



This afternoon I took a nap. When I woke up, I smelled the coffee. It was just sitting there, so I smelled it. And you know what? It smelled damn good. I then began perusing the internet as I do every Tuesday afternoon to see if there are any Libertarian wing nuts out there baying at the moon. Sure enough, I found one.

There is one disgruntled Libertarian living in our midst who honestly believes that he has his finger on the pulse of the Elbert County. He honestly believes that if 250 people show up to voice their discontent with the BOCC over a development issue that the other 23,000 residents who didn't show up for the meeting were clearly in the corner of the commissioners. In the words of Bugs Bunny, "What a maroon!" Henceforth, for purposes of clarity, "Maroon" is what I will name this Libertarian.

Mr. Maroon honestly believes that ABE21 is a mouthpiece for some gigantic and mythical Democratic machine. Mr. Maroon believes that John Dorman opened up his huge wallet and

single-handedly sued the county over the Spring Valley Vista debacle. The Citizens for Responsible Growth in Elbert County group is a non-profit organized to represent voices in dissent of the current BOCC's growth policies. Of course, Mr. Maroon does not realize that John is a Republican and got his money for the lawsuit from scores of citizens from both sides of the political aisle.

Maroons show complete disdain for people who stand up for what they believe by participating in local affairs. They are suspicious of anyone who is willing to commit to political change in the face of overwhelming odds. If there isn't a profit motive, it cannot register on the Maroon's selfish radar screen. If you reach out to help someone, the Maroon thinks you are weak.

Mr. Maroon, while you are still partying over the fact that I will not be a commissioner, a whole host of empowered folks have been busy, busy, busy making sure they have a way for their voices to be heard. One way or the other, Elbert County is moving toward transparency and government by the people, Mr. Maroon. It is not only ABE21 that will be watching, it will be a more educated public who is learning that the BOCC has a set of rules that cannot be ignored. Good luck with that "us vs. them" thing. I am certain that whoever "us" is, they will be looking to you for all of their good ideas.

Now, back to smelling the coffee...

-Robert

There are so many unbelievably inane things that go on in Elbert County, we decided that they deserve at least 17-seconds of public fame. Thus, the Toady Cowpie Award was invented by McShay. While this award is tamer than several of his anatomically awkward to illustrate suggestions, we feel it still conveys the essence intended: if the awardee were to leave Elbert, the average IQ in the county would rise dramatically.

As you might guess, the competition for the Toady is quite stiff out here in the boondocks where thinking is considered an unnatural act. So, selecting a single candidate from the dimmest and dumbest was a daunting task. To narrow the field, this time we judged on the candidate's consistency of doltishness and their complete disregard for the actual function of brain cells. The vote, among a Democrat, an Unaffiliated, and a Republican was unanimous.

Thus, we award this first the Toady Cowpie Award to the Wacked Out Libertarian for his deranged rants, inadequate grasp of deductive reasoning, and staunch adherence to marching anyone who will listen to his foolishness back to the days of the Robber Barons and beyond.

-Michael