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“I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. . . . I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.”



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
From his “I Have a Dream” speech, delivered August
28, 1963

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WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR OF HOPE AND COMMON SENSE!

2025

As a tumultuous and historic year comes to a close, we welcome a new year filled with hope and common sense. These photos, *New York Post* covers, C-SPAN, Fox News Channel and Fox Business screenshots, and tweet tell an incredible story of one of the most resilient and potentially consequential presidents in American history. Thank you, everyone, for your belief in America and for helping to preserve our freedom and our democratic republic!



Trump survives an assassination attempt - July 13, 2024



Trump victorious at Republican National Convention - July 18, 2024



Republican National Convention - July 18, 2024



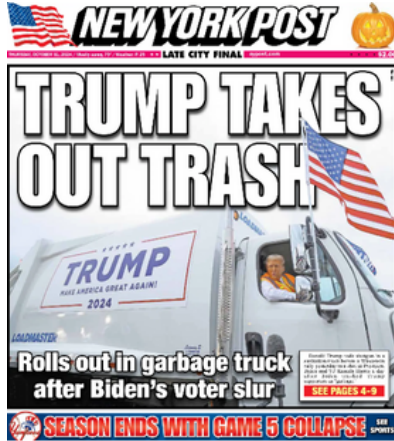
Trump and Melania attend Al Smith fundraiser, which was snubbed by Kamala. - Oct 17, 2024



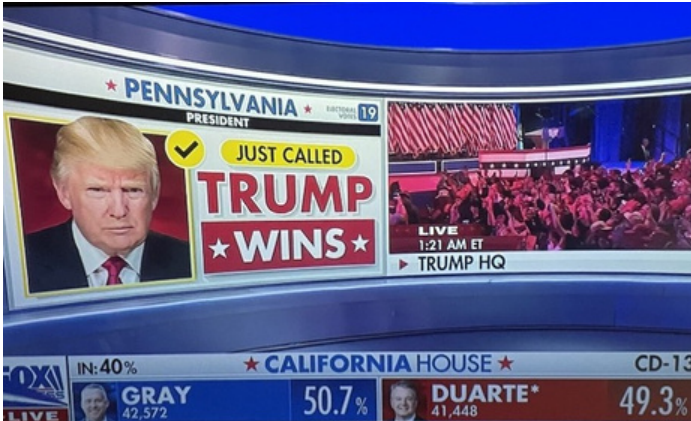
RFK, Jr. endorses Trump. - August 23, 2024 cover



Trump serves customers at McDonald's. - October 22, 2024 cover



Trump drives garbage truck after Dems call Trump followers "garbage." - Cover October 31, 2024



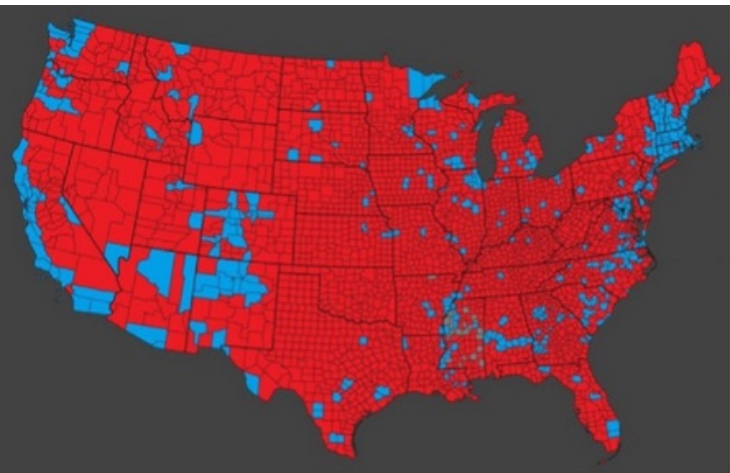
Trump declared winner! - November 6, 2024



Victorious Trump speaks to nation. - November 6, 2024



Vance addresses the excited crowd. - November 6, 2024



It was a RED WAVE!



New York Post honors Trump's comeback. - November 6, 2024 cover



- First female Chief of Staff appointed
- NYC to stop giving debit cards to illegals
- US companies bring production home
- Stock market hitting all-time-highs
- Bitcoin hitting all-time-highs
- Newest migrant caravan breaking-up
- Qatar agrees to evict Hamas leaders
- Hamas wants "immediate" end to war
- Taliban claims to want "new chapter"
- China wants "peaceful coexistence"
- Russia is "ready" to speak with the US
- EU wants to buy US gas, not Russian gas
- Ukraine leaders in talks with Trump/Eilon

REMINDER: Trump will still be President-Elect for 72 more days.

