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Editor's Note:

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.

From the Chair:

Evenings are cooler, Labor Day is over, school is back in, CSU students abound, and the conventions are behind us. People are NOW officially paying attention to politics! Those of you who were able to participate in the Democratic National Convention, and/or attend Obama day at Mile High, are surely pumped up by the vision and energy coming from Denver. As if we needed further incentive, watching the Republican sideshow in St. Paul last week helps make it even more clear what's at stake.

Get Out The Vote is coming soon and we'll need oodles of volunteers. Info on trainings will be out in a couple of weeks, but call or email the Larimer Dems NOW to volunteer for GOTV effort. GOTV is the 4th quarter in what will be a bruising ground game. Help create another record voter turnout!

Our Website Calendar is the go-to place for Larimer County political happenings - have a look!

PARTY NEWS

LARIMER DEMS' LOVELAND OFFICE NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS

Our South Office in Loveland has been a popular place, and we need a few more volunteers as we continue with the election season. Help out your local party and candidates by becoming an office volunteer!

Location: Larimer County Democratic Party South Office, 218 East Sixth Street, Loveland

Contact: Bob Massaro, massaror2001@yahoo.com

NO DEMOCRATIC BUSINESS COALITION LUNCH THIS MONTH

Due to circumstances beyond the control of your dedicated Democratic Business Coalition Committee the September luncheon is canceled. We regret this interruption of our programs, but encourage you to save the October session date and time.

On Tuesday, October 14, 2008, the DBC will dedicate the discussion hour to the 2008 Ballot Initiatives and Referenda. So, bring your sample ballot and the spirit to ask questions and debate the merits of each ballot issue.

Fri, Sep 26: 1st PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

On Friday, September 26th, the first Presidential Debate will be at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS.

Date & Time: September 26, 2008, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: A television near you!

Mon, Oct 6: OLD FASHIONED POLITICAL RALLY

The Larimer County Democratic Party is all signed up to take part in the Rally out at the Ranch on Monday, October 6, 5:30 to about 9:00 p.m. The booth area will open at 5:00 for setup.

If you are interested in helping the party out, contact Headquarters.

Contact: Larimer County Democratic Party, 970-689-6391, ldems@frii.com

NEWS FROM THE CAMPAIGNS

Fri, Sep 12: BARACK OBAMA'S CAMPAIGN FOR CHANGE LOVELAND OFFICE GRAND OPENING

Join local Obama staff as well as fellow Obama supporters to celebrate the opening of the newest Obama Headquarters in Larimer County! Loveland is going to play a pivotal role in determining which way Larimer County swings so come check out the office and learn how to get involved!

Date & time: Friday, September 12, 6:00 pm

Location: Loveland Campaign for Change office, 306 N. Washington, Loveland

Contact: Spencer Lee, slee@campaignforchange.org, 970-980-8884

RSVP (not required, but appreciated):

<http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/meeting/g7yl7>

Sat, Sep 13: A VISION FOR LARIMER COUNTY: MEET THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES

Roger Hoffmann and Randy Eubanks, candidates for County Commissioner, will host “A Vision for Larimer County” on Saturday, September 13, from 9:00 – 11:00 am at the Fort Collins Senior Center. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share your concerns and thoughts and hear from these two commissioner candidates. This forum is free and coffee and donuts will be available.

A similar event will take place on September 27th in Loveland at the Loveland Library.

Please call Dorinna for more information at 227-1439.

Date & time: Saturday, September 13, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Location: Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive, Fort Collins

Contact: Dorinna, 227-1439

Sat, Sep 13: ROGER HOFFMANN LIT DROP

We all want Roger Hoffmann to get elected to Larimer County Commissioner! Everyone is invited to join the Team Hoffmann Walkers and to get some exercise and enjoy our beautiful Colorado fall! We'll be dropping literature door to door—it is easy, no knocking on doors, no talking—just walking and putting a flier in voters' doors. Bring a friend! Meet at Catalyst Coffee located on the Northwest corner of Horsetooth and Shields.

Date & Time: Saturday, September 13, anytime between 1:00 and 4:00 pm.

You can pick up your packet and map and deliver literature any time this weekend.

