



Press Release by the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (RMHIDTA) Task Force.

(Forwarded to The Sentinel by Custer County Sheriff Shannon Byerly.)

DENVER – On June 21, 2016

The Denver Post published an article “Survey: Pot use among Colorado teens flat,” based on the recently-released 2015 Healthy Kids Colorado Survey (HKCS). Rocky Mountain HIDTA has been inundated with inquiries regarding this article and, therefore, prepared a response for clarification and consideration by the reader. For purposes of this response, marijuana use refers to past month or past 30 days marijuana use, which is the criteria used in the surveys. The most recent (2015/2016) Rocky Mountain HIDTA publications on the impact of marijuana legalization in Colorado reported:

Federal National Survey

According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), an annual survey by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):

- When recreational marijuana was legalized in Colorado, youth ages 12 – 17 past month marijuana use increased 20 percent comparing the two-year average just prior to legalization (2011/2012) to the two-year average when legalized (2013/2014).
- The 2013/2014 survey results show Colorado youth ranked No. 1 in the nation for past month marijuana use, up from No. 4 in 2011/2012.
- Colorado youth past month marijuana use for 2013/2014 was 74 percent higher than the national average (12.56 percent vs. 7.22 percent).

What do School Resource Officers Say?

- In a 2015 survey of 95 school resource officers, 90 percent responded that, since marijuana legalization, they have seen an increase in marijuana-related incidents in their schools.

What do School Counselors Say?

- In a similar survey of 188 school counselors, 69 percent responded that, since marijuana legalization, they have seen an increase in marijuana-related incidents in their school.
- In the same survey, when asked where the students are getting their marijuana, 18 percent said the black market while 82 percent cited friends who get it legally, family members, or marijuana businesses.

State of Colorado Survey

Colorado recently released the results of their Healthy Kids Colorado Survey (HKCS) as reported in the Tuesday, June 21, 2016 issue of *The Denver Post* with the article titled, “Survey: Pot use among Colorado teens flat.” The article does point out that the 2013 HKCS data shows 19.7 percent of teens had used marijuana in the past month compared to 21.2 percent in 2015. Although this is a 7.6 percent increase, the article states the increase is “not statistically significant.”

- The article states that, in 2009, the rate was 24.8 percent but failed to explain that the 2013 and 2015 surveys were much different sampling sizes and the survey method changed, thus impacting any comparisons.

- The article cites the Centers for Disease Control’s Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) to indicate

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Commish-Elect Printz: Not a Good Start, Sir

by George Gramlich, Commentary and Analysis

Well, we either have a commissioner-elect with some serious issues or hopefully, we just had a little temper tantrum that can occur from time to time in the bizarre political world that is Custer County, Colorado. Hopefully the later, but we will see.

As most of you know, there is a recall petition going around to put newly elected Commissioner Bob Kattnig back on the ballot this November. It appears that Bob has upset a bunch of people in Wetmore about the Community Center project and his sometimes dictatorial/professorial speech at the commissioner meetings and other public gatherings has turned another bunch of people off. The Colorado Constitution allows the citizens to recall any elected official in the state via the petition process. No real reason is required. It is a right.

Whether the people doing the petition drive are right or not in their belief that Bob’s actions/behavior deserve a recall vote can be debated, but they have their right to do it. A constitutional right. (Note: Some of the Sentinel’s readers want a recall, some don’t. *The Sentinel* takes no position on it. At all. We’re just watching the Happy Valley Show, Chapter 148.)

Which brings us to a Letter to the Editor that Commissioner-elect Jay Printz wrote to the other, older, newspaper in Custer County, *The Tribune*, last week (in their July 28th issue), which, to put it mildly, is quite disturbing on its face. *The Sentinel* did not receive this letter. (Note to Commissioner-elect Printz: There are two well respected newspapers in Custer County. Many citizens only read ONE paper. To restrict one’s dialogue to just one paper is divisive and quite frankly, juvenile. You will be elected in November to

represent “all the people”, (Jay, remember those words, they were in your election ad) not just your favorites. You didn’t seem to have a problem running your election ads in *The Sentinel* for months when you needed votes. This post-primary hypocrisy and bias is not needed.)

The letter is ostensibly about the recall effort but most of the letter was a vindictive diatribe against some of our current and past elected officials, and some of our fellow citizens. (In fact, about a LOT of our fellow citizens.) It even ended with a “threat” against the recall petition signers. Not pretty.

We were going to review some of the language in detail, but that would be counterproductive, at least for now. But what we see in the letter is language that is extremely divisive, mean spirited,

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Bobcat Football: Preparing for Season



CCHS Bobcats begin practice.

Photo by Jim Silver

by Troy Bomgardner Counselor/Head Football Coach

The Custer County Bobcats began preparation for their 2016 season with a Middle School and High School combined football camp during the week of July 25th-28th. It was the first year the Bobcats combined the high school and middle school camps. “It was an idea Coach Prins had about combining the two programs and I couldn’t be happier with the results,” said head coach Troy Bomgardner. “I felt like the

high school players stepped up to encourage the middle school players and the young boys loved having some high school boys around!”

The camp attracted close to 30 players during the 4 days of fundamentals and team work. The middle school worked hard on tackling and fundamentals like stances and learning new plays. The high school was able to put on full-pads the last day of the camp and enjoyed the full contact.

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Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

Psalms 143:10 ESV



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

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

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

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board



THE DEMOCRAT CONVENTION

On Thursday, July 28th, the Democrat's Convention ended with Hillary accepting the nomination to be their presidential candidate. Like the Republican Convention, it had a few bumps along the way. The dissention was much different, however. At the Republican Convention many of the establishment conservatives didn't like the nominee and didn't show up for the convention at all or in one case actually spoke without endorsing the candidate. At the liberal's convention the establishment supported the candidate while many delegates loudly and actively supported the "outsider" candidate, Bernie Sanders. Both parties had issue with how delegates were apportioned

and seated. However, the Democrat's problem with the Super Delegates was much more severe. The Democrat National Committee (DNC) Convention started under "new management" because of their Chairman's unethical behavior which was exposed by leaked emails. They had to form a committee to resolve the delegate selection issue by January 2018. That may have been the only way to appease Bernie's delegates and keep them from completely fracturing the party. Bernie started a campaign of liberal revolution and had the means and delegates to really influence the outcome, but in the end he just folded up his tent and supported the candidate that he said was totally unqualified and in

bed with Wall Street. A real revolutionary would never have done anything like that. In the end Sanders was just a pretender. He didn't have the courage to see his "revolution" through and many of his followers were not happy. So Bernie meekly left the convention and returned to his Independent status. It will be interesting to see what his supporters do. Will they vote for Clinton, Trump or just stay home?

There were clear differences in the tone and flavor of the DNC Convention and the GOP one. The DNC lineup of speakers was focused on pro-choice, racism and discrimination. They painted the GOP as a party of hate and themselves as a party of love. The president of NARAL

bragged about having an abortion because her first pregnancy wasn't convenient. The delegates cheered. When military speakers talked about the need for a strong military the delegates chanted "no more war." When a sheriff spoke in support of law enforcement and asked for a moment of silence for the police officers that had been killed in the line of duty, there were chants of "Black Lives Matter." When the "Mothers of the Movement" spoke, which included the mother of a man who was killed while he attacked a police officer, the delegates cheered. When the conference started, there were no American flags present. Flags appeared later after the media mentioned it. The economy of Obama

was praised and when the continuation of his policies was mentioned the delegates cheered.

So there is indeed a clear choice this November. The DNC proudly mentioned several times that the 2016 Democrat Platform adopted during their Convention is the most "progressive" ever. The path of America's future is very clear. There are approximately 90 more days that we have to listen to all the unimportant charges and counter charges between the candidates. Try to remember that it will really be a choice between liberal progressivism and the continuation of Obama's policies or Constitutional Conservatism. We don't think that is really a difficult choice.



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First Amendment Rights And That "Small Group of Dissidents"

July 31, 2016

Dear Editor,

Since Mr. Printz is an attorney, I'm certain that he has read this before: "Congress shall make no law...abridging...the right of the people...to petition the government for a redress of grievances." It is contained in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights. For the record, there is no mention of the size of the group that may initiate the petition. Printz

seems worked up over the petition to recall his colleague on the left, Bob Kattinig. I wonder what Jay thought about the attempted recall of Scott Walker in Wisconsin. How did Printz feel about the recall of three Colorado State Senators over the passage of the ill-advised gun control laws? My recollection is that he didn't weigh in on those.

Personally, I love it when citizens get legally active

in the political arena. At a time when ignorance and apathy are the rules which guide many of the electorate, I'm encouraged when "three women and the hidden people" are actually doing something. Printz uses a poorly veiled threat that the signers of this petition "are public knowledge." This is insulting to voters who are disappointed with the job performance of an elected commissioner. Valley citizens know that petition

signers are public knowledge. This is why I make every attempt to avoid supporting lawyers that run for public office. The members of the American "elite" are politicians, academics and lawyers. These "elites" are always telling citizens how to behave. This should be a warning to those who supported Printz for commissioner. The residents of Custer County will be getting a whole lot of unsolicited "legal advice" after Jay is sworn in.

Let's pass on a little history to Mr. Printz who has trouble with a "small group of dissidents" using a provision guaranteed in the Constitution, the petition. Our Founders were also a "small group of dissidents." Only about 15% to 20% of the colonists lead the way to break away from the heavy hand of the crown back in 1776. When they signed the Declaration of Independence, they committed high treason and could have been

hanged. They too knew that their "signatures on the petition... will...be made public." Thanks to that "small group of dissidents," America won the freedoms that Mr. Printz is urging Custer County residents forego.

As we have all heard before, "elections have consequences."

Joe Cascarelli,
Rural Custer County

I Won't Be Silenced by Bullies

Dear Editor,

I write regarding the letter published in the *Tribune*, dated Thursday July 28, by Mr. Jay D. Printz, Commissioner-elect. I'm not surprised by the letter written by Mr. Printz, a lawyer, liberal, RINO and all-around-opponent of conservative principles and prayer. He writes in regard to the recall effort of Commissioner Kattinig launched by concerned citizens of Custer County. Printz's letter is a portrait of what RINO's believe deep down, with all of its bitter nastiness. It's also a picture of a "progressive's" belief in general. Mr. Printz believes that we (those of us who have lived here long enough to see the progressive-type arrive, make a mess of things, then leave) are myopic, egocentric and clinging to any power we might have, to not change the Valley. A true "pro-

gressive-type" like Printz needs change in order to feel important. Wherever progressives go they think they know better than their elders, or those who have lived in a place longer than they. They don't respect you or your way of life, they are lonely, angry, arrogant and disrespectful. They don't become part of the community unless they can change, (i.e. lead) the community. They don't pitch in and play well with others, they want to change communities to their liking and they want you to get on board with their ideas or they will make trouble for you. I've seen more than one arrogant progressive try to take on the Valley and her people in the 20 years I've lived here. You don't frighten me Commissioner-elect Printz. You won't frighten me with your threat that my name is "...public knowledge and

that it will, most likely, be made public." if I sign ANY petition. I signed the petition because of knowledge that I have; and my signing hasn't anything to do with what you have conjured up in your paranoid mind and written about. I will make my own name public so you won't have to trouble yourself flinging that dirt around. We, the people, have the right to redress our government for grievances. Don't you know this? All I can say is, God bless America and God bless the freedom of speech and freedom of action we have as Americans. I won't be silenced by bullies like Jay Printz and his ilk. Haven't we been silent too long freedom-loving Americans? We have been silent too long!

Respectfully,
Lisa Frank,
Custer County, CO

This Simply Rubs Me Wrong!

Editor,

In the *Wet Mountain Tribune* dated July 28, 2016, Jay Printz stated that he was "appalled" at a petition to recall Commissioner Kattinig. He went on to remind those signing the petition that "all signatures on the petition to oust Commissioner Kattinig are public knowledge and most likely would be made public." Although a correct statement, in this instance it is an outright threat. He is inferring

that anyone who uses their right to petition will be scrutinized and criticized. I am sure Mr. Printz knows we are not an autocratic government but rather a society based upon democratic ideals. In short, it appears he is saying we better not go against his special interests. This simply rubs me wrong! If I were Commissioner Kattinig I would be embarrassed by Jay Printz's arrogance. I personally have not seen a petition nor have I been asked to sign one. If there

is a petition going around it may be for a good reason and one of three things will happen. It will fade away because folks just aren't paying attention. It will gain momentum because of just cause, or it will gain momentum because citizens don't like to be threatened. I am curious enough now to investigate the reason for this petition and would hope others are also.

Cathy LoPresti,
Westcliffe, CO

A Thank You

Dear Editor,

We appreciate the fine coverage that *The Sentinel* gave to the Paca Peace Open House and Work Day.

It was very successful. Volunteers helped put in fencing to enlarge the pasture and then cheered to watch the alpacas race to explore it.

There must have been more than 100 people who came to help, meet alpacas, check out the ranch and enjoy each other's company.

Thanks to Bob and Holly Wenger for hosting the event at their ranch, and for all their careful daily care of our fleecy friends! We are also grateful to all the

other volunteers who set up, built fence, cooked and served lunch, and stayed to make clean-up a snap. You are all the ones who make this amazing program possible.

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A Letter Of Rebuttal to Commissioner-Elect Jay Printz

If any group should be appalled at antics and myopic behavior, it is the people who voted for you for Commissioner. If you believe your election has given you and Mr. Kattnig, along with Donna Hood, some right to disregard the will of the people then, sir (said with tongue and cheek,) you are sadly mistaken. The three women who filed the recall petition had every right under the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of Colorado to address their grievances with the people of Custer County.

You are Commissioner elect. You have not yet been

sworn into office. You did not receive magical powers in your election to spout off like a thin-skinned, petulant child.

The people of Custer County will determine if you and Mr. Kattnig are retained in office.

Your code phrase for minimal progress is based on your belief you and the rest of your “small group” have somehow been enlightened by an infusion of a superior intelligence quotient, exceptional foresight and an immense sense of your own self-righteousness. Progress is then defined on your parameters and not the will of the constituency who

you are elected to represent.

The small group of dissidents of which you speak in your letter make up the majority of the voters in Custer County. Your observation that you too may be subject to recall are quite accurate. You may also, if you and the other Commissioners attempt to force unwanted change upon that “small group” find yourselves subject to injunction, law suit, and civil disobedience.

Regarding you threat to those of us who have proudly signed the recall petition for Mr. Kattnig, we wish to enlighten you with this thought. Liberty is not housed in the halls of

Washington, nor is it found wandering unattended under the Golden Dome in Denver, nor even in the tiny Office of Commissioner’s in the County Court House of Custer County. Liberty resides, in the hearts of the people as a God given, inalienable right of all who draw breath. If you wish to challenge that right then sir, you have a very ugly fight on your hands. We will not permit your “small group” to create an oligarchy or a theocracy in county government. You have demonstrated, by your comments, that you will not be a representative of ALL the people. Rather, your will have an extreme bias, based upon your ideolog-

ical beliefs and your “myopic,” egocentric left wing inclinations. Many of us tried to tell the people of Custer County you are not the man for Commissioner but you won not because of your qualifications or your charisma. You won because you flimflammed the voter and because more than one hundred and fifty democrats crossed over in the primary to vote for you.