Many accomplishments within days. - Tweet by Byron Donalds, November 9, 2024



Trump proposes a new cabinet with deeply talented men and women. November and December 2024



Donald J. Trump named *Time's* Person of the Year. December 12, 2024

The Peaceful Transfer of Power

Excitement is building throughout the country as the nation prepares for the inauguration of Donald J. Trump, on January 20th, as the 47th president of the United States. This exceptional and rare event – the peaceful transfer of power – is watched around the world as a centuries-old symbol and example of freedom and government by “We the People.”

The history of this significant event is filled with interesting facts, traditions, and tidbits. Here are a few:

- When George Washington was sworn in as our nation’s first president in 1789, the inauguration was held in New York City, which was the nation’s capital at that time. Although the Continental Congress had set the official date as March 4th, Washington took the oath of office on April 30th in Federal Hall, allowing him time to travel from his home in Mount Vernon in Virginia.
- George Washington’s second inauguration was held March 4, 1793, in Congress Hall in the nation’s temporary new capital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- By the time Thomas Jefferson took office as our third president on March 4, 1801, Congress had designated Washington, D.C., as the nation’s capital. Jefferson’s inauguration was the first held at the Capitol building, which was under construction. Chief Justice Marshall administered the oath of office to him in the newly completed Senate Chamber.
- In 1933, Congress ratified the 20th Amendment, changing the inauguration date from March 4th to January 20th, thus reducing the “lame-duck” period between the election and inauguration of a new president. If that date falls on a Sunday, the public ceremony is held the following day.
- For many years, inauguration ceremonies were held on the east side of the Capitol. In 1981, for President Ronald Reagan’s first inauguration, ceremonies were moved to the west front of the Capitol, providing more space for visitors and a magnificent view of the Reflecting Pond and Washington Memorial. This has been the preferred setting ever since.
- The swearing-in ceremony for President Ronald Reagan’s second term inauguration on Monday, January 21, 1985, was moved indoors to the Capitol Rotunda due record cold (7 degrees) and led to the cancellation of the traditional parade.
- President Trump is only the second president in history to be elected for two non-consecutive terms. The first was President Grover Cleveland who served from March 4, 1885-1889 and again from March 4, 1893-1897.
- President Donald Trump’s inauguration as the 45th president of the United States on January 20, 2017, featured many traditional events: an early White House visit to meet with President and Mrs. Obama, the swearing-in ceremony and inaugural address, a signing ceremony in which Trump signed transitional documents, a luncheon in the National Statuary Hall with leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives and invited guests, a parade down Pennsylvania Avenue, and numerous inaugural balls.

President Trump’s 2017 Inauguration as the 45th President of the United States



President Trump takes the oath of office while Melania Trump holds two Bibles

President Trump’s inauguration as the 47th president will honor many of the same traditions. As Trump wrote on his website, “I have the extraordinary honor of having been elected the 47th president of the United States thanks to tens of millions of hardworking Americans across the nation who supported our America First agenda. The Trump Vance Inaugural Committee will honor this magnificent victory in a celebration of the American People and our nation. . . . This will be the kick-off to my administration, which will deliver on bold promises to Make American Great Again. Together, we will celebrate this moment, steeped in history and tradition, and then get to work to achieve the most incredible future for our people, restoring strength, success, and common sense to the Oval Office.”



Large crowds gather on the west side of the Capitol to witness President Trump’s inauguration



President Donald Trump, First Lady Melania Trump, and son Barron walk a portion of the parade route.



President Trump speaks to our troops remotely at the Armed Services Inaugural Ball



President and Melania Trump dance with military guests at the Armed Services Inaugural Ball.

INSIGHTS OF AN ELECTION JUDGE IN SUMMIT COUNTY



One of our members, Nancy Gunow, graciously applied to work in an official capacity during the November election. We asked her if she would write about her experiences and insights for our newsletter, and she kindly agreed. We hope her words will inspire others to become involved in this important civic responsibility in future elections.

I am grateful for the opportunities to be an election judge, participate in the Central Count, and in the post-election Risk Limiting Audit. I am also grateful for the many poll watchers, drop-box observers, and efforts to clean the rolls across our country that helped to make this past election “too big to rig.”

After completing an online training, I attended an in-person training at the county clerk's office. Summit County Clerk and Recorder Taryn Power was in charge with others helping. A few surprises: I knew absolutely no one at the training and later worked with other Republicans I had never met. I was impressed by Taryn Power's emphasis on working as a team. Despite the fact that we knew we were always paired with someone of the opposition, we were able to keep our focus on the integrity of the election and respect for all voters.

The day the Colorado Secretary of State's security breach was made public (leaked codes from the SOS office for the voting machines), we were told all Colorado county clerks were on an emergency conference call late into the night, reporting on the breach and attempts to rectify by sending out a small team to visit every single voting place that was suspected of compromised machines. They traveled through the cold and snowy night to cover and correct all.

We were told that Summit County was not affected by the breach, as all our machines are new and were installed after the breach.

