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Important Dates:

- Davis for Senate Fundraiser with Congressman Tom Latham, Monday, May 12th, 5:30—7:00 PM, Somerset Clubhouse, 2400 Aspen Rd., Ames
- Central Committee meeting: Monday, May 19th at 7:00 PM, Oakwood Road Community Center, 2400 Oakwood Rd., Ames

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Greetings fellow Republicans!

April showers bring May flowers, in addition to a lot of activity for your local Story County Republicans.

First and foremost, I want to give a great big THANK YOU to all who volunteered for and participated in the inaugural Story County Freedom Run 5K and One Mile Walk on April 5th. The event was an incredible success story for our committee, raising well over \$5,000 for the Story County Freedom Flight.

We received front page coverage in the Ames Tribune and also received great publicity in the Nevada Journal and Story City Herald. Dozens of sponsors and volunteers were involved in a total team success.



In particular, I would like to thank Brett Barker, who helped co-organize the event, planned the course, and brought in many sponsors; Ben DuBois, who recruited a number of sponsors, put in long hours

designing our event t-shirts, and who's company, Liberty Tree Advertising, donated the t-shirts at cost; Laura Carlson, who oversaw the race day registration and check-in process; and Kathy Thom, who oversaw the kitchen operations for the post-race pancake breakfast.

With the Freedom Run now in the rearview, our committee has turned its focus on a strong effort heading into election season. This week, we sent out our Century Club letters for 2014-15. By donating \$100 to join the Story County GOP Century Club, members will receive a discounted rate to the annual Judge Joseph Story Dinner, and will also receive priority seating at all Story County GOP functions. Many thanks to the volunteers who showed up on Monday evening to prepare the Century Club letters to be mailed. Planning has also begun on the 2014 Judge Joseph Story Dinner; stay tuned to the Story County Republicans' Facebook page for more details to come.

The Fourth District Republican Convention was held last Saturday. Story County boasted

the largest delegation of any county in the district. A sincere thank you to all who attended; our county has made great strides the last few years, and it showed through our numbers at the District Convention.



Congratulations to Cody Hoefert, Gabe Haugland, Jamie Johnson, and Gary Nystrom, who were elected to serve as our fourth district State Central Committee members for the next two years.

As always, please contact me with any questions or comments you have regarding the Story County GOP.

Thank you for all you do on behalf of our party.

Best wishes,

Dane Neilson, Chairman
Story County Republicans
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COMMITTEE UPDATES

FUNDRAISING & EVENTS 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

Planning is underway for our annual Judge Joseph Story Dinner. We will also be sending out letters soon, encouraging people to join our Century Club. We have a number of other fundraising ideas. If you'd like to organize a possible fundraising event, please contact Jeff Ortiz.

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

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Congratulations to all who attended as Delegates to the District Convention. Story County had the highest number of delegates in attendance, and the best representation in the District. We hope you will continue on with that enthusiasm as we prepare to vote in the June 3rd Primary, attend the State Convention, and as we work on getting out the vote this November through door-to-door canvassing, distributing absentee ballot request forms, and getting voters to the polls, either for early voting or on Election Day. We will need ALL hands on deck for this final drive.

Please consider joining the current members of the Organization Committee in getting out the vote for the 2014 election. Active members of the Organization Committee include: Jim Lohr, Cory Adams, Ben DuBois, Loretta Parker, Sheryl Soden, and Judy Trumpy, Chair.

Please consider this an invitation to join our Committee and get involved with any of the activities mentioned above. You do not need to be a Central Committee member in order to participate on the committee.

Please contact Judy Trumpy at jmtrumpy@gmail.com for meeting notices and other planned activities. Thank you in advance!!

