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# Republican Record

## From the Editor

Welcome to the third issue of the Lewis & Clark County Republican Central Committee (LCCRCC) newsletter, *Republican Record*! Autumn has set in, and winter is fast-approaching. The LCCRCC has wrapped up its summer activities and is planning more events for 2022. Although the Lincoln-Reagan Smokin' BBQ was cancelled due to inclement weather, the committee is working diligently to re-schedule the event. We continue to meet the second Monday of each month in Helena, MT at the DoubleTree by Hilton, at 7:00 p.m. Even though attendance usually increases over the winter months, the Executive Board would like to remind all voting members to appoint a proxy prior to a missed meeting. Proxy forms are attached to the monthly meeting minutes sent via email and can be requested from the Executive Board. As always, we hope you enjoy the newsletter and share it with others. If you have specific content to add to the newsletter, or if you wish to subscribe to receive the newsletter on a quarterly basis, please contact the LCCRCC Executive Board members at mt.lccrcc@gmail.com.

Hailey Oestreicher, Editor

## BLAST from the Past

Zack Wirth, Columnist

Helen Clark was born to Malcom Clark and Cloth-co-co-na, a Piegan Blackfoot, near the mouth of the Judith River. In August 1869, her father died after an argument with his brother-in-law, which led to the Massacre on the Marias, Chief Heavy Runner's band. After her father's death, Clark became an actress performing in New York, London, and Berlin. The Kaiser stated her portrayal of Lady McBeth was "...the finest he ever saw." She had a

deep, strong thrilling voice, once sharing the stage with Sara Barnhart.

In 1882, Clark was elected as Lewis & Clark County Superintendent of Public Schools. She was re-elected in 1884, making her the first woman to hold public office in Montana. Later, she served to assist Native tribes in implementing the General Allotment Act of 1887. Clark went on to represent the Blackfoot tribe in the sale of the western portion of their reservation, which later became part

of Glacier National Park. Think of Helen Clark as you drive through East Glacier; she is buried in the shadow of the mountains she loved!



Helen Clark by Sarony, c. 1895

## LCCRCC Update

- The LCCRCC Executive Board is accepting nominations for Vice-Chair. To submit a nomination for this position, please email mt.lccrcc@gmail.com no later than November 7, 2021. A special meeting will be held November 8<sup>th</sup> to elect a new Vice-Chair. Please note: all nominations for Vice-Chair must be female, as per LCCRCC Bylaws.
- If you or your business would like to be included in the LCCRCC "Welcome packet" given as a resource for new members, please contact the Executive Board.



### Helena, MT 40 Days for Life: Closing Rally

Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

5:00 PM at Headwaters Covenant Church (1030 Choteau) Helena, MT

This rally to end abortion will begin with fellowship, followed by a walk or drive to Planned Parenthood and a time of corporate prayer. The rally will conclude with a candlelight vigil.



# How Much is \$3.5 Trillion?

Republican Senator Steve Daines (left) and Congressman Matt Rosendale (right) continue to oppose the infrastructure spending bill in Congress.



## Too Much.

Democrats throw around large numbers so one can visualize the amount and the cost of that money on the future American Taxpayers. A trillion dollars is a million dollars multiplied by a million – that is, twelve zeros.

A stack of \$100 bills, 40 inches tall, would equal one million dollars. A stack of \$100 bills totaling one trillion dollars would be 631 miles long! Wibaux, MT (on the North Dakota border) through Helena, MT on US Highway 12 and ending in Superior, MT (near the Idaho border) is 624 miles. Can't quite get your head around that? You still have 7 miles to go, or, in other words, \$924 million! This is only one-third of the money Democrats are proposing to spend on "shovel-ready jobs." A stack of \$3 trillion would reach 1,872 miles (from Missoula, MT to Austin, TX). There could be devastating consequences from the \$3.5 trillion infrastructure bill proposed by the Biden administration. LCCRCC applauds Steve Daines and Matt Rosendale for standing with Montanans in opposition to this unprecedented spending of American tax dollars.

The LCCRCC would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped the Summer Activities committee in making summer events successful!

## Defunding the Police: The Motive

Zack Wirth, Columnist

In response to highly publicized deaths of persons in or fleeing custody, many cities have moved towards defunding their police departments. Arguments for defunding police are often couched in language revolving around allocation of money to crime prevention and social programs. However, the following describes other possible motivations for defunding police.

- 1. Expand government power by reducing or eliminating the front line of protection between the citizens and government services:** By design, police and fire are front line 'safety forces' established to protect and serve. They are a security fence between government services and the citizenry. Their existence rests upon a free and open society where 'we the people' truly are government, and safety forces serve the people. However, when government becomes corrupt and wishes to expand power unconstitutionally, safety forces are often weaponized and used to silence opposing voices, making safety forces into tools of tyranny rather than protection.
- 2. Coerce safety forces and sow seeds of conflict and distrust between citizenry and government:** In a free and open society, government services operate to improve quality of life for the citizenry. Tyrannical governments are, by definition, closed. When free and open governments become corrupt, safety forces devolve into serving government rather than citizens. As this occurs, moral, constitutional, and patriotic members of protective forces resign their positions and leave. For the many who are unable to leave, they are forced into silent compliance.
- 3. Reduce or eliminate citizen protection from criminal predators:** When safety forces are inhibited or constrained, their ability to protect the citizenry is limited and criminals are free to wreak havoc. Just as the decrease of law enforcement tends to silence opposition, so does an increase in criminal activity. In both cases, the discussion narrative is changed, and the standing government policy or practice continues, unabated. Theft, assaults, rapes, robberies, and murders take center stage, while local treasuries and resources are exploited. Land can be unlawfully acquired, and power is brokered to obtain greater control.
- 4. Through propaganda, delegitimize or undermine the authority of law enforcement:** During the 1960's, a common refrain against the police was, "Off the Pigs." This was a colloquial euphemism for "Kill the Police." Unfortunately, in many parts of the country, this sentiment remains. To many working to defund law enforcement, the police represent "Jack-Booted Thugs." The role of police is often characterized using symbols of oppression, hate, bigotry, and illegitimacy. We must ask: who benefits from such characterizations?

Defund the police: legitimate or illegitimate? Often, this is a question that many of us are being forced to address. Our understanding of history and current events influences our votes, which have an impact on the world around us.