

IFRW Biennial Convention September 25, 2026

Highlights of 2026 Madison County Republican Women's Club

The Madison County Republican Women's Club has continued to fulfill its mission to help our citizens become informed voters and to encourage them to get out the vote. This year we also wanted to help celebrate the 250th anniversary of America's Independence.

We started the year with a Declaration of Independence art and poetry contest for 5th graders, who are studying American History. Our Republican women helped judge the entries (one was an author of poetry and former BYU English teacher and the other a local artist). Another Republican woman, an artist and graphic designer, made impressive awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. We held an assembly at the school and had the *State Ambassadors for the 250th Celebration* join us with displays, special buttons and stickers for every student, and a video presentation with a question-and-answer period. We presented the first-place winner of the art contest with two free art lessons from a professional artist and the first place poetry winner received a session with a local and famous author. The Madison County Republican Women's Club also gave a pizza party to the class who had the most entries.

For two of our meetings this year, we invited every contested Republican candidate running in the primaries to share their platform with us and answer questions. For one of our meetings, we had our own legislators give a report on the past legislative session followed by a Q&A.

When Proposition 1 -which is the extreme abortion bill akin to what California has in place- officially made it on the ballot in July, our club invited David Ripley from Boise to instruct us on what that proposition was all about and how it would affect our current laws. We took that issue very seriously and purchased signs and got palm cards. We marched in the Pioneer Day parade and handed out a thousand palm cards, which had just been printed by the state GOP.

This month we rented a booth at the Experience Rexburg event and informed people about the dangers of Proposition 1. People who came to our booth were first drawn in because they could spin for prizes that we had made or purchased-and we were able to hand out hundreds of palm cards and answer questions. We had dozens of Idaho citizens take a picture of a QR code we provided, which took them right to the site to register to vote online. People from Texas, Florida, Arizona and Kansas visiting the event also met with us to say they had the exact same proposition come up on their ballot. The Kansas family mentioned that they had a majority of conservatives in their state who agreed to vote down the proposition, but not enough Republican voters came out to vote and it just barely passed. This family from Kansas had just moved to Idaho. I hope we don't disappoint them. Proposition 1 must fail in a big way and show the opposition to take their liberal ideas elsewhere. We all need to work to remind all our Idaho Republicans to get out and vote Nov 3. Thank you.

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