

# I’m Voting Republican to Protect My Liberal Values

by Rona Kaufman,  
RealClearWire.com

I am a lifelong Democrat, a feminist, a progressive, and a Jew. I marched to Take Back the Night and canvassed for the Sierra Club in college. I volunteered with a domestic violence shelter as a young lawyer. My children and I donned pink p\*\*\*\* hats as we chanted at the 2016 Women’s March in Washington, D.C. I held a “Jews for Black Lives Matter” sign at a BLM rally in Pittsburgh’s Squirrel Hill neighborhood. I took a group of teens to protest the killing of Antwon Rose in downtown Pittsburgh. I became a foster mom during the pandemic. Last summer, I shared my home with a family of Muslim refugees from Afghanistan.

I’ve supported only Democratic candidates for president. I posted a Clinton/Gore sign in my bedroom window before I was old enough to vote. I attended an Al Gore rally in 1996 at the University of Delaware. I volunteered to get John Kerry elected. I contributed to Barack Obama’s campaign. I dressed up in a pantsuit and took

my kids with me to vote for who I thought would be the first woman president, Hillary Clinton. In 2020, I voted for Joe Biden.

You might think, then, that, as a resident of Squirrel Hill, I’d be voting in the upcoming election for Rep. Summer Lee, treasurer candidate Erin McClelland, U.S. Sen. Bob Casey and Kamala Harris. You would be wrong.

After witnessing the horrors of October 7th and after realizing that too many Democratic Party elected officials and constituents lack the moral clarity to respond effectively to the war Israel is fighting and to the threat of Islamism, I have decided to vote Republican. On November 5, 2024, I will vote for congressional candidate James Hayes, treasurer Stacey Garrity, Dave McCormack – and, reluctantly, Donald Trump.

Most people believe that this is an important election – that its results might even determine the future of our democracy. I agree with them. And that is why, in 2024, I am voting for the party that is more likely to contain Iran and remind it



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and its terror proxies that America will defeat their threats to democracy and freedom; more likely to support Israel in its defensive, existential war; and more likely to protect civil rights by punishing unlawful acts of violence and antisemitic harassment on college campuses.

I am not voting for the party that abandoned the girls of Afghanistan and unnecessarily sacrificed the precious lives of our soldiers there. I am not voting for the party that condemns antisemitism on the right while excusing, and even

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## Opposition to Lion Hunting Ban Grows

by Sherrie Peif,  
Complete Colorado Page Two

DENVER — The list of organizations, local governments and others across the state opposing Proposition 127, the mountain lion hunting ban on Colorado’s statewide ballot, continues to grow less than one week from the general election.

The ballot measure purports to ban the practice of “trophy hunting” of mountain lions (as well as lynx and bobcat), which generally means killing an animal for sport and not for consumption or harvest, a practice that is already illegal in Colorado. However, the initiative goes on to broadly define trophy hunting as “intentional killing, wounding, pursuing or entrapping of a mountain lion, bobcat or lynx,” which in practice means a ban on hunting the animals entirely, according to Dan Gates from Coloradans for Responsible Wildlife Management, a pro-hunting group that opposes the measure.

“They say they want to curtail trophy hunting, but the definition in the petition says ‘intentional killing,’” Gates previously said. “All of hunting is intentional killing. If they are going to classify that hunting as intentional killing, how

can they not be for getting rid of all forms of hunting?”

### Mesa County urges a No

According to the *Grand Junction Daily Sentinel*, Mesa County Commissioners passed a resolution opposing the ban, similar to the opposition they expressed to the reintroduction of wolves.

According to the *Sentinel*, the commissioners said the three types of cats addressed in 127 are already well managed by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW).

“I think there’s a falsehood out there that if we (don’t) ban hunting of these animals that they’re not going to be managed in some degree,” said Commissioner Bobbie Daniel in the *Sentinel* report. “We’ve seen this with the bears, the overpopulation of the bears. What really this initiative is, is a ban on management. This is a ban on the state of Colorado being able to manage our resources.”

An estimated 3,500-4,500 mountain lions and 21,000 bobcats live in Colorado, and opponents say the large numbers are detrimental to the overall Colorado ecological system

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## BOCC: 2025 Budget Woes, More OEM Empire Building, County Attorney Gets Fired

by George Gramlich,  
News and Commentary

The October 24, 2024 regular meeting of the Custer County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) started at around 9:20 a.m. due to some computer issues. It was held in their royal annex across from the courthouse. All three Commissioners were present: Bill Canda, Lucas Epp and Kevin Day.

In Commissioner Items Canda said the two TV stations are broadcasting fine. Epp said that he had contacted a construction consulting company to look at all the issues of the courthouse and give the Commissioners a report on it. He also stated that the 2023 audit and the 2025 budget are both “posted”. Epp reported that the proposed 2025 budget expense is \$923,000 over expected revenue and that the county would have to get money from the Cash Reserves account to cover some of that. Epp added that they are going over the budget cutting where they can.

In Department Reports, Finance was first. The County’s finance consultant Lisa Hemann, from

Redland’s Accounting, reviewed the various items she worked on last month including the county’s lack of policies and procedures for the various departments. After her presentation, Canda stated that, “We need to talk about changing the auditor. We’ve had him for a long time. We need to look at others and get prices.” Hemann agreed. Epp added that he has asked Finance to “research audit options including a forensic audit”. He said we need an “audit policy” and suggested we should change auditors every five years. (Folks, auditors should be changed every three to five years. You need to audit the auditors. We have had this one for 15 years or so. Totally unacceptable.)

The Human Resources report was written. The Commissioners read it silently and didn’t discuss anything substantial to the public. (No transparency here, folks. Post it on the website, Commissioners, so the peasants can see where their money is spent. It ain’t that hard.)

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Guest Editorial



Vote No on Retaining Colorado Judges

—October 23, 2024

by Jon Caldara, Complete  
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Opinion & Commentary

I urge people to vote against retaining judges in Colorado. Yes, all of them.

We do not directly elect judges as other states do, where Republican and Democrat candidates face off. Instead, the governor appoints the state's judges after a nominating committee brings him two or three to choose from. The only check and balance we meaningless citizens have is to vote thumbs up or down on their retention every so often. Every so often can be as long as a decade.

The problem is seemingly 99.9% of the time the judges are all retained, usually with around a two-third vote in favor. It's a rubber stamp, not accountability.

I vote no on all judges in the hopes at some point these retention elections might become competitive, and judges must defend their rulings to we simpletons, the voting public.

If you're like me and believe Colorado courts are too progressive and judges prefer to rewrite law rather than interpret it, there is a fair opposite argument to instead vote yes on retaining all judges.

The logic goes like this: If you are somehow successful in kicking a judge out, it means Gov. Jared Polis will just choose a more progressive replacement.

I find this argument unconvincing for the simple reason judges almost never, ever lose their retention votes. Furthermore, if a couple judges did lose their seats, it could shock complacent judges into better rulings.

In my Blue Book this year I found the various commissions on judicial performance again said that every judge I get to vote on "meets performance standards." Like children in the mythical Lake Wobegon, all Colorado judges are above average.

Convenient then that many of the members of this commissions on judicial performance are appointed — in a glaring conflict of interest — by the Colorado Supreme Court.

Wouldn't it be great if you could appoint the person who reviews your work performance?!

Additionally, they only review the superficial aspects of a judge's job. Does he run a nice courtroom? Does he move his cases along well? Is he polite to those who come in front of him? Is he nice to kittens?

None of this says anything about his judicial philosophy, how he

reads our laws and constitution. Jimmy Carter was an exceedingly nice and polite president. But his policy decisions were why people voted against his reelection.

But this year, voting "no" is more than trying to make a point, especially with the Colorado Supreme Court justices.

Our Colorado Supreme Court has been self-serving in its lack of transparency and lack of discipline. *Gazette* reporter David Migoya did the work the Supreme Court justices failed to do when he broke the story of the high court's pay-for-silence scandal. That is, he made it public and transparent. But that was the court's job!

Migoya broke the scandal in early 2021. The allegation is the court offered a \$2.5 million contract to Mindy Masias, from the State Court Administrator's Office, to prevent her from disclosing financial irregularities, sexual harassment and other inappropriate behaviors within the judiciary.

The court knew about the allegations in 2019 but didn't openly acknowledge it until two years later, when the story broke. And who appoints many of the people to the Colorado Commission on Judicial Discipline, which was created to investigate such allegations? You got it, the Colorado Supreme Court.

Though not nearly as serious it certainly has echoes of the Catholic Church scandals of sexual abuse. This is what happens when an untouchable organization polices themselves. And, though the church is a private organization, and we don't vote on bishops, some of us still believe the government is of the people.

If you don't vote against all judges, you should at least vote against the Supreme Court justices up for retention. And like some, I said "some," in the Catholic Church, Justices Brian Boatright, Monica Marquez and Maria Berkenkotter were aware of the scandal and failed in their responsibility to report the judicial misconduct as required.

Isn't it nifty then, that, as per the Blue Book, everyone, every single person who voted on the State Judicial Performance Commission agreed all three justices "meet performance standards"? No dissent.

Our system of evaluating, retaining, investigating and disciplining Colorado judges is an incestuous, unethical ugly mess.

Jon Caldara is president of the Independence Institute, a free market think tank in Denver.

