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“... the flames kindled on the 4th of July 1776 have spread over too much of the globe to be extinguished by the feeble engines of despotism. On the contrary they will consume these engines, and all who work them.”

Thomas Jefferson
September 12, 1821
Letter to John Adams

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The Declaration of Independence and The “American Experiment”

As we celebrate Independence Day, we can gain a greater appreciation for the blessings of liberty when we consider what historians have called “The American Experiment.”

Throughout most of human history, men and women were ruled by others – kings and queens, emperors, popes, and caliphs, for example. Individuals were subject to their edicts, and individual rights were bestowed or denied by the rulers.

That changed in 1776 with the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The concepts of individual freedom and self-government were proclaimed to the world with these powerful words:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. – That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, . . .”

The “American Experiment” had begun.

A new nation, the only country ever founded on principles of liberty and equal justice under the law, was born.

The signing of the United States Constitution on September 17, 1787, provided the structure of the government and provided the separation of powers within that government to prevent tyranny. The Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution, was adopted four years later and delineated the basic individual rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

It was the responsibility of “We the People” to fulfill the promise of self-government and equality of all our citizens.

Divine Providence

Many of our Founders believed that “Divine Providence” was responsible for the successful creation of this nation. The concluding sentence of the Declaration of Independence states, “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.”

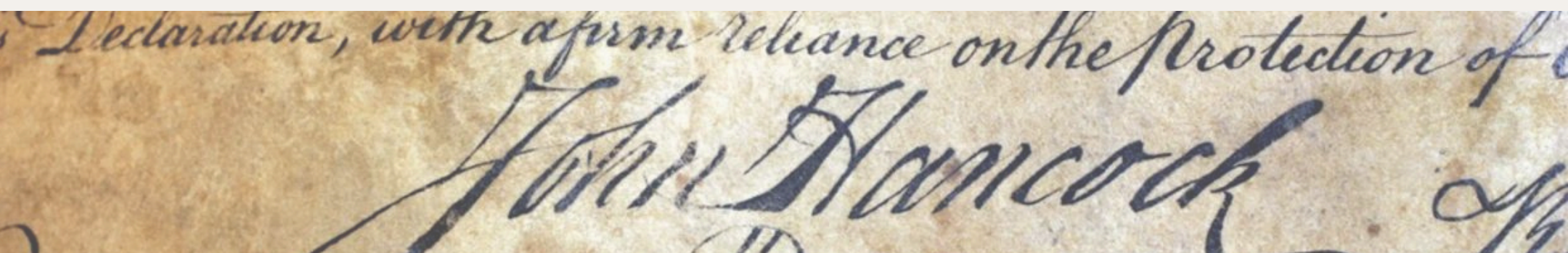
In his first Inaugural Address, President George Washington said, “. . . the republican model of government [is] justly considered as deeply, perhaps as finally, staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people.” He credited the establishment of the new government to “that Almighty Being who rules over the Universe, who presides in the Councils of Nations, and whose providential aids can supply every human defect.” Washington later wrote, “The Hand of providence has been so conspicuous in all this, that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith, and more than wicked, that has not gratitude enough to acknowledge his obligations.”

Perhaps we should review our nation’s history and consider the role that Divine Providence has played in its founding and in its success. How did so many brilliant men come together at one place at that particular time – men who studied history and understood political theories of Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Montesquieu, and Rousseau? What inspiration guided them to write the words of the Declaration of Independence? How did the inexperienced Continental Army defeat the greatest military force in the world? How has America protected 248 years of individual liberty and self-government while facing so many international and internal challenges?

May Divine Providence continue to guide our nation through this perilous time. May “We the People” continue to fulfill the promise of self-government and equality of all our citizens.

May God continue to bless America.

Happy Independence Day!
~ Jini Clare



A Message from Our President

Dear Summit County Republican Women,

Our Colorado primaries are over, and I would like to give you my thoughts and observations. Kindly bear with me—I love statistics and strategy.



If you were an unopposed Republican primary candidate, look at your vote tally. After finding out the total number of Republicans voting in the primary (county or counties if you are a legislative candidate), compare the votes you received to that total. Many voters do not vote for a candidate they are not familiar with. If your vote count is lower than the total, you have work to do.

