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From Our State Chair Marty Swinney

At our recently concluded state convention, we selected a full slate of delegates (plus two alternates) for our national Presidential Nominating Convention in Orlando, Florida at the end of May. We nominated several candidates for State office (more about that

later). We heard two speakers, Jay Carroll and David Walker, from the Article V Convention of States Project, and one speaker from the Peoples' Republic of China, Lily Tang-Williams, who is also former state chair of the Colorado Libertarian Party and current United States Senate candidate from that state. All of our speakers gave rousing, interesting, and well-informed talks, and were enjoyed immensely by convention attendees. All in all, our convention was a great success!

We have three candidates, two of which were nominated at the state convention, namely:

Joe Nichols of Artesia, our newest Central Committee member, county organizer and chair-pro-tem of the Eddy County Libertarian Party. Joe is running for the State House of Representatives in District 54---which comprises, in addition to Artesia, the communities of Carlsbad, Lake Arthur, Cloudcroft, Hope, Weed, Piñon, and Mayhill. Joe has the largest signature requirement of any of our candidates at 193 *validated* signatures. To account for rejected or challenged signatures, Joe's goal is to submit a minimum of 400 "raw" signatures. If you live in House District 54 and are a registered voter (party of registration does not matter), then please contact Joe and help him out by signing his nomination petition. Joe can be reached at (575) 513-8923 or joe@jn4nm.com. He can also be found on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/thejoenichols>, and his website, jn4nm.com, is currently "under-construction."

Bob Walsh up in Santa Fe is already circulating his Nomination Petition, but still needs more signatures in State House District 48---where he has run twice before, first as a Republican then as a Libertarian. No stranger to petitioning or campaigning,

Bob also ran for a City Council seat in Albuquerque, then submitted petitions to run as a State House Libertarian candidate, but was denied a place on the ballot due to “a ginned-up technicality.” Bob already has two volunteers ready and waiting to go, as well as two thousand dollars in pledges for his campaign. So far there is *no* Republican who has announced, so Bob just may find himself in a *two-way race* come November, which would be a simply delightful circumstance! District 48 is fully contained within the city limits of Santa Fe, so let's all Santa Fe Libertarians get behind Bob and make *sure* that he gets on the ballot! Bob can be contacted for petitions at walshb@cybermesa.com. Get one from Bob and have everyone you know or contact sign it.

Our chairman, **Marty Swinney of Carrizozo**, is also running for a State House seat nearby in District 59. His signature requirements are about half of Joe's, needing 87 verified signers. Marty's goal is to submit 200 for “insurance.” The 59th House District includes virtually all of Lincoln County (except for that part which lies south of Eagle Creek in the Ruidoso area,) and that part of Chaves County which lies west of Main Street in Roswell. For Marty, this will be his 10th time running for partisan office as a Libertarian, the other 9 times as a member of the Libertarian Party of California. Marty also needs “vast amounts” of help in securing signatures, so if you'd like to help him, please call (575) 648-4240, email to Chair@LPNM.us, see him on Facebook as MartyMarty and LincolnCountyLibertarianParty, or visit his “old” campaign website at www.Vote4Marty.com (under RE-construction, especially for New Mexico!)

There was one other potential candidate, but he was not able to get back to me with his information by press time.

These are our *only* candidates, dear Reader, so please help them put a Libertarian name (or two!) on November's ballot by signing their petitions. Make no mistake about it, **every single signature is crucially needed!** Every person signing is astronomically important! To be just **one** signature short, means to fail getting on the ballot, means to fail in getting the Libertarian message of peace, prosperity, and freedom out to the voters and taxpayers here in our Land of Enchantment. Please, help! All signatures must be turned in to the Office of the Secretary of State in Santa Fe by June 30, 2016. There are precious few weeks left!



What Is Preparedness and Why Should We Consider It?

Sherry Heim

There are many types of disasters that can take place on a large or small scale that could leave us without our usual conveniences. Such necessities and conveniences as water, food, electricity, natural gas, gasoline and communication are just a few of the

things to consider when planning to care for yourself and your family in times of disaster.

The types of disasters will differ and with that so will your survival needs. Becoming familiar with the different types of potential disasters and how to prepare for them is what I am striving to present in this editorial. The better prepared you are the better the chances of survival for yourself and your family.

The types of potential disasters can be natural disasters, which fortunately here in New Mexico are limited to just a few, or man made disasters which can include several different types a few of which I will mention below.. The potential natural disasters that we face here are fires, extreme heat, flooding, landslides, mudslides, windstorms, winter storms, drought and the potential for tornadoes. Some of the man-made disasters can include terrorism, hazmat accidents, nuclear attack, workplace incidents, and chemical attacks. There are also diseases that can put people at risk in epidemic proportions. Any of these disasters can be local and small or involve the entire country. It is up to each of us to be prepared if we wish to survive.

