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“I am concerned for the security of our great nation, not so much because of any potential threat from without, but because of the insidious forces working from within which, opposed to all of our great traditions, have gravely weakened the structure and tone of our American way of life.”

Gen. Douglas MacArthur

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WHY I'M A REPUBLICAN

by Nancy Gunow



Nancy Gunow was born and raised in Minnesota. She graduated from Lewis and Clark College in Oregon with a degree in psychology and earned a Colorado elementary teaching certificate from Western State College in Gunnison. Fully certified, Nancy taught skiing at Mt. Hood Meadows, Oregon; Telluride and Vail, Colorado; and Killington, Vermont. She also directed youth summer recreational programs in Oregon and Colorado. She enjoyed a 42-year career with Delta Airlines until retiring in 2020. Nancy and her husband, Sandy, raised two children in Rochester, Michigan. As a volunteer with Kidsave International, she helped bring 10 orphans from Kazakhstan to forever families in Michigan. In Summit County, she initiated an election prayer team for the 2020 election and is a member of the Summit County Prayer Group. Full-time residents of Summit County, Nancy and her husband enjoy sailing, hiking, jeeping, skiing, and so much more!

My journey towards conservatism and the Republican Party began later in life. I was apolitical growing up in suburban Minnesota, through my college years on the west coast, and in early adult life. I was sitting on the proverbial fence of pro-life/pro-choice when one day that fence was electrified, and I had to jump off on one side or the other. I chose life, and what has followed has been a fascinating deep dive into issues I had previously been uninterested in, and ignorant of. I have grown to embrace the traditional Republican platform beliefs in school choice, the right to life of all children before and after birth, marriage as the union between one man and one woman, the rights of conscience of health care professionals, and religious liberty. Other issues that are important to me that most conservatives support are border security, election integrity, medical freedom and vaccine safety, countering media bias, countering revisionist history and social engineering in education, eliminating human/child trafficking, and uncovering high level political/corporate crimes and misdemeanors.

I am very concerned about the direction of our county, state, and country. I believe it is my obligation to

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become educated and involved and to support more rational, healthy directions in policies and legislation. That is why I have joined Summit County Republican Women and currently co-lead the group's book club. One of our early book studies was *Irresistible Revolution* by Matt Lohmeier. This book documents Marxism's historical goal of conquest and how it has been infiltrating American politics, business, education, and the military. The divisive woke ideologies we battle today of BLM, CRT, DEI, and ESG are believed to be rooted in Marxism. I applaud those who have courageously spoken out on some of these issues, at great peril to their careers, reputations, and safety. I respect and embrace the traditional platform of the Republican Party and organizations like STARRS (Stand Together Against Racism and Radicalism in the Services), fighting Marxism and mandates in the military.

To become educated and current regarding these destructive trends and ideologies has required much networking and individual passion for truth and justice. Summit County Republican Women has provided gatherings with wonderful camaraderie of support and education. It is my hope that by working with like-minded patriots, we can slow and eventually reverse the tide of destruction that we now witness in our great nation.

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Just My
Opinion

Be Careful About an Advocacy Rabbit Hole

by Allen Bacher



(Editor's note: The energy debate highlights a multi-faceted conundrum in search of real answers, based on facts. We must be knowledgeable as we discuss this issue and enter this rabbit hole.)

Prager University has a video relative to a concept, unobtainium, from the movie *Avatar*, that raises some questions about "all electric," from economic, strategic, and deeper environmental perspectives. [PragerU Unobtainium](#)

The front-end mining, processing, and later-disposal issues are not fully recognized by those carelessly promoting a full transition to green, renewable energy and the end of fossil fuels. Here's a link to "[How Much Energy Will the World Need?](#)".

One size does not fit all. The further development of hydrogen presents a great opportunity to spread the technological risk. In the short term, a switch to natural gas, and later to hydrogen, would solve many of the issues that critics have with current fuel use.

