



Dan Happel

Radio talk show host and speaker

Dan Happel is an expert on Agenda 21, Sustainable Development and property rights issues. He hosts ***Connecting the Dots*** radio program and serves on numerous boards, including ***Freedom Force International***.

Dan is a 4th generation Montanan, born and raised in the Gallatin Valley. Dan is a retired businessman living on a ranch near Pony, Montana with his wife Ingrid.

Dan graduated Summa Cum Laude in Architectural Technology from Western Technical College and, after graduation, volunteered for the draft and served as an Architect in Training to the District Facilities Engineer, Headquarters Company, U.S. Army, at Fort McNair in Washington D.C. from 1971-1973.

After discharge Dan worked as an Architectural Designer while continuing his education at Montana State University and the University of Colorado in Planning, Public Administration and Economics. He founded and managed several successful Design-Build Commercial Construction Companies, including Happel & Associates, currently working in 11 states.

He returned to Montana in 1996 and continues as an active community member having served as a County Commissioner in Madison County, and is currently serving as the Montana State GOP Finance Chair, a Trustee on The United Precious Metals Association, the Montana Forest Owners Association, Harrison Fire Board, the Montana Forest Stewardship Foundation, Chairman of the Montana Forest Stewardship Steering Committee, and became 1 of only 2 Montana Master Forest Stewards in 2012 through the MSU/UM Extension Forestry Program and was recently appointed to the Western Montana BLM Resource Advisory Council.

Dan is also a member of Major General Paul Vallely's Kitchen Cabinet for ***Stand Up America***, is a member of, and featured in, G. Edward Griffin's Freedom Force International hall of Honor, Serves on the Freedom Force International Leadership Council, has been a Research Assistant, Associate/Executive Producer on six James Jaeger Documentary movies featuring Congressman Ron Paul, Dr. Edwin Vieira, G. Edward Griffin, Pat Buchanan among others, and is featured in ***Midnight Ride***, Jaeger's latest documentary movie scheduled for release late this year.

Dan has traveled extensively and is a frequent speaker on a number of crucially important and controversial subjects: UN Agenda 21; The History of Progressive Socialism in America; Money, Banking and the Federal Reserve System; and Life, Liberty and Property – The Cornerstones of Freedom; having developed several highly regarded PowerPoint programs on these subjects. Dan also teaches U.S. Constitution classes for various groups around Montana, and has provided technical assistance on legislative bills for a number of Montana State Legislators for the past 8 years. *"Providing well researched information and education that emphasizes liberty and the true meaning of the American dream will attract freedom loving Americans to our cause and can help restore America"* stated Dan.



Jeanette Finicum

One Cowboy's Stand for Freedom

“LaVoy: Dead Man Talking”

is a bio-documentary on the life and death of LaVoy Finicum – the Arizona rancher killed in Oregon on January 26, 2016. This is part one of a multi-part documentary which focuses on LaVoy and why he stood by the Constitution, individual rights and made the trip to Malheur and why he decided to stay.

This movie will draw you into the tale of a dreamy life and epic death of one of the last Wild West American cowboys—LaVoy Finicum. Regardless of which political side you fall on, his story is so compelling, tragic, and iconic. Jeannette Finicum and her family have been working hard with the *Center for Self Governance* in producing this documentary. It is powerful and needs to be seen. The message is life changing.

The raw nature of this film is the deep desire to strike a balance between learning from and educating about these real life stories, while neither vilifying nor vindicating LaVoy's decisions and actions leading up to his death. And while his freedom of conscience is deeply sacred, both the LaVoy Finicum family and the film's producers recognize and understand that to neglect the study of political strategy would be a travesty to future preservation of life, liberty, and property.





Alex Newman

Journalist, educator, author

Alex Newman is an award-winning international journalist, educator, author, and consultant. In addition to serving as president of the small media and information consulting firm Liberty Sentinel Media, Inc, he has written for a wide array of publications in the United States and abroad. He currently serves as a foreign correspondent for [The New American](#) magazine, a contributor to [WND](#), and more.

He has also written for numerous newspapers and magazines such as the Gainesville Sun, Liberty magazine, Crisis magazine, The Diplomat magazine, Swiss News magazine, Sunshine State News, Campus Reform, Alachua County Today, and many more.

