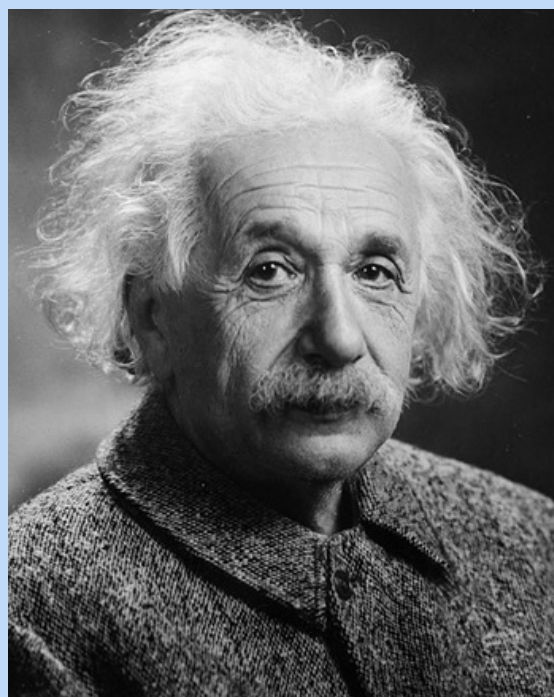




CONSERVATIVES CARING FOR COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY



“The strength of the Constitution lies entirely in the determination of each citizen to defend it. Only if every single citizen feels duty bound to do his share in this defense are the constitutional rights secure.”

– Albert Einstein, German-born physicist and naturalized American citizen (1879–1955)

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CELEBRATING THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND OUR FREEDOMS

On September 17, our nation celebrates the signing of one of the most important documents in human history – the Constitution of the United States. In 1787, 39 delegates at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia signed this founding document which provided a lasting framework for the government of our young country. Honoring the ideals of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution safeguarded individual rights and provided a structure in which “We the People” rule. Government was limited by separation of powers among three equal branches and was controlled by consent of the governed. Although it is under assault today, the U.S. Constitution still survives due to our constant vigilance, offering the promise of freedom.

Constitution Day gives us an opportunity to expand our knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and to share its vital importance with others. What activities can we do during September to highlight this founding document?

Begin by reading the Preamble to the Constitution with your family and friends. Encourage your children and grandchildren to memorize it:

“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

Courses offered online by Hillsdale College provide an in-depth study of the United States Constitution and the threats it faces today. The courses are presented in a series of short lectures you can watch at your leisure (<https://online.hillsdale.edu/courses>). We recommend:

- Constitution 101: The Meaning and History of the Constitution
- Introduction to the Constitution
- The Federalist Papers

Take this short quiz and share it with others. Answers can be found on our website (<https://summitgopwomen.org/newsletters>).

1. What document did the Constitution of the United States replace?
2. Why was it necessary to create this new document?
3. Several delegates were reluctant to sign the document because they feared the new government would not protect individual rights. How were their concerns addressed?
4. What are *The Federalist Papers* and why are they important?
5. What powers do Articles I, II, and III describe in the U.S. Constitution?
6. What rights are guaranteed by the First Amendment?

It is up to each of us to understand the importance of the United States Constitution, to defend it, and to uphold its principles. According to AZ Quotes, one of our Founding Fathers, Samuel Adams, once stated, “The liberties of our country, the freedoms of our civil Constitution are worth defending at all hazards; it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. We have received them as a fair inheritance from our worthy ancestors. They purchased them for us with toil and danger and expense of treasure and blood. It will bring a mark of everlasting infamy on the present generation – enlightened as it is – if we should suffer them to be wrested from us by violence without a struggle, or to be cheated out of them by the artifices of designing men.”

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QUIZ & ANSWERS

1.What document did the Constitution of the United States replace?

(Answer: The Articles of Confederation)

2.Why was it necessary to create this new document?

(Answer: Eleven years after our Founders dissolved our colonial bonds with Great Britain, 55 men met at a Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia to correct the flaws in the Articles of Confederation, our country's first written constitution. Those flaws left our new nation vulnerable to foreign threats and domestic concerns. The result after many painstaking months of debate and compromise was the Constitution of the United States of America. This new document gave the government enough power to protect the people from foreign and domestic threats but provided the separation of powers and checks and balances necessary to control the government's power and authority.)

3.Several delegates were reluctant to sign the document because they feared the new government would not protect individual rights. How were their concerns addressed?

(Answer: The Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the Constitution, was adopted in 1791.)