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Press Release

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Yes, the Beckwith Gift Shop will be open filled with great gift ideas, as well.

Next up at Beckwith Ranch will be our Victorian Christmas Celebration featuring local organizations competing for the grandest decorations in the mansion. Check our our website for details: [www.beckwithranch.com](http://www.beckwithranch.com)

# SDCEA Welcomes New Fremont County Director

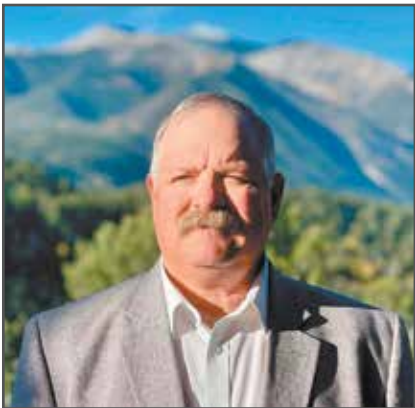
Sangre de Cristo Electric Association (SDCEA) is pleased to announce the selection of Rob Canterbury as the new director representing Fremont County on the SDCEA board.

A rancher from a multi-generational family in the area, and a lifetime resident of Fremont County, Canterbury brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to the community. Canterbury steps into this role following the resignation of former director Nick Hellbusch in July and will serve the remainder of Hellbusch’s term, which concludes in June. Canterbury will be eligible to run for the seat at that time for a full three-year term.

“We are excited to welcome Rob to the board,” said Sandra Attebery, Chair of SDCEA. “His dedication to Fremont County and his background will be invaluable as we continue to enhance our services and meet the needs of our members.”

Canterbury was selected by the board after interviews of three Fremont County residents who applied for the position.

While board members are elected to represent members from geographical areas of the cooperative, they are elected to serve all members. Two board seats are designated as at-large.



Current board officers include:

- Sandra Attebery, representing Custer County, Chair
- Charles Abel, rural Chaffee/Lake County, Vice-Chair
- Blake Bennetts, town of Buena Vista, Secretary
- Jeff Fiedler, At Large, Treasurer

The board also comprises directors Mark Boyle, Rural Chaffee/ Lake County; Sandy Long, At Large, and now, Rob Canterbury, Fremont County.

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# Message To Christians of All Denominations

## A Warning From On High: A Clear And Present Danger

From Fred Hernandez

Not since the War of Independence and the Civil War has the United States been in such a grave and serious threat as on these very days, the eve of the Elections of 2024. Rarely has a formerly high official of the Catholic Church made a brutally cold assessment of the precarious, desperate danger of certain destruction that our country faces as in this election. Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò who was at one time the highest representative of The Vatican as the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, has stepped forward into the front lines and exposed himself and the naked truth about the consequences for making the wrong choice. “The exercise of the vote is your moral duty” he said in his message, “You cooperate in the first person in choosing the person who will lead the nation.” He goes on to warn, “In this election you must choose between two radically opposed ways of conceiving the government of your nation: you are called to choose between democracy

and dictatorship, between freedom and slavery.” The good Archbishop warns about the difference between one candidate’s administration (Trump), Catholics and all Christians and all denominations will be able to worship freely. While on the other side (Kamala), all religions are treated as fundamentalists that have to be marginalized and eliminated. “Look at your country,” he says and we paraphrase: Your cities are filled with derelicts, criminals, drug addicts, prostitutes and robbers. Your schools are dens of indoctrination and children belong to the state. Courts acquit criminals and punish the innocent. Climate is tampered with, and hospitals and corporations rule. Visit the link below and get the full statement delivered by this brave prelate who is gravely concerned about the potentially deadly outcome of this election.

<https://thelibertydaily.com/archbishop-vigano-posts-open-letter-american-catholics-eve/>

# Now We’re “Garbage”

One week before the election, Biden tells America that those who support Donald Trump for President are “garbage”.

Biden speaking at a Harris political event: “The only garbage I see floating out there is his supporters.” “His” meaning Trump.

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Editor/GG



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# Memorial Service Andrew Fernandez

There will be a memorial service for Custer County Emergency Medical Services paramedic Andrew Fernandez on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at 2 p.m. The service will be held in the East Gym at Custer County School. Prior to the memorial service, there will be a procession of emergency vehicles that will escort his family to the school. We hope to see you there.

There is still time to donate to his family using this link <https://gofund.me/4a53781d>



or by dropping a check off at Kirkpatrick Bank in Westcliffe. All funds raised will go directly to his wife.

# Celebration of Life Service Chris Nordyke



Celebration of life for Chris Nordyke will be held at the First Baptist Church in Westcliffe, CO at 10 a.m. on Friday the 1st of November.

Photo of Chris and Shelly with grandchildren via Facebook



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# Obituary Chris Nordyke



life, Shelly Nordyke. Chris was a devoted and kind husband to Shelly for 34 years. Together, Chris and Shelly had four sons: Christopher James (CJ), Cole Lee, Corey Wade and Casey Taylor. It gave him great pride and joy to watch them grow, play football, and teach them his trade.

He actively attended and served at First Baptist Church of Westcliffe as a deacon and youth leader. Chris also volunteered as an assistant football coach where he followed his passion of mentoring young men and setting an example of Godly manhood. He had many other passions like fly fishing, reloading, bird hunting and guns....lot of guns. In 2015-2016 Chris went on two separate mission trips to Mexico where he built a church for some of his fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

He formed Construction Solutions of Colorado in 2011 and worked tirelessly as general contractor. During that time, he built a great love for building custom homes, meeting and working with clients, many of whom became his dear friends.

Chris Wayne Nordyke was born in Cañon City on February 12, 1961, to Barbara Maxine Babb-Nordyke and Arthur Lee Nordyke. Chris spent the early years of his life in Cañon City with his parents and brothers, Kurt and Kyle. At the age of 6, Chris made the decision to devote his life to follow Jesus and make Him the Lord and Savior of his life. The Nordyke family moved to Westcliffe while Chris was in high school where he graduated in 1979.

Following high school, Chris attended Ortero Community College in La Junta, Colorado, where he studied welding for a year. He then returned to Westcliffe and spent many years working for his parents at Nordyke Construction.

On July 14, 1990, he married the love of his

He is preceded in death by his mother Barbara and eldest son CJ. Chris is survived by his father Arthur, brothers, Kurt (Emme), Kyle (Leslie) as well as many nephews and one niece, his wife, Shelly and sons: Cole (Tori), Casey (Shelby), Corey (Emily) Nordyke. Chris was loved well by all his grandchildren: Bentley, Eliana, Cooper, Brayden, Aliyah Joy, Adde Mae, Brooklyn, Elowyn, Evelyn and Harper Jane Nordyke. Chris was 63 years old when the Lord called him home unexpectedly on October 25, 2024. In his final years he and Shelly lived out one of their lifelong dreams in their house on an acreage in Cañon City where they raised chickens, a garden, and spent many hours shooting with dear friends from Connect Church in Cañon City, Colorado.



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Statewide Ballot Initiatives

The Colorado Republican Committee makes the following voting recommendations for the 2024 Statewide Ballot Initiatives:

VOTE YES!

AMENDMENT G: Modify Property Tax Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities

AMENDMENT I: Constitutional Bail Exception for first Degree Murder

AMENDMENT K: Modify Constitutional Election Deadlines

PROP. 128: Parole Eligibility for Crimes of Violence

PROP. 129: Establishing Veterinary Professional Associates

PROP. 130: Funding for Law Enforcement

VOTE NO!

AMENDMENT 79: Constitutional Right to Abortion

AMENDMENT 80: Constitutional Right to School Choice

PROPOSITION 131: Establishing an All-Candidates Primary Election and Ranked Choice Voting General Election

PROPOSITION JJ: Retain Additional Sports Betting Tax Revenue

PROPOSITION KK: Firearms and Ammunition Tax

IF YOU ARE UNSURE, VOTE NO!  
DON'T LEAVE IT BLANK

PROPOSITION 131 (#310)  
Concerning the Conduct of Elections  
(RANKED CHOICE VOTING)

VOTE NO

“Establish top-four primaries and ranked-choice voting (RCV) for federal and state offices in Colorado”

This initiative establishes a top-four ranked choice voting system in Colorado for Congressional, Gubernatorial, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, University of Colorado Regent, State Board of Education and Legislative elections.

RCV confuses voters, whose ballots will be discarded if all candidates are not ranked. In extreme liberal Colorado, RCV ensures the most extreme Democrats prevail, and less conservative choices for office end up winning elected offices. RCV is supported by Kent Thiry, whose goal is to eliminate parties and move to a centrist government.

A “yes” vote supports establishing top-four primary elections and ranked-choice voting for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, University of Colorado University Regent, State Board of Education, and State Legislature.

A “no” vote on Proposition 131 continues the existing primary election system and the current method of selecting candidates and counting votes at general elections.

Alaska uses an all-candidate primary system where the top four vote-getters advance to a ranked choice voting general election. That system was adopted by voters in 2020 and first used in 2022. There is a measure on Alaska’s November ballot asking voters to repeal the state’s system.

In Alaska a share of general election races in the state this year will pit only candidates from the same party against each other, leaving supporters of the opposite party with no one who aligns with their political views.

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**American Legion and VFW Monthly Meetings**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Monthly Meeting is the 3rd Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. at the bowling alley.



