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Important Dates:

- Ames Area Conservative Breakfast Club, Thursday, December 5th at 7:00 AM, Pizza Ranch, 1404 Boston Ave., Ames
- Central Committee meeting: Monday, December 16th at 7:00 PM, Oakwood Road Community Center, 2400 Oakwood Rd., Ames

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Season's Greetings!

In case you missed it, Republicans scored a major victory in the Special Election for Iowa Senate District 13, with Senator-elect Julian Garrett amassing an advantage of 60% to 40%.

Why is this relevant to those of us in Story County? It was a textbook example of what can happen when Republicans of all stripes come together and put in the hard work necessary to execute a successful game plan. When we, as grassroots activists, come together and put forth a united voice, great things can happen. A solid game plan, an impressive volunteer force, and adequate financial resources will be our way forth in the 2014 midterm elections as we work to lay claim to our open U.S. Senate seat, as well as holding our majority in the Iowa House and achieving a majority in the

Iowa Senate.

As the new year quickly approaches, I would encourage each Republican reading this to become engaged in the process. Our Central Committee consists of three standing committees: Finance, Organization, and Publicity. In December, our committee will vote whether or not to add a fourth committee dealing specifically with events. Anybody can serve on these standing committees; individuals need not be a member of the Story County GOP Central Committee in order to serve. The ultimate success of our committee in the 2014 election cycle will depend largely upon the work of these committees to provide the resources mentioned previously that were so critical to our success in Senate District 13. Additionally, as Central Committee members, we are expected to step forth and be leaders within our precincts and our

communities as a whole.

As a final note, don't forget to attend your precinct caucuses on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at 7:00 PM. There will be four precinct caucus locations, located in Ames, Nevada, Story City, and Huxley. You can find more information about the location for your precinct inside this newsletter. The direction of our party is determined starting at the precinct caucuses, and it is important that you make your voice heard.

I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas. Thank you, as always, for all the work you do on behalf of the Republican Party.

Sincerely,

Dane Neelson, Chairman
Story County Republicans
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SUPPORT OUR FOOD DRIVE

The Story County GOP Central Committee is collecting donations and canned goods at our next Central Committee meeting, to be donated to local food banks as a way for us to give back to our community.

We ask those attending our next Central Committee meeting to please bring a donation of canned food items. Cash donations will also be accepted. We will be taking pictures of our donations in order to submit to local media outlets, as well as to post on our website, and to include in a future edition of our newsletter.

Let's help those less fortunate in our community have a happy and healthy holiday season!!!

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 proposed Spring Golf Tournament fundraiser has been shelved for the moment. 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 Finance Committee, please contact [Jeff Ortiz](#).

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Plans for the Iowa Republican Caucus continue to evolve. The Caucus will take place on January 21, 2014, beginning at 7:00 PM at various locations around Story County. A full list of precincts and their locations is included elsewhere in this newsletter. If you are a Central Committee member representing your precinct, you will be asked to help conduct your Caucus and facilitate the voting. Please step up when called!!

Members of the Organization Committee include: Jim Lohr, Loretta Parker, Ben DuBois, Cory Adams, and Judy Trump, Chair. Would you like to volunteer with the Organization Committee? You do not need to be a Central Committee member in order to participate on the committee. If you would like to be included in future meeting notifications, please contact Judy Trumpy at jmtrumpy@gmail.com.

As part of our effort to reach out to the community, we launched a canned food drive, beginning at our November Central Committee meeting, continuing at our December meeting. Please bring a donated item to the next Central Committee meeting. We will donate everything collected to the local food pantry.

As Story County Republicans, we want to be active and supporting members of our communities, during the holiday season, and all throughout the year. Thank you for your enthusiastic involvement!

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

We released another issue of the newsletter for November. We've posted a number of discussion items to our new Google Group to encourage open discussion among 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. Our new website is up and running at storycountygop.com. We've crossed over 175 "Likes" on our "[Republican Party of Story County](#)" Facebook page, and now have nearly 450 followers on Twitter. Please "Like" our 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 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:

dustyjuhl@gmail.com.

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CO-CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

As I have been expecting, and probably many of you were expecting as well, Obama has put off the 2nd round of insurance company's coverage denial letters until near the 2014 elections. We can only hope the storms of protests are even louder from regular citizens then.

But the media "mediates" all voters' responses. If we cannot break through to the "low information voters" in spite of the media's continuing support of "All Things Obama", we may lose in the 2014 midterm elections as well. The media is somewhat right in calling us Republicans the "Party of No", since we only spend time and media coverage denouncing further federal regulations on, and/or takeovers of, complete industries. Obamacare was designed to take over, neutralize, and totally eliminate the private health insurers, individual medical practitioners, and major medical providers. (If you ever wanted to visit the Mayo Clinic, do it now—it will be "off-limits" once Obamacare is in full force.)

