



Upcoming Events

Wapello Co. Central Committee Meeting 7:00pm
1st Monday of Month
March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, No July meeting
At The View Restaurant
345 Richmond

2009 Annual Events

Saturday the weekend before Memorial Day
Flag Disposal Event
May 16, 2009

Monday before the 4th of July
Declaration Celebration.
June 29, 2009



Republicans on the March

Thoughts from the Chair

In Iowa and the Federal Government the Democrats have control of all branches; the only defense is the people. We need to be very vigilant and communicate. It is important that we let the elected officials know that we are interested and watching

If we reduce our spending on items that the government taxes like fuel, and a shortfall occurs, the government just wants to raise our taxes. Shouldn't they do like we have to do when income is reduced for what ever reason decrease spending?

My Challenge to you: Every Monday decide which elected official you will Write or Call that week. ..



Volunteer and Candidate Appreciation Dinner

We had our Volunteer and Candidate Appreciation Dinner December 1, 2008. About 40 people attended and heard Marlys Popma, who worked on the McCain campaign and Steve Sheffler, National Republican Committeeman. Marlys stressed the need to not take a year off; we need to plan for the election in 2010.

Mariannette Miller-Meeks and Vicki Smith thanked all the volunteers for there help during the election. We thanked them for committing to make a difference

by running for office. The amount of work that it takes to run for office and the sacrifice that they made is greatly appreciated.

Each volunteer received a Certificate of Appreciation. We appreciate the dedication of so many volunteers.

We had all ages of volunteers, most came back many times not just once. People came in for 3,6,11 hours at a time.

Our volunteers phoned into all congressional districts in the state, we had reached the goals for the counties that were assigned to Ottumwa and had people to phone more. Twice we were only 2nd to the number of calls made by Polk County. If you look at the registered Republicans in Wapello County, 4800, we probably were first by capita.

Not only did we contact many people, the county learned how to be effective in the phoning process. In talking to many volunteers, we now understand how important the calls are and have a plan for future elections. With only a 20% Republican registration we had 42% for Mc Cain and 50.05% for Miller-Meeks.

Calling to get the Votes

By Hannah M Cavanaugh

The first time I walked into the Ottumwa Republican Headquarters on October 9th, 2008, I thought "It's going to be an awesome year." I was already excited about calling for McCain, Palin and Miller-Meeks. The first time my family and I did calling, I filled in the "dots" for Dad, while he made calls.

One week later, I did dialing for my brother Luke and near the end of the campaign I started calling on my own. On October 27, we brought our friends Cami and Evan Sword to help us. Cami and I made 88 calls. Some people were so excited about McCain and Palin it was like talking to friends. On Saturday November 1st, Luke and I broke a state record (for kids our ages) of 244 call, we make 256 calls.

I would recommend calling, beside being for a good cause, you have a lot of fun and meet so may unforgettable people. In our case, they include, Trudy Caviness, Casey Mills, Vicki Smith, Dr Mariannette and Jonathan Miller-Meeks as well as others.

It has been a great year, even though we didn't win. We had fun, met new friends, and broke a record. My family and I plan to go back and do calling again.

I will never forget the 2008 Campaign. God bless America! I pray that, one day, America would bless God.

Hannah Marie Cavanaugh
November 5th, 2008

Hannah is 12 and the daughter of Phil & Constance Cavanaugh.

Thank You Mariannette and Vicki for running for office. You live the message that everyone needs to do something to make our country better.



Election of Officers for 2009-2010

Election of officers was held December 1, 2008 These officers will server for 2 years.

