

# The Patriots' Truth

## Flint Hills TEA Party News

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### ON OUR CALENDAR

#### **MEDIA COMMITTEE MEETING – MCALISTER'S EVERY WED AT 5:30PM**

**June 11 – 9:30 AM Monthly Meeting at Manhattan City  
Library**

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**Six Boys And Thirteen Hands...** Each year I am hired to go to Washington, DC, with the eighth grade class from Clinton, WI where I grew up, to videotape their trip. I greatly enjoy visiting our nation's capitol, and each year I take some special memories back with me. This fall's trip was especially memorable. On the last night of our trip, we stopped at the Iwo Jima memorial. This memorial is the largest bronze statue in the world and depicts one of the most famous photographs in history—that of the six brave soldiers raising the American Flag at the top of a rocky hill on the island of Iwo Jima, Japan, during WW II. Over one hundred students and chaperones piled off the buses and headed towards the memorial. I noticed a solitary figure at the base of the statue, and as I got closer he asked, 'Where are you guys from?' I told him that we were from Wisconsin. 'Hey, I'm a cheese head, too! Come gather around, Cheese heads, and I will tell you a story.' (It was James Bradley who just happened to be in Washington, DC, to speak at the memorial the following day. He was there that night to say good night to his dad, who had passed away. He was just about to leave when he saw the buses pull up. I videotaped him as he spoke to us, and received his permission to share what he said from my videotape. It is one thing to tour the incredible monuments filled with history in Washington, DC, but it is quite another to get the kind of insight we received that night.) When all had gathered around, he reverently began to speak. (Here are his words that night.) 'My name is James Bradley and I'm from Antigo, Wisconsin. My dad is on that statue, and I just wrote a book called 'Flags of Our Fathers' which is #5 on the New York Times Best Seller list right now. It is the story of the six boys you see behind me. 'Six boys raised the flag. The first guy putting the pole in the ground is Harlon Block. Harlon was an all-state football player. He enlisted in the Marine Corps with all the senior members of his football team. They were off to play another type of game. A game called 'War.' But it didn't turn out to be a game. Harlon, at the age of 21, died with his intestines in his hands. I don't say that to gross you out, I say that because there are people who stand in front of this statue and talk about the glory of war.

You guys need to know that most of the boys in Iwo Jima were 17, 18, and 19 years old - and it was so hard that the ones who did make it home never even would talk to their families about it. (He

pointed to the statue) 'You see this next guy? That's Rene Gagnon from New Hampshire. If you took Rene's helmet off at the moment this photo was taken and looked in the webbing of that helmet, you would find a photograph...a photograph of his girlfriend. Rene put that in there for protection because he was scared. He was 18 years old. It was just boys who won the battle of Iwo Jima. Boys. Not old men. 'The next guy here, the third guy in this tableau, was Sergeant Mike Strank. Mike is my hero. He was the hero of all these guys. They called him the 'old man' because he was so old. He was already 24. When Mike would motivate his boys in training camp, he didn't say, 'Let's go kill some Japanese' or 'Let's die for our country.' He knew he was talking to little boys.. Instead he would say, 'You do what I say, and I'll get you home to your mothers.' 'The last guy on this side of the statue is Ira Hayes, a Pima Indian from Arizona. Ira Hayes was one of them who lived to walk off Iwo Jima . He went into the White House with my dad. President Truman told him, 'You're a hero' He told reporters, 'How can I feel like a hero when 250 of my buddies hit the island with me and only 27 of us walked off alive?' So you take your class at school, 250 of you spending a year together having fun, doing everything together. Then all 250 of you hit the beach, but only 27 of your classmates walk off alive. That was Ira Hayes. He had images of horror in his mind. Ira Hayes carried the pain home with him and eventually died dead drunk, face down, drowned in a very shallow puddle, at the age of 32 (ten years after this picture was taken). 'The next guy, going around the statue, is Franklin Soursley from Hilltop, Kentucky. A fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. His best friend, who is now 70, told me, 'Yeah, you know, we took two cows up on the porch of the Hilltop General Store. Then we strung wire across the stairs so the cows couldn't get down. Then we fed them Epsom salts. Those cows crapped all night.' Yes, he was a fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. Franklin died on Iwo Jima at the age of 19. When the telegram came to tell his mother that he was dead, it went to the Hilltop General Store. A barefoot boy ran that telegram up to his mother's farm. The neighbors could hear her scream all night and into the morning. Those neighbors lived a quarter of a mile away. 'The next guy, as we continue to go around the statue, is my dad, John Bradley, from Antigo, Wisconsin , where I was raised. My dad lived until 1994, but he would never give interviews.

