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Are you really celebrating the 4th of July?

Written by Dylan Allman (X @DylanMAllman)

Have you ever truly grasped the cost of signing the Declaration of Independence?

- Five signers were seized by the British and died after brutal torture. • Twelve had their homes plundered and incinerated.
- Two lost their sons to the Revolutionary Army, while another saw both his sons captured.
- Nine signers fought and succumbed to the hardships and wounds of the war. These men signed away their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor for an uncertain future of liberty.



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Who were these courageous individuals? They weren't radicals or rabble-rousers. Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants. Nine were wealthy farmers and plantation owners.

They were men of education and means, but they willingly risked everything.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a prosperous planter and trader, witnessed his fleet decimated by the British navy. Left destitute, he sold his home and properties to cover debts and died in poverty.

Thomas McKeam was relentlessly pursued by the British, forcing his family into a constant state of flight. He served in Congress without compensation, his belongings confiscated, and was left in penury.

Men like Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton saw their properties ravaged.

Thomas Nelson Jr., seeing British General Cornwallis using his home as a headquarters, urged George Washington to open fire, leading to the destruction of his estate and his eventual death in bankruptcy.

Francis Lewis's estate was demolished, his wife imprisoned, and dead within months.

John Hart was driven from his dying wife's side, his thirteen children in flight, his fields and mill destroyed. He hid in forests and caves for over a year, returning home to find his wife dead and children vanished, dying shortly after from exhaustion and sorrow. Norris and Livingston faced similar tragedies.

These men weren't seeking fame or fortune. They stood for a principle, believing liberty was worth more than their own security. They embodied resolve, pledging to one another: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

As you celebrate American Independence this year, remember what you're actually celebrating. Those who founded this country were:

- Insurrectionists
- Extremists
- Traitors
- Gun nuts



- Cop killers

- Cannabis growers
- Tax evaders
- Domestic terrorists

...all fighting against a Government that was much less powerful, and much less intrusive than what it has grown into today.

What happened to having the guts to do what's necessary to secure your freedom?

For far too long our rulers have ruled without fear of retribution for their tyranny. They can get away with seemingly anything behind the guise of "legitimacy."

There is a reason none of our "representatives" seem to be held accountable anymore. Of course they routinely condemn "political violence" and endorse "peaceful protest." They don't want their force challenged.

Their power hungry goons routinely oppress everyday people with the whole political apparatus behind them. They're "just doing their job!" Yeah, for monsters. Their oppression leads to widespread extortion, theft, kidnapping, and violence, all while enriching themselves behind closed doors. All they have to worry about is being voted out of power. Then they go back to everyday life like they didn't just ruin people's lives, businesses, families, and futures. Afterwards they're just replaced by someone else that will do the same thing all over again. Something needs to change. The American Revolutionary spirit of liberty, freedom, and individualism must be reignited.

"Guard with jealous attention the public liberty.

Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel.

Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force. Whenever you give up that force, you are inevitably ruined." ~ Patrick Henry



Tyler Lautner Runs as Libertarian for District 104 of Michigan House

-- Lautner cites unbalanced emphasis on urban over rural interests, high taxes and imprudent spending, and aggressive over-reach of government bureaucracies --

THOMPSONVILLE, MI – June 24, 2024 – Today, longtime resident Tyler Lautner announced his campaign to represent Michigan House District 104 as a Libertarian Party member. Including parts of Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Manistee, and Wexford counties, District 104 encompasses a mix of urban and rural constituencies.

“The political discussion in Lansing,” says Lautner, “focuses way too much on urban concerns, leaving rural residents out in the cold. It’s as if those people never met --- or even spoke to – anyone who didn’t live in a city or in some tightly packed suburban area. They have no idea what’s it like to live half a mile away from your nearest neighbors or in groups of five or six homes separated by large tracts of space.”

