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Trial Balloons by Darr Moon

The Ferguson, Missouri mayhem is being carefully watched by the designers of civil unrest as a template scenario to polish up plans for future such disobedience. Don't be fooled by the point counterpoint arguments to the shooting of the young black man by a policeman who feared for his life. The incident is just what the practitioners of chaos are looking for. Turning this country inside out with polarized flare-ups and putting American upon American is the quiet story and the important one to follow. This dress rehearsal is a mock up for those who study such social chaos. The Ferguson incident was a grand opportunity to further polish this seemingly random event so that they can tool their deadly bag of tricks to put the whole thing down now and in the future.

With a militarized police force in cahoots with Homeland Security and the NSA the end game is all but certain. Whacky you think? Not so in my opinion. Take a moment to look at the broader story and how so many wrongs cannot possibly make anything right.

First, the police have evolved over the years to become a paramilitary force under the direction of Federal bureaucracies such as the Department of Homeland Security, The National Security Agency and of course the FBI. Necessary weaponry and implements of destruction are now common in every county sheriff's armory. The accumulated firepower and resources makes one wonder when the invasion might occur from foreign forces. Unfortunately the tanks and billions of rounds of ammo, flak jackets and automatic weapons are not for invaders from abroad but for domestic scenes just like Ferguson, Missouri. Once pleasant beat cops and local police departments are no more. The atmosphere has changed and is leaving those dedicated police officers who understand the concept of keeping the peace in the minority. Intimidation and dubious searches of your person and property are common today with little regard for the 4th Amendment. Please watch the video below made as a police recruitment advertisement for Newport Beach, California and ask yourself if these guys are really on your side or might shoot first and ask questions later. The shaved heads and dark glasses mark a stark contrast to the home town cop of yesteryear. What would Norman Rockwell's canvas reveal today I wonder?

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Let me say unequivocally I'm not talking about the local police officer in Missouri or his case. He is being used as a pawn in a grand power brokers game. Ferguson was an opportunity of chance that has been pounced upon by well-placed provocateurs. The players in this game are unwitting combatants all pursuing justice from a very narrow and polarized point of view, spoon fed carefully now for years. All sides have no idea their movements and reactions have been predetermined from previous incidents of passion. Think about every sensational case in the past molding a template for greater centralized force through media attention and commentary, public reaction to violence and trumped up accusations, local government incapacity, alleged police incompetence and prosecutorial reaction. All the players seem to be operating in isolation yet the reaction and the result is well known ahead of time. Isolation of each player's collective group makes all other groups enemies of each other as the chess players of social brinksmanship have pre-calculated. They use the polarized realities of their audience and players to actuate full advantage of the outcome they desire, centralized control. The players don't realize they've been cast as stool pigeons playing out their parts to perfection as planned. To help the unwitting and to further the outcome several lead characters are placed who hold their groups together through fear, hatred and misinformation. Think of the roving Reverends Sharpton and Jackson as example.

This scripted drama doesn't start or stop with the militarization of the police seemingly cast as the good guys, look closer. A superior attitude is showing up all across America among regulators and enforcers that has not historically existed. This antigen is part of the collecting storm clouds that are gathering to give the general public a not so secure feeling for the boys in blue. The police believe they are meeting force with force and are protecting lives and keeping the peace. This clash of ideals between right and might is paving the way for violent confrontations to come.

Now add to the mix a media interested in conflict. Throw in a little spin a few erroneous reports and the river begins to overflow its banks with outrage. Soon the outbreak of hate from this social media disease spreads across all air waves, e-waves and radio waves like an outbreak of Ebola running down the Congo. The offended without fact foment riot, instigate looters and destroy community values underpinned by the rule of law. The stage is now set for the unwelcome out-of-towners.

Sleeper cells awake from across the nation and appear on scene to smash windows and instigate further violence. Local calls for sanity and peace go unnoticed by clergy, City fathers and many locals who have now lost their home town to an angry mob of out-of-town thugs. How could the local police force handle such incendiary attacks every night? A call to the highest offices in the land for help is the cry. The local Missouri event is transformed into a national security Red Alert. The Attorney General acting on high command from above inserts himself into the smoldering county issue. The collision of events, carefully orchestrated by Machiavellian mischief makers, culminates in bringing the National Guard, riot police, a curfew and the wholesale tear gassing of many law abiding protesters. The scene is now under the firm grip of a pseudo-marshal law mandate without the slightest concern from otherwise liberal civil rights activist.

The Ferguson incident was instigated to get out of hand. All the players on all fronts and with many diverse points of view were easily persuaded to abandon the peaceful operations of law to seek their pre-defined positions. How easy it would be to set the entire nation on fire unpinned from reason and Constitutional protection. What a grand event for the central planners. Stay tuned for the next shake down of civil insurrection and property rights abuse by these nefarious anarchists, it will surely blow you away.

EVICT CORPORATE LOBBYISTS FROM THEIR LEASED OFFICES IN IDAHO'S CAPITOL BUILDING

In our Idaho Capitol Building on the Garden Level, our Representatives have offices on the east side and our Senators have offices on the west side. In between those offices—on the same level—is a suite of rooms commonly referred to as the “Office of Legislative Advisors.”

Who are these “Legislative Advisors?” They are 176 corporate and special interest Lobbyists whose organizations have leased this space, giving them unfettered, monopolizing access to our legislators. Lobbyists create an unsurpassable gauntlet in the hallways that our legislators must navigate daily, while citizens are required to fight for the few existing appointment times available in order to meet with their legislators. This “in-Capitol office” allows Lobbyists to present their issues first and foremost to legislators. This gives them an unfair advantage over the voice of Idaho citizens. Corporate lobbyists should not have permanent leased office space in the “people’s” Capitol.

In a March 28th interview on Idaho Public Television, two prominent Idaho lobbyists explained their important role in Idaho’s legislative process. One stated that “legislators rely on lobbyists to provide factual information about what is going on in certain areas.” They rightly observed that “legislators do not have the time nor staff to adequately research legislation coming before them.” They continued, stating that lobbyists “fill that void” and “provide the information necessary for legislators to make informed decisions.” Can you say, “Agenda-driven influence?”

A complete listing of the 176 Lobbyists who reside in this office is available in this green book titled “Idaho Legislative Advisors” and can be purchased at the “Legislative Advisors Office” inside your Idaho State Capitol Building for \$5.

