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Editor's Note:

We have a new section to the newsletter: [DNC Convention Week](#).

The Larimer County Democratic Party is hosting a number of events during the Democratic National Convention: two service projects and three parties, including the Larimer County Democratic Party's Annual Picnic on Friday, August 28.

We hope to see you at any (or all) of our events during the Democratic National Convention Week.

As always, please submit any and all newsletter items to Anne Wilseck anneeliz73@gmail.com and Adam Bowen adambowen@frii.com. The deadline is 5:00 pm Sunday, but early submissions are always appreciated.

Rocky Mountain News: BETTING ON THE WEST: COLORADO

Standing on the sun-baked bluffs at Horsetooth Reservoir, the city of Fort Collins sprawls below. The Cache la Poudre River curves through it, a shimmering, tree-lined strand in the afternoon heat.

The view is panoramic and peaceful, belying the political battle that is beginning to come into focus in the valley below. Could the 2008 presidential race between Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama be decided right here?

Fort Collins is a key swing area in a toss-up state, and both candidates intend to hotly contest Colorado's nine electoral votes.

Read more from the Rocky Mountain News:

<http://www.rockymountainnews.com/news/2008/aug/06/betting-on-the-west-colorado/>

PARTY NEWS

"THE NIGHT BEFORE" AND "THE NIGHT AFTER"

More information about these great parties can be found below in the Convention Week section.

Tickets are available online now at: www.larimerdems.org

NEW WEST FEST THIS WEEKEND!

Stop by the Democrats' booth on Mountain Avenue, if you're downtown. Bring friends!

ATTENTION TRAINED VOTER REGISTRATION CIRCULATORS!

We need someone(s) to staff a VRD table at the following two two BIG Back to School shows:

Jimi Austin/ Black Apples show at Hodi's Halfnote on Friday August 22

The Otherside of Clearview/ Set Forth show on Friday August 29 at Hodi's Halfnote.

If you would like to do this, please contact Charlotte Miller, LCDP Voter Registration Drive Organizer, home 207-1933, cell 218-6141 or cimiller44@hotmail.com

CONVENTION WEEK, Aug. 24-29

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

Are you a volunteer at the convention?

Are you going to the Obama speech on Thursday?

We are planning mass transit/bus/carpooling needs for Larimer County volunteers and event goers for the DNC and need to know how many people are attending the events and have such transportation needs.

Please email Bob Massaro at massaror2001@yahoo.com or Linda Hughey at lindahughey@comcast.net with your name, email, phone number and transportation needs.

NOW - Sept. 1: DNC Service project #1:

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE LARIMER FOOD BANK

The Larimer County Democratic Party, in conjunction with The Democratic National Convention, is sponsoring two service projects, during the week of the Democratic National Convention.

The first service project, a county-wide non-perishable food drive for the Larimer Food Bank, begins prior to the convention on August 6. The Larimer County Democrats will collect non-perishable food through Labor Day to benefit the Larimer Food Bank.

Dates: NOW through September 1

Collection Locations: Larimer County Democratic Party Headquarters, 606 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins and the Larimer County Democratic Party South Office at 218 E. Sixth Street, Loveland.

Additionally, we will accept food donations at the Acceptance Speech Watch Party at Avo's and at the Larimer County Democratic Party Annual Picnic at New Belgium.

Sun, Aug 24: LARIMER DEMS CONVENTION KICK-OFF PARTY: "THE NIGHT BEFORE"

Meet "The Night Before" at the convention kickoff, hosted by the Larimer County Democratic Party, on Sunday, Aug. 24th, from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Walker Fine Art Gallery at 300 West 11th Ave., #A (11th Ave. and Cherokee St.) in Denver. Catering, music, wine, beer and other beverages provided by Larimer County purveyors. Tickets are \$25. Information about the Walker Fine Art Gallery may be found at their website, www.walkerfineart.com

Date & Time: Sunday, August 24, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: Walker Fine Art Gallery, 300 W. 11th Ave #A (11th Ave. and Cherokee St.), Denver

Tickets: \$25, available online at: www.larimerdems.org

Contact & RSVP: Margaret Matter, Margaret.Matter@Colostate.edu

Wed, Aug 27: DNC Service project #2: WINDSOR TORNADO RELIEF

The Larimer County Democrats will partner with the United Way of Larimer County, United Way of Weld County and the Weld County Democratic Party for a second service project in Windsor all day on August 27.

