

**LETTERS**

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Jeff has demonstrated a willingness to work with and for the children of the Sisters School District. He has spent countless hours volunteering with students as a mentor in the Circle of Friends program and as an adult leader for both the IEE program at Sisters High School and the ECOS program at Sisters Middle School. Additionally, he has been a youth coach for over 20 seasons, volunteers for the Sisters Science Fair, Sisters Folk Festival, and effectively serves on the Sisters Schools Foundation Board. As a member of the School Board, Jeff Smith has been unanimously elected Board Chair for the past three years.

We are fortunate in this community to have a leader like Jeff Smith. We urge you to support him for the Sisters School Board, Position 3.

Winter and Treasure Lewis



To the Editor:

In the May 8 *Nugget*, guest columnist Steve Nugent leads off with the topic that there are still chants of “lock her up” referring to Hillary Clinton. That is exactly what should have happened and the voters were not as stupid as Democrats thought; thus one of the many reasons she lost the election. Thanks to Judicial Watch and lawsuits to obtain FBI and Department of Justice documents under the Freedom of Information Act we know the decision to not prosecute her was made before the FBI investigation even took place.

Reminds one of the chants “drain that swamp!”

No other government person is known to have set up a private email unencrypted server in their basement to conduct government business, let alone anyone at that level of responsibility for protecting America’s secrets. Numerous examples of classified documents were in fact found on her server including Top Secret. What was really on the 33,000 that she had erased? Why BleachBit? “Like with a cloth

or something.”

When Steve makes the comment “she was never indicted for any wrongdoing” it’s obvious he’s done zero investigation into the issue or chooses like many others to ignore the facts for political purposes; much like Benghazi. Why not ask who and at what level knew this was going on and why it was allowed to continue exposing American secrets to foreign hackers? What do espionage statutes say about gross or negligent mishandling of classified information?

Steve’s column could have easily filled the entire section with an honest, research-based discussion regarding the facts available surrounding Clinton’s email system abuses. Instead, as he’s done in the past, the column was crammed with more gibberish from the mouths of Rachel Maddow and others from CNN?

Hopefully Attorney General Barr will take a peek at the facts.

Jeff Mackey



To the Editor:

An article in last week’s issue of *The Nugget* stated, “Everybody knows that the growing season in Sisters Country is painfully short.” A few years ago, another article maintained our growing season was only 90 days. Not true.

For the past nine years, I’ve been growing vegetables for at least eight months each year — outdoors, and virtually without using cold frames. (I have one cold frame that is closed only at night to keep seedlings from freezing in the late winter and from late summer on.)

I typically start planting the first week of March and don’t retire my gardens until early or mid-November. Even with the heavy snows we had in late February, I planted spinach and mustard greens in mid-March. Last Wednesday, I harvested my first salad of spinach, mustard greens, radishes, arugula and chives.

By employing four key strategies, you, too, can

dramatically extend your growing season in Sisters Country. First, plant in raised beds (mine are 18 inches high); cold air will sink to lower ground outside the beds.

Second, fill your beds with lots of organic matter and use fertilizers containing beneficial microorganisms. The bioactive substrate will raise the temperature of your beds slightly, giving your plants more protection from cold nighttime temperatures.

Third, use thick row covers — and be prepared to cover your beds in the evening, and uncover them in the morning after the temperature rises a few degrees above freezing. I use Territorial Seed Company’s Frost Blanket, which is made of a polypropylene fabric three times the thickness of Reemay row covers and protects plants down to 24 to 26 degrees Fahrenheit.

Fourth, buy premium-quality seed — I strongly recommend Territorial Seed Company’s — and plant cultivars (selectively bred plant varieties) that mature quickly and tolerate Sisters’ extreme swings in temperatures. Some of the cultivars I’ve had terrific success with include Olympia and Regiment spinach; Dragon Tongue, Spicy Green and Osaka Purple mustard greens; Cherry Belle radish; roquette (a spicy arugula); New Red Fire, Optima and Speckles lettuce; joi choi; Bolshoi kale; Flash collards; Favorit parsley; Seascape strawberries; Raider cucumber; Divergent cantaloupe; and Cherry Buzz tomatoes.

Extending your growing season takes more diligence than the casual summertime gardener tolerates, but the pay-offs are well worth the extra effort. Happy eating!

Michael Cooper



To the Editor:

This is an addendum to Jim Anderson’s powerful column about bait traps and the secondary dangers

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