

## Chairman's Chat

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*This Issue: Family Values - Family Values - We support the right of families to be free to raise their children according to their personal morals, values and spiritual beliefs.*

*Next Issue: Contributors' choice.*

*Following Issue: Equal Justice - All people have a right to equal treatment under the law. We support the enforcement of the original Bill of Rights as written and intended by the Founders.*



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Happy May to all you fellow Republicans! I hope you are enjoying this beautiful Inland Northwest weather as much as I am!

It has been a fast and furious couple of weeks since the Washington State Republican Convention in Spokane on April 18-20. If you weren't in attendance at the Convention, let me share with you that the tide is turning in Washington State and the Grassroots are alive and well! The convention, attended by a record number of over 1800 delegates from all 39 counties in Washington, had the purpose of endorsing candidates for statewide positions, electing delegates to the national convention, and voting on the party's platform and resolutions. Our Spokane delegation brought over 200 elected representatives from Spokane County, who participated in this historic event. The convention was a great success, and we hope the residents of Spokane were encouraged by the actions taken.

The delegates, elected at county conventions, came to Spokane to engage in the true grassroots Republican election process, primarily endorsing their choice for the gubernatorial candidate, either Dave Reichert or Semi Bird. While the media portrayed the convention as chaotic, we want to clarify that the delegates were orderly and engaged in the process, following "Robert's Rules of Order" and the Chair, Jim Walsh, was honorable and ensured a fair outcome. In the end, Semi Bird was endorsed by the Washington State Republican Party with 72% of the vote. We look forward to supporting all the endorsed candidates from this convention and working towards a better future for our state and country.

We are working to continue this awesome grassroots momentum in helping to get conservative candidates elected here in Spokane County and across our state! You can help by talking with your neighbors and friends about all the elected positions that are on the ballot this year. You never know what one conversation can do! We need every vote we can get this year. **EVERY VOTE MATTERS!** Let's work together to see if we can drive voter engagement higher than ever this year!

We appreciate you all and look forward to your continued engagement to get Republicans elected in 2024!

### OUR WSRP CHAIR JIM WALSH:

*"The main measure of success here is simple: At the precinct caucuses, get good people elected as delegates to the county conventions. But there are other goals, too. Attract new people to WAGOP. Give them a forum. Encourage new and existing activists about WAGOP policies and candidates. Energize them to stay engaged through November. And beyond."*

For the latest news from Jim Walsh and WSRP;

<https://www.facebook.com/WAGOP>.



**A SAFE  
MEMORIAL DAY  
TO YOU ALL. REMEMBER  
IT AND WHAT IT  
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COUNTRY AND THE  
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WHO LOVE AND LOVED  
IT.**

## OUR KIDS ARE THE FUTURE

Have you listened to your teen lately? Conservative families working hard to instill core values onto their kids, sit in shock as their student athlete [i.e.] comes home parroting the school's latest woke policy as if it's naturally accepted. The teenage subculture is moving into the lane of the future and everything we've done in our tenure as parents now seems obsolete. Social norms we traditionally accept as proper guidelines to our behavior are being turned upside down. A special announcement from coaches that no transgender athlete will be rebuked by teammates is now the norm. Apparently that philosophy of acceptance and kindness does not extend to an athlete who fits within what we still consider social normalcy; perhaps dissimilar in disposition or personality and shunned by a teammate or slighted for making a bad play in a game but the message is that his bully gets a free pass while a trans-athlete is pacified and protected.

The point isn't who can or cannot bully or be bullied; it's all destructive. No, the point is, we are forced to celebrate and accept that wrong is right and right is wrong. Support and counsel! Don't normalize the kids who struggle while pushing "ordinary" kids out of the social circle! The point is, the Left is working overtime to dismantle and revamp parental values and recondition our impressionable children. The point is, we have failed to stand collectively against the nonsense plaguing our communities, evident in how the young adult generation conducts their business; blindly protesting, expecting free stuff, complaining about a 40-hour workweek. They are easily offended, disrespectful and lazy.

About ten years ago (not far behind Spokane City) we noticed Spokane Valley School District discretely transition to a progressive DEI government-based agenda from a wholesome parent-based one as the PTA (without permission) recruited and pimped our kids out to fundraise with public promises of reward, tactically making it very difficult to say no in front of peers; teachers "advised" what to pack in lunches; demands to conform to Common Core standards, eliminating free-thinking deviation to problem solving; school detention punishment for exercising freedom of speech. <https://www.iwf.org/2021/04/13/woke-pta-how-the-pta-stopped-representing-parents-and-became-an-adjunct-of-public-school-bureaucrats-and-cheerleaders-for-the-teachers-unions/>. We knew it would be an uphill

battle with the school agenda but also with the environment of "go-along to get-along parents. You know, those who said yes to "everything" just to avoid a tantrum or perceived contempt? Despite the pressure, for example, we resisted in giving our kids cell phones until age 13. Their friends were 7. (Circumstances duly noted!) We were not popular with our kids to say the least. But that's what you do. You take the arrows and hope that all your sacrifices will lend a well-rounded adult who is an asset, not a liability to our community.