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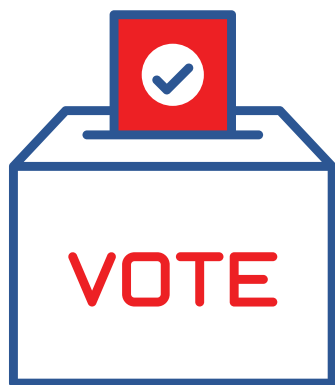
(Answer: According to Hillsdale College, "Thomas Jefferson described The Federalist Papers as 'the best commentary on the principles of government, which ever was written.' ... The Federalist Papers is a collection of newspaper essays written by James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay in defense of the Constitution." They were written and published in 1787 and 1788 while states were debating whether or not to ratify the U.S. Constitution. By the end of June 1788, the Constitution had been ratified by nine states as required, and it became the law of the land the following March. The Bill of Rights, promised to reluctant states and ensuring basic protections of our liberty, was adopted in December, 1791.)

5.What powers do Articles I, II, and III describe in the U.S. Constitution?

(Answer: The first three articles of the U.S. Constitution create the separation of powers and checks and balances vital to preventing tyranny. Article I details the legislative powers, Article II details the executive powers, and Article III details the judicial powers.)

6.What rights are guaranteed by the First Amendment?

(Answer: Freedom of religion, speech, the press, peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.)



A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY?

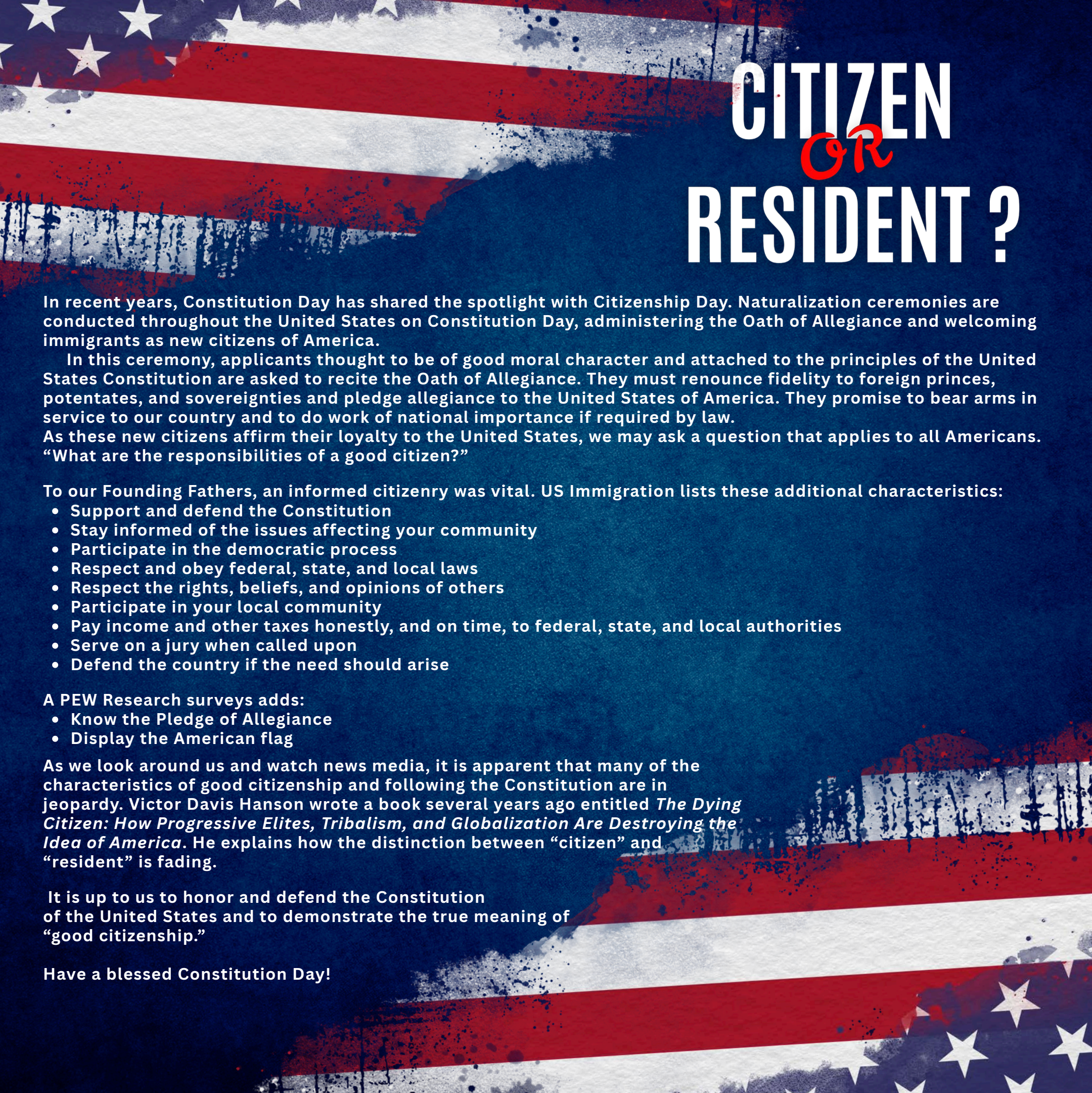
Republicans in Colorado and throughout America may be facing a golden opportunity to attract new members and voters to our party and to conservative ideals.