Finally, we sign our letter in the same spirit as John Hancock on the Declaration of Independence. Boldly, in large print and clearly so there is no mistake in identifying the signatures. The right to speak our minds is a right guaranteed by the

First Amendment and the right to sign a petition is an example of democracy at work. Any attempt by you or any other elected official in Custer County through subtle, indirect or direct coercion may expect a hail - storm of dissent from people like us. Your veiled threat regarding signing Mr. Kattnig’s petition was offensive and unnecessary. We are pleased you showed your colors early so the people of the county can evaluate you closely to determine if they made a proper choice in electing you Commissioner.

LARRY AND MONICA LUIKART
Rural Custer County

A Representative Should Represent

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regard to a letter to the editor of the *Trib*. I know I should write to the *Trib* rather than the *Sentinel* but everyone knows that the *Sentinel* prints all letters and *Trib* only prints letters that agree with Little Jim’s philosophy. The letter I want to address was written by the *Trib*’s lawyer and Commissioner Elect, Jay Printz.

I take issue with many statements in that letter but none more than the last line where the Commissioner Elect threatens retribution against any citizen who exercises their First Amendment right to redress their grievances. Not that I ever expect ethics from a lawyer, but for him to so blatantly threaten citizens who par-

ticipate in their representative government is reprehensible. I know he can’t understand that the recall process is a statement from the people. Not the people he cares about, but important people nonetheless.

It is good to know that the Commissioner Elect has been meeting in secret to form some sort of cabal to advance some agenda that involves dramatic change, dramatic growth and dramatic progress. It’s just too bad that nobody is articulating what they hate so much about this community that they need to completely make it over. Exactly what change are you interested in? What institutions and traditions are you bent on obliterating?

I would also like to know

what “power” I have that I need to preserve? What position am I protecting? What secret power structure am I part of? Personally, the first time I met Kattnig was at a social gathering and I assumed that he was anti-Semitic based on the way he spoke to me. I later learned that he talks to everyone in such a derogatory manner. A representative should represent (hence the title) and not belittle and ridicule his constituency. And now Printz is doing the same thing.

I for one won’t back down or hide. I fully support the recall effort and ask that you print my name for all to see. Bring what retribution you will Commissioner!

Dan Bubis



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Photos by George Gramlich

by George Gramlich

The owners of Royal Gorge Archery and Range, Misty and John Verneti, have done an incredible job at their store and range in Cañon City since opening in 2015. They have a great selection of compound, long and recurve bows, a sophisticated bow set-up, tune-up and repair service and a comprehensive inventory of everything you need in the archery world.

They offer archery classes and instruction for adults and children. Royal Gorge Archery also has a very nice, 20-yard indoor range

that is available to anybody. It is a great way to test the bows that they sell before you buy or just stop by and shoot a few arrows down range. In addition, they have an informal archery league on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. that is open to the public. There is no competition, (scoring is optional) and they have a good time.

It's a great place to bring your kids and get them started in the sport.

Royal Gorge Archery and Range is located at 309 Main Street, Cañon City and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m.

to 6 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Their phone number is 719-276-3221. They also have a great website

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vindictive, paranoid to a degree, ego driven and clearly inappropriate for a to-be-elected official. NOT what one would expect from an election winner where this is the time to heal the election wounds and move forward TOGETHER.

All in all folks, a troubling missive from an apparently, VERY thin-skinned commissioner-elect. I can't ever remember a (essentially) newly elected official being this bitter, vindictive and divisive. Once elected

(remember, Jay is running unopposed in November), the one thing almost all politicians do, on the right or left, is try to bring people together, not divide them. Hopefully Jay will get the message that this kind of negative and offensive rhetoric is wrong and just plain hateful and could damage the county severely. People with big egos find it hard to let things go. Forget and forgive. It's not too late.

So Jay, take the above missive as a plea: Love Thy Neighbor even if you don't agree with him. Magnanimous is better than vindic-

tiveness - it goes a long way in public life. As an elected county official you are held to a higher standard and a higher level of scrutiny. We ALL want you to succeed as county commissioner. In fact, we are praying for all the new commissioners come January. Get rid of the ego, the paranoia, the vindictiveness, and the bitterness. Stop running down your neighbors and instead build a new future for Custer County come January. With and for ALL OF US! Or its going to be a long, long four years for you and the citizens of Custer County. God Bless and God Speed.

A Thank You from Search and Rescue

On Wednesday, July 27th, Search and Rescue had a mission up CR 192 to pull out a nine-year-old on the Rainbow Trail. He was in a party of eight others from California.

After trying to get up to the Rainbow Trail, off CR 192, we found a number of locked gates and could not get access to the trail. At that time Rob Canterbury came up to assist along with Med4, EMS. Once he opened the gates, we headed up toward the rain-

bow. Mr. Canterbury stayed with us to the morning of July 28th to help EMS and Search and Rescue carry out the total party of nine. During the middle of the night, half of the Search and Rescue team was pulled out to the top of South Colony to extract a party with a broken ankle. Thanks to Mr. Canterbury for all of his time and effort.

Gary Stamm
Search and Rescue



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Custer County Communications Committee: Using your Internet Server for WIFI Calling

Press Release

July 28, 2016

—CUSTER COUNTY,
Colorado

The past few weeks has really brought out the valley's cellular usage limitations. Since AT&T is the most widely used cellular service in the valley, we tend to see more complaints about their service.

One way to avoid all the congestion, when our population increases with visitors, is to set your smart phone to WIFI Calling. WIFI Calling shifts your calls from the overburdened cellular tower to your local Internet connection. WIFI calling works even when the cellular tower is completely

down. This can be very handy when in Westcliffe because of the free Main Street WIFI availability. If your home has Internet access and a WIFI Router/Access Point, you can also use WIFI Calling at home. Not all phones are capable, but for those who have one of the enabled phones, we have provided the links for AT&T and Verizon that explains how to use WIFI Calling on their systems. Both sites have a very good FAQ section. Here are the links:

<https://www.att.com/shop/wireless/features/wifi-calling.html>

<http://www.verizonwireless.com/support/wi-fi-and-mobile-hotspot/>

AT&T Phones Compatible:

- Apple iPhone – SE, 6, 6 Plus, 6S, 6S Plus
- Samsung – Galaxy – S6
- LG – G4
- Verizon Phones Compatible:
- Apple iPhone – SE, 6, 6 Plus, 6S, 6S Plus
- Samsung – Galaxy – S6, S7, S7 Edge, J3 V, Note 5
- LG – V10, G5, G4
- HTC – 10

Please follow the set up instructions as stated by AT&T or Verizon, including placing an address for 911/Emergency calling.

AT&T is in the process of upgrading the tower east of Silver Cliff this month. These upgrades to LTE are promised to open more capacity for voice calling,

which should help reduce dropped and failed calls.

Lastly, if you have a landline through CenturyLink, don't forget about the use of Call Forwarding. Some options to jointly use a cell line and landline: if cell calls cannot be received in your house, use call forwarding on your cell phone to route calls to your landline (no tower needed). If you expect calls on your landline when you leave home/business, call forward your landline to your cell.

For Facebook fans, check out the Custer County AT&T Communications page for ongoing information.

Dark Skies Sponsors a Star Party and Art Exhibit This Saturday

View Jupiter, Saturn, Mars, galaxies and star clusters

—WESTCLIFFE / SILVER CLIFF,
Colorado

Make an evening of it under the dark skies of the Wet Mountain Valley on August 6, 2016.

Your local Dark Skies organization is holding a star party open to the public starting at 8 p.m. the evening of Saturday, August 6th at The Bluff park.

Preceding the star party, Dark Skies and the Sangres Art Guild are sponsoring an exhibit and reception at the Third Street Gallery, 111 N 3rd St, Westcliffe, CO, to display entries in the Dark Skies T-Shirt Design Contest. All entries will be on display, including the winning design and our second place artwork. The reception

runs from 4-6 p.m. and the public is invited.

Jupiter and Saturn will be low in the southwest sky, along with a four-day crescent Moon. Mercury will also be at one of its best viewing positions of the year in the west. As dusk gives way to full darkness, other fainter objects such as galaxies, star clusters, and nebulae will be viewed.

Dark Skies members will have telescopes set up for public viewing in The Bluff parking lot on Adams Blvd. at the intersection with Main Street, and will provide background information on the objects being viewed. Work is being performed on the telescope in the Smokey Jack Observatory and it will not be available for

this celestial event. Bring a flashlight (preferably with a red light filter) and a jacket. All Dark Sky Star parties are based on weather permitting.

In recent years, the dark night skies over the towns have come to be recognized by locals as a natural resource worth preserving. The towns of Westcliffe and Silver Cliff have come together to protect a shared natural resource – their dark night skies. In the first effort of its kind, the towns worked side by side to ensure preservation of dark nights for the benefit of future residents. As a result of their efforts, the towns have earned Colorado's first International Dark Sky Community designation from the International Dark-Sky Association.

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Up and coming Bobcat football stars at the ready.

Photos by Jim Silver

FOOTBALL from page 1

"There is no doubt football is a contact game and that's why many boys enjoy it, so it was good to get some contact before the summer ended," noted Bomgardner.

Both programs will continue preparing for the season with voluntary weightlifting and conditioning Monday-Thursday at the high school. Official practice will start on August 15th, for both the middle and high school programs. High school players must have a physical to start

practice on the 15th. Middle school players must have a physical before their first game in September. Boys interested in playing football at Custer County can contact Coach Troy Bomgardner at 783-4927 for more information.

Bobcat Football



Coach Bomgardner with the tough looking Bobcat varsity. (Above)



Custer County Economic Development

State Resources Coming to Improve and Support
Custer County Trails

Press Release

A proposal by Custer County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) to improve and support our rare, full range of trails in Custer County, was chosen for Blueprint 2.0 support by the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT).

On July 21st, Lt. Gov. Donna Lynne, announced the recipients of the first round of the Colorado Blueprint 2.0 initiatives. The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) launched Blueprint 2.0 last year as a way to examine how best to serve rural communities

around the state and identify opportunities to leverage the state's resources. The Custer County initiative was one of twenty community proposals selected, directed toward ten different categories of initiatives to help strengthen the economics of their community.

Each initiative will be supported by services not previously provided by the state, and leverage state resources and partnerships with organizations outside of the State of Colorado to provide technical assistance in pursuit of the initiative.

With assistance from the OEDIT provided resources and the related needs

and priorities from our local participants, a Custer County Trails Master Plan will be developed to better support, maintain and promote our tremendous trail assets.

This effort will extend from early August through December. Regardless of your interest and use of our many and varied trails, there is a place for your involvement in this effort. To gain more information and to be included in this effort, provide your name, area of interest and contact information to the Custer County Economic Development Corporation office at 719.315.6339 or email: ccEconDevC@gmail.com.

THE CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS OPENINGS FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS AT ALL LEVELS

Applications are available at the administration office Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. or please visit the district's webpage at <http://www.custercountyschools.org/#!employment/c17c>; scroll down to the section marked "Applications" to download and complete the "Substitute Application". Applicants will need to be licensed through the Colorado Department of Education. For more information, please contact Kathy Schickling at (719)783-4950.

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

KIDS

Friday, August 5, 2016

102nd Anniversary of The First Traffic Signal

As we drive around the cities today we have to remain alert to other vehicles we share the road with, like motorcycles, bicycles, motor scooters, etc. Well, in the early days of the automobile, driving was extremely hectic, with pedestrians, bicycles, horses, and streetcars all competing with motor vehicles for the right of way. It soon became clear that a system of regulations was necessary to keep traffic moving and reduce the number of accidents on the roads.

According to Christopher Finch, in his "Highways to Heaven: The AUTO Biography of America" (1992), the first traffic island was put into use in San Francisco, California, in 1907; left-hand drive became standard in American cars in 1908; the first center-painted dividing line appeared in 1911, in Michigan; and the first "No Left Turn" sign would debut in Buffalo, New York, in 1916.

So, traveling the roads became a little easier. There was still more that was needed, however, what with the world's largest automobile manufacturer having sold over 20,000 cars a month in 1914. Intersections in major cities were congested, and traffic was directed by police officers who stood in the middle of chaotic highways waving their arms--not the most sought after job, to say the least. A gas-lit stoplight appeared in London, England, December 1868. It exploded on January 2, 1869, as a result of a leak in one of the gas lines underneath the sidewalk, injuring or killing its policeman operator. Mechanically operated signs that displayed the words "stop" and "move" still relied on traffic attendants. An electric traffic light was developed in 1912 by Lester Wire, a policeman in Salt Lake City, Utah, which used red-green lights.

On August 5, 1914, the American Traffic Signal Company installed a traffic signal system on the corner of East 105th Street and Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio. It had two colors, red and green, and a buzzer, based on the design of James Hoge, to provide a warning for color changes.

The first four-way, three-color traffic light was created by police officer William Potts in Detroit, Michigan, in 1920. Ashville, Ohio, claims to be the home of the oldest working traffic light in the United States, used at an intersection of public roads from 1932 to 1982 when it was moved to a local museum.

Today, August 5, 2016, we celebrate the 102nd anniversary of the first traffic signal by enjoying the fact that Custer County, Colorado, does not have, nor do we want or need a traffic signal. At least we can't get a ticket for running a red light.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: history.com, google.com, wikipedia.org

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*The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
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*And those who know Your name put their trust in You,
for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.*

Psalm 9:9,10 ESV

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Announcements

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plications are available on
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Events Calendar

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“Patriot Games “ Library event for teens ages
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Friday, Saturday , August 5 & 6, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday August 8, 2 p.m.
“The Secret Life of Pets”
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**Friday, Saturday, Sunday
August 5, 6, & 7**
Hi Country Weekend Square Dance
Square Dance weekend with 150 dancers attend-
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Custer County School West Gym, Main Street

Sunday, August 7, 2016
2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
SUMMER IN THE PARK - Free Concert
“The Martin Gilmore Trio”
Westcliffe Feed Store Amphitheater & Park

Monday, August 8, 2016
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saddle Club Gymkhana
90 Co Rd 241 Westcliffe

Tuesday, August 9, 6 p.m.
School Board Meeting
School library

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday
August 11, 12, 13**
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday August 14
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
WCPA - **Youth Theater Musical**
“Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs”
The Jones Theater \$\$

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday
August 12, 13, 14 –All Day**
Wet Mountain Western Roundup
A Painted View Ranch
3115 Co Rd 160, Westcliffe

Sunday, August 14, 2016
2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
SUMMER IN THE PARK - Free Concert
“jonas and jane”
Westcliffe Feed Store Amphitheater & Park,

Wednesday, August 17, 12 Noon
Commissioners Meeting
At San Isabel

Recurring Events

Monday
Club America — 7:55 a.m. High Alti-
tude Training; 9 a.m. Water Aerobics;
10:15 a.m. Stretch; 11:30 a.m. Muscles;
1:00 p.m. Low Impact; 5:15 p.m. Step
Aerobics
6 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 Emilie at (719) 371-5974.

1st and 3rd Mondays
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Writers group at
the Library. If you write or would like
to start writing, please join us in the
Community Room for peer editing,
feedback, ideas, comradery, and more.