Volunteers will be assigned clean-up tasks related to tornado relief efforts.

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 27, All day

Location: Windsor

For more information or to volunteer to help, contact: Charlotte Miller, 207-1933 or Adam Molzer, United Way of Larimer County 407-7052

Thurs, Aug 28: BARACK OBAMA ACCEPTANCE SPEECH VIEWING PARTY

Watch Barack Obama accept the Democratic Party nomination at Avogadro's Number, 605 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins on August 28 from 8 pm -9:30. Immediately following the acceptance speech, Avo's presents Niayah, a new-age psychedelic rock and roll band performing a free concert. The Larimer County Democrats will be accepting non-perishable food donations at Avo's.

Date & Time: Thursday August 28, 8:00 – 9:30 pm

Location: Avogadro's Number, 605 South Mason Street, Fort Collins

Fri, Aug 29: LARIMER DEMS ANNUAL PICNIC: "THE NIGHT AFTER"

Join the Larimer Dems at their Annual Picnic on the Oxbow At New Belgium Brewery "The Night After" the conention.

Featuring Colorado grown summer fare, New Belgium products, music, speeches by all our great candidates capturing and continuing the momentum of the Democratic National Convention, this picnic will be green with recycled dinnerware. Carpooling and cycling are encouraged and may be rewarded. We Cycle and Recycle.

Live music provided by Matt Campbell and his back-up band. We are being helped out with our beverages for this event by the wonderful Wynne Odell and the fabulous Phil Pringle, Larimer County purveyors of great skill and renown. Bring your camping chairs and be ready for fun and relaxation.

Date & Time: Friday, August 29, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: The Oxbow at New Belgium Brewery, 500 Linden, Fort Collins

Contact: Nancy Tellez, ntellez@frii.com, 443-7705, William Russell, rwjr3@msn.com, 227-6303

Suggested Donation: \$25, Children under 12, Free.

Tickets available online at: www.larimerdems.org

NEWS FROM THE CAMPAIGNS

Thurs, Aug 14: HOUSE PARTY BBQ FUNDRAISER FOR BETSY!

Enjoy good food, good company and support Betsy Markey's campaign! Children welcome, and free.

Suggested donation \$25 per adult

Date & Time: Thursday, August 14, 5 - 8 p.m.

Location: Charlotte Miller's - 2875 Blue Leaf Drive, Fort Collins

Contact: 207-1933, cimiller@hotmail.com

Thurs, Aug 14: WEEKLY LOVELAND PHONEBANK

Join Alan Jones at his home every Thursday night for Obama phone banking. Everyone is welcome. If any other candidates would like to schedule something at Alan's house at the same time and jump in the atmosphere of calling that would be great too; it is more fun when there are more people. People will be provided with scripts and phone numbers, it is helpful if they can bring their own phone but not necessary.

Date & Time: Thursday, August 14, 5:30 pm

Location: Alan Jones' house, 1931 East First Street, Loveland

RSVP & Contact: Alan Jones, ajonesbroker@yahoo.com, 970-566-1217 or Spencer Lee, spencer.lee@barackobama.com, 970-980-8884

Sat, Aug 16: CANVASS FOR ROGER HOFFMANN

Come help Roger Hoffmann's campaign by walking and knocking with Roger on Saturday, August 16th.

We will meet at Larimer County Democratic Party Headquarters for coffee and donuts at 9:30 a.m.

Date & Time: Saturday, August 16 9:30 am

Location: Larimer County Democratic Party Headquarters, 606 S. Mason, Fort Collins

Contact: Myrna Maier, (970) 204-0881

TELL KEN BENNETT YOUR TOP ISSUES

Take the SURVEY of top issues and see survey results at a new, additional link for Ken www.KenBennett4House.com

Ken will Listen to your views and will work for us on the real issues that impact our lives.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wed, Aug 13: THIRD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR COLORADO CONSERVATION VOTERS (CCV)

Please come help CCV honor our environmental heroes -- Senator Bob Bacon, Representative John Kefalas, and Representative Randy Fischer -- for their pro-environment work in the 2008 state legislature. All three legislators scored 100% on the 2008 environmental scorecard!

