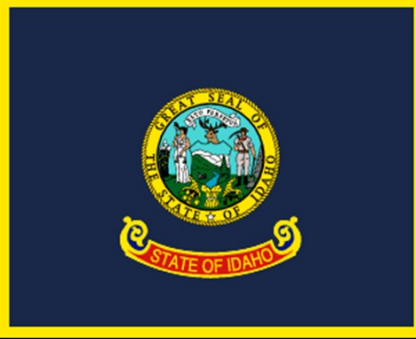




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KIDS, GUNS AND THE LAW

By Alexandria Kincaid



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In my most recent “Gun Law Podcast”, available at www.3GLaw.com (and also on iTunes, Stitcher, SoundCloud, and IHeartRadio), I interview three young ladies, ages 10-14, who enjoy shooting guns for sport and hunting. They are normal girls who get good grades, participate in other, more traditional “girl” activities such as cooking, swim team, and playing musical instruments. All three girls have at least one thing in common beyond their enjoyment of firearms: confidence. They are not shy, insecure, or suffering from common “girl” afflictions imposed on them by our modern society. I have no doubt that when these women are old enough to carry concealed, they would not hesitate to protect themselves against an attacker.

And yet, in the State of Idaho and other states around the country, if any of these young women displayed “thoughts” about guns at their unprotected, public schools they risk punishment, including suspension. If they choose to attend college (and all three of them have told me they will), they risk expulsion for carrying a firearm to defend themselves on campus. ***While their parents have taught and continue to teach them to be strong, responsible women, our laws and government school systems are adversely working to teach them to fear and rely on others.***

When I first read about schools expelling kids for such frivolous acts as using fingers as “guns” while playing “cops and robbers”, wearing pro-Second Amendment T-shirts, or using partially eaten pastries as toy weapons, I couldn’t believe those stories were true. ***Make no mistake, our government is indoctrinating our children through “zero tolerance weapons policies” to believe that weapons are bad.*** Unless, of course, the weapon is in the hand of a government official.

Instead of teaching our children that any thought about guns is wrong, we need to empower them with knowledge and teach them responsibility and ethics.

At least one state this session is taking action to protect children from being punished for thinking about guns. Oklahoma House Bill 2351, titled the “Common Sense Zero Tolerance Act”, prohibits federally funded schools from “punishing, humiliating, intimidating, being condescending to, bullying or suspending students who think about guns. The drafters of this bill should also be applauded for their fantastic title, which plays on the Obama Administration’s anti-gun lobbying efforts while its text resists those same tyrannical government efforts.

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KIDS, GUNS AND THE LAW

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A similar bill was proposed by Rep. Stockman in July 2013 in the 113th Congress, House of Representatives. That Act is titled the “Student Protection Act”. The bill states as a congressional finding that “so-called ‘zero-tolerance’ weapons policies in federally funded schools are being used to teach children to be afraid of inanimate objects that are shaped like guns” and cites examples of such punishment being inflicted upon children around the country.

Like the Oklahoma bill, it would prevent federally funded educational institutions from punishing students as a result of brandishing a pastry shaped as a gun, possessing small toy guns, using fingers or hands to simulate a gun, wearing a T-shirt that supports Second Amendment rights, drawing pictures of guns or possessing images of a gun, or using a writing utensil to simulate a firearm. Sound common sense enough? Unfortunately, the bill has no co-sponsors, and according to govtrack.us, it has a mere 3% chance of getting past committee and a 1% chance of being enacted. Do you think children should be taught to fear guns unless they are in the hands of a government official? If not, have you called your congressmen and women and asked them to support this bill?

There is discussion about proposing a Student Protection Act in Idaho as well, our children are not immune to the governmental indoctrination: punishment has been doled out in our schools to students who have engaged in the conduct described above, including suspension. Note that not all incidents are publicized.

While, as described above, some officials are doing what they can to protect our children from the government, others are focusing efforts on protecting them from criminals. While arming school teachers sounds to many conservatives like an act of common sense, in Northern Idaho, Chairman Youngdahl of the Lake Pend Orielle School District is facing a recall for proposing a plan to arm school staff and teachers. Contrast this action with legislation in other states to arm teachers (i.e. South Dakota and Arizona).

Finally, the media has now released information about the Idaho “campus carry” bill. The current prohibition against carrying on campus affects more than the students. It affects everyone who treads upon the college or university property. The facts and figures do not lie: mass shootings occur in gun-free zones. Prohibiting firearms on campuses makes people on campus vulnerable to attack. At the time of writing this article, the text of the bill has not been released to the public, so the pros and cons of the pending bill cannot be analyzed.

We cannot continue to have a “take what we can get” attitude. While the legislative process can be tedious, corrupt, and controlled by organizations other than “we the people”, “we the people” still cast the votes. We cannot remain satisfied with mediocre, compromised legislation or the politicians who support it. We cannot continue to sit back and watch what is happening on the news without taking action. Some of our politicians have what it takes to stand up for what’s right, and others do not. You are responsible for educating yourself and finding out who will be your voice. Will you elect a constitutional conservative or a sell-out? You will make a difference if you educate yourself, educate others, and vote. Join zero tolerance, pro-Second Amendment organizations such as Gun Owners of America on the national level or the Idaho Second Amendment Alliance at the state level and educate yourself. Don’t be afraid to speak up. We are far from alone in this effort.

SECOND AMENDMENT IN IDAHO

By Representative Judy Boyle



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The Idaho Constitution, Article 1 Section 11, contains strong protections regarding citizen ownership of legal firearms. Last year's House 219 drew directly from the Idaho Constitution which all state law enforcement officials and all elected officials take an oath to protect and defend.

Article 1, Section 11. Right to keep and bear arms. The people have the right to keep and bear arms, which right shall not be abridged; but this provision shall not prevent the passage of laws to govern the carrying of weapons concealed on the person nor prevent passage of legislation providing minimum sentences for crimes committed while in possession of a firearm, nor prevent the passage of legislation providing penalties for the possession of firearms by a convicted felon, nor prevent the passage of any legislation punishing the use of a firearm. No law shall impose licensure, registration or special taxation on the ownership or possession of firearms or ammunition. Nor shall any law permit the confiscation of firearms, except those actually used in the commission of a felony.

Some believe that concealed weapons licenses (CWL) are unconstitutional. However, a CWL is not *required* to legally own a firearm. Idaho's laws allow for open carry without any type of license and open carry is restricted in very few places in Idaho.

In 1990, the CWL law was changed from the sheriff "may" issue to the sheriff "shall" issue due to some county sheriffs refusal to issue. In spite of the Idaho Sheriffs Association strong opposition and their predictions of "There will be blood in the streets" if the law was changed, Idaho has seen just the opposite with a reduction in crime.

A few years later, the privacy provision was added so the actual application and the fact you hold a CWL is not allowed, by law, be disclosed to anyone but law enforcement. The county sheriff is the custodian of that private information along with the results of the background check run by the FBI through the Idaho State Police. If you are traveling in another state and a law enforcement officer has probable cause to stop you, he can run your information through the national system which will show if you hold a CWL.

Through the years of revisions to Idaho's CWL law, pieces have been added which has created confusion for both citizens and law enforcement but the privacy provision is still firmly in place.

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In 2013, the legislature created a new section for an enhanced CWL requiring additional legal training and actual live fire training on the range. The legal training provision requires that a licensed Idaho attorney teach when you may legally pull the trigger in defense of your, or another's, life. Even if you spend the required time taking the course, the instructor still has the discretion to not give you a completion certificate if he feels you are not ready for the increased responsibility of carrying a concealed weapon. The enhanced CWL is only available to those 21 years or older without exception.