Tuesday
Club America — 9:15 a.m. Stretch;
10:30 a.m. Zumba; 10:30 a.m. Chair
Strength; 4 p.m. Kids Zone; 4 p.m. –
6:00 p.m. Core Conditioning.
12 – 4:30 p.m. Bridge Club meets in the
Library Community Room in down-
town Westcliffe.
6 p.m. Bible Study at Wild West Cow-
boy Church. Call 719-783-2676

1st Tuesday of the Month
6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes
American Legion Post 170 monthly
meeting.
6:45 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly
meeting (March – October) at the
Saddle Club.

Wednesday
Club America — 7:55 a.m. High Altitude
Training; 8:00 a.m. Kids Zone; 10:00
a.m. Low Impact; 5:15 p.m. Step
Aerobics.
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Farmers Market. Jess Price
Park, Westcliffe.
9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Line dancers meet
at the Methodist Church. Call Clem at
(303) 909-7370.
6 p.m. Closed Big Book Study Alcoholics
Anonymous meeting at St. Luke’s
Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call
Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or

Emilie at (719) 371-5974
6:30 p.m. Men’s and Women’s Bible
Study. First Baptist Church of West-
cliffe Call 719-783-2498.
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Custer County Communi-
ty Band practice in the band room at the
high school.

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

Thursday
Club America — 9 a.m. Water Aerobics;
9:15 a.m. Yoga; 10:30 a.m. Zumba;
10:30 a.m. Chair Strength; 4 p.m. Kids
Zone; 4:00 p.m. – 6 p.m. Core Condi-
tioning.

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

Friday
Club America — 7:55 a.m. High Altitude
Training; 9:00 a.m. Water Aerobics;
9:15 a.m. Stretch; 10:30 a.m. Muscles.
6 p.m. Open Discussion Alcoholics Anon-
ymous meeting at St. Luke’s Episcopal
Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360)
509-9172 or Emilie at (719) 371-5974.
7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bible Talks with Dome-
nic Enrietta and John Hartig. At the Li-
brary Community Room. All welcome.
No charge.

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

3rd Saturday of Month
9 a.m. VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes
Conference Room for more info call
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Fri. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

West Custer County Library
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Tue. – Fri.: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sat.:10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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PRESENTING Water and Ranching: the History and Future of the Wet Mountain Valley

August 12, 2016

Time: 7 - 8 p.m.

Library Community Room

Presenter: Ben Lenth, Executive Director San Isabel land Protection Trust

**Speaker series event sponsored by
Custer County Historical and Genealogical Society**



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Local Mountain News & Notices

CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



PUBLIC NOTICE

Starting Tuesday August 9th 2016, continuing through August 12th, the Custer County Road and Bridge Department will be applying a chip seal surface treatment on the following County Roads: The Pines Road aka C.R. 170 for approximately 1.5 miles, Lake DeWeese Road aka C.R. 241 for approximately 1.5 miles and C.R. 395 in the Town of Wetmore for approximately 1 mile. Please expect delays and temporary closures of these roads during product application. If you have questions or concerns please contact the Westcliffe office at 719-783-2281 or email rboffice@centurytel.net.

Custer County Road and Bridge will not be responsible for broken windshields or similar damages. Please obey the reduced speed limits posted.

Custer County School District C-1
Regular School Board Meeting: Library – August 9, 2016 – 6 pm

AGENDA

“For the good of the students of Custer County Schools”

1. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call – Board Attendance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. General Public Comment Session - Comments will be limited to 3 minutes, Admin Response (If Needed)
5. Bobcat Pride Certificate(s): Mark Payler / Dr. Davis
6. Consent Agenda
 - a. Acceptance: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on June 14, 2016
 - b. Acceptance: Minutes of the Budget Hearing on June 14, 2016
 - c. Acceptance: School District Legal Counsel: Caplan & Earnest for SY 2016-17
 - d. Acceptance: School District Financial Auditor: Swanhorst & Company
7. Reports from Students/Staff
8. District Financial Report – Monthly Overview – Amy Perschbacher
9. Reports from Public: Excellence in Education (Lori Short), Accountability (Shelly Penkoff)
10. Board Committee Reports: Accountability, BOCES, FFA, Legislative, Preschool Advisory Committee
11. Action Items:
 - a. Approval / Personnel:
 - Social Studies – Scott Thomas (Correction from previous agenda)
 - School Nurse – Carmalene Odle
 - Para-Professional/Media Center – Monica Dean
 - Para-Professional - Keely Smith
 - Secretary to the Board - Renee Smith
 - Additional Coaching Staff: TBD – Jack Christensen
 - b. Discussion / Approval: Board Meeting Starting Times for SY 16-17: School Board
 - c. Approval: Policy IKF: Graduation Requirements: Final Reading – Mark Payler
 - d. Approval: Policy JLCDB - Medical Marijuana Administration to Qualifying Students – First Reading
 - e. Approvals: Additional Policy Updates - First Reading:
 - i. Policy IG – Curriculum Development
 - ii. Policy EHB – Records Retention
 - iii. Policy GCBD – Professional Staff Fringe Benefits
 - iv. Policy GCG/GCGA - Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment/Qualifications of Substitute Staff
 - v. Regulation JLF-R: Reporting Child Abuse / Child Protection
 - vi. Policy KFA: Public Conduct on District Property
 - f. Approval: Check Vouchers & Financial Reports - Amy Perschbacher
 - g. Approval: School/Public Health Nurse IGA with the Custer County Commissioners - Mark Payler
 - h. Approval: Student Handbook: Administration
 - i. Approval: Propane Bid – Amy Perschbacher
 - j. Discussion/Approval: Board Committee Assignments for 2016-17: School Board
 - k. Discussion: Board Retreat to Discuss (1) FMMP Report and (2) Strategic Plan: School Board
12. Principal's Reports:
 - a. Elementary/Middle School: Holly Anderson
 - b. Secondary/AD: Jack Christensen
13. Superintendent's Report - Mark Payler
14. Items introduced by Board Members
15. General Public Comment Session (Comments limited to 3 minutes)
16. Executive Session – If Needed
17. Looking Ahead: Regular Board Meeting, September 13, 2016
18. Adjournment



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COUNTY GENERAL

- *County Commissioner, \$ 4141.67
- *County Commissioner, \$ 4141.67
- *County Commissioner, \$ 4141.67
- *Board Administrative Assistant, \$ 5168.03
- *Board Administrative Assistant, \$ 2000.00
- *Planning & Zoning Director, \$ 3705.55
- *Planning & Zoning Clerk, \$ 3138.94
- *County Coroner, \$ 1841.67
- *County Clerk, \$ 4141.67
- *Deputy Clerk/Elections, \$ 2060.00
- *Deputy Clerk /Motor Vehicle, \$ 2905.31
- *Deputy Clerk/Recording, \$2366.64
- *County Clerk PT help, \$ 1690.00
- *County Clerk PT help, \$ 610.00
- * HR/Fin Director, \$ 4277.59
- *County Treasurer, \$ 4141.67
- *Chief Deputy County Treasurer, \$ 3138.76
- *County Assessor, \$ 4141.67
- *Transfer Clerk, \$ 2000.00
- *Chief Deputy Co Assessor, \$ 2805.99
- *Cartographer, \$ 3326.61
- *Appraiser, \$ 2903.28
- *Maintenance/Custodial, \$ 2040.00
- *Landfill Operator, \$ 2828.74
- *Landfill Operator, \$ 2520.68
- *Landfill Operator, \$ 2357.33
- *Recycling Coordinator, \$ 1031.03
- *County Health Nurse, \$ 4537.44
- *County Health Nurse Admin. Asst., \$ 2584.00
- *County Health Nurse PT help, \$ 1610.68
- *Veteran’s Service Officer, \$ 1672.88
- *County Surveyor, \$ 0
- *Information Technology/GIS Director, \$ 4134.50
- *Useful Public Service Coordinator, \$ 604.19
- *Extension Office Manager, \$ 3354.58
- *County Sheriff, \$ 5550.00
- *Under-Sheriff, \$ 4680.00
- *Sheriff Admin. Asst., \$ 3072.41
- *Court Security Officer, \$ 3543.49
- *Deputy Sheriff, \$ 3576.47

- *Deputy Sheriff, \$ 1320.00
- *Deputy Sheriff, \$ 3926.46
- *Deputy Sheriff, \$ 3155.63
- *Deputy Sheriff, \$ 4634.67
- *Deputy Sheriff, \$ 3959.16
- *Deputy Sheriff, \$ 3015.14
- *Detention Sergeant, \$ 3111.34
- *Detention Officer, \$ 877.50
- *Detention Officer, \$ 2382.00
- *Detention Officer, \$ 2781.25
- *Detention Officer, \$ 1920.00
- *Detention Officer, \$ 2634.00

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- *Communications Dispatcher Sergeant, \$ 3033.70
- *Communications Dispatcher, \$ 678.12
- *Communications Dispatcher, \$ 2334.00
- *Communications Dispatcher, \$ 2855.00
- *Communications Dispatcher, \$ 2771.00
- *Office of Emergency Management Director, \$ 2945.84

ROAD & BRIDGE

- *Supervisor, \$ 5437.11
- *Assistant Supervisor, \$ 5348.71
- *Assistant Supervisor, \$ 4510.80
- *Administrative Assistant, \$ 2703.75
- *Mechanic, \$ 5131.80
- *Mechanic, \$ 3736.76
- *Operator, \$ 3072.60
- *Operator, \$ 2577.60
- *Operator \$ 1149.20
- *Operator, \$ 2728.80
- *Operator, \$ 2853.24
- *Operator, \$ 2577.60
- *Operator, \$ 2819.76
- *Operator, \$ 2732.29
- *Operator, \$ 1331.33
- *Custodian, \$ 175.05

HUMAN SERVICES

- *Director, \$ 6023.87
- *Social Caseworker, \$ 4917.08
- *IM/Legal Tech, \$ 4639.90
- *Social Caseworker, \$ 2725.00
- *Case Manager/Social Caseworker, \$ 1676.98
- *Case Service Aide, \$ 1536.95

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF POLICY CHANGE SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Sangre de Cristo Electric (SDCEA) proposes to revise Policy C-7, “Extension of Service, Lines and Facilities”, effective September 15, 2016. The proposed changes revise the 10% deposit for complex line extensions to say that the deposit will be applied to the Costs of the job and any unused portion of the fee would be refunded rather than forfeited if the project is canceled or inactive for six months.

The purpose of the change is to correct the treatment of the deposit.

Anyone who desires to comment about the policy may file in writing with SDCEA at 29780 North US Highway 24, P. O. Box 2013, Buena Vista CO 81211 at least ten (10) days before the proposed effective date.

/s/ Paul A. Erickson, CEO

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James 4:12

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

The following is a list of all bills presented, audited, and ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Custer County, Colorado, from their respective funds at the regular meeting on July 29, 2016.

Custer County Payments for Airport Fund Payments From July 1, 2016 Through July 29, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ASCENT AVIATION GROUP INC	JUN/JUL POS CHG	60.00
CENTURYLINK	SRV	107.88
DDW INC	WIRELESS SRV	60.00
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	SERVICE	284.25
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	AIRPORT SUPPLIES	14.99
	Final Totals...	527.12

Custer County Payments for Capital Improvement Fund Payments From July 1, 2016 Through July 29, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
UNITED REPROGRAPHIC SUPPLY	ASSR COPIER MAINT AGREE	90.00
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING	ASSR MAPPING COPIER	285.40
	Final Totals...	375.40

Custer County Payments for Emergency Services Fund Payments From July 1, 2016 Through July 29, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AT & T MOBILITY	OEM SRVS	85.32
CASCADE RESCUE CO	RETAC	2,594.75
CENTURYLINK	OEM SRV	107.81
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	3,331.00
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	OEM FUEL	34.39
HOWARD/CINDY	REIMBS	109.03
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	DISPATCH SUPPLIES	85.87
TXI TELECOM XCHANGE INTERNATI	DISPATCH TTY TESTING	240.00
	Final Totals...	6,586.17
	Payroll...	11,313.89

Custer County Payments for General Funds Fund Payments From July 1, 2016 Through July 29, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	129.58
AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE	CN W/H	161.10
AMERITECH INC	DEATH CERT PAPER	19.68
AT & T MOBILITY	FPR PHONES/SRV	1,800.18
BALLARD/TRACY	ELECTIONS	20.00
BERG HILL GREENLEAF & RUSCITTI	PROF SRVS	337.50
BERRY/SHERON	ELECTION JUDGE	170.00
BOB BARKER CO INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	94.56
CAMPER/KELLEY	ELECTION REIMBS	14.45
CARD SERVICES	CLERKS CONF REGISTRATION	1,096.73
CCEDC		2,390.00
CDPHE	LNDFT. 2ND QTR REPORT	1,154.67
CDPHE ADMIN DIV & FIN SRVS	OWTS PERMIT SURCHG	400.00
CDPHE LSD LABORATORY SERVICES	PHM20160000000000540	155.00
CENTURYLINK	WCCL/FIRE SRVS	342.24
CENTURYLINK	SERVICE	3,954.92
CHEMATOX LABORATORY	BA TESTING 16-0428	60.00
CLIFFES AUTO SERVICES/THE	SHERIFF REPAIRS	69.95
CMI ROADBUILDING INC	LNDFT. COMPACTOR REPAIR	173.15
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	GARNISHMENT	135.00
COX/CHARLES	REIMBURSEMENTS	283.95
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INS. W/H	33,724.30
CUSTER COUNTY EXTENSION		1,398.55
CUSTER COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC	INMATE MEDICAL	161.75
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	SHERIFF FUEL	2,105.83
DISH NETWORK	INMATE SRV	52.09
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	GARNISHMENT	442.00
FOX DRUG INC	INMATE RX	1.94
GAIDE/BRENDA	MILEAGE TO BOCC MTG	27.50
GCR TIRES & SERVICE	SHERIFF TIRES	1,497.84
HALPIN/TIFFANY	SHERIFF DECALS	78.00
HENNRICH/JAMES D	REIMBURSEMENTS	601.00
HOLT FAMILY FUNERAL HOME	SRVS	575.00

