



Inform, Recognize and Celebrate Wapello County Republicans

### *Upcoming Events*

#### **NEW DAY**

**Wapello Co. Central Committee Meetings 7:00PM**

1st Tuesday of Month  
Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2

March 11, 2006 Wapello County Convention

April 22, 2006 2<sup>nd</sup> District Convention

June 16 & 17, 2006 Iowa Republican State Convention-Des Moines

**Legislative Forums**  
**March 4 & April 1**

#### *Elections*

June 6, 2006 Primary Election

November 7, 2006 General Election

#### *Annual Events*

Saturday May 20, 2006  
**Flag Disposal Event Greater Ottumwa Park**

Monday July 3, 2006  
**Declaration Celebration**  
**Reading of the Declaration of Independence and Ice Cream Social.**



Republicans on the March

Our Primary Goal is to promote an informed electorate through political education, to increase the effectiveness of Republicans in the cause of good government through active political participation, to facilitate cooperation among Wapello County Republicans, to foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote its ideals, and to work for the election of Republican Candidates

## **Wapello County Convention Saturday March 11, 2006** **Escapes VIP Room 9:00 AM Registration** **9:30 AM Convention Convenes.**

Election of Delegates to District and State Convention. We have 20 delegates. Cost is \$40.00 per delegate for both. Platform committee will meet before convention to work on the proposed platform.

If you would like to be a delegate or on the platform committee, let Trudy know.



## **Caucus** **2006**



## **Wapello** **County**



Senator David Miller and Senator Candidate Keith Caviness addressed the Caucus. Thank to all who attended caucus and participated. We have several new Central Committee members.



## Volunteer Spotlight - Great Job!!!! Thanks!!!

Retiring officers of Wapello County Republican Women  
**Benita Messerli**, president  
**Rosalie McFarland** Vice-President and programs  
**La Rue Keith**, treasurer,  
**Inez Hill** secretary

**Elizabeth Kneen**, daughter of Kendig and Carol Kneen was honored by the President for her work for the Republican Party. Great Job!

**Phil Mathias** organizing meetings with candidates for visits in Wapello County.

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## Local Party Fundraising

Your donations help fund voter requests, newsletters,



## Continues

assistance for candidates, mailings of information, absentee signs, election year headquarters and flags for parades.

- A Dime A Day = \$36.50. Receive a special label pin, membership card, newsletter and listed as a supporter.
- A Quarter A Day = \$91.25. Receive a Wapello County Republican t-shirt, special label pin, membership card, newsletter and listed as a supporter.
- A Nickel A Day = \$18.25 Receive a Membership card, newsletter and listed as a supporter.

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

*Thank you to all of you have donated.*



## Newest Supporters of Wapello County Republicans (from current ongoing fundraiser)

Randy Bradley  
Lynette Green  
Glenn & Debbie Nitzsche  
Brett & Kathy Patton  
Charlotte Sodey  
Charles & Barbara Swanson

Gene & Kay Carlson  
Jerry & Lee Kjer  
Heath Bartness  
Beryl Shinn  
Pauline Spurgeon  
Max & Mary vonSchrader

Richard & Linda Gaumer  
Helena McFarland  
Elaine Wormhoudt  
Kenneth & Joyce Wayne  
Keith & Inez Hill

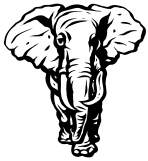
### Did you know that in Iowa's history?

Republicans have elected 32 of the 40 governors? Republican Governors have governed for 121 years of the 161 years that we have been a state.

Senator Grassley's Senate seat has been held by 15 people 9 have been Republican and served for 117 years. Senator Harkin's Senate seat has been held by 23 people, 14 Republicans, serving 101 years.

**Iowa has a strong Republican History.**

**WHO DO YOU KNOW THAT NEEDS TO REGISTER TO VOTE????**



## 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.

### State Elected Officials

Senator David Miller (R)  
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Fairfield, IA 52556  
641-662-2535 home

Senator Keith Kreiman  
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406 Parkview Dr.  
Bloomfield, IA 52537  
641-664-2811 home

Rep Mary Gaskill  
[mary.gaskill@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:mary.gaskill@legis.state.ia.us)  
509 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St  
Ottumwa, IA 52501  
641-682-6417

Rep John Whitaker  
[john.whitaker@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:john.whitaker@legis.state.ia.us)  
32500-145<sup>th</sup> St  
Hillsboro, IA 52630  
319-769-4618

## Thoughts from the Chair

We need your help to let every our elected officials know how you feel about issues. The power of one letter, phone call, email can make the difference in a bill passing or failing. Both supportive and opposition views need to be communicated. The Iowa legislature is going to have before them many important issues. The taxpayer’s amendment to the Iowa constitution, the death penalty, eminent domain, marriage is for a man and a woman, education spending, repaying some of the funds are some of the issues. Some of these issues may not even be moved out of committees for debate. It will take the people to make this a more effective session.

We have people that will help you write a letter to the editor. Let us know what issue you want to communicate and we can assist you.

It was great to attend the return of the 224 National Guard. It was a very moving ceremony. Thank you to everyone and their families.

We need to continue to pray and support all who are serving in our military.

*Trudy Caviness*

### In the Planning Stage

Teen Age Republican Group (TARS) formation  
Headquarters for 2006 (Coming Soon)

### Announced Candidates

We have two qualified candidates running for Governor of Iowa.

**Jim Nussle:** U.S. Congressman for Iowa's 1st District and former Delaware County Attorney <http://www.jimnussle.com/>

**Bob Vander Plaats:** Businessman and 2002 candidate for governor  
<http://www.vpforgov.com/>

**State Auditor:** **David Vaught,** current State Auditor, CPA  
<http://www.davevaudt.com/>

**Secretary of State:** **Charles (Chuck) Allison:** Podiatrist and small businessman  
[www.allison4iowa.com](http://www.allison4iowa.com).

### Secretary of Agriculture

**Karey Claghorn:** Farmer

**Mark Leonard:** Banker, rancher and former Iowa Agricultural Development Authority chairman <http://www.leonardforiowa.com/>

**Bill Northey:** Farmer and former National Corn Growers Association President  
<http://www.billnorthey.com/>

### Iowa Senate

Dist 45: **David Miller:** Current Senator, Farmer and Attorney

Dist 47: **Keith Caviness:** Businessman and former City Councilman

“Our Liberties We Prize and Our Rights  
We Will Maintain.”

State Motto of Iowa

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# DISCOVER INVESTIGATE PARTICIPATE

**O**ver 200 years ago, our founding fathers established a Republic to operate as a representative government - a government "For the People, Of the People, and By the People." A representative government "By the People" requires effective communication between the represented and the representative. "By the People" is not happening the way it was intended.

There are thousands of special interest groups with thousands of people lobbying, but the average responsible American has little or no input on issues or legislation that affects their pocketbook and their way of life in this country. *"Write Your Congressman"* and concerned people will have vital input into the American system.

## BE ONE OF THE “BY THE PEOPLE.”

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