

EDITORIAL



"THE WORLD IS A FINE PLACE AND WORTH FIGHTING FOR AND I HATE VERY MUCH TO LEAVE IT" -
(Ernest Hemingway - Quote From: *For Whom The Bell Tolls*)

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I find it increasingly difficult to live in a place where the people think 'Apathy' is a 'Virtue'.

Grant County along with much of the nation has become absorbed in apathy as well as 'political correctness' for so long they haven't a clue as to what goes on outside of the bars they sit in, get drunk, complain about their lives and demand their government pull them out of the quagmire they created themselves.

I and my good friends Leith Mayor Ryan Schock and Leith City Council Member Lee Cook have been at the vanguard in the fight against the Nazi Craig Cobb and his band of thugs. We fought this fight without any support from local government and very little from Grant County citizens in general.

The county's towns of Carson, Leith, Elgin and New Leipzig and their citizens are divided on most any issue and have been that way for almost 100 years. So, it is no surprise they do not want to get involved in the politics of how their tax dollars are spent.

The City of Elgin could not even after three years assign someone to act as liaison between myself (their website developer) and the city for updates. I have spoken with some people who have said that if I maintain New Leipzig's website at no charge I should do the same for Elgin. I maintain New Leipzig's website at no charge for my labor as a service to the town I live in. Their website no longer exists now as they did not pay their bill.

Additionally Elgin will not even put up a sign at the east entrance to town for the newly crowned Miss North Dakota Molly Ketterling who is a Grant County High School graduate.

At least the City of Carson has a sign for their Miss Rodeo America some 32 years ago. Then there is the issue of when the county courthouse burned down on December 7, 1978 (*ANOTHER FITTING DAY IN INFAMY*). The two towns of Carson and Elgin then started to squabble over which town should become the county seat. This dispute went on bitterly for literally decades and is still going on. Hate and discontent seems to be the norm between all these towns and their people.

I have found people speak loudly and profess their anger while downing beer after beer in the local taverns at the way the former county commission of Keith Payne, Bill Koch and Don Roth managed the county government but still won't get involved in signing a petition to have two of the three left in office; namely Keith Payne and Don Roth.

"An intelligent man is sometimes forced to be drunk to spend time with his fools" - (*Ernest Hemingway Quote*) I can resonate with this one.

My opinion of those types of people is that they are 'Spineless Cowards' and can only 'spit-out' their vile-like rhetoric if consumed by drunkenness. Burying one's head in the sand or up someone's 'keester' is no way to live proudly. Solidarity against an injustice or an evil is not apparent anywhere in this county, state or even the nation.

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The newest Commissioner Alton Zenker defeated Bill Koch by a wide margin of 787 votes to 403 votes. This at the very least shows that people in the county are willing to make known their opinion if it is in secret but do they stand up and fight the fight in person for everyone to see and hear what they stand for; I think not?

Mr. Zenker is constantly being disregarded by Commissioners Payne and Roth as can be seen and heard from the commission meeting videos on this website. Although he is relatively new and is still learning the 'ropes' since last December he was chosen to investigate the alleged illegal employment termination of a county employee. What should have been done was to have an independent investigator handle the case.

Parliamentary procedure in the Commission meetings is totally lacking and in most cases downright illegal. The doors are left open for constant interruption by people walking back and forth in front of the camera and the ambient noise is sometimes deafening on video. A deputy sheriff at one point opened the doors after I closed them and it was apparent he was not happy about the doors being closed.

They speak in such a low volume it is hard to hear the audio portion of the video unless the microphone is 'cranked up'. That situation has since been resolved with the purchase of a wireless system now sitting on the table.

The two Commissioner's Keith Payne and Don Roth and their children (who are married to each other) seem to benefit from this 'good old boys club' decisions about where gravel and culverts are to be situated. There are several videos and photos on this website to prove that.

The gravel roads in this county, according to those who have lived here all their lives has not changed in 50 years and they are getting more angry by the day.

The former Grant County JDA mill levy tax dollar money was also transferred into the general fund last year without any input from the public and is at most unethical if not highly illegal.

The biggest problem this county faces is the States Attorney Todd Schwarz. In an 'eleventh-hour' move by the former Commissioners Payne, Roth and Koch they voted to promote and/or hire him from his former position as the Assistant States Attorney to that of the States Attorney. This was done just prior to Mr. Zenker being sworn in.

Then there is the current issue of the Mayor of Leith being prosecuted. I refuse to comment on this as I am an eye witness to the alleged crime and my testimony and evidence will exonerate him completely at his trial on October 1st.

During the past two years I, along with Mr. Schock and Mr. Cook have received dozens of death threats from around the county from the Nazis and their tiny band of thugs. We slept with, carried weapons and still do, waiting for the next idiot to come after us.

Now, because I am the chairman of the Recall Committee I have received two death threats, this time from local citizens. Wake up people before it is too late and sign this petition to better our government in this county.

"Courage Is Grace Under Pressure" - [\(Ernest Hemingway Quote\)](#)

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