IPPOLITO/CHUCK		858.32
KATTNIG/ROBERT (BOB)	REIMBS	75.00
LEDS LLC	CLERK EXPENSES	9,258.00
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	38.85
LEITSCHUH/JUDY	ELECTION JUDGE	115.00
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	INMATE FOOD	941.37
MARTIN/RHONDA K	REIMBS	10.90
MCFARLAND OIL	FUEL	1,271.55
MILLER/PEGGY	ELECTION JUDGE	125.00
MKOPS LLC	LANDFILL PROF SRVS	280.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	LANDFILL SUPPLIES	359.68
NAYLOR & GEISEL P.C	PROF SRVS	140.00
NEWCOMB/DOREEN	ELECTION JUDGE	230.00
NORUP GAS INC	SHERIFF COMPLEX SRV	75.00
OAK DISPOSAL SERVICE	LANDFILL FACILITIES	96.50
OFFICE DEPOT	ASSR SUPPLIES	181.29
OFFICE OF THE DIST ATTORNEY	PROF SRVS	7,645.83
PARRENT/FREDRICK	ELECTION JUDGE	599.00
PIQUETTE ENTERPRISES LLC	JULY ACCOUNTING	794.66
RANCHER'S ROOST CAFE	VSO WORKSHOP	174.00
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	CRHS SRV	427.20
SAGE/CANDI	ELECTIONS	55.00
SAM'S CLUB	INMATE NON FOOD SUPPLIES	218.51
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	LNDFL SRV	74.36
SBA STRUCTURES LLC	SITE RENTAL	260.84
SHAW/JOHN	ELECTIONS	460.00
SHY/CHRISTOPHER (KIT)	REIMBS	75.00
SIRCHIE FINGERPRINT LABS	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	174.06
SMITH/CLINTON A	PROF SRVS	1,600.00
SSR AUTO SUPPLY INC	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	36.86
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	515.36
STATE OF COLORADO	MVR DELIVERABLES	255.73
STEIGERWALT/SUSAN	ELECTIONS	120.00
STOLTZ/FUS/GAIL	REIMBURSEMENTS	141.01
STREBIG/JERRY	ELECTIONS	200.00
SUMMIT FOUNDATION/THE	RURAL PHILANTHROPY DAYS	500.00
SWARTZ/TIM		487.66
SYMBOLARTS LLC	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	1,350.00
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	999.99
TECHNICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	JAIL SUPPLIES	807.35
TOTAL OFFICE SOLUTIONS	CLERK SUPPLIES	11.96
ULINE	RECYCLING SUPPLIES	153.46
US BANK		1,452.62
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	266.31
WARRIOR KIT	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	216.08
WARWICK DENVER HOTEL	ASSR CLASS ACCOM	688.00
WEATHERS/EMANUEL	CWP REFUND	15.00
WEST CUSTER CO HOSPITAL DIST	CCPHNS SUPPLIES	475.00
WET MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE	BOCC PUBLISHING	61.94
WRIGHT ELECTRIC LLC	LANDFILL INSTALL	190.00
XEROX BUSINESS SERVICES LLC	ASSR DATA PROCESSING	6,229.27
YACKLEY/DEBORAH	ELECTION JUDGE	830.00
YORK/NANCY	ELECTIONS	195.00
YOUNG/ROBIN	TRAVEL	578.00
4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	LANDFILL REPAIRS	18.55
	Final Totals...	97,038.53
	Payroll...	99,391.05

Custer County Payments for Human Services Fund Payments From July 1, 2016 Through July 29, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
	Final Totals...	11,264.18
	Payroll...	43,992.22

Custer County Payments for Road and Bridge Fund Payments From July 1, 2016 Through July 29, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AFLAC	AF W/H	56.16
AIRGAS INTERMOUNTAIN INC	CYLINDER RENTALS	423.25
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	532.52
AT & T MOBILITY	SERVICE	184.14
BLUE TARP FINANCIAL	PRO SEAT	921.02
CCOM	CDOT EXAM	70.00
CENTURYLINK	WETMORE SHOP SRV	185.52
CENTURYLINK	WC SHOP SRV	332.97
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	11,710.56
DELTA RIGGING & TOOLS INC	TRAFFIC CONES	239.40
DIVISION OF RECLAMATION	SOUTH PIT ANNUAL FEE	791.00
FEDERAL SAFETY COMPLIANCE	2016 R OSHA/EPA PKG	298.50
GCR TIRES & SERVICE	TIRES	496.36
GP POWER SYSTEMS	SAW REPAIR	50.00
HAMMOND AIR CONDITIONING LTD	24 V RELAY	35.65
INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICE	PARTS	285.18
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	MISC SHOP SUPPLIES	287.90
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	51.80
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	PAPER PRODUCTS	62.93
MCCANDLESS TRUCK CENTER LLC	PARTS	183.96
MCFARLAND OIL	FUEL	1,702.84
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	MISC PARTS	312.55
PROCOM	TESTING/SUPPLIES	41.00
PUMPS AND MORE LLC	UNIONS & CAMS	259.26
QUILL CORP	OFFICE SUPPLIES	131.55
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	SERVICE	446.23
RUSLER IMPLEMENT CO	PARTS	69.25
SAFETY-KLEEN CORP	WC/WETMORE SRV	599.09
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	574.98
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	SUPPLIES	497.93
WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO	MISC SUPPLIES	400.73
WESTCLIFFE PETROLEUM	TIRES	711.72
WET MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE	HELP WANTED	81.00
XEROX CORP	COPIER	61.94
	Final Totals...	23,088.89
	Payroll...	32,523.86

Custer County Payments for Self Insurance Fund Payments From July 1, 2016 Through July 29, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
COLORADO STATE TREASURER	UNEMPLOY BENEFIT REIMB	6,182.00
FIRST RESPONDER COMMUNICATIONS	DEER PEAK REPAIRS	13,262.62
MCCASLAND GLASS	ANNEX WINDOW REPAIRS	1,337.00
	Final Totals...	20,781.62

STATE OF COLORADO COUNTY OF CUSTER

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

Kelley S. Camper
County Clerk

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BOCC Special Meeting July 29th

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Special Meeting

by Jackie Bubis

July 29, 2016

—WETMORE, Colorado

The meeting started at 9 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, and introductions of the public in attendance.

In the public comments section, Charles Bogle of the Custer County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) updated the commissioners on progress from the REDI Grant. They are looking for a \$5K match for a grant to study and locate communication towers in the unincorporated county. Their new website (www.ccecondevc.com) is up. And Custer County has been selected one of twenty counties for the Blueprint 2.0 program to develop a master plan for trails.

Commissioner Shy reported upcoming events including the film crew for Philanthropy Days and the building assessment by

college students on August 3rd.

Commissioner Kattnig reported that the Custer County Communications Committee was looking for grant money. The next meeting for that committee is Aug 8th at 9 a.m., at the power station. He also reported the Meet and Greet with Senator Gardner where they discussed the AT&T situation and the federal responsibility to manage the forests better. Also Mr. Kattnig said that with regards to broadband, Senator Gardner was “receptive to what we’re trying to do.” He was unclear who the “we” was in that statement.

Commissioner Attebery shared a letter received from the Custer County Historical/Genealogy Society with regards to House Bill 1106 and the ongoing project to identify the Zebulon Pike National Historic Trail.

Attorney Clint Smith drafted a letter to the Fremont Superintendent of Schools requesting a quit claim deed on the Wetmore Com-

munity Center building. This will clear up the deed restriction requiring that building revert back to the Fremont School district if it is ever not used as a community center.

New/Old Business

Clerk Kelly Camper presented a special event permit for the Chamber of Commerce Little Black Dress event to be held September 18th at Painted View Ranch. Permit was approved.

Undersheriff Chris Barr reported on a grant application he is working on for Victims Assistance in Law Enforcement. He intended to ask for \$5K for formal training for the Victim’s Assistance volunteer, some equipment for that purpose and money to reimburse expenses. Commissioner Shy suggested that he ask for \$10K and the board’s assistant will help Mr. Barr with the grant.

Resolutions were passed that cleaned up the county accounts per their auditor suggestions. Funds were moved to zero out accounts.

The request for the extension of the audit for the DA’s office was presented and the board voted to accept the extension.

The First State Bank/Sky Peak Partners issue was again on the agenda. Representatives from the bank were present. Discussion revolved around the request by the bank that the 5% fee on the sale of parcels be waived in order for the bank to sell the property to an investor. The fee was placed on the original development in 2005 in the approval of the subdivision. After much back and forth, the commissioners finally agreed to negate this portion of the subdivision regulation and requirement in this instance only.

Cindy Howard, from the Office of Emergency Management, presented an annual grant agreement for approval.

The commissioners approved the vouchers so bills could be paid.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Sheriff's Report...

SO Report for 8/5/16

On the dates below, there were 173 calls for service to the Sheriff’s Office, 7 to EMS, and 1 to the Fire Department. As of 7/31 there were 5 males and 4 females in the jail.

From 7/25 to 7/31 there were the following calls for service:

7/25/16: **Fire:** Dispatch received a report of a lightning strike and a small fire in the San Isabel

National Forest off of Highway 165. The Wet Mountain Fire Department was dispatched to the call and then requested to stand down by the National Forest Service. Fire was put out by the National Forest Service.

Fire: Dispatch received a report of a grass fire off of CR 255. It was determined that the location of the fire was in Fremont County. The caller was transferred to

the Fremont County Regional Communication Center.

Theft: A deputy took a report of a log splitter stolen on Mill Street in Silver Cliff.

7/26/16: **Shots Fired:** A party came into the lobby of the Sheriff’s Office to report an individual shot at him at a residence on CR 318. Several deputies went out to the location and made contact with the subject. Altazar

Raphael of Westcliffe was arrested for Felony Menacing.

Mental Status: EMS was dispatched to Bluff Circle in Westcliffe for a male suffering from an altered mental status. The patient was transported to a hospital.

Mischief: A deputy was dispatched to Silver Cliff Town Hall to take a report of several windows broken in the announce-

er’s stand at Silver Cliff Park.

Wallet Fish’n: A party came into the Sheriff’s Office to explain he was fishing at Lake DeWeese, didn’t catch any fish, but caught a lost wallet. Fortunately, it wasn’t catch and release. The wallet was turned in the Sheriff’s Office and the owner in Pueblo was contacted.

7/27/16: **Traffic Summons:** Christopher Schritter of Colby,

KS, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Daniel Hill of Houston, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

SAR: Dispatch received a 911 call reporting a sick boy on a hiking trail near the Rito Alto Mine. Search and Rescue was activated for a patient extraction. EMS was dispatched to

SHERIFF
see page 24

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Colorado State News

Gun Prohibitionist Bennet Needs to be Stopped

by Erich Pratt, Tim Macy
Freedom Outpost

With so much focus on the presidential election right now, I wanted to make sure you were aware of what's happening in Colorado.

Darryl Glenn, a great friend of the Second Amendment, surprised the pundits with a resounding win in the Republican primary.

He was vastly outspent, but what Darryl lacked in money he made up for with grassroots supporters and an all-volunteer campaign staff.

Now he represents one of the few opportunities to turn a U.S. Senate seat from anti-gun to pro-gun.

And he's taking on one of Barack Obama's favorite Senators -- Michael Bennet.

Where to begin with Bennet?

Bennet doesn't think you should be able to buy or sell a personal firearm without first going to the government to approve the sale.

Gun shows would be a thing of the past if it were up to Bennet.

Bennet voted against a concealed carry reciprocity amendment, even though your right to self-defense shouldn't end at the state line.

He supported ObamaCare, which has the dangerous potential to take guns away from people based on a doctor's diagnosis (it's already happening to military veterans).

UN Gun Control

Worst of all, Bennet voted against keeping the United States out of the UN Arms Trade Treaty.

You might want to read that sentence again.

Michael Bennet, a **sitting United States Senator**, voted to give up our constitutional right to own firearms -- and national sovereignty -- to the gun-hating United Nations.

Gun Owners of America (GOA) has fought for many years to keep this treaty bottled up.

The language contained in the Arms Trade Treaty gives Obama and the anti-gun lobby all the cover they need to implement gun control measures they have long sought without any further legislation, including:

- A national registry of gun owners;
- A ban on interstate movement of any firearms;
- A ban on imported firearms; and, possibly,
- The elimination of most small gun shops through excessive regulation and paperwork requirements.

THAT's the treaty Bennet refused to oppose!

Supreme Concerns

Another grave concern with Bennet is that he's a rubber-stamp for Obama's...and potentially Hillary's...anti-gun judges.

Bennet voted for Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan, two Justices with distinctly anti-Second Amendment records.

And Bennet is pushing to confirm yet a third justice for Obama. The death of Antonin Scalia, a jurist who actually understood, respected and defended the U.S. Constitution, has left open a pivotal seat on the Court.

The two most important Second Amendment rulings of our times were narrow 5-4 decisions pro-

tecting the Second Amendment. Justice Scalia wrote the Majority Opinion in one of those cases, *D.C. v. Heller*.

If Bennet has his way, Obama nominee Merrick Garland will be on the Court, and those decisions would flip the other way in a heartbeat.

GOA was among the first groups to advocate pushing the next Supreme Court confirmation battle off until after the election, and that battle appears to have been won.

Of course, we may not be out of the woods even then. The next president will nominate one...two...maybe as many as three new Justices. If it's President Hillary, watch out!

That's why we need Senators who will stand up for the Constitution and the Second Amendment.

Unlike the incumbent senator, Darryl Glenn will ALWAYS vote to uphold and protect your Second Amendment rights.

Gun Free Zones Fail

Darryl understands that not only are gun control laws unconstitutional -- reason enough to vote

against them -- but they're also a failure in every other respect.

Just about every mass shooting in the past half century has occurred in a gun free zone. That doesn't even include the shootings in inner cities, which are for all practical purposes gun free zones.

Michael Bennet, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton want to make the whole country a "gun free zone." But that will only increase violence, making us less safe and the criminals and terrorists safer.

Darryl will vote to REPEAL gun free zones. And he will vote to protect constitutional carry and expand your right to carry concealed firearms

Darryl will vigorously oppose a ban on so-called "assault weapons" and any attempt to REGISTER gun owners.

And he will fight tooth-and-nail against the UN gun control treaty and any of the other international gun grabs that Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama eagerly embrace.

Please see: <http://freedomoutpost.com/this-gun-prohibition-senator-needs-to-be-stopped/>

Flailing Activists: More Reasons to Vote Down Ballot Measures

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Natural Resources Director Bob Randall, is contemplating whether there continues to be a groundswell of support to pass two ballot measures that seek to put the oil and gas industry out of business in Colorado, the *Durango Herald* reports.

Randall notes that "some of the impetus behind the initiative a couple of years ago just doesn't exist today," while opponents of heat and electricity argue that the impact would be minimal because energy production is declining in the state.

Not surprisingly, Pete Maysmith at Conserva-

tion Colorado endorsed ballot initiative number 75, a back-door maneuver to give environmentalists more power over the industry on the local level.

Fractivists are arguing that since they've already crippled the business through federal regulations that are driving the market, let's just go ahead and turn off all the lights and lock the door on the energy industry.

Who would notice, right?

Interestingly, a study by the University of Colorado's Leeds School of Business shows that the impact of one of those initiatives would actually "cost Colorado billions in its gross domestic product and over 100,000 jobs over the next

five to 14 years," the *Herald* said.

Passing either of the ballot efforts would have a ripple effect throughout the state, not just in our economy and loss of jobs, but it would hit everyone's wallet, especially the poorest among us. The industry supports \$25.8 billion of the Colorado economy, which is nine percent of the state's total economic activity.

That's why the measures are losing support. It's the economy, stupid.

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Royal Gorge
Dinosaur Experience



Photo Courtesy of Charlotte Burrous

by Charlotte Burrous

Dinosaurs roamed the Earth and particularly in Fremont County. After they disappeared, what was left of them remained hidden for thousands of years.

To show off these dinosaurs, the Royal Gorge Dinosaur Experience recently held its grand opening.

The museum ticket “includes a guided tour of our two exhibit areas; the terrestrial and the marine areas,” Zach Reynolds said. “That includes 27 different full-size prehistoric creatures and the casts of them.”

The ticket also includes access to touch screens, touch stations, a view of the fossil lab, the children’s early learning center and the theater, which is currently showing a film about the Dinosaur Bone wars in Fremont County.

