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## Chairman's Chat

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*This Issue: National Sovereignty, Immigration and Defense - We believe America must have the strongest national defense necessary to defend our borders, homes and national interests.*

*Next Issue: Individual Rights - We believe individual human rights come from our Creator, not the government. We recognize the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness from conception to natural death. We believe in free speech, thought, worship and dissent without fear of government interference or penalty.*



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#### STATEMENT REGARDING THE RE-ELECTION OF PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP AND ELECTION RESULTS IN SPOKANE COUNTY

Yesterday, Election Day November 5, 2024, We the People of America spoke loudly about the direction we want this Country to go by electing Donald J. Trump as the 47<sup>th</sup> President of this great Country. Happily, the majority of Spokane County voters agreed with the rest of America. Sadly, Washington State as a whole did not.

Separately, Spokane County voters, in conjunction with the voters from the other 11 counties in the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, elected Michael Baumgartner as the future US Representative from this Congressional District with nearly 60% of the total votes cast.

As well, Spokane County voters voted in the majority for the Republican candidate for each of the statewide Executive positions, including Dave Reichert for Governor, and Dale Whitaker for Secretary of State and Matt Hawkins for State Auditor (both of Spokane County). Sadly, the west side of Washington State did not follow our lead, and so none of the Statewide Executive positions will be filled with a Republican. State Executive positions are critical for maintaining the law and order in this State, as well as the wellbeing of its citizens, residents and businesses.

Spokane County voters spoke with their voice in electing or re-electing the three Republican candidates in the 4<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, the two Republican candidates in the 6<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, the two Republican candidates in the 7<sup>th</sup> Legislative District and finally, the three Republican candidates in the 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District.

Spokane County voters voted in the majority for both Republican Candidates for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> County Commissioner Districts, Josh Kerns and Al French. And lastly Spokane voters elected Andrew Van Winkle for Superior Court Judge Position 11 and voted in the majority for State Supreme Court candidate Dave Larson.

The Spokane County Republican Party endorsed and/or recognized each of the above twenty-nine candidates for the positions for which they were running. Only three of the candidates the Spokane GOP supported did not win their races.

Spokane voters spoke loudly to what We the People want for this County, this State and this Country. We sincerely thank the voters of America and especially Spokane County for these victories. We look forward to working with each and every one of these candidates as they pursue their respective positions and responsibilities and will hold them accountable to We the People for their actions.

May God Bless Spokane County, Washington State and all of America!

MJ Bolt  
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# "Sovereignty within Sovereignty"

By Juli Skinner

You know the story. Our Constitution was established for the purposes of declaring independence from [our] early British Monarchs. Each Article within the United States Constitution provides not a guideline, but **the** law of the land. And the first ten (10) Amendments represent the thoughtful answer to early concerns about our new country. In our Constitution, we are guaranteed National Sovereignty. Under the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment, moreover, we are guaranteed State Sovereignty:

*"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people".*

Because each state represents its own values, cultures, ideas, specific commodities, ethnicities, needs and beliefs, naturally a state like Alabama would pass different laws than a state like New York. If we wanted to break down each state into district and region, it might further explain our differences but for now, this is State Sovereignty explained. Sovereignty is constitutional. What's not constitutional? The right to abort a baby, for example. Democrats want total federal control over abortion "protections" but fail to understand the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment they cite:

*"No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws".*

Furthermore, they do not understand the role of the Federal Government. Our government protects us from foreign enemies, regulates commerce and maintains our roads and post offices. "Women's reproductive health" is not protected. That doesn't mean issues like abortion go away. It simply means that the issue goes to the state for a vote of the people. Calm down everyone.

The overturning of Roe vs. Wade was correct.

WE ARE NOT A TRUE DEMOCRACY. Citizens have the right to vote on whom they want to lead us. We vote on ballot measures. It's constitutional. Democrats are constitution slayers, so it seems. Be glad that Republicans are the adults in the room right now but remember this for the next election and keep your foot on the gas.

CONGRATULATIONS PRESIDENT TRUMP and  
TEAM. Thank **GOD**.

## WE JUST WEREN'T THAT INTO HER

### An informal OP-ED to Harris' celebrity supporters

Perplexed? *But she was so awesome!* You loved her laugh, awkward personality, evasive wishy washy flippy floppy policy plans and her promise of unrestricted abortion. She was a middle-class kid, pleasant to look at and, wasn't Trump! Great, so you voted for her. And she lost. Thank God your star power wasn't enough to drown out the rest of America. Take a deep dive into self-assessment and if you possess a hint of common sense and objectivity, you will find that it wasn't that much of a surprise. It's more than "we just weren't that into her".

