

Opinion from America's Outback

GRIT, INTEGRITY, LOVE, DOUBT

RANGE puts out truths, fair arguments and information and appreciation for the grit, integrity, love of land, legacy, livestock and the folks with boots on the ground in the American West (and the plight of French shepherds)! My brother and I in western Canada appreciate your efforts!

NINA EWING, CLARESHOLM, ALBERTA

I admire the ranchers, cowboys, wranglers, herders and their families for all the hard work they do. I think they are the last Americans. Today's youth seem to be soft, absorbed in video games, searching for safe spaces, and are offended by microaggressions. Less than 0.5 percent of Americans serve in our mili-

tary. I fear for the future.

RICHARD G. PETERSEN SR., SPARKS, NEVADA

Stop lying about climate change and global warming. It's real. Start believing science and not mythology and that stupid bastard, Trump. Wake up to reality, assholes.

FRANK SMITH, BILLINGS, MONTANA
Easy, baby! Check pages 68 and 75.—Ed.

Enjoying "The Good, the Bad & the Bovine." Fabulous book! [See page 54] We need more in book and magazine on climate change.

JACKIE FORD, GLADE PARK, COLORADO



COURTESY JUDY PETERSSON

Audrey Hadley, the editor's sister, waits for teenagers to address drastic measures for climate change in Australia on Sept. 20, 2019. She says, "I was helping to keep the world aware that our mother home is in jeopardy."

RECOGNITION

By Marjorie Haun

On Sept. 21, 2019, the Nevada Press Association inducted C.J. Hadley, editor of *RANGE* magazine, into the Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame. The induction was unusual in that CJ is "the first person to be inducted...without ever having worked at a newspaper."

This year, NPA also recognized *RANGE* for its excellent written and visual content with nine first-place awards, plus several seconds and thirds. *RANGE* took the coveted General Excellence award. Our recent hardback, "The Magnificent American West," won for Best Special Project (and another Will Rogers Medallion in Fort Worth a month later). For info on all winners, go to rangemagazine.com and click on "RANGE WINS."

Effusive congratulations from friends, family and fans from around the world appeared on the magazine's social media platforms. Facebook posts about the honors numbered in the hundreds, with audience reach in the tens of thousands. Here are some

examples:

"Congratulations! It is a fine magazine that holds our government to the truth and celebrates the goodness of the West."—*Hugh Penn*

"No one more deserving for honesty and integrity in reporting."

—*Ted Valentine*

"Congratulations for a one-of-a-kind, gritty, scrappy, tenacious warrior!"—*John L. Moore*

"Congratulations, from the Arizona brush poppers!"—*George Groseta*

"Hall of Fame or of shame? They picked you because they realize they need to class things up a little. You're probably the last real journalist who will ever be admitted. Actually, it's kind of neat you have enough friends who put you up for the, um, 'honor.'"—*Dave Skinner*



We pray you have the strength and backup to keep our magazine going. It is my favorite one and my mom's—she's 93! May God bless you.

ARLENE LUCIER, CARMEL, CALIFORNIA

TAKING A BIG APR SLICE

Wow! Dave Skinner's masterful reporting on American Prairie Reserve in Fall 2019 shows that he is a journalist in the truest sense of the word. Skinner's truly brilliant epic, "Critical Mass," shows exactly what is happening out there while other articles I have read just make APR sound like any other small landgrab that is all too common these days. But your "Wandering Scout" did his research, talked to folks on both sides, made the story totally interesting, and obviously covered every aspect that the public needs to know about APR and its intentions. Every American should read this story and pray for the hardworking folks in Montana and neighboring states that this landgrab is affecting.

Thank you, Mr. Skinner.

TERRY SULLIVAN, WASHOE VALLEY, NEVADA
Go to rangemagazine.com, click on Fall 2019, and share Skinner's APR story.—Ed.

Thanks for all you do to keep us informed. We ranchers in the "far" northwest corner of South Dakota are very aware of what our fellow ranchers are going through in central and eastern Montana with APR. The Nature Conservancy is invading our region; its area is

And as a pointed reminder to fans, TV star Sam Shad said: "As a proud subscriber from day one this award makes me even prouder of you and *RANGE*. All of you posting here better be subscribers!"

In response to the accolades, CJ said: "What a beautiful crowd you are. Thank you for your kind and generous support for me and *RANGE*. We are trying to help beat back

the hovering hordes who want to destroy the extraordinary idea of America. Without you, and more like you, it would be impossible."