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| Chair | Trudy Caviness |
| Co-Chair | Phil Cavanaugh |
| Secretary | Linda White |
| Treasurer | Lynnette Green |

Thank you from our Regional Field Director, Casey Mills

Hello everyone,

I want to take the opportunity to offer my sincerest gratitude to all of those who volunteered their time at Wapello County Headquarters over the course of the last 35 days. It has been both an honor and a privilege to work with each of you and even though the results weren't what we wished, we fought the good fight. We were outspent but I will never concede we were outworked. I know many of you who volunteered were working for our Republican candidates; however I can't tell you how much your selflessness meant to me. I am confident our ideals will again prevail and look forward to working with each of you again. This is not a goodbye, rather a see you later. Should any of you make it out to Washington D.C., lunch is on me. I would like to keep in touch with all of you I can now call friends. Please send me an email. Keep the faith.

Best Wishes,

Casey Mills
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Local Party Fundraising

In 2008 Wapello County Republican Party started a Century Club.

Thank you to the Members of the Century Club and everyone that has donated to help get the Republican message out.

✓ Send Donations to: Wapello County Republicans, PO Box 851, Ottumwa, IA 52501

Thank you to all of you have donated.

Republican Party of Iowa Elects new Officers.

The Iowa Republican party elected new officers in January. The addition of improved communication in the past month has been very helpful. Check out the party website. www.iowagop.org. Responses of what is going on in the legislature and nationally have been current.

Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people.
[John Adams](#)

Matt Strawn, Ankeny Chairman, Matt is a 35-year-old businessman and co-owner of the Iowa Barnstormers Arena Football Team. Strawn's focus in his campaign has been on better use of technology, communication and encouraging participation by younger Iowans in the political process.

Jim Kurtenbach, Nevada Co-chairman Jim is a former State Rep, is a current businessman and associate professor at Iowa State University.

Matt Randall, Ames Treasurer Matt is a 33-year-old businessman from Ames, co-founded the organization Young Professionals of Iowa, which has involved more than 8,000 future leaders across the state.

Bill Schickel, Mason City Secretary Bill is a former State Rep, Mayor of Mason City and a radio station manager.

Call to Action

“Ten men who speak make more noise than ten thousand sitting in silence.”

1. Call, write, email, fax an elected official weekly. Let your thoughts and concerns known. Letters, calls do make a difference.

2. Write an editorial send to your local newspaper. These can be hand delivered, emailed, or mailed. Writing will let others think about an issue and may be called to action also.

Elected Officials

Senator Charles Grassley

202-224-3744

202-224-6020 fax

Senator Tom Harkin

202-224-3254

202-224-9369 fax

Cong. Dave Lobsack

202-225-6576

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Rep. Mary Gaskill

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Home Address: 509 East 4th Street, Ottumwa, IA, 52501

Home Telephone: 641-682-6417

Sen. Becky Schmitz

E-mail: becky.schmitz@legis.state.ia.us

Home Address: 404 W. Washington, Fairfield, IA, 52556

Home Telephone: 641-472-2341

Rep. John Whitaker

E-mail: John.Whitaker@legis.state.ia.us

Home Address: 32500 145th Street, Hillsboro, IA, 52630

Home Telephone: 319-796-4618



It's Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday, and America is celebrating!

We remember Abraham Lincoln because:

- He overcame being poor and uneducated to become our country's greatest President.
- As American's 16th President, he fought to keep the nation from splitting apart. We are a strong country today, partly because of President Lincoln.
- He believed that all people are equal – just like the Declaration of Independence says. He always thought slavery was wrong and worked to make slavery illegal in the United States.
- Lincoln was the first Republican President.

As a young man, Abraham Lincoln “feared of achieving nothing that would make men remember him.” Today, the 16th President tops the list of most influential – and most revered – Americans.

Lincoln is commemorated in music, poetry, and sculpture. His words are quoted by poets and politicians. His face appears on stamps, coins, and currency. Mountains, cities, highways, and schools bearing his name dot the land.

He felt his most enduring achievement was the Emancipation Proclamation – “the one thing that would make people remember that he had lived.”

Indeed, Lincoln's legacy is most alive in our continuous search for freedom, equality, and opportunity.

During this Bicentennial period, read a good biography of President Lincoln.



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