

A Glorious Veterans Day Banquet



L to R : Joy Lowe, Mistress of Ceremonies; Larry Lowe, Commander The American Legion Post 170; First Sergeant Nathan Hepfer, Keynote speaker; Audrey Simpson, Wife of Dave Simpson; Dave Simpson, Honor Guard Officer in Charge and event organizer; Carol Kennedy, Post 170 Chaplain.

Photo by Bob Dreher

Press Release

The Veterans Day banquet at Tony’s Mountain Pizza on November 11th was spectacular. Over sixty local Veterans and non-Veterans attended the banquet. Larry and Joy Lowe performed the POW/MIA remembrance table and Carol Kennedy and Auxiliary member Kathy Luman performed the remembrance ceremony honoring Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members who have passed. Dinner was superb consisting of prime rib, chicken and pasta. First Sergeant Hepfer’s keynote speech was outstanding stressing the importance of supporting our Veterans, the Active Duty and our military mission. Commander Lowe presented First Sergeant Hepfer with a certificate of appreciation from Post 170, a Post challenge coin and a one year free membership in the American Legion. It was an opportunity for all to share their stories and experience great moments of comradeship.



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My covenant I will not break,
Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

Psalms 89:34 NKJV

The Legion Finds a Solution

Press Release

Approximately six years ago Post 170 of The American Legion discovered that there was no central place for residents to take their worn and tattered U.S. Flags for a proper disposal. The result was that our Country’s Colors were sometimes thrown in the trash or tucked away in someone’s home awaiting a solution for how to handle their precious U.S. Flag.

One of the main principles of The American Legion is to promote, teach and foster Americanism and respect for the Constitution and U.S. Flag. Post 170 took up the challenge in Custer County to provide a place for people to bring their worn flags for proper disposal. Over the years the temporary location has moved from place to place. The hope of Post 170 has been to provide a permanent place with 24/7 access for people to dispose of their U.S. Flags.

That day has come!



Courtesy photo

With the help of Post Mistress Kathy Secora; Frank Oberlin, Jeremy Craig and Paul Copeland of Critical Path Metal-Works; Charles Bogle and Larry Weber of The American Legion; and Mick Bayless, we are now able to provide a permanent and secure place for proper disposal of U.S. Flags.

Join us for the dedication of this solution on Monday, November 21st at 10 a.m. at the Custer County Annex located at 615 Rosita Avenue across the street north of the Court-house.

School Board Wins Prestigious Award

by George Gramlich

The Custer County School District (CCSD) C-1 School Board was recently selected to be the 2016 All State School Board by the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB). This award is open to all CASB members and is based on how the school board “governs” in five areas.

The CCSD Board prepared their application letter and submitted it to CASB on September 13, 2016. In it they stated their work in the five areas of concern:

1. **How the Board advanced student success:** For the 2015-2016 school year, the Board adopted a “Ninety Day Plan”, developed by Superintendent Mark Payler. This plan, based primarily on interim benchmark assessment tests, targeted math and literacy goals, identified the root causes of low performance and set a time line for remedial action. The Board also started plans to implement career and workforce counseling at the 6th grade level.
2. **How the Board Demonstrated Leadership at the District and Community Level:** The Board was very active in encouraging local involvement in CCSD C-1

via the School Accountability Committee, the Bobcat Booster Club, the Mentor Committee, the Food Service and Facilities Committee, the Transportation Committee and various BOCES activities. Other community involvement was with the Excellence in Education and Adopt a Class groups. The Board also started renovating the old, stand-alone preschool to be used as a multi-unit teacher residence facility.

3. **How the Board Used Sound Reasoning and Strong Ethics in Its Decision Making Process:** The Board developed a new superintendent evaluation procedure with quarterly reviews a year. The Board also requested the superintendent to develop an evaluation system for all employees.

4. **How the School Board Continuously Developed Its Members Individually and As a Team:** The Board attended multiple CASB conferences as a team and individually and were active in multiple CASB committees. They are also active in various community organizations such as the Future Farmers of America. In addition, the Board holds an annual retreat and is planning to have a “board evaluation” workshop.

5. **How the Board Displayed Excellence and Consistency in Responding to Challenges or Issues the Board or Community Faced:** The Board “developed a brochure which is available at all board meetings which outlines the procedures of public input at board meetings and gives a brief background of each board member..”. The Board requested the superintendent to develop a good relationship with both local newspapers. The Board took a strong stance against legalizing marijuana in the community.

Congratulations to our excellent School Board. There have been quite a few major improvements and changes in our school over the last year. Our thanks to the School Board members: Terre Davis, Montgomery Lee, Bob Jolley, Brian Cline and Jake Shy.

Thanks also to the administration staff: Superintendent Mark Payler, High School Principal Jack Christensen, Elementary/Middle School Principal Holly Anderson and Business Manager, Amy Perschbacher.

And thanks of course to all of our dedicated teachers who are the ones that make it happen.

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

Thoughts On the 2016 Election



For the most part Custer County remains solidly conservative. Overall, the state is still slightly liberal progressive. Bennett retained his Senate seat. And the state went with Hillary Clinton even though millions of Democrats nationwide thought she was unfit and untrustworthy for the office of the president of the United States. She received a little over 100,000 votes more than Donald Trump and so Colorado's nine electoral votes went to her. That's about four percent more than Trump received but still makes us a "Blue" State. If you look at the Red-Blue U.S. election map Colorado and New Mexico "ruin" the "Red Sea" of middle America. If you are not a liberal progressive then that is a sad condition.

In Colorado the third party (and the fourth through 20th parties) votes really hurt conservatives. As of Saturday afternoon Hillary was only leading by 111,109 votes. Gary Johnson alone received 136,354 votes. Jill Stein got 35,719 votes and Evan McMullin (Utah) got 26, 823 votes. All other presidential candidates received another 89,681 votes combined. Makes one wonder. That's over 300,000 votes. You can do the math. There

were enough votes there, in our opinion, to make Colorado "Red". But everyone is entitled to vote the way they see fit. We believe those votes were wasted. No one had a chance to win except Clinton or Trump. Similar throw-away votes could also have helped elect Darryl Glenn.

The Democrats added six seats in the State House to their majority for a total of a nine seat advantage, and the Republicans maintained their one seat majority in the State Senate. That is very significant and keeps Colorado in the purple category with a split legislature which will help stop future liberal insanity or any more gun control.

We are pleased that the voters put a stop to Colorado Care. It would have been worse than Obamacare. We regret that the voters passed minimum wage and Aid-in-Dying Medication. We believe strongly that both of those measures will turn out badly for Coloradans.

On the local scene, Donna Hood defeated John Johnston by about 476 votes and Jay Printz was unopposed. We congratulate the winners and hope they will serve the county well.

On the national scene,

the title of President-elect Trump surprised many Americans. The polls and pundits were simply wrong, very wrong. Liberal progressives are in disbelief and in fact, many refuse to accept the results and are protesting and rioting in several big cities. The violence and destruction is increasing and we hope the authorities will start doing their jobs and put the civil and criminal disobedience down soon. No one cares about peaceful demonstrations or how long they last. We are more concerned with the paid anarchists. We are not sure why President Obama did not speak out immediately when the protestors turned violent and destructive. We are not surprised, however. The left seemed very concerned that the Trump

supporters would not accept the outcome of the election. They don't seem so concerned about what's happening now. Hypocrisy as is expected from them. Ironically, the crowds are carrying around signs that say "Love Trumps Hate" while they go about beating other people up, destroying businesses and property and disrupting the lives of millions of other citizens. Par for the course. Maybe their signs should say "Hate Trumps Tolerance."

The analysis of this election will go on for years. Quick statistics reveal that many more women, Hispanics, blacks and blue collar workers voted for Mr. Trump than was being projected. Other quick numbers reveal the following. Mr. Trump won the

"Rust Belt" states by very slim margins because the black vote in the big cities was way down. The low turnout in the four states of Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania cost Mrs. Clinton the election. On the national level, there were almost five million less Democrat votes than in 2012. The Democrats will have to figure out why. We offer the following explanation. Liberals knowingly and willingly nominated a completely unfit, untrustworthy and dishonest woman under active FBI investigations as their nominee. And then a big number of Obama's followers didn't support that woman. Fortunately, that was good news for America. Now, let's drain that swamp.





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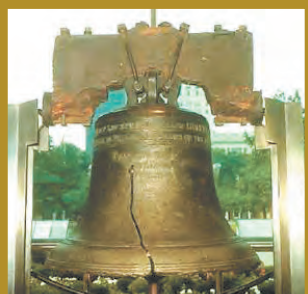
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“White Non-College Graduates”

Dear Editor,

I stayed up until 3 a.m. last Tuesday and I am delighted with the results. Watching and listening to TV’s talking heads, the phrase “white non-college graduates” was used often and not in a loving way. This phrase was frequently used to describe Trump supporters. It made me think about what message was being sent by the media elites. My guess is that the popular media wanted the general public to believe that somehow only the uneducated supported Trump. Yes, it is pretty shallow, but that is how it appeared to me.

For the record, I’m white. My heritage is the product of a legal Italian immigrant and a third generation descendent of New England Irish immigrants. I’m also a college graduate, BSME 1966. In my 41 years as a working American, I never collected one dime of

unemployment insurance. Frankly, I have a different take on why non-college graduates were so solidly behind the “Trump for President” effort. These voters without college degrees haven’t paid outrageous sums of their parents’ money to be brainwashed by some far left cadre of professors. Non-college educated Trump supporters never had their brains twisted in a way that caused them to see government as a solution to all problems, see socialism and communism as reasonable systems and are so intellectually lazy that they believe everything that the mass media and the political class feeds them. They would rather live in their parents’ basement, play video games and carp about their student debt with little or no prospects of ever earning a good living.

Many of the white non-college educated voters

marched to the polls in record numbers likely after putting in a full day’s work. They might wear flannel shirts, blue jeans and may have a union card or a technical certification from some trade school. These are the people who were rewarded on November 8th with a Trump victory. For those of you who have children under 18, you must think long and hard before spending your 401k money to send junior to one of these politically correct institutions who create “safe spaces” for Marxist talk uncontaminated by any opposing points of view while majoring in sociology or women’s studies. Doing this may ensure that your basement will be occupied for many years by a left of center voter voting to increase the minimum wage.

Sincerely,

Joe Cascarelli
Westcliffe, CO

Custer Strong

The thing about a tragedy in a small community is we GET to support each other. We GET to!!!! We don’t have to, we don’t need to, we don’t have to be paid to! So here is a thank you to all the restaurants and folks who helped and GOT to help during the Junkins Fire. Belle’s, Willies, Subway, Sugar and Spice Bakery, Elin Rusher, Elevations, Hwy 96 Road House, Pastor Vette and the Methodist Church, Claricy Rusk, Paul and Candi Sage and the Share Center, Joel Troyer and the South Amish Church Women, Firemen Women Auxiliary, Tony’s Pizza, Lowes Grocery Store, Valley Bible

Church and Dean Selden, Rancher’s Roost.

Another group of volunteers you might not be aware of is the Medical Reserve Corp (MRC). These folks stood up an evacuation center at Valley Bible Church, manned an evacuation phone line throughout the first days of the fire, and staffed the Disaster Assistance Center during the fire re-entry process. If you know a MRC member thank them. If you would like to be an MRC member contact Public Health at 783-3369.

MRC members who assisted with this incident are Ted Wiggin, Gail Frickell,

Mary Ellen Lesage, Jan Hedden, Desiree Lipka, Phyllis Dearborn, Lynn Butler, Allen Butler, Tom Shepard, Dee Shepard, Jessica Thurman (Pueblo MRC), Eileen Piasecki-Couch, Theresa Majka, Carol Davis, Cindi Flower, and Jane Stanley.

Of course, we are grateful for our local, state and federal partners who came to our aid and every community member who offered assistance in any way!!

Custer Strong!!

Gail Stoltzfus, RN
Director Public Health
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A Few Observations

A few observations I would like to point out to all the conservatives, and maybe some liberals, who may read this. This is not foreseeing the future but simply knowledge of human nature and a caution to those of us who are happy with the election results:

1. Conservatives/Evangelicals should not sit back and relax; thanking God for deliverance from potential disaster had the election gone differently. We made a difference in this election and we should not forget that. We can pray for our nation, much like Franklin Graham asked us to, but unless we get off our duffs and DO SOMETHING, we are abdicating our responsibility. We should continue to contact our senators/representatives to lay out our desires for the direction of our country. Many of us were disappointed by their lack of governing since the 2010 and 2014 upset.

2. Obamas' legacy may be

made in the next few months, although he won't realize it until he is out of office. The laws and executive actions can and probably will be reversed by Trump, and soon be forgotten but Obamas actions until January 21st will be talked about for decades.