### Custer Senior Center Menu

|                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Monday, November 2</b><br><b>#109 Turkey Pot Pie</b><br>Peas & Carrots<br>Tossed Salad w/Lite Ranch<br>Orange, Oatmeal Cookie<br>WW Dinner Roll | <b>Tuesday, November 5</b><br><b>#14 Beef Stew</b><br>Green Beans<br>Salad w/Lite Italian<br>Banana<br>WW Bread w/Butter | <b>Thursday November 7</b><br><b>#86 Spinach Lasagna</b><br>Green Beans<br>Tossed Vegetable w/Lite Italian<br>Banana<br>WW Bread w/Butter |
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Served Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays at noon. 612 Main St. , Silver Cliff Townhall (lower level)  
The following major food allergens are used as ingredients: Milk, Egg, Fish, Tree Nuts, Peanuts, Wheat, Soy and Sesame.

Please call (719) 783-9508 before 9:30 a.m. for reservations  
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register his objections thereto.

Dated: October 25, 2024

/s/ Thomas Goodwin  
Treasurer

/s/ Ralph L. Scanga, Jr.  
General Manager and Budget Officer

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**Notice of Appointment to Board of Education**

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes § 22-31-129 (2), the Custer County School District C-1 Board of Education must declare a vacancy in the school director office and appoint a person to fill the vacancy within sixty days after the vacancy occurs. In accordance with state law, the Board declared a vacancy at a Special Board Meeting on October 24, 2024, due to a resignation of one at-large director seat on the District’s Board of Education.

Beginning October 25, 2024, any person who meets the qualifications and who desires to be considered for the appointment is invited to submit a letter of interest, including a biographical statement, to the secretary of the Board of Education, Jennifer Kriegh, at the Custer County School District’s Administration Building, 709 Main Street, Westcliffe, Colorado 81252. Upon submission of the letter of interest, applicants will be asked to fill out a sworn affidavit attesting to the qualifications for office. All documentation must be submitted by 3:00 PM on November 5, 2024.

To be eligible for appointment, an applicant must reside in Custer County School District and must have been a registered elector of the Custer County School District for at least twelve consecutive months prior to the date of appointment. The applicant must be 18 years or older and have never been convicted of a sexual offense against a minor.

The Board will interview prospective candidates on November 7, 2024, in a public session of a Special Meeting of the Board at 4:30 p.m., in the library. The Board of Education plans to appoint the person to fill this vacancy at its Special Board Meeting.

Recurring Events

**Mondays**  
**10 a.m. Pickle Ball** Silver Cliff Mem.Park (SCMP)  
More info: lizbrannen@gmail.com  
**6 -7:30 p.m. Men’s Bible Meeting** (The Bible and X) w/ Scott Munger. at First Baptist Church.  
**6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous** (CLSD) 12 Step study, at St. Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita, Westcliffe. Martha at 719-371-1853.

**1st Monday of the Month**  
**5 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary** monthly meeting (year-round) at Cliffe Lanes  
**2nd and 4th Monday**  
**6 – 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous**  
Community United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.  
Children Welcome. colobamanana@yahoo.com

**Tuesdays**  
**12 noon – 1 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous** (CLDS)  
“As Bill Sees It” St. Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita in W/C.  
Call Martha at 719-371-1853.

**1st Tuesday of the Month**  
**9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Old Schoolhouse Quilters Comfort Quilters @Valley Bible**  
**6:00 p.m. American Legion Post 170** monthly meeting at Cliff Lanes meeting room.  
**4-6 p.m. Christian Music on KLZR 91.7 FM**  
**2nd Tuesday of the Month**  
**9 a.m. Old Schoolhouse Quilters Guild Meeting @Valley Bible**

**3rd Tuesday of the Month**  
**Liberty Rocks TUESDAY** Meet/greet &order 5:30 p.m. Presentation 6 p.m. Location Tony’s Pizza All welcome.

**Wednesdays**  
**8-9 a.m. Veterans Coffee Social**, Veterans and Caregivers welcome. West Custer County Library Community Rm., 209 Main St. Westcliffe

**9:30 – 11 a.m. Line Dancers** meet at United Methodist Church, 204 S 6th St. Call Debbie Underwood at (432) 553-7483.

**9:45-11:30 a.m. The Posse Ladies Bible Study** “Names of God” at Sangre de Cristo Fellowship, 120 Jerry Dr. Westcliffe. September 18- December 4  
Questions? Holly 703-338-4100

**10 a.m. Pickle Ball** (SCMP) info: lizbrannen@gmail.com  
**6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous** (CLSD) Big Book Study at St. Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita, Westcliffe. Martha at 719-371-1853.  
**6 p.m. Prayer Group Meeting.** First Baptist Church of Westcliffe. Call 719-783-2498.

**First Thursday of the Month**  
**9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Comfort Quilters**, FBC (log bldg next to the church) 417 S. 6th St. Contact Delores at 719-371-1451.

**2nd Thursday of the Month**  
**6 p.m. Custer County Republican Central Committee** meeting. Ranchers Roost. The public is welcome See www.CusterGOP.com or Facebook page at https://m.facebook.com/custergop

**3rd Thursday of the Month**  
**2 p.m. Round Mt Water District Meeting.**

**Fridays**  
**10 a.m. Pickle Ball** Silver Cliff Memorial Park  
More info: lizbrannen@gmail.com  
**1 – 4 p.m.- Mah Jongg** at the Senior Center  
**6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous** Open Discussion, St. Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita. Call Martha 719-371- 1853

**2nd Friday of the Month**  
**8 am- Westcliffe Band of Brothers & Sisters Men’s Prayer Breakfast**, at the Senior Center followed by **Monthly Meeting at 9:30** - all are welcome

**Saturdays**  
**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.

**3rd Saturday of Month**  
**8 a.m. Valley Bible Fellowship Men’s Breakfast** Open to all Men of the Community, 116 Hermit Lane, Silver Cliff  
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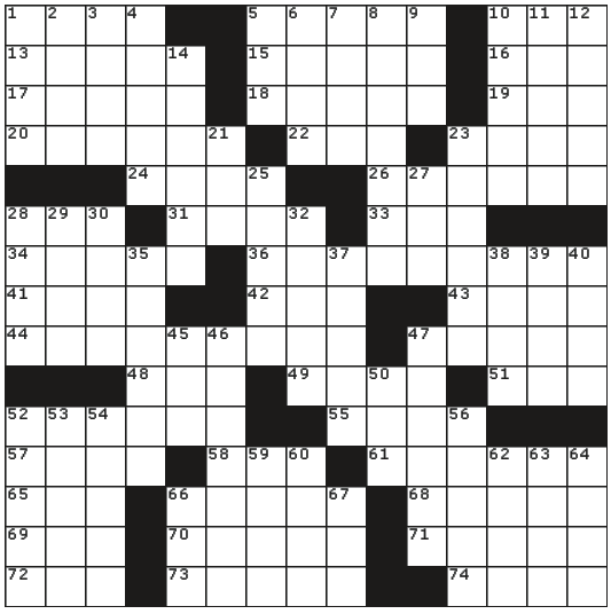
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20 Book before Jeremiah  
22 Vane direction  
23 Field game

24 Fresh  
26 Tribe of Israel  
28 Beats per minute  
31 Walked  
33 Time zone  
34 Tons  
36 Asset  
41 Capital of Norway  
42 Long-term memory  
43 Small particle  
44 Black, gray, and white feathered bird  
47 Abhorrence

48 Slant  
49 Flat boat  
51 Tell a tall tale  
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57 Scent  
58 Surface to air missile  
61 Doll brand  
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2 Sight organs  
3 Italian money  
4 Asian country  
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6 Land measurement  
7 Cut of beef  
8 Experience  
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10 Wealthy man  
11 Plant seed

12 Evil angel  
14 Nephilim  
21 That woman  
23 Spoiled  
25 For God so loved the \_\_  
27 Flightless bird  
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29 Elegant  
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32 Dissuade  
35 Alter  
37 Bedaub  
38 Spiral  
39 Decorative needle case  
40 Indistinguishable  
45 Family  
46 One of Jesus' 12  
47 Capital of Canada  
50 Watch chain  
52 Divided nation  
53 Objects of false worship  
54 Gasoline company  
56 Statement of beliefs  
59 Sailors “hey”  
60 Word interpreted by Daniel  
62 Baseball plate  
63 Press  
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**Christian Science**  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
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9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
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**Cody Park Community Church**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
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Wedn. 7 p.m. Bible Study  
*0157 County Rd. 27A  
Cotopaxi 719/942-3526*

**Community United Methodist Church**  
8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Worship  
*202 S. 6th Street, Westcliffe  
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**Cotopaxi Community Church**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Worship  
6 p.m. Wedn. Bible Study  
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**First Baptist Church of Westcliffe**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
4:30 p.m. Wedn. AWANAS  
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Pastor Josh Olsteen  
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9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
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10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship  
7 p.m.: Thursday Bible Study  
*603 Leon Street, Walsenburg  
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9:30 a.m. Service  
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10 a.m. Worship  
*116 Hermit Lane, Silver Cliff  
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**Wetmore Baptist Church**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
6 p.m. Worship  
*Junction of Hwy 96 & 67, Wetmore  
719/371-1230*

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10 a.m. Worship  
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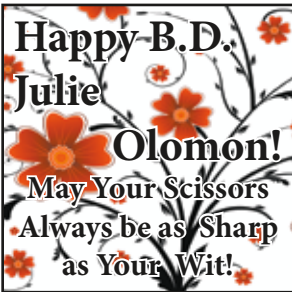
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Left to right: Marty Newcomb, Alexandria Knappe, Mike Liebman, Courtney Miller, Lynn Miller, Cherly Sparkey, Rusty Foley, Trish Foley Photo via Alexandria Knappe

Bobcats Scoreboard!