The honors and outpourings of love are not the demarcation of an end for CJ, but rather an uplifting boon to her continuing career. She continues to work 70-hour weeks editing and publishing one of the most popular and influential "cowboy" magazines in the world, with no slowing down in sight.

Rancher Bob de Braga says, "CJ is a little one-gal Army." ■

“western South Dakota”—a huge, largely unpopulated area “ripe for the picking.”

TOM & KATHY FABRIS, REVA, SOUTH DAKOTA

Over my long lifetime, I have read an untold number of magazines devoted to political issues. *RANGE* and *The New American* are, in my opinion, the best, with *RANGE* standing by itself in uniqueness.

An informed reader will understand the warning I sound here: Please read *RANGE*'s article about the goals of the American Prairie Reserve's environmentalist plan. This fits hand in glove with [our Greens'] similar goal to acquire private land (quietly, at least in the East) and eventually change the zoning of that land to wilderness that includes no humans.

MICHAEL GREENSTREET
CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

CON & PRO

I am not renewing because *RANGE* has joined the Trump cult and I'm not about to drink that Kool-Aid.

MIKE FARMER, POLSON, MONTANA

We are in a fight for our very livelihood. We have a few head on federal land that has not been grazed for 60-plus years. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at Valley City, N.D., knows and can see this is beneficial to the land. They even put up a fence so it could be grazed. Now if they could just get the rest of the FWS to see that. Fight on, *RANGE*. Yours for truth.

BARRY BORG, VALLEY CITY, NORTH DAKOTA

I really appreciate the article you did on “The Horseman's Protégé” by Marjorie Haun in the Fall 2019 issue. Keep up the good work.

FREDERICK CHRISTENSEN, ANITA, IOWA

I don't loan my *RANGE* out because I don't get it back. You can't beat it.

ROD CLARK, WILSALL, MONTANA

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLICS

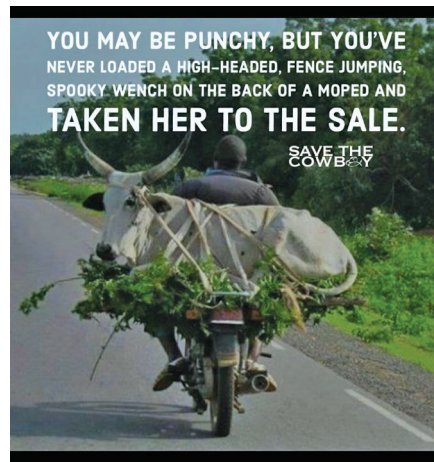
The other day, I purchased shells for a clay shoot. Before the sale I had to go through a background check due to a new state law. The final question on the form asked if I'm a U.S. citizen. Odd, because the People's Republic of California has filed suit against the same question on the census forms. What gives?

BILL PETERSEN, SUISUN, CALIFORNIA

Although I live in the People's Republic of Vermont, where things are so wrong I look forward to each issue of *RANGE*, the

“quotes” and most articles help bring me back to commonsense reality. Without my copy to soothe me, I would be totally bonkers. Subscriber for life.

PETER EVERETT, MORRISVILLE, VERMONT



KILLER CANINES

“Special Report: Wolves!” by Chance Gowan, Summer 2019, is one of the best examples of journalism I have ever come across. I have friends who are cattle ranchers, so the whole wolf social experiment seems daft to me, if not mindlessly irresponsible, reckless and careless. People are already being harmed. The only detail missing is when it happens that wolves kill a child, the matter will be covered up “for the well-being of the people.” The environmentalists will not want to be embarrassed and, more than that, they will not want to be found financially liable in lawsuits, which will be certain and expensive.

RICK HAVERINEN, WALLA WALLA, WASH.

Interesting how *RANGE* Heroes was next to Fred Scott's name from Wallace, Idaho. His letter and cowboy logic were right on. He wrote, “[The only thing I can tell you with certainty is] that there is a dead calf out there with a dead wolf lying on top of it, and I want to be paid for the dead calf.” Good stuff. The only good wolf, well, you know...

DENNIS COLLINS, VIA EMAIL

SOURCE OF FUN!

Our daughter at Christmas gave us a subscription to *RANGE*. We absolutely love it. Read every single article and have great laughter and joy as we read it. We are in our 90s and cannot drive at night, so your magazine is a source of such fun and entertainment for us. Just wanted to let you know.

RICHARD & HELEN STOKER
BREMERTON, WASHINGTON

NICE!