3. After two years of a Trump presidency we need to look at the record of accomplishments so we know what adjustments need to be made in congress, like replacing RINO's with true conservatives. We should not fall for the liberal call for UNITY which equates to compromise on the right. Those on the left will never compromise, never stop pushing their agenda, always calling us unfair and bigoted. George Soros will continue to fund radical opposition to America and our Constitution. As another conservative said, we won, we don't need to back down.

4. Compare the response on

the left to this election, riots and protests, to the response on the right in 2008 and 2012. We didn't like it but we tolerated it. We tried to work to oppose him, and the left, LEGALLY.

5. Never forget the media will continue to lie, misreport and oppose the Trump administration. Of course CNN will continue to be the Clinton News Network. Even if you watch FOX news, don't assume they are conservative or on the right, they are not all. Some may appear to be on our side but watch every word they say and you will notice a crack in their façade. An old saying: If they can't dazzle you with brilliance, they will baffle you with bulls**t. (Beware)

I hope this will serve as a warning against complacency and a call to be vigilant for the next election.

Bill Bailey
Westcliffe, CO

Thank You: A Blessed Thing To See

Dear George,

It is a blessed thing to see a community come together when an emergency crisis occurs. The recent Junkins Fire was a perfect example of how a community reacts to support unique requirements.

I would like to give a great shout out to Dan and Michelle Hoffman who reacted in an extremely positive manner to provide outstanding

support to Posse members that were providing road security on the road near their home. They provided hot breakfast, dinner and supper each day of the event. These two veterans are a real asset to our community. Thank both of you very much from the bottom of my heart.

Semper fi,

Bob Hollingsworth
Westcliffe, CO

Thanks to Sentinel

Letter to the Editor

We want to express our unbounded appreciation to the *Sentinel*, George Gramlich, the editorial board, and all of the hard-working patriots. Carolyn and I thank them for their tireless efforts in support of electing Donald Trump and down-ballot conservatives to serve in Washington, D.C., Colorado and Custer County.

Your successful work to inform

and educate our Custer County voters resulted in an overwhelming victory for America - making America great again, reestablishing the "will of the people," and soundly defeating the tyranny of government.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

School Board Meeting

Custer County School Board Offers Superintendent Payler a Contract Extension

—November 8, 2016

by Larry Luikart, Reporter

Dr. Davis called the regular meeting of the School Board to order promptly at 4:30 p.m. She led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Agenda was approved with two minor additions to the personnel section under the Action Items. Dr. Davis indicated in correspondence to the board a seventh-grade student sent a letter offering her ideas regarding the removal of the Advisory period in the schedule. Dr. Davis referred the letter to the appropriate committee working on the issue.

During the Public Comments, Margie Bishop provided positive heartfelt comments regarding the superb work the board, administration, teachers and staff are doing to make the district a model of excellence.

President Davis and Superintendent Payler presented

a Bobcat Pride Certificate to J.T. Taylor for his outstanding performance in winning the State 2A Cross Country meet. Dr. Davis, in conjunction with the board presented two Bobcat Pride certificates, one to Dr. Wayne Ewing from the *Wet Mountain Tribune* and one to this reporter from the *Sangre de Cristo Sentinel* for our coverage of the school district news.

The regular board meeting minutes of the October 11, 2016 Board Meeting were approved. Victoria Stone, South Central BOCES EARSS (Expelled at Risk Student Services) grant coordinator discussed the Grant and its merits. The monthly District Financial Overview was presented by Business Manager Amy Perschbacher. Excellence in Education and Accountability reported on their activities.

President Davis reported the District Board applied to CASB (Colorado Asso-

ciation of School Boards) in an application for a designation as an All State School Board. The competition was open to any of the one hundred and seventy plus districts in the state. This designation requires superior performance in five CASB criteria: student success, leadership at the district and community level, sound reasoning and strong ethics, board development, and excellence and consistency in responding to challenges or issues the board or community have faced. A letter from CASB dated Octotober 18, 2016, honored the board as All State Board for pacesetting performance in 2015-16. The board will be presented their award December 9, 2016, at CASB's annual convention in Colorado Springs. (Congratulations to the board and to the entire school district for achieving this very high honor.)

Dr. Davis, in her BOCES report, discussed Super-

intendent Payler sharing information regarding the district's effort to attract new teachers. This information appeared as a front-page article on the *Colorado Rural Schools Alliance* magazine.

The following personnel were approved: Isaac Feldmann, Assistant High School Basketball Coach and Shelly Penkoff, Assistant Middle School Boys Basketball Coach. Both positions are paid positions. The board discussed at length and then approved the Facilities Major Maintenance Plan; the plan is a blue print for the needed maintenance and upgrades necessary to keep the physical plant current and safe. There is no source of funds to implement the plan which will require creative and innovative thinking to implement.

Policy JLCDB – Medical Marijuana Administration to Qualifying Students received a second reading approval.

Check Vouchers and Financial Reports were approved. President Davis discussed and provided each member with a Board Evaluation Instrument. Discussion only.

Elementary Principal Holly Anderson discussed the continuing emphasis on mathematics and teaching 'Seven Habits' to all the students by Thanksgiving. She discussed Britney Tretin's, 'Books for Breakfast' program. Once a month parents/community members can come to school to have breakfast and share a book with the children. The first one was a success and the next one is scheduled for November 17, 2016.

High School Principal / Athletic Director Jack Christensen offered his congratulations to J.T. Taylor for the State Cross Country win and Kayla Carter took 12th in the state competition. The volleyball team made the regional tournament in Hoehne. The Accountability Talk and writing rubric

continue to be implemented. He also discussed the continued implementation of the 90-day plan.

Superintendent Payler, in his report, indicated if the Governor's Budget Proposal went through as written, the district would lose \$63,000 in state funding. However, this budget must go through the legislative process so he was sure there would be changes before final approval.

There were no Public Comments for the last part of the meeting. The board adjourned into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's Contract/ Renewal. After an approximate fifteen minute meeting, the board reconvened publicly to announce Superintendent Payler has been offered a renewal of his contract through June 30, 2018.

The next board meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. in the library at the school.

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Happy Thanksgiving!

From Superintendent Payler

I would like to take this time to give thanks for our "bountiful harvest" of all those that make our schools a strong place of learning in our community. We have a rich bounty of volunteers that help our students achieve their dreams. Our teachers and staff ensure that our pupils have high expectations so they may be challenged in everything from math to science...and all in between...each and every day. Our law enforcement professionals and volunteers help keep our schools safe. And our board provides the vision of always putting students first...and for that I am both thankful and joyful.

Have a safe and memorable holiday...and may you give thanks for the rich gathering of both family and friends which brighten your life during this time of thanksgiving.

Thank you, each and every one, for making education a priority in Custer County.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Payler,
Superintendent
Custer County School District C-1

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School Assembly Focuses on Veterans Day



Custer County School students take a moment to honor those who served us.

Photo by Mark Payler

Frontier Pathways Scenic & Historic Byways Announce Photo Contest Winner



Rowedeane Doss's Winning Photo taken of the south gate of Beckwith Ranch.

Photo courtesy of Frontier Pathways

Press Release

Frontier Pathways Scenic & Historic Byway is excited and proud to announce the Grand Prize Winner of the Photo Contest for our 2017 Frontier Pathways Photo Calendar Contest. The winning photograph will be on the front

cover of our upcoming 2017 Calendar. Congratulations to Rowedeane Doss of Colorado Springs for her landscape photo of the Sangre De Cristo Range outside of Westcliffe, Colorado. Rowedeane's prize is an overnight stay at the Mountain Park Environmental Center's historic

Horseshoe Lodge in Beulah, Colorado.

Thank you once again to our judges, John Wark, Linda Cates and Glenn Miller.

Frontier Pathways wishes to thank all who drove the Byway and participated in this contest.



Bobcat Menu • Sept. 19- Sept. 22, 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk	Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk	Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk	Breakfast Biscuit & Gravy Fruit Milk
Lunch Elem. Hamburger Tater Tots Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Chicken Nuggets Roll & Mashed Potato Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Taco Banana Bread Corn & Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Fish Sticks Oven Fries Carrots & Fruit Milk
Lunch MS & HS Deluxe Hamburger Oven Fries Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Orange Chicken Fried Rice & Tossed Salad Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Taco & Lettuce Banana Bread, Corn Rice & Bean & Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Pulled Pork Sand. Baked Potato 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 18, 2016

The Suez Canal

The Suez Canal, located in Egypt, is a man-made canal that connects the Mediterranean and Red Seas. The canal was not finished until 1869, but there is a long history of interest in connecting both the Nile River in Egypt and the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea. The first canal in the area is believed to have been constructed between the Nile River delta and the Red Sea in the 13th Century B.C.E. The original canal was neglected and its use finally stopped in the 8th Century.

In the 1700's Napoleon Bonaparte conducted an expedition to Egypt. He believed building a French-controlled canal on the Isthmus of Suez would cause the British to either pay dues to France or send their goods over the southern part of Africa. Studies began in 1799, but construction was immediately stopped when a miscalculation in measurement showed the sea levels between the Mediterranean and the Red Seas as being too different for a canal to be feasible.

The next attempt occurred when a French diplomat, Ferdinand de Lesseps in the 1800's convinced the Egyptian Viceroy, Said Pasha, to support the building of a canal. The Universal Suez Ship Canal Company was formed in 1858 and given the right to begin construction of the canal and operate it for 99 years. The Egyptian government would then take control of the canal. Construction officially began April 15, 1859 and it opened ten years later, November 17, 1869.

The canal had an immediate significant impact on world trade as it allowed goods to be moved around the world in record time. In 1875, debt forced Egypt to sell its shares in ownership of the canal to the United Kingdom. There was continuous conflict over the use and control of the Suez Canal. In July of 1956 Egypt seized and nationalized the canal so passage fees could be used to finance the Aswan High Dam. On October 29th, Israel invaded Egypt, and Britain and France followed on grounds that passage through the canal was to be free. Egypt, in retaliation, blocked the canal by intentionally sinking 40 ships. These events were known as the Suez Crisis.

The United Nations ended the crisis in November of 1956 by arranging a truce among the four nations and the canal then reopened in March of 1957.

Today, the canal is operated by the Suez Canal authority. It is 101 miles long and 984 feet wide, beginning at the Mediterranean Sea and ending at Suez on the Gulf of Suez. There are no locks in the canal and it takes approximately 11 – 16 hours to pass through. Future plans for the canal are to widen and deepen it to accommodate the passage of larger crafts and more ships at one time.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: geography.about.com, history.com

Sangre de Cristo Sentinel • Westcliffe, Colorado

CORNER

“Twelve significant photographs in any one year is a good crop.”

– Ansel Adams

*Though your sins are like scarlet,
They shall be white as snow;
Though they are red like crimson,
They shall be as wool.*

Isaiah 1:18 NKJV

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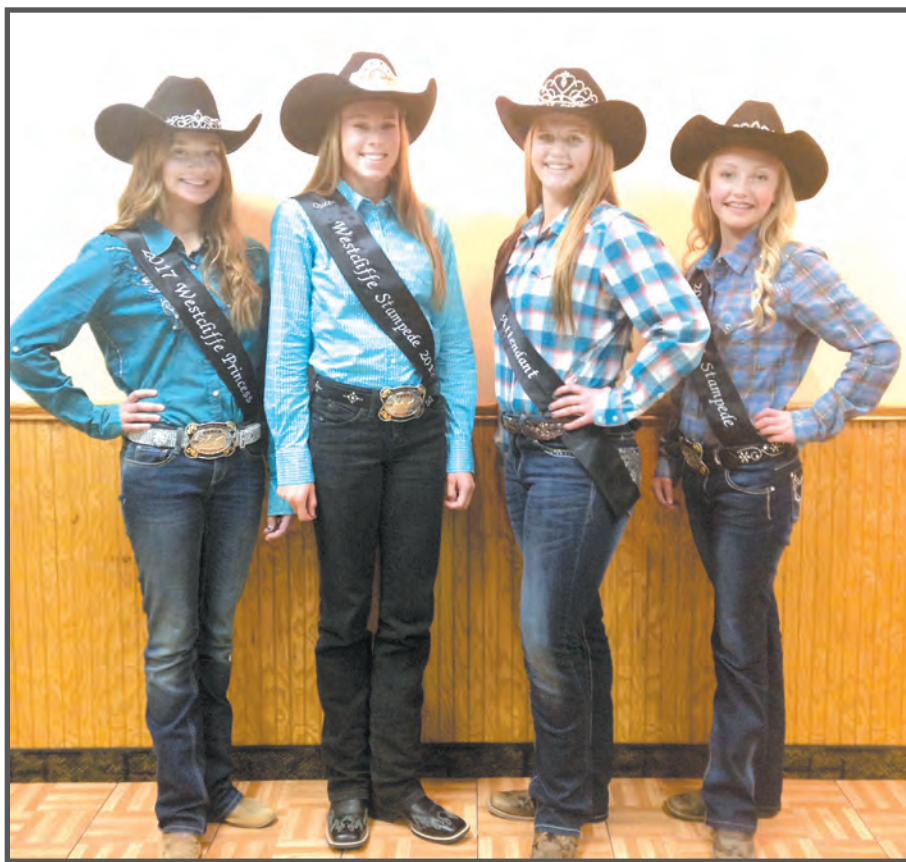
Saddle Club Royalty

The Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club is excited to announce the winners of the 2017 Rodeo Royalty. Congratulations to Queen Katlyn Freeburg and her Court! These ladies will travel Colorado as representatives of the Saddle Club, inviting visitors and support to our Valley for our Annual Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo - now in its 71st year of running.



