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Welcome to The Gem State Patriot, we are a not for profit newsletter.

Words of Praise

We would like to thank Idahoans for Local Education and The 912 Project for their valiant effort in educating our citizens about "Common Core." Held at Boise Centre on the Grove, the Common Core conference was one of the most informative meetings yet to be held on this issue. More than 200 concerned citizens paid to learn about these new and unproven education standards for grades K-12.

While Superintendent Tom Luna held 20 meetings about Common Core, it is not clear these standards will work. In fact, why would we need these new federal standards if previous federal efforts like Race to the Top, No Child Left Behind, or National Governor's Association initiatives would have worked? The fact that we're still trying to implement federal standards shows past attempts have failed.

We also find it interesting how meetings on these issues are largely held in high-population counties. Parents in small-population also need a chance to question the Superintendent on the state's plans with Common Core. Maybe this is partly why many parents don't understand Common Core's impact?

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My View: “Political Cronyism,” by Tea Party Bob

We have all been listening to the President’s rhetoric on how he is going to focus on fixing the economy. He says he is going to take Laser Focus on our problems and work to solve them. Where has he been for the past four and a half years. I’ll tell you where he has been, campaigning that causes dissention among America’s classes and races. This President hasn’t got a clue how to fix our economy. All he seems to know is how to tax and spend more of our money. Government has no desire to solve our monetary problems; in fact, they want them to get worse so they will have a reason to tax us even more.

If you want to help revive the U.S. economy, the Fed needs to end its ZIRP (zero interest rate policy). In the last 4 years the government has cost the middle class and elderly savers in our country \$10.8 trillion in earned interest usage. How is this possible? Read the story. <http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2013-07-17/savers-and-real-108-trillion-cost-zirp> Thanks to “Uncle Ben” Bernanke (from our illustrious Federal Reserve) responsible savers have had interest they should have earned from their savings given to the banks to invest in commodities and other markets, raising prices on all goods and services. That money also finds its way out of this country when it should be reinvested here. The government wants to continue this dangerous policy because the banks and bankers have always had the power of the purse when it comes to servicing our debt. Our monetary policies need to change or we are heading for a great abyss. Since Obama took office, the median income has dropped 8.2% from \$55,198 in 2009 to \$50,678 in August 2012. (Data by Sentier Research)

It’s time to stop giving our hard earned money to political crony bankers, foreign countries and wasteful governmental bureaucratic entities which do nothing but create more regulations that inhibit business investment in the U.S. Free enterprise has always been the answer, not more government intervention and regulation. The President always tries to deflect his bad economic policies. Think about how many times he has said in a speech: The economy is growing, look how well the stock market is doing. Keep in mind only 52% of all Americans own stocks in a self-directed IRA or mutual fund. That is a 15 year low. Most of the decline has taken place with middle-class Americans. The top 1% of Americans control 43% of the financial wealth, while the bottom 80% control only 7% of the wealth. You can go down to your local bank and open a savings account, which is considered pretty much a risk free account. But you can’t get any interest on your money unless you lock it up for a year or more; and even then you will only get 1-1.5% in interest. They drive people that don’t want risk to their savings into areas like the stock market where the risk is much higher. Safe money is a thing of the past unless it’s in your home safe or stuffed in to your mattress.

In a speech given by Bryan Smith, candidate for our 2nd congressional district at a recent leadership meeting, he spoke about how Congressman Simpson voted for the TARP plan proposed by then Secretary of the Treasury, Hank Paulson. He quoted Simpson as saying “**When I looked into the Treasury Secretary’s eyes I could see fear.**” So Simpson said he had to vote for the TARP plan. Let me tell you readers that the only fear that Congressman Simpson saw in Hank Paulson’s eyes was the fear that Goldman Sachs was going to go belly up if they were not rescued by the TARP Fund. People seem to forget that Hank Paulson came out of Goldman Sachs and still held more than \$500 million worth of Goldman Sachs stock when everything was going down the toilet. Hank’s only fear is that he would have lost the fortune he had amassed during his career. He needed to convince congress that they should take taxpayer dollars and bail out the Banks that had been gambling in sub-prime mortgages and derivatives for years.

You will almost never find a politician or a bureaucrat willing to do the right thing for the people if it will harm them financially or harm anything they may have a vested interest in. If Americans truly want change we need to work together and clean house in 2014. We need to get rid of the cronies whose only interest is maintaining the status quo so they can continue to get wealthy on our dime. We need to stop feeding the banks and bureaucrats. Banks and government have been working hand in hand for decades. They do not want change as they fear losing control, so it is up to us to vote in the right people that can effect change.

MEDICAID EXPANSION by Senator Sheryl L. Nuxoll

Medicaid Expansion is the second part of Obamacare that will stifle and destroy our country with its cost, regulations, and “government is the answer” attitude. Expansion would remove citizens from the labor force, coupled with inability to move out of entitlement. A great historic example is the colony of pilgrims that landed at Plymouth. William Bradford, their leader, almost helped drive the pilgrims to extinction after trying to setup and manage a collective property system. No one had a stake in property, so no one tried to develop that property. Similarly, a person on an entitlement has little stake in the economy. They are removed from it, losing, among other things, some of their self-reliance.