When Walter Cronkite's producers or the New York Times would call, we were trained as little kids to say 'No, I'm sorry, sir, my dad's not here. He is in Canada fishing. No, there is no phone there, sir. No, we don't know when he is coming back.' My dad never fished or even went to Canada. Usually, he was sitting there right at the table eating his Campbell 's soup. But we had to tell the press that he was out fishing. He didn't want to talk to the press. 'You see, like Ira Hayes, my dad didn't see himself as a hero. Everyone thinks these guys are heroes, 'cause they are in a photo and on a monument My dad knew better. He was a medic. John Bradley from Wisconsin was a combat caregiver. On Iwo Jima he probably held over 200 boys as they died. And when boys died on Iwo Jima, they writhed and screamed, without any medication or help with the pain. 'When I was a little boy, my third grade teacher told me that my dad was a hero. When I went home and told my dad that, he looked at me and said, 'I want you always to remember that the heroes of Iwo Jima are the guys who did not come back. Did NOT come back.' So that's the story about six nice young boys. Three died on Iwo Jima, and three came back as national heroes. Overall, 7,000 boys died on Iwo Jima in the worst battle in the history of the Marine Corps. My voice is giving out, so I will end here. Thank you for your time.' Suddenly, the monument wasn't just a big old piece of metal with a flag sticking out of the top. It came to life before our eyes with the heartfelt words of a son who did indeed have a father who was a hero. Maybe not a hero for the reasons most people would believe, but a hero nonetheless. We need to remember that God created this vast and glorious world for us to live in, freely, but also at great sacrifice. Let us never forget from the Revolutionary War to the current War on Terrorism and all the wars in-between that sacrifice was made for our freedom...please pray for our troops. Remember to pray praises for this great country of ours and also, please, pray for our troops still in murderous places around the world. STOP and thank God for being alive and being free due to someone else's sacrifice. God Bless You and God Bless America! One thing I learned while on tour with my 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in DC that is not mentioned here is . . . that if you look at the statue very closely and count the number of 'hands' raising the flag, there are 13. When the man who made the statue was asked why there were 13, he

simply said, “The 13<sup>th</sup> hand was the hand of God.”

**Remember our Military Personnel on Memorial Day and Flag Day!  
They protect us EVERY day!!!**

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## Legislative Report, Week of May 2, 2011

We are working toward the goal of finishing the session of 2011. This week and part of next week will be the workings of the conference committees reconciling committee bills that have passed the House and/or the Senate. The conference committees, usually consisting of 3 members of the respective Houses, the Committee Chair, Vice-Chair and Ranking minority member meet and work out differences between House and Senate versions of bills and then send their committee reports back to each chamber for final approval. It can be long negotiating sessions, consisting of many meetings to finalize bills.

We have finished the conference committee reports for the Taxation Committees and are now running those agreed to bills across the House floor for approvals. We have agreed to the Governors Economic growth bill, commonly referred to as the “Expensing” bill. Earlier in the session we approved the other economic growth Governors bill, the Rural Opportunity Zones act and it is signed into law. We also had a number of smaller bills, which were agreed to. The good news is—no increases in taxes were considered this year and while it has made budget negotiations tougher, the taxpayers of Kansas will have no additional burdens placed upon them. With the gas prices as they are, it’s tough enough to make ends meet for our citizens.

This is the first year I have been on the Appropriations committee and it has been quite a challenge. Cutting expenses even in good times is tough enough, let alone during this recession when revenues just are not there. Also I have been appointed to Appropriations conference committee and all week we have been meeting trying to work out the differences between the House and Senate versions of the budget Omnibus bill. I do apologize to the constituents who have sent emails that I have not been able to answer due to time constraints. Since I was appointed to the Appropriations conference committee I am receiving about 1,000 emails a day.