Friday, October 25:  
Cross Country: Regionals @ South Fork:  
Levi Carichner 19:52 (19th place);  
Jacob Weeks 20:37 (28th place);  
Mason Stover experienced a mid-course injury but refused to quit. He walked through the finish and received a time of 39:10  
HS Football @ Hoehne (away): 0-50, loss

Custer County School District C-1  
MENU for the WEEK of November 4 thru November 7, 2024

|                  | Breakfast                                      | Lunch                                                             |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Cereal. Oatmeal<br>Mixed Fruit<br>Yogurt. Milk | Chicken Patty Sandwich<br>Baked Beans, Coleslaw,<br>Fruit, Milk   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Muffins<br>Fruit<br>Choice of Milk             | Enchiladas<br>Corn, Rice,<br>Fruit, Choice of Milk                |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Bacon pancake stick<br>Fruit<br>Choice of Milk | Chicken Alfredo<br>With Broccoli<br>Fruit, Choice of Milk         |
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The Tarsier

Thank you for joining me every week. It's always good to hear from those of you who enjoy these articles. This week we are looking at another cute animal, the Tarsier.

The tarsiers are small primates that are found only in the islands of Southeast Asia. They are at the top of the cute list with their big eyes, velvety fur and small size. They are nocturnal so they sleep during the day usually on branches near to the ground in dense vegetation. Their enormous eyes and excellent hearing enable them to catch insects at night. Tarsiers have the largest eyes of any mammal on earth, in relation to their body size. Their large eyes are because of their weird skull structure. Their bodies have had to adjust to such a heavy weight and so their cranium is designed to keep them balanced.

Tarsiers are the only venomous and poisonous primate. They secrete a toxin from a gland found in their arm which mixes with their saliva to make a venom that can cause a serious allergic reaction in predators. They also coat their young with this poisonous toxin-saliva mixture.

Their diet consists of insects. However, tarsiers have been known to eat birds, small reptiles like snakes or lizards and bats. Their hind legs are twice as long as their bodies allowing them to spring up to 16 feet between trees and branches to catch insects. They can turn their necks 180 degrees in either direction.

They are known to be shy and reclusive and sometimes mob predators. Mobbing is the way they harass predators to reduce the chances of being attacked. They send out vocalizations when predators are near and other tarsiers will respond to the call, within a short period of time. They do not make good pets, and are difficult to care for.

by Audrey Slater. Sources: <https://factanimal.com/tarsier/>, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tarsier>, <https://animals.net/tarsier/>.  
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John 8:12 ESV

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## Players of the Week



### Player of the Week —November 1st

Elijah (Eli) Flynn —  
Hoehne Game  
16-26: 105 Pass yards  
12 Carries: 40 Yards  
Rushing

Photo by Sarah Flynn

**MOST  
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PLAYERS**



Player of the Week—September 25th  
Wyatt Grundy — Homecoming Game  
6 Carries: 83 Yards Rushing  
1 TD

Photo by Jennifer Russ Photography

### Cross Country from Coach Heather Ramer

This week we want to highlight our high school boys cross country team—Levi Carichner, Mason Stover, and Jacob Weeks. All athletes ran a tough final race at Regionals in South Fork last weekend, ending their season with grit and determination. We are so proud of all of their accomplishments and we are already looking forward to next season. Great job, boys!

#### Cross Country Regionals results

2A Region 4 Regionals was hosted by Del Norte at the Rio Grande Golf Club in South Fork.  
Levi Carichner 19:52 (19th place)  
Jacob Weeks 20:37 (28th place)  
Mason Stover experienced a mid-course injury but refused to quit. He walked through the finish and received a time of 39:10

Cross Country season is over.  
Special thanks to Coach Heather Ramer for her dedication and commitment to this team!

Left to Right: Jacob Weeks, Levi Carichner Mason Stover



### Volleyball

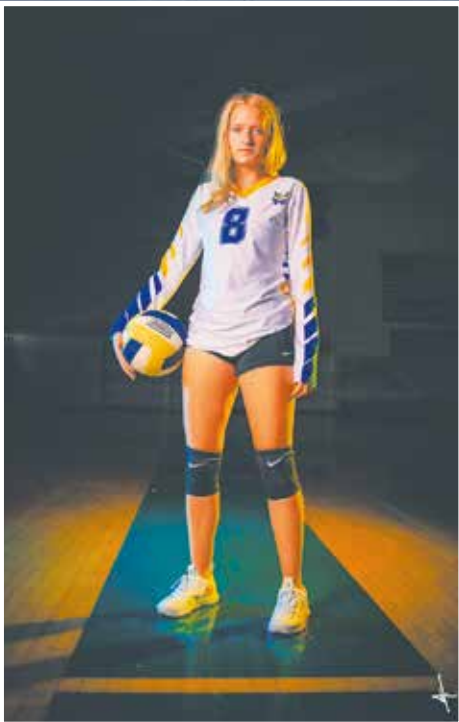
JV - Sammi Wisecup  
Varsity - Reagan Hatfield

Both of these players are our setters who consistently work hard during practice and games. There is a lot of pressure that us coaches put on them as someone who is supposed

to run their team and a lot of times they don't get the credit they deserve.

Top: Regan Hatfield, Right: Sammi Wisecup Photo credit: JH Exposures Photography

Regionals are next. Great Photos next week!



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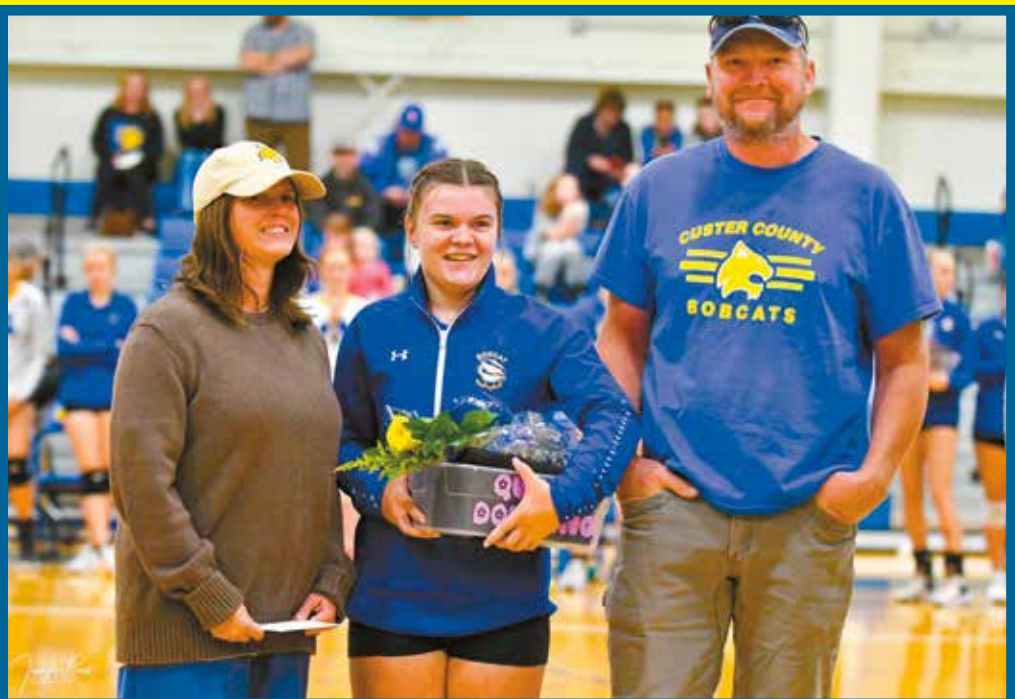
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# 2024 Election Information

## Independence Institute 2024 Voter Guide

The following are Independence Institute’s voting recommendations based on its review of all ballot measures.

(Editor/GG: Here’s the Independent Institute’s recommendations.)

### STATEWIDE MEASURES

#### Amendment G – Modify Property Tax Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities

Recommendation: **VOTE YES**

This amendment would increase the number of disabled veterans (by about 3,400) who qualify for a property tax exemption. Currently, the homestead exemption is limited to veterans with service-related disability rated 100 percent permanent. Upon voter approval, the exemption would be expanded to those classified as having “individual unemployability” status. Because this is an amendment to the Colorado constitution, a 55% majority is required to pass it.

Our veterans have put their lives and limbs on the line to secure our freedom. We support expanding property tax exemptions to those veterans who are unemployable due to service-related disabilities.

#### Amendment H – Judicial Discipline Procedures and Confidentiality

Recommendation: **VOTE YES**

This measure would create a new administrative board to preside over ethical misconduct hearings involving state court judges. The board would be comprised of an equal number of judges, attorneys, and citizens, but they would all be appointed by the Governor and the Colorado Supreme Court. The board would conduct disciplinary hearings and hear appeals of informal remedial sanctions handed down by the Commission on Judicial Discipline. Because this is an amendment to the Colorado constitution, a 55% majority is required to pass it.

