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**Old Glory, Stars & Stripes  
And Political Correctness**

On occasion I get a little off of outdoor writing. This column would be one of those times. I just feel compelled to write about this issue of our flag, because it is very disturbing.

If you know me or read my column regularly then you know I am a "Red, White, and Blue American." I love my country, the United States of

America! When I see Old Glory or hear the Star Spangled Banner, a sense of pride comes over me. I know I live in the greatest country in the world.

In the past weeks, I have heard about something that is just disturbing! A school has banned a student from displaying the American flag. A school in South Carolina

banned American flags on 9/11 because it might be offensive. A California school said the U.S. flag is incendiary and disrespectful. I heard about an American radio station where an employee had Old Glory on their desk on 9/11 and the station boss said "remove flag or get fired." The station was afraid of offending someone. The worst part a Federal appeals court let this violation of free speech stand.

I am losing my country to political correctness, because we don't want to offend anyone! We sure don't want to offend that radical religion that wants all of us infidels dead. My country is under attack from the enemy within.

There have been way too many good men and women die defending the flag. I have too many friends who have bled on the battlefield for our flag. My wife's grandfather Joel Stevenson spent two years fighting Germans for our flag. My good friend Mike Davis lost a son in Iraq

and nearly got killed himself in Iraq defending our flag.

The way I see it, if you don't like the stars and stripes, then please go to another country. By no means do I consider myself a tough guy, but the first person that tells me to take down the American Flag will have a fight on their hands. I still believe that America stands for freedom. It's unfortunate that some Americans want to demonize our Freedom and our Exceptionalism.

Now for all the hunters out there. The Federal courts upheld the violation of free speech. Which means they believe the flag is offensive. How long until hunting is offensive? Will you stand for your flag or bury your head in the sand?

We are becoming a nation of political correct sissys. The land of the free is on a slippery slope of being lost. Stand for America! Stand for the Constitution!

Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation!

**Colorful 5K Run Coming To Irvine**

A new 5K is coming to Irvine on Saturday, October 11, 2014, and it promises to be one of the most colorful events of the year.

The Color of Hope Hospice 5K is a fun run/walk organized by a group of community members in conjunction with Hospice Care Plus and Citizens Guaranty Banks. Proceeds from the event will go to Hospice Care Plus.

The first Color of Hope 5K is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 11 in Irvine. Registration is available online at hospicecp.org, or in person at Citizens Guaranty Bank locations in Richmond, Irvine, and Berea.

Shelley Ward, director of development at Hospice, says the 5K is a celebration.

"It isn't a timed race, so the focus is all on fun," said Ward. "It's also great because people of all ages and abilities can participate. You can walk, run, skip, roll—what-

ever works for you. It's kind of a happy party atmosphere with balloons, music, and, of course, all the colors of the rainbow coming at you!"

At stations throughout the course of the 5K, volunteers will blast participants with brightly colored powders. By the end, most are wearing a rainbow of colors. For this reason, light-colored clothing is recommended. Ward says the powders are non-toxic and non-permanent.

Those who registered before Sept. 19 were guaranteed to receive a free Color of Hope tee-shirt and could take advantage of the early bird rate of \$20. After Sept. 19, tee-shirts can't be guaranteed and the price goes up to \$25. Children under 5 may participate for free.

For more information about the event, contact Shelley Ward at 859-986-1500, 800-806-5492 or visit hospicecp.org.



Graduates from the class of 1989 reunited during the football game between Estill and Bath County on Friday, September 19th at the Estill County High School.

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**WHY I WANT TO SERVE AS ESTILL COUNTY ATTORNEY**

My family is from Estill County. I grew up in Estill County. I played Little League Baseball in Ravenna, was on the Academic Team and played drums in the band for Estill County Middle School and Estill County High School.

I stayed close to home for college, attending ECU and spending my summers in Ravenna and White Oak. I attended Indiana University, one of the top law schools in the nation, but spent my summers back in Estill County. When I received my license to practice law, I began in Estill County, primarily representing children as their attorney in family law cases. When I accepted a position as Assistant Fayette County Attorney in Lexington, I stayed in White Oak. During that time I advised on the creation and implementation of the E-Warrants system for state wide use. I also advised on the creation and modification of the Kentucky Family Court Rules of Procedure and Practice. Now, I am a private attorney, focusing on Estill County, and working to help the community that means so much to me.

I have been responsible for thousands of cases. I have worked cases from Child Support to Contract and Employment Law. I have authored ordinances and procedures for Estill County and have represented and advised the citizens of Estill County against tax bill purchasing companies. In short, I have the knowledge and experience to do the job!

I have been here to witness the highs and lows in Estill County. I have seen and been a part of the spirit and strength of its people. I look forward to being able to serve as Estill County Attorney.

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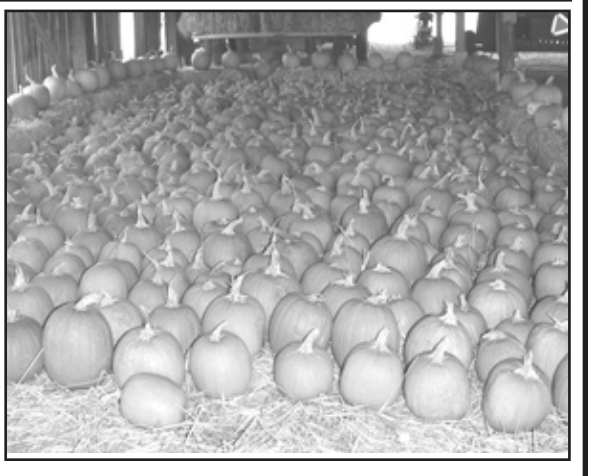
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