When the legislature left for the April break, the Senate budget contained an ending balance of approximately \$2 million while the House budget had an \$80 million ending balance. The April consensus revenue estimating group reduced their revenue forecast and with that new estimate, the Senate budget has a negative balance of -\$22 million and the House with \$56 million ending balance. With the budget conference committee meeting on a daily basis, the House has committed to a significant ending balance, which means the House reduced state expenditures \$78 million more than the Senate. In addition, the House looks forward to movement of the substantive policy pieces passed earlier this year. While there still significant dollar amounts between the two budgets, the House committee is committed to continue negotiations that results in a budget of at least a \$50 million ending balance. We will have only a few days to finish the process.

## Legislative Report, Week of May 9, 2011

This week marked the final week of the 2011 legislative session and, as expected, required a long night to finalize a budget compromise. The legislature adjourned around just after 6am Friday morning after passing the 2012 fiscal year budget and approving a variety of other key public policy initiatives, which had lingered to the final days. At the beginning of the session, it was clear that our primary focus would be balancing the state budget and working to get the Kansas economy back on track. My week was spent working on the Budget Conference committee and negotiating with the Senate. Long hours were in order as there were significant differences between the two budgets. We began with over 250 different positions between the budgets. Most significant was the fact the Senate budget was in the red after the new April Consensus Revenue figures came out and our budget ending balance was reduced from \$78 million to \$54 million. After countless hours and meetings the House budget ending balance was preserved at \$50 million and enough expenses were cut to reach the goals. The Senate had to give

up significant spending. When session started in January we had a \$550 million budget deficit on a \$6 billion total SGF budget and a clear directive to take immediate action on key topics like voter identification requirements, tax reform, abortion law, KPERS funding, healthcare and school finance. Recognizing the volume of work needed to be accomplished in just 90 days, my tax committee and the other committees began addressing those issues. Among the accomplishments were: Strengthened Voter ID requirements; Approved fundamental tax reform allowing Kansas business to expense certain investments; and the creation of the Rural Opportunity Zones. - Passed legislation providing reductions to individual and corporate income tax rates when state revenues increase; While this passed the House, the Senate refused to take up the issue and this tax reform bill will be a huge issue in the 2012 session. - Modified existing law making late-term and partial birth abortions more difficult to obtain; Defined fetal pain to prohibit abortions from being performed after 22 weeks; Took a step in preventing further education funding lawsuits by defining the “suitability” of education funding in the Kansas Constitution; Approved greater flexibility provisions allowing schools districts to use unencumbered funds to support classroom and teacher funding; Once again, passed the Health Care Freedom Act codifying the individual right of Kansans to choose to purchase or refuse to purchase health insurance; Deleted the current smoking ban exemption for gaming floors of lottery or racetrack gaming facilities; Repealed current law that provides in-state tuition to illegal immigrants; Didn't pass in the Senate' Took a substantial first step in addressing the unfunded liability of the KPERS retirement system; Reformed workers compensation regulations; and Passed a budget that, for the first time since 1972, decreased all-funds state spending by nearly a billion dollars and turned a \$500 million deficit into a \$50 million surplus WITHOUT raising taxes. There was a wide range of debate on the final budget proposal, but at the end of the day almost 70 legislators remained focused to build a better Kansas, recognizing that passage of the budget with ending balance while avoiding tax increases was a significant step in reforming state government. Now Governor Brownback can move forward with his work of reducing the size of government and growing the private sector of the economy. For the first time in my seven years in the Kansas legislature, I feel we are truly on the right path with controlling the huge appetite for government spending increases and helping the taxpayers of Kansas keep and spend their own hard earned money.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your State Representative. If you have questions or comments please feel free to call, write or send an email. My office is in the Statehouse, room 274 W., 300 SW 10th st., Topeka, Kansas. 66612. My phone is 785-296-7660 and my email is [richard.carlson@house.ks.gov](mailto:richard.carlson@house.ks.gov) **Richard D. Carlson**, State Representative, 61st. Dist.

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## From Chip Shots

By Chip Wood, of Personal Liberty Alerts

**Hey, Mr. President, how could you forget about Easter?** For the first time in living memory, the White House did NOT issue a proclamation two weeks ago acknowledging the most important event in the Christian calendar. **Not a word about Easter was uttered by the Oval Office. Previously, however President Barack Obama issued at least three official White House proclamations honoring Muslim holidays.**

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## Is Obama a Serial LIAR?