Left to Right: Queen - Katlyn Freeburg, First Attendant - Megan Frahm, and Miss Stampede - Brooke Flynn.

Photo by Jennifer Russ



Princess Skyler Rose Smith, age 13, an 8th grade homeschooler and daughter of Johnny and Ginger (Dunnam) Smith.

Queen Katlyn Freeburg, age 18, a freshman at State University Pueblo, studying Biology with emphasis in Environmental Business and the daughter of Dave and Janet Freeburg.

First Attendant Megan Frahm, age 16, a junior at Custer County High School and daughter of Sherman and Kimberly Frahm.

Miss Stampede Brooke Flynn, age 13, a 7th grader at Custer County Middle School and daughter of Brock and Sarah Flynn.

Courtesy Photo

Hand Glazed Holiday Hams at Elevation Meats



Will Taylor melting the special glaze mixture into the Block & Barrel hams with Danny Newton looking on.

Photo by George Gramlich

by George Gramlich

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(Yea, I plead guilty. I had a piece. Yummy does not do them service. These hams are simply outstanding.)

Everyday Thanksgiving

*Even though I clutch my blanket and growl
when the alarm rings,
Thank you, Lord, that I can hear.
There are many who are deaf.*

*Even though I keep my eyes closed
against the morning light as long as possible,
Thank you, Lord, that I can see. Many are blind.*

*Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising,
Thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise.
There are many who are bedridden.*

*Even though the first hour of my day is hectic,
when socks are lost, toast is burned
and tempers are short, my children are so loud,
Thank you, Lord, for my family.
There are many who are lonely.*

*Even though our breakfast table never looks like
the pictures in magazines
and the menu is at times not balanced,
There are many who are hungry.*

*Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous,
Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work.
There are many who have no job.*

*Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate
from day to day
and wish my circumstances were not so modest,
Thank you, Lord, for life.*

— Short version. Author unknown.
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Friday, November 18
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Semi-annual **Indoor Yard Sale**
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Friday and Saturday, November 18 and 19,
at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, November 20, at 2 p.m.
"Inferno"
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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 \$\$

Wednesday, November 30
10:00 a.m. , Call-in Meeting
BOCC Meeting
Boardroom

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.

Friday, December 2, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday Dec 3, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Festival of Trees
25 Main St. Westcliffe

Saturday, December 3, All Day
All Aboard Westcliffe - Santa in Depot
Main St. Westcliffe

Saturday, December 3, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
SAG - Winter Holiday Show Reception
59000 N. Highway 69, Westcliffe

Saturday, December 3, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Christmas Parade
Main St., Silver Cliff

Saturday December 3, 5 p.m.
Cliffs Community Christmas Parade
Main Street

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 downtown Westcliffe.
6 p.m. Bible Study at Wild West Cowboy Church. Call 719-783-2676.

1st Tuesday of the Month

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

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Line dancers meet at the Methodist Church. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370.
6-7 p.m. Closed Big Book Study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emily at (719) 371-5974.
6:30 p.m. Men's and Women's Bible Study. First Baptist Church of Westcliffe Call 719-783-2498.

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

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

3 p.m. Scrabble Group West Custer County Library.

Last Wednesday of the Month

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

Thursday

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

Friday

6 -7 p.m. Open Discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emily at (719) 371-5974.
7 -8 p.m. Bible Talks with Domenic Enrietta and John Hartig. At the Library Community Room. All welcome. No charge.

Third Friday of the Month

Camp Happiness for 0-6 yrs old.
1-2:20 p.m. at West Custer Library.

Saturday

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

3rd Saturday of Month

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

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Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources
417 Cliff Street
Silver Cliff, CO 81252
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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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Sat.: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

2016 Festival of Trees

Press Release

Kick off your holiday celebrations this year at the 2016 Festival of Trees! This year's theme is "Christmas Movies" and will feature a public display of spectacular Christmas trees designed by local school children and businesses in the community. There will also be tabletop trees, wreaths, quilted items from the Old 'Westcliff' Schoolhouse quilters, a kid's holiday shopping corner and other holiday gift shop items for sale. This year the proceeds raised will go to

the Custer County Cheer Team to support their purchase of new uniforms and practice mats.

If you don't have time to decorate, come and bid on your favorite tree! Bids will close at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 3rd. All trees and holiday items are decorated and donated by local businesses, the Custer County School, and various organizations or individuals in the community. Another way to support the Festival of Trees is to join Santa's Club. Bronze sponsor-

ships are \$25, Silver \$50, Gold \$100, and Platinum \$150. Please contact Stacey Schoch by email at stacey.schoch@gmail.com or by phone at (719) 242-8371 if you have any questions or would like to get involved!

The 2016 Festival of Trees will be held at Grandmas House which is located at 118 Main St. Westcliffe, CO. The Festival of Trees will be open to the public on Friday, December 2nd from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, December 3rd from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

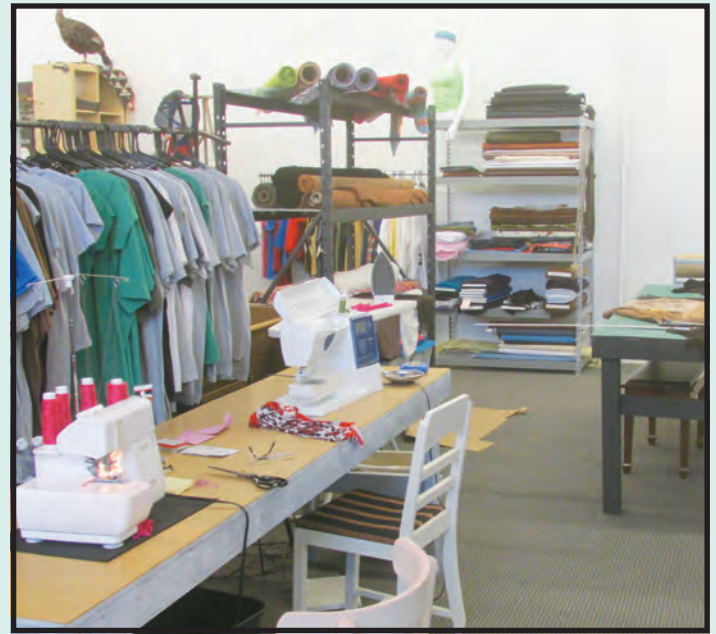
And my God shall supply all your needs

according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 NKJV



Beautiful Clothing Made in Colorado



Knowing from a small child what you want to do with your life is rare. “Knowing the desires of your own heart is a gift from The Dear Lord”, says Nanci Kezar, owner of Tailored West. She has been passionate about fine fabrics, sewing and designing clothing since her early teens. “I love to help women look and feel fabulous!”

Tailored West was born out of Kezar’s own fashion frustrations. Being a petite 5’2” and consistently needing to alter all ready-made clothing drove her to establish Tailored West’s “high-touch service”.

A growing portion of the clothing mix is designed and manufactured at the Cañon City location on Main Street, dubbed Tailored West Main. This is the hub of the business where all freight is received, inspected, priced and photographed for the business’ web site.

The clothing is displayed and sold in Cañon City, also at Tailored West Tejon in Colorado Springs, on the internet at www.tailoredwest.com, and in the near future Kezar hopes to be showcased at other fine fashion boutiques across America. “With our capabilities and equipment, customers can enjoy the fitting and tailoring of their selections, often completed while they continue shopping!”

Customers can enjoy a wide variety of fashions including tried and proven designer clothing lines such as Double D Ranchwear, Rock and Roll Cowgirl Jeans, Roja, Elie Tian and many more. In footwear you will see a beautiful selection of Tony Lama, Corral, Old Gringo boots, and Itaska Leatherworks moccasins.

You can find an entire outfit for a special occasion or stop in for hand-crafted gifts and jewelry by many local artisans. Most of the offerings are made in America and the commitment to value is assured.

“I take my role as leader and mentor to my team very seriously. The girls and I have touched many lives in these (nearly) four years and made so many friends along the way.” We hope to serve the communities for years to come.

Tailored West Main is located at 502 Main in Cañon City and Tailored West Tejon at 103 North Tejon in Colorado Springs. Check their website or their Facebook page for more information.

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Town of Westcliffe Meeting

Board of Trustees

—November 1, 2016

WESTCLIFFE, Colorado

by Sentinel Staff

The Trustees meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, and recognition of visitors. The Board approved last month's meeting minutes and moved to accept the Treasurer's report without discussion. Under Old Business, the Board passed a motion to approve ordinance no. 14 2016 amending Title 4, Chapter 1, Sales Tax. Under Old Business, the Board approved the following motions; Street closure for the Christmas Parade (the Parade is planned for December 3rd), Ordinance no. 15 2016 Amending Title 9, Chapter 2, *Specifying Weight Limits for Vehicles and use of Off Highway Vehicles*, Ordinance no. 16 2016; Amending Title 10, Chapter 2, Zoning Regulations, Section 3, Amending the building height for single family residential houses to 25 ft., appointing Mr. Hacker as the Westcliffe Municipal Judge, and approval of 0.55 acre

lot owned by Stephen King between 1000 Main St. and the Westcliffe east boundary to be annexed into Silver Cliff.

There were no additions to the agenda. The Board heard the following Staff Reports; The Planning Committee requested the Board consider changing the Westcliffe ordinances regarding open burning to be similar to those for Silver Cliff. The Board will review this request and discuss it at the next meeting. The Board will be collecting cost estimates to repair streets in Westcliffe, hoping to complete the project this year.

Paul Sage contributed the only public comment. The CCCS building trades program under the guidance of Bruce May, is converting the preschool building into housing for school teachers and is offering the old GOCO granted equipment from the preschool playground to a publicly accessible location in the town of Westcliffe. The Board will consider the offer and discuss it at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 6:15 p.m.

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 214 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 8 to EMS, and 8 to the Fire Department.

As of 11/14/16 there were seven males and one female in the county jail.

11/8/16:

Traffic Summons: Michael Gaarde of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 in a school zone.

Vandalism: A deputy was dispatched to a merchant on Main Street in Westcliffe who found a sign that read "Hitler Youth meetup Nov 8th 5:00 pm".

Stolen Mail: A deputy met with a party in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office who filed a report that her mail was stolen between October 28 and 29.

11/9/16:

Traffic Summons: Lorraine Barbieri of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over in a school zone.



Meteor Crash? Dispatch received a call from a

party in Blumenau who reported a possible plane crash on the western slope of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. A deputy met with the reporting party who provided photographs of a plume of smoke they saw, while other deputies glassed the mountain attempting to locate the source of the smoke. The incident was reported to the FAA, the NTSB, and the Saguache Sheriff's Office. Denver Air Traffic Control reported picking up an unknown object on their radar traveling at a high rate of speed, 400 mph, at approximately the same time the incident was reported to the Custer County Sheriff's Office. The object quickly disappeared from their radar leading FAA personnel to speculate that it may have been a meteor.



11/10/16:

Traffic Summons: Edward Hamrick of Athens, TX, for speeding 55 in a 25 mph zone.

Arrest: A deputy on routine patrol in Westcliffe pulled over a vehicle on Highway 69S, MM 58 that

was traveling at a high rate of speed. The driver, Arturo Cantu, of Tucson, AZ, was arrested on an active felony warrant out of Arizona.

Flight For Life: EMS was dispatched to CR 255 on an agency assist for Fremont County, for an unresponsive male. The Wet Mountain Fire Department was dispatched to the call to set up a landing zone for Flight For Life. The patient was airlifted to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

Flare Up: The Wet Mountain Fire Department was dispatched to Highway 165, MM 2, in response to a report of a flare up from the Junkins Fire.

11/11/16:

Traffic Summons: Mark Zahler of Brooklyn, NY, was issued a summons for failing to drive in a single lane.

Charles Smith for passing on the left in an unsafe manner.

Trespassing: A deputy was dispatched to Quanah Road in Bull Domingo to investigate a report of criminal trespassing.

11/12/16:

Traffic Summons: Mario Lopez of Abilene, TX, for



speeding 10 - 19 over.