The café offers snacks, hot-dogs, nachos and other refreshments.

The Dinosaur Wild Walk is a quarter mile groomed trail that exhibits outdoor life-size moving dinosaurs. While on the walk, the dinosaurs jump to life with sounds and different motions whenever anyone approaches it.

“(This) has been a huge hit with the public,” Reynolds added.

The third experience is two ropes courses.

Reynolds said, “One is for junior guests ages 2-7 and the other is for guests who are 48 inches or taller. Both of them have guests in harnesses with a lanier that goes overhead to a track. It is a self-guided tour ...

where you can go anywhere on the course safely by yourself. They’ve been quite poplar as well. Kids, adults and seniors alike have had a lot of fun with it.”

Reynolds said he had been interested in the project since he first heard about the fossils found in Fremont County. Going to high school in this community, he was fascinated with paleontology, so he earned a degree in biology at Western State College. His maternal grandfather, Pete Allen, was friends with Fred Kessler, who was involved with dinosaur digs back in the 50s and 60s.

The idea of building a tourist attraction began three and a half years ago.

“Over that time, we developed a business plan for it and a rough idea of what we wanted to do,” Reynolds said. “It was a year ago almost to the day that we received our bank loan. Then on August 10, [2015], we received the commissioners’ approval. It was the following week that my father [David Reynolds] and I decided we wanted to go forward with the project.”

At that point, they did not have an architect, a logo, the land or anything else so they started from

scratch in the middle of August last year. By October, the Reynolds held their groundbreaking ceremony and the project began. Eleven months later, they were open to the public.

“We really fast tracked the project,” Reynolds said. “Reynolds Construction was the general contractor and we hired an architect out of Colorado Spring whom we had worked with on another project, Jack Paulson. But we basically designed the entire facility and the grounds. He took what we had already drawn and put it on paper. We designed the whole thing.”

Originally, the Reynolds thought they wanted to place the Royal Gorge Dinosaur Experience on another site, but then changed their plans to put it in a more visible area on Highway 50. The address is 44895 W. U.S. 50, Cañon City.

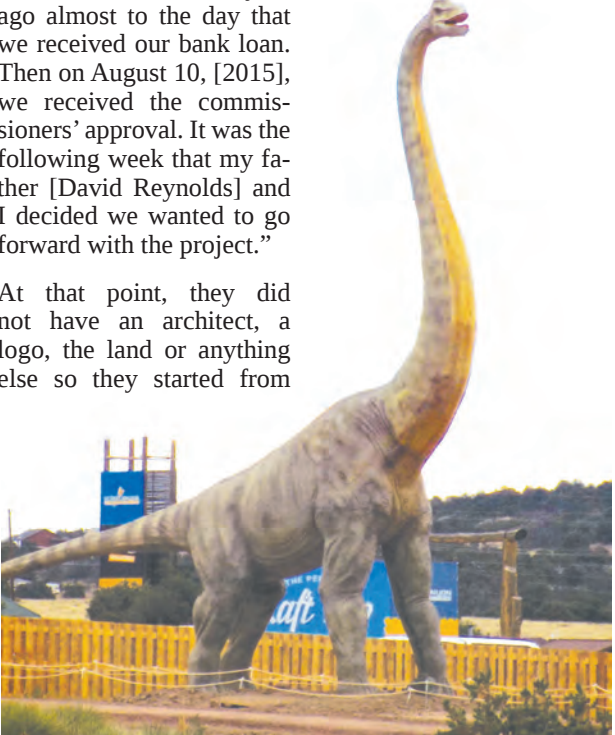


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Events
August 5-15

Tuesdays —Cañon City Farmers Market will begin June 7 and continue weekly from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in Veterans Park, featuring local farmers, bakers, artisans and nonprofits.

Tuesdays —Cañon City Entertainment in the Park will be presented from 7-9 p.m., beginning June 7 in Veterans Park. The event will offer a plethora of music and entertainment throughout the summer. For more information, call 275-2331.

Wednesdays— Puppies at the Library will be featured from 2-4 p.m. at the Cañon City Public Library at 516 Macon Ave. Pick a dog; pick a book; pick a time. For more information, call 269-9020.

Wednesdays —Florence Entertainment in the Park will be held from 7-9 p.m. Pioneer Park in Florence.

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

July 30 – Aug. 7, Fremont County Fair at the Fairgrounds at the top of Ninth Street hill. Activities include horse showmanship, home economics, homemade wine, dog show, dairy cattle, goats, music, kids activities, seniors and much more. For more information, visit www.fremontcountyfair.com.

Aug. 12, Barn Dance & Pie Auction will be held at 5 p.m. in Pioneer Park. Fundraiser for nonprofits. Music, food, dance demonstrations and more.

August 12-13, A Steampunk Spirit Expedition in downtown Florence. Beyond the Shadows Paranormal and Florence Steampunk tour guides will take patrons from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on a walking ghost tour in the downtown shops. Tickets must be purchased from Spirit Riders Western Emporium at 111 W. Main St. in Florence, \$10 per ticket for both days. On Saturday, festivities move to the Florence Elks Lodge at 131 E. Front St. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and entertainment by Bobby Dean and cast and crew of the Ghost Finders from 7-9 p.m. Steampunk attire optional. Tickets are \$25 for the event at Elks Lodge. For more information, call 431-3592.

DAWN to DUSK, Fremont Center for the Arts’ two-month Summer Family Event. Learn a bit of Colorado’s history, dances, music, entertainment, art and more. Tues thru Sat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **Special entertainment & demos on Saturday, Aug. 13: Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders Demo & at 1:00pm Live Western Music.** 505 Macon, Cañon City, 719-275-2790. For complete information, admission fees and schedule of events visit www.fremontarts.org/dawn-to-dusk.html

August 14, Ice Cream Social, consisting of homemade ice cream and cookies, will be held from 3-5 p.m. at the United Presbyterian Church at 701 Macon Ave. Donations will be accepted to benefit the Boy Scouts and youth. Music by Applewood will be provided.

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

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A Time to Reflect on God and Country

As the Democratic National Convention comes to a close, I am impressed that true Americans are vilified by the "party," and anything standing on ethics, morals and traditional values is ridiculed, mocked and frowned upon by those who lead the Democratic Party. It is the counter-American party. Those who first came to this new land were predominantly Christians who fled Europe because of religious persecution and/or the hope for a better life. This is documented through the writings of those who settled in Jamestown, Plymouth and even the Huguenots who settled in what is now Florida in the late 1500s. The "state of mind" of these early Americans was freedom of worship and enterprise.

Our first president, George Washington, gave great insight into what it means to be an American in his 1796 Farewell Speech. He said, "Citizens, by birth or choice, of a common country, that country has a right to concentrate your affections. The name of American, which belongs to you in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of patriotism more than any appellation derived from local discriminations. With slight shades of difference, you have the same religion, manners, habits, and political principles. You have in a common cause fought and triumphed together; the independence and liberty you possess are the work of joint counsels, and joint efforts of common dangers, sufferings, and successes."

Washington pointed out that all citizens have independence and liberty in common. He said that for

the most part, Americans share the same religion, manners, habits and political principles. That is, they were Christian; they were individualist, enterprising, and depended on the "national union" of our government "as of the palladium of your political safety and prosperity." It is for this reason that Washington believed Americans should be watching for the nation's "preservation with jealous anxiety...and indignantly frowning upon the first dawning of every attempt to alienate any portion of our country from the rest, or to enfeeble the sacred ties which now link together the various parts."

The Founding Fathers envisioned a limited government where citizens would give up some independence for the protections needed to have a civil society. In this way, the Founders used Exodus 18:20-21 as a guide to establish our Republic, "And you shall teach them ordinances and laws, and shall show them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do. Moreover you shall provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them..." Self governance can only be accomplished through good citizenship. As you consider the Presidential election, perhaps measure them on the balance of Washington's words and the premise of Exodus 18, and make the best choice.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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StraightLineLogic.com

(Editor/GG: This is what WILL happen, no matter who wins the election. Plan accordingly.)

Who has the most to gain from low and negative interest rates? Obviously debtors. The world's biggest debtors are governments, with the U.S. government number one. Debt today is like a listing ship. The objective of governments is to get themselves to the part of the ship that's highest out of the water—the bridge—and cram everyone else below decks, submerged. The ship will sink, but governments and their cronies will let the other passengers drown before they breathe their last.

The real purpose—the only one that matters—of governments and central banks' machinations since the financial crisis has been to finance governments. The world stood on the edge of the debt contraction abyss. Debt had reached an unsustainable level. Economies could no longer bear the load of interest payments and principle repayment. The marginal value of most debt, particularly that which funded consumption, had gone clearly negative. Even the value of debt incurred to fund "investment" was dicey, since much of that investment was actually speculation in disguise: house flipping, leveraged mortgage security arbitrage, share buybacks, and the like. The financial crisis was the iceberg rending the hole in the hull. Since then, the hole has only grown.

The bridge knows the vessel is taking on water and sinking. Sovereign debt has been monetized and interest rates driven to subzero so governments can buy themselves a little more time. Savers and those living off of fixed income investments were steerage, are the first to be sacrificed. For them, the future of diminished consumption that everyone says is inevitable—but nobody seems to believe will ever happen—has arrived. They've been told to go to the hold and await further instructions while the central bank pumps bail away, but they're up to their necks in cold, fast-rising water.

Chest deep and next to be sacrificed, are aggregate pools of savings—pension funds and insurance companies. They have to generate a return and cannot survive

No Lifeboats

if they receive no interest income on their bond investments. Underfunded pensions have thrown states, municipalities, and Puerto Rico into financial turmoil. The rates of return they had assumed, in most cases 7 percent or greater, are unavailable in any kind of prudent investment. Imprudent investments offer high-

(honestly accounted for, some—Europe's, Japan's, Russia's and Brazil's, et al.—already do), more debt will simply hasten the ship's final plunge.

Expanding debt has allowed developed country sovereign bond and equity markets to reach record highs. Both, ultimately, are dependent on the real economy,

the worst level since the third quarter of 2009, and the default rate is climbing.

Cold water laps at the toes of the financial cronies. There will be more QEs, more ZIRP and NIRP, and inevitably helicopter money, but not because of any of the transparently specious reasons given for these quackeries. That includes the "cynical" one that they're trying to keep stock and sovereign debt markets high and dry. Eventually stock markets will be sacrificed as the gap between stock prices versus earnings and economic performance grows ever wider and markets are asked to capitalize losses, not dwindling profits. Sovereign debt markets will be the last to go, because they can be supported by an endless supply of central bank fiat debt.

The cynical aren't cynical enough. The quackeries will continue because they are the only way governments carrying unsustainable loads of debt and unfunded liabilities can be financed. It will not stop when economies improve because economies aren't going to improve, they're going to get worse. Look at Japan, which has journeyed the farthest down this road. Its central bank finances the government, buying all the government's fiat debt with its own fiat debt. Just as the rest of the world's economies are following Japan's into zero and negative growth, they will follow its lead in finance. Sovereign debt and central bank debt exchange are all the potentates have to keep their heads above water a little longer.

Their cure is the disease. It is telling that nobody is talking about debt during the presidential campaign. Why stir up trouble? The candidates know that debt will sink the economy, and they've known so since at least 2008. It's easier to find other economic scapegoats. Talking about debt would be like the bridge announcing over the public address system that the ship is sinking, the passengers are going to die, and all emergency measures will be directed towards keeping those on the bridge alive longer than everyone else. They can't even tell the doomed to man the lifeboats. There are none.

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"Debt had reached an unsustainable level."

er returns, but reluctance to embrace them is rational given multiple crashes in junk bond, equity, and real estate prices since the turn of the century. Insurance companies can at least raise their rates, but in many cases pension contributions are fixed by either law or contract, and can't be changed without political push back from beneficiaries and other interested parties. Taxpayers are balking at calls to increase their support.

Mis-priced interest rates are also submerging the real economy. The artificial rate distortion produced by central banks' cheap debt policies has led to mal-investment, glutted markets for both goods and services, and deflationary pressures that will be fully uncorked when debt finally contracts. The return on real investment has followed interest rates, it's close to zero. The long-term trend rate of growth follows the real return on investment, so it too is falling towards zero (even by suspect official government reckonings) as the burden of servicing the mounting debt load rises.

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When the economy gives up the ghost, it will be akin to the flooding of the crew's quarters. There will still be a few high and dry on the bridge, but the ship cannot function without a crew. Washington and Wall Street are mostly high and dry, but it's only a matter of time before the surge reaches them.

Today's anemic growth rates have been dragged down by debt. When they finally sport a negative sign

so on many measures the divergence between financial asset prices and economic metrics has reached record extremes. By GAAP accounting or even by Wall Street's preferred "adjusted" earnings, the stock market is trading at historically

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high multiples. Sovereign bond prices, which are the inverse of yields (higher prices equal lower yields), are at all time highs since negative yields are all time low yields.

Officially measured developed countries' growth rates are trending to 1 percent, which is a statistical adjustment away from zero or negative growth. Most of that so-called growth is sim-

ply the debt-enabled pulling of future demand forward, which leads to less growth in the future. Cheap debt has blown up unsustainable bubbles in autos, student lending, and the housing market. Corporations have embarked on a borrowing spree, but unlike governments and central banks, they can't manufacture fiat debt to repay their debts. Notwithstanding infinitesimal interest rates, credit quality has deteriorated to

Persecutions

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Hearken to the esteemed
Dystopic:

Contrary to the beliefs of Leftists, being Christian has, historically, meant accepting a great deal of persecution. The followers of Christ, not unlike the Jews, have suffered under great persecution from other faiths. The Romans killed them (until converting). Then the Muslims came, and did likewise. But the day came when Christianity was ascendant and unchallenged in the West. And so it is easy to forget that, as a Christian, persecution is not so far away as we often think it is. We've suffered comparatively little in recent years. The worst we've had to deal with lately is militant atheists with their smug, Jon Stewart liberal grins and airs of superiority. Easy enough to suffer that.

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of course, but in the brazenness of the act, and in the specificity of the target. Where you could theoretically lump other Islamic terror attacks in the West into some kind of general malaise, and excuse it by some sort of twisted Left-wing, secular reasoning, this attack smacks more obviously of religious war.

It "smacks more obviously of religious war" because that's what's in progress. That and nothing else.

The great difference between Islam and all other religions is that Islam explicitly preaches intolerance of other faiths. Islam is therefore inherently and irremediably at war with every other religion -- including atheism -- practiced by anyone, anywhere on earth.

Christianity has had its excesses. The Inquisition was the worst of them. However, our principal sin, over the centuries, has been to snub the followers of other faiths. Over time we did unlearn such contemptible practices. But at their worst, the crimes committed in the name of Christ -- none of which can find any justifications in the teaching of the Redeemer -- pale in

comparison to the immeasurably greater and bloodier rampage of savageries committed by explicit direction of the bloodthirsty, adulterous pseudo-prophet Muhammad.

Moreover, Islam represents itself as a totalitarian political entity with God-given authority: a state with power over all things great and small. Thus it is at war not "merely" with other religious creeds, but with the political authorities of every non-Islamic nation. The refusal by the "leaders" of the West to acknowledge this has baffled many. It almost seems as if they believe the boogeyman will go away if they pretend that they don't see him.