His writing has been published in newspapers across America. In addition, he has co-authored several books, including a major exposé of government schools titled Crimes of the Educators, and an exposé of Obama written with some of America's leading investigative journalists. Alex also serves as a director for the organization Bear Witness Central, which works to protect and preserve the U.S. Constitution. In addition, he serves on several advisory boards for education-focused organizations, including U.S. Parents Involved in Education (USPIE) and the Samuel L. Blumenfeld Foundation for Literacy. He is also a Leadership Fellow at the James Madison Institute.

In education, Alex serves as editor of G. Edward Griffin's Red Pill University, which is hosting Red Pill Expo. For the last seven years, Alex has been teaching advanced economics to some of America's brightest high-school seniors through [FreedomProject Academy](#), an accredited K-12 school offering a classical education based on Judeo-Christian values. He also runs the Newman Report, an education-focused blog hosted by [FreedomProject Media](#). Before that, Alex worked for the Leadership Institute organizing conservative student groups and publications and recruiting young conservatives into the movement.

As a consultant, Alex has worked on a wide array of campaigns, ranging from political campaigns for Congress to marketing campaigns for non-profit groups and international businesses. He also spent time working in marketing and branding as Creative Director, Europe, for a leading international branding firm based in Miami. Alex has a B.S. degree in journalism from the University of Florida with an emphasis on economics and international relations, as well as an A.A. degree in foreign languages from Miami-Dade College.

Alex has lived in seven countries (US, Mexico, Brazil, Switzerland, France, South Africa, Sweden) on four continents and speaks multiple languages fluently and more at varying degrees of proficiency. His work has been cited by governments and major media outlets around the world. Alex is a frequent guest on national and international radio shows, TV programs, and at conferences—including on some of America's top radio and TV programs reaching tens of millions of people. Along with his family, he currently splits his time between various places, including Europe and the United States.



Rep. Kerry White

Montana House of Representatives

Hailing from Bozeman, Montana, Rep. White is a member of the Montana House of Representatives, serving since 2013. He has served on the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee and the Taxation Committee, and chaired the Natural Resources Committee. Kerry is also President of the Gallatin County Planning Board. He has been rated 100% by United Property Owners of Montana, and endorsed by the Montana Family Foundation.

Kerry is a legislator known for supporting motorized access to public lands, and in 2017 he introduced a resolution (which was signed into law on 4/27/2017) urging the U.S. Congress to release certain wilderness study areas in Montana from consideration for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation system, calling for dropping nearly 1 million acres from possible federal wilderness consideration. The resolution asked Congress “to enact legislation to release all wilderness study areas identified and specified in the Montana Wilderness Study Act of 1977.” It also asked Congress to manage those places according to the Forest Management Act of 1897 “to improve and protect the forest ... for the purpose of securing favorable conditions of water flows and to furnish a continuous supply of timber for the use and necessities of citizens of the United States.”

Rep. White feels strongly that Montana’s economy was hurt “by recent management policies, resulting in the closure of 22 sawmills since 1990 and causing the loss of over 2,100 primary industry jobs and over \$50 million in wages.” Additionally he feels that Congress’ inaction has been wasting forest assets, reducing forest road construction and “severely [harming] agriculture, timber harvesting, and multiple-use interests.”



Rep. Matt Shea

Washington State Representative

Rep. Matt Shea is recognized nationally as a Constitutional conservative and a pro-liberty legislator. He was elected to the Washington House of Representatives in November 2008, and as of 2017, is the current House Republican Caucus Chair.

After completing Gonzaga University's ROTC program as a distinguished military graduate, Matt earned a commission in the U.S. Army. He served two combat tours, including eight months as a platoon leader in Bosnia and 11 months as a company commander and logistics officer in Iraq. For his service, Matt was awarded a Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, and Combat Infantryman's Badge, among many other awards and commendations.