Philip Hall of Cañon City for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Steven Waite of Pueblo West for speeding 25 - 39 over.

Injury: EMS had a walk-in at headquarters, a male complaining of head and back pain after falling 7 - 10 feet down a slope. The patient chose not to be transported to the hospital in an ambulance.

Trespassing: A deputy was dispatched to Highway 96 MM 8 regarding a report of hunters trespassing on private land.

11/13/16:

SAR: Custer County Search and Rescue was dispatched to Greenhorn Mountain on an agency assist, at the request of the Rye Fire Department, to locate a male hiker.

11/14/16:

Suspicious Vehicle: A deputy was dispatched to S. Adams Blvd. regarding a report of a suspicious vehicle.

Disturbance: A deputy was dispatched to South Street for a physical disturbance.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Custer County Board of Commissioners, at their January 2017 meetings, will be making appointments to the various county boards, commissions, and advisory groups. The Board of Custer County Commissioners will be accepting letters of interest for the following:

Airport Advisory Board; Affordable Housing Board; Arkansas Basin Round Table; Board of Zoning Adjustment; Enterprise Zone/UAACOG Revolving Loan Representative; Extension Advisory Board; Fair Board; Planning Commission; Southern Colorado Economic Development District (SCEDD); Southern Colorado Regional Emergency Trauma Advisory Council (CRETAC); Tourism Board; Weed Advisory Board; Wetmore Community Center Board; Wetmore Community Library Board.

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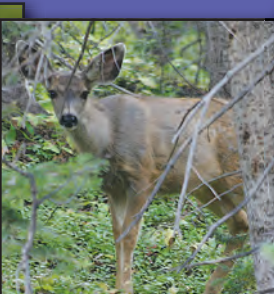


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Dragonman's Machine Gun Shoot 2016 was held September 17th and 18th. Renting out over 200 guns to the public and with over 2,000 in attendance, 700,000 rounds were fired in two days. Dragoman's is located at 1200 Dragonman Drive in Colorado Springs.



Elected Officials Contact Information

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We have staked the whole future of our new nation, not upon the power of government; far from it. We have staked the future of all our political constitutions upon the capacity of each of ourselves to govern ourselves according to the moral principles of the Ten Commandments of God.

James Madison: 1778 to the General Assembly of the State of Virginia

Custer County General Election Results

November 8, 2016

General Election - November 8, 2016				
Contest/ Candidates	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Total Percent
President of the United States				
Hillary Clinton / Tim Kaine	403	63	331	767 26%
Donald J. Trump / Michael R. Pence	1051	251	757	2059 67%
Danrell L. Castle / Scott N. Bradley	13	2	4	19 1%
Gary Johnson / Bill Weld	79	9	53	141 5%
Jill Stein / Ajamu Baraka	12	2	10	24 1%
Frank Atwood / Blake Huber	0	0	0	0 0%
"Rocky" Roque De La Fuente / Michael Steinberg	0	0	0	0 0%
James Hedges / Bill Bayes	1	0	0	1 0%
Tom Hoefling / Steve Schulin	0	0	0	0 0%
Chris Keniston / Deacon Taylor	2	0	2	4 0%
Alyson Kennedy / Osborne Hart	0	0	0	0 0%
Kyle Kenney Kopitke / Nathan R. Sorenson	0	2	0	2 0%
Laurence Kotlikoff / Edward Leamer	0	0	0	0 0%
Gloria Estela La Riva / Dennis J. Banks	1	0	0	1 0%
Bradford Lyttle / Hannah Walsh	0	0	0	0 0%
Joseph Allen Maldonado / Douglas K. Terranova	0	0	0	0 0%
Michael A. Maturon / Juan Munoz	0	0	0	0 0%
Evan McMullin / Nathan Johnson	4	1	4	9 0%
Ryan Alan Scott / Bruce Kendall Barnard	0	0	0	0 0%
Rod Silva / Richard C. Silva	0	1	0	1 0%
Mike Smith / Daniel White	4	1	3	8 0%
Emidio Soltysik / Angela Nicole Walker	0	0	0	0 0%
Write-In	0	0	0	0 0%
United States Senator				
Michael Bennet	487	75	382	944 31%
Darryl Glenn	1012	240	730	1982 65%
Lily Tang Williams	52	11	37	100 3%
Ann Menconi	7	3	7	17 1%
Bill Hammons	7	0	1	8 0%
Dan Chapin	3	0	1	4 0%
Paul Noel Florino	2	0	1	3 0%
Write-In	0	0	0	0 0%
Representative to the 115th United States Congress - District 3				
Scott R. Tipton	1090	249	791	2130 70%
Gail Schwartz	405	57	315	781 26%
Gaylon Kent	66	20	50	136 4%
State Board of Education Member - Congressional District 3				
Joyce Rankin	1045	246	765	2056 73%
Christine Pacheco-Koyeleski	376	64	322	762 27%
Regent of the University of Colorado - At Large				
Alice Madden	403	63	320	786 29%
Heidi Ganahl	979	236	731	1946 71%
State Senator - District 35				
Larry W. Crowder	1054	236	774	2064 70%
James W. "Jim" Caslas	376	58	300	734 25%
William Stuart Bartley	78	22	56	156 5%
State Representative - District 60				
David Higginbotham	384	54	305	743 25%
James D. "Jim" Wilson	1026	246	777	2049 70%
Glenn Ingalls	85	21	49	155 5%
District Attorney - 11th Judicial District				
Molly Chilson	1113	252	829	2194 100%
County Commissioner - District 2				
Jay D. Printz	1191	327	909	2327 100%
County Commissioner - District 3				
Donna L. Hood	878	173	656	1707 58%
John G. Johnston	638	130	463	1231 42%
County Clerk and Recorder				
Kelley S. Camper	1407	393	1043	2743 100%
County Surveyor				
Christopher L. (Kit) Sny	1039	261	711	2021 100%

ELECTION RESULTS Cont'd
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Eateries

- Alpine Lodge
6848 CR 140•Westcliffe
719-783-2660
Wed. - Sat., 5 - 10 p.m.
Sunday Brunch
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Reservations recommended

Rancher's Roost at Cliff Lanes
25 Main St. • Westcliffe
719-783-2147
Mon. - Sun, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday 9 p.m. - 3p.m.

Badger Clan Café
S 2nd St. •Westcliffe
Mon.-Sun 5:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m.
719-783-2507

Letter Drop Inn
Closed for Winter

**Belle's Diner
A Family Restaurant**
215 Main St., Westcliffe
719-783-0505
Sun. 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Mon-Sat. 7 a.m.- 8 p.m.

Silver Cliff Mountain Inn
700 Ohio Street • Silver Cliff
719/783-2688
Sat. - Wed., 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Thurs. & Fri., 7 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Open 7 days a week

Sangrita
Closed for Winter

Candy's Coffee
106 S. 2nd St. • Westcliffe
719-783-9516
Mon. - Sat, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

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

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

Hwy 96 Road House
404 Main St. Silver Cliff
719-783-3331
Sun - Thurs 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Fri - Sat 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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



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

Church of Christ
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Worship
Wedn. 6:00 p.m. Worship
818 Ohio Street
Silver Cliff
719/783-4601

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

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

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

Come and Worship



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

Our Lady of the Assumption
Roman Catholic Church
Diocese of Pueblo
11 a.m. Sunday Mass
10 a.m. Wednesday Mass
11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Wedn. Adoration
109 S. 5th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-3507

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sangre de Cristo Fellowship
Sundays, 10 a.m. Meet and Greet
Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Service
120 Jerry Court
Westcliffe
719/783-0903

Sangre de Cristo Seminary Chapel
10 a.m. Worship
6160 County Rd. 130
Westcliffe
719/783-2447
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Diocese of Pueblo
Saturday Mass 4:00 p.m.
Highway 69, Gardner

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

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

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

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

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



Colorado State News

Colorado: New Legislature, New Leadership

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Just two days after the election, both Republican and Democrat caucuses have selected their leadership teams for the upcoming legislature.

Kevin Grantham, a Republican and six-year veteran of the State Senate, will enter his final two years in that chamber as Senate President. Grantham is taking the reins from Bill Cadman, a popular figure at the Capitol, who served a total of sixteen years in both houses.

Jerry Sonnenberg, another popular lawmaker, was elected as Senate President pro Tempore,

following Ellen Roberts. Sonnenberg is a long-time veteran under the Golden Dome, first elected to the House of Representatives in 2006, and moving on to the Senate in 2015.

Douglas County's Chris Holbert, elected to the State Senate in 2014 after spending four years in the House, was chosen by his peers as Senate Majority Leader.

Senate Democrats chose Lucia Guzman as Minority Leader. Guzman, representing Denver, was appointed to the Senate in 2010, when Paula Sandoval took a pay raise and new position on the Denver City Council. Guzman later won election in both

2010 and 2014.

In the House of Representatives, Crisanta Duran of Denver was elected Speaker, running unopposed. She is the first female Hispanic Speaker of the House, and replaces Boulder's Dick-ey Lee Hullinghorst, who was term-limited (thank God).

In a three-way race for House Majority Leader, Rep. K.C. Becker of Boulder edged out Reps. Mike Foote and Faith Winter. Democrats also chose Alex Garnett as Assistant Majority Leader and Brittany Pettersen as Majority Whip.

House Republicans elected Pat-

rick Neville House Minority Leader, Cole Wist as Assistant Minority Leader and Lori Saine as Minority Whip. Both teams take the field just two months from tomorrow, when the 71st Colorado General Assembly comes to order.

Congratulations to all!

(Editor/GG: Tamper the hope that republicans will get anything positive done, or reverse some of the WRONGS that the libs did to our state a few years ago (re, the gun "laws"). They boast that they stop the libs from getting more bad things done (whoopee), but they refuse to play HARD BALL and RE-

DUCE SPENDING and get the MAGAZINE BAN repealed. It's the RINO get-along thing. And note the new senate president, our very own Kevin Grantham from Cañon City went from a Colorado Union of Taxpayers rating of "A" when he first got into the senate six years ago to a full RINO rating of "F" last year. And this guy is the head poohbah. A little depressing since the rest of the country woke up, but not Colorado.)

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Elections Matter 2016 – A Final Wrap-Up

by Representative Jim Wilson

Election Day is in the rear-view mirror. Some candidates won and others lost. That is the way the United States works. During this election cycle you may have heard politicians, and many ordinary Americans, refer to the United States as a democracy. Others find this aggravating because, unlike in a democracy where citizens vote directly on laws, in the United States, elected representatives do – and, therefore, the U.S. is a republic.

The election for president has generated a great deal of controversy this cycle. President-elect Trump's winning the Electoral College and losing the popular vote is nothing new to the election process. It is the 5th time in U.S. history that a president did not win the popular vote. Presidents Bush, Harrison, Hayes and J.Q. Adams were the others. Amazingly, the United States still survives! In light of what is going on following the 2016 election, perhaps we should consider this quote by NFL coaching great Paul Brown, "When you win, say nothing. When you lose, say less."

The problem with elections in the U.S. is not so much how people voted, it is how many people voted. In Obama's victory in 2008, he won 52.9% of the popular vote and 365 electoral

votes but over 41% of eligible voters did not vote! His 2012 victory garnered 332 electoral votes and 51.1% of the popular vote while over 45% of voters stayed home. In this 2016 election cycle, over 43% of eligible voters did not participate in the process. Rush Limbaugh summed it up rather well when he said, "More people vote in 'American Idol' than in any U.S. election." Obviously, those who do not vote make a difference...

Speaking of voting, I sincerely want to thank all of you who voted for me as your State Representative in House District 60. It will be an honor to serve a 3rd term representing Chaffee, Custer, Fremont and Park Counties. I will continue to vote my Conscience, my Constituents and my Caucus during this 71st Colorado Legislative session.

With a new legislative session comes new leadership. The Colorado Senate once again will have a Republican majority of 18-17. The new President of the Senate is Sen. Kevin Grantham (Cañon City). The Colorado House will have a Democrat majority of 37-28. The new speaker of the House is Rep. Crisanta Duran (Denver). We elected new Republican leadership in the House as well – Rep. Patrick Neville (Castle Rock) is the new Minority Leader.

Every session brings new challenges, and the 71st



General Assembly is no exception. The Governor's latest budget proposal anticipates a \$500 M shortfall. By statute, Colorado has to have a balanced budget. Trying to find places in the budget to cut \$500 M will make for some interesting discussions throughout the session. Two major funding needs in the state – education and transportation, will probably go unmet once again. Phyllis Rashad once said, "We are told there is not enough money for education, but somehow there is enough money for people to raise billions of dollars to defeat somebody in an election? Oh! Okay! Does that make sense?" Stay tuned for funding priorities to develop in 2017...

All that being said, I look forward to this next term and the opportunity to continue to be a strong voice in Denver for our rural counties. Again, thank you for your support and I look forward to continuing to be your State Representative.

