



# CONSERVATIVES CARING FOR COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY



“America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.”

— President Harry S. Truman

# SUMMITUP

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The Minute Man Monument depicts a young man with musket in hand as he leaves his plow in defense of freedom.

# Sweet Land of Liberty

America's Revolutionary War began with the "shots heard around the world" at the Battles of Lexington and Concord 250 years ago, on April 19, 1775. On July 4<sup>th</sup> a year later, the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. Fifty six delegates signed the historic document, writing their names below the final paragraph: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

For the first time in history, a new nation was forged based on ideas and principles – rather than conquest, royal lineage, or papal authority. The fact that a united group of colonies subject to the tyranny of a king could declare their own sovereignty and become "free and independent states" impacted nations throughout the world. The concepts that "All men are created equal," that "we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights," and that "We the People" must give our consent to be governed were truly revolutionary ideas.

Common men and women, led by learned men who had studied the works of political theorists like John Locke, and protected by acts of Divine Intervention, challenged the strongest military in the world – and won! Their vision and their fight for freedom changed the world.

This Independence Day, July 4, 2025, marks the beginning of a year-long 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the founding of this blessed nation.

As we once again enjoy the festivities of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we should take time to re-read the Declaration of Independence, learn a little more about our nation's founding, or watch a movie about America's Revolutionary War. It is also a day to be thankful for the blessings of liberty that were fought for and earned by brave and courageous patriots.







Old Glory flies proudly on the South Lawn of the White House, overlooking the Washington Monument.

## A BEAUTIFUL GIFT FROM PRESIDENT TRUMP TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Known for his love of this country and the American flag, President Trump had two tall flag poles installed at the White House on June 18. Trump saluted the beautiful flag as it was unfurled and raised on the South Lawn, overlooking the Washington Monument. In a post on Truth Social, Trump wrote, “It is my Great Honor to announce that I just installed two beautiful Flag Poles on both sides of the White House, North and South Lawns. It is a GIFT from me of something which was always missing from this magnificent place.”

Thank you, President Trump!



President Trump salutes the American flag as it is unfurled and raised on the White House lawn.



“And forever, in peace, may it wave!”

(Photo credits: WhiteHouse.gov)



## *A Message from Our President*

Dear Summit County Republican Women,

I am a member of several online groups, to include private ones for which you have to request membership.

These groups can provide an overview of what people are discussing. Comments can be interesting, thought-provoking and, sadly, even aggressive. It's a method to keep a finger on the pulse of a current issue.

I spent years as a defense research analyst with a Top Secret clearance which required me to rely on facts. Perhaps that makes me more frustrated with shared falsehoods. It appears that too few people take the time to research "facts" before sharing. They may not realize that opposition groups deliberately start falsehoods to see how far they will go and to put their opposition in an eventual position of "egg on their face" or even unrecoverable damage.

An example of quick outrage came for a portrait of President Donald Trump at the Colorado State Capitol. Democrats, to include Governor Polis, were accused of having commissioned the painting to embarrass President Trump (because of his portrayed likeness). Former Republican Senator Kevin Grantham, a fine gentleman I have known for many years, helped raise the money to commission that painting. It was paid for, and commissioned by, Republicans.

Falsehoods have the ability to instill fear, anger, and harmful knee-jerk reactions. Falsehoods can destroy relationships from friendships to family engagement. Unlike an in-person conversation, social media can also provide a platform by which a person's identity is hidden. You may not really know who a commenter, or someone creating a post, is.

It takes time to research an issue, an event, a person, before sharing "information." I believe, however, that it is our personal responsibility to do so and the prudent thing to do.

