Consider these staggering statistics. Prime-age American men in employment spend 2,200 hours a year in work and work-related activity; employed women spend 1,850 hours; unemployed men spend 400 hours, mostly looking for jobs. But 7 million American men between 25 and 54 spent 43 hours a year working. That averages out to about 7 minutes a day.

And what did they do with their time? Learn French? Paint watercolors? Help at a local nursing home? Vacuuming? None of the above. They spent less time in volunteer and religious activities than the other three groups. They don’t read newspapers much.

They don’t vote much. A third of them have used illegal drugs in the past year.

Basically, they did nothing much. Time-use studies show that:

“When it came to ‘television and movies (not religious),’ the contrast between ‘Not in the Labor Force’ (NILF) men and all the rest was so enormous that it suggests a fundamental difference in mentality. For unworking men, watching TV and movies ate up an average

obligations, they fill their days in the pursuit of more immediate sources of gratification.”

No wonder pornography is flourishing on the internet.

Who’s putting food on the table?

How do they support themselves? Eberstadt is scathing: “The short answer is, apparently they don’t.”

They are supported by parents, wives, girlfriends and government handouts. “Whatever the reasons or

Nowadays the U.S. has the highest incarceration rates in the world. Even after release, many of these men enter the legions of prime-age men who are not looking for work. “The circumstances of this ex-prisoner and at-large felon population are, it seems, a matter of almost complete indifference to the rest of us,” says Eberstadt. “These people only show up in our national statistics if and when they again run afoul of the criminal justice system.”

What can be done?

Eberstadt admits that he does not have the answers. He sees his job as alerting the United States to the existence of this army of men which has been shelved by politicians and policy-makers as “essentially dispensable”.

However, he says that solutions have to be sought in three broad areas: revitalizing American business to create new jobs; reducing the perverse incentives in welfare programs to stay out of the workforce; and allowing men who have spent time in jail to get jobs.

Eberstadt points out that this is a serious moral issue for the United States which must not be ignored. It is bizarre that the hardest-working country in the world should harbor a huge pool of able men whose lives are slowly being destroyed through idleness.

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“*Nowadays the U.S. has the highest incarceration rates in the world. Even after release many of these men do not look for work.”*

of five and a half hours a day. That’s four hours a day more than for working women, nearly three and a half hours more than working men, and a striking two hours a day more than unemployed men. ...

“To a distressing degree, these men appear to have relinquished what we think of ordinarily as adult responsibilities not only as breadwinners but as parents, family members, community members and citizens. Having largely freed themselves of such

the motivations,” he says, “they are essentially living off the rest of us. Social cohesion is a direct casualty of this development, and social trust could scarcely help but be degraded by it as well.”

If there is a Year Zero for Male Infantilization it is 1965, the year President Johnson launched the American welfare state by rolling out the “Great Society”. Eberstadt also identifies it as the year when the Great Incarceration began. A crime wave started which was handled by jailing more and more criminals.

The Democrat Nightmare on Elm Street

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

In just a few days we will begin *open enrollment* for everyone in Obamacare now.

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- **Approved Hikes 50% to 92%: Arizona, Illinois, Montana, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Tennessee.**
- **Approved Hikes 93%: New Mexico**

There is nothing the Democrats can do about it either -- 22 states with massive double-digit premium hikes, 7 of them in excess of 50%.

Many are considered “safe” Democrat states -- Colorado, Maryland, Illinois, Connecticut, Hawaii, Pennsylvania.

Then there’s Arizona, Florida, Maine and New Mexico.

How safe **is** Pennsylvania? Illinois will have a million dead voters show up at the polls; they’re the land of 102% turnout and *nobody has gone to jail in the modern era for doing it*, so you can forget that.

Everyone thinks Pennsylvania is clean for Clinton, with “Real Clear” claiming a 6% advantage. **How “real” and “clear” is that, and how fast will it evaporate like a fart in the wind with 50%+ Obamacare price hikes hitting the residents of the state in the face a week before the election?**

I will say it again: Trump has a card he has not played, and it’s not “repeal and replace”.