Once the state agrees to expand Medicaid, more citizens will either sign on or be forced onto the program. We are looking at around 100,000 more enrollees and, as the federal poverty level goes up, more families will be forced into Medicaid. A family of four making \$30,000 a year would qualify for taxpayer-funded Medicaid. The federal government, which is out of money, has agreed to pay 100% for first years (except for \$30 million in annual administration costs). After that, Medicaid will cost the state more money than they receive. According to the Heritage Foundation, Idaho taxpayers will pay \$149 million through 2022.

Governor Nikki Haley of South Carolina says Medicaid is “a broken program, a program that stifles innovation, discourages personal responsibility, and encourages fraud, abuse and over use of services.” Medicaid needs reform, not expansion. The state of Maine officially requested permission to begin cutting its existing Medicaid program. Refusing to expand Medicaid undermines the central goal of Obamacare. Refusing to redistribute wealth through Medicaid expansion will help to undermine the very structures that produced the health care crisis.

Can the feds continue their funding by raising taxes on people who work? Again, after the first three years, the state will footing the bill for expansion. Where will Idaho get the money? From education?

The problems of Medicaid expansion are:

1. The system is dysfunctional because there is a separation between payer and the user of the services. This results in no incentive to inquire about prices or to shop around for the best choice; no incentive to avoid bad health habits; no incentive to develop prudent habits such as exercise, healthy diet, or savings; and no incentive to be responsible. The physician must be reconnected with patient and the patient with payment. This will help preserve the rich moral and spiritual tradition that gave birth to hospitals in the first place.

2. We do not have a free market system of health care because the government pays for 1/2 of medical care and regulates the health insurance industry. Government health care is anything but compassionate. Competition is the method for improving quality and prices by cooperation in free markets. We know what we pay for an auto, but not for a knee surgery. Lasik surgery and cosmetic surgery have gone down in price because they are not regulated by the federal government. Many travel out of the country for surgery or for health recovery because of lack of insurance and cost.

3. The coding system ties down the doctors and the hospitals to time and treatment, no matter what the situation is or how good and experienced the doctors are. No one knows the cost. As humans, we have the right to basic care, love, attention; that includes medical care. But we don't have the right to every single desirable product and service available, demanding the limitless efforts of others without remuneration. Nor do we have the right to assume that the government is the primary means of fulfilling that right.

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Some Solutions are:

- **Let the consumer pay the provider instead of providers competing for the business of bureaucracies. Eliminate barriers to competition so that health services can drive prices down and so that consumers can choose and know how much they really are paying, rather than insurance companies paying the bill. Sell insurance across state lines. Remove regulations that burden charitable providers to low-income people. Eliminate price controls by the government.** Abandon the insurance monopoly and let doctors go to a cash only system to free up the red tape and provide time for patients.
- **Expand HSAs (2003)(tax free)** which give the consumer the price sensitivity and flexibility in health care decisions. **Eliminate the insurance requirement on HSA** and increase HSA contribution limits to allow employers to deposit the full value of worker's health benefits. **Reform the tax structure** to discourage excessive health coverage and to encourage individual, rather than employer-based insurance and health care purchases. Allow tax free HSA withdrawals for all health insurance premiums. **Change to a flat tax.**
- **Set up a defined contribution method** as opposed to defined benefit in which Medicare and Medicaid can issue vouchers and recipients have a choice how to use it. Recipients should have more control of the money. Money gives freedom and the power of choice to the recipient.
- **Deregulate codes that bind providers to rules rather than common sense and compassion** for the patient.
- **Reform licensing of providers.** This will help lower costs.
- **Dismantle how Medicaid rewards states for recruiting more enrollees.**
- **Freeze Medicaid payments to states** and give states more flexibility over funds.
- **Stop federal moratorium on specialty hospitals.**
- **Tort reform and reform of malpractice laws.**

A free clinic in Caldwell for healthcare was started by a Bible study group, looking to give something to their community. The clinic operates one night a week, serving people who have no insurance and do not qualify for Medicaid—people served by the county indigent program. It saved county taxpayers \$500,000 on a 2.5 million county indigent budget. It is so successful that the program is adding another night per week. What a great way to expand healthcare so people have a way to stay in the work force.

The Good Samaritan parable teaches us a great lesson. The Bible tells us that the Good Samaritan comes upon a beaten Jew. Being closest to the situation, the Good Samaritan, with compassion, recognizes the poor man's needs and uses his own resources. Here is local charity and personal involvement in action, including paying the innkeeper for future expenses. He could not have helped if he had not the wealth to do so. **He used his own resources and wealth.** God did not tell him to run to the government for help.

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To help the poor, we need to help the whole person—material, spiritual, and emotional. Government cannot do that. Why? Because law requires government to treat everyone as the same and equal. But we are not all the same since we each have different needs. People in government, even though working hard, can't give the personal attention needed for all the different needs for the whole person. These needs are best met outside of government through churches, non-profits, families. Government must allow them to work without telling them how to do it. Our duty is to limit the power of the federal government. Concern for the poor doesn't require faith in big government. It requires faith in the fullness of the Christian message. It demands personal attention from us. The free-enterprise system provides this opportunity for us. This is the power of people working together. Freedom is power.

The solution of first resort for health care for the poor ought to be religious charity, where needs are best met locally. This is how our unrivaled health care system came into being—through the Christian Churches and private charity who established all of the hospitals, clinics, and healthcare work. Christendom invented the hospital under the umbrella of Christian mercy. Depriving Church-going citizens of private means by over-taxation is not compassion. How can they give personal attention to the poor at the level closest to the person? Paying taxes replaces individual and local involvement and responsibility.