A few legislators have informed me that some of these lobbyists sport gold watches emblazoned with “Idaho’s Third Branch of Government,” which accurately describes this travesty: unashamed, brazen arrogance. This self-proclaimed title is clear evidence that these lobbyists recognize their influence on the legislative process. Their “advice” to help legislators “make correct decisions” does not benefit We the People but only the agendas of said lobbyist.

The majority of Idahoans are unaware of the millions of taxpayer dollars that flow through these lobbyists organizations each year in exchange for their “advice.”

By Tony Snesko Candidate for State Senator

**CHERIE BUCKNER-WEBB SAYS IN THIS LETTER
“IDAHO LEGISLATIVE ADVISORS ARE AN INVALUABLE RESOUCÉ”
COULD IT BE SHE DOES NOT KNOW THAT IDAHO LEGISLATIVE ADVISORS
ARE REALLY LOBBYISTS**

Cherie
BUCKNER-WEBB

A Voice for Idaho
SENATE DISTRICT 19

David Ripley
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August 15, 2014

Dear David,

I have sincerely appreciated the opportunity to serve in the Idaho Legislature over the past four years. It has been my honor to bring a strong, collaborative voice to policy discussions, to develop positive working relationships and to serve as Senate Minority Caucus Chair. It is my firm belief that this is the time to change Idaho's trajectory in critical areas including economic development, public education and environmental stewardship. I am writing today to ask for your financial support for my re-election.

Idaho Legislative Advisors have been and continue to be an invaluable resource to me and I am appreciative for the positive working relationship that we share. I strongly disagree with my opponent about his proposal to "evict lobbyists" from the Idaho State Capitol. Indeed, this is an error in judgment. Our collaborative efforts are necessary in order to bring prosperity to Idaho.

I understand that candidate support is an important decision. I can assure you that I am working diligently to exceed the demands of a comprehensive, well-crafted campaign plan with the assistance of a dedicated group of volunteers, friends, neighbors, and a stellar D-19 team. It is my honor to visit with scores of neighbors in District 19 during the campaign.

With your support, I look forward to a fruitful 2015 legislative session.

Sincerely,



Senator Cherie Buckner-Webb



Paid for by Cherie Buckner-Webb for District 19, Carolyn Boyce, Treasurer

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**FROM THE CITIZENS OF IDAHO
TO ALL CORPORATE LOBBYISTS
AKA “LEGISLATIVE ADVISORS” WHO
LEASE SPACE IN THE PEOPLE’S HOUSE.**

**We, the citizens of Idaho,
demand that these leased office spaces
be vacated and returned to us,
the citizens of this great state,
by the first day of the next legislative session.**

Signed,

We the People

Has Gov. Otter Earned a Third Term? No

By A.J. Balukoff

George Washington, a gentleman who knew a thing or two about liberty, once wrote, “The people must remain ever vigilant against tyrants masquerading as public servants.”

As I travel the state campaigning against Gov. Butch Otter, I speak to many people who have supported him in the past but are now asking: Has his leadership earned him the privilege of a third term in the governor's office? After all, Idaho voters have granted this honor to only three politicians since 1946. Let's look at Gov. Otter's record.

Our state constitution requires Idaho to maintain “a general, uniform and thorough system of public, free common schools.” But under Gov. Otter, state investment in education has plummeted. As a result, 94 of Idaho's 115 school districts now carry supplemental levies just to keep teachers in classrooms and the lights on, while more than one-third of our school districts have cut back to a four-day week. Not enough high-school graduates go on to college or other post-secondary training; but even if they did, our state universities and colleges are struggling under the sixth-deepest cuts since the Great Recession began.

Listening to constituents is an essential leadership quality. But when the public clearly opposed the “Luna Laws,” Gov. Otter ignored the people and signed those bills, anyway. A year later, voters repealed all three laws in a landslide.

I am a fiscal conservative and I believe that conservative investments pay off. That approach has been very successful for me in business for more than 30 years. However, ranking 50th nationally in what we invest in our schools isn't giving our kids an education that prepares them for college and a good-paying job in a competitive world economy. There's nothing “uniform and thorough” about Idaho's public-school system today.

Bad investments like tax-break gimmicks have not created jobs or helped the middle class. Instead, Governor Otter's economic policies have created a low-skill, low-wage economy. Today, Idaho's families work harder for less: We have the second-highest percentage of minimum-wage workers nationally, we've dropped to 49th in per-capita personal income, and 50 percent of working Idahoans make less than \$11.15 an hour. Nearly half of Idaho's school-age children are eligible for a reduced-price or free school lunch—10 percent higher than when Butch Otter took office.

While other states have rebounded since the Great Recession, Idaho has continued to slide economically and in education investment relative to other states. That's because education and the economy are tightly interconnected—something Gov. Otter has not recognized.

Voters must hold Butch Otter accountable for costing taxpayers millions for senseless lawsuits and cronyism. The biggest scandals tainting Gov. Otter's record are:

- Gov. Otter's friend and Department of Administration Director Mike Gwartney violated state law by steering lucrative contracts to install broadband in Idaho schools to a major corporation. The Idaho Supreme Court voided that deal, and then the Federal Communications Commission cut off funding for the state
- wide broadband system—sticking lawmakers with a \$14 million bill to prevent schools statewide from losing broadband Internet access.

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* Otter appointed his former campaign treasurer Royce Chigbrow to the state Tax Commission, and Chigbrow resigned under allegations of abusing his office to benefit a past campaign supporter, and helping a client of his son's Boise-based accounting firm reduce a payment for delinquent taxes. When Chigbrow resigned, Otter issued a statement calling him "my friend and trusted adviser for a number of years. He was kind enough to enter the arena of public service at my request, and I applaud his hard work, knowledge and expertise in that role."

* Former Transportation Department Director Pam Lowe was fired in 2009 after a dispute with the Otter administration over her efforts to reduce the costs of contracts with politically connected firms. Lowe proved her case against Otter, which cost taxpayers \$1.3 million in legal fees and the settlement of Lowe's wrongful-termination lawsuit.

