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STORY COUNTY REPUBLICAN NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates:

- Ames Area Conservative Breakfast, Thursday, November 6th at 7:00 AM, Pizza Ranch, 1404 Boston Ave., Ames
- Central Committee meeting: Monday, November 17th at 7:00 PM, Oakwood Road Community Center, 2400 Oakwood Rd., Ames
- Ames Area Conservative Breakfast, Thursday, December 4th at 7:00 AM, Pizza Ranch, 1404 Boston Ave., Ames
- Reminder: There will NOT be a Central Committee meeting in December.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Greetings Republicans!

I hope you have all had a chance to catch a breath after a hectic election season! This Election Day was a great day for Republicans across Iowa and across the country, with Joni Ernst becoming the first female combat veteran to be elected to the U.S. Senate, and the first woman to represent Iowa at the Federal level. In fact, after the election, Republicans hold both of Iowa's seats in the U.S. Senate, and three of Iowa's four seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Additionally, Governor Branstad was re-elected with ease, and in two years will become the longest-serving Governor in U.S. history. Governor Branstad carried 98 of Iowa's 99 counties, including a trouncing of his opponent by 2,000 votes in Story County. Locally, Bill Dix was re-elected to the Iowa

Senate, Representatives Dave Deyoe and Rob Bacon were re-elected to the Iowa House, Rick Sanders was re-elected to the Story County Board of Supervisors, Renee Twedt was re-elected as Story County Treasurer, and Stacie Herridge was elected to her first term as the Story County Recorder.

For the many electoral successes, the night was not without disappointment, at the local level particularly. As we look forward to 2015 and beyond, we must look at what we did right as a committee, as well as what we could have done better. This will be an on-going process, as it is one of the chief responsibilities of the Story County GOP to aid in electing Republicans at all levels.

To those who stepped forward and put their name on the ballot in an attempt to serve the American people, I say "Thank

You". To those who stepped forward and spent time knocking on doors or making phone calls, I say "Thank You". To those who have spent time in helping to pull off successful events like the Freedom Run 5K, the Judge Joseph Story Dinner, and the Wendy Jensen Chili Supper, I say "Thank You". Lastly, to Dusty Juhl, who has produced the Story County GOP monthly newsletter for the past several years, but will be resigning from our committee as he moves closer to work, I say "Thank You".

To each and every one of you, I hope you had a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Best wishes,
Dane

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NEW COUNTY CO-CHAIRMAN ELECTED

Congratulations to Brett Barker of Nevada, who was elected as the new Story County GOP Co-Chairman at the November meeting of the Story County Republican Central Committee. Brett has served on the Nevada City Council, and has been a long-time member of the Central Committee. He'll fill the term of outgoing Co-Chairman Jim Lohr, until elections are held early next year.

Thank you to Jim Lohr, who has served as the Co-Chairman for several years, and dedicated his "golden years" to growing the party, and especially in organizing the party for the Caucus-to-Convention process, creating precinct walk lists, guiding the By-Law revision process, and providing his parliamentary expertise. Jim will continue to serve as a member of the Central Committee.

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

We enjoyed another incredible event with the annual Wendy Jensen Memorial Chili Supper on Monday, October 27th. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and to everyone who volunteered to make our event so successful.

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

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

To everyone who made an effort to Get Out the Vote, congratulations on a successful 2014 mid-term election.

We have experienced remarkable election results, hard won by the candidates. We are grateful to those who put themselves out there as candidates and attempted to get their conservative message across to the voting public. We will be elated for days and weeks. We will watch how our elected representatives in Congress and our local, county, and state officials fulfill their campaign promises and work toward fulfilling them.

