

**National Sovereignty,
Immigration and Defense**

- We believe America must have the strongest national defense necessary to defend our borders, homes and national interests.

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.

Limited Government -

Government is best when it governs the least. Big government infringes upon the rights of the citizens, is prohibitive, inefficient and extremely expensive.

Healthcare - We believe that the best healthcare model is one with very limited government intervention, based around the principle of individual responsibility.

Property Rights - It is the right of all citizens to legally acquire, own, use and dispose of private property. It is your right to protect your property with reasonable force against another person who is threatening to infringe upon it.

**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.

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

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.

Jobs, Economy and

Currency - We support balanced budgets, reduced regulations, limited taxation and Free Market, allowing growth to the individual and to the economy as a whole.

**Chairman's
Chat**

By Susan Schuler,
SCRCC Vice Chair

This Issue:

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.

Next Issue:

Keep and Bear Arms - You have the right to protect yourself against enemies both foreign and domestic.

Election Day is fast approaching and many of you ask, "What can I do?" You can vote, you can get your family members to vote, you can get your neighbors to vote! I challenge you to reach out to 10 or more people close to you and answer any questions, help them to feel comfortable to vote and then ensure that they vote early. You might be hearing that voting early is risky, but that is not the correct advice. The best advice is to vote early and track your ballot by visiting: <https://voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx>. Your candidates have a limited amount of campaign funds and if you don't vote early, they have to spend funds unnecessarily chasing outstanding ballots so voting early is very important. Here is some information you might find beneficial when you are out visiting with your neighbors and encouraging them to vote.

"Who Are The Undecided Voters?"

In an election survey, 11% (N=43) of voters would vote for neither candidate or are undecided. Of that 11%:

} Those in County / City Limits: Inside Spokane 30%, Outside Spokane City 38%, Elsewhere 32%

} Gender: Men 50%, Women 50%

} Age: 18-34 22%, 35-44 23%, 45-54 15%, 55-64 20%, 65+ 20%

} Partisan Voting Behavior: Republicans 49%, Independents 28%, Democrats 15%

} Political Philosophy: Very Conservative 12%, Somewhat Conservative 23%, Moderate 45%, Liberal 13%

You can make a difference! Please reach out to your District Leader for support, direction and materials that you need. District Leaders can be contacted through our GOP website if you know your District Leader's name or your precinct; <https://www.spokanegop.com/about-us>.

By Juli Skinner

Heading to Montana to camp for Memorial Day Weekend. We were twenty seconds from "no reception" when a call came in.

We are a hockey family. If you know the game, you know we are full of fight and stacked with fierce determination to protect our players. We are the ultimate "mama bear". Age 8 or 18; it doesn't matter. If you board, throw an elbow or check to the head, we moms will be looking for yours. We are not to be trifled with. But it's that same passion for the fight that melts us when ANY player gets seriously injured. That balance between war and peace and the ability to pull it off is what makes us truly unique. We are an intense bunch, on the go always, so we value our "off-weekends". When another hockey dad calls you during yours, you know it's bad.

I could feel the dread flowing through the telephone, bypassing my husband's silence. I strained to hear the words I would regret to understand. As I flipped through my rolodex of hockey players, my face became flush, my heart pounded and my head filled with a warm debilitating fog. I thought I heard his name but fought the reality of it. My husband got out of the truck, leaving us with an anticipation of a horror I never wanted to know. I watched him as he walked to the side of the road, held his head in his hands and bent down to catch his breath. Minutes passed. With apprehension, he returned to us and struggled through an unsteady voice to share the news with our awaiting teenagers.

Preston took his own life.

Immediately we began the journey of questions and guilt. There were no signs. What then was twirling around in that sweet little head? I want to talk to him and tell him tomorrow is a new day; hang on baby. But it is not to be. This loving son, brother, teammate, friend – made a fatal choice. He was only 13.

Preston was a fighter. He took a beating on the ice and got right back up to meet his foe with no complaints, only a smile and determination to win. He carried the same courage with him when bringing his faith into the locker room to pray at times, with his most trusted teammates. He was devoted to God. Why then, you ask, did God allow this for His child? I am so glad you asked.



God delights in our free-will courage to bring His bright light and morality to earth through His Word. But with the power of light comes darkness. It comes in many forms. It follows, waiting, watching closely for a moment to hum its lies. Preston brought a bright light and hope to the people. But in one moment, the devil whispered in his ear. Preston's light and good works had to be crushed for it was not in line with the agents of destruction and their plan to divide us from each other and God. Preston had no mental health history. His act was impulsive. Where it be through body or spirit, his innocence and the innocence of our children is being sought and corrupted at every turn.