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Accusing someone of lying is a serious matter, especially when that someone is the President of the United States. Charges of that nature should be leveled based only on absolute proof of a deliberate statement, intentionally made, whose sole purpose is to deceive. Based on this criteria, President Obama is a liar. Demonstrably so. And a disturbing pattern is emerging that allows for the possibility that our president is a serial liar. Consider: In just the last month, Obama has made several statements that are just not so. Statements made to the American public that were in direct

conflict with known facts.

In April, Obama flatly stated that implementing ObamaCare will reduce the deficit by \$1 trillion. A day later, the Congressional Budget Office reported that statement was “incorrect,” pegging the “deficit savings” at \$210 billion over 10 years.

In the same April 15 speech, Obama stated that the tax burden on the wealthy is the lowest it has been in 50 years. A simple fact-check proves him wrong. Obama did not correct his false statement and the media didn't either.

In January of 2009, Obama stated that it was no longer necessary to kill Osama Bin Laden to win the war against al-Qaeda. On May 1, 2011, after the successful raid by Navy Seals that killed bin Laden, Obama told the nation that he made the capture or killing of Osama bin Laden a “top priority,” and had instructed CIA Chief Leon Panetta to make this job number one. Which statement is correct?

Last week, several of my friends asked me if I believe that bin Laden was really dead. The questions weren't surprising, considering the mass of misinformation and conflicting accounts of bin Laden's death now emanating from the White House. It appears the question of bin Laden's demise was only settle after al Qaeda issued a statement confirming it.

What does it say about Obama's credibility when the pro-Arab al Jazeera media reports are given more credibility than our own president? Maybe that's why Columbia School of Journalism just awarded al Jazeera a journalism prize.

Giving Obama the benefit of the doubt, I'll allow for the possibility that Obama underwent a drastic change of heart and altered his position on bin Laden. It happens. But when added to the increasing number of statements Obama continues to make that defy reality, the facts, and common sense, I'm more inclined to believe Obama's “mis-statements” are a deliberate effort to deceive the American people.

For example “Obama told the American people that Not spending money is “mortgaging America's future.” Who knows, it's possible Obama actually believes this, but anyone with an ounce of common sense knows we can't spend our way out of bankruptcy.

Another blooper: Obama stated that increased drilling will NOT solve our energy problems. Huh? Again, the media let this statement go unchallenged. (At least Sen. Vitter, from Louisiana, called him on it.)

Obama would have us believe that the big bad oil companies are to blame for our skyrocketing gas prices, despite the fact that every energy decision made by Obama, from with holding drilling permits to increased regulatory burdens being placed on big oil, has directly resulted in raising the cost of gasoline.

Obama would like us to ignore the fact that his Energy Secretary, Steven Chu, stated in 2008 that he wants to “figure out how to boost the price of gasoline to the levels in Eur... Since then, gas prices have doubled. Mission accomplished.

Despite the pain at the pump, Obama's energy dis-information campaign has been quite successful, with a new poll showing that only 9% of Americans believe that Obama is responsible for rising gas prices.

Tailoring the facts to reflect the most favorable interpretation is an accepted prerogative of the bully pulpit. Every president will, of course, spin the news to a certain extent. This is notnew. But under Obama, there appears to be a deliberate campaign by the White House and many segments of the government to blatantly deceive the American people. Consider our Department of Homeland Security:

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano told Congress last week that the Obama administration is trying to come up with a new yardstick to better reflect the improvements it says it has made. The Washington Times correctly noted that, unable to meet it's border goals, the DHS merely moved the goals.

Arizona Sheriff Larry Dever pretty much confirmed the Washington Time's report, testifying before Congress that the U.S. Border Patrol has told its agents to stop arresting illegal aliens crossing the border from Mexico to Keep the illegal immigration numbers down. In other words, deceive the American people by peddling perception as reality.

Obama and his administration are masters in getting Americans to think with their hearts instead of their brains. After all, emotions are easier to manipulate than facts. And many truths are easier to ignore than acknowledge. But not acknowledging reality doesn't change the reality. And we ignore reality at our own peril, as we are now dinging out on a daily basis.

Though not specified in our Constitution, I believe Americans should have the right to enough information to make informed decisions. Instead, we are being fed a steady stream of outright lies and deliberate mis-statements. And when we the people fail to challenge our elected representatives when they lie, we not only enable them, we become complicit. We also forfeit the right to complain when reality hits us in the pocketbook while America continues its slide to the level of a third world country.

