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At 5 Dogs
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The Mayor's Anvil:
Forging Understanding
By Mayor Fordyce Beals

Adobe Walls

Elmer Kieth (1899 - 1994), was the dean of American gun writers. His veracity makes me think he spoke to precipitants in the Adobe Walls battle and in a Guns Magazine article in March 1959 about Sharps rifles I excerpt his telling of the story:

Many times, too the old buffalo and Creedmoor rifles were used in hot Indian fights. Probably the greatest of these was the 'Dobe Wall s fight, June 27th, 1874. The little trading post in the heart of the buffalo country known as Adobe Walls was occupied that day by 28 men and one woman, Mrs. Olds and her husband, William Olds, with some seven other men were living at the post, the rest were buffalo hunters in for supplies and ammunition. Practically all were armed with Sharps buffalo and Creedmoor rifles.

Hanrahan 's Saloon held James Hanrahan, William Dixon, Bat Masterson, Shepherd, Mike Welch, Hiram Watson, Billy Ogg, Jim McKinley, and Bermuda Carlisle. Meyers & Leonard's store held "Frenchy", Henry Lease, Mike McCabe, Keeler, and Fred Leonard.

At 2 A.M., a loud cracking sound from the cottonwood ridge pole in Hanrahan's saloon wakened Mike Welch and a man named Shephard. (**Fordyce**: Most likely a hole in the ground with logs and dirt on top, a dug out) They awakened a number of their companions to help repair the ridge pole, which supported the heavy sod roof. The noise they made woke up the rest of the camp, and this incident alone saved the lives of all in the little post.

When the job was done, it was too late to go back to sleep and Billy Dixon had just picked up his rifle to go out after the horses when he saw hundreds of Indians on running ponies. He gave the alarm, and the hunters piled into three buildings to defend themselves. Many had on only their underwear. (**FB**: Celebrated often at Shebang, red long Johns, trap doors.)

Comanche, Cheyenne, and Kiowa tribes, said to have numbered between 700 and 1000 warriors, led by Quanah Parker of the Comanches, White Shield and Stone Calf of the Cheyennes, and Lone Wolf of the Kiowas, attacked.

The fight lasted three days. The stores held plenty of ammo to feed the big rifles, and the white men fought from behind the thick sod walls, firing out through transoms and windows.

The Shadler brothers were asleep in their wagon (**FB**: an early RV) outside the post when the attack came, and they were killed and scalped. Billy Tyler was also shot through the lungs at the very start of the fight as he was making his way into the store. William Aids was climbing a ladder to the roof when his big Sharps accidentally went off

and almost decapitated him. Those four were the only whites killed at the post. Nobody knows how many Indian warriors went down under the heavy paper patched lead slugs of the buffalo rifles, but it was a matter of history that the steady, accurate fire of those rifles broke the heart and the back of the Indian attack.

On the third day of the fight, some 15 warriors rode out on a distant bluff, and the hunters suggested that Bill Dixon try his big .50 caliber Sharps on them. Billy set his sights and, from a rest, fired one careful shot. One Indian fell from his horse, and the rest rode out of sight. The distance of this shot was later carefully measured (FB: by the U.S. Army) and found to be 1538 yards (FB: .87 miles).

Hot Off The Press:

SASS supersedes RO1 and RO2 and Shooters Handbook

Hyperlinks to the new books posted by Fordyce Beals

SASS® RANGE OPERATIONS BASIC SAFETY COURSE

<https://sassnet.com/uploads/downloads/RO%20Materials%20-%20ROBS/ROBS%20Student%20Handbook%202025%20-%20FINAL.pdf>

COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING™

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WILD BUNCH ACTION SHOOTING™

<https://sassnet.com/uploads/downloads/RO%20Materials%20-%20WBAS/WBAS%20RO%20Student%20HB%202025%20-%20FINAL.pdf>

Page with all three links:

<https://sassnet.com/student-course-materials>

You will see a new format for presentation all the same old rules.