There are three actions I believe we Republicans should be taking not only at the national level, but also at our county level:

1. Develop databases and publicize Republican private-sector solutions and proposed legislation. We consider Obamacare to be a failure, because it was not ready for the "rollout". If John Deere marketed a new tractor or Boeing marketed a new plane without full development and testing, they would be laughed off the planet. But the government has unlimited money (taxes) and immunity from lawsuits (they can only be sued if they allow it). Once Obamacare was passed by the Congress, Democrats don't care how much money it takes, how long it takes, nor what flaws it may have — it will limp along until full implementation happens. Senator Mike Lee from Utah has several new legislative proposals using the private sector — and we should learn them and be able to support and publicize them, among others.
2. Develop our analytical and writing skills to reach at least the literate portion of the voters. They may still be too busy and be "low information voters" but we must develop the skills to break through to them — so solid Republican proposals can be heard.
3. We need to support each other. How many of you subscribe to the *Ames Tribune*? How many read our County Treasurer, Frank Seydel's humorous satire of Obamacare using popular song titles that were being sung. Frank wisely included "I Can't Get No Satisfaction" for the Republican Congress as well as providing Kathleen Sebelius' tribute to Obama, "Here He Comes, That's Kathy's Clown!" If you read it, did you give Frank a call or send him a copy in an e-mail? (I did, by the way.) We need to reinforce each other for taking the time and effort to provide letters to the editor. The *Ames Tribune* limits letters to 300 words, and only allows one letter per month per writer. If we could develop a group of 4 or 5 regular writers, we could have a Republican perspective submitted weekly. (My last one was in support of business-growth-oriented Ames City Council members — and they published it!) I have been unsuccessful with my last several letters to the editor of the *Des Moines Register*. Would any of you be willing to give them a try—or two or three?

If we support each other and develop positive messages, we may be successful in making contact with the public outside of our group. At least we will know that we tried!

Jim Lohr, Co-Chairman

Story County Republican Party

(Editor's Note: You can find links on our website to submit a [Letter to the Editor](#) to a number of local publications. Each publication has its own rules for letters submitted. Please see the rules of the publication for further details.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 5—Ames Area Conservative Breakfast, Pizza Ranch, 1404 Boston Ave., Ames, 7:00 AM

December 16—Story County Republican Central Committee, Oakwood Road Community Center, 2400 Oakwood Rd., Ames, 7:00 PM

January 21—Iowa Republican Caucus, Various locations in Story County (Ames, Huxley, Nevada, and Story City), 7:00 PM

March 8—Story County Republican Convention, Oakwood Road Community Center, 2400 Oakwood Rd., Ames

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

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.

Our Fall College Republican Gala has been postponed. We will announce the re-scheduled date in a future edition of this newsletter.

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 will be meeting on Thursday, December 5th at 7:00 AM, at the Pizza Ranch, 1404 Boston Ave., in Ames.

Our speakers this month will be State Senator Joni Ernst and David Young, Candidates for U.S. Senate.

Joni served as Montgomery County Auditor from 2004-2011. She then ran and was elected in 2011 to serve in the Iowa Senate from District 12, and was re-elected in 2012. Joni has served in the U.S. Army Reserves and the Iowa National Guard. A Lt. Colonel, Ernst currently commands the largest battalion in the Iowa Army National Guard.

David Young has served as Senator Charles Grassley's Chief of Staff for the past 7 years. He attended Buena Vista, and then went on to graduate from Drake. After working for the Bush-Quayle Presidential Campaign in 1992, he went to Washington, D.C., hoping to work for Senator Grassley. David is taking his passion of fighting for the people of Iowa another step forward, running for U.S. Senate.

As always, please join us, and bring a friend. Hope to see you there!!

Sincerely,

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

AMES AREA CONSERVATIVE WOMEN

The Ames Area Conservative Women meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month. We last met on Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00 PM at Ascension Lutheran Church on Bloomington Rd. in Ames, when we hosted several veterans from the American Legion. We will NOT be meeting in December.

We also have a Book Club meeting every month from 7-9:00 PM at the Bertha Bartlett Library in Story City. For details about the next meeting, and the books or topic to be discussed, please contact Laura Carlson at: laura@aacwofowa.org

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

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

*Please join us in
December for our next
meeting at the Pizza
Ranch.*

*We will NOT be
meeting in December.
Please join us at our
next meeting in January.*

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STORY COUNTY CAUCUS LOCATIONS

Tuesday, January 21, 2014, 7:00 PM

***All of Ames, including Kelley, and Franklin, Washington, and Grant precincts

Bethesda Lutheran Church, 1517 Northwestern Ave., Ames IA

***Story City, including Roland, McCallsburg, Zearing, and Lafayette, Howard, Warren, and Lincoln Townships

Roland-Story High School, 1009 Story St., Story City IA

***Nevada, including Fernald, Colo, and Richland, Sherman, Nevada, New Albany, Milford, and Grant Townships

Nevada Baptist Church, 210 W 4th St., Nevada IA

***Huxley, including Slater, Sheldahl, Cambridge, Maxwell, Collins, and Palestine and Union Townships

Ballard Middle School Auditorium, 509 N. Main St., Huxley IA

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 Dusty Juhl with the Publicity Committee by **No Later Than** (NLT) **December 20th!!** Please include your updates in an e-mail or e-mail attachment to: dustyjuhl@gmail.com

Thanks,

The Publicity Committee