

**LETTERS**

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workers would like a word!

This virus is far more deadly than the flu, can result in long-term disabilities, is fast spreading, and has moved down to younger ages. If you can't teach your children to endure some discomfort now, how will they ever cope with the realities of life ahead? There are children on ventilators at St. Charles, if you want to talk about discomfort! This is prime time to help kids learn to think of others, and maybe some parents.

Wendie Vermillion

**Apologies to McDonald's**

To the Editor:

To be clear, mine was NOT the Facebook post that started the story of McDonald's refusing to serve firefighters (it turns out they did no such thing), but I did post kudos to Chops and shame on McDonald's after seeing the story on our local TV news.

I was SO proud of Chops for taking such good care of our firefighters, to whom we owe so much, and was utterly dismayed at the thought of any restaurant refusing service to them. As someone who does not believe all that is said on TV news, I thought at least our local channel got it right — but they did not.

I will be even more skeptical of TV news from now on and apologize to McDonald's staff for believing what I heard on the news. I am grateful to *The Nugget* for getting the story right! The news did get the Chops info right, so I again thank the owners of Chops for taking care of our firefighters.

Terry Hardin

**Hospital crisis**

To the Editor:

We are told that 95 percent of people hospitalized for COVID-19 now are not vaccinated. That tells us vaccines ARE effective. We are told St. Charles Hospital is in crisis, overloaded with COVID-19 patients and understaffed; basically overwhelmed because some egocentric people are saying they have the right to decline vaccination, which is true.

As a result people who need hospitalization for matters beyond their control find "no room in the inn."

OK, those people who have avoided their responsibility to society should not expect society to look after them. They should not be admitted to the hospital for treatment of a disease that they could have avoided contracting. When resources are limited triage is necessary. It is time for "societal triage." You make your bed, you sleep in it!

Donald Harner

**Sad over state of America**

To the Editor:

As I watch all the negative things happening in our country, it makes me terribly sad.

My wife lived in Venezuela when it was the best country in South America; now it is the worst with Marxism!

The ruling party in America with 19 RINOS are trying to take our country in the same direction and are succeeding rapidly.

I grew up (in) a racist family, but over my 77 years I've seen 95 percent of it erased. But the Marxists are again using race and COVID-19 to divide the country.

I'm seeing people and friends yelling at each other over COVID.

I'm sad that even the churches in America aren't talking and praying for the country as a whole.

Chet Davis

**There is no monster under the rug**

To the Editor:

Do other *Nugget* readers tire of ANOTHER Jeff Mackey diatribe cloaked as his weekly windmill in need of one more of his seemingly endless written jousts?

Somehow it seems that Mr. Mackey all too often inserts Karl Marx (or some other communist baddie) as the hidden agenda behind his latest nemesis. In Jeff's August 4 latest edition of "The World According to Mackey," he chose Critical Race Theory as his latest punching bag. Does Jeff actually believe that when students are exposed to open discussions of how race and law have intersected in our history as a nation that there might just be a Marxist looming in the background? And here I thought Joe McCarthy had died in the 1950s. Good grief!

Does Jeff actually believe what he writes? And, as he states, is his source of educational enrichment in this case, that font of truth, knowledge and objectivity... YouTube? Really?

Well, I have been deeply involved in all levels of public education for more than 50 years (the last 19 as a volunteer at Sisters High School), and I have yet to detect any right- or left-wing conspiracy reaching out its icy tentacles to ensnare our students. Rather, I have witnessed an open system of education led by highly-educated, underpaid folks dedicated to enriching our children's lives. And they don't appear to be in need of being second-guessed by internet theorists.

There is no conspiracy. There is no monster under the rug.

Rather than accuse, I suggest that Mr. Mackey stop by Sisters schools and observe. Volunteer. Be supportive.

Steve Mathews, Ed.D.

**A birthday for a Sisters icon...**



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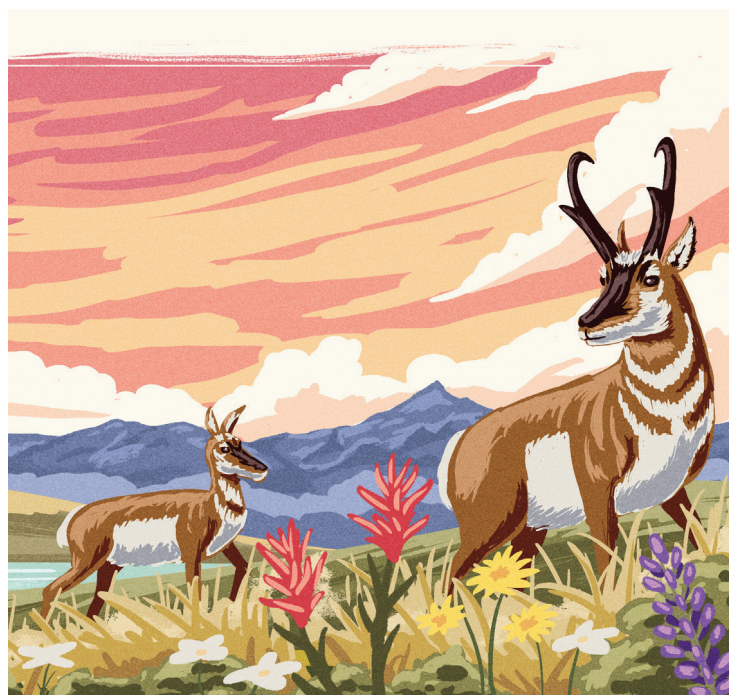
Gerry Tewalt (right) celebrated his 76th birthday with a cold one with his friend Ed Peterson. Tewalt remains active in the excavation business he pioneered here in Sisters.



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