THE SHERIFF'S LOG

Howdy All,

Summer showed up at the June match at 5 Dogs Creek. Plus, it was one of our weekends that make you wonder which Saturday, or which Sunday 5 Dogs Creek is shooting! But, going back to the match, it was hot but there was a good crowd both days. Bull McFearson wrote stages that were fun, at times gunfighter friendly and fast enough that shooters weren't out in the sun too long. A big thanks to Bull McFearson.

Sam Ootie stepped up and is writing the July stages. Just like he has written them in the past, he will only use the stages that get the most shade on both days and be fast enough to keep anyone from being in the heat for too long. Come join us, it will be fun!

A couple of reminders, cowboy/cowgirl attire appropriate to your category is required. After all, dress is part of Cowboy/Cowgirl Action Shooting. Also, make sure you hydrate the day before and hydrate during the match. The match is scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. but if it seems everyone is there earlier, we might start as early as 8:30-8:45. The range will have a potluck on Saturday, if there are enough campers that brought appetizers there will be appetizers on Friday night.

The August match will be our Paniolo match to honor all the Hawaiian cowboys. So, feel free to wear your tropical attire, but make sure the shoes have closed toes.

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone that the **Town Council elections are in July**. The current Town Council members have been in their positions for a few years and are looking to take a step back. Town

Council positions are not time-consuming but are valuable to the club. Talk to a current Town Council member to find out what their positions entail and step up!

See you at the range,
Lap Dog

BTW: There was a fire by the range on June 13th called the "Dog's Fire". However, it was southwest of the range, the range was in an 'evacuation warning' zone that was lifted hours later. This is a reminder of how dry it is out there so please be aware of the danger of fire not just at the range but everywhere.



Celebrating the Official Induction to “Fraternal Order of Gun-Boy”



Utah Blaine officiating – Miss Barah Lee Misditt, Inductee: SAM OOTIE



CONGRATULATIONS SAM!

CELEBRATING **60 YEARS** **OF MARRIAGE!!**



Mad Trapper of Rat River & Wanderin' Rose

FUN SATRUDAY SNAPS COMPLIMENTS OF HILDIE



JULY **Shooting Schedule:**

7/5, SATURDAY

Office opens 8:00
Shooter's Mtg. 8:30
Match Starts: 9:00

7/6, SUNDAY

Office opens 8:00
Shooter's mtg. 8:30
Match Starts: 9:00



2025 MATCH **CALENDAR**

JULY 5-6

AUG 2-3

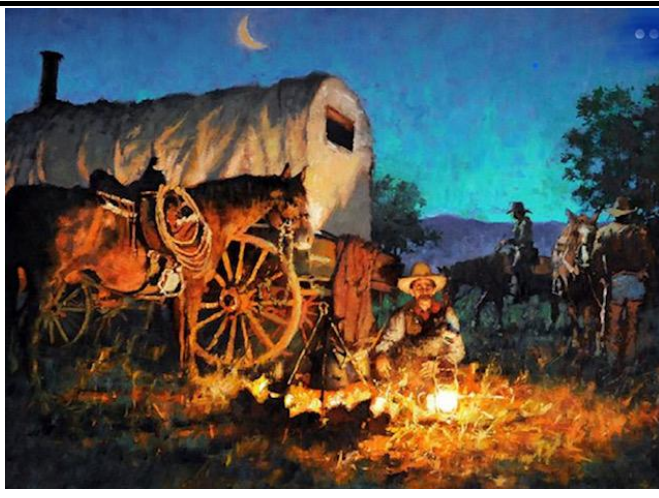
SEPT 6-7

OCT 4-5

NOV 1-2

DEC 6-7

COME JOIN US FOR SOME CAMPING FUN!



Friday Evening (5:00-ish)

Appetizers (Hot or cold)

Saturday Evening, (6:00-ish)

Bring your favorite potluck grub to share.

Plates & utensils provided

SATURDAY CLEAN SHOOTERS



(5/31/25)

Professor Cubby Bear, Fordyce Beales,
Gunhilda (with her FIRST Dog) &
All the way from Montana, Kaweah Kid!