It’s jail and indict, and he needs to stick that right now out under the electorate’s nose along with these price hikes -- not proposed, not thought about, but approved and coming **right up the electorate’s a** a week before election day.**

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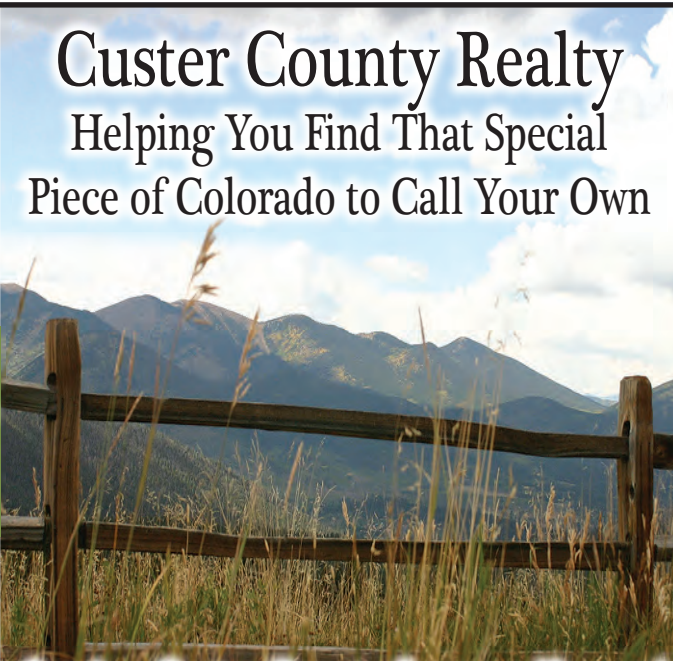


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Former FBI Assistant Director Accuses Clintons of Being a "Crime Family"

by Tyler Durden,
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During a radio interview with John Catsimatidis, former assistant FBI director James Kallstrom heaped praise on Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump before slamming the Clintons. Kallstrom, known for leading the investigation into the explosion of TWA flight 800 in the late '90s, said on Sunday that Bill and Hillary Clinton are part of a "crime family" and argued top officials hindered the investigation into Hillary Clinton's private email server while she was Secretary of State. He also accused Hillary Clinton of being a "pathological liar."

"The Clintons, that's a crime family. It's like organized crime, basically.

The Clinton Foundation is a cesspool." Kallstrom added that "It's just outrageous how Hillary Clinton sold her office for money. And she's a pathological liar, and she's always been a liar. And God forbid if we put someone like that in the White House."

Going off on a tear, Kallstrom also blasted Attorney General Loretta Lynch, claiming that she impeded the investigation into Clinton's private server.

The ex-FBI official, who praised Donald Trump as a "good human being" and "patriot," also went after his former employer. "This investigation was never a real investigation," he said.

"They never had grand jury empaneled. And the reason ... was that Loretta Lynch would not go along with

that. So this investigation was without the ability to serve subpoenas, serve search warrants, and obtain the evidence that they ended up begging for. It was just ludicrous what went on," he added.

Kallstrom said that the FBI "left so much stuff on the table," but he defended the agents on the case. "This is not the FBI agents who's to blame for this fiasco going on. This is the leadership. This is Jim Comey ... **The agents are furious with what's going on. I know that for a fact,**" he said.

Kallstrom's bashing of the Clintons followed another interview he gave last night with Judge Jeanine Pirro to discuss the latest announced FBI investigation of Hillary Clinton,

in which he said, "I think there's something happening. People are asking me what is this about. I think something big is going to happen. I don't know what it is. It's just my gut feeling. I think so."

Judge Jeanine: So he wouldn't have come out unless he knew it was coming out?

James Kallstrom: Well, I think he couldn't hold onto it any longer. OK. Because who knows? Maybe the locals would have stepped in on this.