Matt helped to spearhead "The Freedom Agenda" — legislation based on defending the Constitution, state and national security, property rights, gun ownership, public safety, veterans, and the sanctity of human life, while promoting lower taxes, less government and more freedom. He also believes that by limiting government, the free enterprise system will be empowered to grow small businesses and create more jobs in the private sector. Since 2010, Matt has served as Republican assistant floor leader in the Washington House of Representatives, using his leadership experience as a private practice attorney in Spokane to help manage legislation and debate on the House floor. As the ranking Republican on the House Environment Committee, Matt insists legislative decisions are based on sound, peer-reviewed science that protects both the state's environment and jobs that preserve Washington's quality of life. Matt is a member of the ***Alliance Defending Freedom***, a nationwide network of more than 1,000 attorneys dedicated to preserving religious freedom. He is co-founder of the Washington Family Foundation, which later merged with the ***Family Policy Institute of Washington***. Also, Matt is host of "**Patriot Radio**" on the **American Christian Network**.

Matt and his wife, Viktoriya, reside in Spokane Valley.



Norman Semanko

Attorney-at-Law

Norman Semanko joined Parsons Behle & Latimer in 2017 and is the Water Law Practice Group leader in the firm's Boise office. He has extensive experience with water resources, environmental, natural resources, public lands and regulatory issues, as well as governmental affairs and lobbying. He assists clients with matters in Idaho and Washington, D.C.

Mr. Semanko served as Executive Director & General Counsel for the Idaho Water Users Association for 17 years, overseeing operations, monitoring water issues, analysing federal and state legislation and regulations, advocating in the Idaho State Legislature, before Congress, and various agencies, organizing legal and educational seminars, and supervising staff, providing legal advice and services to the association, including litigation and appeals. In 2016, he was recognized as an "Idaho Leader in Law" by the Idaho Business Review for his work.

Mr. Semanko has represented numerous clients on water law, environmental and land use matters before the Idaho Department of Water Resources, in the North Idaho Adjudication, Snake River Basin Adjudication, federal court and in the Idaho Supreme Court. He has been an Adjunct Professor at Boise State University, where he taught Natural Resources Law and Environmental Health Law. He was also an Instructor at the College of Southern Idaho, where he lectured on Legal Issues in Water Management.

Mr. Semanko has served as the President of the National Water Resources Association. He was also appointed by Governors Kempthorne and Otter to represent Idaho on the Western States Water Council.

Mr. Semanko was appointed to serve as General Counsel for the Republican National Committee by the RNC Chairman and was also elected Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party for two terms. He has also served as President of the Eagle City Council.

Mr. Semanko is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center where he served as Student Bar Association Vice President and was a member of the Craven Constitutional Law Moot Court team. He received his undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Idaho.



Mark Sutherland

[CREATIVE HUB PRODUCTIONS,](#) Movie Producer and Speaker

Born and raised in the United Kingdom, Mark has been involved in the Television and film industry in various roles in the U.K. since 1992, making drama for the BBC, ITV and CH4. In 2010 Mark co-produced and designed a feature film as well as a number of short films. His films have won awards on both sides of the

Atlantic : "*One of Us*" won best drama award at the Hollywood Very Short Movie Festival, Best actor at the BFM in the U.K., and a community Award in 2004 for "*Pukka*"—combining his education and film making skills to reduce youth crime. His latest short drama about communism has been in 3 U.S. film festivals; Maryland Film Festival, The Miami Film Festival and Wasteland Festival LA.

In 2016, Mark entered the most important political event in recent UK history, producing and directing [Flexcit the Movie: The Definitive EU EXIT Plan.](#)

Inspired by his passion for the United States, Mark teamed up with writer director Ted Wilkes of Bottle Rocket Films and produced the short film [Between Lambs and Lions](#), a political thriller set against a dystopian future where the United States Constitution is null and void and the Star Spangled Banner assigned to a museum.

Mark sees many parallels between the election of President Trump and the Brexit battle occurring in the U.K., and has been interviewed on various independent media sites in the United States such as John B. Well's [Caravan to Midnight](#), [Southern Sense Talk Radio](#), [Hear the Watchman](#) and [Calvary Chapel Lima Ohio](#), as well as being a regular contributor to [Politics Today](#) on Revelation TV in the U.K.

Mark and has a background in education, having used his practical skills to teach in the U.K. Senior High Schools for 14 years, and has done blue collar and white collar jobs.