Gratefully yours



Debra Irvine





## SO PROUD TO BE A REPUBLICAN!

What an amazing week our country (and the world) experienced in late June. Through the courage and leadership of President Donald J. Trump and his administration, they accomplished the following within a few days:

1. Iran's nuclear threat was destroyed and the world was made safer.
2. Our military demonstrated to the world its incredible strength, precision, and bravery in demolishing Iran's nuclear facilities.
3. Trump and his administration secured a ceasefire between Israel and Iran.
4. NATO members agreed to increase the defense funding goal of each country's economic output to 5%. The previous level was 2%.
5. Diplomats from Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo signed a peace agreement at the White House, ending a 30-year war.
6. The U.S. Supreme Court limited lower courts' ability to issue nationwide injunctions.
7. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that parents could opt out of LGBTQ curriculum in schools.
8. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states could block Medicaid funding to Planned Parenthood.
9. Peace through strength was demonstrated to the world.
10. The stock market hit record highs.

***PROMISES MADE. PROMISES KEPT!***



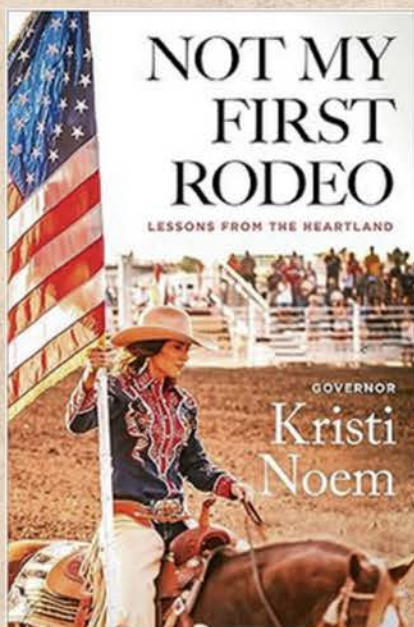


Pictured are attendees of our June book club hosted by Theresa and Dan Eckert. We discussed *Government Gangsters* by Kash Patel.

We hope you will be able to join us at one of our fun and informative book club events. We meet in the private home of some of our gracious hosts. It's not necessary that you have read the book to attend. We have some very interesting books coming up!

## BOOK CLUB

# July



**Date:** Wednesday, July 23, 5:30 pm

**Book:** *Not My First Rodeo: Lessons from the Heartland*, by Kristi Noem

**Hosts:** Barbara and Bill Peterson, Breckenridge. Contact Barbara at 407-970-9345 for directions

**Moderators:** Cindy Meinders and Nancy Gunow

Please bring an appetizer and/or beverage to share. All spouses, friends, and family members are welcome to attend!

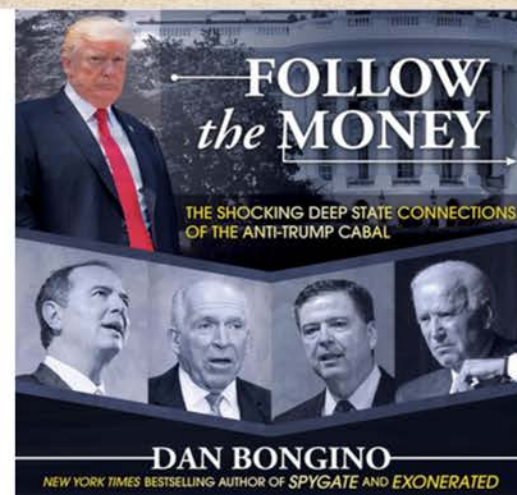
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# August

**Date:** Wednesday, August 27, 5:30 pm

**Book:** *Follow the Money: The Shocking Deep State Connections of the Anti-Trump Cabal*, by Dan Bongino

**Hosts:** George Ferren and Penny TerHaar, Silverthorne.





# SAVE <sup>THE</sup> DATES

## Summit County Independence RoundUp

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 4:45 PM



We are celebrating our independence and rounding up ALL conservatives. Join us Saturday, July 19th, from 4:45 - 9:00 pm. This event is sponsored by the Summit County Republican Central Committee. Summit County Republican Women will have a table for the silent auction with lots of wonderful items to bid on.

Take a mule-drawn wagon to the outdoor venue, enjoy a hardy BBQ dinner, line dance to country band Brian Brooks' Sundown Rising, cowboy games, plus so much more!

[2025 Lincoln Day Dinner tickets](#) now on sale! Hurry to get early bird pricing! Click on the link below this page to purchase tickets.