It is due to these added requirements and training that Idaho's enhanced CWL is now recognized by states such as Nevada and Washington which have very strict standards.

The regular CWL is still recognized by a number of states and remains in place for Idahoans who do not want the enhanced CWL. Again, open carry is allowed in Idaho and does not require any CWL.

There are a number of firearms bills being discussed by the Idaho Legislature this session including a Campus Carry bill. In 2011, a campus carry bill, H222 by Rep. Erik Simpson, passed the House but was stopped in the Senate State Affairs committee. This year, the NRA and a number of legislators have worked on a campus carry bill which requires an enhanced CWL in order to carry on college campuses. This new bill, sponsored by

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Senator Curt McKenzie, will be up for a print hearing in the Senate State Affairs committee on Monday, Jan 27 with a full committee hearing probably the first week of Feb. Similar to H222, concealed weapons will not be allowed in dorms where most residents are under the age of 18. There is also an enhanced penalty for violations with revocation of a CWL for three years.

As with all legislation, not everyone received everything they wanted. In 2011, those who opposed wanted no guns on campus and others wanted no restrictions. In order to offer a measure of personal protection from violence by those who don't follow laws so they can victimize people, compromises have been reached by both sides. It isn't perfect legislation as none ever is, but it does set protections in place. With the passage and signature of the Governor, Idaho public college campuses will no longer be free zones for those who intend harm. Criminals will now have to weigh the fact that someone with a legal firearm could quickly render them harmless.

Judy Boyle has been a long time defender of 2nd. Amendment rights and one of the few legislators willing to fight for those rights in our State Legislature. For more information please visit her website. http://judyboyle.net/index.php?feedback_form=1

WE NEED YOU TO BE A CITIZEN VOLUNTEER AND LEGISLATIVE AID

By Tony Snesko



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Two of our conservative friends in the legislature attended our monthly Idaho Carry dinner at Fuddruckers in January. The process for submitting legislation and getting it passed was described to us in detail. During the discussion period I asked what we could do to help them. I fully expected them to respond with an

explanation as to how we could best influence and lobby the other members of the legislature but this was their response: “We need legislative aides!” We learned that they work 14 hour days trying to stay up with and abreast of the issues they are expected to support, promote and vote on.

I recalled my time on city council in Southern California and remembered that it is the bureaucrats who run our government. The elected officials are just temporary stumbling blocks they have to tolerate for a season while they, the career department heads, pursue their own agendas.

Meanwhile, our underpaid (\$16,000 annually) legislators do not have a chief of staff, legislative aides or full time secretaries to cull through proposed legislation, emails, letters, phone calls, invitations, etc. It is impossible for one person alone to research every issue, read and respond to every communication from a constituent and evaluate every item that crosses their desk and computer screen every day; so they must decide how to prioritize their time and more often than not, important issues can be neglected for the lack of resources.

Unfortunately, paid lobbyists from companies that are looking to profit from government decisions are filling that gap and providing our legislators with a one sided argument supporting “only” their agenda. They have given themselves the title of Legislative Assistants, and, more often than not, the interests of Idaho citizens are not considered or served in their pursuit of the government dollar. Their power and influence trumps the grass roots efforts by our citizens as proved last year in the passage of the Idaho Health Exchange.

If we want to reclaim our state for the people of Idaho, we must assist our “friends” in the Capitol. If we want our legislators to truly represent our interests, we have to enable them to be the informed, effective legislators we need them to be by becoming their citizen chiefs of staff, legislative aides and secretaries. If each of us gave only an hour or two a week from the comfort of our own homes, we can help our “friends” be what they were elected to be, your representative. Information is power, and we can put that power into their hands by becoming their right hand, their “Citizen Volunteer Legislative Aide.”

Perfecting this process may take a few weeks so we are going to start small by adopting just a few of our conservative friends in the legislature. Obviously we will need to vet the volunteers to ensure that moles don’t invade our ranks.

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WE NEED YOU TO BE A CITIZEN VOLUNTEER AND LEGISLATIVE AID

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The primary qualifications are honesty, integrity and the ability to keep all things confidential between you and the representative or senator. “Loose lips sink ships!”

Citizen Legislative Aid positions are:

Internet Communications -

This position would require the reading of all emails and separating them into categories of topic and importance, culling out spam and notifying the representative of those needing immediate attention.

Snail Mail Communications –

This person must know grammar, spelling and how to write letters. The legislator would give you an outline of the letter and you would fill in the salutations, necessary acknowledgments and closing and then email it to the representative for printing, signature and mailing.

Part time office manager –

This person would come into the office for an hour or two, three or more times a week to open, read and separate mail by topics and importance for the representative to read later that day. Representatives receive many invitations and these too need to be evaluated, presented to the representative and calendared.

Research –

Many issues and legislative proposals come before our legislators for consideration and sponsorship and they need researchers to evaluate the item and then go to current applicable laws in Idaho and then pull up a few comparable laws in other like-minded states to get perspective and solutions. There is no sense in reinventing the wheel if the perfect one is already out there. This research can usually be done via the internet.

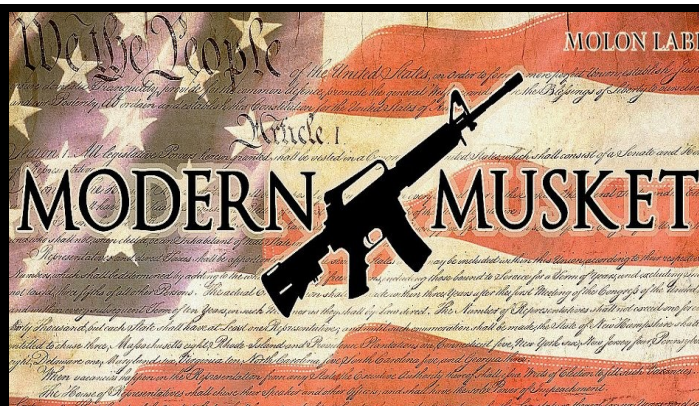
These are some of the topics that need research: constitution, veterans, education, charter schools, resources, agriculture, guns, property rights, wolves, timber, water, natural gas, health care, etc.

If one of these jobs appeal to you or the research topics stirs your interest, please contact Tony Snesko at

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WHAT IS A MODERN MUSKET?

By Robert Strickler



Hello fellow Patriots, I just wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and also introduce my business. My name is Robert and I'm the owner/founder of Modern Musket. We relocated to the Treasure Valley last summer from California. We were tired of being treated like criminals for exercising our Second Amendment rights, and we were tired of giving our tax dollars to the very same people treating us as such. We love it here in Idaho and it feels so good to be surrounded by Liberty-loving Patriots who value and appreciate their rights.

Modern Musket is a brand with a message. We provide products so you can spread that message and make a statement. The primary goal of Modern Musket is to help change mainstream attitudes and perceptions of modern rifles while popularizing and solidifying a very simple philosophy. Once this philosophy is fully understood, if someone chooses to disagree, they either refuse to accept and understand the Second Amendment itself, or they simply wish it were abolished all together.

It is imperative that we convey the true intent of the Second Amendment to everyone, especially our fellow gun owners. I'm sure most if not all of you understand this, but to be clear, the Second Amendment was not included in the Bill of Rights for hunting, competition, or target shooting. These pleasurable sporting applications for our firearms are added benefits we enjoy today as a result of having our Second Amendment rights. The true intent of the Second Amendment is to guarantee the American people an effective means to defend their lives, loved ones, and liberty through the use of Arms.

