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“Courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities—because it is the quality which guarantees all others.”

Sir Winston Churchill
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
during World War II

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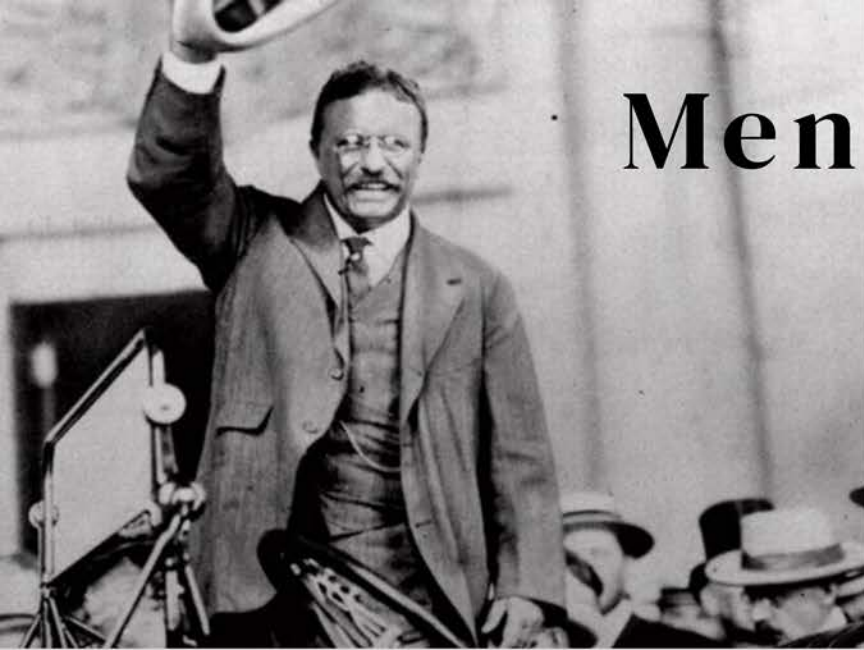
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Men in the Arena

“Citizenship in a Republic”



Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt, one of our great Republican presidents, was a bold and daring leader at a time when the United States was emerging as an important world power. Assuming the presidency in September of 1901 following the assassination of President McKinley, and serving as president until March 1909, this historical legend impacted this country, the Western Hemisphere, and the world with his actions, writings, and oratory.

In April of 1910 while touring Europe, the former president delivered a speech entitled “Citizenship in a Republic” at the Sorbonne in Paris. Roosevelt spoke about the duties each of us bear to successfully preserve our representative form of government. One notable part of that speech has become known as “The Man in the Arena.”

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

Today, two men are clearly in the arena—marred by dust and sweat and blood. Facing virulent critics, assassination threats, personal defamation, and economic turmoil, President Donald Trump and businessman/DOGE leader Elon Musk are striving valiantly to preserve our republic for future generations.

They lead by example. We can choose to magnify their courageous efforts as citizens of our republic or be timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat. The choice is ours.



A Message from Our President

Dear Summit County Republican Women,

Like others, I have recently seen my year-to-date portfolio gains diminish. Am I okay with it? No. Do I believe it will get better? Yes.

I am fortunate not to need investment income to live on but many people do. Their concerns and, well, downright anxiety, are understandable. It may be difficult for them to see a bigger picture and beneficial change for our nation.

When we produce, manufacture and distribute American-made products, we grow in many positive ways. We are not reliant on foreign countries when we create our own. With independence, we provide energy for our communities and support industry while keeping costs down.

I have concern for those who rely on interest income to help with their expenses. May they hold fast, envision a positive future and see the objectives of this trade war. An America First strategy is not a selfish one but an honorable one. As individuals, we can provide for the needy, but it should not be at the expense of those closest to us, meaning, our family.

We citizens are part of our national family. Americans are generous and caring. We are known to give not only of our surplus but of our substance. Historically, we fight alongside others and give aid to nations so that they, too, can create that shining city on a hill President Reagan spoke of.

That focus may also require us to look inward, and sometimes make sacrifices, to keep that shining city on a hill from tarnish.

Gratefully yours,



Debra Irvine

Countdown to *America's 250th* Anniversary

On July 4, 2026, we will celebrate the
250th birthday of the United States!



The White House has already teamed up with Hillsdale College and the U.S. Department of Education to produce a series of historical videos in the official “Countdown to America’s 250th Anniversary.”