Forcing us to pay taxes to support government charity may “feel good,” but where is the personal involvement? If we are going to genuinely assist suffering humanity, our feelings must be disciplined according to reason and common sense. Other private organizations, individuals, charities have a major responsibility to provide the necessary care before the state gets involved. An example is the Ronald McDonald House Charities. It provides a “home away from home” to families to stay close to their hospitalized child at little or no cost. Other private and religious charities provide free care, like Mercy's Catholic hospital in Maine.

Trapping people into dependency is not compassion. St. Paul, in 1 Timothy 5: 9-14, warned against a church not providing a daily distribution of food to young, able-bodied widows lest they become idlers, gossips, and busybodies. In place of generous souls animated by love of neighbor, we set up a soulless bureaucracy run by government workers distant from the very people they are supposed to help. They are then funded by politicians seeking out constituents by promising benefits, instead of ensuring people have the freedom to create their own destinies. Free enterprise allows us to use resources to care for ourselves and others. It allows us to use our gifts to help others in need. Why do we find resistance to free enterprise? Yes, there is greed, but greed is found in government as well as in free enterprise. In fact, greed in government is worse than in free enterprise because government faces no competition to control its greed. Our job is to limit greed for money and power. The greatest opportunity for greed is government cronyism through regulation.

The best anti-poverty program is giving business the freedom to create jobs—helping others fulfill themselves with creativity and initiative. “I have never heard of a country who developed on aid,” said Ghanaian software developer Herman Chinery-Hesse, “the Bill Gates of Africa.” “I know about countries that developed on trade and innovation and business.” Where there is economic freedom, poor people move out of poverty and into prosperity. The absence of freedom traps people in poverty; just look at Third World countries receiving aid, instead of starting businesses.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, if all states expanded Medicaid as called for in Obamacare, those states will pay a combined total of \$73 billion between 2014 and 2022. Governor Perry of Texas said his state would not expand Medicaid due to the costs — anywhere from \$16 billion to \$27 billion over the next 10 years. And Governor Haley said expanding Medicaid would cost South Carolina nearly \$2.4 billion over seven years. Government taking from people, preventing those people from doing more to help others, is not compassion. It is dependence on government through the force of taxation.

The Silent Truths of Common Core

Unlike most public policy changes that merit legislative consideration and debate, the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) were ushered into Idaho using the enticement of stimulus money targeted directly to state governors and chief school officers through Obama's "Race to the Top" (RttT) competitive grant program. As such, no legislative approval was needed or sought. Only Governor Otter, State Superintendent Tom Luna (his board of education) and the Senate Education Committee had any say in the matter. Most legislators knew nothing about it and the required *notice of public meetings* were only "noticed" by the public if we knew enough to look for the information.

Idaho committed to these "college and career ready" standards through the RttT grant application process, sight unseen, as the first draft was not released until two months *after* the application was submitted. Idaho agreed to an additional incentive by applying for a federal waiver to certain provisions of the previous *No Child Left Behind* program. Idaho did not win any stimulus money, but we were granted the waiver (only through school year 2013) which cemented our obligation to implement Common Core - as did most other short-sighted, cash-starved states who applied in 2010.

Under Common Core, Idaho will no longer have direct control over the education standards in our state, nor will the districts, the schools, the teachers or the parents. The standards were developed behind closed doors by Achieve, Inc., a private organization under the direction of *progressive reformers* who have long sought to standardize education across the country and centralize control in Washington, DC. Oversight of the development process is credited to two private trade associations based in Washington, the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) who now own a joint copyright on the standards. States will have little practical recourse should they desire to modify the standards. Interestingly, our own Superintendent Tom Luna is the immediate past president of the CCSSO.

Hundreds of millions in project funding was and continues to be provided through grants from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and others in the technology, software, curriculum, and progressive reform industry. As a result, they held significant influence over nearly every aspect of the standards development process. Their investment will undoubtedly generate a significant return given the enormous amount of money spent in the education arena - an arena that is occupied by an ever-dwindling number of players. It's worth noting that both the NGA and the CCSSO each received tens of millions in grant funding by the Gates Foundation in support of their active promotion of the Common Core initiative. We see this blending of big business and big government as one of the most expansive examples of cronyism we have seen to date, with our children, teachers and schools the pawns in the process.

In violation of at least three different federal laws, the US Department of Education funded the development of the related national tests through additional stimulus money (you know, the same \$800+ billion in stimulus money that was to bring jobs to America...). An April 2009 report called "Smart Options" (also funded by Gates) summarized by saying this, "*The federal government's unprecedented \$100 billion investment in our nation's public schools through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) offers a once-in-a-generation opportunity to transform public education.*" It is this report that defines the "*four mandatory assurances*" required for RttT grant consideration. They are: 1) college-and-work-ready standards, 2) data systems, 3) teacher effectiveness and distribution, 4) enhanced assessments, supports and interventions

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Disturbingly, the data systems requirement for the collection of student level data now include provisions for collecting highly sensitive and personally identifiable information about students and their families. Such as nicknames, hobbies, health records, disciplinary actions, behavioral concerns, family income, religious affiliations, and parents political affiliations and more. Over 400 data points have been identified in all. Mr. Luna assures us that no more data is being collected now than was done before Common Core. We believe him, for now. Yet the provisions remain, and who's to say where and when those practices might change. The P-20-W descriptor of the state longitudinal data system (also funded by stimulus money) means that data will be cumulative from preschool through secondary education and into the workforce. In fact, the infrastructure is already in place to share an individual's data with the Idaho Department of Labor! Where will it end?