Judge Jeanine: ...I think he had to do it.

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Assemblywoman: The BLM Is a Domestic Terrorist Agency

by Tim Brown,
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On Thursday morning, Nevada Assemblywoman Michele Fiore took to the Nevada Assembly floor to point out several things regarding the Oregon occupation, the Bundy Ranch siege and the sheriffs who were involved in both. She also pointed out that at the center of both

of them was the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and she referred to them as one of several "Domestic Terrorist Agencies."

"I stand in support of and know that Blue Lives Matter," she began. "When we have Law Enforcement and County Sheriffs that support their citizens and law makers we need to support them too."

"But there have been Sheriffs that hand their elected positions over to the Federal Government and some of the outcomes have been fatal," she added. "Sheriff David Ward of Harney County Oregon did just that. Under his watch a man, Lavoy Finicum, was murdered."

She then pointed to the illegal and unconstitutional BLM and noted a few of the things in which they have been involved.

"The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has become quite aggressive across our nation; from continual harassment of our indigenous Native Americans to our ranchers, who are just trying to protect their livelihoods," she said.

However, she wasn't just pointing out a problem that has been growing for decades. Fiore also provided a solution to the problem.

"It's up to us to ensure our communities have the resources needed to protect its citizens from Domestic Terrorist Agencies such as the BLM," Fiore said.

"Most of my fellow friends in this chamber were not at Bunkerville in April of 2014, but Sheriff Lombardo and Sheriff Douglas Gillespie were there," she added. "Our Clark County Sheriff stopped the Nevada Massacre the BLM had planned."

Then she dropped a bombshell on the Assembly floor for the record, which we reported on earlier. (See <http://freedomoutpost.com/cliven-bundy-case-defendants-accuse-govt-of-altering-blm-video-evidence/>)

"As the body camera footage from the BLM gets unsealed and released to the press and the public, the words I just spoke will be verified," she concluded.

Indeed the BLM is part of the Agenda 21 of the United Nations. They have been caught engaging in real terror tactics of burning property and cattle, something that even ranchers Dwight and Steven Hammond didn't do, yet were sent to prison for five years. They [BLM] have claimed that their authority supersedes the Constitution. And why? It's because the land has value for corrupt politicians like Hillary Clinton and Harry Reid, who are the very definition of traitors to the United States.

Good call Michele! The BLM, like the rest of the unconstitutional agencies out of DC, is pulling the mask off and showing exactly what they are; a domestic terrorist agency.

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"Have we reached the ultimate stage of absurdity where some people are held responsible for things that happened before they were born, while other people are not held responsible for what they themselves are doing today?"

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"When you see that in order to produce, you need to obtain permission from men who produce nothing - When you see that money is flowing to those who deal, not in goods, but in favors - When you see that men get richer by graft and by pull than by work, and your laws don't protect you against them, but protect them against you -

"When you see corruption being rewarded and honesty becoming a self-sacrifice - You may know that your society is doomed."

Ayn Rand,
Atlas Shrugged, 1957





The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand

"Blessed be the LORD my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle—"

A Psalm of David, Psalm 144:1



Gun Owners for Trump Rear Window Art



by Dean Weingarten,
GunWatch.Blogspot.com

A correspondent noticed this Gun Owners for Trump art on the back window of the Jeep in front of him. It occurred this morning about 7:55 a.m. in Northern Wisconsin (Ladysmith) in a gun-free school zone.

He later found that he knew the woman who owned the vehicle and sign. She is an ardent Second Amendment defender who is passionate about self defense.

There are large areas of the country that are dominated by people in the gun culture, just as there are large areas of the Eastern Seaboard and West Coast cities dominated by anti-Second Amendment politicians.

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by WeaponsMan.com

What is it like to live in a nation that grants citizens no rights, only such privileges as it feels like, until such time as it feels like revoking them? Kind of like being a German. The time comes when the authorities decide you're not a Good German any more, and they come to confiscate your guns.

