

## BlueStone Briefs

### HF Mercantile extends its, Too Many Empty Tables Food Drive

Due to the overwhelming response of generosity of food donations from the community in filling their display window, High Falls Mercantile owners, Larry Ruhl and Jeff Serouya along with store manager, Cait Finn, have decided to extend the "Too Many Empty Tables" food drive.

The event began last month when the High Falls Mercantile proposed the challenge to not only fill the table, but also the entire window display with non-perishable food items. "If we can fill that window, we'll continue until we fill the other two. Nothing would make me happier," said Ruhl. With the first window filled, the community is now asked to fill the other windows to make a difference for families in need for the holidays. "People can leave food at the front door of the store at any time, but if they bring the food by when the store is open, I'd love to encourage them to actually put it in the window themselves. I think that that would be a really nice feeling for them," said Ruhl. "It is almost time to celebrate Thanksgiving, yet so many people still go hungry," he said. "It's not right."

To assist in bringing nourishment to someone's table, simply bring in any non-perishable food item or make a check out in any amount to Carve for a Cause. For more information, call Ruhl at 687-4200.

# Wolves widen eyes and open the hearts

**Donna Cohn Viertel**  
BSP Reporter

Responding to overwhelming requests for wolf education, Mission Wolf, a remote wolf sanctuary near Westcliffe, Colorado that houses up to 40 wolves and wolf dog crosses, works to promote a better understanding of wolves in order to further discourage attempts to keep wolves as pets.

In a busy 12 weeks, the wolf bus covers more than 15,000 miles and reaches over 30,000 people ranging from the Idaho Rocky Mountains to Maine's hardwood forests. The wolf bus visits the East Coast in the Fall, and the West Coast in the Spring. On Oct. 29, the wolf bus made a visit to Rosendale Elementary School on Lucas Avenue in Rosendale, thanks to the efforts of PTA member, Kerri Vitek, who facilitated the event after speaking with Pam Brown, who has been educating the public on wolves for over 30 years, at her presentation at Lederman Children's Center in Stone Ridge, back in May. The impact that a face-to-face experience with a wolf has on people cannot be compared to all the

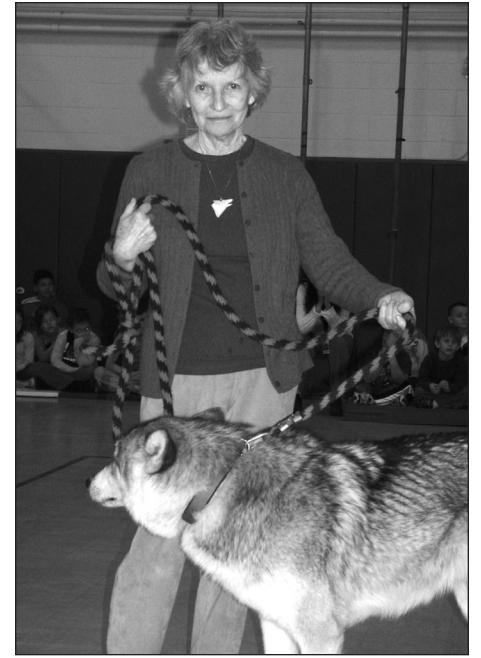
videos, books and photos combined.

Kent Weber and his wife, Tracy Brooks of Mission Wolf came to RES with one eight year old silver British Columbian Gray Wolf named Magpie, a five year old wolf dog named Abraham and three sixth month old puppies, Farah, Jeab and Apollo.

Before Weber brought out the wolf pack, he spoke to the gym filled room of students about the wolves. "Wolves do not attack people," he said. "People are afraid of wolves, they are confused. And that's where we come in. We teach the public that wolves are not something to be afraid of. At the same time, wolves do not act like dogs, they are wild." Weber went on to explain the differences between wolves and dogs.

The wolves were then led into the gym, each on a leash. They played, they walked around and with the help of the students, they even howled. In short, much was learned and loved about the wolves.

For more information, visit [missionwolf.com](http://missionwolf.com) or Brown's site, [wolfteacher.com](http://wolfteacher.com) or call Pam Brown in Tillson at 658-2202. **BSP**



Pam Brown has been educating the public on wolves for the past 30 years. Photo by Donna Cohn Viertel.



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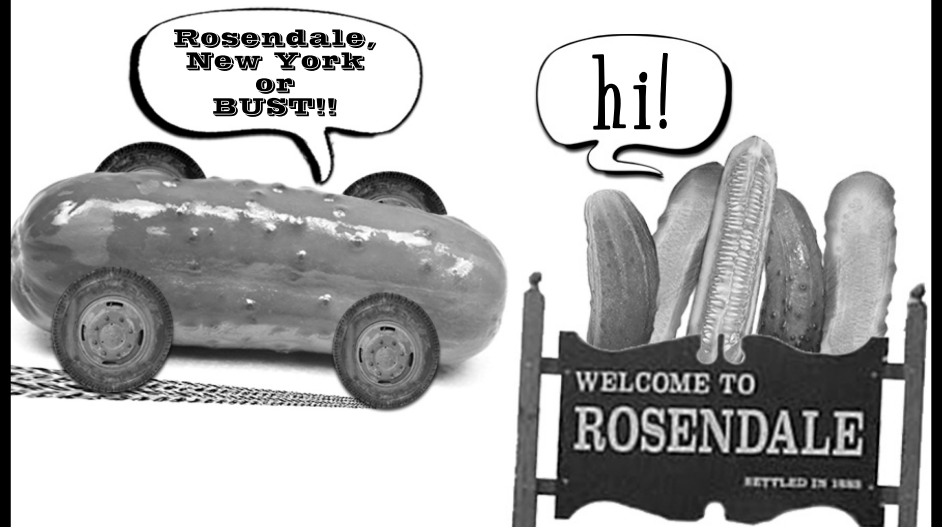
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