We inherently impart core values onto our children, thoughtfully steering them to friends whom we feel share our standards. We correct information that we disagree with, find teachable moments to solidify our values and introduce them to concepts we believe in. We do all of this in conjunction with the expectation that they will evolve into their own individual person but in keeping with our core values and while they may stray when young adulthood, we hope that they will return to our values.

You could have the best kid in the world but a young brain is highly susceptible to outside influences. We may be screwed if "our kids are the future" but Chapel Hill gives me hope. Kudos to the parents of these fine young men at the University of North Carolina, keeping the American flag from touching the ground while being assaulted by protesters.



Ok, it seemed like a good idea at the time to ride the Leftists' woke wave but now you've awakened from sleep-walking (Coined by an author for *Artillery Row* by an *American Educator*-3/29/21) and no longer wish to compromise your morals or your children's future. Welcome home. Don't be too hard on yourself though; there's enough blame to go around. We'll start with power-hungry bureaucratic fools who jumped onto the bandwagon, enthusiastically lobbying for control over our children. We'll end there too. Ensuring that our children are truly the future, stand up together for them and reject those who want to corrupt them.

We are children of **GOD**.

## A SHOUT OUT TO CHIEF'S KICKER, HARRISON BUTKER!

[Harrison Butker Speech: Wife Of Billionaire Chiefs Owner Tavia Hunt Defends Message \(msn.com\)](#)

*Has the NFL learned nothing? Accepting one and excluding another is not inclusion. They reject Mr. Butker's "personal" statements on his Christian value system because they want to be inclusive? The NFL seems to be preoccupied with their own egocentrism and don't even realize how wickedly transparent they really are. They encourage the destruction of family and either fail to know what they are doing or fail to care. If they remain lost, they will surely be left behind.*

*Stay true. Don't give in to a forced reversal of your sincere and heartfelt beliefs. Your only Judge is God, not the NFL, Godless people, misguided nuns, dissenters and haters. Rise above those who choose to defy God and you for sharing His word.*



# The Constitutional Corner

By Lori Burns

Family values” is a phrase that seems to have little significant meaning in our current society. If anything, it has become a mockery for what many consider to be stodgy, old-fashioned notions in a modern, “enlightened” society. Family values are seen as restrictive and confining relics of a bygone era. But what are they really?

It is my sincerest belief that God established the family, indeed that he validated marriage as the most fundamental building block of any society when he created Adam and Eve for each other. The intent was that they would bring children into their family and over the years provide safety, meet their needs and prepare them to be functioning and contributing adults. Adults who built their lives on such quaint notions as fidelity, honesty, integrity, hard work, accountability, love and obedience to God’s safety net, often known as commandments. Our government was established upon these Judeo-Christian principles and is dependent upon a moral people to put them into action.

Government, is not and never can be, the arbiter of morality. It is subject to the whims and winds of political fancy. And sadly, power

corrupts most quickly those who find power most attractive. Therefore, the ridiculous expectation that our corrupt government can somehow fix any moral problems is laughable. The evidence of the resultant moral rot from increasing secularism and moral relativism in America is everywhere. Even worse is the knowledge that the communists and marxists who have overrun and hijacked the Democrat Party, hate the family and everything it stands for. It is a stated goal of marxists to destroy the family and its influence.

The disgusting and repugnant display we have seen in recent days on college campuses all over America is a direct result of our severance from family values. Spoiled, ignorant, selfish, arrogant young adults profess their shrill allegiance to barbaric murderers and feel no compunction at calling for the elimination of Jews and Israel (whether they realize it or not). All the while they demand more and more entitlements for contributing nearly nothing constructive to our society. These single minded misguided young adults now make the galling demand, from those who actually go to work every day, to free them from their student debt?! What have we become?

The rampant moral decay we face as a nation has one solution and one solution only...family values. When we repent as a nation and return to the principles of truth given us by a loving God, they will save us, save our country, our Constitution and our government. Nothing less will suffice.

## WAKE UP SPOKANE COUNTY

### PRECINCT COMMITTEE OFFICERS (PCOs)

PCO races will be decided at the August 6, 2024 Primary Election for the two-year term, which begins December 1. For more information, contact

[Spokane County Republicans](https://www.spokane-republicans.com)  
509-838-6162 ext. 802.