* Perhaps worst of all, after Otter contracted with Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), a private, out-of-state company, to manage the state prison outside Boise, CCA over-billed the state and falsified records. The case is now under FBI investigation because Butch Otter misled the public for months, claiming a state investigation was underway when none was. We may not know for months how much CCA cheated taxpayers, or what crimes were committed. Conveniently for CCA, state officials accepted a \$1 million settlement from CCA to resolve the understaffing complaint—before the results of an independent investigation were known. By the way, Gov. Otter was one of the biggest recipients of campaign donations from CCA.

How does a government get steeped in cronyism? It happens when politicians stop being accountable to voters and instead become loyal only to their major backers. For 20 years, and increasingly since Gov. Otter took office, there has been no balance.

We cannot build a strong economy and create good-paying jobs without a strong public school system as the foundation. Gov. Otter has had almost eight years to turn Idaho into a leader in something other than minimum-wage jobs, but he has taken us to the bottom economically. Now he's asking voters to give him a third term.

A third term as governor should be reserved for the rare leader who has moved the state forward—who has been a true leader. It reminds me of another quote, from Paul Harvey: "Politicians are like diapers: They must be changed often, and for the same reason."

As governor, I will work hard, tell the truth, and put people first. I have built successful businesses using that approach, and I will use it to lead Idaho back to economic prosperity.

A.J. Balukoff is the Democratic candidate for governor.

CATHERINE TALKINGTON CANDIDATE FOR DIST. 24 REP. SEAT B SHE DOES NOT WANT TO TAKE BACK OUR FEDERAL LANDS JIM CHMELIK GIVES HER AN EDUCATION IN REALITY

Click the link to read the story in the Twin Falls Times by Catherine Talkington.

http://magicvalley.com/news/opinion/mailbag/reader-comment-public-lands-grab-would-gut-idaho/article_ad01b9e4-25c5-11e4-91b5-0019bb2963f4.html

Today's federal ownership of federal lands is gutting Idaho and Democrat candidate Catherine Talkington wants us to believe that state ownership would be a disaster. I would like to present to you an education in reality.

Facts 101 - The state of Idaho makes money from the managed forest, the federal government loses money while trying to manage the federal lands. The federal system is broken. The federal forests are not healthy and are being devastated by costly fires of historical proportion; and while all this is happening we are doing less logging and every day more and more federal lands are locked out to local access for grazing and recreation.

Economics 201 - The free market perspective. We do not accept the premise that you cannot do something nor that we cannot afford it. And in the case of transferring public lands we cannot afford not to. When 246,000 acres burned in Idaho County, the economic losses were real. 1.23 billion board feet of timber burned with a marketable value of \$369,000,000. Twenty-five percent of this resource value would have been \$92,500,000 to Idaho County to fund education, build schools, and run county government without any government transfer payments. Lost to our region and surrounding counties was nearly a billion dollars in economic activity.

Common Sense 301 - People would be put back to work, and working people pay property taxes, sales taxes, income taxes, Medicare and Medicaid, unemployment and workers' compensation taxes. However, more important than this, it would restore our pride and dignity in what was once some of the most prosperous communities in America. We could give back to our communities, our state and our country because we have jobs, not unemployment checks, food stamps and welfare.

Civics 101 (remedial) - We are asking to be treated the same as our eastern states. Check the historical records and you will find in the mid-1800s, the states of Indiana, Illinois, Florida, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi and Missouri were as much as 90 percent federally owned. However, they knew their public lands history and refused to take "no" for an answer. South Dakota's and North Dakota's enabling language reads identical to Idaho's Constitution then why the difference in federal ownership. Hawaii was granted all its land at statehood, why the difference for us in the west? The historical records of the Purpose and Intent of Federal Land Ownership are well documented and, from time to time, we need to refresh the future with a review of the past.

Political History 101- To insure the federal government does not sell these lands is the very reason we need state ownership. The federal government is \$17 trillion in debt another with \$125 trillion in unfunded liabilities. This cannot be sustained. And what are the assets backing up these mountains of debt? The asset of the Western states. Just in recoverable oil, natural gas, and coal, we have an estimated \$151 trillion in the West.

Business 301 and Governance 402 - As fast as our forests are dying and burning, there will not be any place left to recreate. The blind ideology of the current neo-environmentalist movement is leaving us an unmitigated disaster and it shows no willingness to compromise.

Past and current political leadership are eroding Idaho's independence. Rather than having a plan of action and vision we are in a constant state of reaction. In the end, it is Idahoans who are paying dearly by not having control of its land and its destiny. I see nothing from the Democrat candidate, which offers to change that course. My friends, things do not change by themselves, they change when we change them.

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DOMNICK GELISIMIO CANDIDATE FOR REP. DIST. 18

ON EDUCATION IN IDAHO

Boise - It's been a very enlightening several months on the campaign trail, since I first started meeting voters and canvassing District 18 in March. We are now ninety days away from an important election year and I'd like to share my thoughts about Idaho's education problems, coming from a recent college graduate.

To remove the elephant from the room right off the bat, I'll delve into Common Core. Over the last several months I've met with several teachers across the district who've given me various different opinions on Idaho Core's implementation. From Teacher "A", I am informed that Idaho Core complicates the educational system, it bogs down children's learning process by adding superfluous steps to an already complicated math equation, literary composition, etc. In math, which for many students – including myself when I was in elementary and junior high – is made more complicated under the Core standards and it demotivates student progress in a very important school subject. Parents can't often help their child with homework anymore because the new Core standards are not what they grew up with either, and the child returns to school having learned nothing, and only grown in frustration. Teacher "B" however, tells me a similar story but with an addition. That Idaho Core works for her special needs children because the extra steps aide them like stepping stones to solve a problem and find a solution. Finally, Teacher "C" believes that the full implementation of Idaho Core standards has been successful because it provides students with the necessary tools to solve the equations on equal footing with the same amount of knowledge and steps needed to provide a solution.

Here's where I stand. I grew up in the California school system, I knew what Common Core looked like "before it was cool". To put it in more plainly, the California school system was a beta tester for Common Core, and I did not approve. Math became difficult for me and I felt it a nuisance rather than learning how to use it to progress in my studies. I felt rushed in my English and Social Studies classes because the amount of information we had to cover under the Core standards were so vast and we could cover it in so little time, that educators became stressed which equated to students stress and anxiety levels increasing in preparing for the next exam that eventually rather mediocre results followed suit. Common Core is flawed, heavily. To some it may have beneficial results, but studies have been showing that students not instructed under Core standards are out performing Core standard students. Many on both sides of the argument believe that Common Core's flaws will be its eventual downfall and that it will fade away. Unfortunately with the issues we saw with No Child Left Behind, we cannot experiment with another federally run government education program. With China's students quickly outpacing American students in an ever growing competitive market, we cannot allow our students to fall behind.