As you probably know, the CO GOP, unprecedentedly, endorsed primary candidates. Of the 18 candidates endorsed by the CO GOP, 14 lost their primaries. CO GOP Chairman, Dave Williams, lost his CD5 Congressional primary by 26,336 votes.

While Unaffiliated voters made up only 35 percent of the 2024 Colorado primary voters, they are a large voting group. They make up 48 percent of Colorado's 3.9 million registered voters. Looking at past Colorado gubernatorial race results, Unaffiliated voters lean Democrat by well over 60 percent.

Demographically, Republicans in Colorado have an uphill climb. This last primary also showed us that, on both sides of the aisle, voters selected candidates who were perceived to be more moderate. People have grown tired of the rhetoric, and many Colorado Republicans have switched to Unaffiliated in recent years.

While I am an optimist by nature, I also know the significance of being realistic.

Our Republican principles and values are sound, and they ARE a reason why we are the greatest nation in the world.

That said, people are tired of having party platforms screamed at them.

Gratefully yours,

Debra Irvine



May Luncheon

Our luncheon was on May 15th at The Uptown on Main. Meeting attendees enjoyed the discussion and PowerPoint presented by Lisa and Ivona about the Summit County Animal Shelter and Animal Rescue. Plus, we had some great door prizes!



July Social

We hope you can join us on July 17 at 5:30 p.m. for a social at Bill and Barbara Peterson's home in Breckenridge. Spouses and other fellow conservatives are welcome. Please bring an appetizer and/or beverage to share. Contact Barbara to RSVP and for directions at 407-970-9345 or peterstonb42@gmail.com.

Get Your Insulated Tote Bag Today

Help spread the word and increase the visibility of Republicans in Summit County by purchasing and using our new insulated, zippered, quality grocery totes. We have ordered these attractive totes in royal blue and in red.

Each bag has the Summit County Republican Women's logo, tagline, and website imprinted on one side and the Summit County Republicans' logo and website imprinted on the reverse. Enjoy them while you shop, picnic, or travel.

Pick up your totes at an event or order yours now by texting Becky Foote at (209) 470-4242. Let Becky know what you'd like (amount/color), and she'll have them ready for you at Foote's Rest Sweet Shoppe - just \$10 each!



*Let other conservatives know
they are not alone in Summit County!*



"Wherever the standard of freedom and independence has been or shall be unfurled, there will America's heart, her benedictions and her prayers be."

John Quincy Adams

Watermelon, Blueberries & Feta Salad
Mix together add mint & drizzle balsamic.

Happy 4th!, Penny TerHaar



It's a family tradition to be together every 4th of July and, if possible, spend it in Breckenridge. Parades, food, specially decorated cakes and family. We are blessed to live in the best country ever. There's nothing better!

Barbara Peterson



Independence Day is a landmark day for all of humanity; not just USA.

This was the first time in human history a social experiment of the common person being the driver of self-determination in government. No generational king, no theocracy, just the common man in a democratic republic.

The founders knew we were imperfect, but would become more near perfect over time.

This great social experiment should be studied and celebrated.

Kathleen Branch

Old Glory Cake

This takes time, but it's a festive hit!

Ingredients:

2 boxes of white cake mix, 1 tsp. red paste food color, 1 tsp. blue paste food color, whipped cream, eggs and oil according to cake mix directions, and a variety of fresh strawberries, blueberries, and raspberries

Directions:

Using parchment paper in the bottom of each pan, bake two 8-inch round red cakes from the first cake mix. Cool on racks. Trim off rounded tops, and cut each cake in half horizontally to make four layers. Then divide the batter from the second box of cake mix to make one white and one blue 8-inch round cake. Cool completely on racks. Trim off rounded tops. Cut the white cake in half horizontally. (Leave the blue cake whole.) Carefully cut a 4-inch-diameter circle out of the centers of one layer of red, one layer of white, and the blue cake. Using whipped cream as frosting, build the layers, starting with three full red, white, and red layers. Then place the blue outer ring on top, and fill in the center hole with the white, then the red 4-inch circle layers. Frost with remaining whipped cream and berries.

Celebrate!



