

The Patriots' Truth

Flint Hills TEA Party News

See us at McALISTER'S DELI, EVERY WED after 5pm — *Join the Working Group. Monthly meetings are usually the 2nd Saturday of each month. This month we are taking a break. Next meeting: Dec 21 — 9:30AM, Manhattan City Library Auditorium. Bring Your Important issues to be discussed — Let Chuck know if you have special issues to discuss or come prepared to introduce your concerns on schools, city, county, state, country. Regardless of what happens, and even more so when NOTHING HAPPENS, in DC. We MUST keep God in our Hearts!! Much is still to be accomplished in D.C., at the State Capital, county, Community & School Districts — may God guide them and all of us. We must work together for the good of all in the USA and the world. GOD BLESS!!*

November 22, 2013

Dear Friends,

There are two things the Political Class in Washington loves: power and creating chaos.

Washington elites believe they have all the answers. They love to push their social agenda and force us all to comply with their pointy-headed ideas of "fairness" and "social justice." They have no trust in the wisdom and ability of the American people to build and grow our country. But they don't always get their way, so they put another strategy into play. They create chaos.

Chaos is something people in Washington crave. They feed off it. Washington elites secretly love it when bad things happen, because it gives them an opportunity to come in and "fix" things with a new program that gives them more power and takes more of our liberty away from us.

But there's another Washington-elite trick that we often overlook — doing nothing. They threaten legislation, or a wild regulation, or create a new agency that could harm an industry or some group of people.

Now, you may be asking yourself why this is so important to them. There's just one answer to this question: money.

Washington power-brokers play the money game by promoting these legislative or executive threats on the one hand, while with the other hand demanding campaign contributions from the industries or even individuals under threat. Then just like Lucy with Charlie Brown and the football, they pull it away suddenly once they extort campaign funds from the businesses they threaten. And it never stops.

At some point in the future though, Washington plans to bring the threat back. And extort still more money.

And it is just not an Obama game. It is a bipartisan game. Establishment types in both parties engage in the extortion.

There is only one clear answer to this - **the Americans must demand that Washington follow the Constitution**. Not as a bunch of Leftists have stretched it so far that it means so much less now, but as our Founders intended, wrote, and followed it themselves.

For they knew, human nature craves power, control, money, among other things. And thus Government craves power, control, money.

They understood that a Constitution limiting the power of the elected is the best method to hold this Political Class in check. A limited government - with limited authority - and final power and control "reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

To prevent Government from becoming tyrannical. To protect our cherished, God-granted liberties.

Rest assured, I am not giving up on this American ideal of a limited government - under God - and answerable to the American people. Neither should you.

Yours in Liberty,

Tim Huelskamp

Member of Congress

P.S. Obama is on his heels. ObamaCare is on the ropes. Big Government is failing again. But be assured, the battle is not over. They will not go away without a fight. Too much power, too much control, too much money is at stake for Washington to leave us alone now.

The following is a Thanksgiving letter I received from "TEA Party Patriots Citizens Fund". It expresses very well how I feel about the TEA Parties across America. I wanted to express my thanks to YOU for being with us.

Dear Patriot,

Thanksgiving is this week, and I wanted to take a brief moment to express how thankful we are at the Tea Party Patriots Citizens Fund for our movement, for our country, and for you, our incredible supporters.

I believe it is all too easy to forget how amazing the Tea Party movement is and how ordinary citizens have an historic opportunity to change America for the better.

Despite all the news coming out of Washington, America is not lost. While our nation's leaders have placed the United States on a path to financial and economic hardship, "We the People" still have the ability to stop them. We still live in the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.

Ordinary citizens are banding together every day at the grassroots level to strive peacefully for freedom and economic liberty. Nowhere else on this planet is there a movement like the Tea Party. Certainly not in dictatorships like North Korea, China or Russia. Not even in "democracies" like France or Italy.

The Tea Party is unique because Americans are unique. We don't stand by and watch history go past. We take action. We solve problems. We fulfill our own destinies. And we never give up. No matter what the odds.

Our movement was founded by patriotic Americans of from every corner of our great land and from every imaginable background. We banded together because the political establishments of both parties in Washington no longer listened to us. We took action all by ourselves, and today the Tea Party is one of the most extraordinary movements in history.

I am thankful that in America we still have the rights to assemble, to petition our government, to speak our minds, and to stand up to the Washington ruling class's edicts, regulations, and liberty-stifling laws.

I am thankful that so many millions of Americans aren't afraid to exercise those rights. I am thankful that that they care so much about our nation that they routinely put their lives on hold to help build the Tea Party movement.

But most of all, I am thankful that YOU are a part of this historic crusade.

Happy Thanksgiving, and may God Bless America!

Sincerely,

Jenny Beth Martin

TEA Party Patriots Citizens Fund

ObamaCare - How to avoid the taxes/penalties - PART 15

By: David J Powell, CLU, ChFC, CFP, RHU

Candidate for Kansas Insurance Commissioner 2014

DANGER! CAUTION URGED!!