The empty selling points we continue to hear from Superintendent Luna and his department include assurances that they'll be "keeping their eye on Common Core" - that Idaho has the ability to withdraw from Common Core at any time if they feel our state sovereignty is at risk. However, the *Memorandum of Understanding* agreed to with our testing consortium (SBAC – made up of 20+ states) makes it clear there is a five-step compliance process required before any state may exit. In a final blow to state educational sovereignty, the last step actually requires getting permission from the US Department of Education.

The standards themselves are also questionable. To date, no empirical evidence exists to support the chorus of claims that they are more rigorous, as a whole, than our current state standards. In fact, at least two members of the CCSS validation committee refused to sign off on the standards due to their concerns about adequacy.

And then there's the estimated implementation cost to Idaho of approximately \$99 million over 7 years (per cost analysis by Accountability Works, published by Pioneer Institute, Feb 2012). Tax payers will be left footing the bill of yet another soon-to-fail federal mandate.

When asked why we're so concerned about Common Core it's hard to narrow it down to just one specific issue because there is so much to be worried about that will negatively affect our children, families, communities, and ultimately, our nation. Idaho's state and local educational sovereignty is under attack by powerful corporations, the federal government, and even our own elected state leadership.

July 16, 2013

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The Light Foot Militia

Article XIV of the Idaho Constitution calls for the State legislature to provide for a citizens militia, and the Governor to commission the officers. However, the militia has been inactive for several years. Since 2009, Bonner, Benewah, Boundary, Kootenai and Shoshone counties of Idaho have organized county militias. Now Ada county is organizing a "Light Foot Militia". Over 100 citizens have indicated a desire to join. The first meeting was held on Tuesday, June 4 at 7 PM in the American Legion building at the corner of Meridian Road and Broadway in Meridian (behind the City Hall).

All subsequent meetings will be held at the same time and place on the first Tuesday of each month. Over 40 citizens attended the first meeting. However, to be sworn into membership a person must survive a criminal background check. A Concealed Weapons License (CCW) from the sheriff will prove your background has been approved. Lacking a CCW there are private firms that can certify your background for a small fee. The Idaho Constitution calls for all Male citizens between the ages of 18 and 45 years to be in the Militia. However, Senator Jim Rice of Caldwell has introduced a constitutional amendment to eliminate gender and age discrimination so that women and older people can serve in the militia. This amendment must be approved by both houses and a vote of the people. 31 citizens have now been sworn into membership in the Militia, and more appear at every meeting. Members must supply their own weapons and submit to physical and weapons training. When officers are elected, they will be submitted to the Governor for approval, and the militia plans offer its services to the county sheriff for assistance in disaster relief, search and rescue, and control of civil unrest. The county sheriff is the only law enforcement officer in the nation elected by the people. He is the highest

law enforcement authority in his county, superseding the authority of state and federal officers according to a ruling by the US Supreme Court.

Why do we need a citizens militia ? The answer can be found in the 2nd Amendment; "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." Since every able-bodied man was automatically a member of the militia, the leaders wanted him to have his own firearms so he could serve in the militia when called up. Gun control is not about guns. It is about government control of the people. Article I, Section 8, clauses 15 and 16 of the U.S. Constitution provides for "calling forth the Militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions, providing for organizing, arming and disciplining the Militia -- reserving to the States respectfully, the Appointment of the Officers, and the training of the Militia - "

The State Militia would support state sovereignty. If the State decides to nullify a federal law or regulation it determines to be unconstitutional, and the federal government tries to enforce it, a strong, armed, disciplined and trained militia could defend the State from federal tyranny, and discourage the feds from getting too pushy.

Anyone interested in supporting the Ada County Lightfoot Militia can call Craig Campbell at 208- 286-2612, idccg1a@cableone.net, or attend the next meeting on Tuesday, August 6.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Friends and Family:

I know that there are many, many, many issues facing us in the United States at this time; everything from the IRS scandal to the attempt to federalize education through Common Core to the attempt to take away our 2nd Amendment rights to own and carry guns. I personally do not believe that any of them are more important than the issue of the rise of radical Islam around the world and, in particular, in our country.

The attached article speaks for itself; our current administration is taking steps to help Muslims in this country know what their civil rights are while, at the same time, taking steps to warn the rest of us not to say or do anything that might be considered "offensive" to Muslims. Well, I have to tell you that this does not surprise me at all. Unfortunately, it could very well be the first step toward instituting Sharia law in this country--at first, of course, it would only be for the Muslims, but eventually we would all fall under the auspices of this despicable, immoral, simply horrible law. If you are not aware of Sharia law, you had better research and it learn about it.

You think this could not happen in our country? Think again!! Europe is rapidly becoming a bastion for Muslims and for Sharia law. I just read an article this morning that stated that Great Britain would be a Muslim country within one generation at the current rate of immigration and birth rates in that country. Other countries such as Sweden, Belgium and the Netherlands are also facing growing Muslim populations and have many problems related to this. France has large Muslim populations that segregate themselves from the rest of the country, practice Sharia law, and are so anti-French that they do not allow police or firemen to enter their communities--if the first responders attempt to enter, they are driven out.