That, to put it as gently as possible, is not on.

At this time, Europe is under continuous siege. Its already-imported Islamic fraction becomes more troublesome with each day that passes. Its borders are under extraordinary pressure from "refugees," the great majority of which are military-age Muslim males unaccompanied by women,

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The Religious War Has Begun

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There was a scene in Tom Kratman's Caliphate book where a priest was crucified, and speaks to a young boy, telling him to take up the crucifix on the ground. He speaks the words which I am sure most of my readers understand well enough.

The implication was, of course, that the boy, who had converted to Islam under duress, suffered less than the priest nailed to the cross. And, naturally, he should not renounce his faith for such if the priest could keep his under such circumstances.

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I feel a sadness for it, and wonder if the priest thought similarly as he died. And I wonder, also, if the militant fire which had been extinguished long ago in Christianity will now begin to resurface. I mourn this greatly, for the end of goodwill between faiths fast approaches.

If it must be religious war, then let it be as they say, even if this is a terrifying thing. If the cross falls to you, take it up. If it falls to me, then I will take it also. I implore the Islamists to remember this, however: we truly wanted peace, with all of our hearts, and you could not leave well enough alone.

Deus Vult!

(Editor/GG: For my fellow redneck brothers (hey, I had to look it up), "Deus Vult" is Latin for "God Wills It". It was a popular rallying cry for the First Crusade in the 11th century.)

Please see: <http://thedeclination.com/the-religious-war-has-begun/>



Shariah Law vs. the Constitution

by the Center for Security Policy

Article VI: The Constitution is the supreme law of the land

• **Constitution:** Article VI: "This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby"

• **Shariah:** "The source of legal rulings for all acts of those who are morally responsible is Allah." (a1.1, Umdat al-salik or The Reliance of the Traveller, commonly accepted work of Shariah jurisprudence); "There is only one law which ought to be followed, and that is the Sharia." (Seyed Qutb); "Islam wishes to destroy all states and governments anywhere on the face of the earth which are opposed to the ideology and program of Islam regardless of the country or the nation which rules it. The purpose of Islam is to set up a State on the basis of its own ideology and program." (Seyed Abul A'ala Maududi)

First Amendment: Freedom of religion

• **Constitution:** First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof"

• **Shariah:** "Those who reject Islam must be killed. If they turn back (from Islam), take hold of them and kill them wherever you find them." Quran 4:89 ; "Whoever changed his [Islamic] religion, then kill him" Sahih al-Bukhari, 9:84:57. In historic and modern Shariah states, Shariah law enforces *dhimmi* status (second-class citizen, apartheid-type laws) on non-Muslims, prohibiting them from observing their religious practices publicly, building or repairing churches, raising their voices during prayer or ringing church bells; if *dhimmi* laws are violated in the Shariah State, penalties are those used for prisoners of war: death, slavery, release or ransom. (o9.14, o11.0-o11.11, Umdat al-salik).

First Amendment: Freedom of speech

• **Constitution:** First Amendment: Congress shall not abridge "the freedom of speech."

• **Shariah:** Speech defaming Islam or Muhammad is considered "blasphemy" and is punishable by death or imprisonment.

First Amendment: Freedom to dissent

• **Constitution:** First Amendment: "Congress cannot take away the right of the people "to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

• **Shariah:** Non-Muslims are not to harbor any hostility toward the Islamic State or give comfort to those who disagree with Islamic government.

Second Amendment: Right to self-defense

• **Constitution:** Second Amendment: "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

• **Shariah:** Under historic and modern *dhimmi* laws, non-Muslims cannot possess swords, firearms or weapons of any kind.

Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Amendments: Right to due process and fair trial

• **Constitution:** Fifth Amendment: "no person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime... without due process of law." Sixth Amendment: guarantees a "public trial by an impartial jury." Seventh Amendment: "the right of trial by jury shall be preserved."

• **Shariah:** Hadith Sahih al-Bukhari: Muhammad said, "No Muslim should be killed for killing a Kafir (infidel)." Non-Muslims are prohibited from testifying against Muslims. A woman's testimony is equal to half of a man's.

Eighth Amendment: No cruel and unusual punishment

• **Constitution:** Eighth Amendment: "nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted."

• **Shariah:** Under Shariah punishments are barbaric: "Cut off the hands of thieves, whether they are male or female, as punishment for what they have done -- a deterrent from Allah." Quran 5:38; A raped woman is punished: "The woman and the man guilty of adultery or fornication -- flog each of them with a hundred stripes" (Sura 24:2).

Fourteenth Amendment: Right to equal protection and due process

• **Constitution:** Fourteenth Amendment: "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

• **Shariah:** Under *dhimmi* laws enforced in modern Shariah States, Jews, Christians and other non-Muslims are not equal to Muslims before the law. Under Shariah law, women, girls, apostates, homosexuals and "blasphemers" are all denied equality under the law.

For more information on Shariah law vs. the Constitution:

"Shariah: The Threat to America" in paperback or kindle at amazon.com, or free download at www.shariahthethreat.com

Please see: https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/upload/wysiwyg/article%20pdfs/Shariah_VS_Constitution.pdf

*For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;
he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.*

Clinton Cash: “Devastating” Documentary Reveals How Clintons Went From “Dead Broke” to Mega Wealthy

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

Clinton Cash, a feature documentary based on the Peter Schweizer book, has been posted to YouTube for all to view free just in time for the DNC. **Clinton Cash investigates how Bill and Hillary Clinton went from being “dead broke” after leaving the White House to amassing a net worth of over \$150 million, with over \$2 billion in donations to their foundation.** This wealth was accumulated during Mrs. Clinton’s tenure as Secretary of State through lucrative speaking fees and contracts paid for by foreign companies and Clinton Foundation donors.

The New York Times hailed the book as “The most anticipated and feared book of a presidential cycle” while MSNBC described the documentary as devastating for the Hillary campaign.

The Clinton camp has, of course, dismissed the documentary as a right-wing smear campaign filled with unsubstantiated con-

spiracy theories. That said, **perhaps the most shocking aspect of the release is that many of the biggest bombshells revealed in the documentary have been vetted and confirmed by various mainstream media outlets.** More recently, some information uncovered in the Panama Papers has echoed some of Schweitzer’s allegations in the movie and book.

Just to highlight a few of the scandals detailed in the documentary:

- **Russian Purchase of U.S. Uranium Assets in Return for \$145 mm in Contributions to the Clinton Foundation - Bill and Hillary Clinton assisted a Canadian financier, Frank Giustra, and his company, Uranium One, in the acquisition of uranium mining concessions in Kazakhstan and the United States.** Subsequently, the Russian government sought to purchase Uranium One but required approval from the Obama administration given the strategic impor-

tance of the uranium assets. **In the run-up to the approval of the deal by the State Department, nine shareholders of Uranium One just happened to make \$145 mm in donations to the Clinton Foundation.** Moreover, the New Yorker confirmed that Bill

that **Hillary’s brother, Tony Rodham, sat on the board of a mining company that just happened to score a lucrative gold mining permit in Haiti, one of only two permits to be awarded in 50 years, while then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton funneled billions of**

sulting in over \$2 mm in speaking fees. As it turns out, TD Bank happened to be the single largest shareholder in the Keystone XL pipeline which needed State Department approval. Wouldn’t you know it, Hillary Clinton decided to support the pipeline — a heresy to environmentalists — and delayed the Obama administration’s rejection of it.

While these accusations, many of which have been substantiated by multiple sources, would be devastating to mere mortal presidential candidates, we’re certain these are just a few more negative data points that will not stick to the teflon-coated Clinton couple.

(Editor/GG: You can see the video on YouTube. Just search for “Clinton Cash” or go to Breitbart.com to view it.)

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“Bill Clinton received \$500,000 in speaking fees from a Russian investment bank, with ties to the Kremlin, around the same time.”

Clinton received \$500,000 in speaking fees from a Russian investment bank, with ties to the Kremlin, around the same time. Needless to say, the State Department approved the deal giving Russia ownership of 20% of U.S. uranium assets.

- **Lucrative Haiti Gold Mining Permit Awarded to Hillary’s Brother - The Washington Post confirmed claims**

taxpayer dollars to the island in the wake of the devastating earthquake of 2010.

- **Keystone Pipeline Support in Return for \$2 mm in Speaking Fees -** After not being engaged to speak by TD Bank during his first eight years out of the White House, Bill Clinton began a string of speeches for the bank starting just four days after Hillary was nominated as Secretary of State re-

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children, or the aged. Both sets demand accommodation; in response, Europe’s leaders wring their hands for a moment and submit.

“...his undisguised attempt to flood our nation with persons as hostile to it and its norms as is he.”

The portents are anything but good.

Meanwhile, America’s specialist in p***ing on our heads and telling us it’s raining, Barack Hussein Obama, repeatedly tells us it’s our moral obligation to accommodate such “refugees” in or own lands. Nor does he care to listen to any backtalk. Despite loud, fervent rejections of the idea, his myrmidons have settled thousands of such “refugees” in towns whose previous populations were smaller than the Muslim influx. I seem to sense an agenda in there. Do you?

Obama’s seven and a half years riding roughshod over individuals’ rights, the Constitution, and everything else Americans treasure have crippled our economy, enervated our military, and made our international position a laughingstock. The Republican majorities in Congress

have done nothing even to retard his depredations; neither have the supposedly conservative justices on the Supreme Court. Add to this his undisguised attempt to flood our nation with persons as hostile to it and its norms as is he.

Persecutions are often conducted under color of law.

America is at great risk. The news media deliberately excludes or downplays any news that would reflect badly on the Obama Administration. They’re particularly determined to conceal the effects of the Islamic infestation. As other pundits have already noticed, “our” chief concerns appear to be catering to homosexual sensitivities and contriving transgender-friendly restrooms. But the apostles of “tolerance” have no time or attention to spare for the intolerance of our invaders. Not while there’s a man in a dress being told he can’t use the women’s lavatory.

Is it any wonder that resentment of government — all of it; not just the Golf-er-In-Chief — is nearing a peak? Should that boil burst, the consequences will be unpleasant — Civ-

il-War-level unpleasant, if not worse — and Muslims who’ve wormed their ways into America will enjoy them least of all.

My Gentle Readers have probably noticed that recently I’ve been posting a greater fraction of humorous stuff. There’s a reason for that. I’m sure I don’t need to state it explicitly.

Recently, the esteemed David de Gerolamo proclaimed that he would no longer write about political and governmental matters. He might be more sensible than your humble Curmudgeon Emeritus. I continue in the hope that there’s a chance, however slim, that men of good will can talk the country down off the ledge. I might be wrong, of course. But the ocean of blood that will be spilled if the American people rise up and take matters into their own hands tells me that I must continue. Read Dystopic’s essay. Take it seriously. And pray — but don’t stop there:

“Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.” [Luke 22:36]

Don’t forget to buy plenty of ammo for your “sword.”

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

Captain John Parker, Lexington Green, April 19, 1775

Second Amendment Supporters Win in House. Why?

by Dean Weingarten, Gun-Watch.Blogspot.com

(Editor/GG: This story is about a month old, but poignant still. Ryan is being primary'd by a true conservative and Weingarten is calling Ryan out for what he is; a true, hard core, double-faced, backstabbing RINO, ruining our country for his own ego-driven "career".)

Politico is reporting that House Speaker Ryan doesn't have the votes to cave to far left Democrat pressures to gut the Second Amendment. From politico.com"

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) has dismissed the Cornyn plan as a "toothless NRA bill that will do nothing to keep our communities safe."

But hard-line GOP conservatives came out against the leadership bill amid concerns about due process rights. The House Freedom Caucus on Wednesday said it would vote as a bloc against the proposal unless it's amended. That forced leadership to postpone consideration of the bill, which was slated to hit the floor this week. Ryan and McCarthy hoped a conference meeting would assuage members, but they still don't appear to have the votes needed, sources say.

In a Thursday whip meeting, leadership told senior lawmakers they wouldn't be able to take up the bill this week because they were still working through the disagreements with the far-right flank.

"Far-right flank" is "pro-

gressive" speak for a vast majority of Republican voters. Those Second Amendment supporters see no reason for Ryan to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. The Republican bill would put due process in jeopardy, make it appear that the Republican leadership once again caved to squealing and irrational Democrat demands, and failed to do their job against old media pressure.

What is not stated in the Politico piece is the obvious. To many astute political observers, it is the primary challenge in Speaker Ryan's home district.

According to a recent poll, Ryan's support is down to 43%. Ryan's home district is a safe Republican one. A grass roots conservative challenge is being waged by a popular outsider can-

didate, Paul Nehlen. The Speaker knows that one good way to get primaried is to appear weak on Second Amendment issues.



There is no reason for the Republicans to waver on Second Amendment votes. The anti-Second Amendment numbers are tiny, and will not vote for a Republican anyway; Second Amendment supporters have long memories and are willing to work hard

and open their wallets. This is not seen with anti-Second Amendment activists.

Ryan made a big mistake

when he agreed to bring to a vote an ineffectual proposition for no good purpose. Why snatch at what looks like defeat when you have already won?

Backtracking now can help. Will it be enough to keep Ryan from being pri-

maried? We will know in a month. The Wisconsin primary is on August 9th.

(Editor/GG: You gotta nail these RINO's in the primaries. Ryan is an "open borders", "free trade", "gun control" politician that would sell his mother for a vote. He recently, literally, built a huge wall around his mansion/home in his home state to keep out his own Dirt People. While he is against building a wall on OUR border to keep out the illegals. Another arrogant, in-your-face, RINO hypocrite.)

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According to Rolling Stone Magazine, the new game comes with zero instructions. "Technically, it's a free-to-play, location-based, augmented reality, multiplayer online mobile game that also supports its own custom wearable tech." It utilizes your phone's GPS and in order to interact with the objects - known as PokéStops which move around, you have to follow them using your phone display and Google map based game board. Participants are looking for something in virtual reality but they are looking for it in the real world, thus, the term 'augmented reality'.

by Jenn Jacques, BearingArms.com

Authorities in Las Vegas, NV, say a group of Pokemon Go players was attacked by a different kind of monster - armed robbers.

Police spokeswoman Laura Meltzer said the incident unfolded in Gary Reese Freedom Park shortly after 4 a.m. Monday morning. The group of six gamers were hunting down Pokemon monsters when an SUV drove up to the group. An armed man and a juvenile inside the vehicle demanded the players' possessions at gunpoint.

Fortunately, one of the group's players was packing more than a Pikachu.

Pokemon Go Players In a Real Gunfight

The player, who has a permit to carry, drew his gun and shot at the armed robbers, who then shot back.

One man in the group of players was treated for a gunshot wound at University Medical Center (UMC) and is expected to recover.

Police identified the SUV when the suspect was also dropped off at UMC by his accomplice after suffering a nonlife-threatening gunshot wound in the shootout. Both suspects were arrested.

Elvis Campos, 18, was arrested on charges of robbery with a deadly weapon, battery with a deadly weapon, conspiracy to commit robbery

and assault with a deadly weapon, the Metropolitan Police Department said in a statement. Police said Campos' accomplice is a juvenile, therefore his name is not being released.

Since it's launch, the game's insane popularity has created countless unforeseen situations for people, from annoyed property owners dealing with trespassers to retailers using it to attract more playing customers into their stores.