Another trap set by ObamaCare is lurking out there for the unsuspecting individual who plans to wait until the last minute before purchasing individual health insurance, so they do not have to pay a penalty.

KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU CAN PURCHASE A PLAN OFFERED INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF THE EXCHANGE. BUT IF YOU QUALIFY, YOU MAY ONLY BE ABLE TO GET A SUBSIDY, IF YOU PURCHASE A PLAN OFFERED THROUGH AN EXCHANGE! AGAIN, IF YOU QUALIFY FOR ONE?

If you think you qualify for a subsidy, you probably are not the person I am talking to in this article. You are trying to buy it now! Good luck. Only a handful of the thousands wanting to even learn about their options are able to get through to the end. Seem to be well worth the \$634 Million spent so far. But that doesn't matter. It's only taxpayers dollars!

Anyone surprised at the amount of information that is being required of you, just to LOOK at your options? I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO KNOW YOUR NAME TO BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU A QUOTE ON THE



INDIVIDUAL HEALTH PLANS I SELL, AS A LICENSED HEALTH INSURANCE AGENT OUTSIDE OF THE EXCHANGE!!! Why do they need your social security number just to look at the potential numbers for you or your family? And guess what? After you enter all that information on this broken, “train wreck” of a public site — YOU CANNOT DELETE IT!! BOY, NOW THAT’S A WARM FUZZY FEELING — ISN’T IT???

Sorry — back to what I started to write about. Everyone was given to believe that waiting until the last minute meant that one could wait until March 31, 2014 to enroll. That is the end of the open enrollment, isn’t it??

Yes, the initial open enrollment lasts for 6 months, from October 1, 2013 until the end of March, 2014. That is true, BUT...

To avoid the individual tax penalty, the law also requires you to be insured for at least 9 months with no break in coverage during that time. So your coverage must be effective no later than April 1, 2014.

Under the rules established for the insurance companies selling on the exchanges, due to expected processing time, HHS has told them that when a person enrolls prior to the 15th of a month, coverage will start on the 1st of the month following the next month after processing of the enrollment. SO to be effective 4/1/2014 an individual’s paperwork must be completed AND submitted no later than February 14, 2014.

That is a full month and a half before the March 31, 2014 enrollment deadline our wonderful Secretary of HHS has been touting!! Oh, and by the way, the news story just hit that the President KNEW that the exchanges WERE NOT READY to operate. He knew they would not work. But he ordered them to open anyway! There are many theories as to why. Unfortunately, most of them are correct! If you have questions, please E-mail me at

papadjp@aol.com

Remember what DAVID POWELL is doing for you NOW, and think what he’ll do for you when he is elected and is able to continue his work as your KANSAS INSURANCE COMMISSIONER!! WE NEED DAVID POWELL IN OFFICE!!

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free! ~ P. J. O'Rourke

The following is from Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins 12/1/13 Newsletter Supporting Access to Rural Health Care

This week, I am pleased to announce my bipartisan House resolution recognizing the importance of accessible, quality health care for rural communities, [H. Res. 356](#), now has 25 cosponsors.

With more than 60 million Americans relying on rural health care providers, Congress must recognize access to quality rural health care is crucial to the success and prosperity of our nation. As someone who grew up in rural Jackson County, I know first-hand how important it is to have a hospital nearby, and the impact it can have when you are deciding where to start a family or open a new business.

This resolution is particularly relevant given the recent report from the Health and Human Services’ Office of Inspector General (OIG) that recommends Congress pass legislation that would ultimately eliminate the Critical Access Hospital (CAH) designation for 72 of Kansas’ 83 CAHs. This proposal would be devastating to rural Kansas and fails to recognize the unique circumstances of delivering health care in rural America.

Read more about H. Res. 356, including the full text of the resolution, on [my website](#).

Another ObamaCare Delay

Adding to the long list of ObamaCare’s broken promises, this week the administration did another pre-holiday news dump by announcing another setback in the healthcare law’s implementation, a year-long delay for online enrollment in the federally-run small-business exchanges, called SHOP. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) had already delayed online SHOP enrollment a couple months ago, saying it would be ready sometime in November, but the failures continue.

Two months into ObamaCare’s disastrous roll-out, and this past Saturday marked the deadline for the administration to have [Healthcare.gov](#) working for only 80 percent of users. What about the other 20 percent of users? What are they supposed to do if they had their plans canceled because they do not meet the new Washington-approved requirements under ObamaCare, and they cannot even get on the website to find a new plan?

Next week, the [House Ways and Means Committee's Health Subcommittee](#) will hold a hearing on the status of the law’s implementation, and discuss the current and long-term challenges Americans are faced with in finding affordable, quality health coverage as a result of ObamaCare.

It is clear the problems with ObamaCare extend far beyond the website. If President Obama will not admit his healthcare law is broken, he should at least delay this train wreck for all hardworking Americans, instead of picking winners and losers under the law.