Location: Catalyst Coffee, 3501 S Shields, Fort Collins (NW corner of Horsetooth and Shields)

Please RSVP or for more information contact to Ed Meek at 204-9003 or at edmeek@comcast.net

Sun, Sep 14: KEFALAS 2008 SUPPORTER APPRECIATION PARTY

House District 52 State Representative John Kefalas invites you to Avogadro's Number on Sunday, September 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. for his 2008 Supporter Appreciation Party! We'll have free dinner, local beer, live music, and magic. No contribution or RSVP needed! Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!

Date & Time: Sunday, September 14, 5:00 - 8:00 p,

WHERE: Avogadro's Number, 605 S. Mason St., Fort Collins

ONLY FOUR WEEKS LEFT TILL PEOPLE START VOTING!!!

RANDY EUBANKS YARD SIGNS AND BUMPER STICKERS ARE IN!

Please come to the Democratic Headquarters (North and South) and help yourself. Or contact Dorinna at 227-1439 or dorinna@eubanks2008.com to arrange a delivery.

For more info, contact: Dorinna, 227-1439

HELP BARACK OBAMA WIN LARIMER COUNTY

We have volunteering opportunities spanning all week long and we need as many people as possible participating. As residents of Larimer County we're fortunate to be living in a swing county within a swing state so our actions here truly do make a large difference in getting Barack elected! Our Daily Phone Banking, Daily Canvass, and Daily Voter Registration shifts are Monday-Saturday at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm and Sundays at Noon and 4:00 pm. Contact Lindsay Dubin at 720-982-4731 or ldubin@coloradoforchange.org for more information or to sign up for a shift.

Date & Time: Monday-Saturday at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm and Sundays at Noon and 4:00 pm

Location: 415 South Mason Street, Fort Collins

Contact: Lindsay Dubin at 720-982-4731 or ldubin@coloradoforchange.org

KEN BENNETT FOR HOUSE: UPCOMING EVENTS

GET READY FOR THE FINAL PUSH: 3rd LIT. DROP--NOW IS THE TIME

Volunteers needed to drop the final flyer: Now is the Time on targeted doorsteps in House District 51. The previous Lit Drops: Knock-Knock and It's Your Choice flyers, have had a great impact for Ken Bennett name identification. Ken has now personally visited over 6,000 homes in HD 51.

Date, Time & Location: Pick-up flyers and targeted walk maps at the South LCDP Office: 218 E. 6th St., Loveland

Friday, September 19, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 20, 7:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sunday, September 21, 1:00 - 4:00 pm or anytime thereafter

Distribute flyers at your convenience by October 5th

YARD SIGNS

Have one? Now is the time to put it back up
Want one? Pick up at office: 218 E. 6th St. or call: 308-7499
CONTRIBUTE!

Every \$20 buys another radio spot!

Donate online at www.KenBennettforHouse.com

TAKE THE SURVEY

Tell Ken which issues are most important you at www.KenBennettforHouse.com

Wed, Sep 24: TOWN HALL MEETING WITH KEN BENNETT

Discuss issues and share views with Ken Bennett

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 24, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Where: Bill Reed Middle School, Cafeteria, 370 W. 4th St. Loveland

COMMUNITY NEWS

WATCH THE NISP (Glade) PUBLIC HEARINGS ON COMCAST CHANNEL 97

FC PAN (Comcast channel 97) taped and produced a 90 minute show of the Army Corps of Engineers, public hearings on NISP (Glade) at the Hilton Hotel. Several elected public officials spoke along with several residents. All the information is provided so citizens can send their comments to the Corps. **by the September 13th deadline.**

FC PAN (Comcast channel 97) Program Schedule:

Mondays 4:00 pm

Wednesday 10:30 am

Thursday 7:30 am

Saturdays 6:00 pm

Sat, Sep 13: CONVERSATION WITH KEFALAS, FINDING COMMON

GROUND: Ballot Measures

State Representative John Kefalas (HD-52) continues his community conversations into the Fall. The next *“Conversation with Kefalas, Finding Common Ground”* will take place on Saturday, September 13, 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM at the Dazbog Coffee Shop, corner of Cherry and Mason Streets (near Old Town), Fort Collins.