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## **WOW, WHAT A GUY!!!**

Last year Obama flew in Air Force One 172 times, almost every other day.

White House officials have been telling reporters in recent days that the Democrat doesn't intend to hang around the White House quite so much in 2011. They explain he wants to get out more around the country because, as everyone knows, that midterm election shellacking on Nov. 2 had nothing to do with his health care bill, over-spending or other policies, and everything to do with Obama's not adequately explaining himself to his countrymen and women.

And with only 673 days remaining in Obama's never ending presidential campaign, the incumbent's travel pace will not likely slacken.

At an Air Force-estimated cost of \$181,757 per flight HOUR (not to mention the additional travel costs of Marine One, Secret Service, logistics and local police overtime), that's a lot of frequent flier dollars going into Obama's carbon footprint.

We are privy to some of these numbers thanks to CBS' Mark Knoller, a bearded national treasure trove of presidential stats. According to Knoller's copious notes, during the last year, Obama made 65 domestic trips over 104 days, and six trips to eight countries over 22 days. Not counting six vacation trips over 32 days..

He took 196 helicopter trips, signed 203 pieces of legislation and squeezed in 29 rounds of left-handed golf.

Obama last year gave 491 speeches, remarks or statements. That's more talking than goes on in some entire families, at least from fatherly mouths.

In fact, even including the 24 days of 2010 that we never saw Obama in public, his speaking works out to about one official utterance every 11 waking hours. Aides indicate the "Real Good Talker" believes we need more.

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Obama has spent over \$100 million taxpayer dollars flying around in Air Force One, and probably another \$100 million on his entourage. Obama is just another tin-pot dictator living lavishly at the expense of his subjects.

**And we seniors have to "tighten our belts" because we aren't getting a COLA again this year... and none last year!**

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED PUT THIS GREEDY WINDBAG IN OFFICE!!  
BE MORE CAREFUL NEXT TIME!!**

Wouldn't it be a wonderful asset for us to have a President who actually cared about our country and its extravagant spending problems? One who cared enough to make personal sacrifices? Let us pray the next election will accomplish that for the USA!!

## It's Time for Some Brutal Honesty

It's time for some brutal honesty. If Republican leaders in the House of Representatives cave and raise the debt ceiling unconditionally, *NOTHING will stop Barack Obama and his leftist cronies in Congress from spending your hard-earned money like it's water and throwing our nation into bankruptcy.*

It's no secret that Obama and his liberal cronies have absolutely no interest in cutting spending to get our great nation out of its deep fiscal hole. In his quest to increase the size and scope of government, Barack Obama actually wants to keep digging.

So why would the American people even consider unconditionally raising the limit on his credit card? We have endured nearly 3 years of spend, spend, spend. Perhaps the real *Audacity of Hope* is the belief that more of the same is going to push gasoline below four dollars per gallon, drive food prices and living expenses down and repair the spending disease that afflicts this great nation.

But what is *really scary* is how easily the so-called Republican leadership in the House and Senate are rolling over to the bullying tactics coming out of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Already [they're talking about negotiating from a position of weakness. And that's why they must hear from patriotic Americans like you right now.](#)

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Here are the ways to contact the Kansas Senators: Pat Roberts, <http://roberts.senate.gov/public>, phone: (202) 224-4774; Fax: (202)-224-3514; 100 Military Plaza, Dodge City, KS 67801

Jerry Moran, <http://moran.senate.gov/public>, phone: (202) 224-6521; Fax: (202)-228-6966

Info on contacting Kansas Representatives: Tim Huelskamp, (202)225-2715; Fax: (202) 225-5124, <http://huelskamp.house.gov/>

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Kevin Yoder, (202)225-2865; Fax: (202)225-2807. <http://yoder.house.gov/>

Mike Pompeo, (202)225-6216; Fax: (202)225-3489. <http://pompei.house.gov/>

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***"Sometimes I wonder weather the world is being run by smart people who are putting us on or by imbeciles who really mean it" .....by Mark Twain***

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### ***A Pack of Lies***

The Obama Administration will use any trick, scam or lie to get the debt limit raised.

And the latest lie they have cooked up is that *'life as you know it WILL come crashing down in flames if the debt ceiling is not raised unconditionally.'* Liberals claim that a national "catastrophe" will ensue if the Republicans don't fall in line and give Obama what the *Ministry of Propaganda (formally the White House Press Office)* calls a "clean debt ceiling increase."