Jini Clare

VIDEOS & MOVIES TO CELEBRATE OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY



Ronald Reagan's "Time for Choosing" speech is an inspirational speech about our freedom. To watch a video of Reagan delivering this historic speech, visit this link provided by The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXBswFfh6AY&t=45s>



The Crossing – Available on DVD on Amazon, the movie is about General George Washington crossing the Delaware River during the Revolutionary War.



1776 – This 1972 musical is available on Amazon.



Yankee Doodle Dandy – This classic was released in 1942 starring James Cagney. It is available on Amazon.

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington – This classic 1939 film stars James Stewart. Rent or buy on Amazon.





July

Book: *Rules For Patriots: How Conservatives Can Win Again*

Author: Steve Deace, Forward by David Limbaugh

Date/Time: Monday, July 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Hosts and Moderator: Penny TerHaar, Silverthorne

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

RSVP or questions, contact Penny at 847-269-0568 or phaar10@gmail.com

BOOK CLUB

August

Book: *War on Warriors: Behind the Betrayal of the Men Who Keep Us Free*

Author: Pete Hegseth

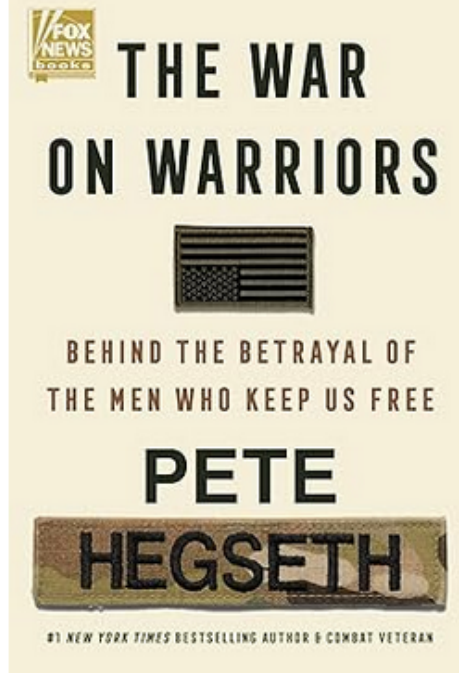
Date/Time: Monday, Aug. 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Hosts: Bill and Barbara Peterson, Breckenridge

Special Guest/Moderator: Lt Gen Rod Bishop, USAF (Ret)

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

RSVP and directions contact: Barbara at 407-970-9345 or peterb42@gmail.com





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FRIDAYS | 6:00 P.M. ELKS CLUB HAPPY HOUR

Location: Elks Club, 1321 Blue River Pkwy., Silverthorne
Join us at the high-top table in the bar for dinner and social time. If you choose, there is an offering of buffet for \$15, house drinks for \$5. Bring cash for adult beverages. Contact Penny TerHaar at phaar10@gmail.com or 849-269-0568 to RSVP if you are not a member.

JULY 4 | INDEPENDENCE DAY

Join CT3 for a fun day along the BRECKENRIDGE July 4th Parade route!

JULY 17 | 5:30 P.M. SOCIAL AT THE PETERSONS'

Join fellow conservatives for a social at the home of Bill and Barbara Peterson. Feel free to bring your spouse or friend as all are welcome.

Bring an appetizer and/or beverage to share.

RSVP to 407-970-9345 or peterersonb42@gmail.com.

Plan to carpool as parking is limited.

JULY 22 | 5:30 P.M. JULY BOOK CLUB

Monday, July 22, at the home of Penny TerHaar in Silverthorne.

RSVP and questions: Penny at 847-269-0568 or phaar10@gmail.com

AUG 10 | EDIBLE, MEDICINAL, POISONOUS PLANT HIKE IN FRISCO, COLORADO

CT3 will be offering an event with the famous survivalist Cattail Bob.

Development of what the day will entail is still in process, but it should prove to be a fun and educational event! More details can be found at CT3summit.com/events sometime toward mid-July.

AUG 26 | 5:30 P.M. AUGUST BOOK CLUB

War on Warriors by Pete Hegseth

Guest Speaker & Moderator: Lt. Gen. Rod Bishop, USAF (Ret) who is Chairman of the Board of Stand Together Against Racism and Radicalism in the Services, Inc. (STARRS.US)

Location: Home of Bill and Barbara Peterson

RSVP and questions: Barbara at 407-970-9345 or peterersonb42@gmail.com

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