SUNDAY CLEAN SHOOTERS



(6/1/25)

Miss Chievous, Badman Bob, Josie Albuquerque

Territorial Governor's News:

(Watch for the Professor's wise words of wisdom here again soon.)



Professor Cubby Bear
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WANDERING AROUND with Utah Blaine

(Taking some time-out from “wandering” to celebrate his 85th Birthday!)



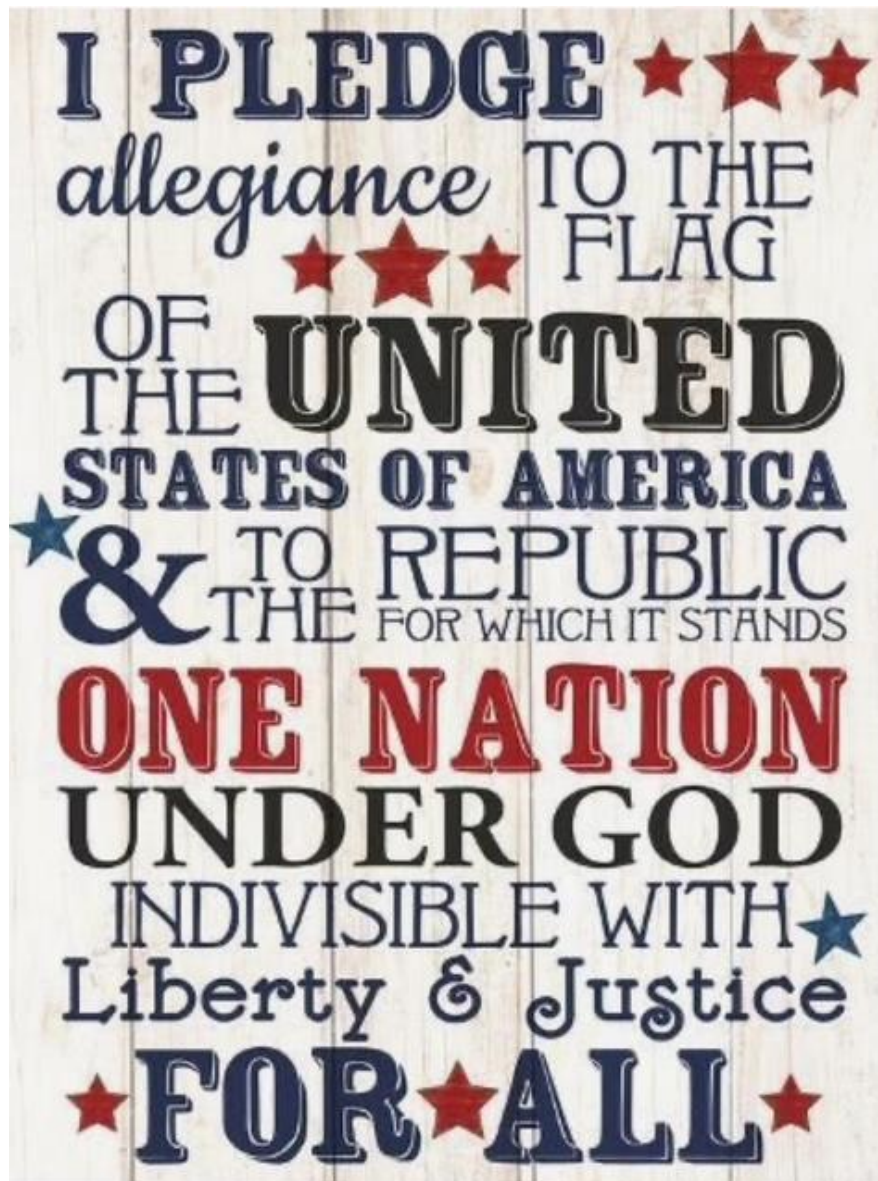
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, UTAH!



85 candles need help from 2 of his Granddaughters!

(and the Fire Marshall!)

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!



God Bless America