Petroleum use will not end for decades, maybe even centuries. The technology does not exist to replace all its uses by the mythical 2030 target, much less 2050 and beyond.

The inherent problem with "all electric" is that the world does not currently (pun intended) produce enough power generation to handle an "American only-electric 100 percent fleet."

In fact, the electric grid is vulnerable to nefarious attack. A bad-actor attack that results in an "electromagnetic surge event" would render all the "chips" useless. The ramifications throughout all aspects of our society would be devastating. Also, it is estimated that over 20-50 percent of all electric generation goes to waste due to inefficient distribution and imbalance in use/production ratio, depending on the time of day/night.

No-rare-earth-metals use does have a positive environmental impact but is impossible to achieve. That ship sailed in the '60s with the electronic revolution.

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Allen Bacher's family has lived in Colorado since the 1890s, and he has resided in Summit County since 2006. He grew up in Northern Virginia and earned a mechanical engineering degree from Carnegie Tech, a bachelor of science in business administration from George Mason University, and an MBA from Lindenwood University.

A former business advisor, he currently has his own business-startup and growth consulting company, ABECO.

Allen enjoys skiing and restoring autos. He is a pilot and self-home builder.

Club20

The Voice of the Western Slope

by Debra Irvine



Debra is proud to be from a military family. Her late husband, father, and mother rest in Arlington National Cemetery. Her son is an Air Force veteran and USAFA graduate. She grew up in Italy and Germany and speaks German, Italian, and French. Debra was honored to represent the United States alongside her late husband, Rob, while he was a NATO diplomat for six years in Brussels. They built their home in Breckenridge in 2004.

Debra formerly was a research analyst for President Ronald Reagan's Star Wars Missile Defense Program and a ski instructor, and she continues her career as a commissioned artist. Politically, she was GOP general election candidate for Colorado State Legislature in 2010, 2012, and 2014 and primary candidate in 2020. She was appointed to Judicial Performance Review Commission and Colorado Women's Alliance. This patriot was Republican chairman of Congressional District 2, Judicial District 5, and Summit County.

I became an official member of Club 20 in 2009, and I proudly serve on the board of directors, representing Summit County.

I have been the only Republican from Summit for many years, and I have worked hard to establish a position of representation; I was elected the voting member, and there are two alternates. Our alternates are Democrats, and they include former State Senator Tom Glass. Tom and I have always worked closely and well together.

Club 20 is the largest lobbying group for the Western Slope of Colorado. It was established in 1953 to represent 20 Western Slope counties. We are now the voice of 22 counties. Our members represent industry, small business, agriculture, water, ranching, tourism, healthcare, education, local government, and even towns.

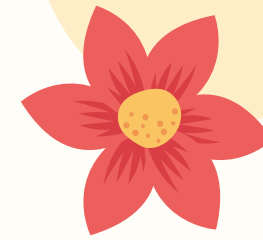
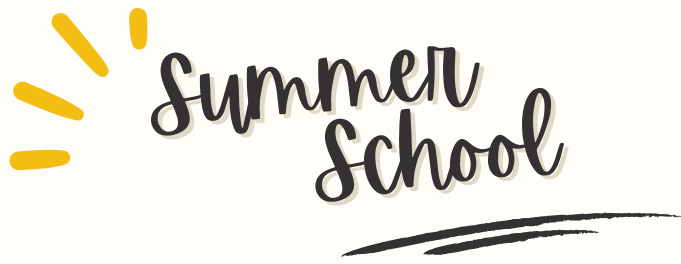
Our organization came about because, it was determined, only about 10 percent of infrastructure funding went to the Western Slope. The vast majority went to the Front Range for its projects. Because our area is rich in mining, agriculture, ranching, oil and gas production, our roads and bridges take a beating and deserve, at least, the same financial support as the rest of Colorado.

