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Chairman's Chat

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Defending Faith, Family & Freedom

This Issue: Infrastructure (Energy/Utilities, Transportation and Technology) - We understand that government must continue to invest wisely in infrastructure and transportation projects, especially those critical to growth and safety and strive to be a leader in energy and information technologies through our free market system rather than with government intervention.

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



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LINCOLN'S LEGACY SHINES BRIGHT IN SPOKANE COUNTY

Abraham Lincoln, born February 12, 1809, in Kentucky, was the 16th President of the United States and a towering figure in American history. A self-educated lawyer, he rose from humble beginnings to lead the nation through its greatest crisis, the Civil War, preserving the Union and ending slavery. His leadership, moral clarity, and eloquence in speeches like the Gettysburg Address and Emancipation Proclamation cemented his legacy as a symbol of unity, liberty, and equality.

Lincoln's presidency was defined by his commitment to keeping the United States intact amid secession by Southern states over slavery. The Emancipation Proclamation freed enslaved people in Confederate territories, redefining the war as a fight for human freedom. The Thirteenth Amendment, passed in 1865, abolished slavery nationwide, fulfilling Lincoln's vision. His "government of the people, by the people, for the people" articulated republican ideals that resonate today.

Lincoln Day Celebrations, held annually by most County Republican Party organizations, honor him as the party's first president and a moral beacon. Initiated in the late 19th century, Lincoln Day events unite Republicans around his principles of individual liberty, economic opportunity, and national unity. Lincoln's legacy of principled leadership endures inspiring us to gather one day a year to celebrate Lincoln's principles of unity and justice.

Spokane County's Lincoln Day Gala is on May 2, 2025, at the Convention Center. This year's Lincoln Day program and performers symbolize Lincoln's themes of liberty, opportunity, and unity as well as our local party's Faith, Family, and Freedom Vision, Mission, and Strategy. If you are or identify as a Republican, you don't want to miss it.

This year's Lincoln Day line-up, focused on the future of our Country and Party, is leaden with young voices and talent including three remarkable students who will deliver amazing speeches on Faith's Role in Achieving Their American Dream; young women fighting to keep Girls and Women Sports free from the disastrous and heartbreaking transgender political agenda; young prominent media voices will talk to us about how we can better communicate our Vision and Mission in the era of social media and streaming content; we will see and hear testimonials from beautiful young families living the American Dream here in Spokane; and young musicians and the choir from Oaks Academy will entertain and inspire us with beautiful patriotic music and songs celebrating our love for God, Country, and Community.

Lincoln Day Tickets are still available at SpokaneGOP.com. For more information please contact Chair@SpokaneGOP.com.

God Bless.

On April 21, the Spokane City Council will consider an ordinance aimed at “**protecting access to gender-affirming care.**” While the ordinance is largely symbolic—since these issues are already governed by state & federal law—it is still deeply concerning. It elevates radical ideology over reason & poses a serious threat to parental rights, freedom of conscience & protections for women & children.

The proposed ordinance would establish expansive local civil rights protections based on gender identity & expression. This could be used to silence dissent, punish people of faith & insert the government into deeply personal & moral decisions—especially those involving children. It promotes irreversible interventions on minors without parental involvement, while doing nothing to address the underlying mental health crises these children often face.

And all the while, **one person a day** is dying from a drug overdose in Spokane County. Instead of addressing our real crises—addiction, homelessness, crime—city leadership is spending political capital on symbolic gestures that divide us further & distract from life-and-death issues.

This comes at the same time Washington State is expanding hate crime laws to include perceived bias related to gender identity & expression. Combined with local ordinances like this, such laws could be weaponized to criminalize disagreement, even when expressed in good faith. That’s why I introduced **BINGLE AMENDMENTS.**

1. Protect minors from harmful, irreversible medical procedures.
2. Defend conscience rights for medical professionals & everyday citizens.
3. Reinstate parental notification & involvement.
4. Preserve women’s bathrooms & shelters.
5. Protect fairness & integrity in women’s sports.

(Note: All amendments were voted down 5-2 by the Council. Very important to ATTEND MONDAY’S MEETING & VOICE OUR SUPPORT)

We must lead with truth & compassion. That means protecting the vulnerable, including those struggling with identity, while also defending the rights of parents, women & people of faith. I hope you’ll stand with me & **make your voices heard.**

Jonathan Bingle, Spokane City Council, District 2

ARE YOU CONVINCED YET?

