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Wapello County Republicans

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Press Release

For immediate release

A Reading of the Declaration of Independence will be Monday, June 30, 2008 in Central Park on the Library steps in Ottumwa.

The sixth Annual Declaration of Independence Celebration is a family event with music, children's activities, ice cream and the reading of the Declaration of Independence. This starts off the celebration week of the 4th of July, commemorating the birth of our nation.

The Declaration of Independence will be read by 13 different people representing the 13 British North American colonies to proclaim their independence from Great Britain. The Declaration was adopted on July 4, 1776. This document transformed the colonists struggle with Great Britain from a defense of their rights to a revolution.

The event will start at 5:30 PM with an Ice Cream Social and Children Activities. At 6:15 PM the program will begin with Patriotic Vocal Music and reading of the Declaration of Independence.

Guest Speaker is Co-Chair of the Republican Party of Iowa, Leon Mosley. Special Guests will include US Senate Candidate Christopher Reed. Wapello County Historical Society will have a display of the items from the period.

Boy Scouts will be assisting. You will be able to see a copy of Jefferson's handwritten draft as well as a copy of the Declaration of Independence.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the start of the Independence Celebration week. Many have not heard the Declaration of Independence since school. This is the document that formed our nation.

Everyone is welcome to celebrate. A Free will offering will be accepted.

Hosted by the Wapello County Republican Party.

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