The amendment was brought forward due to a string of scandals in the judicial branch and has the potential to be a positive first step in rectifying existing issues and regaining public trust in the judiciary.

#### Amendment I – Constitutional Bail Exception for First Degree Murder

Recommendation: **NEUTRAL**

This amendment would make persons arrested and charged with first degree murder ineligible for bail if prosecutors could prove they had a strong enough case. The state constitution currently says only those who have committed “capital offenses” can be

denied bail.

This has been deemed a problem since the repeal of the death penalty in 2020 because first degree murder no longer meets the “capital offence” criteria without execution as a potential punishment. Because this is an amendment to the Colorado constitution, a 55% majority is required to pass it.

#### Amendment J – Repealing the Definition of Marriage in the Constitution

Recommendation: **VOTE YES**

It is generally Independence Institute policy not to weigh in on social issues, including same-sex marriage.

However, this amendment would simply remove a section of the Colorado Constitution that defines marriage exclusively as a union between a man and a woman—language that is no longer valid law—to align the state with rulings issued by the U.S. Supreme Court, the Colorado Supreme Court, and legislation enacted by the federal government. Despite being an amendment to the Colorado Constitution, the fact that Amendment J is repealing a section of the constitution means it only requires a simple majority to pass, rather than the usual 55%

#### Amendment K – Modify Constitutional Election Deadlines

Recommendation: **VOTE NO**

This amendment would move the deadline up by one week for citizen initiatives to file their petition signatures. The changes would give the Secretary of State and county clerks extra time to finalize content of ballots before they must be printed and sent to voters. Because this is an amendment to the Colorado Constitution, a 55% majority is required to pass it.

While extra time to finalize content of ballots might be beneficial to the Secretary of State and county clerks, those benefits should not come at the expense of citizens wishing to make their voices heard at the ballot.

Amendment K would reduce the time for citizens to gather and submit petition signatures to get a proposed initiative on the ballot, an already difficult and extremely costly procedure. As such, we recommend a no vote.

#### Amendment 79 – Constitutional Right to Abortion

Recommendation: **VOTE NO**

It is generally Independence Institute policy not to weigh in on social issues, including abortion. This amendment, however, goes beyond questions of morality surrounding abortion to include the potential for future taxpayer-funded mandates for public health insurance plans.

This amendment would explicitly protect access to legal abortion via the constitution. It also would remove

Colorado’s 40-year-old ban on the use of public funds for abortion services. This would allow Colorado to cover more abortions under Medicaid and state and local governments to add abortion coverage to their employee health insurance plans. Because this is an amendment to the Colorado Constitution, a 55% majority is required to pass it.

Abortion is already legal without any gestational limits in Colorado. The failure of this measure at the ballot would not change that. It would, however, prevent the Colorado General Assembly and local governments from creating new public health insurance coverage mandates, keeping taxpayers off the hook for funding procedures that may or may not violate their conscience.

#### Amendment 80 – Constitutional Right to School Choice

Recommendation: **VOTE YES**

This amendment would establish the right to school choice in the Colorado Constitution for children in kindergarten through 12th grade and create the right for parents to direct the education of their children. It would also define school choice to include public neighborhood and charter schools, private schools, home schools, open enrollment options, and “future innovations in education.” Because this is an amendment to the constitution, a 55% majority is required to pass it.

As one of Colorado’s original school choice advocates, Independence Institute has long worked toward the expansion of educational opportunities for Colorado kids ranging from charter schools to private schools to homeschool. For that reason, and because we believe the failure of this initiative would send an inaccurate message to already hostile policymakers, we recommend a yes on Amendment 80.

However, voters should note that this amendment does NOT create a new school choice program or expand existing options for parents. Instead, it creates the possibility of lawsuits on the issue of choice that may or may not lead to new—or preserve current—school options in the future. If passed, care will be required to ensure that the language of this amendment is not used by lawmakers or the courts in a way that leads to expanded government influence or control over independent schools and providers.

#### Proposition JJ – Retain Additional Sports Betting Tax Revenue

Recommendation: **VOTE NO**

This proposition would ask voters to allow retention of all revenues collected from sports betting. The additional money would be used

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\*\*\*\*Before you Vote on Judges \*\*\*\*

Please Read Page 2 of this issue and a longer story about Colorado Judges, Scandal and Corruption --

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additional money would be used for water conservation and protection projects.

TABOR is a key provision in Colorado’s constitution to protect taxpayers from government growth and overreach. Propositions like this seem appealing to many because they only affect a small proportion of the populace and because sports betting is often considered a vice.

It is convenient to say “Sure, raise taxes on them because it doesn’t affect me.” But what happens when the government wants to tax you on one of your hobbies?

In this endless cycle of taxation, it is the government who wins and takes more money than it needs for oftentimes wasteful projects. We recommend a no vote.

### Proposition KK – Firearms and Ammunition Excise Tax

Recommendation: **VOTE NO**

This proposition would ask voters to impose a new 6.5 percent excise tax on gun and ammunition sales. The tax would be paid by gun dealers, manufacturers, and ammunition vendors, who would then pass the cost on to consumers. The funds would go to behavioral health support for veterans and youth, school safety and gun violence prevention programs, and services for victims of domestic violence and other violent crimes.

The federal government already levies a 10 percent excise tax on handguns and an 11 percent tax on all other firearms and all ammunition to fund conservation efforts. If passed, the new 6.5 percent tax would be additive to the federal government’s and would make Colorado only the second state in the country (behind California, of course) to levy a state excise tax on gun and ammunition sales.

To quote Governor Jared Polis, “In effect, when you tax something, you penalize it.” Coloradans have a state and federal constitutional right to keep and bear arms. Those exercising that fundamental right should not be “penalized” in order to compensate for crimes they did not commit.

The added tax also risks exacerbating socioeconomic disparities in who has access to the best tools to defend themselves by pricing those with limited economic means out of the ability to purchase and train with firearms.

### Proposition 127 – Prohibit Bobcat, Lynx, and Mountain Lion Hunting

Recommendation: **VOTE NO**

This initiative would permanently end hunting seasons for mountain lions and bobcats in Colorado. It would also bar the state from allowing lynx hunting should the species ever be delisted by the Feds as “endangered.” The animals could still be killed by state or federal employees for population management, or, with state permission, by ranchers to prevent livestock depredation.

Policymaking by duplicity is no way to govern a state. The proponents of the Proposition 127 ban have compared the lawful taking of mountain lions to “trophy hunting” to give the impression that the animals are merely killed for sport and left to waste. Yet, current Colorado law explicitly requires all successful mountain lion hunters to prepare their quarry for human consumption, and many thousands of Colorado hunters do just that each year.

The measure is also not about the health of Colorado’s big cat populations. Colorado Parks and Wildlife biologists estimate that the state’s population of mountain lions has grown since the species was classified as a big game species in 1965, as has the state’s bobcat population.

Instead, the measure is about using the force of law to take away long-cherished practices of certain residents that offend the sensibilities of urban Colorado, the latest instance of waging culture war at the ballot box. The ban would have both direct and indirect economic impacts by ending the big cat hunting industry. A larger, unmanaged big cat population could damage other big game populations and increase big cat encounters in rural and exurban areas of the state.

We hope that the voters of Colorado have learned their lesson from the reintroduction of wolves about the perils of ballot-box biology and opening new fissures between urban and rural parts of the state. We strongly recommend a no vote.

### Proposition 128 – Parole Eligibility for Crimes of Violence

Recommendation: **VOTE YES**

Proposition 128 would require persons convicted of certain violent crimes to serve at least 85 percent of their sentence in prison before being eligible for parole. It would also make a person convicted for the third or more times of certain violent offenses ineligible for parole.

We agree with the idea that violent offenders, particularly those who repeatedly victimize others through violent criminal acts, should remain incapacitated and removed from our communities until they have paid their debts to society.

Voters should temper their expectations about the impact of this measure, in that judges will likely just reduce their sentencing to account for the new requirement. The measure does not create minimum sentences for certain crimes. And judges are fully aware of the percentage of time served behind bars when they order a sentence. The measure also risks taking away a potential tool for encouraging good behavior behind bars.

On balance, however, it is the duty of a well-governed state to remove violent offenders from polite society to preserve public order and enable human flourishing. We recommend a yes vote, with an understanding that it may be a modest change.

### Proposition 129 –

#### Establishing Veterinary Professional Associates

Recommendation: **VOTE YES**

This initiative would create a new mid-level position between a vet technician (2-year associates degree) and a veterinarian (8 or more years of education). Functioning similarly to a Physician’s Assistant (PA) role in human health care, the position would be for those with a master’s degree and given the title of a veterinary professional associate or VPA. VPAs would be licensed and regulated by the State Board of Veterinary Medicine and could diagnose, perform routine surgeries, and order/perform tests and procedures under supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

It is no secret that Coloradans love their pets. Unfortunately, the state is also facing a shortage of veterinarians to care for those pets, particularly in rural Colorado. Creating a VPA position would help ease this problem by allowing educated and highly trained animal medical professionals to enter practice more quickly

to help shoulder some of the workload of existing veterinarians.

Ultimately, Proposition 129 is a positive “scope-of-practice” reform for animal healthcare that has the potential to help pet owners get increased access to quality veterinary care at lower costs. We recommend a yes vote.