Education is the foundation and the engine of endurance of our great nation. Idaho in the last few years has lagged in terms of the management of its education system, allowing bureaucrats and big business to have a stronger influence and pushing parents and teachers out of the equation. If elected, I pledge to work with lawmakers on both sides to come up with solutions that strengthen parents' involvement in their child's education, and builds a stronger relationship between them, the teachers, and their students.

For post-secondary education, I will work together with my fellow legislators to cut the cost of college by 25-50% through a stronger push for dual-credit classes in High School and scholarships for college bound students,

<http://www.cato.org/publications/testimony/common-core-threat-state-districts-students>

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ON EDUCATION IN IDAHO

Some bipartisan solutions that have been either proposed or passed in the Idaho Legislature that I SUPPORT include:

S.1233: The Advanced Opportunity Bill (Sen. Steve Thayn (R-Emmett) & Rep. Grant Burgoyne (D-Garden City))

Creates a program where the state pays up to \$200 for juniors to take dual credit or professional technical courses and \$400 for seniors to do the same.

The bill caps the amount the state kicks in at 75% of the cost of credits.

The bill is designed to help achieve the state's goal of having 60% of young adults earn a post-secondary degree or certificate by making college courses more affordable and obtainable.

HB 426: The "8 in 6" Program

The plan enables students to compress four years of high school and four years of a bachelor's degree program—eight years total—into six years. All made possible by the state paying for a share of summer school courses, taken either online or in-class.

Under the program, the state will pay \$225 per summer school course for each student, and students and families will pay a remaining \$75 per course fee. If students do not perform well enough in the classes, the state support will end and families will be asked to pay the full class costs for moving forward in the program.

Helping students take college courses in high school will, over time, likely alleviate the strain on state funds for colleges and universities. He estimated that the state could eventually save as much as \$14 million annually through the program.

M.A.P.P. : Mastery Advanced Pilot Project ((Sen. Steven Thayn (R-Emmett) & Sen. Branden Durst (D-Boise))

Directs the Idaho Department of Education, in coordination with local school officials and teachers, to develop exams that could be used to measure students' aptitude. For grades K-6, tests would be skill based and students in grades 7-12 would face knowledge-based exams. If students complete the exams successfully, they would be allowed to move to the next grade (for K-6 students), or to a higher course level (for grades 7-12). If students move through work and exams quickly and graduate early, they would receive a portion of what the state would have paid to educate them their senior year in the form of a scholarship. Thayn estimates the scholarship could be worth as much as \$1,600 for each school year graduated early, though costs could vary from district to district. Students would only be allowed to graduate three years early.

Gem State Patriot “Letters to the Editor”

Mr. Fegley, regarding your comments about my column “Consequences and Motives.”

Name one conservative that believes the government needs more power. And the prospective results of the government trying harder is very questionable and concerning.

Your comment “...certain conservatives who do not really believe in freedom...” is literally off the wall.

Again, **name one ‘certain conservative’ that is a real conservative that doesn’t believe in freedom.** As for the rest of this sentence “...to give the government more power and bigger budgets,” unfortunately, yes, there have been some who call themselves conservatives or ‘republicans’ that are guilty of this.

The Anti-Commandeering Doctrine - Simply put, the federal government cannot force state or local governments to act against their will. But it **doesn’t trump federal responsibilities under the Constitution.** See #5.

E-Verify is an extension of Constitutional Law to facilitate federal agency and employer compliance with U.S. immigration law and is very helpful to that end. See #5.

Immigration Law – Two references to “Naturalization” are stated in our Constitution in Article 1, Section 8, “To establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization” and the 14th Amendment stating “All persons born or naturalized in The United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the United States and the State wherein they reside.” And Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution states, **“The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them from invasion...”** Webster’s dictionary defines one definition of the word invasion thusly, **“The incoming or spread of something usually hurtful.”**

An article by Ken Taylor, ‘The Constitution Is The Rule Of Law On Illegal Immigration,’ at RedState.com nails this subject on July 20, 2014, “The key thought in the 14th Amendment which along with several other provisions established in the Constitution shows that the **intent of the Framers was that only citizens of the United States whether born or naturalized are granted the rights and privileges that are available in America.**

“While Congress has the Constitutional authority to establish laws of naturalization or immigration they do not have a true Constitutional authority to create blanket legislation that allows non – citizens the rights of born or naturalized Americans. **In other words amnesty is technically unconstitutional because it bypasses the laws which are established for immigrants to become American citizens.** “The beginning of the Preamble of the Constitution states clearly who gives authority to the government and in whom the rights established in the Constitution belong to and they are, ‘We the People of the United States.’”

Pipe dream? Really!!! **All laws can be and demand being enforced.** When we choose to not pursue enforcement because violations are too rampant, like Chicago murders, drug enforcement, political corruption or illegal immigration we evolve closer to anarchy and into the hands of these schemers with socialist motives for our future.

I said nothing about the motive of the people (children) flooding to our borders, I spoke of the fundamental motive for ‘inviting’ them.

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Gem State Patriot “Letters to the Editor”

Mr. Fegley, regarding your comments about my column “Consequences and Motives.”

Breitbart News reports, “El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) intel report from July 7, 2014 was leaked to Breitbart Texas and reveals that homicide rates in Central America suggest violence is likely not the primary cause of the surge of thousands of unaccompanied minors and incomplete family units illegally entering the U.S. In late May, the U.S. Border Patrol interviewed unaccompanied children (UAC) and migrant families apprehended in the Rio Grande Valley. **Of the 230 total migrants interviewed, 219 cited the primary reason for migrating to the United States was the perception of U.S. immigration laws granting free passes or permisos to UAC and adult female other than Mexicans (OTM)’s traveling with minors.** Migrants indicated that knowledge of permisos was widespread across Central America due to word of mouth, local, and international media messaging—prompting many to depart for the United States within 30 days of becoming aware of these perceived benefits, according to the same reporting.