And what exactly is a "clean debt ceiling increase?" Senator Toomey explains: *"[The administration has ratcheted up its demands for an unconditional increase in the debt limit, while offering to consider spending cuts and reforms detached from the debt limit vote. In a nod to public pressure, they have called for 'parallel tracks' in which we would raise the debt limit now, and continue negotiating spending and deficit reductions in the future.]"*

Boiled down, it means: *Give us your money NOW, and we'll TALK about spending cuts LATER.*

Toomey also wrote: *"Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner once again implied that, if the debt limit is not promptly raised, the United States will default on its debt and the resulting catastrophe will be the fault of congressional Republicans.*

*"But Secretary Geithner knows that congressional delay in raising the debt limit will in no way cause a default on our national debt. If Congress refuses to raise the debt ceiling, the federal government will still have more than enough money to fully service our debt. Next year, about 7 percent of all projected federal government expenditures will go to interest on our debt. Tax revenue is projected to cover at least 70 percent of all government expenditures. So, under any circumstances, there will be plenty of money to pay our creditors."*

So why is the Obama Administration lying to you? It's simple. *They think you're too stupid to catch*

on to the double-dealing. But you know better. The American people are not fooled. As a matter of fact, a growing number of Americans are starting to say that the debt ceiling should *NOT* be raised... period.

*"The only reason to raise the debt limit is to continue business as usual in Washington,"* says Joseph Farah, editor of *WorldNetDaily*. *"There is no necessity to do it. The prudent and responsible move would be to run the government with the trillions in revenues it takes in. No individual, no business and no state or local government can just keep borrowing to justify uncontrolled spending. It's time the federal government starts operating like the rest of us do."*

In fact, a recently released CBS News poll shows *Americans oppose a raise in the federal debt limit by an over 2-to-1 margin, with 63 percent opposed to only 27 percent in favor.*

The CBS News Polling Unit's results also show that *83 percent of Republicans and 64 percent of independents oppose Congress lifting the maximum amount the federal government can borrow, while even Democrats stand against it, with 48 percent opposed to 36 percent in favor.*

Alarm bells should be going off when 48 percent of *DEMOCRATS* don't want to raise the debt ceiling. [With that sort of opposition, it's time to draw a line in the sand and tell Congress: "No way, no how. The American people demand REAL SPENDING CUTS."](#)

See instructions for connect at the end of the last article!!

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### ***Too Much Talk, Never Any Action***

The chatter inside the Washington Beltway, on cable news and spewing from every talking head on the left is that raising the debt ceiling is a foregone conclusion... That there is absolutely no need to attach anything to it. Pass it first and spending cuts will come later. But there is absolutely no reason to raise the debt ceiling unconditionally. Yes if it is not raised, there will have to be some trimming to the federal budget... but HELLO, that's what the American people want.

The American People don't want business-as-usual policies. Spending restraint is what the people voted for in November of 2010.

We will *NOT* agree to sign off on more spending without real change. Raising the debt ceiling unconditionally is the worst possible path. Without a set of strict conditions, *SPENDING CUTS WILL NEVER COME.*

Senator Toomey has taken the lead and is fighting for the American people. Others in Congress are joining him and they all need our support.

Senator Tom Coburn recently said: *"The Treasury secretary has the ability, even if this debt limit is not extended, to continue to pay interest on our loans. The idea that this is catastrophic is wrong - what is catastrophic is to continue to spend money we don't have."*

Congressman Joe Walsh recently said that the dangers of not raising the debt ceiling are being *"overstated."* Specifically, he said: *"It is being overstated. The administration is playing politics with this issue like they're playing politics with entitlement reform."* Walsh added, *"We've got enough government revenues to certainly pay, to service all of our debt."*

We do not need to continue down the road to ruin. The [time has come to make those in Washington understand that the foolishness must come to a stop. We don't want false reform. We want an honest to goodness spring-cleaning. No more deals in smoke filled rooms that crush the spirit \(and the wallets\) of the American people.](#)

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See how at the end of the "It's time for some Brutal Honesty" Article.

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### ***They Want To Make A Deal***

We all know how *"deals"* work in Washington. *"Concessions"* and *"compromises"* invariably lead to a *"Raw Deal"* for the American people. We've been there, done that, got the T-shirt... and the crushing pain in our wallets.