Recently, a *New York Times* reporter, Shane Goldmacher, conducted an in-depth, widely publicized analysis of voter trends. The *Washington Examiner* wrote, according to Goldmacher's research, between 2020 and 2024 "Democrats lost roughly 2.1 million registered voters across the 30 states and the district that track party affiliation, while the GOP gained approximately 2.4 million." Colorado is part of that trend!

What can we do to reach out to young people, minority groups, union members, and others who also cherish freedom, parental rights, and common sense? President Trump showed us the way with his overwhelming victory. Let's follow his lead!

Reach out to others!

Your words and votes matter.



CITIZEN OR RESIDENT ?

In recent years, Constitution Day has shared the spotlight with Citizenship Day. Naturalization ceremonies are conducted throughout the United States on Constitution Day, administering the Oath of Allegiance and welcoming immigrants as new citizens of America.

In this ceremony, applicants thought to be of good moral character and attached to the principles of the United States Constitution are asked to recite the Oath of Allegiance. They must renounce fidelity to foreign princes, potentates, and sovereignties and pledge allegiance to the United States of America. They promise to bear arms in service to our country and to do work of national importance if required by law. As these new citizens affirm their loyalty to the United States, we may ask a question that applies to all Americans. "What are the responsibilities of a good citizen?"

To our Founding Fathers, an informed citizenry was vital. US Immigration lists these additional characteristics:

- Support and defend the Constitution
- Stay informed of the issues affecting your community
- Participate in the democratic process
- Respect and obey federal, state, and local laws
- Respect the rights, beliefs, and opinions of others
- Participate in your local community
- Pay income and other taxes honestly, and on time, to federal, state, and local authorities
- Serve on a jury when called upon
- Defend the country if the need should arise

A PEW Research surveys adds:

- Know the Pledge of Allegiance
- Display the American flag

As we look around us and watch news media, it is apparent that many of the characteristics of good citizenship and following the Constitution are in jeopardy. Victor Davis Hanson wrote a book several years ago entitled *The Dying Citizen: How Progressive Elites, Tribalism, and Globalization Are Destroying the Idea of America*. He explains how the distinction between "citizen" and "resident" is fading.

It is up to us to honor and defend the Constitution of the United States and to demonstrate the true meaning of "good citizenship."

Have a blessed Constitution Day!

SUMMER in the Mountains PARTY



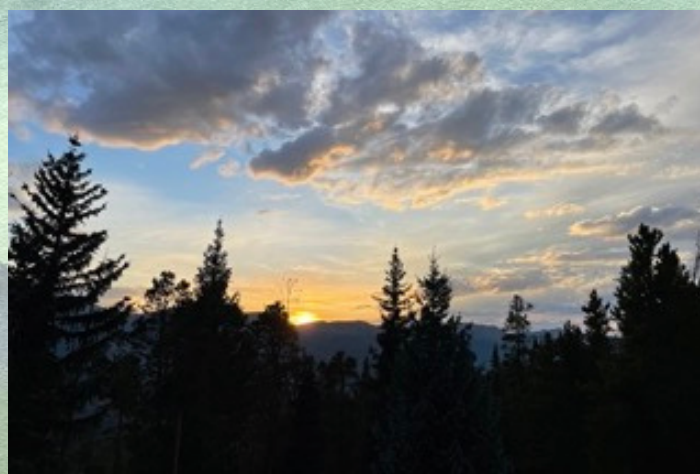
On Saturday evening, August 23, President Debra Irvine hosted a bountiful buffet of her homemade food at her home for our extended Summit County Republican Women family.