Our work has *really* just begun as citizens and as members of the Story County Republican Party. Before we move on however, please take a moment to review how much time and effort you may have given toward helping our local and state candidates in getting out the vote. Did you give an hour or two and/or an afternoon walking a neighborhood? Could you have done one more hour on another day to educate voters about our candidates? The Victory Office near the ISU campus reported there were many days when the phones were silent with callers and walking clipboards laid idle on the table. Unless someone lets you know the outcome of having a staffed Victory Office, you will have no idea of what it takes to get our candidates elected. Our electorate needs to be informed, and YOU are often the one who can share your impression of our candidates. Get ready for 2016 and resolve to give more of your time in the upcoming months. Look at what we did. Think of what we can do. Thank you for your service.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

We released another issue of the newsletter for October. We're looking for a volunteer to continue producing the newsletter. Please contact [Jeff Angelo](#) if you're interested. 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 325 "Likes" on our "[Republican Party of Story County](#)" Facebook page, and over 725 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 December 31st. Newsletter submissions are due by December 20th. Please send your submissions via e-mail (included in the e-mail or as an attachment) to: jeff.angelo@gmail.com.

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PROCLAMATION OF THANKSGIVING, 1863

Washington, D.C.
October 3, 1863

By the President of the United States of America.

A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People.

I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln

William H. Seward,
Secretary of State

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4—Ames Area Conservative Breakfast, Pizza Ranch, 1404 Boston Ave., Ames, 7:00—8:15 AM

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.

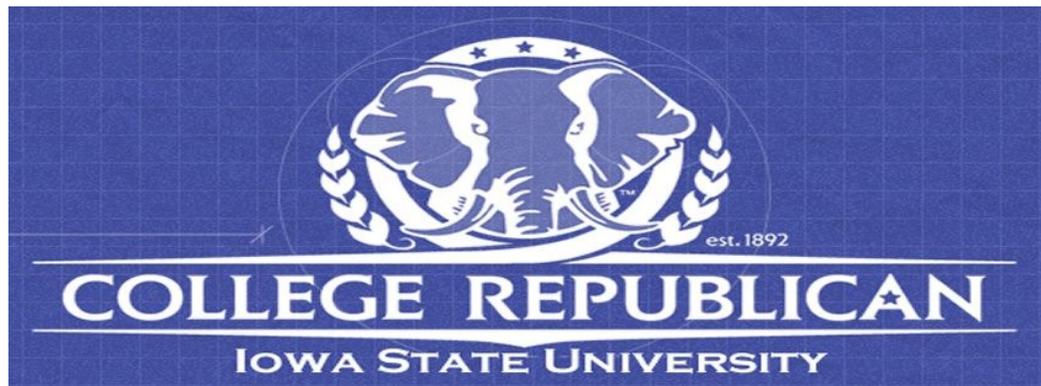
Roland-Story Community School District: Board meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the board room at the high school.

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 ISU College Republicans have returned for 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

The Ames Area Conservative Breakfast last met on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 7:00 AM at the Pizza Ranch, 1404 Boston Ave., in Ames.

We celebrated our election successes with a number of elected/re-elected officials and candidates in attendance.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 7:00 AM at the Pizza Ranch in Ames. We will be having a Politically Incorrect Christmas Party. Use of the word "Christmas" is highly encouraged.

The only cost is the breakfast buffet—including breakfast pizza, sausage and biscuits, and a salad bar with fruit—and a drink, so please join us on Thursday, and bring a friend!!!

Sincerely,

[Loretta Parker](#), [Laura Carlson](#), and [Cory Adams](#)

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

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STORY COUNTY GOP FOOD DRIVE

Members of the Story County Republican Central Committee collected donations, canned food and other items at the November Central Committee meeting, to be donated to local food pantries in Story County. Thank you to everyone who donated.



This is the 2nd year members have donated and collected items, as a way of giving back to our community. Only a fraction of the food available at local food banks comes from individual donations.

The [Food Bank of Iowa](#) provides a list of local food pantries in Story County. We encourage everyone to support your local food pantry by donating so that everyone can celebrate a happy and healthy holiday season.

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 December 31st. If you have something you'd like to include, or have something to share, please send it to Jeff Angelo with the Publicity Committee by **No Later Than (NLT) December 20th!!** Please include your updates in an e-mail or e-mail attachment to: jeff.angelo@gmail.com

Thanks,

The Publicity Committee