If you do not know your Precinct number, you can find it at:

<https://voter.votewa.gov/>

Submit your name and birthday & click registration link to get your precinct number.

PCOs are such important connections between the people and the candidates. Please let us know if you do not have a PCO in your precinct.

<https://wsrp.org/assets/uploads/2022/05/2022-PCO-Manual.pdf>

### Would you consider volunteering?

**Our volunteers are appreciated.**

**Do you have a talent to share? What motivates you? Join us and make a difference.**

### REPUBLICAN OF THE MONTH

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*Your voice is essential to the Spokane County Republican Party. Please fill out this short, 5 minute SURVEY.*

[Voter Profile Survey - Email Subscribers](https://www.spokane-republicans.com/voter-profile-survey)  
([iotform.com](https://www.spokane-republicans.com/voter-profile-survey))

## OSPI v. Family Values and Biology!

Four years ago, Referendum 90 was on the November ballot to repeal the bill passed by the legislature requiring “comprehensive age-appropriate sexual health education in schools” for all students. Not all families share the same values when deciding what is age appropriate. The referendum failed to repeal the bill, and the law stands. Here is an excerpt from a column first published October 7, 2020 in The Spokesman-Review:

For thousands of years, man has been identified as an adult human male, woman as an adult human female, and the distinction based on objective biological characteristics. Now we have gender fluidity, saying “gender identity is socially constructed based on the region of the world where you grew up and were socialized, and that gender identity is different than your body, your biology, what you were assigned when you were born,” according to Nick Franco, Ph.D., Director of the EWU Pride Center. All of the curricula on the OSPI list are based on the foundational belief that sex is non- binary. This gender theory is incorporated at every level, starting in Kindergarten, where the recommended 3Rs curriculum teaches “there are some body parts that mostly just girls have and some body parts that mostly just boys have.”

At the close of the lesson, the teacher is told to ask students “which body parts only girls have, only boys have and both have” in order to “assess the knowledge of the class.” Tough question for five year olds who have just been told sometimes girls have boy parts and boys have girl parts. Adding confusion, the same kindergarten curriculum also says “your body is exactly right for you.”

OSPI does not need statutory authority to approve curriculum, because OSPI writes the standards by which curriculum are evaluated. Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction, referred to those who disagree with OSPI’s curriculum assessments as “flat-earthers” in testimony to the legislature. It’s disingenuous to suggest OSPI is merely a bystander offering objective advice.

Read the whole column at <https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2020/oct/07/sue-lani-madsen-when-it-comes-to-sex-ed-referendum/>  
Excerpted here by permission of the author, Sue Lani Madsen. Follow at <https://suelanimadsen.substack.com/>

**PRIMARY ON AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> 2024** **2024 Washington Gubernatorial Election** \*General - November 5 2024.

### WHO ARE YOU REALLY?

Take the (D) away from Biden. Replace it with an (R). Do the same with Trump; replace the (R) with the (D). How would you vote? Now take party affiliation away from both; they are just two men running for President of the United States. Based on policy only, who would get your vote? This country deserves pragmatic, dedicated thought when voting for future leaders and at any other time, it would be said not to vote mad. And though it’s just as dangerous to vote for a Democrat right now as it is to vote on emotion, this is ridiculous. Inslee Democrats and their policies are silent but deadly- *and not in a good way*. They rarely raise their voices and they stay out of the lime light so we really don’t know the damage they do behind the scenes. But they have done damage. You may not directly be affected until you try to build a home; buy bacon; open a small business; have an EV battery fail; fuel up in Idaho; get assaulted by a homeless man; find your “baby” daughter pregnant; have a missing teen; run out of savings or hear the counselor at your seven-year old’s school tell you he is now a she. It’s okay. Get mad. Get really mad. But then remain calm while you pen the circle for a Republican Candidate and stop the bleeding. Vote responsibly.

**WSRP Candidates for 2024:** Saturday April 20, 1,830 likely Republican voters serving as delegates to the WSRP Convention endorsed **Semi Bird For Governor**, receiving 72 % of the vote; **Dave Reicher**, **Dave Reichert for Governor of Washington** , 28%. For Attorney General, **Pete Serrano**; Secretary of State, **Dale Whitaker**; Commissioner of Public Lands, **Susan Kuhl Pederson** (80+%) over **Jaime Herrera Beutler**; Superintendent of Public Instruction (nonpartisan), **David Olson**; State Auditor, **Matt Hawkins**.