“A majority of migrants interviewed also noted that they had encountered family units, consisting of a mother and child under the age of 18 during their journey to the United States and that the families had **indicated they planned to surrender to U.S. authorities because they were informed that they would likely be released.**”

“EPIC assesses homicide trends and migrant interviews suggest violence is likely not the principal factor driving the increase in UAC migration. While Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data from early fiscal year 2011 indicates a steady increase in OTM and UAC migration, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) **statistics— within this same timeframe— show a decline in per capita homicide rates in these three countries; El Salvador saw the sharpest decline, followed by Honduras and Guatemala, respectively.**”

The William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008, was signed into law by President George W. Bush. When that law was passed we did not see the number of children coming in skyrocket from 2008 to 2011. *Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.)* said in a statement about the crisis posted on his Senate webpage on June 3: **“The rising crisis at the border is the direct and predictable result of actions taken by President Obama”**

The Immigration Policy Center stated on June 14, 2014, **“In June of 2012, the Obama administration announced that it would accept requests for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), an initiative designed to temporarily suspend the deportation of young people residing unlawfully in the U.S who were brought to the United States as children, meet certain education requirements and generally match the criteria established under legislative proposals like the DREAM Act.”**

The phenomenal surge in growth on Obama’s watch for Border Crossing by Unaccompanied Illegal Minors reported by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol are very revealing: 2011 – 15,949; 2012 – 24,403; 2013 – 38,759; and to-date 2014 – 52,193. And, believe it or not **the countries most of them are coming from have lower unemployment rates than the U.S.: Honduras 6.0%, El Salvador 5.9%, Guatemala 3.8% and the U.S. 6.1%**, however, the U.S. rate is really much, much higher since the Obama administration chooses to manipulate the true number by not reporting the hundreds of thousands of unemployed that have given up looking for work and are reluctantly having to accept his intended entitlements.

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Your pleading for the concerns for the welfare of these children, although fitting the advocacy of legal training, “talk about the children,” **ignores Americans’ tradition of deep compassion**, especially for innocent children being obviously exploited by this political contrivance of inviting this overwhelming flood of them to our ‘opportunity.’

Democratic Minority Whip in the House, Rep. Steny Hoyer said, “The United States cannot be expected to give sanctuary to everyone in the world.”

Oh, and you spoke of victimless crimes? **All taxpayers are victims!** Victims of having to waste our tax money on food stamps, free medical assistance, housing vouchers, unemployment benefits, free schooling and free school lunches, books for children and now free legal advice. It’s wasting billions of dollars that need to be spent on our back breaking deficit and our tax paying citizens don’t have the money to waste.

Mr. Fegley, I see you have an economics degree. Since you can add and subtract where is all the money going to come from and how can our dying economy sustain the numbers of illegals that are flooding our system? Understandably most of them would assimilate well, many will contribute and all will appreciate our opportunity, as long as it lasts. After all nothing spends like somebody else’s money. **But at the rate we’re going backwards economically, when real math kicks in, many of these who are now children will probably decide to return and some accompanied by Americans who will decide they can’t take this designed catastrophe that’s contributing to the taking down of America as we know it anymore.** There’s just too much fundamental changing of America going on.

Homeland Security Chief Jay Johnson reported to Senators that taxpayers are paying at a minimum of \$250 up to \$1000 a day per child that’s illegally entered the U.S. The Federation for American Immigration Reform’s 2011 report on ‘The Fiscal Burden Of Illegal Immigration on United States Taxpayers’ states, “Illegal immigration costs U.S. taxpayers about \$113 billion a year at the federal, state and local level. That report was in 2011!

And the **incredible stories not getting enough press about the adults and older children who are gang members, the drug trafficking being juiced by this gigantic distraction and the reports of weapons being fired from bad guys at our border guards is astonishing and it’s all by design.** It is the opposite of humane and the opposite of compassion to continue this crisis.

Columnist Allan J Favish stated in the American Thinker, “George Bush had a surge to wipe out murderous Islamic supremacists in Iraq. Barack Obama is having his surge – of illegal immigrants who will fundamentally transform America.”

Lastly, your comment about immigration prior to 1924. **There were virtually no illegal’s since that era by today’s standards and legal immigrants then and now did not and do not partake of the big grab bag of entitlements lavished on unlawful immigrants today.**

Quoting the acclaimed Economist and Hoover Institute fellow and great American, Thomas Sowell:

“Immigration laws are the only laws that are discussed in terms of how to help people who break them.”

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

NO MORE FEDERAL PROGRAMS IN IDAHO By Evalyn Bennett

Fellow-citizens of Idaho, are you aware that Governor Otter's policy decisions during his second term of office violate the U.S. Constitution, the Idaho Constitution, Idaho law, and the Idaho Republican Party Platform? The Governor's decisions regarding the health care exchange and state education standards make me wonder who he is working for -- it certainly isn't the citizens of Idaho.

Butch Otter is the ONLY Republican governor who signed up for the state healthcare exchange, in direct violation of the 2010 Idaho Health Freedom Act, which he signed into law in March 2010. Governor Otter has furthermore failed to implement the direction of the 2012 Idaho Republican Platform, Article XIII, which reads in part, "A. We oppose socialized medicine and government mandated health insurance." "B. We support the repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Healthcare Act in its entirety." Your Health Idaho (the state exchange) IS government mandated health care, just by another name - and brought to us by Governor Otter. Other statements of Article XIII focus on meaningful reform to the health care system - reforms which the Governor could have asked the legislature to implement. Article I, Section 2, Taxation states, "We believe that Idaho Citizens should not and or shall not be taxed for federally mandated health care." Yet despite this statement, the State of Idaho has paid for full-page newspaper ads marketing Your Health Idaho, as well as a gigantic billboard along Highway 93 north of Moscow.

Governor Otter also foisted "Idaho Core Standards" upon the children, parents, taxpayers, and school districts of Idaho. These standards are deceptively renamed from (but identical to) the "Common Core" standards developed and approved by the governors of most of the 50 states (and since revoked by a handful of them). Although "governor led," Common Core is clearly a set of national education standards and associated testing and data collection. Common Core is not a state-led program, for it came with the "carrot" of federal dollars and a waiver from compliance with the federal Race to the Top program. Because of this tainted association with the federal government, Common Core is patently unconstitutional, for education is neither an enumerated nor implied power of the federal government. And it is certainly not local control of public education, for the reasons detailed below.