When the Second Amendment was written and ratified, the musket and muzzle-loading rifle were the most common, modern long-arms of the time. Due to innovation and technological advancements, today we have a variety of firearms including modern rifles like the increasingly popular AR-15. The Second Amendment clearly references "Arms" within it's text; meaning muskets in the late 18th Century, to rifles like the AR-15 today. Make no mistake; modern rifles are our modern day muskets. It all boils down to this one simple fact: **Modern rifles such as the AR-15 are the EXACT Arms the Second Amendment is intended to protect.**

So with this all being said, how then can modern rifles be prohibited through gun control legislation such as so-called "assault weapons" bans? The answer is plain, they **CAN'T!** Doing so is a direct violation of and infringement upon our Second Amendment rights. We must combat these unconstitutional laws and preserve our RIGHT to keep and bear modern muskets.

Thank you for your support and for spreading the Modern Musket message. Please visit our website:

www.modernmusket.com

TO GOVERNOR OTTER AND THE STATE LEGISLATORS

WHO VOTED FOR THE STATE EXCHANGE. **“WE WANT THIS LAW REPEALED”**

Governor CL “Butch” Otter

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THE MILITIA AND THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

By Captain Craig Campbell Ada County 1st. BN Light Foot Militia

“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”



How do we really know that the Militia was so important to the founders? Their concern is certainly expressed in the Second Amendment but it is first found in *Article I. Section 8.* and *Article II. Section 2.* of the original Constitution. In September of 1787, a year and a half before the Bill of Rights was born, the role of the Militia was vital to the new nation. The

Constitution defined the roles for the Militia and those same roles are found in our Idaho Constitution.

The Militia is tasked to 1) execute laws, 2) suppress insurrections and 3) repel invasions. If called into service by the United States, the President is Commander in Chief. If called into service by the State, the Governor is the Commander of the “Organized” Militia (*ID Const, Art IV. Sec 6.* and *ID Code Title 46-103*). In Idaho, the remainder of the people are the “Unorganized Militia” (*ID Code Title 46-103*).

ARTICLE I. SECTION. 8. The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

- To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions;
- To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers, and the Authority of training the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress;

ARTICLE II. SECTION 2. The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States; In the whole of the US Constitution, the Militia is referenced six times, more than any body politic, with the exception of Congress. The Supreme Court is a close second at five! Just the fact that the Militia exists in the Constitution even once, would indicate its great importance to the founders. But don’t take my word for it, listen closely to them.

"A militia, when properly formed, are in fact the people themselves ..."

Richard Henry Lee - writing in Letters from the Federal Farmer to the Republic, Letter XVIII, May, 1788.

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"The people are not to be disarmed of their weapons. They are left in full possession of them."
Zachariah Johnson - Elliot's Debates, vol. 3 "The Debates in the Several State Conventions on the Adoption of the Federal Constitution."

"And that the said Constitution be never construed to authorize Congress to infringe the just liberty of the Press, or the rights of Conscience; or to prevent the people of the United States, who are peaceable citizens, from keeping their own arms; ..."

Samuel Adams - quoted in the Philadelphia Independent Gazetteer, August 20, 1789, "Propositions submitted to the Convention of this State"

"The great object is that every man be armed." and "Everyone who is able may have a gun."
Patrick Henry - American Patriot

"Firearms stand next in importance to the constitution itself. They are the American people's liberty teeth and keystone under independence ... from the hour the Pilgrims landed to the present day, events, occurrences and tendencies prove that to ensure peace security and happiness, the rifle and pistol are equally indispensable ... the very atmosphere of firearms anywhere restrains evil interference — they deserve a place of honor with all that's good."

George Washington - First President of the United States

So why did the Second Amendment need to be written if the Militia's role was secured in the Constitution from the beginning? Clearly the debate had begun even in our young nation about who would control the Arms required by the Militia. The founders used the Second Amendment to restate without issue that the duties and responsibilities of the Militia rested with "We The People". They deemed our ability as citizens; to execute laws, suppress insurrections and repel invasions, shall not be infringed.

For more information about the Idaho Militia, you can write to IDCCG1A@cableone.net or go to www.lightfootmilitia.com for a host of resources. For more quotes from the founders related to the Militia and Firearms go to <http://www.buckeyefirearms.org/gun-quotations-founding-fathers> or <http://cap-n-ball.com/fathers.htm>

IDAHO JOINS THE FIGHT ON NDAA ACTIVISIM

By Jason Casella



Americans are standing up to claim and defend their birthright of liberty and democracy: the tide has begun to turn against the detention provisions of the **2012 National Defense Authorization Act**.

Passed near-unanimously by Congress on both sides of the aisle and signed by the President in the last hours of 2011, The **2012 NDAA** declares the United States a battlefield in the war on terror subject to a Law of War newly understood to supersede the U. S. Constitution and its Bill of Rights – a battlefield on which any person may be detained without charge or trial on the mere accusation either of undefined “support” for terror or commission of a “belligerent act”, and held until

the end of the war on terror – until the final defeat of an enemy that is not a country or even an organization, but a tactic, a biochemical response. All of this happened while most of us were spending time with those who mean the most to us with very little main stream media coverage. The NDAA doesn’t even define its own terms leaving the application up for interpretation a very slippery slope. Especially if you have read any of the material coming from the Department of Homeland Security as it relates to who can be a “terrorist”.

Just as our founders have warned us, we have a Constitutional Republic, if we can keep it. Constitutional attorney KrisAnne Hall explains liberty requires sacrifice. No one is going to give us our rights, no one can. Government didn’t grant us our rights and cannot take our rights away. Our rights are inherent and endowed by our creator. It is up to each and every one of us to stand up for what is right and hold our elected officials accountable to their oath of office. The answers to our problems come not from DC, they are looking back at us in each and every one of our mirrors. It is time to stop looking for someone to save our country for us and time for each and every one of us to stand up for what is right. With each passing day it is becoming more and more apparent and obvious, the only thing that can be agreed upon in Washington is more power being taken away from the people and more power being taken by politicians and corporations.

America is realizing these facts and responding. Across the nation we have begun to recognize the crisis and our duties in the face of it; and to organize ourselves to take back, indeed to reestablish, the American republic in line with our Constitution and our traditions of liberty. One such organization that gives you the tools and support to do this is **People Against the NDAA** (“PANDA”). PANDA invites you to join on the forefront of the battle to take back the governance of America for its people, state by state, city by city and town by town.

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By Jason Casella

Established in the first month of 2012 and the new national dispensation, PANDA has grown in its two years of life through town-level and then statewide campaigns to raise awareness of the issue and the need for strong legislation – not fine-sounding placebo bills – that actively, locally blocks the kidnapping of U.S. residents by a Federal government with whose abolition of the right to a trial local communities and their law enforcement representatives refuse to agree. It has made waves and local headlines, building broad antipartisan coalitions for liberty, uniting Tea Parties and Green Parties, Oathkeepers and Occupiers, expanded into over thirty state teams.

Now, we settle in for the start of the fight. A wave of city and town council victories have jump started our **Take Back the Town Campaign**, already beginning to rock the nation.