One guy said, "No," kinetically; paradoxically, he's probably in better shape in the German courts after having opened up on the cops. Because now, you see, he's a violent criminal, something German officialdom has *immer und überall* privilege over political criminals.

BERLIN — An anti-government extremist opened fire on police in southern Germany during a raid Wednesday in which they had planned to confiscate his weapons, and four officers were wounded, authorities said.

So why were they confiscating his weapons? Not, apparently, because he was a nutball *per se*; but because he was "politically unreliable."

The 49-year-old German man, named Wolfgang P., had legally possessed more than 30 weapons for hunting, but local authorities had revoked his license because he appeared increas-

ingly unreliable, Bavarian Interior Minister Joachim Herrmann said.

Now you see the benefits of a registration and "background check" regime — if you're Joachim Herrmann Göring. (Sorry, we always run those two German police officials together). Turns out, it was the second attempted confiscation. The first time he just said no.

He had previously refused to allow officials access to check his arsenal and take away the firearms.

This time, ol' Wolfgang was still saying no, and Joachim Herrmann Göring was not taking no for an answer.

The suspect opened fire on police as they entered the house in the Bavarian town of Georgensgmünd early Wednesday morning, Herrmann said. Two officers suffered gunshot wounds — one was in life-threatening condition and the other was shot in the arm. The other two were hit by flying glass.

The shooter was overwhelmed by other officers and arrested. He was lightly injured. According to Johann Rast, the chief of Central Franconia Police, the extremist was shot when he was hiding behind a closed door.

Now, here's where the nut-ballery comes in:

Authorities said the man, who calls himself a 'Reichsbürger,' was a supporter of the Reich Citizens' Movement, an extremist group that refuses to acknowledge the authority of the post-war Federal Republic of Germany. The group has been compared to the U.S. sovereign citizen movement.

You probably don't think you're like *that* guy. You, work, take care of your family, pay your taxes and vote for members of a regular political party that's been around for centuries. You don't experience paranoid fixations or suicidal ideations. You can't imagine shooting anybody, let alone cops.

It doesn't matter. If you own guns, training materials being used now by the FBI, DOJ and DHS and all their alphabet soup of agencies define you as *that* guy. And a number of them itch to confiscate your guns. Those ones are destined for promotion. A number of them are opposed to confiscation, but they keep it to themselves. The greatest majority aren't comfortable with it, but will do whatever they're told. That is a characteristic of policemen worldwide and throughout time — they follow orders.

Unlike the Germans with Wolfgang P., they won't make any effort to take you

alive. Once you're dead they can tell your story, and use it as a wedge to line up their next target. And they do this because they *can* do it, because there is no price attached.

Food for thought:

Shooting the just-following-orders *Untersturmführer* when he comes to your door is too little, too late. You accomplish nothing by reminding policemen that taking doors is dangerous. They were certainly thinking about that even as they swung the ram.

You do not stop bleeding by applying pressure distal to the wound. You find a suitable pressure point. In the case of Germany, the Rights of Man were lost in the culture, more than a century ago, long before they could have been lost to the successive "good intentions" of the Bismarckian, Weimar, National Socialist and Federal states. The rare German who insists on his rights is likely to be, and certain to be labeled, a dangerous crank.

We leave the identification and war-gaming of pressure application as an exercise for the reader.

(Editor/GG: If you don't think this isn't coming.....)

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I get the strong impression

Jonathan Warren, 18, of Florissant, and Lonnie Middlebrook, 20, of Fergu-

One of the suspects held a gun to the homeowner's head and demanded that he back up, police said. The 73-year-old then grabbed

The suspects' guns and the homeowner's gun were found at the scene. According to police, the gun recovered from Warren was reported stolen on October 30 by the Florissant Police Department.

Accounts suggest that the criminals took solid hits and didn't even get out of the garage, and it is unclear

Please see: <http://bearingarms.com/bob-o/2016/11/03/old-steel-73-year-old-out-draws-kills-teen-thugs-st-louis/>

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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.