We are often told about meetings/hearings to be held in the House, but we rarely hear about the results of these meetings. It all sounds good when one reads about the bills written by our Representatives, however, at this point it just feels like so much lip. I am NOT blaming those in the House from Kansas because the bills they write are ignored when they reach the Senate. Harry Reid is to blame for not allowing the Senate to vote on bills written & passed by the House. When will the citizens of the USA be represented as the law dictates? How long is this going to be allowed to continue? How long will this law breaking President and his supporters be allowed to continue destroying our country? Any & all Senators that continue to allow this to go on without a fight need to go!! Including Pat Roberts & Jerry Moran!! If you have any evidence that they are putting up a fight — let me know how & where. Oh, yes, since Pat Roberts acquired an opponent, Dr. Milton Wolf, he did stand up for 3 minutes with Ted Cruz. Why wasn't a Kansas Senator standing on their own for Kansans & all America for 21 hours or more? I thought the cause was worth it! If Pat Roberts is too old to do this, he is too old to hold the position. What is Moran's excuse? Let's admit it — Moran has done very little since he took office. I don't want nonproductive Congressmen/women representing me and I really doubt that you do either. Let's make a change!! We have an excellent opportunity with DR. MILTON WOLF!!

It is very sad that our first African-American President will be judged in history as the most inept, corrupt, wasteful, subversive, destructive and divisive President ever. A man twice elected because of the color of his skin rather than the content of his character. *Please, don't judge his race by this man!!*

From Charlotte O'Hara, a Former State Representative, and always a Conservative.

Dear Friends,

Turning on each other is not helpful in our quest to salvage our great nation. I am supporting Dr. Wolf and here is why, however, I will not condemn my friends for having a different opinion.

Roberts is part and parcel of the Republican Establishment, having been in Washington D.C. since 1968 first as a administrative assistant to Senator Frank Carlson and later to Congressman Keith Sebelius, yes indeed the father-in-law of Kathleen Sebelius, (awe, how the webs we weave come backs to haunt us) before he went on to win his Congressional seat in 1981 where he served until he won his Senate seat and has served there since 1997.

It is not so much for what Senator Roberts has done (an analysis of his voting record would show him mostly conservative), but for what he has not done. Senator Roberts has been in Washington 46 years, and what has happened to our nation during that time? We now face a deficit over \$17 trillion, \$1.3 trillion above our 2012 GDP! Abortions are given on demand, regulations strangle our industries, EPA is totally out of control, the DOJ and the SEC act like mobsters extorting money and pleas from individuals and corporations, crony capitalism has soared to stunning heights through our income tax code, our borders are a porous portal through which people and drugs enter nearly at will, marriage is being destroyed with the gay agenda, our kids are brain washed in public schools, God is not welcomed in our public schools or public square, etc. etc., etc.

Senator Roberts has been on watch, our representative to guard our constitutional rights and he has stood strong on what? Yes he votes pro-life and yes he generally votes conservative, but where is his leadership, where is his courage to stand up and fight along side the Junior Senator from Texas? Senator Roberts is part of the problem. It is time to clean house in Washington and try another tactic to tackle the crushing growth of government, restore Judeo/Christian values and make America shine as a beacon of liberty again.

So, no, I will not be supporting Senator Roberts and I hope and pray that Milton Wolf will have the energy, strength and moral character (which will only come from his reliance on our LORD Jesus Christ) to take to Washington to serve the good people of Kansas should he be successful in his challenge of Senator Roberts.

~ Charlotte

Read what the man running against Senator Pat Roberts has to say — Dr. Milton R. Wolf makes sense, something few in Congress do anymore. Go on line to his writings for The Washington Times, LEARN WHAT and WHO he represents, THINK about him, go SEE him, when the time comes **VOTE FOR MILTON R. WOLF BECAUSE KANSANS NEED REAL REPRESENTATIONS IN CONGRESS!!**

Not ObamaCare, but PatientCare — Good health care is about people, not faceless government
By Dr. Milton R. Wolf | The Washington Times — Monday, April 29, 2013

The fatal conceits of Obamacare are the absurd notions that the government can spend your money more wisely than you can and that bureaucrats are more capable than you are to make your own most intimate, personal decisions. The antithesis of government-centered Obamacare is what I simply call “PatientCare.” Patients should be at the center of our health care universe, not President Obama and not the government.

Nearly two decades ago when I started medical school, I realized that no matter what the politicians do, or what administrators or anyone else say, all that ultimately matters is the care I provide to my patients. Everything else is secondary. At every level of a health care system, a simple question should be asked: What is best for patients? Not what’s best for government or lawyers or even doctors, but patients.

Patient-centered health care — PatientCare — looks like this:

Tax fairness: Eliminate ill-conceived taxes that have the perverse effect of preventing Americans from acting responsibly and purchasing individual insurance. If your boss pays for your insurance — with money he would have otherwise paid directly to you — then he understandably wants a say about your medical treatment, your private behavior and even your weight. Tax fairness would allow patients to purchase their own insurance and keep their employers out of their private examination rooms.