It started in Albany, New York: the capital of the “Stop and Frisk” State, the militarized security State: the Empire State. On October 7, Albany’s “Common Council” unanimously passed Resolution **80.92.13**, making it the first city in America actively **to prohibit** indefinite military detention under the NDAA, to declare itself **not a battlefield**, its citizens and other residents free of “disposition under the law of war”, its law enforcement officers bound to uphold the rights of those people in the face of any opposition. Two days later came Oxford, Massachusetts. Two weeks later, it was Webster, Massachusetts’ turn. Then on December 17, 2013 the first city in the great state of Idaho joined in. Emmett’s resolution reads:

“...it is **unconstitutional, and therefore unlawful** for any person to:

- a. **arrest or capture** any person in Emmett, or citizen of Emmett, within the United States, with the intent of “detention under the law of war,” or
- b. actually subject a person in Emmett, to “disposition under the law of war,” or
- c. subject any person to targeted killing in Emmett, or citizen of Emmett, within the United States;...”

Emmett city council passed the resolution by a vote of 5-1. A grass roots campaign succeeded in putting the “Restoring Constitutional Governance Resolution” before the people, and when it did, Emmett residents showed up in favor of upholding the Constitution in their town. From a normal audience of 3 people, the great people of Emmett showed up in excess of 80 people to see the majority of their city council honor their oath to the Constitution

Since the Resolution passed in Emmett, the Resolution has also been presented to the Gem County Commissioners and also at the state legislature with assistance from Senators Steven Thayn and Montey

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By Jason Casella

Pearce. Although we will try to push this as hard as possible at the state level, we must not sit back and hope our elected officials do what is right, we all must act locally. The more cities and counties that block the NDAA, the easier it will be to pass it on behalf of the entire state.

If you have ever tried to contact Senator Crapo or Risch or any other Senator at that level, you know that it is nearly impossible to speak to them and if you get any type of response, it is boilerplate. The city council is very different, they have to look you in the face and see you within your community in a much more intimate way. When you consider these facts, the answer is obvious that the best shot we have at restoring our republic is at the local level. When I went to my first city council meeting, there were only 3 people there. It took 4 meetings to get the Resolution passed in Emmett and by the final meeting, there were in excess of 80 people who showed in up in support. I met a lot of great people along the way and am new to Idaho. I have only been here a few months. If I can help make it happen being new to the area, new to politics, and new to city council meetings, anyone can. Working to restore our natural born rights at a local level WORKS and PANDA will help make it happen for you in your city.

In the weeks following these victories and the official declaration of the **Take Back the Town Campaign**, momentum across the country has been growing. People have signed up all over Idaho, you can sign up do the same in your town at www.pandaunite.org/takeback don't wait for someone else to save our country for us, it is up to each and every one of us to be vigilant.

More and more victories are imminent will your city and county be a part of it? Across the country hundreds activists in over 250 cities and counting have already committed to taking back their towns. Their number can be expected to increase exponentially as their work brings awareness of the campaign and its power to concerned, committed, honorable people across the United States.

That's where our part of the fight is now, and it's **all with your support**, whether you have chosen to **#take back** your town, or to donate, or to offer your dedication, imagination and patriotism by helping to stop the NDAA in any number of other ways. Liberty isn't given to us – it is upheld by liberty-loving people like you – we salute you, and we thank you, and we look forward to hearing of your next steps, to sharing in the burdens of your work and the celebration of your victories.

The Take Back movement is restoring law and liberty to America. *We* might have stopped us but the secret is *they can't*. Your town is not a battlefield and if you know it too, then we're going to win this fight. A Republic ... if we can keep it.

It's time to Take It Back.

Russ Fulcher is a Candidate for Governor of Idaho



Senator Fulcher Disagrees with Recent Letter by Governor Otter

"Idaho should not spend another man-hour or taxpayer dime propping up this job-killing program." –Sen. Russ Fulcher

January 28th, 2014

On December 23rd, just before Christmas, Governor Otter sent a letter explaining all the reasons he supports a state run, federal insurance exchange claiming it is "state-based". Senator Russ Fulcher disagrees.

Butch Otter continues to defend his choice to partner with democrat governors and Barack Obama by claiming we have a "Made in Idaho" health exchange.

The reality is that this state-run, federal exchange receives all its money from the federal government. It can only sell policies that meet federal rules. It charges people a percent of the premium -- just like other federal exchanges. People sign up through federal software -- healthcare.gov. It must collect personal financial and health information on Idahoans per federal rules. To get federal tax subsidies, people must buy a health plan on the state-run, federal exchange. Even the recent enrollment extension for Idahoans came from the federal government.

When it comes to marketing and advertising, it must meet federal requirements. Soon Idahoans will be getting calls on whether they like these federally mandated policies, as the state run, federal exchange must share its "customer satisfaction data" and product quality and pricing with the federal government.

Senator Russ Fulcher said, "We need an alternative system in place that will empower Idahoans with a patient-centered approach. We must create competition and choice to help lower prices. We must incentivize people by letting them pick and manage the types of policies they need for themselves and their families, instead of one size fits all mandates. We must bring more providers into the picture, giving them a true stake in the process and the outcome. We need an open, diverse, and competitive market for healthcare and healthcare insurance."

"Healthcare should be accessible, affordable, and of high quality. Everyone agrees we need to make sure the most vulnerable among us do not slip through the cracks. While our state run, federal exchange props up Obamacare, 105,000 Idahoans have lost their insurance.

"Obamacare was created to get insurance to those without. We have no proof through Idaho's state run, federal Obamacare exchange that we are accomplishing that goal. The exchange claims 20,000 signed up, but the state can't tell us if that includes anyone who had their policy cancelled or did not previously have insurance. We don't know how many Idahoans actually have insurance protection. We only know how many Idahoans are losing their health security through the state run, federal exchange."

Fulcher then added, "Idaho should not spend another man-hour or taxpayer dime propping up this job-killing program."

Senator Fulcher's Rebuttal Point-by-Point to Governor Otter: (Otter's claims in bold type)

1) "The federal government did not review or regulate plans sold on the exchange:"

Every plan sold through an exchange must be a "Qualified Health Plan" under section 1301 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Things like the 10 "Essential Health Benefits." This is why plans got cancelled; they did not meet rules like that one. That's why Gov. Otter went to Secretary Kathleen Sebelius (In Wash. DC) and not Idaho Director of Insurance, Bill Deal. Gov. Otter asked for a delay on imposing these federal rules. It's also why President Obama put in a delay. If we **follow** federal rules, we are **under** federal rules.

2) "Federal government did not determine which insurance companies would be allowed to sell products ... :"

Determining which company can sell insurance in a state is not the focus of the ACA - that is a red herring. But, every company that sells health plans must meet federal rules when it comes to the benefits offered, the coverage provided, and the risk rating system that helps determine the premium a person pays.

3) "Federal government will not assign our state a federal call center ... :"

While a person deals with an Idaho-employed "Consumer Connector" when they apply, they then get routed to a federally-contracted call center. Why? Because the person must sign up through healthcare.gov -- the federal software.

4) "Federal government will not govern our marketplace ... :"

This is only half-true: Board configuration, bylaws, etc. are done by Idaho. But here is the problem: Many of operational components are required by the federal government: Website, data collection of personal financial and health information; even having to have a toll-free number. It is spelled out in the law. Idaho gets marketing money for advertising from the federal government. Idaho must share its marketing strategy and materials with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in Wash. DC. And, the federal government requires product quality and price ratings, buyer satisfaction surveys, etc. It is all coming.

5) "We control assessment fees:"

This is disappointing because it is dishonest. Idahoans were told the user fee would be a "fixed dollar amount." Staffers from Gov. Otter's office communicated that: Tammy Perkins, David Hensley, and maybe others. Idahoans were told the "state exchange" is better because we're charging a "fixed dollar amount," while the feds charge a percent of the premium -- wherever that premium ends up. Now, we're charging a percent of the premium -- wherever that ends up. This is why Rep. Vander Woude, Senator Durst, and others wanted a cap on that "fixed dollar amount."