*Yours for HD 60,
Representative Jim Wilson*

Let It Die: No On Amendment 69, Again

by ColoradoPeak Politics.com

Democratic State Senator Irene Aguilar can't figure out why we voted down Amendment 69 by 80 percent to 20 percent and rejected the creation of yet another government-run health care fiasco. She is already planning to revive the referendum that died shortly after it was born, in the hopes we might fall for

it a second time.

"My hopes are that we have raised awareness among the people in our state and really in our country about the fact that we have enough money to provide health care for everybody," said Aguilar.

First, she wants to conduct a sort of post-mortem to figure out what went wrong, but we'll save her the trouble.

We did not then, and will not in the future, choose to fork over enough taxes out of our payroll and other fees to give the state \$25 billion a year to destroy our health care needs and put our doctors out of business.

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My God, my strength in whom I shall trust;
My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.***

Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

**Cañon City
Fremont RE-1**
2nd and 4th Mon
5:30 p.m.
101 N. 14th St, Cañon City

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

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

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

**Royal Gorge
Tea Party**
2nd Thursday
6:30 p.m.
Core Knowledge
School Gymnasium,
890 Fields Ave.
Cañon City
www.royalgorgetea-party.com

**Fremont
Republican
Central
Committee**
4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
603 Main Street

**Southern
Colorado
Survivors**
1st Sat at 10 a.m.
El Alazan
Mexican Restaurant
1925 Fremont Dr.
Cañon City

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Florence City Council Meeting: Water Again

With A Twist Of Hemp and Possible Price Hike

by Charlotte Burrous

With the decreased use of water by the federal government, the water department in Florence has suffered a setback in various ways.

During the visitor’s section at Monday’s Florence City Council, Tim Jordan asked City Manager Mike Patterson if the debt retirement or the water fund is running a deficit.

“The debt retirement is not running a deficit,” Patterson answered. “We charge the \$29.37 or whatever it is a month to cover (the debt retirement), but the City of Florence water system has been running in a deficit for the past six or seven years. The system was sized and built to accommodate the federal prison. The debt service and size of the system was built for the needs of the community plus the federal prison. Then about seven years ago, the federal prison decided to economize essentially. They cut their water use in half and put the City of Florence and the Regional Water System where we’re not making money.”

Patterson, Mayor Keith Ore and the coal town mayors will sit down with the new warden at the prison to discuss the matter.

“There’s no way around it,” Patterson continued. “We’re going to have to get the feds to step up and pay

more than they’re paying. When you run the numbers, it’s very clear, the system was set up in such a way we would have a certain amount of water use. By far the largest water user is the federal prison. When they cut that in half, (it hurt). Unless we can come up with huge water users, which we haven’t been able to do, we’re going to have to get them to pay more.”

At the same time, the city and regional water system will have to raise the water rates accordingly for water users in system.

“It’s been long enough,” Patterson said. “We’re certain about trends. It’s not a fluke. We know the citizens of Florence are not going to use that much water. There’s really no way around it.”

During the meeting, the council tabled a water agreement with Rod Canterbury, who plans to grow hemp on the land near Sumo. Prior to the meeting, the council urged Patterson to contact the water engineer to find out how much the water is worth.

“We do sell this water to Sumo; it’s untreated water,” he said. “They pay us 12 cents per 1,000 gallons. The water engineer tells us he believes we could be charging in the neighborhood of 52 cents per 1,000 gallons. We’d have to think long and hard to charge [less] than that. We really need a resolution that sets

our rates and make it available. We have to consider if we want to charge more for in city or out of city. We want to make sure we’re focused on what [that would be]. We’re not ready to do that.”

He requested the council table the agreement until the next meeting when the resolution has been written to certain specifications.

“What they want to do is lease from us 50,000 gallons of untreated water for five years to grow hemp,” Patterson said.

He also announced Bryan Fredrickson resigned his position as city attorney several months ago.

“As he does, he was very gracious, he gave us lots of time,” Patterson said. “He has given us quality representation. This is his last meeting sitting with us. We went out and advertised for a new attorney.”

The decision was unanimous to go with Krob Law Office, LLC, who specializes in working with municipalities.

Judge Larry Allen swore Matthew Krob in as the new city attorney, replacing Bryan Fredrickson, who had served the City of Florence for many years.

Mayor Keith Ore presented a plaque to Attorney Fredrickson, who thanked the council and city for all their support over the years.

Events

Nov. 22 -Dec. 8

Free lunch to those in need will be offered from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. the third Saturday of the month in the Fellowship Hall at the First United Methodist Church at the corner of Ninth and Main streets.

COG lunch is served at noon every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 100 Railroad St. in Florence. Call 784-6493 before 9:30 a.m. for reservation. Meals cost \$2 for 60 and older and \$6.50 for 59 and younger.

Free lunch is served from noon-1 p.m. Tuesdays at Mercy Today Ministries in the back of the First Christian Church at 320 N. 16th St. in Cañon City. For more information, call 276-9242.

Lunches are served at noon Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Penrose Center at 405 Broadway in Penrose. Everyone is welcome. Meals are \$3 per person. Please call 372-3872 for reservations. Thrift Store is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Nov. 25, The second annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be offered from 5:30-7 p.m. at Depot Park on the corner of Ninth Street and Royal Gorge Boulevard.

Nov. 25, Deck the Halls will take place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Macon Plaza. Help decorate Christmas community trees for Main Street.

Nov. 26, Santa will make his first appearance in Florence at 11 a.m. in the Rocky Mountain Bank & Trust parking lot at Main Street and Pikes Peak Avenue. Be sure and stop by to see Santa, take a wagon ride and enjoy small town America.

Dec. 2, Penrose Chamber will host its **Annual Apple Country Memories Event** at 6 p.m. at Coyote’s Coffee Den at 675 Colo. 115. Activities include Santa Claus, hay rides, music by Colorado Country Music Association, marshmallows, apple cider and much more.

Dec. 3, Animal Swap will take place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Tractor Supply at 1919 E. Main St. in Cañon City.

Dec. 3, Cañon City Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade of Lights will take place at 6 p.m. in downtown Cañon City. This year’s theme is “The Miracle of Christmas.”

Dec. 8, Coping with Grief through the Holidays will take place from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Garden Park building at 201 N. Sixth St. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is free. Register online at stmhospital.org/calendar or call 285-2061.

Thanksgiving Dinners in Fremont County

by Charlotte Burrous

Spending time with family and having a great meal is the only way to spend Thanksgiving. Others enjoy going out to dinner during the day.

VFW 24th

This year, they will have that opportunity to do just that when VFW Post 4061 members serve a traditional Thanksgiving Day meal from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on November 24th at 215 Cottonwood Avenue in Cañon City.

“The meal is going to be cooked by Braden Hampton and I’ll be helping do the cooking,” said Commander Joe Anderson. “(Braden) is the chef. He did it last year.”

The meal will consist of turkey, ham, green beans, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, yams, desserts, beverages and more.

Last year, the VFW has fed about 600 people on Thanksgiving and 500 for Christmas. Anderson said they expected about the same this year. But it’s not just for those who are struggling. It’s also an opportunity for those who are alone to mingle with others.

Those who would like to have carry-outs are asked to call prior to Thanksgiving. Then on the big day, callers may start picking up the meals at 10 a.m. November 24th.

“We’re accepting food and money,” Anderson said. “Right now, we need almost everything.”

The items needed are turkeys, ham, dressing, pies, rolls, canned green beans, canned yams and instant potatoes, as well as funds to help buy whatever else is needed.

Also, volunteers are needed to help with set up and decorating, dish up the food and serving it, as well as

other details. For more information or for carry-outs, call 275-9886.

MERCY TODAY 22nd

Earlier in the week, Mercy Today will serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal at noon on November 22nd in the back of First Christian Church at 320 N. 16th in Cañon City.

Volunteers will prepare and serve the meal, just as they have for many years, for everyone who attends.

PENROSE CENTER 22nd

On the same day, the Penrose Center also plans to serve a special Thanksgiving meal at noon on November 22nd.

“It’s a potluck,” said Sheryl Dial, who volunteers at the center. “The center will provide the turkey and everyone can bring a dish to share.”

Steve Shannon, the director of the

center, said everyone is invited to come down for the meal.

“Those who bring a (dish) won’t have to pay the \$3,” he joked.

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Holding Accountability, Seizing Opportunity

Exit polls showed that some 80% of Christian evangelicals voted for President-Elect Donald Trump. Trump carried a percentage point less of the white vote than did his previous Republican nominee Mitt Romney. Trump gained over Romney with Blacks and Latinos. So this was not a “race” charged election, unless you consider that we are all one race, the human race. Christians stood in the gap and made up the hedge, otherwise Hillary Clinton would be President. That’s a fact. So all the deplorable, unredeemable, basement dwelling radical Bible thumpers elected a U.S. President. But mark my word, the biggest threat to America right now, this very day, is the Christian evangelical.

This election demonstrated that when Christians decide to do something in this representative republic, it can get done--if we act in unity and are led by the Holy Spirit. We have the power to hold accountability in this nation. We also have the God-given mandate to “overcome evil with good.” We are a threat to the nation because if we go back to our homes and families thinking that the job is done, that Trump will take care of business and all will be well, the nation will fail miserably. Christians must remain more engaged in society otherwise this nation will look like the protests of the losers across the country, who are protesting that Trump won and they are now “afraid” to be women, illegal immigrants and Muslims.

There are so many Christians wanting revival, but that is not going to happen unless Christians reach out to society with the good news of the gospel. It would be a revolutionary act, not a bunch of Christians getting together for a show. We need a Revivalution to hold accountability in this nation. It starts with building on the very thing that brought us together in this election. The one thing American Christians apparently will stand in uni-

ty against is a known and recognizable evil. We saw what that looked and felt like and we need to keep doing it. Otherwise we will have a Matthew 12:45 situation where an unclean spirit comes out of a man but returns “and takes with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.”

We can’t accomplish this revaluation by being all “holier than thou.” We have to show by example the standard we live by. We need to speak into peoples’ lives without being judgmental or legalistic. We need to know our place—ours is to show Christ to others, the Holy Spirit will convict them, and then we can coach ‘em up. We have a tremendous opportunity to hold accountability by exercising our faith; being firm, but not offensive; showing love and respect; disagreeing without being disagreeable or sanctimonious; living by God’s code of love, truth, honor, and justice. Lead by example.

When we see people protesting the election, or saying we are racist because of our vote, it’s easy to look at them as whiny ignorant loser pawns of the godless communist agenda, but we need to be above that. We need to show by example that we are not bigots, racists, xenophobes, homophobes or whatever other politically correct phobia they have invented. Jesus said in Matthew 5:44-45, “Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that you may be the children of your Father which is in heaven.” This is a time to seize the opportunity, and hold accountability in changing our nation for the better. Let’s do it!

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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by Daniel Greenfield, TruthRevolt.Org via ZeroHedge.com

This wasn’t an election. It was a revolution.

It’s midnight in America. The day before fifty million Americans got up and stood in front of the great iron wheel that had been grinding them down. **They stood there even though the media told them it was useless. They took their stand even while all the chattering classes laughed and taunted them.**

They were fathers who couldn’t feed their families anymore. They were mothers who couldn’t afford health care. They were workers whose jobs had been sold off to foreign countries. They were sons who didn’t see a future for themselves. They were daughters afraid of being murdered by the “unaccompanied minors” flooding into their towns. They took a deep breath and they stood.

They held up their hands and the great iron wheel stopped.

The Great Blue Wall crumbled. The impossible states fell one by one. Ohio. Wisconsin. Pennsylvania. Iowa. The white working class that had been overlooked and trampled on for so long got to its feet. It rose up against its oppressors and the rest of the nation, from coast to coast, rose up with it.

They fought back against their jobs being shipped overseas while their towns filled with migrants that got everything while they got nothing. They fought back against a system in which they could go to jail for a trifle while the elites could violate the law and still stroll through a presidential election. They fought back against being told that they had to watch what they say. They fought back against being held in contempt because they wanted to work for a living and take care of their families.

They fought and they won.

This wasn’t a vote. It was an uprising. Like the ordinary men chipping away at

the Berlin Wall, they tore down an unnatural thing that had towered over them. And as they watched it fall, they marveled at how weak and fragile it had always been. And how much stronger they were than they had ever known.

Who were these people?

They were leftovers and flyover country. They didn’t have bachelor degrees and had never set foot in a Starbucks. They were the white working class. They didn’t talk right or think right. They had the wrong ideas, the wrong clothes and the ri-

“...sixty million Americans did the impossible. They turned the world upside down.”

diculous idea that they still mattered.