It wasn't about you. It was about us.

Are you so self-centered that you cannot see the pain in regular America? Oh yes Whoopi, we feel for you. If you had all the money in the world, you wouldn't be on that show... with your \$5-6 million contract. Good for you. Famous people become famous because they are good at their craft and they love to share it with the world. Nothing wrong with that. The problem is that you don't seem to grasp the current financial hardships that the rest of us are going through. You fail to connect the dots and still stick to the same talking points you overhear on your favorite mainstream news. Do you go grocery shopping and have to put food back because you don't have enough money; combine errands on a Saturday so as not to burn up the remaining ¼ tank of fuel you need to get to work on Monday; cancel your urgent dentist appointment for an abscess tooth so you can replace the cracked phone your daughter has had to navigate for 12 months; choose to buy trendy shoes for your son so he doesn't get teased instead of paying car insurance. People are losing their homes, giving pets away, begging for loans from family! Yeah, that was all under your gal. And you voted for more of it!

The condition for total and complete support for a citizen's freedom to vote for whomever they wish is that the choice be based on truth, not YOUR truth, **THE TRUTH**. I don't know who to be more disgusted with; the countless liars imbedded within some of the biggest media platforms or, the followers who believe them. I truly want to know how you function on your own after the whispering in your ear stops. No, Trump is not Hitler. He will not deny citizens the right to vote. He will not ban birth control. Julia Roberts, Madonna, Marshall Bruce Mathers III, Mark Ruffalo, Jennifer Lopez, Lady Gaga, Cher, Harrison Ford, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jennifer Aniston, William Shatner, and, OPRAH for goodness sakes; I am embarrassed for you. I genuinely fear for your mental health and your level of maturity if you actually believe this garbage. Women overwhelmingly came out for this woman for what? "Reproductive freedom"? Please don't tell me that this election for you was about sacrificing the prosperity of this country for the right to kill an unborn baby. Ok Christina Applegate, you are hysterical that your daughter may not be able to get that abortion. LOOK at her now and remind yourself about the years of loving her. Could you go back and terminate her if she was a product of rape? If you couldn't have truthfully articulated an alignment to her policies, you effectively tipped the scales in favor of the lies. We weren't that into her and we weren't that into following a bunch of elitists who were telling us everything's fine. And that is why she lost.



# The Constitutional Corner

By Lori Burns

## National Sovereignty, Immigration and Defense

We like boundaries. We like order and structure. For all time, humans have organized themselves into groups, tribes, communities, cities and eventually nations. Undoubtedly there are a multitude of reasons for this, but at the heart of it, those organizations create a sense of belonging and security. With the evolution of humankind, nations have become the pinnacle of those organizations. Arguably, a very flawed system, it is what we have.

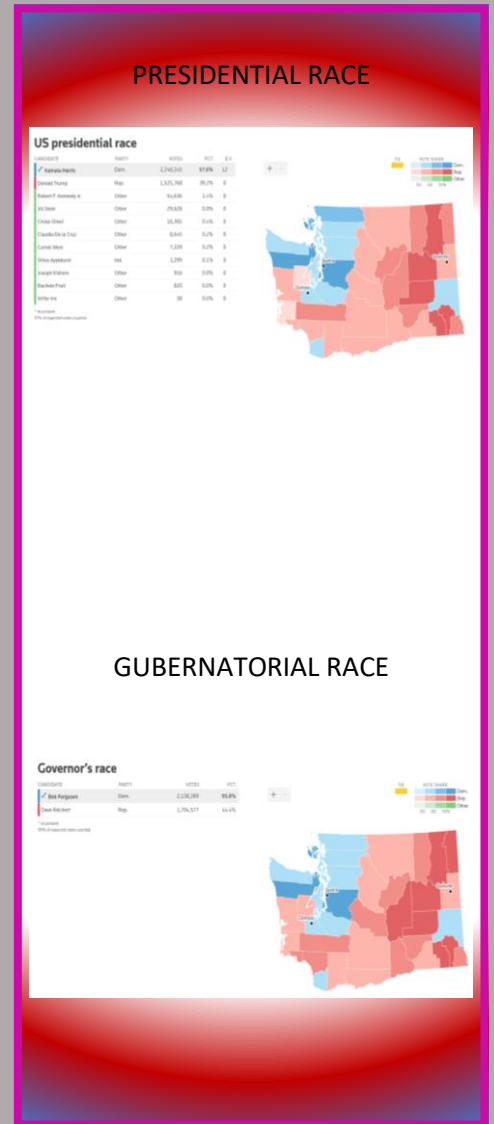
The Founding Fathers recognized through trial and error, study and observation, that we must have a federal government whose responsibility was to protect our nation and its sovereignty, our borders and our safety. According to [dictionary.com](http://dictionary.com) sovereignty means: "supreme and independent power or authority in government as possessed or claimed by a state or community". In our case, that power is granted to the government by the people. In a nutshell, that means that our government answers only to the citizens—not the U.N., not WHO, not world opinion, not political pundits and not the plethora of corrupt aid seekers who have enriched themselves at the expense of our generosity.

