

Deficit on the minds of Republicans

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With very few races this election year, Republicans gathered at Phillips County Event Center Sunday, Feb. 19 to enjoy some time with friends and fellow party members.

One of the key words to be heard during the event was deficit. Three legislators attended the annual Lincoln Day event to speak their mind on the deficit, among other issues.

Colorado Representative Jerry Sonnenberg spoke about a bill he is carrying with Senator Scott Renfroe from Weld County to help with the deficit.



U.S. Congressman Cory Gardner was the featured speaker during Sunday's Lincoln Day Luncheon.
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“You need to get involved,” Sonnenberg said. “You need to stay involved because the truth is, if we don’t change the direction our federal government is going and change who is in the White House, we are crossing a threshold I believe in the United States of America, that we may have trouble going back after.”

Senator Greg Brophy also spoke about the nation’s debt. “I am not sure that there is a good way to get out of this. I’m positive that working together we could actually do it and that we have a bright future ahead of us but it’s going to take real leaders,” Brophy said.

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Featured speaker for the event was U.S. Congressman Cory Gardner. Gardner went back in time to speak about President Abe Lincoln. Gardner felt it was relevant due to the fact the next day was President's Day. He ran through the story of Gettysburg. Gardner also read Lincoln's famous Gettysburg Address.



Colorado Representative Jerry Sonnenberg

"We think about the challenges this country faces," Gardner said. "We think about the \$16 trillion debt. We think about the challenges to our liberties and those constitutional principles that we see each and every day. And we realize we are still fighting over the future of this country."

County Republican Chair Steve Young announced two candidates for the only statewide race this year. Brian Davidson and Matt Arnold are the two candidates for CU Regent at large. Neither was present or represented at Sunday's event.

Young also announced Phillips County Commissioners Jerry Beavers and Bud Biesemeier have decided not to run for re-election this year. Young thanked the duo for their time they have spent working for Phillips County as commissioners the past 12 years.

Three Holyoke Voice of Democracy contest winners shared their speeches which focused on the topic "Is there pride in serving in the military?" The touching speeches crawled into the hearts and minds of those attending. Trevor Dalton, Jeremy Loutensock and Ben Martinez

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shared their winning speeches from the 2011 contest.



State Senator Greg Brophy

County elected officials who were introduced at Sunday's Lincoln Day event included Commissioners Bud Biesemeier, Jerry Beavers and Joe Kinnie; Treasurer Linda Statz; Assessor Doug Kamery; and Clerk Beth Cumming.

A silent auction was held throughout the event which gave those attending the chance to bid on some great items.

The soup luncheon was prepared by Linda Statz and Randy Beal gave the invocation.

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