This well-attended mountainside gathering overlooking Breckenridge gave us all a chance to foster old friendships, develop new ones, and welcome newcomers into our fold. Spouses and significant others joined us as we relaxed together, discussed current events, learned about book club selections, and enjoyed a beautiful sunset.



Thank you, Debra, for inviting us into your lovely home. Your leadership and generosity are greatly appreciated!





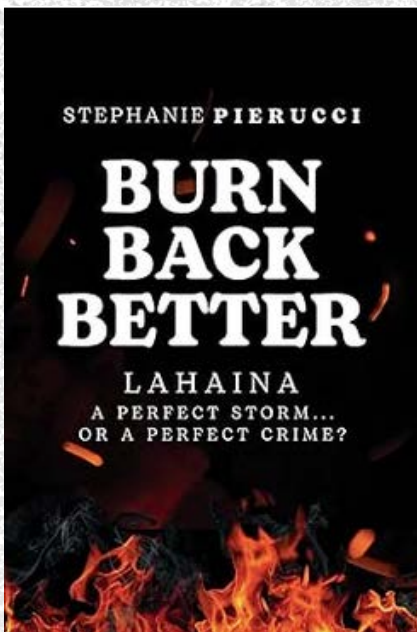
Pictured are attendees of our August book club hosted by Penny TerHaar and George Ferren and moderated by Nancy Gunow. We discussed *Follow the Money* by Dan Bongino.



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

September



Date: Wednesday, September 17, 5:30 pm

Book: *Burn Back Better: Lahaina, A Perfect Storm or a Perfect Crime?*
by Stephanie Pierucci

Hosts and Moderators: Nancy and Sandy Gunow, Silverthorne

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

RSVP to GunowN@aol.com or 248-6415

October

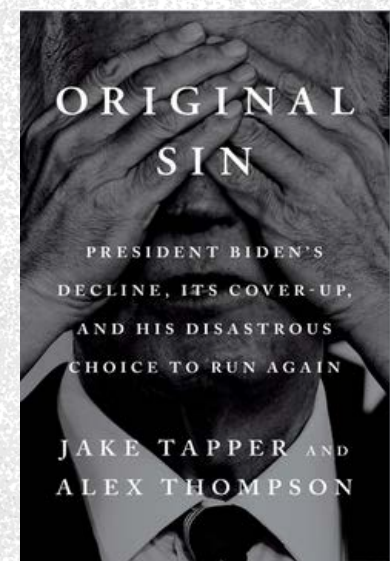
Book: *Original Sin: President Biden's Decline, It's Cover-Up and His Disastrous Choice to Run Again* by Jake Tapper and Alex Thompson

Moderator: Maarten Meinders

Date: Wednesday, October 22, 5:30 pm

Place: TBD

We recommend not purchasing the book (which would support Jake Tapper) but rather obtain a copy from the library or on-line versions.



Note: Book club will take a hiatus for November and December the holidays.

Please watch for great upcoming books in 2026.

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SEPT 1 | LABOR DAY



SEPT 4 | 5:30 PM SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING

Colorado Mountain College, Rm 146, Breckenridge

SEPT 13 | 5 - 8 PM SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE FAJITA NIGHT

Round Robin with guest speakers. Summit County Elks Lodge #2561,
1321 Blue River Pkwy, Silverthorne

SEPT 15 | 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.

SEPT 17 | 5:30 PM SEPTEMBER BOOK CLUB

Hosts: Nancy and Sandy Gunow, Silverthorne. RSVP: GunowN@aol.com/248-568-6415

SEPT 18 | 4:00 PM SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN ZOOM MEETING FOR MEMBERS

We will hold a zoom business meeting. Watch for an invite if you are a regular, associate
or Friends of member.

SEPT 27 | 9:00 AM SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY
CLEAN UP HWY 9

Please meet in the Elks Lodge car park. 1321 Blue River Parkway, Silverthorne - just
off Highway

OCT 2 | 5:30 PM SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING

Colorado Mountain College, Rm 146, Breckenridge

OCT 13 | COLUMBUS DAY



OCT 15 | 1:30 PM SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN LUNCHEON

Uptown on Main, Frisco. Guest Speaker TBD

OCT 20 | 5:30 PM SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONSERVATIVE COCKTAILS

The location varies. Please contact officer or sign up for emails.
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OCT 22 | 5:30 PM OCTOBER BOOK CLUB

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OCT 31 | HALLOWEEN