When preparing for disaster we need to plan for all potential disaster situations. While this may seem like a daunting task, taking a few months to get everything together will make the job a lot simpler, more affordable and less stressful. A free preparedness course that is offered online breaks the process down into 8 monthly courses giving you time to understand what you need, why you need it and how to complete the tasks so you are prepared should you ever be faced with a disaster. You can find this free course at <http://www.getemergencyprepared.com>.

When we think of preparedness we generally think about water, food, a first aid kit, a flashlight, a few hand tools, a radio, firewood or other heat and cooking sources and some sort of emergency shelter. While all of these things certainly have a place in our kits, there are some things that we fail to consider that are just as important.

Financial preparedness is one of those often forgotten things. No matter how prepared we are there may come a time when we need to purchase things. Money, gold, silver and barter items such as ammo should be considered as basic items in our survival kits.

Learning the proper way to store your food supplies and water is going to be a very important element in survival and the types of food products we select may prove to be as important as having food at all. When making your food kits keep in mind that food items and water are excellent barter items and may prove to be your most effective means of purchasing other things you might need. If possible, keep more of these items than you actually believe you are going to need so you can use them to trade for firewood, ammo, fresh produce or medicine. Remember if we have a financial collapse, no matter how much money you have, it will have zero value, so be prepared. Tarps, pocket rain ponchos, plastic bags, soap, emergency blankets and ropes are also items that can be used for bartering and take up little space without adding a lot of weight to your kits. If you take prescription medications, keep a 30-day supply in your kit and trade them out each month so that the ones in your kit stay fresh.

If you must leave your home due to a disaster it is important that you learn the proper way to secure your home and care for, as well as prepare for your pets and livestock. Having a grab and go backpack in case you have to immediately evacuate your home will help get you through the first 24 hours of the disaster.

Emotional preparedness is something else that we often don't consider when making up our survival plans. Psychological readiness before an incident can make a big difference. Just like we were taught in school with fire drills, where to go, how to get there, where to find our classmates and teacher and how to remain calm, those same things should be considered and practiced for our preparedness plan. Children should know where to go to be safe and where to find their siblings and parents. The feeling of knowing what to do and to have a safe place in a time of disaster will allow for greater ability to go forward with more resilience.

The list of items for the grab and go backpack and the 7-Day home survival kit are on the website mentioned above. That site lists MREs (meals ready to eat) as food sources which are a good choice because they can have up to a 25 year shelf life. The down side is that they can be very expensive. You can certainly make your own survival pantry in small 5 gallon tubs, smaller plastic containers packed in large, covered, plastic, garbage cans or on shelves somewhere in your home. Your pantry should contain pasta, rice, beans, soups, ramen, cereals, canned chili, canned and dried meats, canned vegetables, powdered milk, peanut butter, crackers, energy bars, chocolate, electrolyte drinks such as Gatorade or Emergen-C packets, multiple vitamins and, of course, lots of water (remember that the tanks in the back of your toilets and your water heater both contain fresh water that can be used as part of your survival water if you do not have access to safe tap water or well water). A good example of a home survival pantry can be seen online at: <http://www.popularmechanics.com/adventure/tips/g1812/how-to-stock-your-disaster-pantry>.

The LPNM has created a committee to see about joining with other groups such as local militia, first responders, amateur radio operators, farmers, ranchers, people with water wells, wood suppliers, etc. to consider forming a disaster network throughout the state where we can support each other and maintain communication during an emergency. Anyone who is interested in being part of this network, especially those with needed skills are urged to contact us at lpnm.us. Select the "Contact" tab and contact one or more of the central committee members on the list.

We would like to be able to hold classes on different areas of preparedness such as use of herbal medications, introduction to amateur radio, first aid and proper handling of fire arms for self defense as well as any other topics that would be advantageous in surviving a natural disaster. We would like for the classes to be inexpensive or free so that everyone has the opportunity to take part and we would like to make these classes available throughout the state at different locations in order to make it convenient for members from every area to attend. Because of the size of the state, ideally we will have several people who will be offering to teach the classes in their own area. We would also like to look into

where members can buy bulk dry goods and supplies at a reasonable prices to make their own survival pantries. We look forward to hearing from anyone who qualified and is interested in helping us with the teaching of basic first aid, supply acquisition, survival training or any other areas that are necessary in the creating of a solid preparedness plan.



Roster: LPNM Central Committee Members

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Signed _____

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