Mark will be joining us as our featured Luncheon speaker: "***The View from the Clapham Omnibus Across the Pond***" sharing his views on the EU debate and the parallels between what is happening in the U.K. and the U.S.



Elaine DeVary Willman, MPA

Author and speaker

Elaine DeVary Willman, MPA is the author of [*Going To Pieces...the dismantling the United States of America*](#), first published in 2005. The book reports on first person visits and experiences of tribal members and citizens residing on or near seventeen Indian reservations during her extensive road trip across the country from Washington State to New York State. *Going to Pieces...* continues to be a best-seller, some eleven years later, and is now available in a Second Edition, inclusive of an Index, in book stores

Subsequent to her two year attendance at Ventura College of Law, Ms. Willman received a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Cal State University in 1991, and has obtained 96 credits towards her doctoral work in public policy. Having lived in Western States for over thirty years, and within two Indian reservations for more than twenty years, Ms. Willman has extensive knowledge about federal Indian policy, land use status within Indian reservations, dual-jurisdiction and Constitutional conflicts that impact the rights and lives of tribal members as well as other American citizens.

Ms. Willman's mother and grandmother were enrolled Cherokee members; her spouse is of Shoshone ancestry, and is a direct descendant of Sacajawea. She served as National Chair of [Citizens Equal Rights Alliance](#) (CERA) from 2001 – 2007 and remains an active CERA Board Member. Mrs. Willman has blended her local land use and strategic planning expertise with federal Indian policy to inform and engage counties, towns and citizens that are co-located within or near federally recognized Indian reservations.

From 2008 through 2015 Ms. Willman served the Village of Hobart, Wisconsin, as their Director of Community Development and Tribal Affairs. Hobart, incorporated in 1908 after the Oneida Tribe of Indians reservation was fully allotted, is entirely co-located within the historical boundaries of this former reservation.

In July 2015 Ms. Willman moved to the [Flathead Indian Reservation](#) to assist western Montana landowners defend against a federal/tribal/state taking of water rights from landowners, transfer of a public hydropower dam to become a private tribal government asset, and loss of all control of water access or rate setting, deeply imperiling the entire food production in this agriculture-dependent region.

In March of 2016, Ms. Willman published a reference manual for community leaders and elected officials, now available in stores and online as well. The reference manual is entitled, [*Slumbering Thunder...a primer for confronting the spread of federal Indian policy and tribalism overwhelming America*](#).



Christopher Kortlander

Investigative journalist, Author and Museum Director

Christopher Kortlander, author of [Arrow to the Heart](#), owns the historic town of Garryowen, Montana, located on the Custer Battlefield. He has been the founding director of the [Custer Battlefield Museum](#) for over 25 years, a dealer in rare and historic artifacts for over 35 years, and is a former law enforcement officer.

He has received such prestigious awards as the Public Service Presidential Award from the Clinton administration in 1995, the Montana Governor's Award for Tourism Person of the Year in 2004, and was the Personal Assistant to Dr. Joseph Medicine Crow when he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2008.

The author, his town, and his personal story have been featured on such prominent television channels and news sites as: CNN, Fox News, ABC News, NBC News, CBS News, BBC, The History Channel, TIME Magazine, and The Huffington Post among several others.

Christopher Kortlander has also had feature stories written about him in such well-respected newspapers as: The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, New York Daily News, Denver Post, New York Post, Rocky Mountain News, Malibu Times, Deseret News, Chicago Tribune, and LA Times among many others.



Ammon Bundy

Ammon Edward Bundy, born in Nevada on September 1, 1975, is an American car fleet manager who led the 2016 occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. He is the son of rancher Cliven Bundy and Cliven's first wife, Jane Marie Brown Bundy. Ammon was a central figure in the so-called "2014 Bundy Standoff" regarding a dispute over grazing fees.

Ammon and his wife Lisa have three daughters and three sons, and reside in Emmett, Idaho. He also has 46 nieces and nephews.

Ammon Bundy quotes:

"What is legitimate enough to make a stand? When is it enough to put yourself and other people's lives on the line? Is it justified?"

"We want the government to abide by the Constitution ... and to play by the rules."