### Proposition 130 – Funding for Law Enforcement

Recommendation: **VOTE YES**

Proposition 130 would direct the Colorado General Assembly to make a one-time \$350 million appropriation from the General Fund to a newly created “Peace Officer Training and Support Fund” administered by the Department of Public Safety (CDPS).

### Proposition 130 – Funding for Law Enforcement Cont’d

The CDPS would be tasked with distributing that money in grants to local law enforcement agencies to improve officer recruitment, training, and retention. It would also require the state to provide a one-time \$1 million death benefit to the family of each state and local law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty. The state would be required to maintain the benefit even after the initial \$350 million fund is depleted.

It should be noted that the measure does not specify when legislature must make the \$350 million appropriation to create this new fund, meaning lawmakers could put it off potentially indefinitely. It does, however, require the money to come from existing General Fund revenue rather than from a new tax.

### Proposition 131 –

#### Establishing All-Candidate Primary and Ranked Choice Voting General Elections

Recommendation: **NEUTRAL**

This initiative would end party primaries in favor of jungle primaries for candidates running for certain offices, including Governor, state and federal legislative seats, Attorney General, and Secretary of State. All qualified candidates, regardless of party affiliation, would be put on the same primary ballot to be voted on by all registered voters. The top four vote getters would then move on to the general election, where a winner would be selected by voters rank-ordering candidates by preference. The winner is then determined by tabulating the ranked votes using a method called instant runoff voting, whereby the candidate with the least number of first-choice votes is eliminated in rounds until a candidate secures more than half of the active remaining votes.

Overall, we like the measure’s innovative approach to shaking up a stale system for selecting candidates for office. A jungle primary could force candidates to campaign on issues that appeal to a broader cross-section of voters, rather than just to committed partisans that may or may not be representative of the rest of the state.

However, we have some concerns that ranked-choice voting could add complexity and expense to conducting elections, especially in the short-run. This, in turn, could risk reduced trust in election integrity. The state legislature has also erected a series of benchmarks that must be hit before the measure, even if it is adopted by the voters, can take effect.

Because of the potential upsides as well as the lingering uncertainty surrounding the measure, we remain neutral on Proposition 131.

Please see: <https://i2i.org/election2024/>

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*“All That Is Necessary for the Triumph of Evil Is That Good Men Do Nothing”*— Edmund Burke

## Will the Supreme Court Decide that Religious Charter Schools Are Constitutional

by William Jaynes,  
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Recently, I was on a 3-person panel discussion and debate at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government. We were asked to address the question of whether religious charter schools are constitutional. We also shared how we thought the U.S. Supreme Court would rule. This issue has risen to the forefront of educational debate largely because of the U.S. Supreme Court *Carson v. Makin* (2022) case and an effort in Oklahoma to found a religious charter school, St. Isadore of Seville Catholic Virtual School.

In 2023-2024, however, one should note that these developments did not launch the momentum to rule in favor of religious charter schools, but they built on earlier debates and statements from prior cases including Justice Stephen Breyer’s question in the *Espinosa vs. Montana Department of Revenue* (2020) case, asking about religious charter schools. Bill Clinton’s speech in 1995 in Vienna, Virginia stating that past U.S. Supreme Court decisions regarding faith were misinterpreted has also played an important role in the debate on religious charter schools.

The *Carson v. Makin* (2022) case, based in Maine, played a major role in increasing the momentum for religious charter schools. In that case, the state of

Maine had provided vouchers for a good number of parents who desired to send their children to non-religious private schools. In contrast, however, Maine’s government did not provide these vouchers for parents who wished to send their children to religious private schools. In a decision penned by Chief Justice Roberts, the U.S. Supreme Court voted 6-3 that the Maine voucher program was unconstitutional because it discriminated against faith-based schools.

As important as the *Carson v. Makin* (2022) case is, there remain three issues that the U.S. Supreme Court needs to address in any decision on the constitutionality of religious charter schools. First, are religious charter schools constitutional? Second, to what degree may state governments impose restrictions on religious private schools that may inhibit their religious freedoms or beliefs? For example, Adam Frey, the Attorney General of Maine, clarified the state of Maine’s policy following the *Carson v. Makin* (2022) decision. Frey declared that in order for any private school to participate in the voucher program, it had to agree to follow Maine’s Human Rights Act. The question that the U.S. Supreme Court needs to answer is to what extent states may initiate such actions. How far is it legally permissible for them to go? Where does one draw the line?

The third issue that the U.S.

Supreme Court must address is that it needs to determine whether those who run charter schools are state or private actors. This is because the vast majority of people who run charter schools are private groups. However, these charters are defined by law as public schools and are supported by tax-payer dollars. If the Court rules that those who operate the charter schools are state actors, then because they must be non-sectarian, religious charter schools will be ruled unconstitutional. However, if the Court rules that charter schools are private actors, then religious charter schools will be ruled constitutional.

The problem is that determining whether those who run charter schools are state or private actors will not be easy. This is because the courts have often disagreed with each other in their conclusions. For example, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 2010 (in *Caviness v. Horizon Community Learning Center*), determined that charter schools were private actors when it came to firing educators. That is, no state hearings were necessary. The case is likely particularly salient, because it cited a U.S. Supreme Court case, *Rendell-Baker v. Kohn* (1982). This case involved a private school that was very similar to a charter school. It was created to help kids really struggling in school and received about 90% of its

funding from the government. The U.S. Supreme Court also found the school to be a private actor in the case of an employee being fired. The Court might view the *Rendell-Baker v. Kohn* (1982) case as the pivotal one in terms of helping establish precedent for its eventual decisions on religious charter schools, in part because it is a U.S. Supreme Court case. However, in a 2022 Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals case (*Peltier v. Charter Day School*), regarding school dress codes, the ruling was that those who ran charter schools were state actors.

Whether the Court will utilize the St. Isadore of Seville Catholic Virtual School case to address these issues or wait for a future case remains to be seen. Nevertheless, given that *Carson v. Makin* (2022) and Justice Breyer’s 2020 statement have brought this issue to the forefront, one can foresee a scenario in which one may not have to wait long.

During the panel discussion, I opined that the U.S. Supreme Court will likely eventually rule that religious charter schools are constitutional. I did not give a precise timeline regarding when such a ruling might take place. Nevertheless, the other two academics on the panel agreed with my prediction, one of whom was a well-seasoned Harvard law professor.

Almost as salient as the issue of whether religious charter

schools are constitutional is the context the U.S. Supreme Court establishes in their decision. The U.S. Supreme Court will either provide a narrow context for its decision or a broader one. An example of a narrow context would be declaring that religious charter schools are constitutional, but the Court will leave it up to the states to determine the degree of implementation. An example of a broader context would be if the U.S. Supreme Court decides that if a state has charter schools, it must at least offer the possibility of having religious charter schools.

Whatever the Court decides, it will have a substantial long-term impact on schools and society. If the court decides that religious charter schools are constitutional, one result is that will like give families more options in terms of choosing schools for their children. According to David Tyack in his book, *“The One Best System”*, the American system of schooling is far too monolithic and the historical trend toward increased centralization is not consistent with the nation’s diversity. In the next several years the nation will discover whether the U.S. Supreme Court agrees.

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## THE LARGEST STUDY EVER ON UBI WAS JUST CONDUCTED: Results Are Disappointing for Advocates

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In the 2020 election, an interesting candidate made his way onto the scene for the Democratic Party’s presidential nomination: Andrew Yang. Yang made a splash in particular for his promise to give everyone \$1,000.

Andrew Yang’s campaign strategy took a similar approach to Trump’s 2016 campaign in hyper-focusing on a single issue. For Trump, the single issue was immigration. For Yang, that issue was universal basic income (UBI).

Yang’s version of UBI was alluring in its simplicity. Every person in the country would receive a nice, round \$1,000 per month. It didn’t matter if you were rich or poor, old or young. A vote for Yang was a vote for cash.

Many from his own party denounced the idea of giving rich people \$1,000 per month. But Yang held strong to the payment being universal. By making sure every person gets \$1,000, you avoid some incentive issues and the bureaucracy that accompanies typical welfare programs.

### Why UBI?

Why have a UBI at all? Yang gave several reasons. One primary concern Yang had was that technology would soon begin to displace many low-skilled jobs. UBI would help the country get ready to take care of displaced workers.

But Yang claimed a myriad of benefits for UBI beyond just a safety net. UBI would free people up to be creative and entrepreneurial. A guaranteed income would provide people with the security they need to pursue their passions, start businesses, or go back to school. Contrary to the claims of detractors, a UBI wouldn’t increase laziness—it would improve people’s productivity!

Sometimes, UBI supporters even high-lighted how it would make government smaller if it replaced our current complicated welfare system. Though, to my knowledge, no advocate of this policy has ever explained a realistic path toward abolishing current welfare programs.

So, is Yang right? Would UBI free the inner entrepreneur in all

Americans, or would it just mean some people would engage in more leisure? Let’s look at the evidence.

### The Disappointing Basic Income Study

Researchers Eva Vivalt, Elizabeth Rhodes, Alexander W. Bartik, David E. Broockman, and Sarah Miller’s working paper, titled *“The Employment Effects of a Guaranteed Income: Experimental Evidence from Two U.S. States,”* was recently put out by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER).