Club 20's lobbying focus is on legislation that has an impact on our industry, small business, agriculture, water rights, taxation, and regulation, to name a few. We also follow ballot measures, and we take a stand on issues. We may vote to support, oppose, or even remain neutral.

Our board meets twice a year in Grand Junction, but we have Policy Committee meetings throughout the year (in different counties) to discuss issues that affect all aspects of our counties and to define proposed policy resolutions for Club 20.

We welcome new members. We are an effective organization wherein you can become involved and network throughout the Western Slope.

If you are interested in membership, please go to www.club20.org or call me at (719) 238-1462. I am honored to represent Summit County.



Quiet afternoons, family road trips, and airline flights to vacation destinations all give us opportunities to enjoy our own exciting “summer schools.” They also give us a chance to engage with our children through self-designed lesson plans that teach about American history, civics, and other important subjects our schools neglect.

Our website, www.summitgopwomen.org, includes the books many of our members have read as part of the book club. Under “Resources,” our website also highlights numerous books for children featuring the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, the U.S. Constitution, the Electoral College, and American presidents and heroes. When selecting other books for kids, be aware that many portray our founders and our country in negative terms, rather than discussing the founders’ visionary achievements in establishing a new country in which “We the People” govern.

Particularly delightful is the recorded version of a series of “Rush Revere” books written and read by the late Rush Limbaugh. Traveling back in time on his magical horse, Liberty, Rush takes us on a voyage across the sea with the pilgrims, introduces us to the first patriots, and involves us in the American Revolution. This series was a #1 New York Times Bestseller and Children’s Choice award winner. It is a wonderful soundtrack for families as they drive to destinations unknown.

Dr. Ben Carson established the American Cornerstone Institute (www.americancornerstone.org). Its Little Patriots Program (www.littlepatriotslearning.com) provides free online resources for parents and teachers to educate children on civics, history, and American values. The site also offers animated cartoons about those topics for youngsters.

PragerU (www.prageru.com) is another online resource that offers a wealth of 5-to-10-minute videos by experts about topics of importance.

A myriad of in-depth, college-level courses are extremely popular through Hillsdale College. Hillsdale's free online courses feature lectures from top Hillsdale College professors. The lecture videos are supported by quizzes, readings, supplementary videos, study guides, and discussion boards. From Constitution 101, the Federalist Papers, and Civil Rights in American History to Shakespeare, Hillsdale offers an exceptional array of choices to those who want to expand their knowledge independently.

As the school year ends, let the search for knowledge begin. As we enrich ourselves, we enrich our country and our community.



DID YOU KNOW?

1.

Colorado 1st Amendment Case Heard by U.S. Supreme Court

Another Colorado First Amendment case, *303 Creative v. Elenis*, was heard by the U.S. Supreme Court in December. Although Master Cakeshop owner Jack Phillips won a religious freedom case at the U.S. Supreme Court in June 2018 for refusing to create a custom cake that violated his beliefs, graphic designer Lorie Smith is now defending her right to NOT create art and websites with messages that violate her religious beliefs. Freedom of religion and freedom of speech issues are paramount in these cases.

2.

Pennsylvania Settles Voter Roll Lawsuit with Judicial Watch

[Here's the latest in our many successes for cleaner elections.](#)

Judicial Watch settled an important federal election integrity lawsuit against Pennsylvania and five of its counties.

3.

Awake Illinois

Awake Illinois is a grassroots organization working to protect children from woke efforts, including CRT, DEI, gender mutilation, and other harmful programs in schools. It has more than 30 chapters in Illinois and is expanding to other states. Check out its website at www.awakeil.com, and download the opt-out forms to protect your family.