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If we had tangible foresight on all things tragic and devastating, we would be having a totally different conversation. But evil is alive and well, allowed to flourish on earth, infiltrating our relationships, our schools, our government. Turn back to God. Do not embrace guilt; it is the tool of the devil. Get up. Fight against evil and call it by its name. Be vigilant and pull back those who have been misled by falsehoods. Show them the truth and when the devil whispers in your ear; reject him and his damaging campaign against righteousness.

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. Hug your child today. Pray for the families of those who have left.

Home School Goes Mainstream

Parents engaged in their children's education is a permanent and invaluable consequence of the pandemic school year. For some parents it will mean showing up at public school board meetings with questions, maybe even waving signs and demanding that those elected to represent them are actually listening. Others will choose private schools. And a growing number of families in the Spokane area and across the nation are choosing homeschool, or as it is called by the state of Washington, home-based instruction.

Homeschooling is uniquely suited to any child whose abilities don't match a typical school pace. That's what led Jen Garrison Stuber, Advocacy Director for the Washington Homeschool Organization Board, to homeschool her daughter, allowing her "to provide an education uniquely suited to our daughter's mismatched collection of strengths and weaknesses, catering to the former while mitigating the latter." Fear and uncertainty in March 2020 pulled the rug out from under traditional schooling. That painful experience was not homeschooling, but it did force parents to rethink their options. Asked for her best piece of advice to parents, Garrison Stuber said, "The dirty little secret of homeschooling is we are all absolutely terrified going into this thing and that's okay. There is nobody in this world who loves your kid more than you do, and the terror is what keeps you on the right track to help them be the unique and wonderful person they can become."

Resources:

Washington Homeschool Organization: www.washhomeschool.org

National Black Home Educators: www.nbhe.net

Curriculum Options: cathyduffyreviews.com

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The Constitutional Corner

By Lori Burns

It seems strangely coincidental that the Biden administration would announce student loan debt forgiveness, right before the mid-term elections. Okay, not really. Obviously, this is a naked, desperate attempt to get his approval numbers out of the sewer. As usual, instead of addressing root causes, life-long politicians throw money at the problem, pat themselves on the back and cheat the taxpayers yet again.

Let us review: The government does not generate a single dime of revenue; it all comes out of the pockets of the people who go to work every day. Even worse for these taxpayers, this student loan "relief" (bribery) ignores all of us who did it the right way. It punishes those who saved money for college, punishes those who paid off their loans, punishes those who chose a different career path

that did not include college. To add insult to injury, it rewards financial irresponsibility, rewards universities sitting on billions in trust fund dollars, rewards the increasing price of a degree that has outpaced inflation exponentially and rewards schools that spend millions of dollars on administration while ignoring the skyrocketing costs to students and their families.

I have been a big proponent of education most of my life-- particularly higher education. No more. Don't get me wrong-- there are still some degrees that are vital, but far too many are pure liberal indoctrination that saddle students with a useless degree and ridiculous amounts of debt while leaving them unemployable. Sickeningly, most of our colleges and universities have become

communist training grounds where we send our children to become America-hating, gender-confused, woke automatons. Not only do universities rarely teach critical thinking, it is discouraged. Our system of higher-education has become over-priced indoctrination, enriching the few at the expense of too many gullible parents and students who still find a bachelor's degree of any variety useful. Not all degrees are created equal.

This will not stop until parents say, "No more". Let your kids pay for school themselves and stop mortgaging your homes and your future for this kind of "education". When kids stop attending universities, as many have, the schools will be forced to address the loss of students and revenue. If we stop

WAKE UP

SPOKANE COUNTY

PRECINCT COMMITTEE OFFICERS (PCOs)

Terms begin - December 1, 2022.

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.

Would you consider volunteering ?

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GET INVOLVED

LEGISLATIVE PETITIONS

Limit emergency powers, ban medical mandates, reject carbon tax, keep CRT out of our schools. Sign a petition that's important to you or start your own.

www.LetsGoWA.com

It's that easy.

The process is simple: 400,000 signatures are gathered before the end of the year. The Legislature can then act on these the first week of January as they go into session. They are veto proof by the Governor once passed by the Legislature. As we succeed in this round, we will gather input and repeat the process next year where we could have 5, 10, 20 or more petitions.

ELECTION INTEGRITY

Interviews with Right Spokane Perspectives' Mike Fagan and Tim Benn

Part 1: With Ruth Ryan
<https://rightspokaneperspective.podbean.com/e/part-1-of-3-restoring-election-confidence-in-spokane-county-ths-thursday-with-ruth/>

Part 2: With Alene Lindstrand
<https://rightspokaneperspective.podbean.com/e/part-2-of-3-restoring-election-confidence-in-spokane-county-this-friday-with-alene/>

Part 3: With Matt Hawkins
https://mcdn.podbean.com/mf/download/wmvgyx/AUG_29_PART_3_OF_3_RESTORING_ELECTION_CONFIDENCE_IN_SPokane_COUNTY_THIS_MONDAY_WITH_MATT6we72.mp3

Constitutional Corner continued.

supplying students, maybe we can then demand change. Wouldn't it be interesting if universities and colleges were required to provide placement information for each degree in their course syllabus? Perhaps they would stop offering degrees in Basket Weaving. What if students could not find a job within two years of graduation? Perhaps the school should provide them with a tuition refund or work harder at job placement or offer degrees that matter. It is high time "higher education" becomes accountable for the Ponzi scheme it has become.