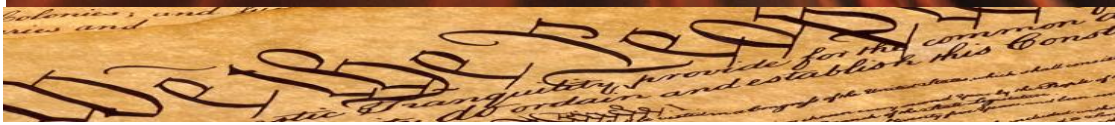
By Juli Skinner

The Party of “evolution” has steadily gone through a de-evolution process the last many years. Holes in their ideology become larger and more evident and while they scramble to stay relevant, their weakness shows as they are steamrolled by the Socialist Wing of the party. But the biggest thorn in their paws is the very real Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS). The TDS Era presents as a real and present danger upon their sanity. Nevertheless, their obstinance is astounding! Some admire the Democrat Party’s persistence to any [unknown] “resistance” but, most are mystified at the logic...or lack thereof. It’s a dichotomy, I admit; I believe there is good in most people but understand their fallibility. I had genuinely hoped that level headed members of the party would scale their party back on the crazy, get down to brass tacks and return to the fundamental values they so loved those years ago. *Those were the days.* But I am naïve. Big-scale hypocrisy and irrationality does not only lie with the recent anti-Elon protests, it is ubiquitous among today’s “Democrat” Party. The Elon Musk controversy and the war on his Teslas is just the latest meaningless target of the culture of absurdity. Let’s analyze.

Mr. Musk (*I believe remains true*) is the King of “[Manmade] Climate Change” assenters who believe Fossil Fuels are # 1 in existential threats to us and the planet. He embodies the Left’s entire premise of making investments into renewables a quintessential dictate. They were fanatical (*Greta T*) so Mr. Musk answered the call and shaped the ultimate driving machine *for them.* With arrogance and defiance, they drove their Teslas, snarling and lecturing the rest of us for our wicked destructive footprint we leave on this earth while they celebrated Mr. Musk for his brilliance. Now they attack their HERO? Q: How many Republicans terrorized Elon supporters when he was still drinking the Democrat Kool-Aid? When I saw robotic activists lined up at the Liberty Lake Tesla Dealership holding their Swastika and “President Musk” signs, I became convinced that they do not believe in their own product. They are frauds, caring less about the climate than thwarting a win for Trump. Mr. Musk abandoned the party to become an asset to the MAGA movement and they are going to shoot themselves in the foot to drag him down as long as it means Trump will remain the “villain”. Meanwhile, China gets a jump on us with AI because the Left is so preoccupied about Trump asking Mr. Musk to shake some trees. I disagree with Elon on his views about Energy/Utilities, Transportation and Technology based solely on his beliefs. And Artificial Intelligence (AI) frightens me beyond all that I know. But I do find common ground with him and his desire to stop corruption and save tax payers’ money! How can ANYONE be against this?

It amuses me. Hard Left commentary and celebrity nonsense say we are crazy. There’s no hope. We are so out of touch and cult-like, worshipping an orange-haired tyrannical racist. Ignorant, obstinate individuals try to gaslight us with their “enlightenment”. It’s beyond ludicrous, honestly leaving me speechless. It is like there is an invisible barrier to their intellectual side – their common sense. Have a debate. Have an opinion. Great! But for God’s sake – have some integrity. I am so embarrassed for you and how you are perceived around the world. You look ridiculous!

I-AM-FRIEND. I will tell you when your zipper is undone to save you from humility. **DEMOCRATS - Your zipper is undone.** Get back to your central belief system. It is not Communism. It’s not Socialism. It is no isms. It’s DEMOCRAT. Remember? We agree on clean water and air, safe and affordable transit and that AI is the future but MUST be regulated. Let’s debate on city, state and federal government regulation but GET OFF the Tesla picket lines and tell your party to grow up.



The Constitutional Corner

By Lori Burns

Watching the extreme left melt down is at once highly entertaining and very disturbing. The once adored Elon Musk has become the new favorite villain of these wing-nuts because he has left the compound of liberal orthodoxy.

Isn't it interesting that for all the left's professed love of battery-powered cars, they always show their true fealty? They don't truly care about the environment or technological advancements or rooting out corruption. They care about power, control and maintaining the status quo. Unquestioned loyalty to their extreme left ideologies is paramount—surpassing all—and is punishable by excommunication. Elon has been excommunicated.

In addition, their response is not only ridiculous, petty and stupid, it is illegal. As is their habit, destruction becomes their go-to response. Destroying personal property, business property and putting people at risk means nothing to them if it is restricting the punishment of perceived "heresy". I don't worship Elon Musk, Donald Trump or any other people. I worship God. Musk and Trump are fallible humans just like the rest of us. We voters must police our government, always. But, this extreme reaction says far more about the state of the extreme left than it will ever communicate about Trump, his administration, Musk or DOGE.