They were wrong about everything. Illegal immigration? Everyone knew it was here to stay. Black Lives Matter? The new civil rights movement. Manufacturing? As dead as the dodo. Banning Muslims? What kind of bigot even thinks that way? Love wins. Marriage loses. The future belongs to the urban metrosexual and his dot com, not the guy who used to have a good job before it went to China or Mexico.

They couldn’t change anything. A thousand politicians and pundits had talked of getting them to adapt to the inevitable future. Instead they got in their pickup trucks and drove out to vote.

And they changed everything.

Barack Hussein Obama boasted that he had changed America. A billion regulations, a million immigrants, a hundred thousand lies and it was no longer your America. It was his.

He was JFK and FDR rolled into one. He told us that his version of history was right and inevitable.

And they voted and left him in the dust. They

walked past him and they didn’t listen. He had come out to campaign where they still cling to their guns and their bibles. He came to plead for his legacy.

And America said, “No.”

Sixty million Americans repudiated him. They repudiated the Obamas and the Clintons. They ignored the celebrities. They paid no attention to the media. They voted because they believed in the impossible. And their dedication made the impossible happen.

Americans were told that

walls couldn’t be built and factories couldn’t be opened. That treaties couldn’t be unsigned and wars couldn’t be won. It was impossible to ban Muslim terrorists from coming to America or to deport the illegal aliens turning towns and cities into gangland territories.

It was all impossible. And fifty million Americans did the impossible. They turned the world upside down.

It’s midnight in America. CNN is weeping. MSNBC is wailing. ABC calls it a tantrum. NBC damns it. It wasn’t supposed to happen. The same machine that crushed the American people for two straight terms, the mass of government, corporations and non-profits that ran the country, was set to win.

Instead the people stood in front of the machine. They blocked it with their bodies. They went to vote even though the polls told them it was useless. They mailed in their absentee ballots even while Hillary Clinton was planning her fireworks victory celebration. They looked at the empty factories and barren farms. They drove through the early cold. They waited in line. They came home to their children to tell them that they had done their best for their fu-

ture. They bet on America. And they won.

They won improbably. And they won amazingly.

They were tired of ObamaCare. They were tired of unemployment. They were tired of being lied to. They were tired of watching their sons come back in coffins to protect some Muslim country. They were tired of being called racists and homophobes. They were tired of seeing their America disappear.

And they stood up and fought back. This was their last hope. Their last chance to be heard.

The media had the election wrong all along. This wasn’t about personalities. It was about the impersonal. It was about fifty million people whose names no one except a server will ever know fighting back. It was about the homeless woman guarding Trump’s star. It was about the lost Democrats searching for someone to represent them in Ohio and Pennsylvania. It was about the union men who nodded along when the organizers told them how to vote, but who refused to sell out their futures.

No one will ever interview all those men and women. We will never see all their faces. But they are us and we are them. They came to the aid of a nation in peril. **They did what real Americans have always done. They did the impossible.**

America is a nation of impossibilities. We exist because our forefathers did not take no for an answer. Not from kings or tyrants. Not from the elites who told them that it couldn’t be done.

The day when we stop being able to pull off the impossible is the day that America will cease to exist.

Today is not that day. Today fifty million Americans did the impossible.

Midnight has passed. A new day has come. And everything is about to change.

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Celebrate Today, Fight Tomorrow

by The ZMan

Like most everyone, the election result left me in a state of mild euphoria for the last dozen or so hours. It's mostly due to the fact I stayed up half the night watching the results. I'm usually in bed by midnight so being up past two a.m. made for a challenging day. Even so, it feels pretty good to see the good guys win once in a while. It feels even better when you are proved right. I put Hillary at 46% for this election and she came in a tiny bit higher, but well below 50%. I said all along that the status quo must break 50% to carry the night.

Now, I look forward to the triumph. In January, Donald Trump will enter the Imperial Capital in a four horse chariot, wearing a laurel crown and painted toga. Behind him, in chains and rags, will be the members of NeverTrump. The great enemy of the people and the threat to the republic, Hillary Clinton, will be displayed in a wheeled cage so the citizens can throw rotten vegetables at her. After the festivals, the proscription lists will be posted around the city and the NeverTrump loons will be thrown into a pit.

Yes, victory feels good.

That said, this is not the end. It is just the beginning and the road from here to a safe and healthy country is long and full of perils. A political class that is will-

ing to tolerate festering carbuncles like the Clintons, is perfectly willing to close ranks and do everything it can to destroy the

selves from Trump were all punished at the polls. The world is upside down.

That's what makes Trump

of faith among the political class that Trump would hurt down-ballot candidates. He was a badge of shame on the GOP, akin to slavery,

One reason Trump exists and is the next president is that the political class is long overdue for reform. The reason the political class is a dumpster fire is the public has lost its civic morality. That cannot be fixed with one election. That cannot be fixed by one man in one job. What ails the country is not a missing comma in the tax code or the regulatory code. The political culture in Washington has to change and that happens when the American culture changes.

Another reason Trump is the next president is a lot of people were willing to say what is not supposed to be said. Good men have sacrificed much in an effort to stem the cultural slide.

media trouble makers like Ricky Vaughn and John Rivers. Telling people, who hate you, things they don't want to hear, takes commitment and guts.

Today is the start of the long war to try and save the nation and our culture. Join the H. L. Mencken Club. Go to an American Renaissance event. Kick in a few bucks to a Steve Sailer beg-a-thon. Tune into an Anthony Cumia show. Be a John Derbyshire listener. Tell the screeching harpies in the office that maybe giving women the vote was not such a great idea. Sign up for a Gab account. Speak the truth in a world where speaking truth is a revolutionary act. Be a man with nothing to lose.

“A political class that is willing to tolerate festering carbuncles like the Clintons, is perfectly willing to close ranks and do everything it can to destroy the Trump presidency.”

Trump presidency. A nation willing to vote for a woman with the ethics of Pol Pot is a nation willing to stand aside and let the political class stymie any attempt to reform the broken system. Cautious pessimism is the right outlook today.

The thing Trump has working for him is that the ruling class is truly stunned at the result of the election. This is a black swan event for them. This is not just a media phenomenon. Kelly Ayotte is staggering around Manchester, New Hampshire, with her panties on her head, asking people if they know where she lives. She went all in on rejecting Trump and now she is out of a job. The politicians that listened to their party leaders and distanced them-

so frightening to the political class. It's not that they threw everything at him and he won. That can happen. Political athletes are skilled at beating the odds. What's frightening about Trump is that he is the nullification of conventional politics. He ran an old school campaign and ran it like a business, instead of a jobs program for the political class. He ticked none of the boxes the experts say you must tick. He rearranged a political map everyone said could not be changed. Trump is a scary man right now.

The thing that scares the political class more than anything is that Trump had coattails. It was an article

and they would not recover for a generation. Instead, Trump boosted candidates

“The reason the political class is a dumpster fire is the public has lost its civic morality. That cannot be fixed with one election.”

who embraced him and his success probably saved the Senate and may have saved the House. Everything the political class believed on Monday was proved false on Tuesday.

Pat Buchanan, Steve Sailer, Paul Gottfried, John Derbyshire and others have given up a lot to be right in an age when being right can often be dangerous. There's also the social

Celebrate now. Tomorrow we go back to the war.

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Did God Show Up For America?

by Franklin Graham, via Facebook

Did God show up? In watching the news after the election, the secular media keeps asking “How did this happen?” “What went wrong?” “How did we miss this?” Some are in shock. Political pundits are stunned. Many thought the Trump/Pence ticket didn't have a chance. None of them understand the God-factor.

Hundreds of thousands of Christians from across the United States have been praying. This year they came out to every state capitol to pray for this election and for the future of America. Prayer groups were started. Families prayed. Churches prayed. Then Christians went to the

polls, and God showed up.

While the media scratches their heads and tries to understand how this happened, I believe that God's hand intervened Tuesday night to stop the godless, atheistic, progressive agenda from taking control of our country.

President-elect Donald J. Trump and Vice President-elect Mike Pence are going to need a lot of help and they will continue to need a lot of prayer. I pray that President-elect Trump will surround himself with godly men and women to help advise and counsel him as he leads the nation. My prayer is that God will bless America again!

Please see: <https://www.facebook.com/>

by Michael Shedlock, MishTalk.com via ZeroHedge.com

Donald Trump won the presidency, but Hillary won the Popular Vote by a margin of 206,379 or so.

That fact caused Simon

Rosenberg, a veteran Democratic strategist and the president of the New Democrat Network (NDN) think tank to **moan about a Democratic Party in Crisis.**

“We are the only democracy in the developed world where if you win more votes

you don't control the government and the legislature. There is not a wholesale rejection of the Democratic party and the Democratic brand, that's not what happened last night despite the fact we now have less power than we've had since 1928.”

Let's investigate Rosenberg's complaint another way.

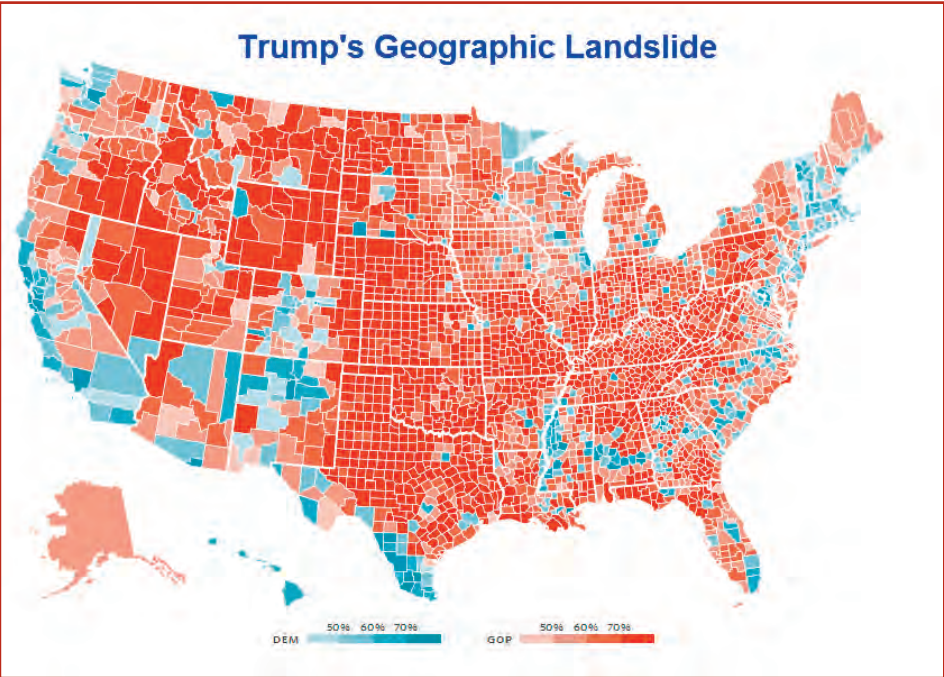
Geographically speaking, Trump won at least 80% of the Nation. The only states Hillary carried are Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Trump won every county in Oklahoma and West Virginia. Trump won all but one county in Wyoming and Kansas. Trump won all but two counties in North Dakota, Kentucky, Tennessee, Utah and Nebraska.

Nearly the entire state of Minnesota, Illinois, New York, Oregon, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, Michigan, etc., went for Trump.

Geographically speaking, except for big cities and a few isolated areas, the country cannot stand Hillary.

Please see: <http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2016-11-10/trumps-geographic-landslide>



“The Quote”

by Robert Gore,
Straight Line Logic

“Basket of Deplorables”

“You know, to just be grossly generalistic, you could put half of Trump’s supporters into what I call the basket of deplorables. Right? The racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamaphobic — you name it. And unfortunately there are people like that. And he has lifted them up. He has given voice to their websites that used to only have 11,000 people — now 11 million. He tweets and retweets their offensive hateful mean-spirited rhetoric. Now, some of those folks — they are irredeemable, but thankfully they are not America.”

—Hillary Clinton, at a New York fundraiser, September 9, 2016.

That quote was the election. Let it be memorialized as, “The Quote”.

Hillary Clinton wasn’t talking about a fringe of Trump supporters; she smeared half of them. Liberals have tossed their pejoratives at political rivals for so long, she thought she could lump all the old favorites into a refrain and toss with impunity. It appealed to her base and the fawning media, what could go wrong? Unfortunately for a woman who’s made deception a political art form, she couldn’t hide her own words, spoken publicly to a large group. Even if her media friends had had the sense to realize they were political dynamite and suppressed them for her benefit, there was no way to stop the Internet from lighting up.

The Quote marked a pinnacle of arrogance and an abyss of ineptitude. Hillary, the candidate of the status

quo, gave voice to sentiments obviously accepted and shared by the members of her arrogant class. Never underestimate the power of a question. The question millions of Americans asked: What the h**l does the arrogant class have to be so arrogant about? It has given us a sputtering economy, a steadily widening economic gap between itself and everyone else, factories and jobs fleeing the country, an unchecked immigrant flow entering the country, and a string of failed wars, which has created a maelstrom of blowback and greatly diminished the world’s respect for the United States.