By Pam Rabb, Guest Writer

Are you ready for a revolution in education? Like it or not, it has been happening for decades. As the behemoth public education system slowly oozed into the information and technology age, we had an opportunity to revolutionize an out of date and wholly ineffective education system into a dynamic force to propel our youth into the forefront of a new age. So, what happened? Why do public schools more resemble Dr. Frankenstein's monster than hallowed halls of education? We smugly claim a system rooted in the philosophy of no child left behind while simultaneously requiring our educators learn components of Critical Race Theory, demanding the recognition of the European white as oppressors and minorities, black and brown as oppressed. Add into the mix the sexualization of our children with required comprehensive sex education and anti-bullying policies that increase violence instead of decreasing it and you have what passes as education.

The ideal of a student population proficient in the foundational skills of reading, writing and arithmetic is a seemingly unattainable goal. Since the inception of the PISA testing in 2000 our students have flatlined, scores remaining statistically the same. In the latest round our students ranked 13th in reading, 18th in science, and an abysmal 36th in math.

Do we really need more education warehouses based on the industrial revolution model of schooling? Cramming children into classrooms based on their age instead of their intellect/knowledge? We have the ability to assess each student, instructing them with a curriculum that expects excellence instead of mediocrity. Every student deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential, regardless of race, gender, or socioeconomic status. We can do better; we must do better.



County Election website:
<https://www.spokanecounty.org/178/Current-Election>

Endorsed:

House of Rep. 5th Dist: Cathy McMorris Rodgers
U.S. Senate: Tiffany Smiley
Secretary of State: Write-In Brad Klippert
Spokane County District Court Judge:
Pos. 3: Jenny Zappone
Dist. 3 State Rep:
Pos. 1: Scotty Nicol
Pos. 2: Natalie Poulson
Dist. 4 State Representative:
Pos. 1: Suzanne Schmidt
Pos. 2: Rob Chase and Leonard Christian
Dist. 6 State Senate: Jeff Holy
District 6 State Rep:
Pos. 1: Mike Volz
Pos. 2: Jenny Graham
Dist. 7 State Senate: Shelly Short
Dist. 7 State Rep:
Pos. 1: Jacquelin Maycumber
Pos. 2: Joel Kretz
Dist. 9 State Rep:
Pos. 1: Mary Dye
Pos. 2: Joe Schmick
Spokane County Sheriff: John Nowles
Spokane County Treasurer: Michael Baumgartner
Spokane County Auditor: Bob McCaslin
Spokane County Assessor: Tom Konis
Spokane County Clerk: Tim Fitzgerald
Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney: Larry Haskell
Spokane County Commissioner Dist. 1: Kim Plese
Spokane County Commissioner Dist. 2: Michael Cathcart
Spokane County Commissioner Dist. 3: Josh Kerns
Spokane County Commissioner Dist. 4: Mary Kunej and Paul Brian Noble
Spokane County Commissioner Dist. 5: Al French
Recommended:
Spokane County District Court Judge:
Pos. 6: Deanna Crull

SAVE THE DATES

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

Republican Women [and Men] Gathered on a Summer's Evening

Ponderosa Republican Women of Spokane gathered for the 2nd Annual Sharon Silzel Garden Party on August 4, 2022.



Sharon Silzel was a long-time member of PRW after working at the White House in Washington DC. She relentlessly supported Republican candidates, raised funds and kept the club going strong. Sadly, in 2020 Sharon passed away and her husband, Jack Silzel, is keeping her memory alive by sponsoring this annual garden party.

Nearly 100 attended the event, held at a residence of relatives of Jack's. Attendees included Mayor Nadine Woodward, US Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers and U.S. Senate candidate Tiffany Smiley. Additionally, County Commissioners Mary Kunej and Josh Kerns, County Clerk Tim Fitzgerald and a number of GOP candidates were there.

The soothing sounds of live guitar music provided a relaxing backdrop for conversation and mingling. Everyone enjoyed the delicious salads, breads, cheesecake and wine provided by the hosts. A silent auction and wine pull helped the club raise funds for initiatives such as growing the club, educating members and sending members to state-wide meetings.

Jack Silzel asked everyone to hold strong and keep fighting for what is right.

To join Ponderosa Republican Women go to www.ponderosarepublicanwomen.com. Men are welcome to join as associate members.



*Pictures from the
successful Unity in
the Community
Event:*



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

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

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SUPPORT US

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

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 more information at terrizalevits@gmail.com.