Insurance portability: When health insurance is decoupled from employment — as is auto insurance — you no longer risk being stuck in a job you hate for medical reasons. Moreover, when patients have their own policies, the insurance companies are finally forced to listen to them. If they don’t treat you right, you can fire them and hire another — just like you can your auto-insurance company.

Medicare Advantage: Nothing is more cruel than making promises to patients that cannot be kept and, quite simply, Medicare is insolvent and cannot keep its promises. The U.S. government is already the world’s biggest denier of medical claims. Part of the solution: Give patients the freedom to voluntarily enroll in premium-assistance programs like Medicare Advantage, where they own their own policies, rather than being subject to the rationing whims of unaccountable bureaucrats.

Health savings accounts: HSA’s put patients in the driver’s seat. They are incentivized to keep an eye on costs yet funds are still available if — and this is the key — the patient himself decides it’s necessary. Patients who avoid wasteful spending are rewarded by keeping the savings. Unlike government rationing, HSA’s reduce spending without compromising health care results. As Dr. Ben Carson says, when a child is born, he should be given a birth certificate and a health savings account.

End government monopolies: This is simple. Competition provides patients with more options, lower costs and better services. Equally true: Monopolies kill competition. Each state has created its own insurance monopoly, or at least cartel, by larding up health insurance with mandates to cover whichever services are offered by those providers who can hire the best lobbyists. These mandates protect the insurance companies and doctors at the expense of millions of patients who can no longer afford the high-priced insurance. The same holds true with medical licensing that protects doctors from competition. Your state should open its borders and allow reciprocity for physicians and carriers licensed in other states to practice medicine and offer more products to compete for your business.

Eliminate frivolous lawsuits: Patients pay a hidden “lawsuit tax” embedded in every medical procedure, pill and product, and hundreds of billions of dollars are wasted on defensive medicine. Patients should be protected not just from harmful doctors, but also from harmful lawyers, who are enriched by our current lottery lawsuit system.

Help the needy: Obamacare unleashes the worst approach to those in need. It artificially hikes health care costs beyond their means and then provides welfare to families — even those earning up to \$94,000 a year — that still won’t cover the new, higher rates. That’s a double disaster, since taxpayers who now have to pay for their own higher premiums also must cover the welfare, not only for the needy, but even for their affluent neighbors. This is a train with too many cabooses and not enough engines, which will come crashing down the hill. For far less, we could, for example, simply give cash to needy families so they can purchase their own market-based insurance.

These are common-sense reform measures and, unlike Obamacare, they remain true to one guiding principle: Put patients first.

The president’s health care leviathan is already showing signs of collapse under its own weight. The Obamacare lies of universal coverage, cost savings and deficit reduction have been exposed, and even one of its own architects now admits that the law is “beyond comprehension” and predicts a “huge train wreck” that, after its bad start, “will just simply get worse.” Indeed.

It’s time to prepare for the post-Obamacare era. It’s time to build a system that finally puts patients first. It’s time for PatientCare.

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From: EAGnews.org —

Common Core ‘architect’ David Coleman’s history with Bill Ayers and Barack Obama

by DANETTE CLARK, a mom, former paralegal turned business operator, researcher, and writer.

She has contributed to Klein Online and RBO2.com

CHICAGO — Referred to as ‘Common Core lead standards authors’ by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), David Coleman and Jason Zimba are just two in a long list of Common Core creators whose academic roots are with the education-for-a-revolution machine borne by Annenberg Institute, Carnegie Corporation, Bill Gates, et al.

Today, Coleman and Zimba are head of Student Achievement Partners, an organization that played a leading role in developing the standards, and actively supports districts and states in implementing them.

Prior to Student Achievement Partners, Coleman and Zimba were co-founders of the Grow Network (now owned by McGraw-Hill Company). Grow Network began as a pilot program in New York in 2000. Less than a year later, the Chicago Public Education Fund began negotiating a contract with Grow Network on behalf of Chicago Public Schools.

The Chicago Public Education Fund (‘The Fund’) was created in 1998 by the Chicago Annenberg Challenge (CAC) board of directors, which included Barack Obama as board chairman and communist Bill Ayers, as co-chair.

President Obama’s recently appointed Commerce Secretary, Penny Pritzker, was one of twelve founding board members appointed to The Fund.

Obama himself worked with The Fund for the next several years as a leadership council member, alongside Bill Ayers’ father, Thomas Ayers, and brother, John Ayers.

From *Catalyst Chicago*, March 2000:

“The Chicago Annenberg Challenge will close up shop in June 2001, but its efforts to improve public education will live on through a new community foundation... the Chicago Public Education Fund...”

The Fund existed and still exists to carry on the work of the Chicago Annenberg Challenge — that work being the expansion of Theodore Sizer’s Coalition of Essential Schools, the reform movement that now (even absent Common Core) indoctrinates students in several states and districts nationwide with a Marxist-Communist political, moral and social ideology.

In 2001, shortly after Arne Duncan began his stint as CEO of Chicago Public Schools (CPS), David Coleman’s newly formed Grow Network solidified its \$2.2 million contract with CPS to provide the district with data driven student performance reports for the 2002-2003 school year.