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Gun Sales Go Through The Roof

by Dean Weingarten,
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In 2016, Americans continue to break records for gun sales. While the National Instant Check System (NICS) does not track gun sales directly, the numbers are highly correlated. The numbers of NICS checks, and the increase in private firearms, have skyrocketed during the Obama administration.

The total for 2016 through the end of May is 11,698,006 instant checks. That is more than the entire year of 2007, which held the record up to that year. Thus, during the Obama years, the number of private firearm sales has doubled. In 2015, the highest year on record, the total number of checks was 23,141,970. That is just a hair short of double the number done in 2007. 2016 is shaping up to break the 2015 record by millions of instant checks. In just the first five months of instant checks, the cumulative instant checks are more than half the total for all of the record breaking year of 2015.

May, 2016, has the most instant checks of all the

months of May on record. That makes 13 months in a row that have broken records for all previous years. If the trend continues, 2016 will reach the record numbers of 2015 by the end of October, with the busy months of November and December still ahead.

It is possible, even likely, that 2016 will reach over 28 million instant checks. The correlation between instant checks and increases of the private firearm stock is very close to .6 firearms for each instant check. That is because every used firearm sold through a dealer requires an instant check. Those do not add firearms to the private stock; they already have been counted.

Every concealed carry permit, carry permit, concealed handgun license, or concealed weapons license requires an instant check. Those do not add to the private stock of firearms either. On the average, taken over 14 years, the .6 increase in firearms per instant check holds pretty close.

If we reach 28 million instant checks in 2016, that

will be about 16.8 million new firearms added to the stock in 2016. That projection puts us at 405 million private firearms in the United States at the end of 2016.

It may end up being a little more or less, but that is the way to bet. Because of the record breaking buying spree of guns that has occurred during Barak Obama's regime, the total gun stock will have increased by over 30 percent.

President Obama has even bragged about this, in a left handed way. At a PBS News Hour, President Obama used the unprecedented gun buying spree to claim that he did not want to take people's guns, which is why they purchased so many of them. From westernjournalism.com:

OBAMA: The notion that I, or Hillary or Democrats or whoever you want to choose, are h3!!-bent on taking away folks' guns is just not true. And I don't care how many times the NRA says it. I'm about to leave office. There have been more guns sold since

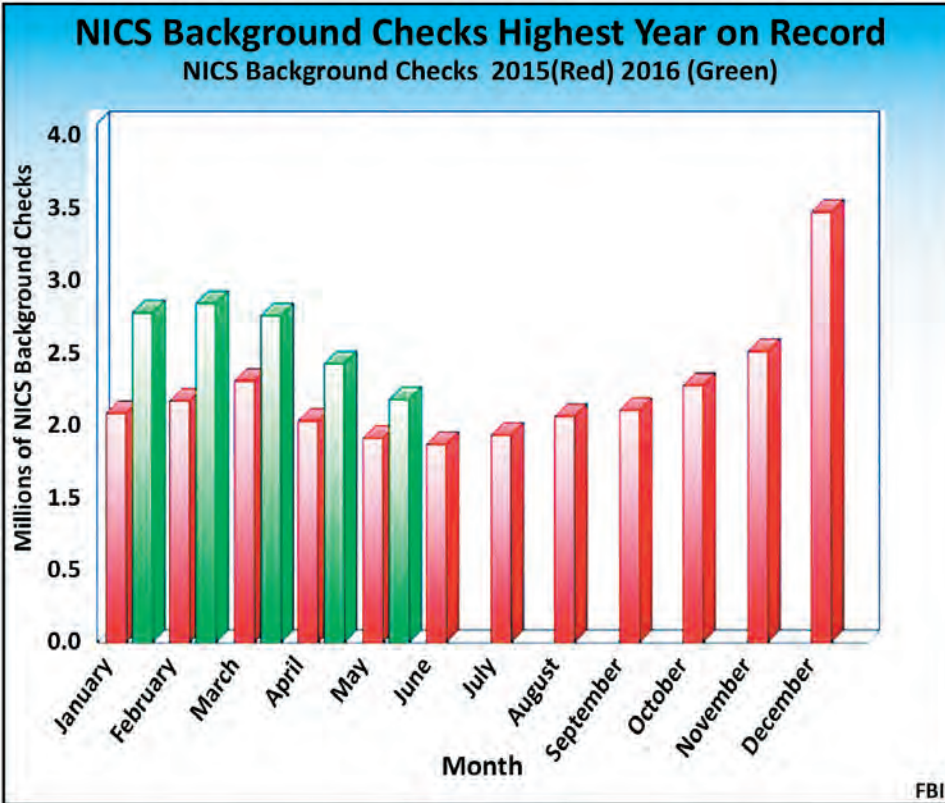
I've been president than just about any time in U.S. history. There are enough guns for every man, woman and child in this country. And at no point have I ever, ever proposed confiscating guns from responsible gun owners. So it's just not true.

It all depends on Obama's definition of "responsible", and "confiscating". If you

like your doctor, you can keep your doctor. If you like your insurance plan, you can keep your insurance plan. The veterans and social security recipients who have become "irresponsibly gun owners" by bureaucratic fiat might disagree with President Obama's characterization of events.

President Obama can be justly proud of the incredible growth in gun sales during his tenure.

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Baton Rouge Domestic Terrorist Was Taken Out by a Single Shot After Murdering Officers

by Bob Owens,
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The black nationalist anti-police terrorist* who murdered law enforcement officers in Louisiana had a carbine and a handgun during his attack, and was taken out less than ten minutes into the attack in a single shot by a Baton Rouge SWAT team member from more than 100 yards away as the terrorist attempted to return to his vehicle where he had a second rifle stored.

The 29-year-old terrorist, a black former Marine, who apparently hated every race except his own, as revealed in his bizarre social media accounts, used a IWI Tavor carbine in his rampage. The Tavor is a bullpup, semi-automatic (one shot

per trigger pull) 5.56 NATO caliber carbine. His Tavor was equipped with what appears to be a Meprolight M21 reflex sight and what may be a 42-round ProMag magazine.

This cop-hating former member of the Nation of Islam, first shot two Baton Rouge Police Officers as they came up from behind him around the rear corner of a beauty supply store into an alley. He engaged both officers, killing one immediately and wounding the other. The surviving officer fell back around the corner to the rear of the building, temporarily in cover. A Sheriff's deputy left cover to run up and attempt to provide aid to the surviving, wounded police officer. Unfortunately, the domestic terrorist had used

his time to close the gap, pieced the corner, and then killed both the wounded officer and the deputy that had so bravely run to help



Courtesy Photo from BearingArms.com

his fellow officer.

The terrorist circled back towards where his vehicle was parked and where his backup rifle was stashed when he was engaged by a SWAT officer and killed

with a single shot.

The murderer had a Springfield Armory XD9 pistol Mod. 2 9mm pistol in his

possession, but there is no evidence that he fired it during his deadly rampage.

Despite claims from some "ear-witnesses" of "bursts" of gunfire, the Tavor can only fire one shot per trig-

ger pull. The same witnesses claim that as many as 60 shots were fired, but there isn't any evidence released yet that suggests the terrorist reloaded his carbine before he was killed.

Initial claims that he was wearing body armor also do not appear to be substantiated.

The domestic terrorist, who advocated shooting police officers as "justice" for incidents of black criminals like Alton Sterling being killed while fighting with police, had a Stag Arms AR-15 in his car as a potential backup weapon, but it was never fired during the attack.

Like the other black nationalist terrorist who murdered police officers in the

Dallas, Texas sniper attack, the terrorist who attacked these law enforcement officers in Baton Rouge pointedly disavowed being part of the "Black Lives Matter" before he carried out his attack, even though his Twitter and YouTube accounts show that he was closely aligned with the movement, conversed with BLM activists, and had the same murderous anti-police mindset so common among Black Lives Matter and New Black Panther Party radicals.

* Bearing Arms does not publish the names of mass murderers or spree killers.

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"Before any man can be considered as a member of civil society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe."

James Madison

Founding Father and Fourth President of the United States
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Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim

Jim Modlish has been in the ministry 49 years, pastoring churches large and small from upstate New York to western Washington. He holds a doctorate in theology, but frequently states: "I have education, but I got over it."

Southern Colorado natives, Jim and his wife, Linda, were happy to return to their home state in 2006. They started the Huerfano Community Bible Church in Walsenburg seven years ago, and that work has experienced excellent growth

and the blessings of God. Pastor Modlish believes the Bible is the greatest political science textbook on earth, and that all current events should be examined under the searchlight of Scripture. All scripture taken from King James Version.



ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

I am not now, nor have I ever been, a "huge, tremendous, awesome" fan of Donald Trump, but I do anticipate voting for him. To do otherwise is, in effect, casting a vote for Hillary who will continue or even accelerate the policies of Barak Obama's which have resulted in disastrous fallout for America. The effects of Obamaism are well documented; consequently, there is no need to rehearse them now. Anyone with the sense of a cabbage worm knows our country is in worse shape than it was eight years ago.

In the midst of his blustery Mr. Trump has made statements that grab the attention of practical-minded people. His ideas concerning the economy, manufacturing, trade imbalances, infrastructure, immigration, healthcare, the military, energy independence and the First and Second Amendments are more aligned with a conservative perspective than a liberal one.

Those who are literate in the Scriptures understand the general prophecy of a downward gravitational pull on the world's societies, but God has occasionally granted reprieves as illustrated in the Old Testament. The Lord has used some unlikely personalities in the past to accomplish beneficial advancements for His people. Our prayer should be that this is one of those opportunities. However, it should be noted that the attitudes and behavior of the people weigh heavier on the scale of God's determination than the character of the leader; frequently, they match....the Lord giving the nation what they deserve. I suspect that is what we have endured for the past eight years.

If there was ever a time for the church of Jesus Christ to be heard from, its now. There are enough believers in America through their own votes and personal influence to win any election. The problem is the church has been largely neutralized by apathy and feminization. The Scriptures repeatedly refer to the body of saints as an army, utilizing military metaphors to describe expected conduct. Ephesians 6:10-18 goes so far as to compare the armor of a Roman soldier to spiritual covering. The passage speaks of a "militant" Christianity, what old-time Christians called "the church militant," and it is likened to armed combat by a first century foot soldier (II Timothy 2:3-4; 4:7)—a Roman legionnaire; an infantry man in modern warfare ("doughboy" in World War I, "dog face" in World War II, "grunt" in Vietnam.) Modern Christianity has become so sissified, with its emphasis on positive thinking, amateur psychology, and "family

values" counseling, that it has completely lost its military element and has become totally ineffectual.

An old preacher friend of mine who recently went to heaven was a World War II veteran. He once wrote what he expected of those under his command: "A good infantryman keeps ranks, can fire expertly with more than one weapon, knows how to clean and fire enemy weapons, knows battle tactics according to the situation and terrain, is able to cross natural obstacles while carrying weights, can fire a weapon using either hand, can identify enemy insignia (planes, tanks, ships, troops, etc.), and can withstand artillery bombardment, bombing, and battle fatigue. His job is to obey orders, suffer, and perhaps get wounded or die. Returning home in "one piece," in good health, is a luxury, not a need."

It's difficult to imagine anyone who has been raised on the pabulum of modern day Evangelicalism surrendering to the attitude of a true warrior. Worship leaders, prancing and dancing to words superimposed over pictures of waterfalls, bluebirds and bumble bees do not create the image of a military battalion. "Onward, Christian Soldiers," "Hold the Fort," and "Stand Up For Jesus" have been replaced by cute little praise songs that never suggest a fight or war even exists. The wannabe state-of-the-art preacher stands in front of his crowd wearing ragged jeans, shirttail hanging out and uncombed hair that looks like the explosion of a mattress factory. General George Patton would have slapped him senseless. It's next to impossible to motivate that bunch to do anything beyond rushing to the next seminar instructing them that God wants them to be healthy and prosperous.

However, there are, thank God, a few old time soldiers out there in the weeds who are still capable of swinging the "two-edged sword." (Hebrews 4:12) It's to them that I appeal: Write the Trump campaign a letter stressing your expectations of his administration if he is elected. It should be noted that we expect him to behave as a servant, not a king, operating within the confines of Biblical principles.

Loosely organized guerilla fighters have often made the difference in many a struggle. Now is not the time to fade into the obscurity of apathy. Soldiers of Jesus Christ.... let us band together to assault the bastions of Hell with prayer and let our voices be heard as the trumpet of God beckoning us to storm the Jerichos of unrighteousness.

A Sheepdog Barks!

Like many of you, I suffered last Sunday through the Fox News interview with Hillary Rodham Clinton (aka HRC or HilLIARy). Even I, a proud HRC hater, was taken aback by her arrogance and the ease and confidence she portrayed as she lied about almost everything. Years ago William Safire of the New York Times called HilLIARy a pathological liar. She hasn't changed. As I watched and listened I realized she has mastered the art of the lie, the distortion, the denial and the transference. I remember years ago, a political strategist saying that the Clinton philosophy to get through a scandal was to deny, deny, deny and the public will get tired of the "truth" and just forget about the whole thing. BAAA! I believe this is exactly what is happening. HRC lies! HOWL! The sheep don't care anymore. That's just Bill and HilLIARy. BAAA! The sheepdogs call her out. WOOF! She smiles and continues on her path to the presidency. What will it take to stop this corrupt and untrustworthy woman? Is there anything? Her supporters don't care. The LPSDs simply don't care. They want their "first" woman president at ANY cost. Symbolism is more important than substance. We have to remember they voted for Obama TWICE! WOOF!

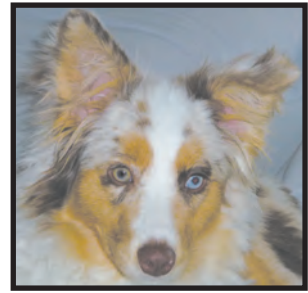
The DNC Convention was horrible. Half of the delegates were in love with a self-proclaimed Socialist. If it wasn't for the establishment Super Delegates, the Democrat Party of 2016 would be promoting a total radical idiot. They were saved by a rigged system. Bernie almost pulled it off but in the end he proved he was not a real revolutionary but just a wannabe pretender. He tucked his tail and rolled over. Turned out to be just another coward who didn't really believe what he was saying about HRC. Bernie is a big chicken. PEEP!

I've got to talk about Bill's performance at the convention. He tried to tell us all about a love story with a little "girl" he met in law school. REALLY? He seemed to leave a few details out of his

story. Turns out he must have been in love with several dozen other "girls" too. What a joke. Made me want to throw up! They want us to believe this is a happily married couple and Bill will behave himself in the White House this time. NOT a chance. The shenanigans would only move from the Oval Office to the Lincoln Bedroom or maybe one of the gender neutral bathrooms that must be there now. The phony love story didn't work. WOOF!