The UN is attempting to get nations around the world to accept UN Resolution 16/18 that would, in essence, take away our first amendment right of free speech. This was drafted by the OIC (Organization of Islamic Cooperation) with the support of the U.S. State Department.

How did I become aware of all of this and what is going on? When I visited my father in the hospital shortly before he died in December of 2011, he and my sister told me about a book that Dad had at home and that I should read it. So, while there I found the book in his bedroom and read it. The book was by Brigitte Gabriel entitled "Why they Hate." Brigitte is the founder of Act! for America and is doing all she can to alert citizens of this country to this threat. Get her book and read it; she has an amazing story. But, she is not the only one warning us on this issue. Do you research and learn what we are facing!! Then, do something about it. Work with your state representatives to pass "American Laws for American Courts," join Act! or start a chapter like I have done, go on line (while we still can) and find others who are leading the opposition to Islam and see how you can help.

All I can say, in closing, is don't just read this or ignore it. If you do not become involved, make sure you learn which direction from you home to face when you pray to Mecca.

Warren Grover



Idaho Patriot Academy



Dear Friends,

GREAT NEWS! We have over 30 students registered for our first annual Idaho Patriot Academy being held at the Idaho Statehouse in Boise, August 13th-16th!

Thanks to the generosity of business people and various individuals, **we have enough to fund six more scholarships.** If you know of anyone who would be a good candidate, please let them know and have them give me a call at (208) 869-1709.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER students whether they are scholarship recipients, paying their own way, or being sponsored. The cost to register is \$75.00 and is applied toward the total tuition cost.

If you have a student or know of a student ages 14-25 who would be a good candidate, *it is important to get them signed up.*

Thank you for helping to SPREAD THE WORD about the academy and why our program is both timely and vital in helping to educate young people about our American Heritage and the importance of standing strong on "Principles over Politics".

Our country is at a crossroad.

Albert Einstein wrote: *"The strength of the Constitution lies entirely in the determination of each citizen to defend it. Only if every single citizen feels duty bound to do his share in this defense are the constitutional rights secure."*

Ronald Reagan told us that *"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction."*

There are dozens more quotes I could include, but the bottom line is that **we have become a nation of complacency and our children will suffer the consequences if we do nothing to equip them.**

Your help can make the difference.

Thank you and best regards,



Here is a link to the Idaho Patriot Academy WebPage:

www.patriotacademy.com/academy-dates/idaho-patriot-academy

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Idaho Liberty Summit

August 16th & 17th



Sheriff Mack - Constitutional Sheriffs Association
Defenders of the Bill of Rights and individual and State sovereignty. He explains the most effective solutions for halting the Federal Government's invasion in our communities and our very lives.



Larry Pratt - Executive Director of Gun Owners of America for over 30 years. GOA is a national organization defending your 2nd Amendment Freedom to keep and bear arms.



Utah Representative Ken Ivory - will speak of Idaho's legislation to re-secure local control of land access, land use and land ownership with emphasis on removing current federal control of Idaho's land , timber and mineral resources.



Duke Pesta - Academic Director of Freedom Project Education, an online school alternative. Dr. Pesta a lifelong educator from the University of Wisconsin will inform you about new Common Core Standards for Public Schools.

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Noise Behind the Door by Darr Moon

We have too long been complacent and now complicit in the destruction of our fellow Americans through a merciless enslavement of misplaced compassion. The belief that collectively through the many agencies at all levels of government we can wage a successful war on poverty is just not so. In fact the billions of tax dollars that fund these sort of welfare programs only dig a deeper hole for those languishing in a loss of self-worth. Politicians hand out gifts of charity like candy not realizing that the momentary high giving someone else's money to the woebegone will soon fade condemning those partaking to a life of ruin and poverty. It is a sad fact not understood by many a charitable soul that giving one a fish and not teaching them to fish only leads to more need, more misery and less fishermen. Maybe, the entire social welfare program is better understood by those behind the green curtain than we might first observe. Government charity leads to dependence and that leads to guaranteed votes for the most giving political philanthropists. If we were truly compassionate, we would stop these violations of human dignity and proceed with the only reliable goodness solution; personally directed elevation of the human spirit through honest labor and useful education.

I bring this topic up as recently Dorothy and I bore witness to a tragedy of immense proportion but one all too common and unreported. A week or so ago we left our sons apartment complex next to the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls only to walk down a flight of stairs to meet a young couple stumbling up from the floor below. It was obvious the young man was drunk as he tried to locate the keyhole to the door lock in front of his apartment. He stopped his ineffective effort to join us in a conversation about where he might be allowed to smoke, out maybe there on the stairway at the second floor landing. I suppose it wasn't a foolish question as cigarette butts and ash littered the concrete steps above and below the landing from smoke outs by previous smoke hounds. A friendly chap in his inebriated condition with his wife?, girlfriend?, significant other just now making it to the top of the stairs. Dorothy told him that they should smoke outside the building entrance on the lawn or parking lot area. The female in tow stood there in a catatonic stupor, she just stared blindly ahead without focus obviously lost in her melancholy high. The fellow continued to jimmy the lock with his assortment of keys and from behind the door came the noise of children clamoring about. The anxious rug rats left home alone were anticipating their parent's arrival and reveling at the notion they'd no longer be in solitary confinement.