In CPS’s 2002 Education Plan, which introduced Grow Network as a new initiative, President Obama is listed as a member of the district’s planning and development advisory committee. The report also names John Ayers and Communist-Maoist Mike Klonsky of Bill Ayers’ Small Schools Workshop as participants in CPS’s education plan discussion groups.

In 2004, Coleman and Zimba sold Grow Network to McGraw Hill, which continues its lucrative partnership with CPS today. In fact, two former Grow Network members now work for the Chicago Public Education Fund — one of them as its managing director.

The fact that Grow Network has history with the Ayers/Obama/Annenberg led Chicago school system, and was recruited by the Ayers/Obama/Annenberg created Chicago Public Education Fund, doesn’t necessarily implicate David Coleman and Jason Zimba as supporters of Chicago’s radically progressive style of education. However, given Coleman’s progressive upbringing and the fact that CPS paid more than \$2 million to bring his untested and unproven program to the district, it does seem likely that Coleman and Zimba had prior connections to the Chicago ed machine.

Fast forward to today and we see each of these players still working to expand the Annenberg/Coalition of Essential Schools (CES) reform model, a model whose teaching strategies, lesson plans, and curriculum resources are identical to those now being used with Common Core.

Communist, domestic terrorist, and creator of the Chicago Annenberg Challenge, Bill Ayers, continues to speak on behalf of the Annenberg/CES reform effort and provides professional development to teachers and principals from CES schools and districts.

From the White House, Obama and Duncan promote, by name, Bill Ayers’ Small Schools Workshop and the Coalition of Essential Schools while funneling billions to states that have adopted Common Core.

Carnegie Corporation, which has continued to support Annenberg/CES reform over the years, now also provides heavy funding to the Council of Chief State School Officers for the creation and implementation of Common Core.

After reading this article the next article shouldn’t be hard to digest. The same lying progressive/communists that have been ruining our Country in every way they can are now ruining our schools and children. Do you doubt that they need to be stopped? The only way we can accomplish this is to kick the federal government out of our state education and run our schools ourselves. Many other States are waking up to these facts and are proceeding to do the same. Kansas has teachers with the ability to do their own lesson plans and actually TEACH our children to proceed to the best of the children’s ability. If our present teachers do NOT want or are NOT able to do this, we need to find teachers who can and will. What is more

Officials Hide Evidence: After 4 Years of Common Core — Test Scores Plummet

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GULFPORT, MS - A Common Core school district — Gulfport, Mississippi — is covering up failing test scores. At a recent meeting by Superintendent Glen East, parents were told that the test scores of the district had improved dramatically under the implementation of the Common Core curriculum. The Superintendent made his claims regarding dramatic academic improvement of all students by using ONLY the scores of the top 150 students.

In his comments to parents, Mr. East stated,

“This district already had national average ACT scores. We’ve now gone with our top students, our top 150 students, we’ve gone from a 23 average to almost a 25 in over four years. That is not a new ACT, that is the ACT we are currently working with. We’ve improved reading achievement for all students. When I look at that data about how we’ve grown over the past four years and the success we’ve had, if you are in my shoes, you have to celebrate what you are doing. Very Powerful!”

However, a couple of weeks later at a subsequent event, it seems that parents had a chance to research the data that the Superintendent had reported. Upon closer inspection of the data, parents found that the Superintendent completely misrepresented the data, and that the results were worse, not better. They were not simply a little worse, but a lot worse.

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan should take note. This father does not look much like a white suburban mother. Chris Ashley is the pastor at a local Baptist Church who has a son attending the Gulfport schools. He opens his talk with congratulating the district on the gains they had made. After a brief applause from the audience, he goes into the data.

“According to the Mississippi Department of Education website and their stats, and I can leave them here with Mr. East or all you all can go and get them yourself, everywhere else we are dropping. From 2009 to 2012, almost every grade has dropped in their scores. Not all of them, but overall our test scores have dropped.

“... Greatschools.org you can go there, they’ve pretty much done all the math for you, they tell you the percentages of students that have scored proficient or better. Third grade language arts, we’ve dropped 4%, this is all 2009-2012. Math 3rd grade we’ve dropped 6%. Fourth grade language arts, we’ve gone up 8% but we dropped 5% in math. Fifth grade we dropped 5% in language arts and 6% in math. Sixth grade we went up 1% in language arts, we dropped 2% in math. Seventh grade and eighth grade, went up 8 and 4, and eighth grade went up 4 and 12.

“The 5th grade MST test we did well at — we went up, we went up 9 and 17 points.”

Well, that is good, right? But what about on the very SAT and ACT that the school district touts?

“The SATP from 2009-2012 in Algebra we dropped 34%. In 2009-2012 in English we dropped 18%, in Biology we dropped 46% in those same years, and in history we dropped 38%. You see I heard a lot about our ACT scores and how great they are from the 10th grade and that is awesome. I didn’t check the 10th grade scores, but I did check the graduating seniors... From 2007-2011 we’ve dropped 1% in English, 0.7% in math, we are level in reading, we’ve dropped a half a percent in science and a half a percent in composite scores.

