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SpokaneGOP

Chairman's Chat

Chairwoman, M.J. Bolt, SCRCC Chair/CEO chair@spokanegop.com

<u>This Issue:</u> Education - We are dedicated to reaffirming the importance of safety for students and staff. We support a rigorous "back to basics" curriculum as determined by parents and local school districts.

<u>Next Issue:</u> Keep and Bear Arms - You have the right to protect yourself against enemies both foreign and domestic.



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Happy September Spokane Republicans!

I have a critical message for you today.

We stand at a pivotal moment, with a golden opportunity to make a significant impact this November. It's time to roll up our sleeves and get to work!

Super Saturdays and Mobilize Mondays are kicking off THIS WEEK, and we need YOUR active participation. These events are strategically planned across various legislative districts, focusing on key local, regional, and statewide races, including our support for President Donald Trump.

We must address a crucial issue: Republicans, including our churchgoing community, have not been turning out to vote in numbers that reflect our strength or our values. This needs to change, and you can be the catalyst for that change.

We're calling on you to:

Knock on doors

Mobilize voters

Ensure Republicans vote early and in force

Will you stand with us? Will you commit to these Super Saturdays and Mobilize Mondays to drive our voter turnout?

Your involvement is not just needed; it's essential. Click the link below, sign up today, and let's not just participate in this election—let's dominate it.

Click on this link to sign up and help TODAY! <u>Sign Up Here!</u>
Thank you for your commitment. *Together,* we will make a difference!

Chairwoman, M.J. Bolt

Together We Can Do This!

Tuesday night, September 3, at the monthly Board Meeting, the Spokane County Republican Party finalized its 2024 General Election Sample Ballot. In attendance were Chairwoman MJ Bolt, Vice Chair Lyle Dach, leaders from the 14 legislative subdistricts which encompass 451 precincts throughout Spokane County. Also present were many Republican Precinct Committee Officers, the grass roots leaders representing Spokane County's ~320,000 registered voters and the Precinct Captains and citizen activists who assist the PCOs in their duties and are the true Heart of the Party.

Important items on the agenda included the Nomination of all Republican candidates that advanced from the August 6 Primary Election to the November 5 General Election, the Endorsement of Jaime Herrera Beutler for Washington State Public Lands Commissioner, and recognition of the Dave Reichert's campaign for Governor.

Sue Foy, campaign manager for Dave Reichert for Governor, delivered the following message in a letter formally accepting the Spokane County Republican Central Committee's recognition of former Congressman Dave Reichert's candidacy to be the next Governor of Washington State.

"We understand the importance of this election and the responsibility that comes with our victory. Together, with the support of the Committee and the people of Spokane, we are confident that we can bring about the leadership and results our great state deserves."

Tuesday night's events are significant as Republicans unite around the common mission to get out the vote, precinct by precinct, on behalf of the 4 statewide Initiatives on the ballot that are life changing for every Washingtonian and to Elect Republicans up and down the ballot from Donald J. Trump for President, Dr. Raul Garcia for United States Senate, Michael Baumgartner Representative for Washington's 5th

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Congressional District: a great slate of statewide candidates including Dan Matthews for Lt. Governor, Pete Serrano for Attorney General, Dale Whitaker for Secretary of State, and Matt Hawkins for State Auditor, Sharon Hanek for State Treasurer, Phil Fortunato for Insurance Commissioner. David Olson in the non-partisan race for Superintendent of Public Instruction; Judge Dave Larson in the non-partisan race for Washington State Supreme Court Justice: State Senators and Legislators including Jim Wilson, Tony Kiepe, Rob Chase, Andrew Engel and Hunter Abel; County Commissioners Josh Kerns and Al French; and non-partisan Superior Court Judge candidates Brandon Casey and Andrew Van Winkle; and the aforementioned Jaime Herrera Beutler for Public Lands Commissioner and Dave Reichert for Governor

Unfortunately, as we observed in Sue Kuehl Pederson's primary race for Public Lands Commissioner, every ballot not only counts, every ballot cast must be properly completed, signed and delivered on time if we are to be victorious on November 5.

The Spokane County Republican Party asks Republicans throughout the County to cast your vote prior to November 5, <u>VERIFY YOUR</u>

<u>BALLOT</u> has been received and accepted, and encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to do the same. We strongly encourage each voter to turn your ballot in at one of the <u>Spokane County Ballot</u>

<u>Drop Box Locations</u> as there were problems with ballots cast using U.S. Mail.