No nation in the world can be sustained if they do not put the needs of its citizens and its nation's best interests ahead of all else. Nor can it maintain order and organization without enforced borders with controlled and limited immigration. Sufficient military strength must be maintained in order to enforce those borders and protect its citizens and their interests. Sadly, and obviously, our government is failing in every single phase of these responsibilities.

Up until the last few decades, we had done a fairly good job of controlling immigration and protecting our border. But now that it has become a political football, we ignore the wisdom of controlled immigration at the peril of our survival. The chaos, impoverishment, strain, anger and resentment resulting from uncontrolled immigration is a debilitating cultural cancer affecting us and all Western nations. Every country, including the U.S., wants and needs immigrants who come legally, learn its language, contribute to its society, honor its heritage while embracing the new, work hard and become part of it. But we cannot bring them all here. The world's problems will not be solved within the borders of the United States. They will be solved when other peoples decide to take control of their nations and re-create the formula that has worked here (flawed as it is). It is high time that our public policy reflects the imperative to maintain national sovereignty, control immigration and provide for the defense of our borders.

# WAKE UP SPOKANE COUNTY AND WASHINGTON STATE

<https://www.reuters.com/graphics/USA-ELECTION/RESULTS/zjpnqnmwvx/state/washington/>



**NOTE:** Whitman County?  
Let's start getting our college students to use common sense when voting...

## Bingle at the Border

*In March 2024, Spokane City Councilman Jonathan Bingle traveled to Arizona to see the border. Excerpts from an article published March 11, 2024 at The Center Square.*

“The people I met with in Nogales want us to understand this isn’t an Arizona or a Texas problem, this is a U.S. problem,” said Bingle. “They told me you don’t think you’re a border town, but because of this crisis every town is a border town.”

*The full interview: <https://bit.ly/3YBiV7D>*

Q: What does the border actually look like?

Bingle: More intense than you think. On the other side of the border the poverty is right there. The wall is far larger and longer than you can imagine, more aggressive than you can imagine. Razor wire over the top and the middle and it’s seriously tall, 15’-20’ tall. It’s big and it’s effective. Where there’s no wall is cartel territory.

Q: What were your big take aways from the trip?

Bingle: In almost every conceivable way it’s worse than you think. Border Patrol morale, it’s worse than you think. Coyotes exploiting women and children, it’s worse than you think. Best estimates I heard were 7 to 10 million people have crossed illegally since Biden became president. That’s as many as 200,000 people per state, a new city the size of Spokane in all 50 states. Even on the low end, 7 million is larger than 34 states total population, all added in last three years.

Most people say they are looking for work and opportunity and they are, but let’s say just a half of one percent of 10 million are serious criminals, that’s 50,000 nasty, violent people who came into the country during the Biden administration. That’s still a thousand per state and that’s crazy.

Q: Was Spokane mentioned as a destination?

Bingle: Spokane County is one of the federally designated High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas so I absolutely believe Spokane is one of those places they tell them to come. They believe the opportunity here is so great it was worth their life to try to get in. It reminds us what a great country we have and how much we take it for granted.

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### **PRECINCT COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

PCOs elected in the Primary Election on August 6, 2024 will begin two-year terms on December 1. If there was a contested GOP PCO race in your precinct this August, you can see the results at <https://www.spokanecounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/56087/August-6-2024-Primary-Election-PDF>. Questions: Spokane County Republicans 509-838-6162 ext. 802.

Find your precinct by scrolling down on the GOP Home page to the link, **Find My Precinct** in the red box, then follow the directions. Or, at [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov). Then, submit your name and birthday – click **Registration**.