I can't say for sure I know any more facts than that this young couple were out of their minds on a drug or alcohol induced bender. Dorothy and I commented about the poor children or child left behind the door. We could see that if these two were their parents they'd have a life of grief ahead of them. We didn't talk much more about the disturbing situation below our son's apartment but it held our conscience captive as we made our way home three hours later arriving in the wee hours of the morning.

The boys called the next morning to let us know that the young woman was hauled away by paramedics, dead from an overdose of drugs. I think we all had a hand in her death. I'd be most surprised if she or significant other wasn't on some social program to help finance their lifestyle of despair. You won't know for sure because investigative reporters don't cover such unsanitary things. The death of the young woman will be just the start of more social intervention. There will certainly be counselors of all sorts, helping hands to console the loss and social services to care for the children. It's probably all better by now thanks to all those agencies and programs. Or is it just the beginning of another cycle of human entrapment that will justify all the more money, agencies and programs?

Now that the body has been bagged and taken away, the apartment cleaned and freshened up would there be any evidence of the crime that occurred? Will anyone hear the cries or feel the pain from a lost soul or the children left behind? Maybe, the crime scene should have been left open, body sprawled out on the floor with trash and clutter about for the public to see just how well invested our tax dollars are spent. That won't happen because the truth would illuminate the evil that works quietly behind closed doors.

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Could the young woman's death be a calculated outcome that would ensure further need and guarantee a new generation of unfulfilled lives? I think so and I think we can no longer remain silent or hide behind fear of what some would call us for not wishing to fund a growing welfare state. Our social welfare system is immoral and inhuman and if a body count were tallied for the wrongs that it has perpetuated we'd all be ashamed; somehow though we seem to be fixated on gun violence. If you think I'm out of line, consider the growing millions in poverty and the unbreakable bonds that continue to hold generation after generation in a state of perpetual indignation. Please tell me again how and why it has to be so.

Darr Moon

Custer County Tea Party

ATTENTION IDAHO PATRIOTS

It is time for all of the patriots of Idaho to activate and engage themselves in our right to petition our government. On the next 4 pages you will find three petitions which we are asking you to sign.

There are links on each petition that will take you to a website where you can sign up electronically. There are many members of our organizations that do not have electronic access so we would ask you all to please make a copy of these petitions and bring them to your next regular meeting and have all of your non-electronic members sign the petitions and get them around to anyone they know that will sign them. Please make several copies for those that may wish to volunteer to gather signatures in their communities.

This is an opportunity for all of the conservative groups to work in unison to effectively get the attention of our legislators so they will push these issues to fruition in the next legislative session of 2014. We need to show them that we are united and do have a large group that want them to take action on these issues

If we can gather 4 to 5 thousand signatures or more on these petitions before the next legislative session, a good many eyes will be opened up and we may actually get something accomplished unlike the last session.

Sincerely

Bob Neugebauer & Steve Ackerman

Petition to End Operation of State Health Exchange by Stopping Further Pursuits of Federal Grants

To: Senators and Representatives of the Idaho State Legislature

Date: July 26, 2013

Dear Members of the Idaho Legislature:

We the undersigned urge you to stop the State of Idaho from further pursuits of federal grants, so as to end the operations of the State Health Exchange.

From its beginning, the State Health Exchange's cost and fee estimates have been problematic. KPMG's estimate to implement the Exchange that was presented to the governor's task force was \$77 Mi. The governor's office then told the Senate Commerce & Human Committee and the House Health & Welfare Committee the cost estimate was \$20 Mi. From there, the cost estimate has risen to \$30 Mi. and even \$50 Mi.

In spite of these wildly fluctuating cost estimates, the governor's office saw fit to claim they would continue to go after further federal grants. They had already applied for a grant of \$20.3 Mi. The governor's office never claimed they would get enough money to cover the actual costs, yet they still offered their bill to the legislature. Such a shoddy and incomplete bill should have never have been presented to Idaho's legislature.

Given we still lack crucial information regarding its setup, along with uncertainties the federal Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) can impose, the State Health Exchange should cease and desist from becoming operational.

As to user fees people will have to pay to use the State Health Exchange, the citizens of Idaho were told the estimated fee would be \$3 Per Member Per Month, then \$7 Per Member Per Month, and finally \$4.80 Per Member Per Month. Despite these swings, Idahoans were told the reason a state exchange is better than a federal exchange was because the state exchange was charging a set dollar amount, while the federal exchange would be 3.5% of the premium – whatever the premium level. However, the State Health Exchange voted to charge citizens 1.5% of the premium -- whatever the premium level.