**Endorsed Federal Candidates:** U.S. Senate, **Dr. Raul Garcia (70%)**; other Republicans who have filed, **Isaac Holyk** and **Scott Nazarino**, 5th Congressional Representative to replace Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rogers (retiring), **Brian Dandel**. Other Republicans for U.S. Congress are **Jacquelin Maycumber**, **Jonathan Bingle**, **Michael Baumgartner**, **Rene' Holaday** and **Rick Flynn**. Candidates who declared after the Convention: Lt. Governor, **Bob Hagglund** and **Dan Mathews**; Treasurer, **Sharon Hanek**; Insurance Commissioner, **Phil Fortunato**. *Spokane County GOP endorsements here* [The Spokane GOP](#). Watch for more in June or early July.

WHY **VOTE?** BECAUSE **THEY DO!**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### GOP calendar

<https://www.spokanegop.com/calendar>

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July 15 - 18  
2024

Republican  
National  
Convention

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### LEGISLATIVE UPDATES IN WASHINGTON: Stop the Gas Ban! Protect Energy

**Choice!** In previous newsletters, we have shared the good news that Let's Go Washington sponsored petitions for 6 initiatives. Three were passed into law. Three others will be on our November ballot: **I-2117**, a repeal of the egregious cap-and-trade scheme; **I-2109**, a repeal of the capital gains tax; **I-2124**, an opt-out of Washington's long-term care retirement program. We encourage a YES vote on all three. A slogan to help you remember: **Vote YES! Pay less!** Now there is an opportunity to qualify one more initiative for the ballot, **I-2066**, so that we will continue to be able to use natural gas in cooking, heating and other ways. If you agree we should have this choice, your help is needed to make sure enough signatures are gathered. **Get the Details on I-2066 at [Lets Go Washington](#), [CAPR](#) (Citizens Alliance for Property Rights), [WSRP Chair, Jim Walsh](#).**

**SOON TO TAKE EFFECT:** initiatives **I-2113**, (*reasonable police pursuit*); **I-2081**, (*parental notification rights*); and **I-2111** (*no personal income tax*). For more policy issues and petitions, go to <https://letsgowashington.com/>.

"TO FLORIDE or not to FLORIDE OUR CHILDREN". UPDATE: City of Spokane. 6 May 2024. The City of Spokane is currently experiencing MAJOR budget issues. As such, the Fluoridation of Spokane Water has evidently been put on the back burner. The issue and implementation could always arise in the future and is being monitored. The group, Safe Water Spokane, has recently updated the Mayor and City Council on the status of the lawsuit, *Food and Water Watch et al vs. Environmental Protection Agency* (Federal Court in San Francisco); hearings were completed 20 February 2024. The judge's decision as to safety and whether or not Fluoride is an unreasonable risk to human health is pending but expected at any time. For the most current information, please reference Fluoride Action Network, [fluoridealert.org](http://fluoridealert.org) and <https://fluoridealert.org/news/opinion-as-fluoride-trial-wraps-up-epa-defends-its-inaction/> or visit [www.safewaterspokane.org](http://www.safewaterspokane.org). Information on Facebook *Spokane Against Fluoride*. Gina McKenzie, Safe Water Spokane Advisor

**Ponderosa Republican Women** <http://www.PonderosaRepublicanWomen.com>

held a very successful May luncheon program. There was an especially large audience with many special guests. **Dave Reichert**, candidate for governor, gave his story about growing up and how that influenced his interest in serving others as well as his plan for WA State. Eastern WA legislators. **Joe Schmick, Jenny Graham, Jacquelin Maycumber, Suzanne Schmidt, and Mary Dye**, gave a run down on the issues and bills from the 2024 session and answered questions from the audience. **WFRW President Billie Jean Liedahl** gave a short update on Washington Federation Republican Women's Caring for America project: *Apples to Wheat ~ #WAFarms*. Learn more here: <https://www.wfrw.org/apples-to-wheat.html> **June's meeting will be the "Candidate Filing Fling" so mark your calendar for June 10th, 11:30, to greet and meet the candidates!**

### LEGISLATIVE WATCH

**WSRP Olympia Watch. Even if your legislators are out of session, you can research loads of information using the following links:**

<https://wsrp.org/olympia-watch/>. <https://houserepublicans.wa.gov/our-priorities/>

[https://www.spokanegop.com/legislative action team sign up](https://www.spokanegop.com/legislative_action_team_sign_up)

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>.

House Republicans: <https://houserepublicans.wa.gov/2021/02/01/how-you-can-be-involved-in-the-legislative-process/>

Interested in sharing your ideas, knowledge or time? Please consider volunteering for a GOP committee position.

If interested in helping with the Communications Committee or submitting work, you **MUST** meet the submission deadline. Contact Terri for information at [terrizelevits@gmail.com](mailto:terrizelevits@gmail.com).

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