The announcement on the White House website reads, “On July 4, 2026, America will celebrate the most important milestone in our country’s history—250 years of American Independence. ‘With a single sheet of parchment and 56 signatures, America began the greatest political journey in human history,’ said President Trump of this momentous anniversary.”

The White House announcement includes links to two videos—an introduction to “The Story of America” project and a recounting of the Battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775, during which the American militiamen faced British regular troops. The “shot heard round the world” was the beginning of the Revolutionary War and our nation’s fight for individual liberty and freedom. Click on this link to watch the videos:

https://www.whitehouse.gov/america250/?utm_source=wh_social_share_button

An additional video was released honoring the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere’s famous ride when he warned the colonists of the approach of the British troops. The caption reads, “On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere set out on a midnight ride that would help ignite the American Revolution. Two hundred and fifty years later, we remember his courage—and the enduring spirit of liberty that defines our nation.”

<https://x.com/whitehouse/status/1913399643053891656?s=46>

Countdown to
America's 250th
Anniversary

America's 250th continued

Prager University also released a video about Paul Revere, writing, “Paul Revere’s midnight ride wasn’t just a warning—it was the beginning of the fight for liberty that shaped our nation.”

<https://1.prageru.com/3GdHguN>

According to the White House website, “Under the President’s leadership, the Salute to America 250 Task Force (‘Task Force 250’) has commenced the planning of a full year of festivities to officially launch on Memorial Day, 2025, and continue through July 4th, 2026. The White House is engaging and encouraging the entire federal government, state and local governments, the private sector, non-profit and educational institutions, and every citizen across this country to join in this historic celebration. Task Force 250 invites citizens to have a renewed love of American history, experience the beauty of our country, and ignite a spirit of adventure and innovation that will raise our nation to new heights over the next 250 years.”

Be sure to revisit [WhiteHouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov) throughout the coming months. Click on “America 250” to learn more about our nation’s founding and future videos and plans. It’s a wonderful way to participate in this exciting national celebration!

This is the
story of
America



MEMORIAL DAY

A Day to Remember Our Fallen

Memorial Day, observed the last Monday of May each year, is a somber day to honor and remember the men and women who died serving our nation in the armed services. While we enjoy parades and barbecues throughout the holiday weekend, it is important for us to reflect on the sacrifices of those who “gave all” to protect our freedom. A few hours spent reading about World War II, watching a TV documentary about Vietnam, or learning about real heroes in movies like *13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi* will help us appreciate the sacrifices of those we honor on Memorial Day.

Flag Day - June 14

Flag Day is a holiday celebrated on June 14 in the United States. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

June 14 is also President Trump's birthday.

Trump's respect for the American flag and what it represents is well-known. A series of photographs, taken at the conclusion of his talk at the Conservative Political Action Conference near Washington, D.C. in 2019, capture President Trump walking over to an American flag onstage, giving it a hug, and saying, "I love you, baby."



***Congratulations, President Trump, on your administration's most
successful and consequential FIRST 100 Days in history!
Let's Make America Great Again!***



CLUB *up*DATES



Introducing Our 2025 Constitutional Scholar, Ella Grace Miller

We are proud to announce that Ella Miller has been selected to receive the Summit County Republican Women's 2025 Constitutional Scholar Award. The award includes a \$1,000 scholarship to a college or vocational school of her choice.

The Summit High School senior plans to attend the University of Florida and study business administration. She was one of 19 students who wrote an essay as part of the scholarship application. The topic of this year's essay was "What threats exist today to our Bill of Rights, and why is it important to protect these rights?"

In her essay, Ella focused on the First Amendment and freedom of speech. In the concluding paragraph, she wrote: "The battle to preserve free speech is not just about defending one's own right to speak, but defending the ideals that ensure every American can express their beliefs and contribute to the nation and society as a whole. As threats to free speech continuously emerge, it's crucial to take a stand to protect this constitutional right and ensure it remains for generations to come."

Congratulations, Ella! We all wish you well in your future studies and career.



Several Republican women met Ella Miller following the scholarship awards event at Summit High School in early April. From left to right: Becky Foote, Ella Miller, Jeanne Oltman, and Dee James.



The Summit County Republican Women's 2025 Constitutional Scholar, Ella Miller, was joined by her parents, Steve and Dana Miller.