If you need assistance or would like to volunteer to assist with our Get Out the Vote Mission, please go to our website, SpokaneGOP.com fill in the Contact Us form and we will get back to you ASAP.

Rob Linebarger, Candidates Committee Chair

"When Good Men Do Nothing" By Juli Skinner

One day I read a job opening for EWU. I was ecstatic about the announcement, until, I got to the new-hire training. Oh yes, DEI (you remember - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) training, mandatory under WA SB 5227, https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber= 5227& Year=2021; courtesy of the Inslee Democrats controlling the Washington State Legislature. But it got me thinking about how ubiquitous it all is and how many people have to be in on the lie to make such paramount decisions which ultimately affect each and every one of our lives. Then I realized that Complacency not Progressivism got us here. Do you believe you are a good man (or woman)? Then realize how close we are to hiring a Radical to serve in the Executive branch of the government and what that means. I believe that they will not prevail - but what about next time? They've already infiltrated the Legislative Branch. I sometimes wonder about the Judicial.

We already know that the brainwashing has been in practice for some time. We also know that DEI in colleges not only produces woke professors who teach it to students earning their teachers' degrees but that those students become teachers who teach DEI in your children's schools. Beautiful. Great job Radicals.

It didn't all just develop overnight; it rarely does. As you know, it's been a slow drip of destructive policy and ideology. Listen, it's on us. We' stand by, allowing rules of propriety to melt away and we let them corrupt our idle intellect. They corrupt us through our emotions. Who are we most emotional about? Our children, Where do our children gather in the most concentrated areas Monday through Friday; September through June? A [government controlled] building we call "School". We don't want to believe that our kids' schools are working against us and we go along to get along because we fear if we speak up, our children will absorb the backlash. Been there!

UNDERSTOOD! But that is the fear that the Radicals count on. They don't count on us to professionally and unemotionally express our dissatisfaction of their damaging policies. They exploit the most innocent among us and they do it in the name of "Democracy". What does that even mean anymore? You hear "college" students mimic the talking points but when pressed, they cannot even articulate it. (Another thing that makes me wonder; how is it that a large section of educated people vote Democrat - well, got a theory on that too...for another time) Make no mistake, Kommie Harris said it: "They will not stop".

Nor should we.

We must be brave. We must come together in numbers and we must denounce those who are against us. How does that saying go? If you do not stand beside me and with me, you are only in my way. (I apologize - I cannot remember who to cite for credit). I am so disgusted with some of the prominent Republicans (YOU KNOW WHO THEY ARE) who are willing to destroy this magnificent country to save their own egos. It truly is a sickness because as these Socialist-Democrats keep inching their way to the highest position in this country, we are in danger of losing our freedoms. You remember the story about the Wolf in Sheep's Clothing? Kamala Harris is the epitome of that nursery story. Hate Trump all you want. You are allowed. You are allowed to have your own opinion. You are even allowed to vote for whomever you want. And you are allowed to be stupid. But you are not allowed to hurt my children. A vote for a Socialist. Communist or far Leftist will mean a celebration of killing unborn babies, defending "minor-attracted" individuals [pedophiles], support of life/gender altering surgeries for minors, allowing rapists and murderers into our country to hurt our children. No, you have no right to hurt my children. For the Taylor Swifts of the world - please don't ever have children.

GOD, is it time for another flood?



The Constitutional Corner

By Lori Burns

To become educated is one of the most important purposes in life. But what is education? We Americans have generally arrived at the lazy conclusion that it can only come from a school of some sort. Obviously education is essential to any civilized society. But to isolate it solely to the school system does all of us a great disservice.

A great difference exists between knowledge and wisdom. With the dawn of the computer age and especially the internet, we are almost drowning in information, in knowledge. But that does not automatically translate to wisdom. When we are given information without context, without historical significance, without being able to certify it as truthful it becomes very difficult to become wise. Wisdom comes with experience. It broadens and deepens through context. And it must be fixed to a foundation of truth. Sadly, too much of the information available today is false and is being rewritten daily by the "Ministry of Truth" straight out of Orwell's "1984".

The "legacy" media have become self-appointed purveyors extraordinaire of Democrat propaganda, bilge and lies. Concurrently they mock and shame anyone who dares question their narrative or our lying eyes. We now have a generation or two that believes there is such a thing as "your truth" or "my truth". What self- indulgent foolishness! There is only truth or falsehood. One of such important truths is this: The facts don't care about your feelings. But we have come to a place where feelings are more important than facts or truth which does not constitute any sort of

education.