How ANY taxpaying citizen of this country can feel anything but gratitude for Musk and his efforts in DOGE is completely beyond my ability to comprehend. Of course, the media lies about the sky falling, all children in the world starving to death, AIDS taking over the entirety of the African continent, rampant environmental destruction, etc. don't help. But it seems like something all citizens can unite behind—the rooting out of the horrifically dishonest, wasteful and corrupt spending that has been going on under our noses for decades. The behavior of our Congress, the bureaucrats, the NGO's and the agencies with all their secret slush funds is beyond criminal and disgusting. It is in fact, a form of slavery. Those of us that go to work every day and hope to be able to buy a home and save a little for retirement for our kids have become the grunt workers expected to provide for this lifestyle that our "betters" seem to think they are entitled to.

This corruption is exactly why we have \$35+ trillion in national debt and why we couldn't even contemplate paying it off in our lifetimes. We must demand that this stop. We must use every bit of technology at our fingertips and people must go to jail. Only then may we hope for the restoration of freedom and living under constitutional law.

Consider becoming a PCO, Precinct Committee Officer.

Does your precinct have a PCO? You can find out on our [GOP website](#) under the **About Us** tab, then **Officers** which takes you to <https://spokanegop.com/leadership>; finally click on your **District** and 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 at: <https://spokanegop.com/become-a-pco>.

Don't know your PRECINCT? You can find it on the [GOP website](#), **Home** page. Scroll down to the link, **Find My Precinct** in the red box, then follow the directions. Or, at [VoteWA.gov](#). Then, submit your name and birthday – click **Registration**.

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](#)

WAKE UP SPOKANE COUNTY AND WASHINGTON STATE

WE HAVE WORK TO DO.

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- Finance – Mike Kelly

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- Volunteers – Debbie Smith
- Young Republicans – Enrique Rico
- Events – TBA
- Judiciary – TBA

(Regular contributor Sue Lani Madsen is wearing a different hat today as a Braver Angels volunteer)

Braver Angels needs YOU! And I'm going to explain why YOU need Braver Angels.

Braver Angels is a non-profit formed right after the election in 2016, by some folks who felt the divide between conservatives (Reds) and progressives (Blues) had become so severe we were headed for a kind of "civic divorce".

Braver Angels offers a variety of workshops, debates, and other activities to bring people from opposite sides of the political divide together. For example, in one workshop seven conservatives and seven progressives come together for a day to listen to and learn from each other, rather than argue or persuade.

Braver Angels also offers workshops on how to depolarize ourselves, as well as workshops on how to constructively deal with family members and friends who differ from us in terms of politics. But the political divide isn't just Red or Blue, conservative or progressive, Republican or Democrat. The divides within each side are even harder to resolve. Healing those internal divides is key to the strength of any movement, and that's why you as a member of the Spokane County GOP should be interested in Braver Angels skills. Both major parties have issues creating fissures within their coalitions. Which party will be stronger in the next four years – a party working to pull everyone together in a big tent or one filtering out support with purity tests? Changing people's political views is not the intent of Braver Angels workshops. The goal is always about better communication across divides with the aim of disagreeing accurately. Many of our workshop participants find the experience so profound that they want to continue to meet and work together in the future. If it works across a conservative/progressive divide, imagine how these learning skills can work across internal divides. You've seen President Trump build a coalition across divides. You can do it too.

For more information, see www.BraverAngels.org (National) or www.wa.braverangels.org (State Alliances).

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"How To Win Friends and Influence People With a Letter to the Editor."
A class, offered by Sue Lani Madsen, www.suelanimadsen.substack.com freelance writer and commentator on politics, culture and language from a Christian, conservative, libertarian and pragmatic perspective. More information will be available as soon as a class is scheduled.

UPDATES: Following Utah's ban on adding fluoride to drinking water, Florida is now considering a ban. SB 700 passed the State Senate, 27-9 (All Democrats), <https://www.cbsnews.com/miami/news/florida-senate-passes-bill-to-ban-fluoride-in-public-water-supplies/> Opponents of the bill said eliminating fluoride from water supplies could particularly lead to dental problems for children. The bill does not specifically mention fluoridation, but it would prevent adding substances to public water supplies that are not about 'water quality.' "'We're here to hydrate, not medicate,'" bill sponsor Keith Truenow, R-Tavares, said before the Senate voted.