Finally, state law says no money from the state budget can be used for the state exchange. But, Idaho's Department of Health & Welfare just “moved” \$375,000 to the State Health Exchange. This is a violation of state law. H&W claims the money was federal money and does not apply. But that means it was a diversion of funds. ***Funding needs to end so that such mischievous behavior will be stopped.***

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Ackerman

(Editor, Gem State Patriot; Member, Member, Board of Scholars, Idaho Freedom Foundation; Citizen, State of Idaho)

Please click on the hyperlink below to take you to the sign up sheet

<http://gemstatepatriot.com/petition2.php>

Petition to Eliminate Full-Time Employee and Essential Health Benefits Rules from the Affordable Care Act

To: Senators Mike Crapo and Jim Risch; Representatives Mike Simpson and Raul Labrador

Date: July 26, 2013

Dear Idaho Delegation:

We the undersigned urge you to remove the “Full-time Employee” and “Essential Health Benefits” rules from the Affordable Care Act (ACA). These rules cause the following:

- Place undue compliance burdens on businesses
- Incentivize employers to stop offering health insurance to their employees
- Introduce cost uncertainty due to a lack of scope in health benefits
- Undermine choice in health insurance for employees and employers

Full-time Employee Rule: This rule defines a full-time employee as someone who works an average of 30 hours per week. These “full-time employees” must then be offered health insurance (for companies with 0 or 50 or more full-time employees). Further, while part-time employees are exempt from this rule, their hours must be counted toward the insurance mandate.

Example: A company of 47 full-time employees could become a company of 50 full-time employees simply by adding the hours of a few part-time workers and the owner. This would trigger the employer mandate on a company that thought it was exempt.

Such rules not only defy common sense, but create compliance problems for businesses. These companies have to collect and track the average weekly hours of every employee for 6-12 months (the “stability period”) and then declare to the IRS how many “full-time” and “full-time equivalent” employees they possess.

This rule discourages the hiring of people. It also incentivizes companies to hire part-time and temporary workers (<30 hours per week) instead of full-time workers. This results in less investment in training and education, lower average wages, and less job stability. Getting rid of this rule would support working people and employers alike.

Essential Health Benefits Rule: The Affordable Care Act requires every insurance policy sold through an exchange to contain 10 “Essential Health Benefits.” The problem is threefold:

1. These benefits are categories, e.g., Hospitalization or Maternity, and are not well-defined
2. The scope of these benefit categories cannot be cost estimated easily or predictably
3. The scope of these benefit categories can change at anytime per the determination of the federal Department of Health & Human Services (HHS).

Examples: Hospitalization could change in scope from 10 to 25 days of coverage – or the reverse; maternity could include or deny certain areas of contraceptive care. Or, maternity could change from requiring coverage for emergency versus routine C-sections.

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These potential changes in scope will impact the cost of a health plan. With such uncertainty looming, employers are incentivized to stop offering health insurance – an uncertain variable cost – and simply pay the penalty – a stable fixed cost.

For states that don't support this rule, Section 1311 of the ACA overrides the power and sovereignty of these states by preventing any state exchange from "establishing rules [that] conflict with or prevent ... regulations ... by the Secretary [of HHS]." Thus, our only alternative is to remove this rule from the law.

If employers and employees had more choice over the type of insurance products they negotiate, there would be a higher likelihood employers would offer insurance. Freedom means the ability to choose. This is your chance to bring freedom back to individuals and businesses by eliminating this rule from federal law.

Conclusion: These two rules undermine the goal of the Affordable Care Act by making harder for employers to offer health insurance and more difficult for employees to obtain it.

The problems of these rules have been raised by groups as diverse as the National Federation of Independent Business and the Teamsters union. Even President Obama delayed the employer mandate (I believe due to his concerns employers would drop health insurance).

Moreover, the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans found the number of employers that cut back on health plans rose from 11% in 2011 to 17% in 2012. Meanwhile, average deductibles have risen from \$1,000 to \$2,000, and average premiums continue to go up.

Repealing the Affordable Care Act, in its entirety, has not worked. It is time to be creative and remove the most onerous parts of this law. Dismantling parts of the ACA has been successful. Senator Mike Johannes got rid of the 1099 rule a couple of years ago. And, the Senate recently voted 79-20 to repeal the 2.3% tax on medical devices.

We urge you to support your fellow Idahoans by getting rid of these burdensome and suffocating rules. Let us move from the dark tunnel of tyranny and toward the bright light of freedom. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Ackerman

(Editor, Gem State Patriot; Member, Member, Board of Scholars, Idaho Freedom Foundation; Citizen, State of Idaho)

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Stop Common Core Idaho. Keep Education Local.

The Petition

Based upon the factual evidence documented at www.truthinamericaneducation.com and www.idahoansforlocaleducation.com, I ask the Governor, State Board of Education, and State Superintendent to immediately take the steps necessary to rescind Common Core adoption, SBAC membership, the Race to the Top application, the No Child Left Behind waiver, and all other requirements upon the state that are related to these.

Second, I request the Idaho Attorney General in conjunction with the Federalism Subcommittee of the Constitutional Defense Council, to review all documentation related to such applications and contracts as mentioned above to ensure our state sovereignty is held inviolate. I further request that this review of programs, documents, and applications, include an examination to ensure no private or personal information about students is transmitted outside of local schools and districts.

Third, inasmuch as the Idaho State Board of Education adopted Common Core State Standards before they were even finalized, failed to perform a cost analysis related to statewide adoption, and failed to hold public meetings where citizens could review the actual standards prior to adoption, I request that a committee be appointed to rewrite Idaho's standards through a well-developed and transparent process that includes numerous public hearings and input from committees that utilizes knowledge-based, academic, clearly worded, grade-level specific, measurable standards from other states as models.

Fourth, give individual schools and districts full local control with the ability to adopt their own high standards, assessments, and research-based curriculum to encourage and allow for greater parental participation in the education system.

