

Dear Republican Friends,

Remember when a parade was a celebration...And a county fair was a recognition of who we were... are... and could be? A chance to show our kids and grandkids our love of country, and its traditions? To teach them that all politics are local, and that rebuilding America begins at home.

Like the great poet Langston Hughes, we, too, want "America to be America again." In fact, we long for it.

We long for a country with candidates who strive to make things better. Who will fight for the people and represent our needs. Who will leave the job better than they found it.

We also long for an electorate that has its eyes wide open. Who knows they can't rely on others to keep them free. Who shows up to vote, to march, to champion, to support, to elect... and to be an example to the children.

"America can be America again" – at least for next weekend. **Come to the Summit County Fair in Coalville next Saturday, August 13**th. Meet the Republican candidates who will work to restore balance to current all-Democrat County Council -- John "Jack" Murphy and Holly McClure. Help us re-elect State Representatives Kera Birkeland and Mike Kohler, and State Senators Ron Winterton and later, John Johnson.

Be the electorate that's willing to participate and make your presence known. Come to Coalville's Main Street (the Chevron at 5 North Main) to help decorate at 9. Then march and carry signs in the parade at 10.

Come talk to candidates. And help us welcome disenchanted Democrats and the No-Longer-So-Undecideds who visit our GOP booth throughout the day. We'll have plenty of conversation and a good, old-fashioned lemonade stand to match our good, old-fashioned values. We'll even play an "elections" corn hole game. Come help us rebuild our party one voter at a time.

Going to be out of town that day? Don't worry, we can use your help with the Park City parade on Miner's Day, September 5th.

And save the date September 14th for Movie Night with Senator John Johnson and his documentary on CRT. More details to follow.

This is not just a parade, it's a chance to be heard. To show the Summit County GOP is strong. If you can help us at any of these events, please let me know. We only get the local government that we earn.

Karen Ballash Chair, Summit County GOP