I've thrown in a small token of my appreciation for the finest publication ever! I find it a textbook rather than a magazine.

JACKIE SOUSA, EUREKA, CALIFORNIA

Keep the change. You are all fabulous!

MICHAEL WALTERS, WESTON, WISCONSIN

Keep up your wonderful work! More important in these times than ever before.

MARY SANSOUCY, DUDLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

This gift is going to a 95-year-old WWII vet. He loves your magazine.

RODGER & PEGGY SWING
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

DRIFTING HEART

I've never been West physically, but my heart drifts. *RANGE* stirred it up again. Maybe, someday, I'll move my zip code into the 8's. Anyone out here who hasn't read Louis L'Amour? A quote from, I believe, “The Walking Drum” is, “May there always be a road.”

CHRIS SCHMUCKER, WATERLOO, NEW YORK

My brother, Frank Shirts Jr., recently shipped these lambs out of Crooked River north of Idaho City to Colorado weighing an average



149.7 pounds, surpassing all weights of his previous bands.

LINDA SHIRTS CAUFFMAN, MERIDIAN, IDAHO
Nice crop! Good job, Frank!—Ed.

Our sincere thanks for *RANGE*'s long-term commitment to property rights and to the productive and functional use of natural resources in America!

KERN COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
MARICOPA, CALIFORNIA

Thanks for sending subs to politicians, county leaders and members of the media.—Ed.

WE NEED SOCIALISM

Why are Democrats looked at with disdain by Republicans? Most of us enjoy Social Security, medical help, schools, roads and more, paid for by all and put in place by Democrats. Why

is Clinton not given credit for handing Bush a balanced budget? Bush tax cuts for the rich caused the “recession,” which the Democrats led by Obama pulled us out of. Trump wants more money for the rich while leading us into the next downturn. Socialism works if all do their share. Look at Scandinavia. They do well. We should look beyond ourselves and have compassion for all.

FRISKYL, VIA EMAIL

Check your history. Don't forget that Democrats (my party) voted against the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and that it was moderate Republicans and Abe Lincoln who abolished slavery. Obama added \$9 trillion to the debt. Trump gained 5.121 million jobs in first 2.5 years and has 3.8 percent unemployment—lowest levels ever for minorities and women. Maybe Trump's this good because he used to be a Democrat.—Ed.

Last night Roger Kimball, editor of *The New Criterion*, told me, in front of 20 and some people that *RANGE* was the most right-wing magazine in America and that he had signed up for a subscription. You don't have to wonder if that's a good thing or a bad thing—it's a wonderful thing when your colleague in America's most seriously intellectual magazine pays tribute. He meant that *RANGE* is pure, 100 percent conservative. You. The only one in the country like that. So, publishing my photos in “A Nevada Journey” in Winter 2019 got you at least one new reader that I know of, but an important new reader.

JONAS DOVYDENAS, LENOX, MASSACHUSETTS

My favorite editor with a heart of gold. Thanks for caring about the West and our heritage. And for being a pit bull!

TERI MURRISON, EAGLE, IDAHO

RARITY

I came across a story about Arabella Advisors and its dark money and remember Dave Skinner's “Octopuses Garden” in Fall 2018. You and your staff and writers were ahead of the curve, as usual. Yours is a timely and credible voice—a rarity in the news and publishing media.

JOHN H. HOAK, BIG HORN, WYOMING

Go to rangemagazine.com, click on RANGEdex and search for Dave Skinner's “Patterns on the Landscape” in Winter 2014.—Ed.

I have been reading *RANGE* for years and have it in my bag that I carry everywhere I go. Rather than share simply from memory (which I occasionally do), I whip it out and either have the captive read it for themselves

or I sit them down and read it to them.

RANGE without a doubt has the most well-researched articles on the state of our country than any other magazine or newspaper in the Union or the world!

DONNA HATTON, VIA FACEBOOK

Trump is destroying the environment.

GUTLESS, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Cow dog's first snow in southwest Montana, name is Wick, five months old. Keep up the good work!

FRED HENNINGSEN
BUTTE, MONTANA



We, the ranchers of Idaho and the West, are blessed to have CJ and *RANGE* on our side.

JOHN RICHARD, MARSING, IDAHO

The knowledge, dedication, experience and ability of your writers are better than anything in media, period. I tend to be cynical about the words “truth and facts” being on the same page as “news and media.” You folks have brought honor and neglected concepts such as integrity and wisdom back to the argument. I also like to see “*RANGE* Heroes” and the letter from Mr. Krueger saying he bought two new scrips and donated \$100. If every subscriber would do that...