The study “leverag[ed] an experiment in which 1,000 low-income individuals were randomized into receiving \$1,000 per month unconditionally for three years.” What were the results?

First, it made the recipients poorer: “Overall, the transfers led to a reduction in annual total individual income of about \$1,500 in our main survey measure, compared to the control group.” Why?

Well, people worked less (1.3 hours per week less) and stayed unemployed for longer! Not only

do the recipients work less; this happened to other adult members of the household as well.

Unemployment duration increased by 1.1 months” for recipients.

But did people use this time to find a better job? It doesn’t seem like it. Recipients appear to be more selective in their applications, but the authors say, based on their survey measurements, “We do not see much in the way of differences in the types of jobs participants applied for,” and “the results do not support any changes in quality of employment.”

Were people doing other productive things in unemployment, though? The results are unimpressive.

The authors examine whether the receipt of basic income increases entrepreneurship. While they find people claiming to have more entrepreneurial intention, this does not translate into actual entrepreneurial activity.

What about education? Do people go back to school? Mostly no. The authors say, “By and large, we do not observe significantly

improved education outcomes in our sample, though there are some indicators of minor improvements.”

So what did people do with the extra time they got from working less?

In short, the answer is, they relaxed.

In concluding the results of the paper, the authors say, “[P]articipants in our study reduced their labor supply because they placed a high value, at the margin, on additional leisure.”

The authors provide an even more in-depth breakdown of time usage from their study. They estimate the number of minutes per day allocated doing different activities. The figure below gives a breakdown:

The results? Well, apart from the “other activities” category, the biggest increases in time were non-commuting transportation, social leisure, and solitary leisure. Some time was also spent in home production (doing work around the house) and “self-care.”

### BOCC from page 1

The Veteran Services Office report was next. Dominic Edginton gave another excellent report on his work.

Coroner Brad Baltzly gave a brief report. He noted that the county’s suicide rate is double from what it was last year.

Road & Bridge filed a written report. The Commissioners read it in silence. At the end, Epp said they had to cut \$100k from the R&B’s budget for 2025. *(Another report denied to the public. No transparency.)*

Planning & Zoning also filed a written report. The Commissioners read it in silence, so we don’t know what is going on. At the end of the silent reading, Epp said that P&Z’s receipts are down \$241k from last year and that building and septic permits are also down a lot. He also said “compliance issues continue to grow.”

Landfill, Recycling and Human Services all submitted written reports that were read in silence by the Commissioners. The citizens don’t know what is in them.

The Office of Emergency Manage-ment Director, Robyn Knappe, was there in person to support her written report. Epp asked her about Knappe’s project to organize and program all the county’s radios. After some jiving, the bottom line was Knappe wasn’t even close to getting that done. *(This is a big priority. Why this isn’t being done right now is not good. Let’s put aside the grant addiction and get some real, important work done.)*

Knappe was up again in New Business re another grant. This time for a “mitigation concept” effort for a fed grant called AIM to support mitigation efforts. Knappe tells the Commissioners all about the county’s fire dangers and the need to reduce the “fuel load”. She now wants a full time “mitigation specialist” for us to pay for. (Folks, if you look at the size of Custer County, and the extremely small citizen cadre wishing to do mitigation, the results of all this spending (\$100k for a chipper, a full-time employee costing \$60 to \$70k a year, plus all the other expenses), the result would be TRIVIAL and non-consequential. Total waste of money.)

Canda is not happy about this. He said, “We are not in the business of competing with contractors who do this for a living”. Epp is also a little skeptical about this with the added drain on HR and Finance. The Commissioners pass the motion to have a concept paper prepared for the AIM grant. (Suggestion from a Taxpayer: Having a year-round mitigation employee is a total waste of money. So is the \$100k for

a chipper that can eat a truck. Take this grant money, get some bids from local mitigation companies, select the best one, and PAY OUR LOCAL WORKERS to do the job. Pay them by the hour to chip the slash. That way you can see the demand from the public, and if it is huge, then you might be able to make a case for a full-time employee and a big capital expenditure. Instead of HURTING our local working citizens, you would be helping them. We have hard times coming Commissioners, we need a lean, efficient government. Not a bloated one.)

The big magilla was next: Canda’s Agenda Item on firing the current County Attorney Dan Slater. (Background: As you will see below, there is a personnel issue with Slater and the county. Because it is a personnel issue, it cannot be revealed, so the Commissioners dance around the subject in the discussion.) Canda moves to change the County Attorney. Epp says you can’t do that until you have a replacement. Canda said he had an “interim candidate in mind”. Epp seconds the motion.

Day immediately signals he wants to keep Slater: “We have a situation that has arisen. I am of the opinion that it can be resolved. I move we retain Dan’s services and move forward to get another attorney to service DHS (our Department of Human Services). (Background: Apparently, we have three contracts with Slater, all hourly. This is due to the regulatory situation re DHS and HR. There is one contract with the county/ BOCC in general, one with DHS and one with Human Resources. This is the normal setup due to regulatory and statutory law. Day’s comment suggests the personnel issue is with Slater and DHS and that if they get another attorney just to cover that legal contract, everything will be ok and Slater could retain the county and HR contracts. The question is, does that DHS issue poison Slater to the point where we don’t want him around anymore?)

The Commissioners dance for a while. Slater then gets his say: “the issue we are not discussing does not mean improper conduct by me. At least as I view it. Whatever issues exist can easily be fixed by splitting up the departments. It will be difficult to find somebody with the experience that I have with all three contracts.” He went on for a bit more.

After Slater’s plea was done, Canda said, “We do have concerns. Stuff we can’t get into publicly right now.” Day then said, “I won’t support it.” Day then asks for the debate to end and vote on it. Canda and Epp vote to change the County Attorney. Day voted to keep him. Slater is bye bye.

Another day in Happy Valley....

### UBI from page 18

On the flip side, people spent less time working, sleeping, caring for children, generating income, and engaging with their communities. Furthermore, less time was spent on self-improvement, searching for jobs and exercise.

The numbers here may seem small, but if you apply this to millions of people daily, it becomes very weighty.

Not all of the results were statistically significant, but the major point is, overall, people used the time they gained from working less to engage in leisure, and there is no evidence of an increased use of time in other categories UBI proponents purport to care about, such as creative output, entrepreneurship, community engagement, self-improvement, or even spending time with children.



Where does this leave UBI advocates? Well, at best the evidence shows a UBI would cause people to work less and relax more. Insofar as the case for UBI is built on unleashing the stifled engine of human creativity, it seems like UBI isn’t up for the job.

(Editor/GG: Hey Walter, you said this stuff works. Looks like it doesn't.....)

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# The Second Amendment Corner

## Liberty's Line in the Sand



2024

### Best Handgun Sights by Type: We Range Test Express, Post and Notch, Red Dots

by Tom McHale, [ammoland.com](http://ammoland.com)

*Opinion*

Tom breaks down three basic styles of handgun sights: express, post and notch, and red dot to find out which one is the best handgun sight?

One of the easiest things to personalize on a handgun is the sight system. There are a zillion sighting options on the market, each promising to be the ideal solution, so how do you decide? You'll find post-and-notch solutions, fiber optics, u-notch, straight eight, and red dots, just to name a few. Heck, there are even solutions that have you stacking triangles, hexagrams, or some such shapes on top of each other.

**Testing to Fund Best Handgun Sights**

Choosing the best solution for your particular needs isn't at all helped by the gun counter aphorisms passed along like holiday fruitcakes.

*"How many world champions do you know that use express sights?"*

*"Most self-defense encounters happen in the dark."*

*"You'll still be looking for that electronic red dot long after your killed and buried."*

What these pithy sayings generally ignore is the intended use of the solution that's being promoted or disparaged. If I want to win an NRA Bullseye competition, I probably wouldn't choose express sights. If my goal was to hit an armed and charging attacker in low light conditions, I wouldn't choose blacked-out post and notch sights.

*You get the idea. The gun sight application determines the features that are important.*

My primary "firearms use case" is self-defense, so I've been doing all manner of experiments with different gun sight types to figure out what works for me. Oh, and my eyes aren't nearly as sharp as they used to be, hence the urgency to settle on something that works. Ten years ago I could use any sight design just fine. Now, I find that I'm spending more time finding the sight and getting a proper sight picture once the gun is raised

than I am drawing my gun from concealment. Sighting has become the slowest part of the sequence.

I decided to put the nifty new Mantis X10 device to good use and do some timed sighting and shooting with three basic styles of handgun sights: express, post and notch, and red dot. There are far more variations on those than I can cover here today, so I view these as representative of broad categories.

To do this, I leveraged one of the built-in drills of the Mantis X10 system, the Compressed Surprise Break. The intent of this scenario is to test and develop your ability to fire a quick shot without jerking the trigger from a ready, finger-on-the-trigger, sights-on-target position. The app beeps and then detects the shot, telling you the time elapsed before, during, and after the shot break. However, since it doesn't matter how much time you take, I used it a bit differently.

Starting with the muzzle pointed at the ground, finger off the trigger, and eyes focused on the target. I used it as a single shot timer to

gauge the time to acquire the sights and fire the shot. Eliminating the draw took many variables out of the equation. I also placed the target 15 yards away and forced myself to get a precise shot picture before firing a shot so there were

fastest possible speed regardless of hit outcome.