## "Meet and Greet" Rep. Scott Bottoms, Republican Candidate for Colorado Governor

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE.

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." On Thursday, August 14, at 6 pm, at Colorado Mountain College, you will have the opportunity to meet an amazing patriot who has stepped up and is running for governor, Representative (HD-15) Scott Bottoms ([www.scottbottoms.com](http://www.scottbottoms.com)).

For the past three years, Scott has and is making a difference in our state legislature. Now he is stepping up and has a plan to reclaim Colorado. His leadership in the state legislature has encouraged EVEN Democratic representatives to solicit his help. Every one of us can be a part of this plan and do our part to hand our children and grandchildren a better future and a better life. The tide is turning in America and in Colorado. Come meet like-minded citizens of Colorado and meet Scott Bottoms.

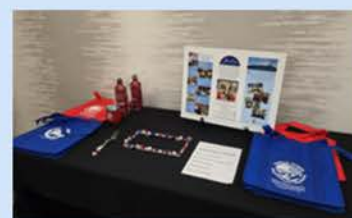
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## CFRW Spring Meeting

Our Secretary, Barb Tabb attended the Spring Board meeting of the Colorado Federation of Republican Women on May 2 -3 . She provided us with some notes concerning the event. To her a highlight of the event was an informative conversation with the president of CFRW, Judith Jergensen. Judith clarified that our club does not have a limit on donations, supports our creation of the "Friends Of" designation, and thinks it is a wonderful way to support our club expenses and efforts.

Below is a photo of Barb's table with our new display signage, tote bags, mugs, water bottles, and lovely patriotic silverware and license plates made by Kim Platt.



Barb was able to sell \$120.00 worth of items! Thanks so much Barb, for representing our group.

## June Luncheon

Thank you all who were able to attend our June luncheon at The Uptown on Main in Frisco. We had an excellent, informative presentation by guest speaker, Lisa Eurich, Summit County Assessor.



## Bylaw Revisions

We are happy to report that the revision of our bylaws passed with the help of so many of your votes. If you would like a copy of our new bylaws once they are approved by the Colorado Federation of Republican Women, please contact Barbara Peterson at [peterstonb42@gmail.com](mailto:peterstonb42@gmail.com).



# JULY - AUGUST 2025

## JULY 4 | INDEPENDENCE DAY



## JULY 10 | 5:30 PM SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING

Social time prior to business meeting. Colorado Mountain College, Rm 146, Breckenridge

## JULY 19 | 4:45 PM SUMMIT COUNTY INDEPENDENCE ROUNDUP

Two Below Zero - Tickets on sale. <https://thesummitgop.org/2025-lincoln-day-dinner/>

## JULY 21 | 5:30 PM SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONSERVATIVE COCKTAILS

The location varies. Please contact officer or sign up for emails.

Send your question or request to [news@thesummitgop.org](mailto:news@thesummitgop.org).

## JULY 26 | 5:30 PM JULY BOOK CLUB

Hosts: Barbara and Bill Peterson. RSVP: [GunowN@aol.com](mailto:GunowN@aol.com)/248-568-6415 or [peterpersonb42@gmail.com](mailto:peterpersonb42@gmail.com)

## AUG 7 | 5:30 PM SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING

Colorado Mountain College, Rm 146, Breckenridge

## AUG 14 | 6:00 PM "MEET AND GREET REP SCOTT BOTTOMS, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR COLORADO GOVERNOR"

Colorado Mountain College, Breckenridge

## AUG 18 | 5:30 PM SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONSERVATIVE COCKTAILS

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## AUG 27 | 5:30 PM AUGUST BOOK CLUB

Host: George Ferren and Penny TerHaar, Silverthorne  
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## AUG 30 | 6:30 PM SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN SOCIAL FOR MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES

Our SCRW President Debra Irvine will be hosting a Summer Party at her home in Breckenridge for members, associate members and their spouses/partners. We hope you can join us. Food will be provided but beverages are welcomed. RSVP to Debra at [irvineforcolorado@gmail.com](mailto:irvineforcolorado@gmail.com) or 719-238-1462.

# CALENDAR

## 2025