Last night, the arrogant class got their answer: “Your fired!” Destined to be enshrined as the epitome of political stupidity, The Quote shows how a few words can destroy a political campaign, just as Mitt Romney’s 47 percent remark did in 2012. It was the locker room clipping that fired Trump’s team to victory.

The Quote galvanized and expanded his base. No way were they going to vote for the woman who labeled them “deplorable” and “irredeemable.” They stuck with him through every “outrageous” emission and tweet, and the attendant media horror, through the Access Hollywood video, through the unproven accusations, through the uneven debate performances, and through the Comey flip-flops. Toward the end of the campaign, their loyalty was rewarded in a way unnoticed and unacknowledged by his enemies. He started to sound and act like the next President of the United States, no longer denigrating and insulting, but reaching out, appealing for the support of all Americans. It changed minds and may have

been the margin of victory.

Commentators are busy highlighting the election’s winners and losers. One clear winner was mentioned in The Quote: “He has given voice to websites that used to have 11,000 people—now 11 million.” Her numbers are wrong—11 million is less than half a day’s traffic on the biggest Trump-supporting site, *The Drudge Report*. However, she did implicitly recognize the ascendance of the Internet. The bell tolls for the mainstream media. It will never recover from the mendacity, hypocrisy and partisanship it demonstrated during this campaign.

All of which presents a danger. The Internet and social media have become powerful forces; Trump couldn’t have won without them. Hubris, and the same desire to cozy up to power for which the mainstream media has been justifiably excoriated, are inevitable. Once upon a time the best of the traditional press saw its role as opposition to power—afflicting the comfortable and comforting the afflicted. The alternative media must judge Trump by his fealty to his promises and his performance. He has to be held to the same standards we held both Clintons, both Bushes and Obama to. Criticisms have to be voiced, mistakes acknowledged, hypocrisies ridiculed, scandals exposed and investigated and injustices condemned. Bloggers and sites that fail to afflict Trump because he’s “their guy” will deservedly suffer the same fate as their mainstream counterparts.

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Sorry Snowflake, But It's Not Over

by Francis Mario,
The Burning Platform,
via ZeroHedge.com

It's November 10th and it's time to face the music.

For those of you on the left I know it is hard. You are confused, bewildered and deeply, deeply saddened. Maybe even triggered. You probably missed work or school yesterday, called in sick or simply didn't get out of bed. That's ok though because your Indigenous Women's Studies prof said it was ok to skip the exam today. Everyone is getting an A as a morale builder. So cheer up.

But unfortunately that doesn't really explain anything. How did this happen? **It wasn't supposed to happen. But it did. How could the polls be so wrong? What about the entire media? How?**

Well, here are a few theories that might help you see where some of your mistakes were made. First, and probably foremost, **is just good old fashioned hubris.** The idea that “we can't be beat”. Arrogance mixed with confirmation bias is a dangerous thing in any type of conflict;

physical or otherwise. Just ask General Custer. Things didn't work out real well for him and for the same reasons.

This leads directly into another problem that often arises from hubris. **That is: failing to understand your enemy.**

It would interest you to know that I, the author of this piece, am not an American. That's right. I'm not a Yank. I don't reside in the U.S.A. and have no interest in doing so. That means, unlike my illegal immigrant counterparts currently residing in your nation, I didn't vote.

But like many who fall into the ‘basket of deplorables’ residing in the U.S., I realized early on that the battle between Trump and Clinton was much more than simply a contest between two politicians for the presidency. **At its core, it was an ideological conflict between light and dark, truth and lies.** It was a struggle for the heart of western civilization in general.

And while I've never considered myself much of a right winger, being more of a libertarian bent, **I have found myself increasingly**

pushed and marginalized by the “enlightened and progressive” amongst you into the same camp with all sorts of deplorables, regardless of where they lived and what they called themselves. Nationalists, alt-righters, anarchists, constitutionalists and so on and so forth all made for strange bedfellows but an effective team. Working on the premise that the enemy of my enemy is my friend we have all found common ground. We have you to thank for that. **By pushing, badgering, harassing, marginalizing and insulting us on a regular basis, you created something new. And it crushed you at the ballot box.**

There were other factors as well. The pesky internet for example. It allowed those of us who could not vote to contribute in other ways. Through memes, leaks and general trolling we cheered and supported our freedom loving brothers and sisters in your country and encouraged them to have heart and stay the course. Of course, our part was small, minuscule really, compared to what our American brothers and sisters had to endure, but you get the picture.

Elections, especially ones mired in icky things like ideology and principle, now cross national boundaries. It stinks I know, but a lack of imagination on your part does not equal or represent a foul on ours. We did nothing illegal or immoral. We simply beat you because, well, we're smarter than you are.

But not to worry. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to learn from your mistakes. You see, the battle that took place in your polling stations on the 8th of November was just that. A battle. **We, the freedom-loving peoples of the western world, well, we're just getting warmed up. To quote the man: “You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet.”**

So retreat to your safe spaces, grab your adult colouring books and put on a happy face my special snow flakes because regardless of whoever/whatever you are and regardless of what nation it is you reside in, we, the deplorables, are coming for you.

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

A Psalm of David, Psalm 144:1

California Approves Proposition 63, Gun Rights Groups Ready to Take Action

by Erika Haas, BearingArms.com

California voters approved Proposition 63 on Tuesday, 63-37 percent, and gun rights activists aren't happy about it.

Proposition 63, also known as the "Safety for All" bill, was proposed by California Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom. The proposition calls for expanded background checks, specifically background checks when purchasing ammunition and magazines. Those selling ammunition will also have to register for a license to do so. In other words, ammunition and magazine sales will now operate the same as gun sales. The proposition also bans large-capacity ammunition magazines (magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds).

Attorney Chuck Michel, who is also the president of the California Rifle and Pistol Association

(CRPA), claims that now – with a Republican president in office – is the time to take legal action against Proposition 63 and other questionable gun laws.

"With our victory in the presidential election, successful legal challenges will now be filed against all these new ill-conceived and unconstitutional laws, and those cases will be heard by a new Supreme Court that will see these laws as the Second Amendment violations that they are," explained Michel in an official statement on Wednesday.

The CRPA, the National Rifle Association and a number of law enforcement and civil rights associations have come together under the Coalition for Civil Liberties to oppose the newly approved Proposition 63.

"Those activists are now a part of the self-defense civil rights coalition political action committee,

and a grassroots activist force that anti-gun-owner politicians will have to reckon with for years to come," said Michel in the same statement.

Michel and his coalition aren't the only ones looking to overturn Proposition 63. Stop Prop 63, sponsored primarily by the California-based Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC), has also joined the potential legal battle.

"Following the historic election of Donald J. Trump, we look forward to challenging Proposition 63 and many other extreme gun control laws in federal courts that respect the original public meaning of our great Constitution and the unambiguous text, history and tradition of the Second Amendment," said Craig J. DeLuz, director of communications for the FPC, according to Guns.com.

Here are the new gun control mandates under Proposition 63

and their effective dates, according to Gun Owners of California.

- Reporting mandate of lost and stolen guns: July 1, 2017
- "Large" capacity magazine possession ban: July 1, 2017
- Illegal ammunition transfers: Effective immediately
- Ammunition sales process (deadline for completion of regulations): January 1, 2018
- Ammunition vendor licensing requirement and ban on internet sales: January 1, 2018
- Limitations on ammunition displays: Effective date is unknown
- Registration of ammunition sales: January 1, 2019
- Ammunition purchase permits: January 1, 2019
- Local regulation of ammunition – not preempted: Effective immediately

- Confiscation of firearms from prohibited persons: January 1, 2018

Gun Owners of California, like Michel and DeLuz, also said, "The bottom line is that with the election of Donald Trump also comes an appointment to the Supreme Court. His promise to uphold the Second Amendment will put us in a solid position to fight in the courts, and this is the best, most stunning news we got last night."

(Editor/GG: If the Colorado Dems had the votes in Denver, they would do this or worse. Get involved folks. At least we have a chance now with Trump and the U.S Supreme Court.)

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Women Are Primary Perpetrators of Illegal Gun Purchases

by Beth Bauman, BearingArms.com

Recent studies have found that women are more likely than men to be perpetrators of illegal gun sales, more commonly referred to as straw purchases. A study by the Journal of Urban Health found that women are disproportionately involved in the sale of guns that end up in the hands of criminals. Another study, completed by the Criminal Justice Policy

Review, found that minority women purchase the majority of guns that were bought and quickly utilized to carry out a crime.

A new organization, known as Operation L.I.P.S.T.I.C.K. (Ladies Involved In Putting a Stop to Inner-City Killing), is working with women to learn to say "no" to men who want to use them for straw purchases.

"LIPSTICK is women talking to women about the risks of

straw purchasing—in beauty shops, churches, schools, domestic violence and homeless shelters in communities devastated by gun violence," the organization says in a pamphlet.

According to Operation L.I.P.S.T.I.C.K.'s executive director, Nancy Robinson, while men are the ones pulling the trigger, women are the ones supplying the guns.

"We tried to expand the thinking beyond just locking [the

shooter] up, to 'How did he get that gun in the first place?'" she explained. "It turns out that one of the answers, shockingly, is women."

From Robinson's experience with Operation L.I.P.S.T.I.C.K., many women don't think about the overall impact that their illegal action will have in their communities.

"They think it's a victimless crime. They're just helping out a boyfriend, they're just help-

ing out a brother or a friend," Robinson explained. "They're really not connecting the dots and understanding that it's these guns that are turned on themselves, their children, their neighbor's children."

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An Old Man, An Old .22 Handgun, One Dead Career Criminal

by Dean Weingarten,
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Franklin Schrout, pictured above, chose to invade one too many homes in his criminal career. It happened about 1:30 a.m. Friday, 4 November, 2016, in Allentown, PA. Schrout broke into the home of an 81-year-old man and his invalid sister. Schrout was wearing all black and a skull mask.

Schrout demanded money. The homeowner said he did not have any in the house. Schrout and the 81-year-old started fight-

ing. On or in the nightstand was a .22 caliber handgun. The home owner had never fired it. The handgun had been there for over 30 years. It is likely the ammunition was over 30 years old. From wpxi.com:

"The 81-year-old was able to grab a .22-caliber gun during a struggle with Schrout and fired one shot," police said.

"Schrout ran out of the house and the 81-year-old's bedridden sister called 911," police said.

When police arrived at the

home, they found Schrout dead outside.

The 81-year-old told police that he had never fired the gun before and that it had been sitting in his nightstand for 30 years. He also said he wished he had been stronger so that he could have fought off Schrout without having to shoot him.

I have not been able to find a picture of the handgun, or a reference to make or model, other than caliber. A source stated that it was a handgun, and not a rifle. The location, on or in

a nightstand, is consistent with that. Here are more details. From cbslocal.com:

The homeowner picked up a .22 caliber gun, which he had nearby and fired one round. It hit Schrout in the abdomen.

Lt. Kolencik told KDKA-TV's Ralph Iannotti, "The [unidentified] homeowner advised [us] that he had the gun for over 30 years sitting on his nightstand and has never fired the weapon... and used it today and it saved his life."

Schrout was hit once in the abdomen with a .22 fired out of a handgun. It was probably a 40-grain bullet traveling about 800 feet per second. Schrout fled the house. He was found outside, lying dead in a neighbor's yard, near a shed.

The .22 caliber is consistently underrated by the uninformed. A great many people and large animals have been killed with the caliber. It would not be my first choice as a defensive handgun, but it is far better than not having a gun.

Under the firearm storage

laws in place in San Francisco, the firearm would have been stored illegally. If those laws had been in place in Pennsylvania, the homeowner would have been storing the pistol illegally, and would not have been able to access it.

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Emotional Gun Hatred Disguised as "Safety Concerns"

by Dean Weingarten,
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The Hibbing Minnesota School District has become a battleground in the culture wars around the Second Amendment. When the Lincoln Elementary School was being built in 1956, it was seen as reasonable and proper to include a gun range in the basement. The range has been in continuous use for almost 60 years. The range has a spotless safety record. There have not been any injuries in the entire 60-year history of its operation. From hibbingmn.com:

Director Jeff Polcher noted that there have been zero incidents at the gun range in its nearly 60-year existence. He said requiring a safety officer to be in charge of granting access to the gun range could resolve some of the issues.

"Now someone raised a stink literally two weeks ago and now we're talking about shutting down a landmark of the school district," Polcher said. "No one has never been injured down there. The perception that guns are harmful is wrong. Guns are a way of life up here."

Such a spotless safety record is only possible in a culture of individual and community responsibility. People from other places have decided that the range cannot be allowed because "guns!" Superintendent Brad Johnson made these comments.