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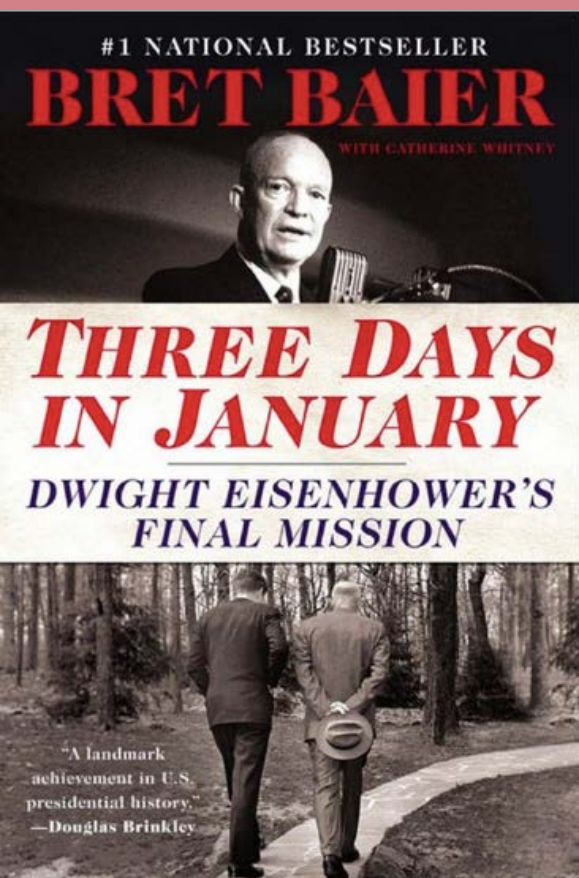
Tusk Talk

Summit County Republican Women have been actively developing a social media presence in order to increase awareness of our organization and provide resources to our mountain community. Check out the complete May 15 [Tusk Talk](#) article on our website.

*Due to scheduling conflicts,
there will be no June Book Club.
See you in July!*

July BOOK CLUB

We want to give everyone a heads up about the great book coming up next month.



BOOK: *Three Days in January: Dwight Eisenhower's Final Mission*

AUTHOR: Bret Baier

MODERATOR: Maarten Meinders

DATE: Monday, July 24, 6:00 pm

PLACE: 55 Lacy Drive, Silverthorne

HOSTS: Nancy and Alexander (Sandy) Gunow

Please bring an appetizer and/or beverage to share.

All are welcome to attend; spouses, friends, family members!

RSVP to Nancy at gunown@aol.com or 248-568-6415.

We would like to continue a presidential focus for this summer. Please bring to Monday's meeting, or send us, ideas for books on past presidents that you would recommend.

CALENDAR

JUNE 5-6 | 4:00 - 8:00 PM SCHOOL BOARD TRAINING

National School Board Coalition, Ted Mische, Chairman
Summit County Community and Senior Center, 83 Nancy's Place, Frisco
Bring your own for a working lunch.
RSVP to Tess Scalise tesssellssummit@gmail.com

JUNE 9-10 | WESTERN CONFERENCE

Join us for the 14th Annual Western Conservative Summit!
Speaker: Rep. Lauren Boebert

JUNE 10 | 12:00 CT3 FIREARMS EXPERIENCE

Your 2nd Amendment Experience: An Introduction to Firearms.
Don't wait to sign up as we are limited to 24 people, 16 & older. This
will be a fun, non-intimidating day with your hands on firearms.

JUNE 13 | 4:30 - HAPPY HOUR: JOINT CT3 & SUMMIT REP WOMEN EVENT

at Bagalis, Frisco
Contact Penny TerHaar 847-269-0568 for more information.

JUNE 19 | 5:30 - CONSERVATIVE COCKTAILS

Rich and Dee James' home at 578 Water Dance Rd., Frisco
Bring your favorite drink and/or appetizer.

JULY | 4TH OF JULY PARADE - BRECKENRIDGE

Celebrate our nation by wearing patriotic clothing and walking with the CT3
float in the parade. For more information contact Sarah @ (970) 389-8550.

JULY | 6:00 - JULY 24 BOOK CLUB

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