Convenient Lies

I feel somewhat disadvantaged due to necessary publication deadlines. This column must be written prior to voting day but will not be in the hands of the reader until after the election. In an effort to remain timely and relevant, there is an issue that will remain germane long after the vote casting is concluded. WikiLeaks continues to be the objectionable object in the Clinton punch bowl, providing a continual dripping of captured e-mails detailing self-serving chicanery. Donna Brazile, then an employee of CNN, slipping debate questions in advance to Hillary creates its own foul odor, but Clinton's willingness to receive them screams of ethics that should never approach the White House. However, this and other scams are small potatoes compared to the big enchilada which is the Clinton Foundation.

The former first lady has testified that they left the White House "dead broke" which leads one to wonder how they amassed a personal fortune of \$350 million in the ensuing years. The Clintons do not own a business that generates wealth, but Bill's government retirement check and Hillary's for her Senate position and Secretary of State office along with a handful of normal speaking engagements would easily approach \$1,000,000 a year. Most Americans would be thrilled with ten per cent of that, but not the Clintons who have developed an appetite for the dainties of deceitful meat. (see Proverbs 23:1) Giving the power couple the benefit of opportunity, let's consider the possibility of \$3,000,000 annually which wouldn't raise too many eyebrows. That's a total of \$48 million over the last sixteen years but leaves a differential of \$302 million. The Clinton Foundation, an alleged charitable organization, has been the source of mega millions but only six per cent of the revenues have actually been directed toward humanitarian purposes which has left a huge reservoir for Bubba to troll in.

The current FBI investigation of the Foundation appears to be focusing on where all this loot came from and for what reason was it donated. It has been established that significant portions were contributed by foreign governments which are adversarial to the U.S. Muslim countries are not in the habit of handing out large quantities of cash unless there is a perceived benefit for them. They are not into benevolence! The Clintons are now under scrutiny because all they had to offer was influence which is not necessarily illegal for private citizens, but the Secretary of State is bound by oath to protect the interests of America.

The ongoing flood of discovered emails are sending alarm bells about the very real probability that national security was compromised as a result of these financial transactions. That would be a crime worthy of prison! If an individual is willing to put their country in the slightest jeopardy for personal financial gain, treason is the only conclusion. We will give the Clintons the benefit of presumed innocence, but the smell of rotting fish demands a thorough investigation.

Sell outs are as old as Genesis; perhaps the most notable in that book is the story of Joseph, the favored son who was captured and sold into slavery by his own brothers. The green-eyed monster of jealousy prompted the betrayal and initiated a whopper cover-up which went undetected for years. A governorship and presidency created multiple occasions for the Clintons to rub shoulders with wealth beyond their grasp. An overwhelming craving to be members of the big dog club has led Bill and Hillary down a path of deception that may be brought to the light of day.

Judas Iscariot is a name that represents almost universal recognition in the world of treachery. Since "the love of money is the root of all evil" (I Timothy 6:10), it is fitting that the greatest crime in history should be carried out for monetary gain. The Pharisees' motive was envy (Matthew 27:18) ---these two incentives are well used tools in the Devil's workshop. The temper's presentation of them to the Clintons should come as no surprise since history keeps traveling the same routes of subterfuge.

Not only did Judas betray "God manifest in the flesh" (I Timothy 3:16), but his insidious conduct threw the entire nation of Israel under the bus. His actions paved the way for the Jewish leaders' response to Pilate: "Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and all our children." (Matthew 27:25) Nine words dictated a progression of persecutions from Titus (70 A.D.) to the Inquisition and beyond in Auschwitz and Buchenwald.

The mechanics of the betrayal was on the vehicle of convenience... "And he sought how he might conveniently betray him." (Mark 14:11) The Scriptures use the word convenient occasionally in a good sense, but it is utilized three times with telling effect: Herod (Mark 6:21), Felix (Acts 24:25), and Judas. In all three cases it marks a man who is looking for convenience only and never for the truth. "My singular device was strictly for convenience." Really?

