

The ad being run in Trader's is very wrong

A guy who tried to mount a write-in campaign for Sheriff on the Democratic ticket during the primary election cycle is now offering himself up as a write-in at the general election. He did not get enough valid write-in votes at the primary to be placed on the general election ballot. In fact, I reviewed the numbers and, even granting him the questionable write-ins votes that had his name spelled wrong, he had far fewer than the required 25 write-in votes. Anyone who tries to get on the ballot by write-ins in the primary and cannot muster up 25 friends who can spell his/her name would not be much of a candidate in the general election.

Others tried the same write-in tactic but few succeeded (in the State). Only one candidate, a woman who could have chosen to accept the nomination and be on the general election ballot for District Attorney, chose not to do so. No one else, even a guy who made numerous phone calls to friends asking them to write in his name, could come up with the 25 votes.

Before I get back to the guy of this story, I must comment that it is sad that the respected and accomplished Taylor Haynes is asking voters to write in his name on the general election ballot. He cannot win and he will not garner enough votes to assuage his pride in not making the ballot through his petition drive. Dr. Haynes

has every legal right to make this attempt. In my opinion, however, it is sad that his willingness to serve will be so widely rejected. He deserves better. He's a good man who has done much good for Wyo.

Back to the Trader's ads which denigrate Danny Glick's primary win. In an ad in the first section of the October 1, 2010 issue of Trader's, the guy stated that "over 5,000 voted against the current sheriff." That is correct. Danny's two Republican opponents received 5,540 votes. Danny, on the other hand, received 8,827. What the candidate in the ad failed to disclose was that **HE** received but 17 or 18 votes in spite of an active campaign for votes that included a campaign website.

The second ad placed by this same rejected opponent was found later in the first section of that same Trader's.

Here his language was, "Almost half of the sheriff's political party voted against him." Now, I am a product of the Wisconsin public school system - one of the best in the nation - and 5,540 is not "almost half" of the total 14,367 Republican votes cast for this office. In politics, 60% is considered a landslide in candidate races. Danny received 61.4% of the votes cast - a landslide. Even considering the "under votes" (not voting for any candidate), Danny Glick received 58.6%.

About FIRE

LCCC Trustee Tom Bauman said he'd never heard of FIRE and didn't know if they had any credibility.

Well, Tom, in your position as a Board member since James K. Polk was president, you should know about this group. And they are credible. They truly are.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) is not the WTE. They are tough and they are determined. **"The mission of FIRE is to defend and sustain individual rights at America's colleges and universities. These rights include freedom of speech, legal equality, due process, religious liberty and sanctity of conscience - the essential qualities of individual liberty and dignity. FIRE's core mission is to protect the unprotected and to educate the public and communities of concerned Americans about the threats to these rights on our campuses and about the means to preserve them."**

FIRE just took out a full page ad in U.S. News & World Report to name five "worst of the worst" offenders (including Colorado College). FIRE places billboards challenging colleges like Bucknell. They are not a weak-kneed daily newspaper that chooses an occasional battle. The list of universities FIRE has exposed for violating student and faculty rights is extensive.

Yes, Tom Bauman, you should know who these guys are.

The size and quality of their chosen targets make it surprising that they would have any interest in a tiny community college in Cheyenne, Wyoming. But, sometimes, individual rights are a concern to those in lofty positions. Not often, but sometimes.

The FIRE annual report: **"In the last decade, FIRE has been remarkably successful at fighting to secure basic rights of free speech and conscience on college campuses. We have fought for student and faculty rights in every corner of the country and as of December 31, 2009, we have won 166 victories at 126 colleges and universities with a total enrollment of more than 2.7 million students. FIRE is directly responsible for changing 85 unconstitutional or repressive policies affecting more than 1.75 million students at 73 of these universities, including the entire California State University and University of Wisconsin systems."**

So, if this outfit decides that LCCC has violated student or faculty rights, they'll be on the Board and president like bees on honey. **AND THEY HAVE DONE ALL THIS IN TEN YEARS.** Ten years!

Tom Bauman, if you know your way into the internet, Google **the FIRE.org** and read about this "unknown." You may never get familiar with them because you probably won't be around next year but they're credible. Take my word for that.

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David Bush case review by RM Innocence Center

Readers may recall the case of David Bush. He is a Casper man who was convicted of second degree murder of his wife fifteen years after her disappearance. Her body has never been found and there was no testimony or evidence at trial that directly linked him to her disappearance.

The Wyoming Supreme Court seldom reverses jury verdicts and did not in his case, either. Bush and his current wife have relentlessly sought some review that could clear him and, most likely, implicate his younger brother who has confessed to the crime to several people.

Another inmate implicated himself in the abduction and disposal of Lynn Bush's body. I tried to confirm a claim about where the body was dumped and that the Bush younger brother had been arrested for DUI and spent the weekend in jail in northern New Mexico or southern Colorado, just off I-25. I had record searches done, some at a fee, in seven counties down there and none confirmed that story.

Obviously, Wyoming officials aren't too keen on spending time to assist a man they put in prison get out. David Bush has tried every conceivable media outlet, including the Cheyenne Herald, to little avail. He has tried the University of Wyoming Law Center. It is incredibly difficult for someone convicted of a crime WITHOUT the use of DNA to ever get a shot at vindication. With DNA, even the national Innocence Project might take a look.

But, just the other day, I was contacted by a law school student in Utah who volunteers for Rocky Mountain Innocence Center. That group is taking on the case. He told me he had been directed to me by David Bush - told that I had a lot of material from the trial and appeal. Actually, Bush's wife has the files. I have read a few thousand pages of trial and appeal transcripts, confidential interview notes, etc., and concluded that the evidence and testimony presented at his trial were inadequate to convict David Bush of any crime related to his wife's disappearance.

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