Community conversations are open to the public, and all residents are invited to share coffee and exchange ideas with Representative Kefalas about timely topics. This conversation will focus on helping each other to better understand the 2008 state ballot measures.

With 18 issues approved for the state ballot in November, it is really important that voters have opportunities to understand what is at stake and make informed decisions. We will choose a few ballot measures and discuss their content as well as the pros and cons.

Date & Time: Saturday, September 13, 8:30 – 9:30 am

Location: Dazbog Coffee Shop, corner of Cherry & Mason Streets (near Old Town), Fort Collins

For more information, contact Rep. Kefalas at 221-1135

Sat, Sep 13: PEACE IN THE PARK- LOVELAND

Peace in the Park is a community festival organized by Lovelanders to celebrate the local movement for peace and justice. Loveland is called the "Sweetheart City with a love affair with art."

The Peace Festival demonstrates that peace, as well as art, is important to Loveland. Help us popularize peace so that it becomes the preferable way of living.

Date & time: Saturday, September 13, Noon - 5:00 pm

Location: Civic Center/Foote Lagoon, 300 East 3rd Street, Loveland

For more information: www.peaceinthepark.org

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

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

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

Sep 20-21: SUSTAINABLE LIVING FAIR

The Sustainable Living Fair is a solution based, hands-on, family oriented event designed to educate people of all ages and backgrounds about Sustainable Living Practices, Renewable Energy, Environmental & Social Responsibility, Natural Health, Green Building, Alternative Vehicles, Organic Agriculture, Local Economies and more. LCDP will have a booth - stop by and visit!

New Location this year: Rocky Mountain Raptor Program, 720 E. Vine, Fort Collins

For more information: www.sustainablelivingassociation.org/thefair/

Wed, Sep. 24: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS FORUM: Amendment 46

Amendment 46 -- what does it say and what does it mean? If you are as confused as many voters in Colorado are about Amendment 46, there is help on the way. The League of Women Voters of Larimer County is sponsoring an educational public forum to clarify what Amendment 46 actually says and what impact it will have on equal opportunity and diversity programs in Colorado if it should pass. Panelists will discuss where Colorado stands with regard to affirmative action, the language of the amendment proposal and potential impacts on education and employment practices.

Participating panelists are: Lorena Garcia, Lead Organizer, 9 to 5 National Association of Working Women; Melissa Hart, Associate Professor of Law, University of Colorado Law School; and Dana Hiatt, Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at Colorado State University.

Be informed before you vote either for or against Amendment 46. You are cordially invited to the forum, which will provide an excellent opportunity for you to find out what Amendment 46 says and what it means.

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 24, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: The Coloradoan's Community Room, 1300 Riverside Ave., Fort Collins

For more information, please contact Carol Rush, (970) 667-5077, crush@frii.com

Thurs, Sep 25: 2008 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ACLU, NORTHERN COLORADO CHAPTER

2008 Annual Meeting of American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado, Northern Colorado

Chapter, presents "**Due Process & DNA: Constitutional Rights in the Tim Masters Case,**" with guest speakers David Wymore and Maria Liu, attorneys whose tireless efforts resulted in freeing Timothy Masters, wrongfully convicted of murder and serving nearly nine years in prison. They will talk about the denials of due process and fair play in the Masters case and about the importance of our constitutionally protected civil liberties and civil rights.

Also, Cathy Hazouri, Executive Director of ACLU Colorado, will discuss ACLU's lobbying efforts over two DNA evidence bills passed in this year's legislative session as well as upcoming ballot measures, Amendments 46 and 48, both opposed by ACLU. The event is free and the public is welcome.

Date & Time: Thursday, September 25, 7:00 - 10:00 pm

Location: Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Dr. (turn west on Shields at Centre).

For more information: ACLU/Northern Colorado Chapter, Barry McCann, mccannclan@mac.com

The event is free and the public is welcome.

