

## Northern Colorado Counties Vote on Secession

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On Nov. 5, eleven counties in Colorado voted on a referendum called "the 51st State Initiative," which would help state legislators decide whether or not there was support for the new state of "Northern Colorado." Only five out of the eleven counties voted in favor of secession: Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Phillips, Washington and Yuma.

The theoretical separation in Colorado is between the more rural counties in the north and the rest of the state. The northern counties feel that their needs are being overlooked by their more urban representatives in the legislature. Democratic representatives in the state have recently made laws regarding agriculture, gun control, and renewable energy. The more conservative counties, especially those located in the north that rely on agriculture, feel that these bills have negatively affected their economy and industry. According to CNN, John Hickenlooper (D), the governor of Colorado, said that the

rural counties were indeed suffering economically, but not as a result of the energy or gun-control bills. Likewise, other Coloradans seem to think that the rural counties should embrace the new, progressive direction of the state.

As a result of these differences of opinion, certain counties began discussing the possibility of secession. Weld County—one of the most populous counties in Colorado—has been discussing the possibility of becoming the 51st state since June of this year.

If there had been a majority vote for secession, the idea would still have to be approved by Congress, which is not very likely. In fact, the last recorded secession was in 1863, when West Virginia separated from Virginia. Now that the referendum has failed, Northern Colorado residents may pursue some other route to try to be better represented in the legislature. Meanwhile, the rest of America will be waiting just as eagerly to see what happens next in Colorado.

## Meredith Adds Public Health Major

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Meredith College will offer a new public health major starting in the fall semester of 2014. It was approved the Board of Trustees on Oct. 25, and the courses are already listed on the Meredith website.

The public health major has been in the planning stages with the Biology Department since fall 2012. "The science department has a track record of expanding programs," said Dr. Carolina Perez-Heydrich, the new director of the public health major. "Someone interested in health science could pursue a more population approach to health. It's for people who like science but don't just want to do science like biology and chemistry."

Students majoring in public health will get to choose to complete their core curriculum in the Policy and Ethics, Social and Behavioral Sciences, or Biological Sciences tracks to give them more op-

tions depending on what career path they want to follow.

Junior Lindsay Parlberg is already interested in the new public health major. "I decided that I wanted to major in Public Health because I knew I was passionate about the health/medical field, but my learning style did not fit into the Biology or Chemistry path," she said. "The interdisciplinary approach that public health takes to science is exactly what caught my attention. Before public health, I could not choose a major. What I wanted to do was have a major that was actually a combination of about 5 minors. That is why PBH is perfect for me (and others); it allows for a core set of classes, along with a variety of tracks to finish. This is going to be a successful major, and I am looking forward to the opportunities that can come from it. It is not one size fits all, so every student has to put in what they want out, and that can be very rewarding!"

## Cornhuskin' 2013 Results

<b>Cooperation Points</b>	<b>Hog Callin': Script</b>
2014: 28	4th place: Freshmen
2015: 26	Tie 2nd place: Sophomores and Juniors
2016: 25	1st place: Seniors
2017: 26	<b>Tall Tale: Overall Performance</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	4th place: Freshmen
4th Place: Sophomores	3rd place: Sophomores
3rd Place: Freshmen	2nd place: Juniors
2nd Place: Seniors	1st place: Seniors
1st Place: Juniors	<b>Tall Tale: Script</b>
<b>Apple Bobbin'</b>	4th place: Freshmen
4th place: Freshmen	3rd place: Sophomores
3rd place: Sophomores	2nd place: Seniors
2nd place: Juniors	1st place: Juniors
1st place: Seniors	<b>Tall Tale: Costumes / Props</b>
<b>Cornshuckin'</b>	4th place: Freshmen
4th place: Sophomores	3rd place: Sophomores
3rd place: Freshmen	2nd place: Seniors
2nd place: Seniors	1st place: Juniors
1st place: Juniors	<b>Class Songs: Overall Performance</b>
<b>Shirt: Overall Design</b>	4th place: Freshmen
4th place: Sophomores	3rd place: Sophomores
3rd place: Juniors	2nd place: Juniors
2nd place: Seniors	1st place: Seniors
1st place: Freshmen	<b>Skit: Script</b>
<b>Shirt: Significance to Theme</b>	4th place: Freshmen
4th place: Freshmen	3rd place: Sophomores
3rd place: Sophomores	2nd place: Juniors
2nd place: Juniors	1st place: Seniors
1st place: Seniors	<b>Skit: Costumes / Props</b>
<b>Can Art: Intended Design</b>	4th place: Freshmen
4th place: Freshmen	3rd place: Juniors
3rd place: Sophomores	2nd place: Sophomores
2nd place: Juniors	1st place: Seniors
1st place: Seniors	<b>Skit: Word Parade</b>
<b>Can Art: Execution of Design</b>	4th place: Freshmen
4th place: Freshmen	Tie 2nd place: Sophomores and Seniors
3rd place: Sophomores	1st place: Juniors
2nd place: Juniors	<b>Skit: Overall Performance</b>
1st place: Seniors	4th place: Freshmen
<b>Can Art: Significance to Theme</b>	3rd place: Sophomores
4th place: Freshmen	2nd place: Juniors
3rd place: Sophomores	1st place: Seniors
2nd place: Juniors	<b>Overall Winner</b>
1st place: Seniors	4th place: Freshmen
<b>Hog Callin': Overall Performance</b>	3rd place: Sophomores
4th place: Freshmen	2nd place: Juniors
3rd place: Seniors	1st place: Seniors
2nd place: Sophomores	
1st place: Juniors	



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## 2013 Election Inspires Early Speculation about 2016

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Although no major elections were held in North Carolina on Nov. 5, the day was not inconsequential. Across the nation, the recent elections have sparked predictions of which candidates will run for president in 2016. The New Jersey gubernatorial race in particular could contain clues as to what might happen in three years.

Governor Chris Christie ran for reelection in New Jersey on Nov. 5, and he won by a landslide. According to The New York Times, Christie received 60 percent of the vote, and his opponent, Barbara Buono, received 38 percent. Even more significant than the overall numbers, however, is the fact that Christie received a large percentage of the vote among groups that did not support Republicans in 2012. Paul Steinhauser reports in a Nov. 6 CNN article that Christie received 59 percent of the female vote and 51 percent of the Latino vote. These numbers could be a signal that Christie would be as popular in a national election among these traditionally Democrat-leaning groups.

Christie has not made an official announcement of his intent to run for president, but he has come very close. Steinhauser reports that Christie said in a speech, "You don't just show up six months before an election. You show up four years before one," when asked if he will serve all four years of his term as governor, Christie responded, "I don't know."

Governor Christie is a moderate Republican who takes pride in his ability to cooperate and compromise with diverse groups. Rebecca Kaplan reports that in a Nov. 11 CBS article he said, "The lesson is to govern and to show up... It's about doing things, accomplishing things, reaching across the aisle and crafting accomplishments." Christie is a leader of the Republican Party, but he does favor immigration reform and some gun control measures. His win in New Jersey is attributed to his moderate views combined with his effort to pursue the votes of minority groups, and many predict that those same characteristics could mean victory in the presidential race of 2016.