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Editor's Note:

The newsletter is always available online at www.larimerdems.org/newsletter.html. As always, please submit any and all newsletter items to Anne Wilseck anneeliz73@gmail.com and Adam Bowen adambowen@frii.com. Deadline for submissions is 5:00 pm Sunday.

Message from the Chair:

Our society almost universally recognizes the importance of higher education, but as TABOR tightens its grip on the state budget and places more constraints on our elected lawmakers, the challenges to funding of a public higher education system mount. Even in a sharp economic downturn, our public universities have remained important drivers of primary jobs here in Northern Colorado.

With this as background, I encourage everyone to participate in the important forum being hosted tomorrow (Weds) evening regarding the challenges and future of higher education. Details are below.

Adam Bowen

PARTY NEWS

SAVE THE DATES:

Watch for details about our annual Holiday Party soon!
Caucus locations will be announced in 2010.

Larimer Dems Holiday Party	Saturday, December 5; 5:00 - 9:00 pm	LCDP HQ
Precinct Caucus	Tuesday, March 16, 2010; time tba	Locations tba
Larimer County Assembly	Saturday, March 27, 2010; time tba	Fort Collins
Larimer Dems Annual Dinner	Saturday, March 27, 2010; time tba	Fort Collins Marriott

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wed, Nov 18: FT. COLLINS LAWMAKERS HOST ISSUES FORUM ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Educator Panel to Address: *Why Higher Education is Critical to Colorado's Economy and Future*

Representatives **John Kefalas** and **Randy Fischer**, and Senator **Bob Bacon** will host a panel of college administrators to include: **Dr. Tony Frank**, Colorado State University President, **Joe Blake**, Colorado State University System Chancellor, **Dr. James Butzek**, Front Range Community College Larimer Campus Vice-President and **Dr. Kris Binard**, Front Range Community College Larimer Campus, Dean of Student Services.

This public forum will focus on the value that higher education provides to our communities, state and the world. The panelists will speak to the achievements and successes of higher education despite budgetary challenges. Performance measurements to be addressed include:

- improving quality and access
- expanding economic opportunity and reducing poverty
- training a skilled workforce to meet business and industry needs
- contributing to a diverse and sustainable economy
- applying research and development that stimulate innovation and entrepreneurship while solving state, national and global problems

Panelists will also have the opportunity to address issues of transparency and accountability and their ideas on improving public and private support.

This event is free, and there will be time for questions and answers and community dialogue. The Coloradoan Community Room is wheelchair accessible.

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 18, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Location: Fort Collins Coloradoan Community Room, 1300 Riverside Avenue, Fort Collins

Thur, Nov 19: *CAMPFIRE CONCERT TO BENEFIT C.A.R.D.*

Local performers concerned about the proposed uranium mining in Weld County have joined forces for a **Campfire Concert** to call attention to what may become a threat to our water, our environment, and our way of life. Some of Fort Collins finest musicians, singers, songwriters and bands will perform at the concert.

Performing for what is billed as an important fundraising event and a great little music festival will be: **Lloyd Drust, Russ Hopkins and the McDailey Experiment**. Also, there are going to be speakers with an update on the status of the proposed mining in Nunn. The concert is free, but donations are encouraged. All money raised will be donated to C.A.R.D. (Coloradoans Against Resource Destruction.)

The local performers join a long list of opponents to Canadian mining company Powertech's proposed uranium mine in northern Colorado. *The City of Fort Collins, the Larimer County Medical Society, the Colorado Medical Society, the League of Women Voters of Larimer County, and the Towns of Nunn, Greeley, Wellington, Ault and Timnath* have signed resolutions against the proposed project. They have been joined by over 12,000 individuals and local businesses who have signed similar resolutions and petitions against uranium mining. C.A.R.D. is a diverse collection of citizens concerned about the health, environmental and economic impacts of uranium-related activity. The organizations goal is to prevent uranium mining in Colorado and protect our valuable resources, especially our water, for future generations.

Date & Time: Thursday, November 19, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

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

For more info: <http://www.nunnglow.com>

ORGANIZING FOR AMERICA--FORT COLLINS CALL PARTIES

Do you have an hour or more to help secure meaningful health insurance reform? Our volunteers have generated 500,000+ calls to members of Congress since October 20th and our efforts have made a huge difference on the legislation coming out of Washington. We are making history and having a fabulous time - please join us.

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 17th Call Party

Location: Barbara's Home, South Fort Collins

RSVP & more info: <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gpczdb>

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 18, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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

RSVP & more info: <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gpc7f4>

Date & Time: Saturday, November 21st Call Party

Location: Kathryn's Home – North Fort Collins
RSVP & more info: <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gpczy5>
Date & Time: Saturday, November 21st Rapid Response Team Meeting
Location: North Fort Collins
RSVP & more info: <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gpckxk>

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: November 19th Meeting: LCDP HQ, 606 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins
Contact: Anne Wilseck for more information anneeliz73@gmail.com

Democratic Breakfast Forum: Fort Collins

Date & Time: First Wednesdays at 7:45 am
Location: Columbine Cafe & Bakery, NW corner of Drake and Worthington, Fort Collins.
Contact & RSVP A Week Ahead: Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, anne2616@comcast.net

Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club

The Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club is going to be moving around this year! We are going to try some new activities and locations: breakfast, lunch, happy hour; Loveland, Fort Collins. Check the newsletter often and please join us!

Date & Time: First Saturday of each month. 9:00 - 10:30 am
Location: November: Catalyst Coffee, 3501 South Shields, Fort Collins
Contact: c.j.quigley@comcast.net for reservations or more info.

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.

Larimer Democrats Southern Breakfast: Loveland

Date & Time: Third Fridays, 7:00 - 8:00 am
Location: Schmidt's Bakery & Delicatessen, 808 14th St SW
Cost: \$15, including tip & a donation back to the LCDP
Contact & RSVP: LCDP South Office 970-461-5779, or email Ralph Trenary at trenary3@msn.com

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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. Thank you.