Fri, Sep 26: ELEANOR ROOSEVELT: THIS IS MY STORY

Meet first lady Eleanor Roosevelt in 1937, during her husband's second term as president. For almost two decades, Eleanor had worked to advance minimum wage, maximum hours, laws against child labor, women's rights, world peace, and civil rights. She continued to advance her causes while her husband was in office. No other "first lady" had ever taken on such a public role. Furthermore, Eleanor often served as her husband's eyes and ears across the United States by inspecting factories, inner city tenements, and military camps.

Behind this public life is the story of a little girl who lost both parents before the age of ten, a debutante who felt trapped by society's expectations, and a young wife who raised five children before emerging as one of the 20th century's most remarkable women.

Recommended for adults and children ages 9 and up.

Date & Time: Friday, September 26, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: Harmony Branch of the Fort Collins Public Library, 4616 S. Shields, Fort Collins CO

This FREE presentation is sponsored by Colorado Humanities www.ceh.org

For information, contact librarian Norman Fitzpatrick at (970) 204-8206

KNOW THE ISSUES: Amendment 48

Amendment 48 would define the term person to include a fertilized egg in our state constitution.

This Amendment is the first of its kind being pushed by a narrow minority with an extreme political agenda and would threaten quality health care and patient privacy.

This fall, Colorado voters will be asked to amend our constitution to define "person" and grant constitutional rights from the "moment of fertilization." Amendment 48 is intrusive,

dangerous and simply goes too far.

Amendment 48 would eliminate a woman's right to make personal private decisions about her own body and her health.

Amendment 48 Would Impact Literally Thousands of Laws:

- Amendment 48 would be a legal nightmare established in our constitution.
- Amendment 48 would allow lawyers and the courts to reinterpret every Colorado law and regulation that contains the word "person." It would impact literally thousands of laws—from when property rights are granted, to inheritance rights, to access to the courts.
- Because of its broad implications, this amendment will clog our courts and allow for lawsuits against anyone associated with a woman's health.

Amendment 48 Puts the Government, Lawyers, and the Courts Into Our Personal Lives:

- Amendment 48 affects important life decisions that should be made by individuals, their doctors, and families--not extremists rewriting the state constitution.
- Colorado needs to protect the sanctity and privacy of the doctor-patient relationship by defeating Amendment 48.
- Establishing rights for fertilized eggs eliminates a woman's right to make personal, private decisions about her own body and her health. A woman should have the right to make decisions about her reproductive health with her doctor and family without governmental interference.

Amendment 48 has far-reaching consequences on important life decisions, including the following:

- Emergency contraception for rape and incest victims would be banned. By giving legal rights to fertilized eggs, this amendment could ban birth control options like the Pill and IUD's. (These kinds of birth control can prevent a fertilized egg from implanting in the uterus.)
- Establishing rights from the moment of fertilization would ban some stem cell research being used to find cures for chronic disease and disabilities. In vitro fertilization could be banned since fertilized eggs used in these processes would have full legal rights.
- A woman with cancer could be denied access to life saving medical treatment because it could endanger a fertilized egg.
- Amending the constitution is serious business and should not be taken lightly. This constitutional amendment would impact literally thousands of laws-- from when property rights are granted, to inheritance rights, to who can file a lawsuit.

Amendment 48 Simply Goes Too Far:

- This measure would ban all abortion—even in the cases of rape or incest victims, or when the life of the woman is at risk.
- By giving legal rights to fertilized eggs, this amendment threatens stem cell research, in vitro fertilization, common birth control methods (like the Pill), and access to emergency contraception for rape and incest victims.
- The extremists behind this amendment admit that they want to make Colorado “ground zero” in the abortion debate. Colorado has important issues to deal with such as education, health care, the economy, and transportation. We don’t need a constitutional amendment criminalizing abortion.

For more information, visit www.protectfamiliesprotectchoices.org

SAVE THE DATES

Tues, Nov 4	Larimer Dems Election Night Party Fort Collins Marriott. 7pm until ??? Big-screen TVs, Cash Bar. Come and Celebrate!
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ELECTION CALENDAR

October 6	Last day to register for General Election
October 20 - 31	Early voting for General Election
October 27	League of Women Voters presents an explanation of statewide ballot issues. 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Plymouth Congregational Church, North Room
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 & RSVP: 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.