“Now, we all know we can take data and we can twist to show what you want it to show. I took the numbers straight from there and said I didn’t give you just the 10th grade or just the 7th and 8th grade where it looks good. I gave it all to you.”

Then this parent details what the No Child Left Behind testing shows, that Gulfport schools appear to be falling behind.

“I have our district report card here from the No Child Left Behind, and we have dropped. We have dropped without a doubt. Every grade 3-8th in mean score scale, everyone one has dropped. The 3rd-8th grade in language arts, and math, and science, the mean scale score, we have dropped from the previous year, every grade. We have dropped in algebra in the high school, we’ve dropped, uh, we’ve dropped in the mean score in every subject except biology we stayed even 648.

“Like I said, I have all kind of common core curriculum questions, **but what I don’t like is somebody to screw the numbers and tell us we are doing good when we are really not doing good.**”

What was the answer to this parent from Dr. Carla Evers, Director of Instructional Programs?

“I looked at the GreatSchools website, it will show the Gulfport schools going up, and then all of a sudden **we just dive like we went off a cliff and stopped teaching. Well, we did.** We stopped teaching the state standards and we shifted to the common core standards state standards. So that should have happened because the things that are on that test were not what we were now teaching in our classrooms. So we understood that, the state department put that in our newspaper, but for some reason they still put those test scores on their state website.”

Now, what material would it have been that is no longer taught in the Gulfport schools? Reading? Addition? Subtraction? Multiplication? These are huge score drops. Further, the ACT was the same test that Superintendent East had just bragged about, so how is it that it can be used to brag about improvement for one grade, but not erosions in learning in another grade?

Even worse, the school district is upset that the State Department of Education failed to hide the scores from the state website? This is outrageous!

If the ACT and SATP are not valid measures of student learning in Gulfport, MS, then what measure is? Do the colleges in Mississippi no longer accept the ACT and the SAT?

Activists at Stop Common Core Mississippi Facebook page noted,

“Common Core clearly fails to teach the foundational material needed to pass tests. Whose fault is it that the failures was leaked to the public?”

WELCOME TO KANSANS AGAINST COMMON CORE

What is Common Core? The Common Core State Standards are a set of national core-content standards for k-12, in English language arts and math. The purpose is to impose “rigorous standards” so our students will be better prepared for competing in a global economy, and allow comparison of performance across states.

Why are we against the Common Core State Standards? This is nationalized education without representation, because curriculum will be tied to the standards, and assessments under CCSS violates the 10th Amendment, and the three statutes that keep the federal government from creating a nationalized curriculum. Because of the way these standards were adopted parents, teachers, principals, school districts, and even state boards have no control over what is being taught in our schools.

This was said to be a state-led initiative, which simply isn’t true. The CCSS were created under the auspices of two D.C.-based trade organizations that have nothing to do with legislation. These organizations were the National Governors Association (NGA), and the Chief Council for State School Officers (CCSSO). These organizations were funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation to jump start this initiative.

How did states get involved? In 2009 secretary of education Arne Duncan announced the “Race to the Top” grant application process, which was funded by the stimulus bill. In order to be considered for this grant money, states were required to adopt the CCSS and national tests aligned with these standards.

In July of 2009, KS Gov. Mark Parkinson, and Kansas Education Commissioner Alexa Posny signed a memorandum of agreement to participate in “Race to the Top.” The state Board of Education never saw this MOA, and the Legislators knew nothing about this education initiative. Please keep in mind the legislators are not even in session June through November to hear testimony on such an idea, which was the plan all along. Also keep in mind in 2009 states were cash strapped looking for ways to fund education.

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- Educate yourself, and continue to stay aware of current discussions and news. Follow Kansans Against Common Core on Facebook, @KSagnsthecore on Twitter and www.KansasAgainstCommonCore.com
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- Sign-up for our email updates by visiting our website and clicking on the “UPDATES’ apple image on the right side of the website homepage.
- Attend presentations about Common Core and take a friend. Visit our “Upcoming Events” page on our website or our “Events” on Facebook for more information and current postings.
- Host a Common Core presentation at your home for friends and neighbors within your community. Please see the documents included in the folder. You can also find the materials on the “Host a Common Core Presentation” page on the website. If you would like to have someone from Kansans Against Common Core speak at a meeting, please contact us and we will try to make that possible.
- Write letters to the local paper, and consider working with others so the many facets of Common Care can get covered in a series of short letters written by different authors.
- Contact your local school board members and attend local school board meetings.
- Contact your Kansas Legislators: visit <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/>

Contact Governor Brownback (or your Governor): <https://governor.ks.gov/contact-the-governor/contact-governor>

For more information and additional resources visit these sites:

Truth in American Education — Action Center (<http://commoncore.fwsites.org/>)

Fight Common Core — An Initiative of American Principles Project (<http://fightcommoncore.com/>)

Common Core Fails — Freedom Works (<http://commoncore.fwsites.org/>)

HSLDA (<http://www.hslda.org/commoncore/>)

Heartland Institute — Education (<http://www.heritage.org/issues/education>)

The Heritage Foundation — Education (<http://www.heritage.org/issues/education>)



[We Bet You Haven't Heard This About Obamacare](#)

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Another push is underway to raise the minimum wage. But what you probably haven't heard is that Obamacare has already done that.

