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STORY COUNTY REPUBLICAN NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates:

- [2014 Republican Legislative Breakfast](#), Monday, January 13th, 7:00—9:00 AM, Embassy Suites, 101 E. Locust St., Des Moines, Cost: \$50/person, or \$375 for a table of eight (8)
- Central Committee meeting: Monday, January 20th at 7:00 PM, Oakwood Road Community Center, 2400 Oakwood Rd., Ames
- 2014 Iowa Republican Caucus, Tuesday, January 21st at 7:00 PM (see this newsletter for locations)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Greetings fellow Republicans!

The new year is upon us! With the start of 2014, we look forward to the all-important midterm elections in what is a historic election cycle.

With the retirement of Tom Harkin, Iowa has its first wide open U.S. Senate race in 30 years. With the U.S. Senate race, races for Governor and all other statewide executive positions, as well as our local races, 2014 is arguably more important than most presidential election years. Yet, far fewer people are engaged in the political process in these midterm elections. This makes all the work we do as Republicans that much more important, as turning out our party faithful and winning over hearts and minds of independent voters give us great opportunities to make gains at all levels.

President Obama's approval rating in the Des Moines Register's most recent Iowa Poll was just 37%. That is lower than the approval rating of his predecessor, George W. Bush, at this point in his own presidency.

One particular number buried in the article really stood out to me: among voters under the age of 35, an incredible 65% disapproved of President Obama. You read that correctly. Nearly two out of three voters under the age of 35—the same age demographic that the President handily carried in 2008 and 2012—think the President is doing a poor job. With Iowa State University boasting the largest student enrollment of any college in Iowa, and communities with significant populations of young families, Story County has the potential to become a battleground county in 2014.

There is no more basic, grass-roots activity than being involved in your local caucus. That process begins on January 21st. You can continue to be engaged at the County, District, and State Conventions—but it all begins at the precinct level. These party functions directly affect the direction of our party from the ground up.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or comments. I am proud of the work by our committee over the last year. I am even more optimistic about what we will achieve as a team in 2014.

Best wishes, and Happy New Year!

Dane Neelson, Chairman
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STORY COUNTY GOP HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

At our November and December Central Committee meetings, the Story County GOP collected donations and canned goods to be donated to local food banks as a way for us to give back to our community.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.



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 are taking shape. 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 Trumpy, 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. We donated 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 December. 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 website will also be updated soon with Caucus and Convention information, so keep checking storycountygop.com for updates. We've crossed over 175 "Likes" on our "[Republican Party of Story County](#)" Facebook page, and now have nearly 500 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 January 31st. Newsletter submissions are due by January 20th. Please send your submissions via e-mail (included in the e-mail or as an attachment) to:

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Story County Republican Caucus 1/21/2014, 7:00 PM

Additional information online at StoryCountyGOP.com

Pct#	Precinct Name	Caucus Location	Address	City	Del/Alt
1	Ames 1-1	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	8
2	Ames 1-2	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	7
3	Ames 1-3	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	5
4	Ames 1-4	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	5
5	Ames 1-5	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	9
6	Ames 2-1	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	6
7	Ames 2-2	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	6
8	Ames 2-3	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	8
9	Ames 2-4	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	10
10	Ames 2-5	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	12
11	Ames 3-1	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	8
12	Ames 3-2	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	6
13	Ames 3-3	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	4
14	Ames 3-4	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	8
15	Ames 3-5	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	6
16	Ames 4-1	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	7
17	Ames 4-2	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	5
18	Ames 4-3	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	5
19	Ames 4-4	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	6
20	Ames 4-5	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	9
21	Collins Twp/Collins	Nevada Baptist Church	210 West 4th St.	Nevada	3
22	Franklin Twp/Gilbert	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	14
23	Grant Twp	Nevada Baptist Church	210 West 4th St.	Nevada	2
24	Howard Twp/Roland	Roland-Story High School	1009 Story St.	Story City	7
25	Huxley	Ballard Middle School	509 N. Main St.	Huxley	12
26	Indian Creek Twp/Maxwell	Nevada Baptist Church	210 West 4th St.	Nevada	5
27	Lafayette Twp	Roland-Story High School	1009 Story St.	Story City	2
28	Lincoln Twp/Zearing	Nevada Baptist Church	210 West 4th St.	Nevada	3
29	Milford Twp	Nevada Baptist Church	210 West 4th St.	Nevada	2
30	Nevada 1	Nevada Baptist Church	210 West 4th St.	Nevada	4
31	Nevada 2	Nevada Baptist Church	210 West 4th St.	Nevada	4
32	Nevada 3	Nevada Baptist Church	210 West 4th St.	Nevada	5
33	Nevada 4	Nevada Baptist Church	210 West 4th St.	Nevada	5
34	Nevada Township	Nevada Baptist Church	210 West 4th St.	Nevada	3
35	New Albany Twp/Colo	Nevada Baptist Church	210 West 4th St.	Nevada	4
36	Palestine Twp	Ballard Middle School	509 N. Main St.	Huxley	4
37	Richland Twp	Nevada Baptist Church	210 West 4th St.	Nevada	2
38	Sherman Twp	Nevada Baptist Church	210 West 4th St.	Nevada	1
39	Slater/Sheldahl	Ballard Middle School	509 N. Main St.	Huxley	6
40	Story City	Roland-Story High School	1009 Story St.	Story City	13
41	Union Twp/ Cambridge	Ballard Middle School	509 N. Main St.	Huxley	4
42	Warren Twp/McCallsburg	Roland-Story High School	1009 Story St.	Story City	2
43	Washington Twp/Kelley	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1517 Northwestern Ave.	Ames	4

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 13—2014 Republican Legislative Breakfast, Embassy Suites, 101 E. Locust St., Des Moines, 7:00 AM

January 20—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.

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, January 2nd at 7:00 AM, at the Pizza Ranch, 1404 Boston Ave., in Ames.

Our speakers included 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.

We will not be meeting in January, but look forward to our next meeting in February. Happy New Year!!

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 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@aacwofiowa.org

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

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

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Please join us at our
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February.*

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CO-CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

1. Please attend the Central Committee meeting at 7:00 PM on Monday, January 20th at the Oakwood Road Community Center, 2400 Oakwood Rd. We'll be discussing and voting on amendments to the By-Laws of the Story County Republican Party. After that, we'll have a training session for the Caucuses. Even if you are not currently a member of the Central Committee, please consider being one of the two officers needed per precinct for each of our 43 precincts in Story County in order to help conduct each precinct caucus. We'll be reviewing caucus material provided by the Republican Party of Iowa in order to answer any questions up front, and to ensure smooth and successful precinct caucuses.
2. Please attend your precinct caucus starting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 21st (please see the insert in this newsletter for your caucus location).

If you are willing to be an officer for your precinct (Chair or Secretary), could you arrive early and help check people in? We have "bubble sheets" from the County Auditor for Registered Republicans to "dot" and sign. We will also provide Voter Registration forms for those Independents and Democrats finally understanding Obamacare—and swimming into our ship!

This is a challenging but exciting time to be a Republican. Let's start out 2014 right by attending and participating in our party's January caucuses.

Thank You

Jim Lohr, Co-Chairman

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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 January 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) January 20th!!** Please include your updates in an e-mail or e-mail attachment to:

dustyjuhl@gmail.com

Thanks,

The Publicity Committee