Today, there is no limit on what is charged: If premiums go up, it is a percent on a bigger number. And, the exchange is talking about increasing the percent to 2.6% of the premium -- wherever that premium ends up. They have to because they must be self-sufficient by 2015, i.e., no more federal grants. That's also under the federal rules.

Russ Fulcher replies to Governor Otter's State of the State Address: Click on the link below for video.

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MINI-CASSIA TEA PARTY DRAWS CROWD OF CONCERNED PARENTS FOR COMMON CORE DEBATE By Dorothy Moon

The following article was published in the Idaho Statesman Opinion Section Jan. 20, 2014

The Mini-Cassia Tea Party drew a respectable crowd of concerned parents and teachers Jan. 9 to hear a presentation titled “Myths and Facts” concerning Common Core education standards and curriculum. The forum was presented by Stephanie Zimmerman and Stacey Knudsen of Idahoans for Local Education. Stephanie and Stacey, two moms from Meridian, decided to take on a mighty task with little more reward than hope their efforts will revive a movement toward local control of educational standards and curriculum.

The crowd was pleased to hear this dynamic duo’s performance under scrutiny from several teachers and administrators also in attendance. Most agreed No Child Left Behind was a disaster in the making but failed to realize the similarity and further overreach Common Core will mandate. The suggestion that little was to fear from further federal intrusion into local education brought hearty laughter. Realization that a one-size-fits-all education program would bring the curtain down on local education and further erode educational quality in Idaho became apparent as Stephanie and Stacey continued.

Common standards will diminish professionalism in the most human-centric of occupations, as only teachers can bring enlightenment to a child’s mind. Replacing traditional education methods and books with cold facts presented by computers and education facilitators will only lead to failure. These untested common standards will lead to standardized curriculum effectively pigeonholing students for a fixed role in society via a matrix of evaluations and examinations maintained in a database that will follow each student through adulthood.

Many good points were made from many perspectives as audience members opened up and addressed their anxiety about such sweeping reforms now being implemented in Idaho’s education system. What parents will endure and how their children’s education will suffer consumed the bulk of the redress. Common Core will be field tested across the nation using this generation as guinea pigs in a scheme intended to instill grit and tenacity. But to what end? Where’s the love of learning?

This top-down government mandate, concocted to shift power from local school districts to the federal Department of Education, is reminiscent of Idaho’s federally mandated health exchange, a reprehensible submission of state sovereignty.

It seems impossible to reckon why more education professionals did not question the mandate sent from above. Only one school superintendent dissented voting against Common Core on Gov. Butch Otter’s Task Force for Improving Education. Will Idaho fall in line with other states like a duckling following its mother? Maybe so, as it seems “Big Education” is more interested in financial support from federal promises than its obligation to coax brilliance out of every child’s mind. The direction seems sure as funding tops all priorities.

Teachers are to facilitate the standard, which will soon be supplemented with curriculum that will pave a one-way path toward an unsure future. Teachers will be assessed according to scores achieved and will be monitored for compliance and ability. Ultimately, the standards will usher an end to learning and the teaching profession as we know it.

One mother commented that she could not find fault with the standards, they seemed reasonable, yet something gnawed at her motherly instinct that warned of danger. I think she said it well for most of us who cannot know what lies beyond these Common Core standards.

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MINI-CASSIA TEA PARTY DRAWS CROWD OF CONCERNED PARENTS FOR COMMON CORE DEBATE By Dorothy Moon

The strings attached are those that bind. As a science and special education teacher for 16 years, it is my experience that echoes this mother's intuition. When faculties teach to a national standard we lose wonderment and inspiration as our local best are tied to a fixed agenda.

Dorothy Moon recently retired as Challis School District special education director and science teacher.

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JIM CHMELIK IDAHO COUNTY COMMISSINOR ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY FOR Lt. GOVERNOR

After much prayer and seeking advice from my family and friends I have decided to run for Lieutenant Governor. Below please find a brief explanation of why I believe Idaho needs to take a different course.

When the reward is great, the effort to succeed is great, but when government takes all the reward away, no one will try or want to succeed.

Today as a state and a nation we are on an unsustainable economic path. As a nation we are \$17 trillion in debt, a 125 trillion dollars in unfunded liabilities and as a state 40% of our budget comes from the federal government. We are leaving our future generations an economic disaster and Idaho is contributing to the crisis. Idaho cannot and should not be part of this disaster, however, current policies within our state force us to acquiesce to the edicts passed in Washington D.C.

Idahoans wages are stagnant, and we lead the nation in minimum wage jobs as percentage of population. From 2007-2011 Idaho's poverty level has increased from 12.1% to 16.5% and the amount accepting food stamps has increased from 89,946 to 214,000; in 2013 this number eclipsed 220,000; yet the current executive officers of the state tell us we are fiscally sound and the current policies are working. Any prudent business man would tell you this business model is no way to run a business or state. It is time Idaho recognizes its responsibilities to Idahoans and our fellow Americans and takes a different course of action.

There is a way out. A solution big enough to turn our state and country back on a path of prosperity is right here in Idaho and our sister states of the west. Right here in our back yard are the resources to propel us forward, but only if we fight for what was promised to us at statehood. If Idaho wants to solve its healthcare challenges, adequately fund education, create good paying jobs, improve our state highways and bridges and create true independence for Idahoans, it will only happen when we take possession of our public lands as a state.

There are those who would say our current situation is not ideal, I see it otherwise. This is Idaho and America, and we are great, not because of our government, we are great because of our people. Throughout our history we have faced challenges. In good times and bad, Idahoans and Americans have always proved their resiliency and accepted the challenges before us. At the end of World War II when the world needed leadership it turned to America, and Pope Pius XII summed it up quite well when he said, "America has a genius for great and unselfish deeds and into the hands of America God has placed the destiny of an afflicted mankind."

This is the America and Idaho I believe in, one that still envisions a brighter tomorrow and leaves our future generations the same promises we received from previous generations. The promises that recognized our government were not set up to govern, but to protect those unalienable rights to life, liberty and property. These principles are enshrined in our Declaration of Independence and protected within our Constitution, and they are worth fighting for. Political office should be about serving the people in the protection of these rights. If we do not, we only have ourselves to blame. My friends we get the government we tolerate.

My friends as a county commissioner I have been grateful to serve my fellow citizens of Idaho County, and I now ask for your support to serve you wherever you may live in this great state. Ronald Reagan told us "This is a wonderful time to be alive, we are lucky not to live in pale and timid times, and we have been blessed with the opportunity to stand for something, freedom, liberty and fairness, and these are values worth fighting for. So let us go forth with a stout heart and good cheer, happy warriors to take back our state and our country to freedom.

Jim Chmelik

JOHN EYNON COTTONWOOD TEACHER

ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION



Public School Teacher and Education Professional Launches Candidacy for Superintendent of Public Instruction; Cites Problems with Common Core, Loss

John Eynon has been a resident of Idaho County since 1995.

He has a B.A. from Azusa Pacific University in California. He also has 50 semester hours of graduate level professional education course work in Human Resource Management and Development, Educational Research Methods, and Statistics.

John has a decade of experience in the education publishing industry as a senior corporate representative and consultant. He received numerous corporate awards in the industry. He served on textbook review committees, working closely with local school district administrators and curriculum directors around the Pacific Northwest. He provided professional teacher development workshops for implementation of new textbooks in print and digital format and demonstrated teacher resources and assessment software. John delivered presentations to the Idaho State Department of Education to validate textbooks, testing and assessment software, and other teacher resources.