Does your precinct have a PCO? You can find out under the **About Us** tab, then **Officers** which takes you to <https://spokanegop.com/leadership>; then click on your district, find your precinct to see if there is a PCO. PCOs listed on our website should be the PCOs elected in the 2024 Primary. . If the position is vacant, please consider becoming a PCO. There are 451 precincts in Spokane County and about 272 have Republican PCOs. PCOs are an important connection between voters and the Republican Party. More PCO information can be found here: <https://spokanegop.com/become-a-pco>.

Many PCOs and other Republicans work hard for our party. If you have someone in mind please nominate that person as PCO or Republican of the Month. It is not difficult to nominate: [REPUBLICANS/PCOs OF THE MONTH form](#)

**Congratulations and Thank You to PCOs of the Month for November, Cathy Applewhite, Precinct 4477, and Sue Willis, Precinct 3339.**

Spokane County GOP supports Helping Captives. Cleaning out your closet, storage and garage and donating gently used clothing, household items and other items will help heal victims of trafficking.



HELPING CAPTIVES

Monday-Saturday

10-5 pm

East 14415 Sprague Ave.

Check out their coffee too!

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## GOP calendar

### IMPORTANT:

Saturday, 12/14/24, biannual SCRCC meeting for all PCOs to elect new officers, including District Leaders.

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

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**Ponderosa Republican Women:** Everyone at the November 12 luncheon of Ponderosa Republican Women celebrated the huge wins in the November 5th election but we also realize that we have much work to do at the local, county and state levels in WA to bring back common-sense conservative values. I'm certain that our State Republican Party and the County GOP will be strategizing on how to get more people to exercise their right to vote and will be educating them on what Republican candidates bring to the table. Initiatives in WA State are also a great concern as only 1 of the 4 on the ballot passed. There was lots of propaganda from those who opposed common sense and, unfortunately, it's going to impact every person living in our state because tax on gasoline and other climate control measures could cost everyone more money than ever!

Our Spokane County Clerk, Tim Fitzgerald, our featured speaker this month, shared some amazing facts about the Spokane Regional Veterans Court and the Spokane Veterans Forum. Established in 2010, "the Spokane Veterans Forum (SVF) program plays a crucial role in preparing these veterans for reintegration into society, enabling them to reclaim their roles as productive citizens while saving the community the substantial costs of incarceration. Remarkably, 65 veteran defendants have reported that, without the intervention of the Spokane Veterans Forum, they would have contemplated suicide," <https://spokaneveteransforum.org/>. This two-year program in Spokane has nationally recognize success with 519 graduates (as of October 2023). There are over 237 Veterans Courts nationwide. The rate of recidivism nationally is 73%, while the program in Spokane has a rate of only 5.8%.

At the luncheon PRW also accepted donations for our "Caring for America" projects, The proceeds this time will be divided between two local veteran organizations.

We look forward to having our last meeting of 2024 on December 17th at the Ruby River Hotel at 11:45 a.m. RSVPs for lunch can be made through our website: [ponderosarepublicanwomen.com](http://ponderosarepublicanwomen.com). Our guest speakers will be from Teen Challenge; a graduate of their program will share their own personal story. We are in the midst of recruiting new members to our club and the December meeting is a wonderful opportunity to come and see what we do, what we've accomplished in 2024 and what we've got planned for 2025.

Jan Grayhek, PRW President <http://www.PonderosaRepublicanWomen.com>

**WASHINGTON LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:** Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., President-Elect Trump's nomination for Health and Human Services Secretary has called for the removal of fluoride from drinking water, <https://www.foxnews.com/health/rfk-jr-calls-removal-fluoride-drinking-water-sparking-debate>. This follows a recent decision by a federal judge in San Francisco, reported in last month's newsletter, that ruled that fluoride in drinking water poses an 'unreasonable risk' to children.

## LEGISLATIVE WATCH

**WSRP Olympia Watch. Your legislators are out of session but you can still research.**

**House Priorities:** <https://houserepublicans.wa.gov/our-priorities/> **Bills:** <https://leg.wa.gov/bills-meetings-and-session/bills/>

Washington State Legislature begins on 1/13/25 and ends on 4/27/25, unless extended. The County GOP Legislative Committee, led by Chair Stephanie Brenden, is already gearing up for the 2025 session. Since our state is the only one in the nation that has become more "blue", It is especially critical that we pay attention to the bills being proposed and that we get involved in contacting our legislators when we support or oppose them. The Leg Committee will keep us informed on priority bills. Watch for weekly emails and check out information on our County and State GOP Facebook pages. WA GOP will also highlight important information on bills on the website <https://wsrp.org/olympia-watch/>. Finally, more ideas on getting involved and making a positive difference is available at <https://houserepublicans.wa.gov/get-involved/>.

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