GLENN HELM, PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

Keep up the “grit.” Appreciate what you do.

JERRY D. LONG, DVM, LIVE OAK, CALIF.

SAY WHAT?

Of an eve a few weeks ago, I was riding “Recliner” and rereading Spike van Cleve's “40 Years' Gatherin's” when my iPhone made the noise that someone wished to talk to me. I answered and was advised that I was speaking to an officer of the law who asked me if I knew Rose Chilcoat. At first blush the name didn't register so I said, “No, I don't think so...oh yeah...I know who she is but I don't know her.”

The officer told me that Ms. Chilcoat claimed that I was a threat to her safety! Evidently, my liking a post on Facebook was a threat to her and I was supportive of physical harm to her. Say what? I don't even know the woman. I just know that she has been in a ruckus with Zane Odell whom I haven't seen in years. Since then I have read that the envirofreaks are doing everything they can do to bankrupt Zane and that the Odells could use

some financial help to defend against these nutcases.

GEORGE THOMPSON, DURANGO, COLORADO
Call 1-800-RANGE-4-U for a copy of Marjorie Haun's story, “Caught in the Act.”—Ed.

I'm *outraged*...only 88 pages in this issue. I'll have to lock myself in a *safe space* and read it again. All this information has reduced me to being a *victim of the left*. I'll have to *find a therapist*...and can't wait for the next issue.

LINDA MEYER, SPEEDWELL, VIRGINIA

Sad such a great magazine still can't state that Donald Trump is a racist! Thoughts and prayers not for all those killed with military-grade weapons, but thoughts and prayers for the entire country in these hate-filled times. Longtime *RANGE* fan, Vietnam veteran.

DAVID PORTER MISSO

TULELAKE, CALIFORNIA



We gave our *RANGE* to someone from Boston. They cannot put the West into context: Is your ranch bigger than a football field?

ROGER WHITTEN, DEER PARK, WASHINGTON

KEEP YOUR PIPES OUT OF OUR AQUIFERS

Hank Vogler outdid himself in “Anything for Vegas” in Fall 2019, making it clear what was happening in White Pine County and Las Vegas taking all their water. Between BLM naming too many mountaintops in Nevada as wilderness study areas, thereby making them off-limits for anyone who cannot ride a horse or walk, the military taking a huge portion of central Nevada, and now attempts to dry up White Pine County, there's not much left for us civilians. And I think Hank's right

that Rye Patch Dam in Pershing County will be Reno's new faucet. This is all done by bureaucrats and not a single person taking water or shutting down access to our state is elected. Very sad for us Nevadans who care.

TERRY SULLIVAN, WASHOE VALLEY, NEVADA

Re "Anything for Vegas" by Hank Vogler. When this farce began, we were in Baker, Nev., where some commonsense ladies were selling T-shirts. We bought two. They say, "Keep your pipes out of our aquifers."

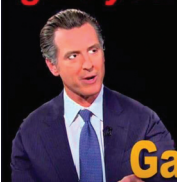
GAIL & DONNA ANDRESS, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

"If we catch you cheating to get into college, we will *put you in jail*.

And if you cheat to enter our country, we'll *give you free-college.*"

"And a driver's-license and food-stamps."

Calif. Gov. Gavin Newsom



VIA INTERNET

The demise of the Egyptian Empire was a direct result of climate change or system collapse as a former Austin teacher calls it. I have a *Reader's Digest* geography book that shows the equator crossing Florida at one time, so things change all the time, however slowly, and anything to do with U.S. government is the fault of the current "president," who has already made his money and cares nothing about those who aren't rich.

When do you suppose most of your readers will admit that climate change is real? They'll eventually have to.

GUTLESS, AUSTIN, NEVADA

We won't have to when you wake up one morning, smite your breast, and apologize for being wrong about the expensive global government multitrillion-dollar scam.—Ed.

Used to gobble up the articles but within the 25 years of reading your works, gobbling gave way to savoring. Some things haven't changed though; your direction and content. Truth is never outdated! We only need to look at the Good Book to know the validity of that statement. Ya'll are in good company!

ART ROANE, CHRISTOVAL, TEXAS

Loudest amongst equals, you speak for us all.

WOMAT CHIBLIT (AKA K.A. GALL)

VIA FACEBOOK