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 13, 5:00-8:00 pm

Location: Avogadro's Number, 605 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins

Contact: www.ColoradoConservationVoters.org

Sat, Aug 16-Sun Aug 17: JOIN SAVE THE POUFRE AT NEW WEST FEST

Save the Poudre will host a booth at the New West Fest in Old Town Fort Collins. We're #105 near the Ft. Collins Food Co-op at 250 E. Mountain Ave. Stop by to chat and pick up a t-shirt, poster, bumper sticker or one of our new yard signs.

Date & Time: Saturday, August 16 & Sunday, August 17

Location: Booth #105, near the Fort Collins Food Co-op, 250 E. Mountain Ave., Fort

Collins

To volunteer to staff the booth, contact: info@savethepoudre.org.

Mon, Aug 18: FORT COLLINS LEGISLATORS HOST COMMUNITY FORUM: COLORADO TRANSPORTATION: 21ST CENTURY SOLUTIONS

Fort Collins State Representatives Randy Fischer and John Kefalas invite community members to attend an important forum on the challenges and possible solutions facing Colorado's transportation system today and in the future. Special guest, Herman Stockinger, State Director of Government Affairs for the Colorado Department of Transportation, will present some of the transportation issues and solutions currently being considered by lawmakers and by the Governor's Transportation Finance and Implementation Panel.

After a brief presentation, Director Stockinger and Representatives Fischer and Kefalas will take comments and questions from the audience.

Date & Time: Monday August 18, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Location: Fort Collins Downtown Library, Ben Delatour Room, 201 Peterson Street, Fort Collins

Contact: Rep. Randy Fischer, (970) 215-7898, Rep. John Kefalas, (720) 254-7598, Cordelia Stone, cordstone@aol.com, (970) 689-4233

Wed, Aug 20: SICK AROUND THE WORLD (One-hour documentary)

Veteran Washington Post correspondent, T. R. Reid, traveled to five other capitalist countries that provide health care to all -- with less cost and better outcomes than the U.S. The result of his study was captured in the PBS Frontline special Sick Around the World and a soon-to-be released book. He discovers the successes and failures of the system in United Kingdom, Japan, Germany, Taiwan and Switzerland, and raised the questions "What can the U. S. learn?"

Christina Moorcroft, business consultant and small business owner and Janet Seeley, M.D. will lead a discussion following the film. The free program is open to the public and sponsored by Health Care for All Colorado, a state-wide non-profit organization working to achieve comprehensive, affordable and high quality health care for all.

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 20, 7:00 pm,

Location: Harmony Library, Shields St. & Harmony Rd, Fort Collins

Contact: Linda Mahan, 970-484-2259

Fri, Aug 22: SAVE THE POUFRE DAY AT ECO-THRIFT

Shop at Eco-Thrift on Friday, August 22nd and all proceeds will be donated to Save the Poudre.

Time to clean out your house?

Please donate usable appliances, camping gear, furniture, sports equipment, and household items to Eco-Thrift, open daily.

Time to furnish your apartment?

Then shop at Eco-Thrift on August 22nd and save yourself some green while helping Save the Poudre.

Reduce, Re-use, Recycle. Open Mon. – Sat. 10 am - 5 pm • Sun. 11 am - 4 pm, eco-thrift.com

Date & Time: Friday, August 22, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Eco-Thrift, 208 N. Howes Street, Fort Collins (just east of City Hall)

contact: info@savethepoudre.org

Sat. Sep. 13: COMMENTS DUE ON NISP DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Just a reminder to get your comments in by September 13.

For information on content, contact: info@savethepoudre.org

CANDIDATE PROFILE: Mark Udall



Mark began his career in public service in the Colorado State House in 1997. Since 1998, he has represented Colorado's Second Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. He is currently running to serve Colorado in the United States Senate.

Mark is known for his willingness to elevate the policy debate above partisan politics in order to find workable solutions to difficult political issues. Most recently, he worked across party lines to pass legislation to reduce wildfire risk and bark-beetle infestation in Colorado, and to pass legislation to protect the natural beauty of the Roan Plateau while still allowing some access to the area's mineral wealth.

Mark is also known for taking leadership in difficult political environments. He voted against the rush to war with Iraq in 2002 and against the PATRIOT Act, despite immense political pressure to support both bills in the wake of September 11. As co-chair of the House Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus, Mark championed efforts to provide government support for the development of sustainable and renewable energy resources before energy resource diversity was widely recognized as an essential component to a sound energy policy.