Voter Service and Polling Centers

As an election judge, I assisted voters by answering questions, locating their specific ballot type (either a paper ballot or in the voting machine), and then guiding the voter to submit the ballot in the correct box. Also, pre- and post-voting hours included accounting for and securing all ballots, machines, printers, entry doors, supplies, etc.

Voter ID was required at early in-person voting in Breck, and day of election in Silverthorne. If a voter did not have acceptable ID, they were not allowed to vote.

The machines used for voting in person in Summit County are, indeed, Dominion. A paper printout ballot for each voter could verify if the input selections matched the ballot printed out for submission.

The in-person early-voting ballots were kept locked and secured until election day, then entered into the system. The mail-in ballots, whether submitted by mail, drop box, or in-person drop off, were entered into the system as soon as received by the clerk's office.

Central Count at the Courthouse November 4

I was able to participate in the Central Count, a procedure that included signature verification, visually checking each ballot for errors (duplicate votes, illegible input), and inputting the ballots into the tabulator. The tabulator used was not Dominion.

RLA: Risk Limiting Audit November 19

Apparently, a roll of a die is held at the state level, which determines the algorithm with which ballots will be audited. We reviewed hundreds of ballots, confirming that the recorded ballot matched the original voter ballot.

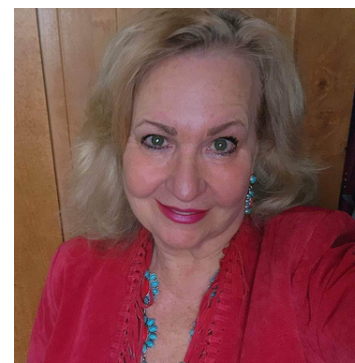
In summary, the Summit County elections do have a high level of election integrity, from what I witnessed. However, from my experience canvassing in Breckenridge for the recent school board election, with more than 30 people listed to vote at one address and scores of voters listed at the City Market strip mall, Summit voting rolls DO need to be a focus for correcting/cleansing in the future. The concern of remote access to the Dominion ballot input machines is nullified by the ability to confirm one's selections by the on-site paper printout and secure deposit into the locked ballot box. In addition, we were told that the tabulator machines had no remote access. This may also be a subject for future inquiry to verify. I cannot speak to the integrity of the vote once it is sent to the state.

~ Nancy Gunow

A Message from Our President

Dear Summit County Republican Women,

The holidays are a wonderful time for sharing family traditions. This Christmas I made crostoli, a family Italian pastry my mother always made.



My father met my mother in Trieste, Italy, where he was fighting in WWII. My father's parents immigrated through Ellis Island from Poland around the Russian Revolution.

I vividly recall my mother studying for her citizenship. She was immensely proud when she became an American.

One of my cars has the license plate "Italian-American." Years ago in a parking lot, a woman yelled at me, "You're an AMERICAN not an ITALIAN-AMERICAN!"

I walked over to her and explained why I have them. I told her they honor my mother who gave up her Italian citizenship to be an American.

Mother volunteered at Walter Reed Medical Center to help Wounded Warriors (amputees) until she was 92. She was one of the ten 2008 L'ORÉAL Paris Women of Worth honorees for her work.

We are a proud nation of immigrants. Many come to our blessed country to escape persecution and to create a better life for themselves and their families.

I respect immigrants who go through the lengthy bureaucratic process. I admire those who learn English. I grew up speaking four languages to better communicate and learn from others.

We are a great nation. We are also a nation of laws.

May we continue to welcome those who respect our principles and who want to embrace the United States. We are, indeed, a shining beacon of liberty, hope and opportunity.

Gratefully yours,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Debra Irvine".

Debra Irvine

CHRISTMAS PARTY

We had a wonderful group turn out for the
Christmas party at Kathleen Branch's beautiful home.





During the holiday season we awarded monetary donations to these wonderful, deserving, local organizations. We hope you will consider supporting them, too. Links are provided to each of their websites.

On December 13, we presented our donation and were treated to a tour and overview of the Summit County Animal Control and Shelter facility. (https://www.summitcountycolorado.gov/services/sheriff/divisions/animal_control_shelter/index.php)



Lisa Spaulding, Debra Irvine, Sue Rochford, and Ivona Nelson



On December 17, we again presented our donation and had a tour and overview of the offerings of TreeTop Child Advocacy Center. (<https://www.treetopcenter.org/>). The tree mural was painted by their marketing director. They will be adding leaves with the names of supporters.

TreeTop Child Advocacy Center Attendees:

Amy Oliveira – ED

Oba Diskin – Family Advocate

Debra Irvine - Summit County Republican Women, President

Mariana Wenzel – Case Manager/Bilingual Advocate

Cailin Ellis - Marketing

Not pictured: Dave Byrd – Board President

We presented a donation to Lt. Gen. Rod Bishop, USAF (Ret.), co-founder of STARRS (Stand Together Against Racism and Radicalism in the Services), at the Elks Club in Silverthorne on December 27 following a buffet dinner. In attendance were Debra Irvine, Becky Foote, Nancy Gunow, and other SCRW members.