In addition to spending time and money to train teachers to implement Common Core standards, Idaho public schools are now required to administer the SBAC test (conveniently renamed the "ISAT 2.0" so Idaho citizens will think this is an Idaho version of the national test). The SBAC costs districts training and computer funds, and takes substantial classroom time to prepare for and administer, yet does not cover as many subjects as the previous test (the ISAT). Individual test scores from the "ISAT 2.0" will be tracked throughout a student's career and provided to a federal government database. The Common Core curriculum for Kindergarten through 3rd Grades was developed with no teacher input, features requirements inappropriate for this age group, and has resulted in pass rates (when tested by the SBAC) of 30%, leaving most students and teachers to be labeled as "failures."

Does this sound like "local control" in public education, or a set of standards that benefits students? But wait, it gets worse.

Governor Otter's education standards are grossly deficient to meet the direction of public education in our state as defined by the Idaho Constitution. Article IX, Section 1 begins as follows: "The stability of a republican form of government depending mainly upon the intelligence of the people, it shall be the duty of the legislature of Idaho to establish and maintain a general, uniform and thorough system of public, free common schools."

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Idaho's Core Standards only focus on math and language arts standards, and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) career preparation. They cannot possibly provide students with the intelligence needed to be citizens of our Republic. The standards may be uniform, but they are not thorough. Neither do they prepare students to maintain the "stability of a republican form of government." The Idaho Core Standards do not even list the U.S. Constitution as recommended reading.

Only a small percentage of Idaho and U.S. careers are in STEM occupations. Idaho's Core Standards fail to prepare students who might have a passion for the arts (graphic design, theater), business (accounting, marketing, small business management), and numerous other occupations. If school districts are required to offer courses in support of Idaho's Core Standards for all students (so the students can succeed on the accompanying standardized tests), they may not have the financial resources to provide other courses such as agriculture education, music, drama, or art. This could become the case in my school district, where all four of those programs are already funded by a supplemental levy that must be approved by the voters. Think about it: Does a student who wants to study musical theatre in college really need to take pre-calculus during her senior year, or would her time be better spent taking drama and choir?

Governor Otter's Idaho Core Standards are also inconsistent with the Idaho GOP platform, Article III - Education, which states, "We believe that successful education is a joint responsibility of the individual, the family, and the community. As with government in general, we believe the most effective, responsible and responsive educational system is that system closest to the people." Up until the implementation of Idaho's Core Standards, Idaho had an enviable array of school choice opportunities (home school, dual enrollment, charter schools, private schools, on-line and distance learning programs, and traditional K-12 schools), adequate standards, and a testing protocol (the ISAT) which provided useful information to students, parents, and teachers. Now, the Governor's education standards replace parental and local control of education with a rigid system of uniformly deficient standards. Common Core defenders are naive if they think that curriculum and education choices will remain diverse, allowing for parental and local control. Instead, Common Core and its accompanying tests will influence classroom presentations and design of instructional materials that "teach to the test." This has already occurred in the curriculum for Advanced Placement History.

Governor Otter ran for office and is currently campaigning for re-election as a Republican. The Idaho Republican Party Platform is a written contract with registered Republican voters in our state, who expect anyone with an "R" by his name to adhere to the currently approved party platform. Despite having an "R" by his name on the ballot, Butch Otter has failed to govern according to the party platform. The Governor made a speech at the state Republican convention in June (where I served as a county delegate), calling on the state's Republicans to unify. I object strongly to his implication that the conservative Republicans attending the convention have brought disunity to the party. It is Mr. Otter, in fact, who has failed to abide by the party platform. The conservative Republican voters of Idaho have not left the ideology of the party. It is Governor Otter's responsibility to adjust his policies to conform to the party platform and lead the party to unity. We the People should not be asked to move to the left to accommodate an elected official's shifting loyalties and ideology.

The ramifications of these two policy decisions are so onerous, I assert that Governor Otter needs to self-impose term limits and immediately relinquish his candidacy for office so the State Republican Central Committee can appoint a worthy candidate who will uphold the law and adhere to the party platform if elected in November. If Mr. Otter will not do this, the least he can do to regain the people's trust and potentially earn their votes is to repeal both the health care exchange and Idaho's Core Standards.

If the governor will not change his policy direction before the general election, I will use my influence as a citizen of this Republic to persuade citizens to vote for another candidate. The Governor has violated the written contract with Republicans (the party platform) as well as the state constitution and state law. Can he be trusted to govern us responsibly for another term?

I will be watching for him to repeal the state health exchange and Idaho Core Standards... or relinquish his candidacy.

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MIKE CHILTON CANDIDATE FOR ADA COUNTY CORONER

WHAT DOES A CORONER DO?



Does anyone even know what the coroner's office does?

A lot of people don't. For the unfortunate few that need my services I bring a lifetime of public service and a highly skilled law enforcement background that will help grieving families searching for comfort, answers and sometimes justice.

The coroner's office is something like NCIS. The coroner is the Chief Death Investigator. He must determine the time, cause and manner of death. He manages an office with 18 employees (including two forensic pathologists) that do all of the autopsies, 7 death scene investigators, and an administrative section. He oversees a budget of almost \$2 million dollars and works with all local, state and federal law enforcement, fire and EMS agencies. The office of Ada County Coroner is a very important one, though there hasn't been much attention paid to it because the same person has held

this office for almost 40 years.

But Mr. Sonnenberg has decided to retire and suddenly a lot of attention is being paid to this office.

My name is Mike Chilton and I am the Republican nominee for Ada County Coroner.

I decided to run for Coroner because I believe in public service as the highest calling. That stems from the way that I was raised, and from my Christian faith. This philosophy explains why I joined the United States Marine Corps as a young man, why I became a city firefighter, an Emergency Medical Technician, an ocean life guard; why I served this community for 16 years as a deputy sheriff, and why I worked as an instructor at the police academy in Meridian. Service to others is why I coach youth baseball and why I am a proud member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

I have been blessed to be involved in all of these endeavors and the rewards of helping others far exceed the time put in. My extensive law enforcement background will help sharpen the operation of the Ada County Coroner's office. My deep relationships with local, state and federal law enforcement professionals, as well as those heroes working in fire and rescue will mean better communication between all agencies.