John is a public school teacher, with 15 years of experience and is currently teaching in the Cottonwood School District. He has provided exemplary performance as an educator and is the recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award from Idaho County Schools.

As a teacher, a curriculum developer, a businessman in education, and a veteran, John is uniquely qualified to work with local school districts, bring innovation and goals to Idaho's education system, and lead as superintendent of our public schools. John understands the challenges Idaho faces in education. He has the skills, knowledge, and rapport to improve Idaho's education across our state, while working hand in hand with our parents, teachers, and school district leaders. John's approach will be one of leadership and communication to our school districts. It will not be a "top down" approach from Boise.

John is a retired United States Navy Commander. He attended the Navy Command Senior Leadership and Management course at Coronado Naval Station. He served as an Officer in Charge of numerous squadrons detachments through the world. He also served as a Mission Commander with Anti-Submarine Patrol Aviation Crews for three separate squadrons during his career spanning 17 years. John received numerous medals, awards and citations for meritorious service.

John was born and raised in the Philadelphia, PA area. He married his college sweetheart, the former Ms. Donna Boyce. They have been married for forty one years, and have two married sons and one granddaughter.

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JOHN EYNON COTTONWOOD TEACHER

ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

Why John Eynon for State Superintendent of Education?

This is what John has to say:

“Idaho students are not Common!”

Outcome Base Education, Goals 2000, No Child Left Behind, and now Common Core, have left our local schools, the teachers, administrators and the education funding in a perpetual state of turmoil without opportunity for equilibrium. How can progress accurately be measured without equilibrium? How can love of learning, love of teaching, and imparting and embracing knowledge thrive?

“Idaho is now in a headlong free fall into the most recent out-of-state led education agendas known as Common Core. It ensnares our education path with four more years of roll out, still to come, with an untested and unproven education program. Outside cost estimates are staggering, vast internet technology systems for maintaining data and high stakes testing of our students are becoming a great concern for parents and educators alike and with good cause. I share this concern.

It takes strong roots to grow a World Class education system! It can be achieved by addressing Six Points.

1. Standards and Programs
2. Respecting Parents Rights and restoring genuine Local Control.
3. Student Safety including Data Privacy
4. Supporting our classroom teachers, they are the front line of education.
5. Withdraw from the SBAC and reevaluate our assessment policies.
6. Supporting school choice

Idaho can break from the “common” and raise the bar, both nationally and internationally. We can lead the way and set the pace, being firmly rooted with a solid base and reaching out to thriving upward growth!

With a degree in education and field focused post graduate studies, possessing a proven record of leadership, a background in business management, knowledge of education resources, and a current front line classroom educator, I believe, uniquely qualify me as the most capable and effective choice to lead Idaho’s Education future

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FURTHER PROOF THAT COMMON CORE IS NOT THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR IDAHO By John Eynon



Common Core meeting at the Capital

As a voter and a candidate, but especially as a parent, I appreciated the House and Senate Joint Forum to discuss the issue of bringing Common Core into Idaho. This is despite the fact the forum occurred when most parents are working. Part of an education Superintendent's outreach includes being available when parents (and teachers) are through with work. I will keep that in mind should I be honored to be elected to the position.

Both sides of the panel demonstrated a high degree of professionalism and preparedness. Ms. Stephanie Zimmerman and Ms. Dorothy Moon demonstrated to our Education Secretary Arne Duncan that they had more going for them than just "white

suburban soccer moms". They demonstrated they are well educated, serious, and concerned for the welfare of their children. Further, as serious and concerned parents, they showed why we should be worried about the intrusive reporting system called SLDS that violates student privacy and undermines parental control. I fail to understand the need to monitor our children across nearly 300 "data points".

The turning point came when Stephanie Zimmerman responded to the claim made by Mr. Luna that parents and teachers had participated in the vetting of Idaho Core Standards and SBAC during forums held throughout Idaho. She correctly states this was not true. These forums occurred largely "ex post facto" (after the fact) of Idaho bringing Common Core into our state. The forums were a day late and a dollar short. How is it possible to have meaningful input regarding policy decisions when the forums come after the Superintendent assures the Federal Government Idaho will support Common Core, as part of getting out of No Child Left Behind?

Dorothy Moon demonstrated honesty and sincerity when she explained to the panel why she found it necessary to retire early from her position as Special Education Administrator. I hold her and those like her in the highest regard. They refused to send the personal data of their special needs students without parental consent to the Federal Government. If I am elected, the sending of our children's personal data to the federal government will end. No teacher will be put in that position under my watch.

Mr. Bruce Cook provided fresh insight to the fact that there are executive level school administrators in this state who have the courage to step out and tell it like it is with regards to the cost in time, and resources to our local schools to implement an untested and unproven experimental set of standards and new testing paradigm. SBAC is a recipe for continued embattlement of the many professional and dedicated teachers in our schools. Our teachers have been made the "scapegoats" in this entire discussion on "education reform".

Our schools have been in a perpetual state of "reform" since the 1970's. What does the so called "progressive reform movement" have to show for their mandates? A decline in student achievement and a meteoric rise in the expense and growth of the US Department of Education. Our nation surpassed every other nation in the world in education, research, and industrial development in the 1950's. It is only common sense to restore our educational system to the principles of educational policy that made this nation great.

The attention in education today is pre-occupied around data-driven activities. It has reached the point where our students are losing the "joy of learning". Finger painting, playing the recorder in elementary music classes, and putting on historical re-enactment plays in history classes ... these fun activities are being squeezed out of the classroom to make time for test preparation on the computer. Our children are more than "human drones" to be programmed to become good workers.

COTTAGE-SITE POSITION PAPER

By Todd Hatfield Candidate for State Controller



Article IX, Section 8 of the Idaho Constitution states: “*The legislature shall have the power to authorize the state board of land commissioners to exchange granted or acquired lands of the state on an equal value basis for other lands . . .*” The constitution further states: “*The legislature shall . . . provide by law that the general grants of lands . . . be judiciously located and carefully preserved and held in trust . . .*” Consistent with the state constitution and applicable state statutes, the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners (Land Board) voted unanimously in February 2010 “... to unify the cottage site estate; recognizing that the continuation of a long-term cottage leasing program falls short of maximizing the financial return that could be generated from alternative investments.” This decision to unify fee simple title to the cottage sites was the first and last good decision of the Land Board towards meeting this much needed and worthwhile state trust land management objective.

In December 2010, the Land Board unanimously approved the much-anticipated Cottage Site Plan. The findings and recommendations of this report initiated a very expensive and timely lake lot disposition process, including substantial cost over-runs and delays on flawed appraisals and property boundary surveys as well as numerous lawsuits. The costs and delays continue to accrue after the controversy and failure of the proposed commercial property exchanges presented by the Idaho Department of Lands (Department) at the land board meeting on October 2013. The result of this much-maligned effort has been more lost income to the State Endowment beneficiaries and a loss of confidence, credibility and trust in government by cottage site leaseholders and other landowner interests across Idaho. After four years, all the Land Board and Department have accomplished is the sale auction of thirteen (13) cottage sites of which several were turn-backs from frustrated leaseholders who tired and walked from the leasehold.

The problems have been well chronicled in the media and at numerous public meetings in Boise, McCall, Coeur d’Alene and Priest Lake. The problems are the people and the processes coming out of Boise. As a candidate for State Controller and a member sitting on the Land Board, I would aggressively advocate for unification of the cottage sites to be completed in three (3) years through exchange or sale auction. Both exchange and sale auction are allowed in the state constitution and should have a role in the disposition of the cottage sites with each opportunity having its advantages and disadvantages to the leaseholders.