I used three 9mm pistols with different sight configurations.

**Sig Sauer P320 XCompact – Trijicon RMR Red Dot Sight**



The Trijicon RMR fits on the new Sig Sauer XCompact with this adapter plate from Springer Precision.

SIGHTS see page 21

### PRAY God's Word

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SIGHTS  
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waiting for a Romeo1 PRO, I used a third-party adapter plate to mount the Trijicon RMR. It's a fine solution, but there is no co-witness capability. The Romeo1 PRO sits a bit lower in the slide and has a built-in notch that serves as a rear iron sight. This is an "always on" red dot solution, so it's appropriate



The XS DXT2 sight features a shallow rear "V" ramp paired with a huge front dot for an unobstructed sight picture.

for defensive use—there's no need to turn anything on. The other drawback of the RMR solution is that the window is a bit smaller so there can be a "find the dot" delay. That's mostly mitigated by technique and focusing on looking for the front sight instead. When you do that, the dot tends to appear on its own.

Smith & Wesson M&P 2.0 – XS DXT2 Big Dot Sights

The DXT2 Red Dots are the latest iteration of the classic XS Big Dot sight solution for handguns. Modeled after dangerous game rifles, these sights have a huge dot up front paired with a shallow "V" ramp in the back. The result is that they're fast. With no clutter in the rear, that oversized dot leaps into view. The dot contains a Tritium insert and bright photoluminescent paint surrounding that, so it's visible in daylight, transitional, and dark conditions.

Sig Sauer P229 Legion – XS F8 Sights

The XS F8 sight is a classic post and notch setup with a variety of subtle but effective design enhancements that improve visibility in varying light conditions and increase speed. The front post is oversized and contains a larger dot than most traditional sights. Like the DXT2, it contains a center Tritium vial surrounded by bright



The XS F8 sights are more like traditional notch and post models but with a handful of speed optimization features.

photoluminescent paint, so it glows in transitional light situations. The rear sight also uses little tricks to increase speed. The bottom of the notch is cut with rounded corners. That helps draw the eye to the top corners of the notch for faster elevation alignment. There's a Tritium dot below the center of the notch which provides a taste of the straight-eight design. The interior of the rear notch is hollowed out, so you see more daylight around the front sight. That helps you see and center it faster.

Best Handgun Sights – Conclusions

After firing and timing a bunch of shots with each setup, I did find that the XS DXT2 big dot sights were the fastest overall—for me. Compared to the red dot configuration, I shot exactly 20% faster from the low ready with eyes on the target. At 15 yards, accuracy was

fine, and I had no trouble keeping all shots in the interior body zone of a standard FBI QIT-99 type target with the chosen blend of "fast but accurate" shooting.

What surprised me was how close the aggregate and average times were for the DXT2 and more traditional F8 sight configurations. Those little tweaks in the F8 design make a difference because I normally find the big dot style to be significantly faster than factory standard sights. I was only a few hundredths of a second slower with the F8 sights than the big dots. *Hold this thought for a second—we'll come back to it.*

While a bit slower for me in this particular drill, the red dot was by far the most precise and intuitive. Can you shoot one-hole groups with express or traditional post and notch sights? Absolutely. Can you do the same much more easily with a red dot? Absolutely. This drill reinforced previous findings about red dot sights. For me, it's easier to shoot more distant targets with greater accuracy faster. That's a mouthful, but the result is meaningful. Eliminating all those focal planes and putting a dot on the target you're looking at is as easy as it gets. If you can press the trigger without moving the gun, you'll get accurate hits.

Light conditions can matter—a lot.

Especially as the eyes age, the amount of ambient light makes a big difference in how clearly one sees the front and rear sights and how quickly you can pick up a sight picture. I did the side-by-side comparisons at an outdoor range on a bright and sunny day, so I couldn't perceive any real difference between the two iron sight options in terms of clarity and speed.

On the other hand, when picking up a sight picture indoors, I see a significant difference between the big dots and the more traditional post-and-notch F8 sights. The reduced clutter and shadowing of the huge ball and ramp sight picture of the DXT2s is much easier and faster to pick up in any conditions less bright than strong daylight. Even sitting here at my desk in the middle of the day, surrounded by open windows, the standard sights are slower to focus. It's just a function of human eyes—they work a lot better in bright light conditions.

When choosing your best handgun sights solution, it's important to think about your most likely use cases. For a home defense or concealed carry gun, be sure to test the "view" indoors to see if the lower light levels still work well for you. For a competition or range plinker, you may be outside more than inside, so a more traditional sight solution might be just peachy.

*As with most things, there's rarely one correct answer.*

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because of their destruction of deer and elk populations.

It could also lead to more dangerous human-cat interactions as their growth goes unchecked. In fact, according to *Sky High News*, reports of aggressive cats are popping up in Summit County already.

Lower Blue River Fire Protection District chair Mark Eatherton warned in an email on October 2nd that there have been reports of “numerous aggressive mountain lions that have been encountered in the Heeney area,” *Sky High* reported.

“One of the mountain lions injured a domestic cat in the early morning hours late last month, and in another instance a pair of mountain lions growled at someone who encountered them during the daylight hours,” Eatherton said. “The mountain lion pair both appeared to be juveniles.”

A member of the Northwest Colorado Elk Hunters Facebook group recently posted with a video showing a mountain lion in the back yard of a home with the family cat in its mouth and growling through the patio door at the homeowners.

It is unclear if the incident happened in Colorado, but the organization says in the post that the hunting ban would not only be detrimental to other wildlife, but “your own pets and even children will be at risk,” pointing out the children’s toys outdoors in the background.

“The less pressure on these animals, the more brave they will be toward humans and more this will happen,” the post continues.

**Save Bambi**

Past Colorado Mule Deer Association chairman Mark McCallister told the *Sentinel* that a mountain lion eats at least one mule deer per week. “At 3,800 mountain lions, that’s 197,600 mule deer that they eat in a year,” he said. “They estimate our deer population at 427,000 deer. That’s more than half the deer that the state culls in our wildlife reserves. That’s a major issue when you’re talking about removing predation from the state.”

In fact, opponents have launched a “Save Bambi” campaign as a way of educating voters that wildlife management belongs in the hands of

people who are trained to balance the ecosystem, not in the hands of voters who historically vote their emotions.

Eagle County Commissioners also passed a similar resolution, the *Vail Daily* reported.

“Decisions regarding the hunting of those animals should be left to wildlife professionals, not voters,” the *Vail Daily* reported the resolution states. “The ballot measure negates regional differences around the state regarding the management of those species.

“We need to support the professionals,” Commissioner Jeanne McQueeney said. She added that while ballot measure supporters “tug at our heartstrings,” wildlife professionals also care about wildlife.”

Lynx are also included under the measure’s protections, but as Colorado Wildlife Conservation Project (CWCP) points out: “Lynx are already protected by both state and federal law, with hunting and trapping prohibited.”

According to a position statement released by CWCP, the proposition “would prohibit the regulated hunting of mountain lions and bobcats, and end a time-proven, successful, and highly-regulated method of wildlife management, removing decisions about wildlife management from trained wildlife experts.”

As previously reported by *Complete Colorado*, there are numerous stringent rules already in place for hunting mountain lions,

“We encourage all Coloradans who care about wildlife to unite in opposition to this hunting ban because it is not in the best interest of Colorado’s wildlife,” continues the CWCP statement. “It threatens conservation, wildlife populations, Colorado traditions, and science-based wildlife management.”

**CPW staffers join in**

Weld County Commissioners also supported their counterparts on the Western Slope by passing their own resolution. Former Executive Director of Colorado Counties Incorporated (CCI) John Swartout was present for the Weld County vote. He spoke during the public comment period, saying the longstanding practice of hunting has been beneficial in managing issues related to bobcats and mountain lions.

Weld Commissioners encouraged their constituents to vote no on Proposition 127, adding there are several dangers of no longer being able to hunt bobcats and mountain lions, a highly regulated activity in Colorado since 1965.

“Without professional wildlife management, communities — especially rural areas throughout Colorado — would bear the brunt of the impacts, including increased conflicts between predators, people and livestock,” the resolution reads in part, adding: “undoing decades of successful wildlife conservation, posing new dangers to both public safety and ecological balance,” said Weld Commissioner Chairman Kevin Ross.

Possibly most damaging is the opposition that just came out from inside Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW).

Although the CPW is prohibited from taking a side, some of the state agency’s employees are speaking out anyway.

The Colorado Wildlife Employees Protective Association board signed a resolution on October 9th expressing strong opposition to the proposition.

The association is comprised of about 200 current agency administrative assistants, aquatics staff, terrestrial biologists, wildlife officers, wildlife technicians, and education and outreach experts.

“Colorado Parks and Wildlife has a history spanning more than 125 years of professional and science-based wildlife management and conservation perpetuating wildlife species, game and nongame alike,” the resolution reads in part. “Existing State statutes establish a system of authority and consistent regulation of wildlife conservation efforts that recognize the contribution and role of hunting, and fishing as primary methods of wildlife management as well as require objectives that employ multiple-use management concepts ... the members of the Colorado Wildlife Employees Protective Association hold it to be self-evident that all wildlife in Colorado is best protected, enhanced, and managed via the science based wildlife management professionals employed by the State of Colorado for such purposes.”

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