A Sheepdog Barks!

It's been a long two years dealing with all this 2016 general election crud. As I write this, it is still not known who has been elected President of the United States (POTUS). This old sheepdog's brain is tired and concerned. After I absorb what the American people decided on November 8th I will have some thoughts in my column on November 18th. I need the time to process what really happened to America on Election Day. I know many of you probably feel the same way. I am so tired of all the subjective opinions of the media. I do know this; Tuesday was an important day for the future of America. I hope enough freedom-loving Americans chose to vote to help restore the valued principles of our Founding Fathers. The polls tell us that is not the case. But I have great hope that actual intelligent and thinking citizens will save the day. We'll see. By the time you read this we will know. Hopefully God will intervene and help save this great country from complete ruin. If we get more of the same I will have lost hope. WOOF!

So if the results are bad and America elects the most unfit and dishonest woman in America to be president we can be assured of many more anecdote's like the following ones. The LPSDs have nearly destroyed this country and I'm not sure we can survive four or eight more years of liberal progressiveness. We don't need more stories like these "Only in a Liberal Progressive America!" (OIALPA) ones. WOOF!

OIALPA: University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. During a retreat in Panama City Beach a University fraternity threw an American flag on the ground and then stomped on it and urinated on it. They also verbally abused and spit on wounded warriors and their service dogs. The fraternity, Zeta Beta Tau, must be so proud of themselves. This is disgusting. Some are crying it's free speech. I served for many years to protect that 1st Amendment right. I just wish I could have been present to "help" them celebrate that freedom. As for spitting on the disabled veterans and their dogs, that is a true hate

crime. Many young people need to "feel" another point of view, if you know what I mean. WOOF!

OIALPA: Huntington Park, California. This California town put two illegal aliens on their town council. Why you might wonder? Because to an LPSD it's only fair -- everyone must be represented and have a say in how their town runs. But, they are illegal aliens with no citizenship rights you might say. Well according to an LPSD you would be wrong. We're thinking maybe next year they will add two burglars and two drug dealers. Everyone's view point is valid yes? And my sheepdog apologies to Governor Jerry Brown. He has banned the use of the word alien. Even though that is the proper word, the 'word police' have decided it's not nice. It's a "hate" word you see-- and leads to "hate" actions. Wow, live and learn, although that concept is so alien to me. WOOF!

OIALPA: United States of America. I just listened to a dog food commercial that proudly promoted that its product contained "no gluten." Now I'm partial to dogs, especially sheepdogs, but doesn't this go a little far? Sure dogs should be healthy but there isn't even any solid evidence that gluten is a bad thing for humans. What's next here dog-cat equality? PLEASE! WOOF!

OIALPA: Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. A program at the college says that the three most destructive words a boy can hear when growing up is "Be a Man." Apparently that phrase promotes "masculinity" and "masculinity comes with harmful side effects." Good Grief. I guess so, if you want a nation of complete sissies. Thank God we had some boys that became men during WWII. The LPSDs continue to emasculate America. Unisex is just around the corner. That might work just fine when there are unisex robots. There will be no real need for the differences between men and women. God help us! WOOF!

OIALPA: DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois. DePaul



University, a Catholic University, banned a poster that promoted the concept that "Unborn Lives Matter." It was patterned on the same kind of poster that says "Black Lives Matter." The University President said that the poster was "hurtful speech," promoted "bigotry under the cover of free speech" and was "NOT in sync with Catholic teaching." What was apparently more important than the sanctity of life was the fact that the poster might provoke the BLM movement. Really? If this ban is allowed to stand, then the Catholic Church is losing its way. This is what the LPSD America really wants. WOOF!