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The Publicity Committee meets at 6:30 pm just prior to every Central Committee meeting. We released another issue of the newsletter for April. As always, you can add discussion items to our Google Group for all Story County Republicans. You can find it by searching for "[Story County GOP](#)". This is a PRIVATE group, so you must join in order to view the discussion board. We now have over 200 "Likes" on our "[Republican Party of Story County](#)" Facebook page, and over 500 followers on Twitter. Please "Like" our Facebook page, and "Follow" us on Twitter. And don't forget to visit our website: storycountygop.com

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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CO-CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Thanks to those 51 of you (out of 54) who took the long trek to Storm Lake for the 4th District Convention. That's better than 90% attendance—and the longest drive it had been yet. That's great folks!!

On the way back, our carload was discussing politics (Can you imagine that?) and one of the passengers coined a delightful title, "Hillary Clinton—The Belle of Benghazi"! It does have a certain ring to it doesn't it? Spread it and maybe we can make it stick. We would have loads of talent for President in 2016 on our side, while the Democrats are limited to just one "Ding-A-Ling"!

Recently, I was having a discussion about the role we Republicans will need to play on an on-going basis. There are serious needs in society and in the world and while universities may identify them and government may fund them, solutions have to come out of the private economy. That's us folks. "Republicans build solutions!" Here are just a couple that were discussed—please comment if you like them, help us flesh them out, and build support for them.

1. Many people with legitimate serious physical and mental health needs do qualify for Medicaid. In 2009, the *Des Moines Register* identified that large percentages of them are turned down when they apply to Social Security. In fact, it may take as many as five rounds of appeals and several years—and even then, 15% are not allowed to receive legitimate help for their needs. Ironically, that was the same percentage who were without health insurance (for many reasons) before the great takeover of Obamacare. I wrote to Senator Grassley and our then-Congressman Latham suggesting a computerized survey of say the last 1,000 applicants who had recently been granted Social Security benefits to find out what had been on their applications, then model those for the doctors with the guarantee that if those blanks in the form were filled out with information, accurately and fully, the application would be approved by Social Security for the applicant's benefits. It would save doctors and families an incredible amount of paperwork, the applicant years of pain and frustration. It would also cut out mobs of law firms in the "6 of 10" richest counties in the nation around Washington, D.C., living off us taxpayers and the pain of the applicants. Never heard back from either member of Congress. Does that sound like a good enough "Republican Solution" you could get behind, help flesh out, and make happen?

2. I am spending (I hope not wasting) much of my retirement volunteering for the Republican Party for a number of reasons, two of which are: building private employment to solve the nation's and the world's real problems, and attempting to corral the huge growth in strangulation by government bureaucracies. I just passed on to Congressman King and one of the U.S. Senate Candidates the idea of either Congress or the Republican National Committee buying or leasing time from a supercomputer. I would use that to make a single database of federal rules, searchable by occupation, location, need, etc., so there would be one source for all. It could give individuals direct summaries of laws that would affect their businesses and/or lives. It would also give Congressional Oversight committees a handle on just what the individual regulations are, to limit their strangleholds on individuals, businesses, and even the subordinate units of government—states, counties, cities, school boards, etc. One source claims we have doubled the amount of federal regulations during Obama's six years—putting an additional set of brakes on any economic growth. (Oh, and hasn't the national debt gone up a bit too, paying all those good bureaucrats to develop all those new stultifying regulations?)

So what do you think? Are these two ideas you would help develop and promote? Do you have amendments or better ideas? Let's clarify who is altruistically trying to help the American people—rather than just making them dependent on government. Let's develop and promote useful ideas for solving our problems—rather than dependency on those who couldn't and wouldn't implement them anyway. Let's develop a "Story County Republican Idea Bank!" (Okay, you name it, but let's do it!) Put your ideas in, too, and we'll try to catch the wind in our sails and move ahead!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12—Davis for Iowa Senate Fundraiser with Congressman Tom Latham, Somerset Clubhouse, 2229 Lincoln Way, Ames, 5:30 PM

May 19—Story County Republican Central Committee, Oakwood Road Community Center, 2400 Oakwood Rd., Ames, 7:00 PM

June 3—2014 Republican Primary

June 14—2014 Iowa GOP State Convention, Des Moines

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.