And we must not forget some of the other speakers at the DNC Convention. They stood for many things like pro-abortion, anti-cop, anti-military and showed great support for racist organizations like Black Lives Matter. They even paraded out a potential Muslim Jihadist in the form of a gold star father. Yes, we should honor the sacrifice of Captain Khan and have compassion for his parents. However, Mr. Khan launched a political attack on someone who had nothing to do with his son's death. Try not to get confused and mix the two things up. We are under no obligation to honor a liberal progressive a**hole that throws out a false strawman (sacrifices?) to denigrate the opposing presidential candidate. The LPSDs applauded Khan's words, while mocking and attacking Pat Smith's comments attacking HilLIARy and her culpability in her son's death. Total double standard! Don't fall for it. Stay focused on the real important things in this election. These LPSD delegates even applauded the comments of Michael Brown's mother. Michael Brown was killed in self-defense by a police officer that he was attacking. The delegates cheered. BAAA! Clear differences my friends. WOOF!

HilLIARy criticized Trump for describing an America in decline. She said Trump was suggesting it was midnight in America. I believe Trump described America exactly right. America is in decline and getting worse every day under the LPSD leadership of Barack. HilLIARy is just an extension of the last eight



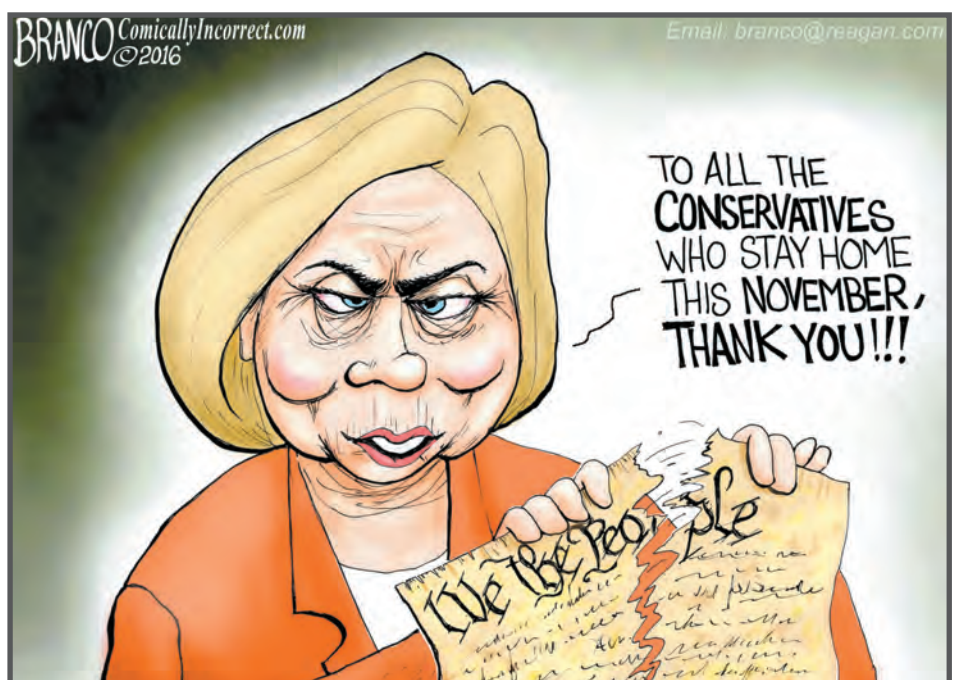
years. As far as I am concerned, it is midnight in America and HilLIARy will keep us in the dark. It will take a real outsider in Washington, D.C., to bring a sunrise to America again. Right now my favorite dream is Trump in the White House driving the status quo politicians crazy and HilLIARy in an orange pants suit (or black & white stripes) driving the other inmates crazy. Here's my favorite LPSD Bumper Sticker: Kaine & Unable. WOOF!

I'll end today with a quick quote and then a joke I got from one of my fellow sheepdog friends. First, I loved it when the Polish Interior Minister spoke out about immigration and the Islamic Terrorism in Europe. Mr. Blaszcak said, "Such violence is the result of decades of multiculturalism and political correctness." Boy does he get it! WOOF!

Now the joke. A big, mean lookin' Texan goes into a crowded bar with an M-1911 45 cal pistol. He shouts out "I've got a full seven round magazine with another round in the chamber and I'm going to shoot whoever is sleeping with my wife." A voice shouts out: "You're gonna need a lot more ammo." WOOF!

No matter what all the little distractions are, we cannot and must not lose focus on what this election means and its serious consequences. We are voting for a way of life. Don't get hung up on any one issue or the idiosyncrasies of a candidate. We were not fooled by the phony appearance of patriotism displayed by the Democrats. They are anti-gun, anti-police, anti-military, anti-war and pro-choice. We desperately need to keep an LPSD out of the White House. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



IRS Launches Investigation of Clinton Foundation

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IRS Commissioner John Koskinen referred congressional charges of corrupt Clinton Foundation “pay-to-play” activities to his tax agency’s exempt operations office for investigation, *The Daily Caller News Foundation* has learned.

The request to investigate the Bill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton Foundation on charges of “public corruption” was made in a July 15th letter by 64 House Republicans to the IRS, FBI and Federal Trade Commission (FTC). They charged the foundation is “lawless.”

The initiative is being led by Rep. Marsha Blackburn, a Tennessee Republican who serves as the vice chairwoman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, which oversees the IRS.

The lawmakers charged the Clinton Foundation is a “lawless ‘pay-to-play’ enterprise that has been operating under a cloak of philanthropy for years and should be investigated.”

Koskinen’s July 22nd reply came only a week after the House Republicans contacted the tax agency. It arrived to their offices Monday, the first opening day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

“We have forwarded the information you have submitted to our Exempt Organizations Program in Dallas,” Koskinen told the Republicans.

The Exempt Organization Program is the division of the IRS that regulates the operations of public founda-

tions and charities. It’s the same division that was led by former IRS official Lois Lerner when hundreds of conservative, evangelical and tea party non-profit

House Republicans singled out Laureate Education and Uranium One as two companies that seemed to have paid lavish sums to the Clintons and later received

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applicants were illegally targeted and harassed by tax officials.

Blackburn told *TheDCNF* she believes the IRS has a double standard because, “they would go after conservative groups and religious groups and organizations, but they wouldn’t be looking at the Clinton Foundation for years. It was as if they choose who they are going

official government benefits.

Laureate hired former President Bill Clinton as “honorary chancellor,” paying him \$16.5 million over five years. The Baltimore-based company, which operates for-profit universities in 28 countries, also donated between \$1 million and \$5 million to the Clinton Foundation, according to

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to audit and question. It’s not right.”

Blackburn said she and her colleagues will “continue to push” for answers on the Clinton Foundation’s governing policies, including its insular board of directors. She said they also will examine conflicts of interest and “follow the money trail.”

“In my opinion, there’s a lack of good governance, there is the appearance of conflicts of interest, and there are continued questions about the financial dealings,” she told *TheDCNF*.

the foundation’s web site.

While Bill was collecting a paycheck from the company and his wife was Secretary of State, the International Finance Corporation (IFC), an arm of the World Bank, invested \$150 million in Laureate. It was the largest-ever single IFC investment to an educational company. The United States government is the largest contributor to the IFC. During that same period, the Department of State’s U.S. Agency for International Development awarded \$55 million to the International Youth Foundation. Laureate CEO

Douglas Becker is on the foundation’s board of directors. International Youth Foundation, the Clinton Foundation and Laureate jointly participated in foundation programs.

A Laureate spokesman denied the quid pro quo charges: “Allegations of any quid pro quo between Laureate, the International Youth Foundation and the Clintons are completely false,” she told *TheDCNF*, adding, “the IFC’s decision to invest in Laureate had no connection to and was not influenced in any way whatsoever by Hillary Clinton.”

The IFC also awarded \$150 million to another company owned by Frank Giustra, a close friend of Bill Clinton. Giustra donated \$100 million to create the “Clinton Giustra Enterprise Partnership” within the Clinton Foundation. The funds went to Pacific Infrastructure, a company in which Giustra had a significant financial stake. The company was to build a port and oil pipeline in Colombia that was strenuously opposed by environmental and human rights groups because the pipeline sliced through five indigenous villages and forcibly displaced the tribes.

Giustra also was an owner in Uranium One, a uranium mining company with operations in Kazakhstan and in the western United States. Giustra wanted to sell a share of the uranium business to Russia’s atomic energy agency, which required U.S. approval, including that of Secretary Clinton. The Russian investment was approved.

Blackburn added that it appeared the Clinton Foundation — which was tax-exempt only to construct and manage Clinton’s presi-

dential library — never got IRS approval to become a tax-exempt global organization with operations in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Pacific and the Caribbean.

“In the Clinton Foundation we have a charity that has never filed the appropriate paperwork,” Blackburn charged.

Charles Ortel, a Wall Street analyst who has been investigating the Clinton Founda-

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tion, told *TheDCNF* that the expansion of the foundation into a global giant was not legally approved by the IRS.

“It’s crystal clear in a review of their application that their purposes were narrowly limited, as they should have been, to a presidential ar-

chive in Little Rock, Arkansas,” he said to *TheDCNF*. “End of discussion.”

Blackburn also questions the makeup of the Clinton Foundation’s board of directors, which IRS rules require include independent, arm’s-length board members. The Clinton Foundation board mainly consists of close friends, business colleagues and big donors to the Clintons, as reported by *TheDCNF*.

“All charities need to guard against incestuous relationships which limit their ability to be objective,” the congresswoman said. “In the Clinton Foundation, we see a lack of diversity within their board.”

Uranium One did not respond to *TheDCNF*’s request for comment. The Clinton Foundation also did not respond to *TheDCNF*’s request for comment.

Read more: <http://dailycaller.com/2016/07/26/exclusive-irs-launches-investigation-of-clinton-foundation/#ixzz4FbwVBKO6>

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states, including Colorado, with un-weighted results because their state survey participation rate did not meet the 60 percent participation standard set by YRBS.

- On June 22, 2016, *The Denver Post* Editorial Board released an editorial titled, “*Colorado’s good news on teen pot use*,” based on the 2015 Healthy Kids Colorado Survey. There are **numerous important points** related to the survey **not addressed in the article and editorial**:

Bad News

- Marijuana use among Colorado high school junior and senior students increased 19 percent and 14 percent respectively from 2013 to 2015.
- Only 48 percent of high school students surveyed see marijuana as risky compared to 54 percent of those surveyed two years earlier.
- One out of 3 Denver high school juniors and seniors surveyed are marijuana users (a 20 percent increase from 2013 to 2015).
- There was nearly a 50 percent increase in the Boulder/Broomfield region high school junior and senior marijuana users.
- Region 12, consisting of Colorado mountain resort communities to include Grand (Grand Lake), Summit (Breckenridge and Keystone), Eagle (Vail and Beaver Creek), Pitkin (Aspen) and Garfield (Glenwood Springs) Counties, saw a 90 percent increase in marijuana users among their high school seniors and a 54.7 percent increase among sophomores.
- Region 11, consisting of Moffat, Rio Blanco, Jackson and Routt (Steam-

boat Springs) Counties saw increases of 22.2 percent for freshmen, 72.0 percent for sophomores, 18.8 percent for juniors and 57.3 percent for seniors.

- Ten out of the 17 regions, with sufficient participation to be counted, saw an overall increase in marijuana use.

Yes, There is Good News

- Region 10, which includes Montrose and Gunnison, and four neighboring counties, had a major decrease in marijuana users in all four high school grades. This decrease was 51.8 percent among freshmen to 24.7 percent among seniors.
- Region 17, which includes Clear Creek, Park and Teller Counties, saw an overall 17.1 percent decrease including a 53.7 percent drop in freshmen marijuana users and a 34.3 percent drop in senior users. However, the survey does show an increase in sophomore users (12.7 percent) and junior users (7.6 percent).
- Seven out of 17 regions, with sufficient participation to be counted, saw an overall decrease in marijuana users.
- The question should be raised as to what message is getting through to students in the regions experiencing overall decreases in marijuana use but missing in those regions experiencing increases in use.

Other Potentially Pertinent Information

Jefferson County (the 2nd largest school district), Douglas County (the 3rd largest school district), El Paso County (Colorado Springs, 2nd largest metro area), and Weld County results were listed as N/A which means data not available due to low participation in the region. NOTE: This is a similar reason why HKCS results were considered unweighted by the national YRBS survey.

In 2015 the HKCS survey had a response rate of 46 percent, which is well below the 60 percent rate required by YRBS. Even though HKCS samples a large number of students, their participation rate is below the industry standard for weighted data.

Bottom Line

Is the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey “good news” and is Colorado teen marijuana use “flat?” The reader can examine the facts and data to make an informed decision. What is clear is that there is no overall pattern in the HKCS data; thus it is best to refrain from jumping to conclusions on such an important issue. The HKCS results are highly variable between class years and regions from major increases to major decreases.

Examples of variances include:

- There was a 57.5 percent increase in use among one region’s freshmen while a 53.4 percent decrease in another.
- In one region there was a 72.0 percent increase in high school sophomore use but, in another, a 38.9 percent decrease.
- One region for juniors shows a 49.8 percent increase and another, a 33.1 percent decrease.
- In one region, high school seniors had a 90.0 percent increase and in another a 34.3 percent decrease.

The key is to determine what factors contribute to these major variances across the state and to, therefore, learn what effective tools were used in those regions that successfully reduced marijuana use among some Colorado students.

To see this report, go to [http://www.rmhidta.org/html/FINAL%20Denver%20Post%20HKCS%20Response%20\(3\).pdf](http://www.rmhidta.org/html/FINAL%20Denver%20Post%20HKCS%20Response%20(3).pdf)

Sheriff's Report cont'd

the extraction point. EMS processed a refusal to transport.

7/29/16: Traffic Summons: Leroy Wolfe of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Bennet Zeller of Westcliffe for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Cassidy Wilkinson for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Mary Castillo of Cypress, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Loree Hoag of Lakewood, CO, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

7/30/16: Traffic Summons: Matthew Machman of Edmonds, OK, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

William Hitt of Westcliffe was issued a municipal summons for parking in an area prohibited by signage.

Richard Koester of Westcliffe for driving a motor vehicle with a license under restraint.

Shawn Winters of Westcliffe for displaying an expired temporary license.

Kim Shapiro of Kingsville, MD, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Randal Lewis of New Braufels, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Jonathan Tilton of Cañon City for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Henry Saldana of Pueblo for driving a defective/unsafe vehicle.

Summons: Roy Dickens of

Westcliffe was issued three municipal summonses for animals running at large.

Attempted Suicide: EMS was dispatched to Fremont County on an agency assist for an attempted suicide by a female. The patient was airlifted to a hospital in Pueblo.

7/31/16: Traffic Summons: Joshua Romero of Pueblo for driving a vehicle with a suspended license, operating an uninsured vehicle and speeding 10 - 19 over.

Assault/Arrest: A deputy was dispatched to CR 389 in Wetmore for a reported assault in progress. Stephanie Johnson of Wetmore was arrested and booked for Harassment for striking a male party at the scene of the incident.

Alleged Child Abuse: A party came into the Sheriff's Office to complete a statement form alleging child abuse. A deputy took the statement, contacted the Department of Human Services, and then went to the residence in question.

Arrest: Peggy Stewart of Westcliffe was arrested on an active warrant out of Fremont County.

Domestic Dispute/Arrest: A deputy was dispatched to Edelweiss Drive in Blumenau for a domestic in progress. Donal Morris of Westcliffe was arrested and booked for Menacing, Assault in the Third Degree, Domestic Violence and Harassment.



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