Barack Obama and his cronies are telling the American people to give them a *"clean debt ceiling*

*increase*" BEFORE they tackle real spending cuts. Hell no. Our *message to Mr. Obama and Congress is the American people want real spending cuts BEFORE we even talk about raising the limit on your credit card.*

If raising the debt ceiling is so important, then you're going to have to put in some sweat equity BEFORE we, the American people, even entertain the notion of "*negotiating*" on the debt ceiling.

Let's be brutally honest... We know what will happen if we fall for the promises of spending cuts after the fact. We've been down that road before. Remember when the politicians in Washington told us that they were going to slash spending?

A pathetic and anemic proposed 100 Billion in cuts this year ("*It's a start*" they said) turned into a laughable 350 Million in cuts.

Remember when our elected officials told us that passing the so-called "*stimulus*" was needed to avoid "*an immediate economic catastrophe?*"

They lied. Simply put, [we won't be fooled again. We're through... No more. It is time for the American People to take this country back.](#)

Gas prices are 4 dollars a gallon and rising. The "*real*" unemployment rate is nearly 20 percent... One in five Americans is "*underemployed.*" We need real change.

In short, it's time to continue to [let our elected officials know that the American people will not be hoodwinked. They'll understand THAT message. And your calls and Blast Faxes are the most effective means of delivering that message .](#)

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I never wished death on anyone, but have read some obits with pleasure. .... by Mark Twain

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## Minutes of May 14 Meeting

**The meeting was called to order by Moderator John Ford. John made the following announcements:**

1. We have successfully helped to put good men in local positions. Now we need to continue to support and encourage them as they serve they posts.
2. Our back to back weekend events were successful with the hard work of good people. But we don't intend to do that again.
3. This is John's last meeting to be Moderator. We have a good man to step into the position.

Ernie Honas will be our Moderator for the next 6 months.

Ernie Honas led us in the Flag Salute.

Rex Miller led us in prayer.

Matt Pennell made Chocolate Chip and Raisin and Walnut Bread Pudding for us. He brought it in freshly made and encouraged us to eat it while it is warm. We happily complied. The Bread Pudding was great. Thank you, Matt.

Chris Tawney, who is now working with Paul Barkey and Matt Pennell on the Treasury. Chris gave the report that there is \$452 in the bank and a couple outstanding bills. The donations from the two April Events were generous and encouraging. (Many thanks to those contributing. We always need and appreciate donations.) Those donations covered the expenses of the events and left some for seed. Tax forms for donations to the Scholarship Fund to be Tax Exempt are in the works to be sure all we do is legal and beneficial to those contributing to the Scholarship Fund.

We want to **Sincerely Thank** Sharon Greene's Mother, **Mrs. Campbell** for her contribution of \$100 to pay the rent on the Riley County High School Gym for the "2<sup>nd</sup> Rally in Riley", April 9, 2011.

We want to extend our Thanks and appreciation to Jon Brake for

Steve Disbrow came to give us the support of Our Manhattan and we appreciate that support.

Ernie Honas, Student Councilor at Junction City High, talked to us about launching our TEA Party Constitutional Scholarship. It is planned for the Scholarship to go National in time. Our goal besides helping students with advanced education expenses is to familiarize High School Students with the Constitution of the United States. To participate in this scholarship, students will need to

study the Constitution extensively. The Concept of this Scholarship was the “brain child” of John Matta. It is being discussed if the “contest” for the scholarship will be in a “Spelling Bee” setting or in an Education group setting. Ernie has visited with Kris Kobach and Lynn Jenkins, who will help with the organization of this project. It’s getting exciting, folks. Check to see if you can help!!

Because of a request, we have made efforts to locate Conservatives in Junction City and Geary County to assist in forming a TEA Party there; however, it was reported that this effort was unsuccessful. If there are those of you interested in doing this, please, contact us and we’ll be happy to work with you.

Chris reported that once again it has been found that inappropriate Constitutions are being distributed. When several of our members attended the “Not Ours to Give” event in Topeka it was discovered that Constitutions missing important dates, such as July 4, as well as other basic dates of our countries history and the Declaration of Independence is listed as an “appendix”. The quotes of our Founding Fathers are eliminated. It is Chris’s opinion that for the reason of changing our Country from a thriving Republic to a dummed down communistic country with only a shell of it’s origin.