If elected to State Controller and in my fiduciary responsibility as a constitutional officer of the State of Idaho, I would pursue a policy to direct the Department to develop and implement a “land for land” exchange program to expeditiously and judiciously relocate difficult and under-performing land assets for other land assets that the Department has a core competency in managing. These prioritized lands would include agricultural, forested and mineralized lands. Agricultural cash receipts are approaching \$8 billion annually and represent 20% of the Idaho economy. Revenue from forest products represents between 75-80% of the net income to the State Endowment beneficiaries. This core competency of the Department to manage natural resource lands in the largest sectors of the Idaho economy should be championed for its primary benefit to the Endowment beneficiaries and secondary, economic flow-down benefit through jobs and tax revenue to the beneficiaries and communities.

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All land exchanges need to be financially prudent and legally permissible. Unfortunately, the Land Board and Department miscalculated and mishandled the commercial property exchanges at considerable loss to the Endowment beneficiaries and expense to the cottage site leaseholders. The flawed appraisal and financial valuation and the threatened legal challenges to the commercial property transactions has delayed one current land for land exchange transaction (forest for cottage site) and disrupted all future land exchange opportunities while the Land Board and Department attempt to reinvent the wheel. The State of Idaho had a long history from 1890 to 2012 of successfully completing administrative “land for land” exchanges involving natural resource lands with little or no question of meeting its financial fiduciary responsibility, while avoiding legal challenges and political whiplash. The old adage “if it isn’t broke, don’t fix it” seems to be lost on the current members of the Land Board and the executive management at the Department.

As the State Controller whose chief duties are the financial officer of the State of Idaho, I would vote to re-emphasize “land for land” exchanges as the primary means to unify fee title of the cottage sites. I would be a proponent for the option of a reasonable voluntary sale auction program removed of heavy-handed tactics from overzealous and unresponsive Department staff with an agenda to own buildings and operate businesses. I would ensure a fair and equitable appraisal process for valuing land and improvements. I would give the Director of the Department a clear mandate to exit the cottage site leasing business in three (3) years, except for those leaseholders wishing to remain in a leasehold position subject to reasonable market-driven rental rates. Furthermore, I would encourage and support legislative intervention from the state legislature to define the meaning of a land exchange and what constitutes a qualifying land exchange to regain the spirit of the document written by Idaho’s Founders. And, finally and most importantly, I would not acquiesce to election year politics or the threat of a lawsuit from the Attorney General to delay or oppose any and all land exchange opportunities that would clearly improve the net income and return on asset to the Endowment beneficiaries. As your State Controller, I would lead out in front and not follow from behind to meet my fiduciary responsibility to the trusts while treating the cottage site leaseholders with the deserved appreciation and respect befitting them after the many years of angst and frustration at the hands of the Land Board and Department. Check out Todd’s web site at <http://toddhathfield.com/>

WHO’S LAWS WILL GOVERN US - LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Legislature is going to be considering a bill regarding American Laws for American Courts. We should only obey laws passed by those we directly elect to office. This should include (exclude) laws of other nations and laws (or regulations) from international governing organizations. Our Idaho Constitution states (Article 1, Section 3) that the US Constitution is the supreme law of the land. Only an amendment to this document can alter the guidance that we use to govern this state.

Many of the laws and dictates passed by other nations and other governmental organizations do not align with our values and the way of life that the people of Idaho cherish. Following any other laws would jeopardize our sovereignty and our freedoms. What are the ramifications of honoring laws from other states? Could marijuana growers who are licensed in other states raise crops here? Can I carry my concealed handgun in New York or Washington, DC?

We need to protect the ability to pass laws that make our state a better place to live.

Paula Davina

The International Treaty That Will Destroy Our National Sovereignty and Censor Everything You Are About To Read by Vanessa Yohn

While Americans are watching Duck Dynasty's Phil or Obama Care's federal health care intrusion into states sovereignty, these are just distractions from a much larger and ominous threat. We are losing our national sovereignty through the secret drafting of the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP).

What is Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP)? It is a "trade agreement" that has little to do with trade. TPP gives ruling authority over the citizens of all nations involved, to the corporations, above and beyond their own national sovereignty. In the United States of America TPP would supersede our Constitution. Countries would be obliged to conform all their domestic laws and regulations to the TPP's rules--in effect, a corporate coup d'état. TPP may not be altered unless all countries agreed, regardless of domestic election outcomes or changes in public opinion, when signed.

Initially, 12 nations will be a party to this treaty including the United States, Mexico, Canada, Japan, Australia, Brunei, Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam. Mr. Obama is reportedly seeking "trade promotion authority" which would give him the ability to sign this treaty before Congress even votes on it. In other words, he will attempt to make an end run around Congress.

TPP will impose internet copyright rules on internet use, change labor laws, enforce restrictive environmental standards, promote unsafe food-safety standards and increase the cost of health care while decreasing its availability. Perhaps this is why Obama Care is allowed to be such a debacle. It will not matter that this failed health care program is broken once TPP comes into fruition. A universal health care plan could ensue established through nations with much lower standards than our own. TPP will determine your freedom of speech; it will trample over your individual rights, and your creative freedoms which will include writing an article such as this one. It will export millions of more manufacturing jobs from the United States economy to foreign interests. It will allow Wall Street bankers to go ahead with risky financial products that helped to cause the economic crisis in the first place. TPP will ensure that we will be on a fast track into a global economy which has already proven slowly disastrous to our once great nation.

In other words, "If you read, write, publish, think, listen, dance, sing or invent; if you farm or consume food; if you're ill now or might one day be ill, TPP has you in its crosshairs," Assuage of Wiki Leaks said last month.

This is one of the most important political issues facing Americans yet little has been reported by the mainstream media. Few of us Americans are even aware of what TPP means. Should the Trans Pacific Partnership be ratified, writers such as myself will fade quietly into the night, never to be heard from again, along with all of our current eroding freedoms.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A TIME FOR CHANGE By Robert Forrey

Election time is rolling around and it will soon be May and the primary elections. Every qualified citizen must vote if we expect to return Idaho's government to its proper role.

Let me give you a few examples:

Gov. Otter is running for re-election in the Republican Party. He believes that the Land Board should expand the school endowment portfolio to include more commercial properties, which will increase the size of government. The Republican Platform that he is running on, states, "We endorse the review of all government programs and encourage their assumption by private enterprise." The Governor is not doing this.

State Controller Brandon Woolf was appointed to the Land Board to replace Donna Jones and is running to be elected to the office in May.

Mr. Woolf was not in office when the policy was made for the Land Board to enter into the private commercial world but he was the Deputy Controller and has voted with the majority on the Board to acquire more commercial property since he became a Board member. He is running on the Republican Platform which states: "The proper role of government is to provide only those critical functions that cannot be performed by the individuals or private organizations." Woolf votes for more government. I believe that all of these three candidates running for office as Republicans are being dishonest when their actions in office are not in conformance with the Platform they run on.

The May 2014 primary election is our chance to send a message to all five members of the current Land Board and elect honest people who won't say one thing when running for office, then do just the opposite after they are elected.

The current Land Board members are Governor Otter, Secretary of State Ysura, Controller Woolf, Attorney General Wasden and Superintendent of Public Instruction Luna. All five must be replaced.

