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STORY COUNTY REPUBLICAN NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates:

- Ames Conservative Women, Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 PM, Ascension Lutheran Church, 2400 Bloomington Rd., Ames
- Meet & Greet with Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, Monday, May 20th at 5:00 PM, Oakwood Road Community Center, 2400 Oakwood Rd., Ames
- Central Committee meeting: Monday, May 20th at 7:00 PM, Oakwood Road Community Center, 2400 Oakwood Rd., Ames

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Greetings Fellow Republicans!

May is upon us, and while the snow continues to fall, things continue to heat up in the political world. With the announcements by Congressman Steve King, Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, and Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey that they will not seek the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Tom Harkin, activity appears to be picking up as potential candidates test the waters for a run. A lively and spirited primary is sure to come, and voters in Story County look forward to meeting each of the candidates and discussing the issues in the front of their minds.

Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds will be visiting with friends of the

Story County GOP on Monday, May 20th at 5:00 PM. They will greet attendees over coffee and cookies at the Oakwood Road Community Center. There is no cost to attend, but free will donations will be encouraged and appreciated. Our regular Central Committee meeting will follow at 7:00 PM.

The Story County GOP Century Club is now in full swing, with the gracious backing of Congressman King. Fundraising letters were sent out last week, and the response so far has been very encouraging. If you are interested in donating \$100 to join the Century Club, [e-mail me](#) for more information.

Our Co-Chairman Jim Lohr has

been working hard on setting the framework for our door knocking operations for this year and beyond. With improved organization, we can better focus on achieving Republican victories at all levels of government, ensuring a stronger future for our city, county, state, and country.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every person who helps our committee function smoothly. As we continue to grow, I can't express enough how grateful I am to see people willing to serve. Please, stay engaged and remain vigilant. We are in this fight together!!

Regards,
Dane Nealson, Chairman
Story County Republicans

KING WILL NOT RUN FOR U.S. SENATE

Congressman Steve King announced to his friends, family, advisors and supporters that he will not seek the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Tom Harkin in 2014.

In a statement posted online, King stated, "I will not run for Senate in 2014. A Senate race takes me out of urgent battles in Congress that can't wait until 2015. Many thanks to all."

Congressman Tom Latham, Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, and Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey have all announced they will not be running for the U.S. Senate. Several names remain in the spotlight, including Iowa Secretary of State Matt Schultz, Sen. Grassley's Chief of Staff David Young, State Senator Joni Ernst of Red Oak, and former U.S. Attorney Matt Whitaker, who became the first Republican to announce a run for U.S. Senate.

Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds has encouraged State Senator Joni Ernst to run, even though her daughter works for Secretary of State Matt Schultz, a potential candidate himself.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Story County nametags are available to Central Committee members for \$35 each. If you'd like to order a nametag, please contact Jim Lohr: jlohr10@mchsi.com

The Finance Committee has begun planning for fundraisers in 2013, including for our annual Judge Joseph Story Dinner, our annual fall Chili Supper, as well as some other options.

If you'd like to serve on the Finance Committee, please contact [Jeff Ortiz](#).

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

The Story County GOP Organization Committee will be meeting on a date prior to the next Central Committee. A date/time/location have yet to be determined. If you would like to serve on the Organization Committee, please contact [Judy Trumpy](#).

The Committee met last time to plan ongoing activities around walking a neighborhood in each precinct in the county. Jim Lohr is currently working on the mapping / walking program, and identifying registered Republicans by precinct. Here is your opportunity to get involved further by selecting 1, 2, or 3 pre-ordained "walking neighborhoods" in your precinct. You can recruit your conservative friends and neighbors to help you get the message out about our Mayor and City Council candidates in Ames. Additionally, we will be encouraging people to vote early, fill out absentee ballot applications, and follow through to see that ballots have been returned to the County Auditor's office. We will be doing this county wide. Get geared up for 2013 and 2014!!!

The Story County GOP will be participating in the Scandinavian Days Parade on Saturday, June 8th. We will also be participating in the Ames 4th of July Parade on Thursday, July 4th.

If you are interested in joining the Organization Committee either as a parade/festival participant or becoming an on-going member of our volunteer program, please contact Judy.

Thank you for your enthusiastic involvement!

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

We released another issue of the newsletter for April. This month's newsletter marks our 12th issue, a whole year (13 months actually, but who's counting?). We've crossed over 100 "Likes" on our "[Republican Party of Story County](#)" Facebook page, and now have nearly 400 followers on Twitter. Please "Like" our new Facebook page, and "Follow" us on Twitter.

Our Facebook group "[Story County Iowa GOP](#)" is still available for sharing relevant news of the day, and for discussion among our members.

Our next newsletter will be out by May 31st. Newsletter submissions are due by May 20th. Please send your submissions via e-mail (included in the e-mail or as an attachment) to:

dustyjuhl@gmail.com.

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CLUB UPDATES

ISU COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

The ISU College Republicans meet every Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

Information about meetings and events can be found on our [Facebook](#) page.

We held our last meeting of the semester on Tuesday, April 23rd. We'll see you again next Fall.

For more information, please contact the ISU College Republicans via e-mail at: isucollegerepubs@gmail.com

AMES AREA CONSERVATIVE BREAKFAST

The Ames Area Conservative Breakfast last met on Thursday, April 4th at 7:00 AM.

We will NOT be meeting in May. We are taking a break while we confirm a new location for our meetings. We will continue, as this is a very important part of keeping up with our government and what is happening at the Iowa Capitol.

If you know of anyone who would make great speakers, please let us know as we love surprising you with new information.

Thank you to all our faithful attendees.

Sincerely,
[Loretta Parker](#)
[Janelle Stephens](#)

AMES AREA CONSERVATIVE WOMEN

The Ames Area Conservative Women meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 PM at Ascension Lutheran Church on Bloomington Rd.

We'll be discussing care packages for the Marines we've been supporting, as well as notes to our wounded warriors, Jake and Taylor.

For more information, please contact: [Janelle Stephens](#)

Also, please visit our [website](#).

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*Please join us at our
next meeting in May.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14—Ames Area Conservative Women, Ascension Lutheran Church, 2400 Bloomington Rd., 7:00 PM

May 20—Story County Republican Central Committee, Oakwood Road Church, 2400 Oakwood Rd., Ames, 7:00 PM

School Board meetings

Ames Community School District: Board meets 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Ames High School multipurpose room.

Ballard Community Schools: Board meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the "3C" building.

Collins-Maxwell School District: Board meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the school library.

Gilbert Community School District: Board meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 6:00 PM at the High School Media Center.

Nevada Community School District: Board meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 PM at 1035 15th St. in Nevada.

Roland-Story Community School District: Board meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the board room at the high school.

County Board of Supervisors

Story County Board of Supervisors: Board meets every Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM in the Public Meeting Room, 900 Sixth St., Second Floor, in Nevada.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Our next newsletter will be out by May 31st. If you have something you'd like to include, or have something to share, please send it to Dusty Juhl with the Publicity Committee by **No Later Than (NLT) May 20th!!** Please include your updates in an e-mail or e-mail attachment to: dustyjuhl@gmail.com

Thanks,

The Publicity Committee