Throughout his time in public office, Mark has worked hard to promote issues important to Coloradans. He is a member of the Armed Services Committee and has co-authored legislation to strengthen our military and to develop new strategies for combating terrorism. Mark has also served on the House Natural Resources Committee, House Small Business Committee, and House Agriculture Committee. He has successfully

passed legislation promoting energy conservation, developing bio-mass fuels and protecting Colorado's wilderness from the effects of climate change. He also is responsible for sparking the clean-up of Rocky Flats—turning the closed nuclear trigger facility into a wildlife refuge.

Mark believes that public service requires a commitment to helping Coloradans make their government work for them. He has a strong record in responding to constituent concerns, and providing assistance to citizens working with government agencies.

Mark lives in Eldorado Springs, Colorado. His wife, Maggie Fox, is a prominent environmental attorney. He has two children, Jed who is a freshman in college, and Tess who is a senior in high school. He is an experienced outdoorsman and mountain climber. He has climbed many of the toughest mountains in the world-including all of Colorado's "Fourteeners."

www.markudall.com

SAVE THE DATES

Sun, Aug. 24	"The Night Before" LCDP Convention Kick-off Party 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Walker Fine Art Gallery, Denver
Mon-Thur, Aug 25-28	Democratic National Convention, Denver!!
Fri, Aug 29	"The Day After" LCDP Annual Picnic 5:00 - 8:00 pm, The Oxbow at New Belgium Brewery, Fort Collins
Fri-Sun, Aug 29-31	Convention Delegates Invited to Larimer County. More information: www.larimerdems.org Contact: Ann Harroun, 461-9177, a.harroun@comcast.net
Tues, Nov 4	Larimer Dems Election Night Party Fort Collins Marriott. More info to come.

ELECTION CALENDAR

August 12	Primary Election - balloting closes at 7 pm
October 6	Last day to register for General Election
October 20 - 31	Early voting for General Election
October 28	Last day to apply for mail-in ballot for General Election if ballot is to be mailed to you
October 31	Last day to apply in person for mail-in ballot for General Election
November 4	Election Day

Complete document can be found at
www.lwvcolorado.org/eleceregdeadlines.html

REGULAR MEETINGS

Larimer County Democratic Party Monthly Meeting (All are welcome!)

Date & Time: Third Thursdays, 6:30 pm social, Meeting at 7:00 pm

Location: Headquarters, 606 S. Mason St., Fort Collins

Contact: Irene Fortune for more information vladimir1992@hotmail.com

Democratic Breakfast Forum: Fort Collins

Monthly Meeting

Date & Time: First Wednesdays at 7:45 am

Location: Columbine Cafe & Bakery, NW corner of Drake and Worthington, Fort Collins.

Contact: Irma Woollen, 266-1136, ierwoole@peoplepc.com

Reservations: Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, annemich@comcast.net

Estes Park Meetup for Democracy: Estes Park

Monthly Meeting

The Estes Park Meetup for Democracy is open to anyone interested in a return to progressive government. The group supports candidates who are fiscally responsible, socially progressive, and who promote honesty and candor in political discourse.

Date & Time: First Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Contact: John Ericson, 586-5042

Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club: Loveland

Monthly Breakfast

Date & Time: First Saturday of each month, except June through August, 8:30 am

Location: Dorothy's Catering, 2248 West First Street, Loveland.

Contact: Kathy Batterton at kathybatterton@q.com for reservations

Democratic Business Coalition: Fort Collins

Monthly Luncheon

Date & Time: Second Tuesday of each month. 12:00 noon, Guest presentation. Doors open at 11:30 am to socialize and start lunch.

Location: Home State Bank, 303 East Mountain, Fort Collins.

Contact: M.L. Johnson, 482-4979 or mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu for reservations and to order catered lunch.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

If you have items to submit, PLEASE READ!

Due to the length of the newsletter, we are limiting the body of most items to 75 words (not including title and “date & time, location, contact” type information). If your submission is longer, it will be cut. We suggest including a link for additional information. **Our deadline for newsletter items is Sunday at 5:00 pm** for publishing by e-mail on Tuesday mornings. To be effective, send us your notices at least a week early, so that they can appear twice. This will give potential attendees time to put your events on their calendars. We would like to include House District meetings, committee meetings, neighborhood coffees or picnics, etc. Such notices may increase your attendance. Please send newsletter items to anneeliz73@gmail.com and adambowen@frii.com. (Sometimes one of us will be out of town.) Thank you.