Knowledge is learning that two plus two is four. Wisdom is knowing that four is the only solution to that equation; that how you feel about it is irrelevant; and that trying to cheat the system into believing any other solution never will end well. Knowledge of the truth that there are just two sexes only becomes wisdom when you understand and embrace the science behind that and understand its vital importance to life as we know it. Our Republic is only suited to survive when it is populated with educated people people with knowledge and the wisdom to apply it properly. We are dismally failing to educate our children and to instill in them the courage to stand, alone when necessary, for truth. It must start with us. If we don't change it, they don't have a chance...and neither does the USA.

Outreach Team: The Spokane County GOP has an Outreach project. We suggest supporting the <u>Helping Captives Thrift Store</u> with our donations. 100% of the profit from the purchases and donations are helping trafficked survivors through prevention, intervention and recovery services.

Please bring your gently used items (such as small household items, kitchen things and clothes) to the Thrift Store. Items should be in working condition, clean, complete with all cords/charges if applicable. Donations accepted Monday-Saturday 10AM - 5PM. If you have questions, call 509-868-4768. More information on the Helping Captives website.

MONDAY-SATURDAY 10-6PM EAST 14415 SPRAGUE AVE.



WAKE UP SPOKANE COUNTY

PRECINCT COMMITTEE OFFICERS (PCOs)

PCOs elected in the Primary Election on August 6, 2024 will serve two-year terms beginning December 1. PCOs for unfilled precincts may also be appointed. Interested in becoming a PCO? Check with the GOP for vacancies.

Questions:

Spokane County Republicans

509-838-6162 ext. 802.

Find your Precinct number. Start here:

https://voter.votewa.gov/

Submit your name and birthday – click registration link. PCOs are important connections between voter and candidate. Find the PCO Manual here:

https://wsrp.org/assets/uploads/202 2/05/2022-PCO-Manual.pdf

Do you have a PCO? After the Central Committee meeting in early December, when new PCOs elect officers, including District Leaders, you can find out if your precinct has a PCO. Click on your district and find your precinct to find out. Follow this link:

https://spokanegop.com/leadership.

No PCO? Consider volunteering today for a term lasting through November 30, 2026.

Do you have a talent to share? What motivates you? Join us and make a difference. Consider volunteering. https://spokanegop.com/become-a-volunteer

Our volunteers are appreciated.

JUNE REBUBLICANS/PCOs OF

THE MONTH



Marc Anthony, PCO 3201

Nominate your PCO or Republican

here:

Nominate a PCO or Republican of the Month





. Remember this date?

JULY 13 2024: The day our 45th

President survived an assassination attempt!

Now, remember this date too.

SEPTEMBER 15

It is not enough to simply denounce it.

Eden/Harris MUST address the nation.

The true irony in it all is that assassinations are the antithesis of any democracy. Trump isn't divisive; he's honest about the things the Left doesn't want you to know.

Proof is in the pudding.

Parents are the new special interest group

There are three simple principles behind the parents' rights movement, according to the author of "The Parent Revolution." "Don't keep secrets from parents, be transparent about spending and be transparent about curriculum," Corey DeAngelis told the group at a Mountain States Policy Center reception on June 24, 2024 in Spokane.

Those principles were at the heart of I-2081, the initiative to the Legislature signed by over 450,000 voters and adopted in the last session. Known as the "Parents Bill of Rights," it outlines 15 commonsense areas affirming parents' rights to be involved in their children's education.

With the law set to go into effect, Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal issued a statement to school districts asking them to ignore all of it until clarified by the Legislature, claiming conflicts with federal privacy laws. "If a student does not feel safe coming out to their family and they turn to a trusted adult at their school for support, they have a right to receive that support without fear of being outed by their school," said Reykdal's news release.

His opponent in November, David Olson, is a long-tenured school board member in Gig Harbor committed to parental involvement in education and their children's lives. "Unless there is a restraining order or alleged abuse, every parent should have a right to their kids' medical records and counseling records," Olson said. "Thirteen-year-olds do not have the mental capacity to be making decisions affecting the rest of their life."

In the understandable interest of being a safe haven for the small group of kids with truly dangerous parents, school policies have increasingly treated all parents as if they are under suspicion, guilty of not having their kids' best interests at heart.