**Please, Please, Please pay close attention to any Constitution that you come across. The only Constitution that the FHTP is endorsing at this time is the one printed and Copyright @ 2009 by National Center for Constitutional Studies.** Several other “government agencies” are printing Constitutions that are not complete or miss title items within it. Help us be diligent and correct when distributing our United State Constitution!!!

Many are pushing for a Con Con at a meeting on May 25. Please, do all you can to discourage a Constitutional Convention EVER being held.

Go to “The Blaze” by Glenn Beck and Front Page Magazine.com with David Howawitz and Campus Watch.

Don’t forget the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Discrimination Ruling at the Manhattan City Commission Meeting Tues, May 17. Our new Commissioners need our continued support.

Due to the Indiana Supreme Court ruling on Amendment 4 we must all remain vigilant. Everyone needs to contact their Federal and State Representatives and Senators. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that police are allowed to invade a home without a warrant, so long as *they* create circumstances that make it seem urgent, we’re pointed to an even more ridiculous ruling in the Indiana Supreme Court that effectively legalizes the ability of law enforcement to enter any home without a warrant. Taking one step at a time the Federal Government is taking our ability away from us to defend our home. Contact your elected employees and make them aware of your opinion of this situation. (If you don’t know how to contact them – refer to earlier in this Newsletter.)

It was decided the FHTP Summer of 2011 events would be the Junction City Sundown Salute (several days before and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July) and the Riley County 4-H Fair (July 21-25, 2011). Other events could be decided on in the future. The expense for these two events is: Sundown Salute - \$200 and the Riley County 4-H Fair - \$135. Most of the initial cost of both events is covered. Completion of this and the cost of stocking the booths with give away info as well as signing up to **BE there** is still open for donation. We will be discussing these events at the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and at the Wednesday evening Media Group meetings. The donation of your body presence as well as cash will be appreciated.

It was discussed that we must be careful not to spread ourselves too thin. However, we must also keep our name out there and be consistently working for and helping our Cities, Counties, State, and Country. Unless more people volunteer to man a booth in Wamego we will not have one on July 4. We are making efforts to cover our bases and continue to be informative to all who desire to be informed.

Matt made the motion to have a booth at the Sundown Salute – it was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed. Ernie will get the info we need for this event.

Glen made a motion, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed for us to have a booth at the RL County 4-H Fair. It was discussed to NOT sell, give away or have food for the public at the Fair at all. We will sell T-shirts

and give away Constitutions for donations.

We will have a Potluck at the Keats Park when a date for the park is open.

The emails and snail mail of the Patriot's Truth was discussed. Chuck sends just under 700 Newsletters via email. Sylva sends a little over 30 Newsletters via U.S. Postal Service. The postage is costly as well as the paper and ink to print them. Gary Mills donated \$20 for postage. Sylva and Tom gladly donate the paper and ink. The 1<sup>st</sup> ounce is \$.44 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> ounce is \$.19. One ounce consists of 6 sheets of paper. When it is possible for you to contribute to this cause it will be greatly appreciated.

It was brought up that the FHTP participated in several Parades last summer. After discussion it was decided that until we had more to contribute than "Here we are" we would NOT take part in parades this year.

Larry will be our contact person with Freedom Jamboree. He will have more to report later. It is to be held September 26 thru October 1, 2011. Volunteers will be needed.

Matt is working with the USO group on Fort Riley to see what we can do to help Military Families. John Ford has been in contact with USO group in Manhattan. We do what we can with both groups as well as with the American Legion Aux.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Sylva Nichols

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## **Obama Appoints His 33rd Czar and The Constitution Cringes.**

**Posted by Justen Charters on May 24, 2011 at 2:10am**

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With a President like Obama who thinks his executive power does not come with checks and balances, you never know what you're going to get. I have never seen the word "Czar" in the Constitution. Apparently Barack has seen it there many times because he just appointed his 33<sup>rd</sup> Czar Jesse Lee to help fight the stories that paint Obama in a negative light.

Oh, and I almost forgot Jesse Lee was an official blogger for Nancy "WE HAVE TO PASS THE BILL SO YOU CAN SEE WHAT'S IN IT" Pelosi. Lets call an orange an orange. Jesse is Obama's new Minister of Propaganda. All I have to say is good luck trying to debunk truth. That is a tough job.

Jesse's new title comes with an official White House Twitter Account.

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