The plan on the table in Congress would raise the federal minimum wage above \$10 an hour (which is higher than all existing state rates). ObamaCare's mandate on employers, however, is already scheduled to raise the hourly cost of hiring a full-time worker past \$10 an hour. >>> [See how much Obamacare adds to labor costs in your state](#)

The idea behind a minimum wage is to help low-income workers. But ObamaCare's mandates will hurt the job prospects of these very workers — and raising the federal minimum wage would further limit the number of jobs available.

Combining federal (or state) minimum wage rates, payroll taxes, unemployment insurance taxes, and soon ObamaCare's employer mandate, employing a worker full-time will cost a minimum of \$10.30 an hour. The government has made hiring more costly without raising workers' pay.

Unfortunately, this will make entry-level jobs harder to get. And these jobs are important. For the majority, they are stepping-stones to higher pay and higher-skilled positions. As Heritage's James Sherk and Patrick Tyrrell [explain](#):

Two-thirds of minimum wage workers [earn raises within a year](#). Entry-level jobs pay off in the long run for many workers. But if Congress adds a minimum-wage hike to the ObamaCare mandate, many employees will never get that chance.

Of course, companies with 50 or more employees can avoid ObamaCare's mandate by cutting workers' hours below 30 hours per week. An increasing number of employers announced plans [to do exactly that](#) before the Administration delayed the mandate a year. Fewer hours is not a good outcome for workers.

People looking for work — or trying to hold down a full-time, minimum wage job — are victims of ObamaCare. Adding this minimum wage hike would bring the minimum cost of hiring a full-time worker to \$12.71 an hour. This, as Sherk and Tyrrell put it, "would cut the bottom rung off many disadvantaged workers' career ladders."

For health reform that would help workers instead of hurting them, check out [this alternative](#).

Quick Hits:

- If you were in debt, would you go on a luxury vacation? [Guess how the government is using taxpayer money](#).
- What "perverse incentive" [encouraged law enforcement officials to seize hard-earned money](#) from this mom?
- A majority of this [key demographic is rejecting Obamacare](#), according to a Harvard poll.
- This college is [cutting hours for everyone](#)—including student workers—because of Obamacare.
- Want to see how much the food stamp program has grown? [Look at this graph](#).

From Facebook, regarding the actions taken in the US House on Tue Dec 3rd to extend the **Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988**, which was due to sunset on Dec 9th. A Resolution, **HR 3626**, was rushed thru on a voice-vote, with only **10 (ten!)** members present in the Chamber, to extend the existing law, as is and verbatim, on the premise that it will serve to prevent expansion of the language of that law by Sen. Schumer and other gun-control advocates in the Senate, as any differences will then be forced into the Joint Conference to be resolved before final passage:

Ref: <http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/922>

Patricia "Annie Oakley" Stoneking – President, KSRA

December 3, 2013

"I just spoke with Congressman Kevin Yoder's legislative aide regarding **H.R. 3626**, as Kevin was not

available. Joe said they are as surprised as I am regarding what happened in the House this morning, and he also has no idea how it got from the Committee to the floor when it had only been introduced yesterday. When I questioned the quorum rule, Joe said there was a suspension of the rule, which allows for a 1-hour debate and voice vote. I told him that must have been some debate with only ten people on the floor (as reported by Congressman Thomas Massie). As far as he knows there was no amended or expanded language added. He believes they will be calling for a roll call vote. He promised to talk to Kevin, find out exact details of what took place and get back to me. I advised him that Kevin needs to put a statement out ASAP and needs to stand against this. I will wait somewhat impatiently for them to get back to me now..."

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"... With the expiration of the so-called Undetectable Firearms Act (UFA) rapidly approaching on December 9th, misinformation over this issue and NRA's position on it has unfortunately reached a heightened level.

We would like to make our position clear. **The NRA strongly opposes ANY expansion of the Undetectable Firearms Act, including applying the UFA to magazines, gun parts, or the development of new technologies...**"

"The Holley Provision" and One American Family's Sacrifice in the War on Terror

As Thanksgiving passes we continue to be thankful and celebrate the service & sacrifice of our Military Heroes and their families. Today we bring you the story of Matthew J. Holley, a combat medic in the 101st Airborne whose parents John and Stacey Holley fought for all military families to make sure all of our fallen warriors return home with the honor and respect they deserve.

John Holley was one of the Gold Star Parents we were able to take with us to Iraq in 2006. A trip he credits with helping him honor his son and move forward in his life. We have had the pleasure of working with John and Stacey Holley ever since and are so grateful for all they have done for other military families. Please take the time to read the story below and learn about their son.