In particular, Lautner cites the following three issues:

- “In Lansing, it’s all about oil and gas special interests or urban zoning ordinances. But in a huge district like ours where people are scattered over miles of varied terrain, these concerns simply don’t apply to most of us. Why should urban zoning restrictions dominate how you use your home or the land surrounding it? It’s ridiculous! They have no skin in the game, yet they’re always issuing orders to the rest of us.”
- Regarding tax-funded spending, Lautner said “rising costs make the tax burden even heavier on all of us – especially since housing prices are increasing as rural areas are urbanized. Worse yet,” he added, “after taking so much money from us, they mispend it. They hire expensive firms from outside the area, and far too often, the people they hire show no familiarity with the normal range of weather conditions we experience here in northern Michigan. They simply don’t understand how to address our four-season climate.”
- Finally, Lautner believes that the central problem is a general tendency for government bureaucracies to interfere too often and too aggressively in the day-to-day details of people who just want to live peacefully without being given endless lists of orders and to-do lists. “It’s like we’re ruled by people whose goal in life is to issue permission slips to people they’ve never met. Where do these people come from? And why won’t they just leave us alone?” he asked.



Now 31 years old and employed by the Benzie County Road Commission and a towing-and-recovery company, Mr. Lautner understands both the rural and urban issues in his district. He was raised in Traverse City and graduated from Traverse City West High School. He enjoys Michigan’s natural beauty as well as fishing, hunting, and camping.

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**7 Upcoming Events**

****Some meetings can get canceled, or locations can change with short notice. Consider checking event pages or contacting hosts for updated information before traveling to events*

Unaffiliated Region Delegate Selection Caucus

7/8/2024 The Affiliates Director of the LPMI will be hosting a meeting on Zoom for the unaffiliated regions to caucus to select delegates for our upcoming Candidate Nominating Convention (07/20/24).

The Zoom meeting will be held on Monday July 8th 2024 at 7pm. To nominate delegates and vote on the nominations attendees will need to make sure their LPMI membership is up to date.

Anyone interested in joining the meeting to become a delegate, please email vcandidates@michiganlp.org

Libertarian Party of Michigan Calendar

<https://michiganlp.org/get-involved/events/>

Welcome Reception

Come one, come all, and meet your fellow Libertarians in a casual setting before Saturday business. We will be joined by special guest, Libertarian Party Presidential Candidate Chase Oliver

FRI | 19 | 7
DAY | JULY | PM

Kewadin Casino Lounge

Welcome reception will be followed by Karaoke at 8pm



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Candidate Nominating Convention



Chase Oliver's campaign for Georgia's hotly-contested U.S. Senate seat attracted national attention, leading Rolling Stone to dub him the "most influential Libertarian in American." He is a passionate and energetic champion for the rights of all individuals against the growing power of the state. This 38-year old is bringing the energy the duopoly will have a hard time competing with.

Author of *The Fake China Threat and Its Very Real Danger*, Joseph Solis-Mullen is a political scientist and economist at the Libertarian Institute as well as a professor of history at Spring Arbor University. A graduate of Spring Arbor University, the University of Illinois, and the University of Missouri, his work can be found at the Ludwig Von Mises Institute, Libertarian Institute, *Quarterly Journal of Austrian Economics*, *Journal of Libertarian Studies*, *Journal of the American Revolution*, *Isonomia Quarterly*, and *Antiwar.com*. You can contact him via joseph@libertarianinstitute.org or find him on Twitter @solis_mullen.

Saturday July 20, 2024

Kewadin Casino- 2186 Shunk Rd. Sault
Ste. Marie, MI 49783

The Libertarian Party of Michigan will be holding it's state convention to nominate candidates in beautiful Sault Ste. Marie. A weekend package will get you access to our Friday welcome reception, guest speakers, full hot breakfast buffet, a delicious Indian taco buffet lunch, a full day of business on Saturday, and Saturday evening Bar Crawl.



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Explore the [Buds 'N Reality Podcast](#) with anarchist/libertarian Shaun Collins

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