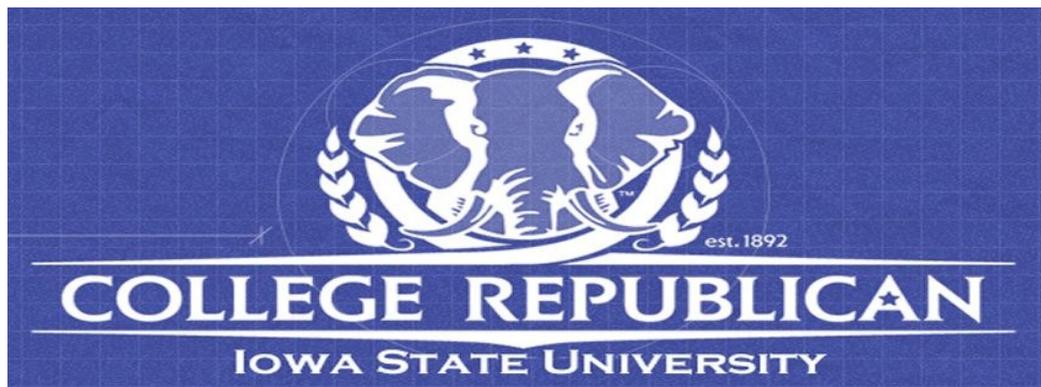
Roland-Story Community School District: Board meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the board room at the high school.

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.

Don't see your event listed? Send it to us at: publicity@storycountygop.com

CLUB UPDATES



The [Iowa State University College Republicans](#) held a U.S. Senate Candidate Forum on Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:30 PM in the Sun Room at the Iowa State Memorial Union.

The ISU College Republicans are on break until the Fall semester.

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

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

AMES AREA CONSERVATIVE BREAKFAST

With the rush to end the Legislative session this year, the Ames Conservative Breakfast will NOT be meeting in May.

The Ames Area Conservative Breakfast last met on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 7:00 AM at the Pizza Ranch, 1404 Boston Ave., in Ames.

Our first speaker was Tom Shaw. Tom is a State Representative for House District 10, from Laurens. After high school, Tom enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he attained the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer. After 20 years of service, he retired in 2002. After his retirement, Tom and his wife moved back to his hometown, where he joined the Laurens Police Department, becoming the Chief of Police in 2006. Tom was elected to the Iowa House in 2010 and in 2012, but is retiring this year.

Our second speaker was Scott Schaben, Candidate for U.S. Senate. After high school, Scott enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served for 6 years. He is an Iowa State graduate, with a B.S. in Marketing. He currently works as a Sales Manager for a local dealership in Ames.

Please watch for information regarding our next meeting in June.

Sincerely,

[Loretta Parker](#), [Janelle Stephens](#), and [Cory Adams](#)

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

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DISTRICT CONVENTION ELECTIONS

The Delegates to the 4th District Convention in Storm Lake voted to elect four members to the Republican Party of Iowa State Central Committee for a two-year term, beginning at the close of the 2014 State Convention.

Congratulations to the members of the State Central Committee from the 4th District for 2014–2016:

Cody Hoefert (current member), Lyon County

Gabe Haugland (newly elected), Cerro Gordo County

Jamie Johnson (current member), Webster County

Gary Nystrom (newly elected), Boone County

Delegates also elected members for each of the Standing Committees for the State Convention: Credentials (2), Rules (2), and Platform (4).

Congratulations to **Caleb Bell** from Ames, who was elected to the State Convention Rules Committee.

The standing committees will meet on Saturday, May 10th at RPI Headquarters to make arrangements for the upcoming State Convention on Saturday, June 14th.

MEETING REMINDER

Your attendance at Central Committee meetings is important. Please notify the Secretary, Chairman, or Co-Chairman via text, e-mail, or by telephone if you will be absent.

Respectfully,

Laura Carlson, Secretary

Story County Republicans

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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