Since retiring from the Sheriff's Department, I've had the privilege of building a small business. With a Master Degree in Finance, and experience in managing some 80 employees, I bring a solid management background to the office as well. The coroner manages 18 employees and a budget of almost \$2 million dollar budget.

I feel a strong sense of responsibility to the hard working people of Ada County to make sure that their tax dollars are well spent. I am committed to bringing greater transparency and accountability to the funds and processes of the Ada County Coroner's Office.

But perhaps the thing which animates my run for coroner more than anything is an appreciation for the fact that this is a great opportunity to put my faith into action. Almost every family will eventually have some dealings with the office. Loved ones pass away, and I will be the person with whom families initially deal in coming grips with their loss. I want to do everything I can to be supportive and helpful at times of grief. I am committed to bringing the TIP organization to Ada County. This is a nationally accredited nonprofit association that trains volunteers to assist victims and survivors, who are emotionally traumatized, after all of the agencies leave.

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MIKE CHILTON CANDIDATE FOR ADA COUNTY CORONER

WHAT DOES A CORONER DO?

I have already begun an outreach effort to the faith community to ensure that there is a great working relationship between my office and those Priests, Pastors, Ministers, and churches involved in helping families deal with the spiritual, emotional, financial and practical things associated with the loss of a loved one.

We fought through a brutal primary campaign and were successful in winning by a good margin.

I have been surprised by the level of politics in this campaign, and apparently the Democrats plan on waging a “scorched earth” campaign this fall to beat me.

That is where *you* come in. I need your help.

The office is not a big political prize... but I believe it is nevertheless very important. Given the impact the office can have on a family when they are most vulnerable, it is important to have a person of character and solid values in the Coroner’s job.

Thank you for your consideration.

For more information, or to get involved with my campaign, please visit our website: <http://mike4coroner.com/>

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WHY SECRETARY OF STATE - PART 1: ELECTIONS

By Lawrence Denney Candidate for Secretary of State



As the Chief Elections Officer of the State, it will be my responsibility to certify that elections are conducted according to state law; that they are run honestly and fairly. Why is that important? Let me provide you with a few examples:

In November, 2008, Minnesota Republican Norm Coleman finished 725 votes ahead of Democrat Al Franken. The thin margin of victory for Coleman triggered an automatic recount as it would have in Idaho. With the Democratic Secretary of State presiding over the recount process during the ensuing weeks, Coleman's lead gradually dwindled due to what one journalist described as a long series of

"appalling irregularities" that nearly all benefited Franken. For example, during the recount process a number of ballots were found in an election judge's car; one Minnesota County suddenly discovered 100 new votes for Franken and claimed that a clerical error had caused them to go uncounted; another county tallied 177 more votes than it had recorded on Election Day; and yet another county reported 133 fewer votes than its voting machine had tabulated. In addition, 393 convicted felons voted illegally in two Minnesota counties. By the time the recount ended Franken held a 312 vote lead and was officially declared the winner.

Nearly the same scenario played out in Washington State. With the Republican leading on Election Day, there were several recounts, and the Democrat candidate came out on top. Washington now has a Democrat as their Governor.

Although we want to believe this can't happen in Idaho, we must be aware that the potential is there. Few people realize the importance of the Secretary of State's duties, which makes it hard to raise money to finance a statewide campaign, making this race a prime target for out-of-state special interest independent expenditures.

As your Secretary of State, I want to protect the security of the ballot in every way that I can. I personally sponsored legislation requiring a photo ID to vote. While this helps, it still is not enough. Under our current laws, you can register to vote by mail and then you can request an absentee ballot. This means you can register and vote without anyone ever seeing you in person. This presents a potential for fraud.

As Secretary of State, I would aggressively investigate any charges of fraud and would aggressively prosecute any findings of fraud.

I want to make it easy to vote, but I will not give up security of the ballot for convenience.

Updating Idaho's Local Firearm's Laws

By Greg Puett

"In 2013 the Idaho Legislature passed House Bill 183 which removed a contradiction to Idaho's preemption law. Preemption means that the State of Idaho controls firearm's regulations and prohibits cities and counties from doing so. Prior to Idaho implementing preemption, many cities and counties had ordinances or signs that prohibited citizens from carrying firearms in places like parks, city halls, parades, and other venues. Many of these municipalities probably did not know that they were in violation of Idaho's preemption law. Perhaps they did. Either way, the Idaho Second Amendment Alliance felt that something needed to be done.

In June of 2014 we began researching local ordinances across the state. It is a project we are continuing to work on. As of this writing we have found over 15 cities/counties that have ordinances that are outdated or signs that are posted prohibiting firearms. We have sent letters to each of these municipalities and asked them to bring their ordinances in compliance with state law or take down signs that prohibit the carrying of firearms. Some of these municipalities have been a tremendous help and have been quick to take action. Gem County, Twin Falls County, Meridian, and Nampa are a few of the places that have taken steps already to correct their issues. While we have an ally in the Coeur d'Alene City Council, we are expecting most of their council to fight changing the ordinance, even though it is in direct violation of the law. This is why we need citizens to be involved in public hearings when these ordinances are being discussed.

You can visit www.idahosaa.org and click on our Preemption Project tab for important updates on each area and for important time and dates of public hearings."

THERE ARE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS YOU MAY WISH TO ATTEND

SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 6:30 PM AT NAMPA CCITY HALL

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Friday evening - Reception 7:00 pm

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Doyel Shamley - Jurisdiction (How Apache County, AZ gained control of the lands within its borders.)

Matt Shea - Update on the Bundy Ranch Situation.

Cornel Rasor - Why Idaho should be on equal footing with the original states as promised by the constitution

Steve Ackerman - The financial side of regaining our lands.

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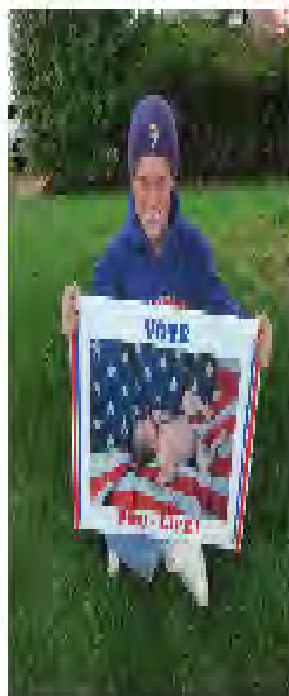
Life Chain

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2-4 pm

Meet us at the Red Robin on Milwaukee. We'll provide pro-Life signs. This event gives us a great opportunity to share the pro-Life message with folks coming in and out of the Mall. Similar events

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CHANGE IT OR OBEY IT?