Fifth, I request that a committee of legislators and citizens be formed to develop a 5-year plan to get Idaho off all federal funding of education, and if the federal government threatens to pull non-education related funding away from the state as we pursue this course, that this knowledge should be made public and fought with the assistance of the state Attorney General.

Sixth, I ask that the state strengthen privacy laws and make sharing of personal student data with any state or federal entity a crime both for the one disseminating and the recipient who requested personal information.

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Return completed forms to: info@912projectidaho.com or info@idahoansforlocaleducation.com or call 208-794-1250



Project Appleseed

Marksmanship Clinic

Upcoming 2013 Idaho Events:	Rexburg	September 6-7
	Coeur d'Alene	September 14-15
	Blackfoot	September 28-29
	Coeur d'Alene	October 19-20
	Nampa	October 26-27
	Lewiston	November 02-03
	Coeur d'Alene	November 16-17

Project Appleseed is the sole project of the Revolutionary War Veterans Association (RWVA), a 501(c)(3) organization. Founded in 2006, Project Appleseed and its volunteers are committed to bringing traditional rifle marksmanship skills and the story of April 19, 1775, to each and every American. Our goal is to teach the skills that are truly ours alongside the story, engaging each participant in our unique American heritage and encouraging all to become active and engaged citizens.

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See event info on the website for more info, including directions and start times.

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LOSING OUR SENSE OF ADVENTURE AND DESIRE FOR RISK

Recently while reading Dr. Ben Carson's book *America the Beautiful* he pointed out how he made an executive decision while in medical school to skip lectures and spend his time reading rather than taking notes in class, I will quote from his experience. "It was a risky move, but if it did not yield results, I would be in no worse shape than I was already. It turned out to be a fabulously successful strategy and the rest of medical school was a snap. That episode taught me how important it was to learn your own strengths and weaknesses from your mistakes." He goes on to say, "that much of the success I have experienced in life is a result of learning from my failures. Dr. Carson's experience here can very well be related to that of the American experience.

Where would we be today if not for all the wonderful inventions that the creative genius the American entrepreneur has given us. In the book, *the 5000 Year Leap*, they make a point that the two most technological advancements for the first 5000 years of civilization were the wheel and the sail. After the founding of the United States of America and the innovations of the free market and the free enterprise system, technological advancements moved at a torrid pace and gave us the likes of Samuel Morse and the telegraph, Alexander Bell and the telephone, Thomas Edison showed us a new way to light our world and Henry Ford made the automobile affordable for the average American.

This torrid pace of technological advancement led us to put a man on the moon in less than 200 years from the birth of our nation. We should all be in wonder and awe of what has taken place here in such a short time. In recent times Bill Gates and Steve Jobs are credited with one of the most vibrant expansions of not only the American economy, but also the world economy, and all because they were allowed to follow their dreams and learn from their mistakes. Americans need to take a risk, learn from their failures, develop their strengths and most importantly educate themselves in the ways of achievement, all without any government assistance.

Today we have a president who would like to fundamentally change this formula for success. But don't believe me, just listen to his words and I quote, "At some point you have made enough money." If we allow government to determine winners and losers within the free market, we no longer have a free market.

I do not believe it is up to the President, any elected politician or any government bureaucrat to decide when anyone has made enough money because it is none of their business.

It is time for government to recognize its role in protecting the free market and allow the creative genius of the individual to prosper and lead us to the next technological advancements waiting to be discovered and allow the entrepreneur to prosper from their efforts. We have much to offer one another when we allow our individual creativity to shine.

America is great because it allows for greatness.

Jim Chmelik
Idaho County Commissioner

SCHEDULE OF ORGANIZATIONAL EVENTS

August 5th. 2013 Tea Party Patriots Meeting at the Blanchard Community Center, 685 Rusho Lane will be hosting a meeting on the Common Core. This is a meeting that parents and grand parents do not want to miss. This meeting is open to the public. For questions please call Jim at 437-2191

August 6th. 2013 ADA County Light Foot Militia—Regular meeting & enlistment at 7:00 PM The American Legion Post 113, 22 W. Broadway Ave, Meridian just “West of Meridian City Hall.

August 8th 2013 The Gem County Tea Party will host a meeting with Sheriff Chuck Rolland of Gem county at 7 PM at the Emmett Middle School Library 301 East 4th Street Emmett

August 10th 2013 912 Project will hold their monthly committee meeting at 7:00 PM at The American Legion Post 113, 22 W. Broadway Ave, Meridian ID. Just west of Meridian City Hall.

August 16, 17 2013 Annual Idaho Liberty Summit to be held in Burley Idaho at the Best Western Convention Center. Please reserve the date as there will be many interesting speakers including Sheriff Mack a Constitutional Sheriff and Ken Ivory from The American Lands Council. See ad on page 11.

August 20th. 2013 Oath Keepers Meeting at 7:00 PM at The American Legion Post 113, 22 W. Broadway Ave. Meridian, just West of City Hall Construction Delays.

August 22nd. 2013 Idaho Carry Dinner at Fuddruckers 3424 North Eagle Road at 6:30 PM. Survival Solutions will be giving an overview of all that you need to be prepared if a natural disaster occurs or if our economy collapses.

August 24th. 2013 912Project will hold their monthly general members meeting at 7:00 PM at The American Legion Post 113, 22 W. Broadway Ave, Meridian ID. Just west of Meridian City Hall

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