

1st Quarter 2025 Newsletter

State Central Committee Meeting & 2nd District Updates

Saturday, February 8, 2025
Republican Party of Iowa Headquarters
621 E 9th St, Des Moines, Iowa

Executive Committee Elections

- Jeff Kaufmann was reelected as chair.
- Linda Upmeyer was reelected as co-chair.
- Starlyn Perdue (4th District) was elected Secretary.
- David Barker (1st District) was reelected Treasurer.
- Chairman Kaufmann re-appointed Chad Olsen as Executive Director and Assistant Treasurer and the SCC confirmed that appointment.

Chair and Co-chair Reports

- Chairman Kaufmann says he still plans to keep Iowa 1st in the Nation. He has big plans to unite the party and wants to find new ways to make a difference. He plans to remain blunt and will continue to go after Democrats.
- Jeff Kaufmann is now the 2nd longest serving chair in the country!

Auxiliary Reports

Iowa Federation of Republican Women

- Legislative Day on the Hill is set for March 24th
- Spring Conference is set for April 11th in Davenport, IA
- Contact Michelle Crawford (michelle@iowafrw.org) if you're interested in attending either of the two events

Iowa Federation of Young Republicans

- Held a Day of Action for Katie Whittington who ran for Iowa Senate District 35. The Young Republicans of WI also came down to help. Several other YR groups in other states (some as far away as California) helped phone bank.
- In May the Young Republicans will be holding their convention where they will be holding elections.
- At the end of July, they will hold their National Conference in Nashville.
- For more information on their events or to donate, visit them at www.iowayr.com

Organization Committee

- Bylaws: All DEC Bylaws have been reviewed for Iowa Code and RPI Constitution compliance and are all in compliance. The committee is now asking for all 99 counties to submit their Bylaws and Constitutions by April 1st. The committee's goal is only to make sure bylaws and constitutions meet Iowa Code and the RPI's Constitution. They may make other recommendations, but those recommendations are only optional. They're only requiring

that Bylaws and Constitutions meet IA Code and our Constitution. The committee's goal is not to be heavy handed to but shield counties from lawsuits.

Elephants Are Coming!

A very kind donor has bequeathed 16 elephants to the Republican Party of Iowa. The party has formed a committee to work out the details such as where these elephants will be stored, required insurance, trailers, etc. Stay turned!



News from Congresswoman Ashley Hinson

Congresswoman Hinson recently did a radio interview on her SWAMP act legislation. It would move federal agencies out of DC and into the communities they are supposed to serve. It is an easy way to effectively drain the swamp! You can find the interview here:

<https://radio.foxnews.com/2025/02/13/common-ground-bipartisan-efforts-to-locate-government-waste/>

You can follow Ashley through her campaign website at <https://ashleyhinson.com/>. There, you can sign up for her newsletter and see where she's at and what she's working on.

URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!

The Iowa Young Republicans are looking for volunteers to help make phone calls to help get out the vote for Brad Schimel in the Wisconsin Supreme Court election. The results of this election can impact the future political landscape as well as election laws in Wisconsin. You can volunteer by following this link:

[Make Phone Calls for Brad Schimel](#). If you have questions, you can email:

wisconsinyoungrepublicans@gmail.com

Hurry! The election is April 1st!

Events Around the District & Nearby

***April 3rd** Riley Gaines is speaking at the Franklin County Convention Center. Doors open at 5:45pm Tickets are \$50 per person. \$45 per person for 2 or more and \$60 at the door. Tickets are available at <https://goevents101.com/franklincountygop/>

***April 6th** 5-8pm Allamakee County is holding a fundraiser at the Old Rossville Store in Waukon, \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. A meal is included. Many great speakers and entertainment. Plus, an auction, and a raffle for a Smith & Wesson 9mm handgun! Contact Duane Smith at 563-568-1631 or Dan Emerson at 563 -568-7361.

***April 24th** Jones County is holding in a fundraiser with Lt. Governor Chris Gerhart Cournoyer at the Citizens State Bank Youth Development Center. Dinner is from 6 – 7pm and the Keynote speaker is at 7pm. \$30/person Contact: Dennis 319-462-0880, Mike 319-560-1573, or Gerald 319-480-0014

***August 1st** 4:30pm Hardin County Sweetcorn Feed at The Shed 1813 Third Street Pl. in Eldora. Ticket information is coming soon.

*Save the date! Saturday, **August 30th** 2nd Annual multi-county Big Red Poli-Palooza at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds. More details to come!

Fair Season is Coming!

June 18-22	Worth	July 7-13	Delaware	July 16-20	Allamakee
June 24-29	Benton	July 14-20	Tama		Cerro Gordo
	Butler	July 15-20	Buchanan		Floyd
June 25-29	Howard		Poweshiek		Hardin
July 7-12	Winnishiek			July 21-26	Grundy

Fair dates cont.

July 22-27	Dubuque	July 29- Aug 3	Mitchell
	Fayette	July 30-Aug 3	Clayton
July 25-29	Linn	Aug 28-Sept 1	Chickasaw
July 27- Aug 2	Bremer	Sept 17-21	Black Hawk

State Fair is August 7-17th! Don't forget to stop by the Iowa GOP fair booth!

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