FYI: MEDIA ADVISORY: Congresswoman Emily Randall, Mayor Lisa Brown, Chair Shasti Conrad, and Community Leaders to Host **Spokane Town Hall (Democrat)**. **April 25, at 5:30-7:30 pm at Spokane Community College Lair Student Center.**

Republicans attending: Please show everyone that we are more behaved and civilized than the Democrats at the Baumgartner Town Hall. Proverbs 29:22 <https://biblehub.com/proverbs/25-22.htm>

To RSVP confirming your attendance or to schedule an interview in advance of the Town Hall, please email Stephen Reed (stephen@wa-democrats.org) OR go to: <https://www.spokanedemocrats.org/events/congressional-district-5-town-hall>.



Monday-Saturday 10-5 pm
East 14415 Sprague Ave.

Check out their coffee tool

SAVE THE DATE

GOP calendar

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**Spokane County Republican Party
Lincoln Day Gala** at the Spokane Convention Center

May 2, 2025*

A few tickets are left!

Featured speaker: **Owen Shroyer**, host of War Room.

Event Speaker: **Olivia Krolczyk**, Riley Gaines Center Ambassador & Campus Reform Reporter.

Student finalists in the GOP Contest: High school students will be recognized for their stories *Faith's Role in Shaping my American Dream*. Scholarships will be awarded to the three finalists.

<https://spokanegop.com/lincoln-day>.

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Ponderosa Republican Women Ponderosa Republican Women was pleased to welcome our featured speaker, Marlene Pfeifer, Republican National Committeewoman for Washington State at our luncheon on Tuesday, April 8. Marlene emphasized the importance of the Republican Party coming together to address State legislation that is impacting voters and our families in a manner contrary to our values. This can be accomplished by speaking up, starting in our neighborhood and being a voice to inform people what's happening when they fail to vote in every election. The area of most concern is what's happening at the OSPI with the continued push from liberals to undermine parents' rights, limiting their access to the curriculum, school records and medical information regarding their children. The State clearly wants total control to indoctrinate our children with this Marxist ideology and that's something we have to fight! It's an assault on the nuclear family and people with common sense must reject this. Several states have worked diligently and turned their state from Blue to Red, but it's a slow process that can take several years and many election cycles to turn around. It starts with electing good conservatives that will be a voice of change, reason and common sense. City council elections this year are critical, especially in the City of Spokane.

Republicans tend to turn out when voting in presidential elections but don't often see the importance of voting in every election...until they see what happens with the outcome. Marlene recommended that like minded conservative organizations coalesce, and create a long-range plan and execute it. State and local organizations that are leading this effort include: letsgowashington.com; future42.org. We the governed, wethegoverned.com, created by Glen Morgan offers a workshop entitled implementing a DOGE WA to address waste and fraud in our state. Get busy and get involved and advise your conservative neighbors and friends to do the same. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13 from 11:30 to 1 p.m. at the Ruby River Hotel. Our speaker will be Jenny Weber from our local Spokane "Vets on the Farm" project, located off the Palouse Highway. Details for the May meeting will be posted on the PRW website: ponderosarepublicanwomen.com where you will be able to make a reservation. Guests are most welcome to attend. Jan Grayhek, PRW President

LEGISLATIVE WATCH

Defend Faith, Family and Freedom by Taking Legislative Action! *By taking Legislative Action! Only one week left to the end of the WA legislative session on 4/27/25! Republicans continue to be outvoted. We are in the minority - WA legislature; Senate 30-19 and House 59-39. It is important that we stay involved. When enough conservatives speak up, we influence the outcome.*

The County GOP Legislative Action Committee, led by Chair Stephanie Brenden, has been emailing subscribers weekly, **What Up Olympia**, which highlights priority bills. You can sign up to receive the emails. A couple more should be coming. Once the legislature ends, the Governor will have a few weeks to sign or veto the bills passed late in the session so our input to Governor Ferguson may be needed.

Watch for email alerts, usually on Sundays. Click the links on each bill to register your position "PRO" or "CON" for the Legislative Record. Also check our County and State GOP Facebook pages for information. On the website WA GOP will also highlight important information on bills. Go to Olympia Watch, <https://wagop.org/olympia-watch/> Right now on the Senate page you will find the article, Tax Madness. 43,680 people signed in to oppose SB 5798. If passed, it would allow an increase in the annual property tax growth limit for state and local property taxes to the amount of inflation plus population change or one percent, whichever is greater. Right now such taxes can only be increased by one percent without voter approval.

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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 **MUST** meet submission deadlines. Contact Terri at terrizalevits@gmail.com.