Robert Forrey is a former Legislator



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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR
Anagnorisis Peripeteia By Darr Moon**

The meaning anagnorisis peripeteia came to me via the star of Discovery Channel's "Dirty Jobs" Mike Rowe, the celebrated apprentice to every nasty job we're told Americans will no longer do. I think you will gain the appreciation of these words as we witness a great tragedy unfold in our nation of hypocrites, hypochondriacs and hi-jackers. Seems, the experts have had it all wrong. Of course they have, they are the ruling elitists who never got their hands dirty while advancing their careers in America's failing experiment of societal manipulation. I can't think of any momumentus dictum brought down from the mountains of knowledge by these beggars of social sanguinity that actually panned out as advertised. In fact, those of us in lowly places down here in "realsville" where the working man supports the upper echelons of the elitist establishment, better wise up and soon. The notion that big government, centralized planning and equal outcome is a sound investment for our future better wig the wax out or face the dire consequences.

I'd like you to take 20 minutes to watch this TED presentation by Mike Rowe. I've found the TED lecture series generally left wing nut job dissertation from bloated elitist cows but this one is different. Think about worldly wisdom, about those things your grandparents taught you while you watch this video. Then contemplate global warming, national health care, common core education, equal outcome, the poor, who built this nation, immigration, crime, why are we in debt, what is our foreign policy, why are we always at war, who's in charge, how do we change it, does anybody care?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRVdiHu1VCc>

**A REMINDER TO ALL OUR READERS WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED TO
VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN CLOSED PRIMARY**

**THE DEADLINE TO DECLARE YOUR PARTY AFFILIATION IS
March 14, 2014**

We would just want to remind everyone that the Republican primary election is a closed election and you can only vote if you are registered as a republican. So if you want your vote to be effective and truly want to change the Moderate Establishment Republicans that have given us The State Health Care Exchange inviting Obamacare into our state and who have given us Common Core Standards against a huge public outcry go to the link below.

This link: <http://www.idahovotes.gov/vinfo.htm>

Once you are on the web-site if you are not a registered Republican you can click on the

**POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION PDF AND PRINT A COPY OF
THE IDAHO POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION DECLARATION
FORM.**

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AND PASS THEM OUT AT YOUR NEXT MEETING.**

After you have filled out the form you can go to the following web site:

www.idahovotes.gov/clerk.htm

Here you will find the current list of County Clerk's office addresses. Fill out the form and send it to your appropriate county clerk. Make sure you date and sign the form.

REMEMBER THE DEADLINE IS MARCH 14, 2014

IDAHO FREEDOM FOUNDATION BUDGET WOULD DRAMATICALLY CUT TAXES AND FUND SCHOOLS AND ROADS

By Wayne Hoffman

The Gem State Patriot is pleased to publish this article written by Mr. Wayne Hoffman as he has taken a lot of time to actually come up with a proposal that makes sense. It is too bad that our Governor does not have the same abilities to come up with solutions that would benefit the citizens of Idaho as the Idaho Freedom Foundation has done. The problem with our political system is that no one really wants to find a solution but instead would rather keep on going along to get along which keeps perpetual cronyism in vogue. It's about time we elected some new blood that actually want to find solutions to our problems. 2014 can be a year for change but you have to be willing to get out and register to vote and than go to the polls and make your vote count..

The Idaho Freedom Foundation on January 27, 2014 released a proposed alternative state budget that would dramatically cut taxes but still leave funds available to pay for schools and begin a general fund investment in the state's roads and public defender programs. IFF's proposed budget would cut taxes by \$180 million, enough to eliminate the corporate income tax or eliminate the tax on groceries.

This is the second year IFF has provided lawmakers with an alternative to Gov. Butch Otter's budget proposal. The IFF budget blueprint would spend about \$2.836 billion, about 2 percent more than is being spent under the current state budget. Otter's proposed budget grows state spending by \$2.947 billion, or about 6 percent, when several of Otter's spending proposals are treated as expenses against the general fund. Larger tax cuts in the IFF budget are achieved by putting less money into budget reserve accounts and eliminating much of the additional spending.

"Eliminating the corporate income tax is just one option this budget presents lawmakers; under this plan, legislators could also completely eliminate the tax on groceries or lower other marginal tax rates," said IFF President Wayne Hoffman. "It's time for a bold shift in public policy, one that lifts up Idahoans by leaving more money in the economy while still paying for priority public services."

The budget would also commit \$10 million of state general fund money to roads, a departure from the state's history of funding road projects with gas taxes and federal funds.

"Safe highways and bridges can no longer be regarded as a 'user fee' proposition. Everyone benefits from transportation infrastructure. If the Legislature doesn't commit to funding roads using general tax receipts, eventually lawmakers will opt to raise taxes and fees and no matter what the increase, it will never be enough," Hoffman said.

The IFF budget provides a 2 percent pay increase for public employees, including teachers and funding for school technology. The budget also fully funds the justice reinvestment recommendations of the Council of State Governments, which would reduce incarceration rates and still keep Idaho a safe place to live. It would also provide funding for a pilot public defender program that would employ free market principles in the defense of criminal defendants.

To see this proposed budget please follow the link below.

<http://idahofreedom.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/iff-alternative-budget.pdf>

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March 29

**An Evening with DUCK
A&E's DYNASTY**

**Happy, Happy, Happy
An Evening with Duck Dynasty**

- Event Date: 3/29/2014
- Doors Open: 5:30 PM
- Show Starts: 7:00 PM
- Venue: Idaho Center Arena
- Ticket Prices: \$27, \$37, \$47 + ticketing fees
- On-Sale Date: 12/2/2013 10:00 AM
- Presenter: Denney for Idaho

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An Evening with A&E's Duck Dynasty
Idaho Center Arena
Saturday, March 29, 2014 7:00pm

Denney for Idaho is proud to announce Happy, Happy, Happy: An Evening with A&E's Duck Dynasty. Come hear stars, Phil, Miss Kay, Alan, and Lisa Robertson speak on their Family values and America's Heritage.

Ticket Prices:
P1: \$47.00 - F1; F2; A2-A4; A16-A19
P2: \$37.00 - F3; A5-A15; C27-C31; C44-C48
P3: \$27.00 - C32-C43

All tickets subject to customer convenience and/or handling fees

NO ALCOHOL

SCHEDULE OF ORGANIZATIONAL EVENTS FEBRUARY & MARCH

Feb. 4th. 2014 Custer County Tea Party will host John Eynon, at Liberty Hall, Challis.

Feb . 5th 2014 Statehouse Capital at 10:00 am: West Wing room 17 Jim Chmelik Idaho County Commissioner will formally announce his candidacy for Lt. Governor.

Feb. 5th. 2014 Gem County Tea Party will meet at the Pizza Factory. Pizza will be served from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. A \$2.00 donation for pizza would be appreciated. The donations help to continue the meetings at the Pizza Factory. There will be two guest speakers. Jeff Wright author of Citizen's Last Stand and Alexandria Kincaid from 3G Law

Feb. 11th. 2014 Act for America will meet at 7:00 pm the Meridian Veterans Hall, 22 W. Broadway Ave. in the upstairs meeting room.

Feb. 20th. 2014 Sandpoint's Patriots will meet at 6:00 pm at The Panhandle Environmental Health Ctr. 322 Marion, Sandpoint.

Mar. 13th. 2014 Mini-Cassia Tea Party will hold a meet the challenger forum for candidates running for Idaho's Constitutional Officers and the Candidate for House of Representatives for district 2 Idaho.

MAR. 29th. 2014 Duck Dynasty will land at the Idaho Center Nampa. Sponsored by Lawrence Denney for Idaho. See page 32 for further details on tickets.



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