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Job Seekers Workforce Services At-A-Glance

Press Release

On Tuesday, October 1st at 1 p.m. representatives from the Colorado Workforce Center will hold a job seekers event at the West Custer County Library. Attendees can expect to hear an overview of Workforce services, including: Connecting Colorado, how job seekers can register, and how to utilize the resources within Connecting Colorado. The representatives will then take questions from and provide direct assistance to anyone that needs it. The Colorado

Department of Labor & Employment provides tools and resources for meeting the needs of business and job seekers.

For more information on this free library event visit www.westcusterlibrary.org.

Silver Cliff Hosts "\$Fund\$" Day For Silver Cliff Park Sept. 28th

Press Release

The Town of Silver Cliff will be hosting a "\$Fund\$" Day at Silver Cliff Park on Saturday, September 28th to help with a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant application. The day will include numerous activities for all residents of Custer County.

Starting at 9 a.m.-- a 4k run, 9:30 --3k walk, 10:30 -- pickle ball games, 11 a.m. -- cornhole, horseshoe tournaments and the food and beer tents will be open. All events are \$20 to participate. FREE activities for children and families include a Kite Making Kit, Bouncy House, and Face Painting. In addition, children 10

and under will receive a FREE BBQ Hot Dog lunch!

The GOCO grant is for a \$930,000 park renovation project that will replace playground equipment, bring the park up to ADA standards, and build new pickle ball courts. The current playground equipment has been in use since the early 1990's. "The Fund Day is our chance to show GOCO the community is serious about upgrading our park," said Silver Cliff Mayor Buck Wenzel. "The grant selection committee will be in attendance and are anxious to see the community show their support for the GOCO grant."

All donations are greatly appreciated.

Same Old Story

Editor;

s to be expected, the Aleft is spewing more gun control rhetoric following the tragedy in Georgia. Also to be expected, they fail to place responsibility where it really belongs. On the shooter. Blaming the gun is a cop-out (pardon the pun). We have a big problem in our decaying society. We've lost our moral compass. Our decay is the result of many things. One is the gaming industry that millions of kids play daily on their phones and laptops. The games often promote violence and evil creatures. Every kid reacts differently. Some are more impressionable than others. They become obsessed with the screen monster. They start to confuse reality with fantasy, and herein lies the problem. Shooting up a school happens all the time in games. Why not in reality too? I'll be famous. Bang, bang, bang, bang...

Besides gaming, how about Hollywood's acceptance of violence and other questionable stuff on TV? Any blame there? Responsibility? (there's that word again). Not a bit.

Stricter gun control is not the answer. The answer lies within ourselves. How we raise our kids. How we behave and interact. How we live by the Golden Rule. How we use common sense and choose right from wrong. We all can do better. One act of kindness leads to another. Pray to God, and He will show us the way.

Guy Richter, San Isabel, CO

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Free Movie at the Library

Press Release

Adults can watch free movies at the West Custer County Library thanks to the generous donors to the Spirit Campaign. "Beetlejuice" will be showing Friday, October 4th at 2 p.m. in the Library Community Room. Beetlejuice is

a 1988 American fantasy comedy horror film directed by Tim Burton. See the original Beetlejuice before Beetlejuice 2 is out in theatres this fall! The film is rated PG, and runs 1 hour and 32 minutes. For more information please visit www. westcusterlibrary.org events page or call (719) 783-9138.

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