April Luncheon



Amy Oliveira, executive director, and Cailin Ellis, marketing/development director, gave an informative presentation about TreeTop Child Advocacy Center. The work the organization does is important for abused children and their families. Amy and Cailin were grateful for the opportunity to speak to us and for our support. Al Bacher gave them a number of contacts for future fundraising and community awareness.



Amy Oliveira and Cailin Ellis spoke at our April luncheon and presented important information about the work of TreeTop Child Advocacy Center.

Bylaw Revisions

Over the last few months, we have been making revisions to our bylaws which we are obligated to review on a regular basis. They will be brought to a vote of our regular members at our May 21 Zoom business meeting.

If you would like a copy of our bylaws once revisions are voted on and approved by the Colorado Federation of Republican Women, please contact Barbara Peterson at peterσονb42@gmail.com

Book Club will be taking a break in May. Check out our upcoming fantastic selections

Books, Food, and Fun

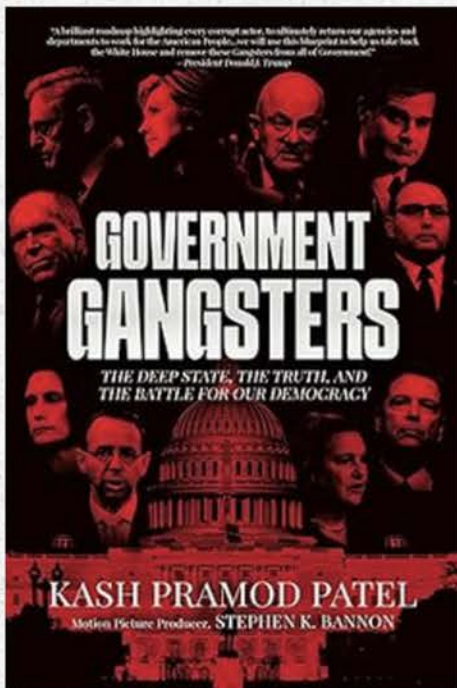
One of the hidden treasures of Summit County Republican Women is our Book Club. Members and friends have been getting together for months to enjoy refreshments, get acquainted, and learn. The Book Club continues to offer a valuable dimension to our group and broadens our knowledge in many areas.

We would like to thank Nancy Gunow and Cindy Meinders for all their efforts in selecting books, scheduling meetings, finding hostesses, and arranging moderators. They have announced the following lineup for this summer.

Come join us! You will enjoy the fascinating discussions and the fellowship.

BOOK CLUB

June



Book: *Government Gangsters: The Deep State, the Truth, and the Battle for Our Democracy*

Author: Kash Patel

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

Hosts: Theresa and Dan Eckert. Silverthorne

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

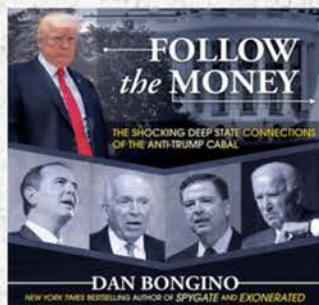
RSVP to GunowN@aol.com or [248-568-6415](tel:248-568-6415) or riedmaneckert@gmail.com

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



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, Breckenridge

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CALENDAR 2025

MAY 1 | 5:00 – 7:30 PM SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING

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

MAY 11 | MOTHER'S DAY



MAY 19 | 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.

MAY 21 | 4 PM SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN ZOOM

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

JUNE 5 | 5:00 – 7:30 PM SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING

Colorado Mountain College, Rm 146, Breckenridge

JUNE 14 | FLAG DAY AND PRESIDENT TRUMP'S BIRTHDAY



JUNE 15 | FATHER'S DAY



JUNE 18 | 1:30 PM SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN LUNCHEON

Uptown on Main, Frisco. Guest Speaker: Lisa Eurich, Summit County Assessor.

RSVP to Debra at irvineforcolorado@gmail.com or 719-238-1462

JUNE 25 | 5:30 PM JUNE BOOK CLUB

Host: Theresa and Dan Eckert, Silverthorne. RSVP: GunowN@aol.com/248-568-6415 or riedmaneckert@gmail.com

JUNE 26 | MEMORIAL DAY



SAVE THE DATE

JULY 19 | 5:30 PM SUMMIT COUNTY INDEPENDENCE ROUNDUP

Two Below Zero - Tickets on sale soon!