From hibbingmn.com:

"People are more sensitive than they used to be," said Johnson. "There are concerns from people who are here for activities or events from other towns who are seeing people going down

to the rifle range. It's causing lots of questions and concerns."

The school district quickly caved to a tiny minority of "concerns" while telling the community that it was not caving. The range was closed, indefinitely, while the superintendent made noises about it not being "closed".

From hibbingmn.com:

"We're not closing the gun range," said Superintendent Brad Johnson. "No one said we're shutting it down and I'm sick of hearing it. As the superintendent, I'm trying to find an amicable solution."

At the October 5th meeting, the school board formed a committee to research ways to ensure safety while allowing access to the gun range. Due to safety concerns from the community,

the gun range was temporarily closed and will remain that way until there's a solution in place.

Consider this. A local institution, in use for 60 years with a spotless safety record, is closed on the mere disapproval of few gun haters. It is not maintained in operation while a committee investigates. It is immediately shut down on emotion, with no evidence of any problem.

It appears the community is fighting back. Whether the national anti-Second Amendment narrative "Guns Bad" "No Guns near Children" pushed by the gun haters will prevail, remains to be seen.

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Concealed Carrier Saves Deputy

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A concealed carrier in Estero, Florida, answered a deputy's cry for help this morning and drew his weapon on the suspect who was beating the officer. When the suspect refused to stop his attack after several warnings from the concealed carrier, the concealed carrier opened fire and shot the suspect off the deputy, saving the deputy's life.

A passerby shot and killed a person who was fighting with a Lee County Sheriff's Office deputy on Interstate 75 Monday morning.

Deputy First Class Dean Bardes, a 12-year-veteran, was working an accident at mile marker 126 when the suspect came upon him, causing Bardes to pursue him, according to multiple sources.

Bardes and the suspect exited their vehicles at the Corkscrew Road exit

and a fight started, sources said.

The passerby, who had a Concealed Weapons License, exited his vehicle and instructed the suspect to stop beating the deputy, sources said.

After noncompliance from the suspect, the passerby shot the suspect three times, sources said. The suspect later died.

Although Bardes was crying for help, he was not shot, sources said. He was treated and released from Lee Memorial Hospital.

It was unclear whether Bardes fired his weapon.

The video account suggests that the deputy was on his back with the suspect on top of him, injured and taking a pretty bad beating when the concealed carrier exited his vehicle to intervene.

After the concealed carrier told the suspect to cease his attack multiple

times, the concealed carrier felt that the deputy's life was at risk, took an angle that got the deputy out of the line of fire as much as possible. He then fired three shots, and made three hits, which proved to be fatal to the suspect, but saved Deputy Bardes life.

Bardes was treated and released from a local hospital. As Kevin Creighton notes over at Misfires & Light Strikes, "Good shooting, Mr. Concealed Carry Person. I hope you never have to pay for beer again in your life."

(Editor/GG: Another report stated that the deputy was yelling at the concealed carry person, "shoot him, shoot him, shoot him...")

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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.



Dear Mr. President-Elect

You have just won an election of historic proportion which deserves a measure of congratulations. Millions of Christians voted for you with the underlying realization that "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." (Psalm 118:8) Our ballots indicate a choice for a platform of Biblical values; you simply echoed many of those principles which drew our attention. The past eight years have witnessed the introduction of policies that have been injurious to America and an administrative attitude that was intended to beleaguer believers. You have been given the opportunity to help upright a listing ship.

Historical accounts in the Bible often serve as a periscope into the future. When God selected Saul to be king over Israel, He did so with the complete comprehension that the decision would create objectors: "And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched. But the children of Belial (*polite name for Satan*) said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace." (I Samuel 10:26, 27) Mr. Trump, you are now the President-elect... ignore the protestors, let them move to Canada! Some of us are radical enough to believe that even as the Lord chose Saul, He had a hand in your "against all odds" election. When any individual believes that God has a divine purpose for his life, the objectors fade into oblivion.

Saul was soon met with a far greater problem than brainwashed socialists marching on the streets with cardboard signs. "Then Nahash the Ammonite (*the Ammonites were some of the original terrorists---*see Judges 11) came up, and encamped against Jabesh-Gilead: and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee. And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this condition will I make a covenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproach upon all Israel." (I Samuel 11:1, 2) The passage is loaded with subtleties overlooked by the lightweight scholars' union. From a military standpoint, if the right eye is removed, then the shield cannot cover the left eye without the soldier (if he is right-handed) being unable to see. The enemies of our Republic rejoice every time our military is degraded. From a social and political view, enormous efforts have been made to make leftists of us all. We are constantly being reminded that our right wing love of our religion and guns should be subjugated to the wishes of the left.

Messengers were sent to notify Saul of the impending disaster which resulted in: "And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly." (I Samuel 11:6) When

national security is jeopardized, Godly anger can easily be justified. Saul rallied the troops, designed a battle plan and took care of business. The enemy was not placated nor were they given a bazillion dollars...they were soundly defeated. After the victory over ISIS: "And the people said unto Samuel, Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? Bring us the men, that we may put them to death. And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for today the Lord hath wrought salvation in Israel." (I Samuel 11:12,13) Saul was wise in seeking no retribution against his political opponents. When Barack Obama was elected, Conservatives refused to fill the streets with protestors. Funny how that seems to play out. The people who preach tolerance demand punishment and the rigid right exercises restraint!

The next verse is laden with hope: "Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there." The spiritual leader of Israel knew that periodic renewal, both politically and spiritually, was necessary. Mr. Trump, you have been given the opportunity to lead America in a giant cleanup campaign. The IRS, which has been a tool of the Obama administration to stifle and punish Conservatives, is in desperate need of a thorough purging. The justice department, led by partisan ilk, requires a huge flush. You have repeatedly mentioned the necessity of conservative judges on the Supreme Court ---please do not compromise!

The desire for renewal is followed by: "And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the Lord; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly." (1 Samuel 11:15) Real hope and change rests on the platform of the spiritual. Mr. President-elect, we do not expect you to be a cheerleader for Christianity, but utilizing its benefits will serve you well; for example, President Eisenhower believed he should be a public example by attending church regularly. Tragically, power can be a contaminating leaven that spoils the whole loaf. In due season Saul became very impressed with himself which led to some disastrous decisions. Samuel's rebuke was stinging: "When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the Lord anointed thee king over Israel?" (I Samuel 15:17) Great benefit can be realized from Peter's advice: "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time." (I Peter 5:6)

My responsibility is to diligently pray for you; yours is to lead in humility, beseeching God for wisdom. May we both occupy our posts well!

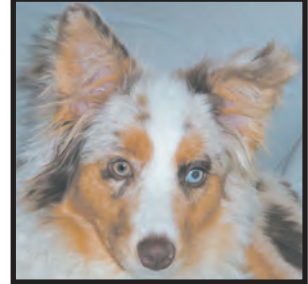
A Sheepdog Barks!

We've all had time to think about what really happened on November 8th. Here were some of my first impressions. Starting about 10 p.m. it was so quiet at the Clinton "Victory Party" Hotel that you could hear an email being deleted. WOOF! I was recording Fox News and watching CNN. It just gave me great pleasure to watch the pain in their faces while they mumbled in disbelief and shock. It was great fun. Between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. the enjoyment increased by the minute. Once again, the exit polls were totally wrong. One news agency reported that about 8 p.m. the Clinton Campaign Headquarters broke out the champagne based on those polls. When reality started to set in and the LPSDs got very quiet and started to cry, I began to wonder how you undrink a toast and recork the bottle. I was totally gleeful. HilLIARy was going down in flames and I kept thinking it couldn't happen to a more deserving criminal. When we started to realize that the Republicans were going to hold the U.S. Senate, I began to chase my tail in excitement. That result will ultimately seal the conservative majority on the Supreme Court for the next 30-40 years. Personally I'm hoping for Ted Cruz to replace Scalia. NOTHING would p*** off the Democrats more. WOOF! When HilLIARy decided to go on to bed without showing any concern for her hysterical and despondent followers, I was reminded how she went on to bed and left the Benghazi Americans to fend for themselves. She only cares about herself. But somewhere around 2 a.m. when she lost Pennsylvania she at least mustered up the courage to call "Donald" and concede. At that moment, according to the LPSDs, the world burst into flames---something that is hard to do when Obama has burned most of it down already. WOOF! I felt a new dawning in America. In Washington D.C., I'm sure they felt a magnitude 9.0 earthquake. Yep HilLIARy cracked that glass ceiling but the shards came tumbling down and "sliced up" the entire Democrat Party. Many LPSDs were fatally "injured." Will we ever see Donna Brazile again or Mrs. Anthony Weiner? WOOF!

The LPSDs immediately viewed this most unbelievable event in their typical delusional way. Van Jones (remember he was Obama's Jobs Czar and one of the most racist and bigoted Americans around) with tears in his eyes, said Trump's victory was NOT a repudiation of Obama or of a bad candidate. He said it was a "white lash" against change (as in hope and change) and President Obama. REALLY! Let's be clear and honest.

This was absolutely a repudiation of Obama's eight years of destructive and socialist policies and also of a completely criminal and dishonest woman. In fact, liberal progressiveness was repudiated all over America as there are now 34 Republican governors (up three and the most ever) and 33 Republican-controlled state legislatures. Get real. Obama created "Candidate Trump" and is the man most responsible for his election. The record clearly shows that Obama, and his wife Michele, have completely destroyed the Democrat Party. HilLIARy, who they supported as the absolute most qualified person in America to be the president ("she's even more qualified than Bill and me"), was just the last nail in the coffin. However the rank and file LPSDs are culpable as well. They knowingly nominated an untrustworthy and dishonest candidate that was under multiple FBI criminal investigations. Why would they do such a stupid thing? Because they were blinded, once again, by symbolism. In 2008, it was the first black president and then it was to be the first woman president. These two stupid goals have cost them dearly. Since Obama became the Leader of the Democrat Party eight years ago, it has lost over 900 LPSD seats in America resulting in 68 of 100 state legislative bodies being controlled by Republicans. Barrack and Michele must be so proud. Beyoncé and Jay Z still like them though. WOOF! And since we now know the election polls were completely wrong, why in the world should we believe the polls that say Obama's popularity is over 50%? I don't believe for one second that he is that popular and that a majority of Americans believe he is doing a good job. I believe it's just another media distortion and cover-up. Now that his legacy is blowing up, he will surely go down in history below Carter. Doing a good job my *ss! WOOF!

The ins and outs of this election will be studied for years. Both parties will work to understand what really happened. I couldn't be more thrilled by the outcome. NO MORE CLINTONS! But let's not be blind to what happened. The demographics do point to a repudiation but only because we won. So, upon further review, here are some sheepdog thoughts to ponder. Trump essentially won because of "cracking the Blue wall." He won Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania by less than 100,000 votes combined. Black voters in those states' big inner cities did not turn out for Clinton. Early results show more than 300,000 less black votes for her than Obama got in those



three states in 2012. With those three states she wins. She might have also won other states if the Democrats, as a whole, had shown up. They stayed home and didn't vote however. WOOF!

Trump got about one million less votes than Romney. Clinton got about four million less votes than Obama in 2012 and about eight million less votes than Obama in 2008. Thank God she was a terrible candidate; the absolute worst that the LPSDs could have come up with. Like I said, I couldn't be more thrilled how 2016 turned out but conservatives should not draw false conclusions. Trump darn well better deliver on his promises. I know I will not tolerate him going "status quo" on me. Ronald Reagan said that "status quo" was Latin for "the mess we are in." I'm counting on Trump to "drain the swamp" and appoint a special prosecutor like he promised. At this point I believe he will. WOOF!

A few final thoughts: The Bushes sicken me. So do many of the other establishment Republican politicians. Therefore I have started a sheepdog "Bite List." That's the people this sheepdog would "bite" if he could get close enough to them. Here's my initial list: All the Bushes (41, 43, Laura, Jeb, etc.), Mitt Romney, John McCain, Lindsey Graham, John Kasich, Paul Ryan-Boehner, Marco Rubio, Karl Rove, Ari Fleisher, Mark Cuban, Meghan Kelly, Carl Cameron and Shepard Smith. This is only my initial list. I'm open to suggestions. CHOMP! BITE! NIP! WOOF!

More final thoughts: Since Trump has become President-Elect, some interesting things have surfaced. Putin wants to restore détente; Mexico and Canada want to renegotiate NAFTA, Congress said TPP is dead, the DOW closed at the highest level in history and the *New York Times* has apologized and promises honesty in the future. WOW! And he's still two months away from swearing in! WOOF!

Final thought. Really. Clinton blames Comey. Really? If she wasn't so corrupt she wouldn't have had to worry about any FBI letters. She has no one to blame but herself. WOOF!

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