Thanks to the efforts made by the Holley Family the "Holley Provision" exists to ensure all of our fallen heroes return honor and respect they deserve.

The story of Army SPC. Matthew J. Holley,

On a cool autumn afternoon in November 2005 the world seemingly ended for John and Stacey Holley. With the ringing of the doorbell and the appearance of uniformed military strangers on the porch of their North Idaho home, their quiet lives were shattered by the news that **their son and only child SPC. Matthew J. Holley had been killed along with three other soldiers by a roadside bomb while on patrol in Taji, Iraq. He was a Combat Medic with the 101st Airborne Division out of Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.**

Growing up, Matthew was the child that most parents hope for; he was charismatic and talented both athletically and artistically. By the age of 18 he was a three-time U.S. National Karate champion and a talented amateur artist. For most who knew him, Matthew was a person of few words, choosing instead to let his actions speak much louder. He thrived on the challenge of being the best he could be.

When Matthew made the decision to become a soldier he was following in the footsteps of four generations of family members before him, including both John and Stacey. He was driven by a few valued lessons in life that he was raised on. The first to know and respect "that to whom much is given much is expected" and second that whenever the opportunity availed itself "to take his eyes off of himself and to put them on to others."

Etched on SPC Matthew Holley's gravestone are the following words, "To Serve a Cause Greater Than Myself". Profound words spoken by a profound young man to his mother and father for

his reason to join the United States Army and become a Medic. Matthew's zest for life was to apply those valued lessons handed down to him and in doing so share a little of that freedom so many in our nation take for granted, or a little of that free spirit we all have.

Like so many who feel called to serve our nation, Matthew loved the Red, White and Blue. He loved the freedom it exudes and offers anyone who lives in the United States of America. As many in our generation, most will always remember that fateful Tuesday in 2001 when the towers fell. Matthew was just one week short of his 17th birthday, but as his mother reflects back, she believes that day was as much a catalyst for his decision to serve our nation as any. It was on that day that he saw the cause for freedom and all he had been raised to believe in challenged, and he expressed that **"if there was one thing worse than dying, it was being alive and not being free."**

Even in the midst of their grief, John and Stacey knew that they were not the only parents who would face such a crisis. They were not the only American family destined to hear the ringing of a doorbell, or to learn the news of a loved one's ultimate sacrifice from the lips of complete strangers.

Unbeknownst to them John and Stacey's sorrow would quickly turn to horror when they discovered that Matthew's casket would return to San Diego's Lindbergh Field **as common freight.**

There would be no honor guard to welcome their fallen hero back to his hometown.

Instead, Matthew Holley's remains would be carted around by forklifts and baggage handlers, like a crate of auto parts. Determined to welcome their son home with honors befitting his sacrifice to our nation, the Holley's embarked on a quest to challenge the law, and to begin a journey of healing that would touch the lives of Gold Star families across our nation.

In 2011 the Holley's released their co-authored book, *Medals, Flags and Memories*. In the book they share the story of their struggle in the weeks and months following Matthew's death, as they fought to enact the law known today as **"The Holley Provision"** or as some have come to refer to them as "Angel Flights." John and Stacey chose not to write simply a memoir of grief and loss.

Rather their desire was to share a journal of personal transformation, a guidebook for anyone who finds themselves struggling in the storm of their lives. It's a journey of faith, love, and ultimate perseverance. But beyond all of these things, it's an unmistakable demonstration of the American ideal in action.

Today each fallen heroes casket is met by honor guards in white gloves and crisp uniforms, instead of baggage handlers with forklifts. The legislation, was signed into law by President George W. Bush in October 2006, and enacted by the Pentagon in January 2007.

Faced with the entrenched bureaucracy of our government, the Holley's proved that an ordinary family can tip the scales of American justice. And, in an age where many people feel alienated and powerless, the Holley's have shown how *ordinary citizens can impact the change in federal law, and transform the world we live in.*

In a sense, one world ended for John and Stacey Holley in November 2005, when **Matthew died to preserve the American dream.** But another world opened up, as the Holley's discovered the power of prayer, determination and belief in the values that our great country was founded on. John and Stacey have honored Matthew's death by reminding us that his sacrifice and the sacrifice of all those who serve our great nation is not in vain or without the honor due. **That the American dream is still very much alive and well, and it is within the grasp of each citizen who dares to reach out and claim it.**

**Copies of Medals, Flags and Memories can be purchased online through
www.amazon.com**

You can make a REAL DIFFERENCE to our troops on the ground in Afghanistan by [sponsoring a special Holiday Care Package](#) filled with seasonal goodies like **pumpkin spice coffee, candy corn, holiday Oreos, hot chocolate, and much, much more!**

Each and every one of us owe these men and women of the United States of America Armed Forces a huge “Thank You”, not only for our very lives, but for our way of living. Without them we would already be dead or living in Agenda 21. Please show your support with change for the Salvation Army, Care Packages, verbal “Thanks” and Hugs, when we see them and most of all with our Prayers. God be with them and all of you reading this!!

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