Why the Constitution is the Solution

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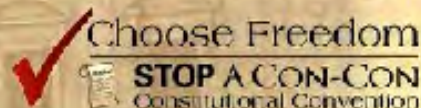
Activists across the country are engaged in a race to influence their state legislators to pass applications for an Article V convention in an effort to rein in the federal government. At the same time, liberal and conservative organizations are teaming up to change the Constitution to fit their agendas.



Dr. Scott Bradley

You're invited to attend "Change It or Obey It?" a presentation given by Dr. Scott Bradley through the JBS Speakers Bureau. Learn more about this topic, how it would affect you, and how obedience to the Constitution remains the best solution.

A member of the JBS Speakers Bureau, Dr. Scott Bradley is Founder and Chairman of The Constitution Commemoration Foundation, Inc., a non-profit educational organization which seeks to foster increased understanding of the United States Constitution in the tradition of the founders.



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**Saturday, September 27th, 2014
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This year's walk is superhero themed. Dress up as your favorite character or put together a team of superheroes or villains and fight in the battle to END NF!



Savannah and Tessa

Here are just two of the thousands of children affected with Neurofibromatosis (NF)

WHAT IS “NF”

Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a progressive genetic disorder of the nervous system which causes tumors to form on nerves anywhere on the body and can lead to blindness, bone abnormalities, cancer, deafness, disfigurement, and learning disabilities. This disorder affects all races, all ethnic groups and both sexes equally. NF is one of the most common genetic disorders in the United States (one in every 2,500 to 3,000 births). At this time, there is no cure, nor are there any effective treatment options, which is why we are walking

What we are asking today is easy yet critical if we are going to end NF.

Ways you can help

- 1. Donate to our walk today
<http://www.nfwalk.org/idaho2014>**
- 2. Register to walk
<http://www.nfwalk.org/idaho2014>**
- 3. Encourage at least one other person to do the same**

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TREVOR LOUDON (your page title)

New Zeal blogger and author, Trevor Loudon, will be speaking in the greater Boise area in **October** as part of his U.S. book tour! This is rare opportunity to hear directly from the renowned researcher who has carefully documented the details of the progressive infiltration of the U.S. Congress.

What's Loudon's "The Enemies Within: Communists, Socialists and Progressives in the U.S. Congress" All About?

Trevor Loudon's newly released book "[The Enemies Within: Communists, Socialists and Progressives in the U.S. Congress](#)" is like no other book written on American politics.

The book is designed to expose, in layman's terms, the comprehensive communist, socialist and extreme progressive infiltration of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate.

"The Enemies Within" profiles fourteen Senators and more than fifty Representatives and their ties to Communist Party USA, Democratic Socialists of America, Workers World Party, and The Institute for Policy Studies, Council for a Livable World and other radical anti-American organizations.

Ever wondered why the US Congress has moved further and further left over your lifetime, even while much of the electorate has become more and more conservative? Why government regulation and taxes have exponentially increased, even though most Americans still oppose Big Government?

"The Enemies Within" is designed to show American voters exactly how modern communism works and how it impacts on your life, every single day. Just how do the communists win big on things like Obamacare and immigration "reform," which go completely against the wishes of the American people?

"The Enemies Within" names names and takes no prisoners.

Plan now and bring your friends to one of the following **FREE events:**

Monday, October 6th – [evening TBA]

Mission Aviation Fellowship
12 N. Pilatus Lane
Nampa, Idaho

Visit... <http://www.trevorloudon.com/>

Wednesday, October 8th – 7:00pm

American Legion Post 113, VA Building
22 W. Broadway Ave.
Meridian, Idaho

Contact: Valerie Candelaria 794-1250



If you have a local group that would like to host another speaking engagement in the greater Boise area between Oct 9 and Oct 12, contact Valerie at The 9-12 Project of Idaho to learn the minimal requirements!

Common Core Community Meetings (your page title)

September 2014 Schedule

ALL MEETINGS ARE FREE OF CHARGE

Saturday, September 6th, 7:00pm

Kimber Academy, 17 East Oneida

Preston, Idaho

(Two buildings down from Preston Dry Cleaners)

Contact:

Valerie Candelaria 794-1250

Saturday, September 13th, 2:00pm

KMVT Community Room

1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N

Twin Falls, Idaho

Contact:

Liz Niccum 732-5262

Rick Martin 409-7363

Saturday, September 13th, Evening (tba)

Location Pending

Castleford, Idaho

Contact:

Liz Niccum 732-5262

Rick Martin 409-7363

Wednesday, September 24th, 7:00pm

American Legion Post 113, VA Bldg.

22 West Broadway Ave.

Meridian, Idaho (upstairs)

Contact:

Valerie Candelaria 794-1250



We will talk to anyone, anywhere... be it in your home, in a park, or with a group. If you can help us spread the word by hosting an informational meeting of any size, please contact us to make arrangements.

Thank you!

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On SEPTEMBER 12th, 2014 at 6:00pm The State Capital room WW 53.
Doors will open at 5:00pm for an information reception.

Sept. 27, 2014 Idaho NF Walk, Place: Kleiner Park Meridian. Come and support this worthy cause that helps thousands of children each year that are affected with Neurofibromatosis. This years event will have a Super Hero Theme. Dress up as your favorite character or put together a team of superheroes or villains and fight in the battle to end NF. Register to walk at www.nfwalk.org/idaho2014

Sept. 26, 27 2014 The 4th Annual Idaho Liberty Summit, to be held in Coeur d' Alene Idaho at The Best Western Coeur d' Alene Inn and Conference Center.
September 26 will be an all day Constitution Class.
September 27, will be guest speakers and a buffet lunch. For further information please contact Pam Stout at pamwbst@aol.com.

The RLC's Liberty Expo and Spirit of 76 awards Banquet will be on Saturday October 25th at the Riverside Hotel. We do not yet have a schedule of events or a complete list of speakers but people can look at the IdahoLibertyExpo.com website for example discussion panel topics from last year's expo

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