In early 2025, we will present a donation to Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center Program for Veterans (BOEC). Watch for an announcement of this presentation. We hope you can join us. (<https://boec.org/veterans-program/>)

We Welcome

New (and Renewal) Members

Join our Summit County
Republican Women for 2025



We would love for you to become a member (or renew) for 2025. Last year we enjoyed many activities, such as luncheons with guest speakers, socials, book club, and community service activities. With your help we can do much more this year, and we have a lot to celebrate with our Red Wave.

You can access the pdf on our website by clicking the image of the [membership form](<https://summitgopwomen.org/membership-form>) below. To complete the form and return to us you have two options.

1. Download the pdf file. Print, fill out and return to the address on the form along with your check.
2. Open the pdf with Adobe Acrobat Reader. If necessary, from the menu select Type text. Boxes will show up in the lined areas and check boxes. Fill in the empty boxes and save the file with your name added. Mail your check as directed on the form, and email your saved form file to Sue Todd at zusie29@verizon.net.



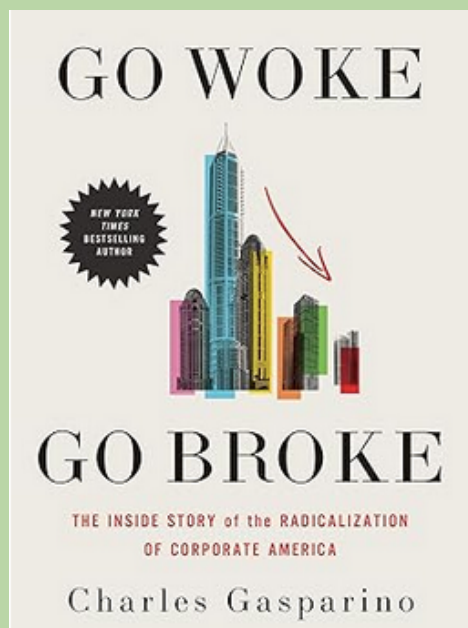
Summit County Republican Women 2025 Membership Form

Member Information

First Name _____
Last Name _____
Cell Phone _____ DOB _____
Email _____
Mailing Address _____
Physical Address _____
Spouse's name (optional) _____

Dues

- ☐ \$35 Early-bird Regular Member (prior to 12/31/24)
☐ \$40 Regular Member
☐ \$20 Associate Member (regular member of another Republican women's group or men)



BOOK CLUB

January

Book: *Go Woke Go Broke: The Inside Story of the Radicalization of Corporate America*

Author: Charles Gasparino

Date/Time: Wednesday, January 29, 5:30 pm

Host and Moderator: Al Bacher, Breckenridge

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

RSVP or directions, contact: Al Bacher, bacher4summit@gmail.com, 970-402-3023, or Nancy Gunow, Gunown@aol.com, 248-568-6415



A few photos of our group from October Book group where we discussed *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance, VP elect.

Save the Date
March Book Club 3/5/25

JAN - FEB 2025

JANUARY 9 | 5:30 – 7:30 P.M. SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING

Colorado Mountain College, Rm 146, Breckenridge

JANUARY 15 | 4 P.M. SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN ZOOM

Members are invited to a zoom meeting to discuss upcoming business.

JANUARY 20 | 5:30 P.M. SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONSERVATIVE COCKTAILS

The location varies. Please contact officer or signup for emails.
Send your question or request to news@thesummitgop.org

JANUARY 20 | INAUGURATION DAY OF PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP



JANUARY 20 | MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and His Vision.

Is it just a coincidence that this year, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is the same day as President Trump's inauguration?

As we honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we are all reminded of the past 59 years and the sincere efforts we have all made throughout our lifetimes to make his vision of equality a reality. In recent years, his dream has been overshadowed by the ideology of diversity, equity, and inclusion. We look with hope to the upcoming Trump administration and the renewal of King's dream, that one day, our children will again "live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

JANUARY 29 | 5:30 PM JANUARY BOOK CLUB

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FEBRUARY 6 | 5:30 – 7:30 P.M. SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING

Colorado Mountain College, Rm 146, Breckenridge

FEBRUARY 17 | 5:30 P.M. SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONSERVATIVE COCKTAILS

The location varies. Please contact officer or signup for emails.
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FEBRUARY 19 | 1:30 P.M. SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN LUNCHEON

Location: TBD

CALENDAR

2025

SAVE THE DATES:

LINCOLN DAY CELEBRATION: MARCH

BOOK GROUP: MARCH 5