OIALPA: University of Michigan, East Lansing, Michigan. The University is hosting segregated "Diversity" events. What? When questioned about how that works a spokesman said some LPSD gibberish that went something like this: "We all need to get along but must respect when one group wants to dialogue among themselves." Really? Wasn't that what "desegregation" and "inclusiveness" were all about? I've always been amazed that it's okay for some groups to do that but not others. Can you imagine a Congressional "White" Caucus in the U.S. Capitol? Impossible! WOOF!

LATE BREAKING GOOD NEWS! Trump wins! Republicans hold House and Senate! HiLLIARY concedes! America is back on the right path! SCOTUS is safe! A real and honest investigation can happen! Thanks to hard working Americans, Thanks to Christians and especially Thanks to rural Americans! A 21 gun, 'er I mean WOOF salute! More sheepdog analysis and sheepdog thoughts next week! **PRAISE THE LORD!** WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Sentinel Ladies Celebrate Trump Victory



Norma Jean Hughes and Yvonne “Princess” Phillips, two of the many Sentinel Ladies, celebrate the Trump “Deplorables” victory outside the Sentinel building on Main Street, Westcliffe, Colorado. God Bless America and pass the ammunition.

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ELECTIONS from page 1

Amendment T: No Exception to Involuntary Servitude Prohibition - Defeated 50.8% to 49.1% (*Sentinel: Good Result*);

Amendment U: Exempt Certain Possessory Interests From Property Taxes - Defeated 56.7% to 43.2% (*Sentinel: Good Result*);

Amendment 69: State-wide Health Care System - Defeated 79.6% to 20.3% (*Sentinel: Extremely Good Result*);

Amendment 70: Raise State Minimum Wage - Passed 54.3% to 45.6% (*Sentinel: Bad Result*. Eliminates many entry level positions and increases business expenses);

Amendment 71: Requirements for Constitutional Amendments (“Raise the Bar”) - Passed 56.9% to 43% (*Sentinel: Good Result*);

Amendment 72: Increase

Cigarette and Tobacco Taxes - Defeated 53.6% to 46.3% (*Sentinel: Good Result*);

Proposition 106: Access to Medical Aid-in-Dying Medication (“Assisted Suicide”) - Passed 64.5% to 35.4% (*Sentinel: Bad Result*);

Proposition 107: Presidential Primary Elections - Passed 63.6% to 36.3% (*Sentinel: Bad Result*, allows unaffiliated voters to vote in a party’s primary);

Proposition 108: Unaffiliated Voter Participation in Primary Elections - Passed 52.3% to 47.6% (*Sentinel: Bad Result*);

In Pueblo County a ballot measure to ban retail pot was defeated and a similar measure in the City of Pueblo was also defeated.

The Sentinel will print the Custer County election numbers next week after they are final.

God Bless America.

HUG A VET from page 5

U.S. Congress promised all manner of help and reform. They mostly just provided more false promises and threw some more money at the problem. More money is never the answer. By this November there has been little change. No one was held responsible, almost no one was fired, there are still fake waiting lists, veterans still are not getting the care they deserve yet the VA employees got their year-end bonuses. Meanwhile 20 veterans a day commit suicide according to a VA research report released

this August and yet calls to the VA Help Hotline still go to an answering machine. The government has failed our veterans and has for a long time. President Obama and the whole of the U.S. Congress just paid lip service to the real needed reforms of the VA. Secretary Bob McDonald has also essentially failed. Veterans deserve better.

The VA has initiated a comprehensive initiative to transform the way the VA services and cares for our veterans. It’s called the MyVA program. It calls for a long term course of excellence and reform, rebuilding trust with all veterans.

Things have improved marginally since the Phoenix access crisis, but there is a long, long way to go.

Consider the following statement from Bill Rauch, executive director of Got Your 6 while referring to the Veterans First Act. “There’s legislation sitting on the Hill that would allow the VA to provide better service to more veterans across the country, and no one is taking action to push it through!! Really? Maybe all the politicians have been too busy trying to get reelected. Shame on them all. Our government continues to let our veterans down.



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