The progressive policy focus on treating all parents like outsiders to their children's education is the driving force behind the parent revolution. Excerpt from a column published June 27, 2024 in The Spokesman Review. For the complete column, check out https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2024/jun/27/sue-lani-madsen-parents-are-the-new-special-intere/
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Hey Friends! The Merch Stores are open again but not for long. Stores, plural? Yes!! (1) The original Spokane County GOP logo Merch Store with hats, long & short sleeved t-shirts, & more. Closes 9/24 at 11:59 pm! (2) The VOTE Merch Store, with the popular black VOTE t-shirt featured in last month's newsletter. Closes 9/30. (3) And the Limited Edition Store. Design pictured: *No Tax on Tips* is a spot on logo (by our own Rob Linebarger) that speaks to a vast number of voters. Store closes 9/30. Get yours today at Spokane County GOP, Home page.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FOR GOP

calendar events

visit:

https://www.spokane

gop.com/calendar

Keep spreading the word! Vote YES! Pay LESS! State ballot Measures: I-2066, I-2109, I-2117, I-2124. Much more info at Lets Go Washington

Other links:
https://wagop.org;
WAGOP Facebook;
Chair Jim Walsh FB;
CAPR (Citizen Alliance
For Property Rights)

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Ponderosa Republican Women: Important information about local legislation and candidates! Jan Grayhek, PRW President, with contributions from GOP Newsletter Staff http://www.PonderosaRepublicanWomen.com

Those attending the September 10th meeting were treated to an update of what's happening at the Spokane City Council by Council Members Jonathan Bingle and Michael Cathcart, District 1. They shared frustrations about being outnumbered by the very liberal majority 2-5 and the policies of Mayor Lisa Brown. But they continue to advocate for sound legislation. They are opposed to the November City ballot measure to increase our sales tax by 1/10 of 1 percent because there is no sunset provision in the measure so the tax would never end unless repealed by the Council. In addition, the language in this "public safety" measure is too general so the funds could be spent in whatever ways the Council decides. Finally, such tax increases especially negatively impact the poor and most vulnerable residents. (Update on September 12: Apparently realizing voters may vote against the ballot measure because of the above concerns, Mayor Brown and Council President Betsy Wilkerson are now proposing an ordinance that requires a sunset clause of 10 years and more specifics on the how the money can be used. But don't be fooled. Such Council ordinances can be changed by the Council without a vote of the people.) They also shared their concerns about planned multi-family units to house the homeless in Chief Garry Park Neighborhood. Safety is a major concern with these dwellings being constructed because they impact property values and the wellbeing of neighbors already living there. Good News! Since our luncheon the City has listened to the very vocal concerns of the many community members and businesses and has cancelled this project. Once again, when enough of us get involved and speak up, we can make a huge impact. But we must remain vigilant!

Unfortunately, the City Council majority and the Mayor are still not listening to the 75% of the voters who supported last year's ballot measure, Proposition 1, to prevent people from camping within a 1,000 feet of schools, parks and daycare centers. While they will say it is now being enforced that is not apparent to most residents or business owners who have been negatively impacted by the homeless camping, public drug use, theft and property destruction. Frustrating! It's more important than ever to let the Mayor and Council know that we must be able to see that Prop 1 is being enforced.

In addition to our City Councilmen, County Commissioner Al French, District 5, was given a few minutes to speak. If he is not re-elected the County, like Spokane City, will also be controlled by a Democrat majority. The County has 2 Democrat districts, 2 Republican districts but Al's district is considered a swing District so it is especially important that Republicans vote in his District and all of us support his re-election by volunteering and donating funds, small or large.

Every vote counts. Primary write-in candidate for WA 3rd District State Senator, Jim Wilson, received just enough votes to qualify for November's ballot. Hear his powerful and inspiring three minute MESSAGE. His leadership is what we all need in Olympia. Volunteer to help Jim win in November!

PRW's next meeting on Tuesday, October 8 will feature Jim McDevitt, former U.S.

Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, and Debby Kurbitz, former Spokane County prosecuting attorney. They will be speaking on the importance of judicial elections and how to evaluate candidates so we elect judges who will adhere to our State and U.S. Constitutions and not be swayed by political party affiliation or personal beliefs. Guests are invited and most welcome to attend.

WSRP OLYMPIA LEGISLATIVE WATCH

Legislators are out of session until January 13, 2025 but you can still research:

http://waqop.org; https://houserepublicans.wa.gov/our-priorities/;
https://waqop.org/olympia-watch/;

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

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Interested in sharing your ideas, knowledge or time? Please consider volunteering for a GOP committee position. For Communications Committee or work submission, you <u>MUST</u> meet submission deadlines. Contact Terri at <u>terrizalevits@gmail.com</u>.