



The McCroskey Agrarian



A Circular for the McCroskey Township

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More Political Satire

So, the County Commissioners want us to be "reasonable." If you want to know what that means, they will tell you.

The County Commissioners also want us to be "safe." They will tell you what that means, too.

How do we know they are right, and we are wrong? Well, "the codes," you know. They base their decisions on "the codes."

Where do these "codes" come from? You know, the international uniform commercial code, the international electric code, the International fire code, etc. Well, of course, "the codes" come from "the internationals."

These "internationals" must be really smart people who know how to find the experts that can write the codes.

Who are these "experts," by the way? Are they Americans?

Well, some of them are. A lot of them are European and some from other countries that belong to the UN. That's why the codes are "international." Get it?

How do they come up with these "codes"?

Well, they study products. Who makes these products? Well, of course, the "international" corporations. They want to sell their products "internationally." That's why it's all "international."

Whew. That was a long train of logic. I'm glad our County Commissioners are "international" and that they are trying hard to make Benewah County international, too.

We want to be like Europe and California. They have a lot of international codes and lead the world in codes.

The Founding Fathers Were Great Agrarians

Yeah, it's for real. Benjamin Franklin has a day of his own on the calendar. We just don't make a holiday out of it. "The Farmer's Almanac" grew out of his "Poor Richard's Almanack." Like the rest of the Founding Fathers, he wanted the wilderness of the North American Continent to be settled with wise farmers. He was a city boy in Colonial Philadelphia, but he was surrounded by an agrarian culture and as America's first natural philosopher, looked for better methods for farming and living life.

There were other Founding Fathers who were great agrarians. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson ran their plantations like communities and not slave labor camps. Their slaves were so in name only. They all shared in the joy of growing food and providing for themselves and others.

Both men saw America's future in the small acreage farmer. A freeman working his own land was in their minds the foundation of American liberty.

What is the McCroskey Agrarian?

Well, it's this publication. But it is also you. If you live in the "McCroskey Township" and are a small landholder, then you are already one. This is where you live and this is what you do.

We are trying to defend our way of life: a balance between the wilderness that is nearby and the ways of the encroaching city that are taking away our freedoms.

Sometimes, it's tricky. City folk look at the countryside as a playground, a place to let off some steam. We don't. We live here and face the challenges each day which nature throws our way. Our only consolation is the relative peace and safety which come from keeping a distance from the turmoils and controls of city life.

We Might Need To Organize

Our complaints are getting noticed by our county officials. They are tinkering with amendments to their various proposals. They don't want to make too many people upset.

But have they asked you for input? Not yet.

What is behind this push for "metro" rule?

It is not local. It is coming from outside of the county. Rich investors, developers, realtors, and other metrocrats want in on the action.

It starts by convincing local officials that they need to pass draconian ordinances to protect you from the "outsiders." They don't realize that the very process of centralizing power creates the exact mechanism which these "outsiders" use to get control of local government.

Local officials will not listen to you unless you represent a voting block. That is why we need to organize.

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Vertical Gardening

Go to: savebenewahcounty.com for this article. There is a lot more content there than what can be fitted into this newsletter.

Next Issue: Update on the 2025 Legislative Session, The Governor's Emergency Czars, and "Do You Need a \$30,000 Driveway Entrance?"

If you missed the previous newsletters, you can find them at savebenewahcounty.com. James Stivers, Editor/Publisher jwstivers1@gmail.com

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Famous Excerpts from Poor Richard's Almanack

Blessed is he who expects nothing for he shall never be disappointed.

Wealth is not his that has it, but his that enjoys it.

Content makes poor men rich; discontent makes rich men poor.

- Benjamin Franklin

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