

**4/6/09**

**Editor's Note:**

Three of our current and former CSU Dems were featured in the Denver Post: [http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci\\_12074120](http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_12074120). Look for information next week on how to get involved with their efforts.

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

**From the Chair:**

For those who have not yet become acquainted with our newest U.S. Senator, this evening is your chance to do so! And it's an opportunity for all of us to present our concerns and questions. Details are below. Hope to see many of you at New Belgium at 6:00 p.m.

The Dinner Committee and the Larimer County Democratic Party would like to extend their gratitude to sculptor Steve Kestrel. Steve has donated work to our speakers for the past three years. Examples of his work may be found at [www.pinonfineart.com/goto/steve\\_kestrel](http://www.pinonfineart.com/goto/steve_kestrel). Once again, we wish to extend our thanks to Steve.

## **PARTY NEWS**

### **2009 ANNUAL DINNER PHOTOS**

Photos from the Annual Dinner are online. You can view them here: <http://picasaweb.google.com/larimerdems/2009AnnualDinner>  
A very special Thank You to our event photographer Dan Bihn!

### **Thur, Apr 9: DATA COMMITTEE MEETING**

Our new meeting time is the **second Thursday of the month**, 6:00-7:30 pm at LCDP Headquarters.

The first half hour will be used to address a current data issue or learn a new skill. The rest of our meeting time is used to accomplish work. So please come, join in the camaraderie, and bring your laptop if you have one. Refreshments provided!

**Date & Time:** Thursday, April 9, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

**Location:** LCDP Headquarters, 606 S. Mason, Fort Collins

**Contact:** Martha Coleman, [marthacoleman@earthlink.net](mailto:marthacoleman@earthlink.net)

### **Thur, April 9: 2009 EXPLORATIONS, VISIONS AND OUR FUTURE FORUM SERIES**

The Larimer County Democratic Party presents the third in the series: **Understanding TABOR**. This will be the first of a 4 part series on TABOR and its impact on Colorado. A question-and-answer period will immediately follow.

**Date & Time:** Thursday April 9, at 7:00pm

**Location:** LCDP South Office, 505 N. Cleveland, Loveland

**Contact:** LCDP South Office, 970-461-5779

### **Tues, Apr 14: DEMOCRATIC BUSINESS COALITION presents FRED KIRSCH & COMMUNITY FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY**

"Community for Sustainable Energy is a Fort Collins-based grassroots group going door to door to raise public awareness of, and organize support for, sustainable energy policies. We are

currently focused on improving mass transit in Northern Colorado, specifically the Transfort bus system in Fort Collins and the development of commuter rail to Denver. We will be discussing these issues and how Democratic Business Coalition members can get involved.” – Fred Kirsch

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, April 14th, Socializing: 11:30 am, Presentation: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

**Location:** Community Room, basement of Home State Bank, 303 E. Mountain Ave., Ft. Collins  
Parking is available on Mountain Ave. or in the Old Town parking garage one block to the west.  
Home State Bank requests that we do not park in their small lot.

**RSVP:** M.L. Johnson, 482-4979, [mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu](mailto:mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu) for reservations and to order a catered lunch (or you can bring your own lunch). For \$10 the sandwich box lunch or chef salad of your choice from Dorothy's Catering of Loveland will be waiting for you.

### **Wed, May 6: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM presents *NEWSPAPERS: WHO NEEDS THEM?***

The Democratic Breakfast Forum will consider the future of newspapers on May 6, with special guests Fort Collins Coloradoan Executive Editor Bob Moore and Colorado Independent Editor Wendy Norris.

With major newspapers closing their doors around the country and others, like the Coloradoan, making cutbacks in staff and size of publication, the value of daily newspapers is in question. The Colorado Independent and other online news sources rely, to some extent, on newspaper reporting for their content. How is the public best served? With the surge in online news, amidst an economic downturn, is a balance achievable?

Larimer Dems are very familiar with the Coloradoan (<http://www.coloradoan.com>) but may wish to check out The Colorado Independent at <http://coloradoindependent.com>.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, May 6, 7:45 AM

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

**RSVP by April 29:** Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, [annemich@comcast.net](mailto:annemich@comcast.net)

## **CAMPAIGN NEWS**

### **Mon, Apr 6: *NEW IDEAS AT NEW BELGIUM WITH SEN. MICHAEL BENNET***

Join U.S. Senator Michael Bennet for a conversation and exchange of ideas Monday, April 6, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the New Belgium Brewing Company in Fort Collins.

People have a great interest in our Democracy right now and Senator Bennet looks forward to listening and engaging in a meaningful discourse with the people of Northern Colorado.

**For more information and to RSVP please visit this link:** <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/meeting/gptwzv>

### **Tue, Apr. 7: LAST DAY TO TURN IN YOUR BALLOT FOR FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL ELECTION: Mayor and Districts 1, 3 & 5**

Have you returned your Fort Collins ballot yet?

**Ballots must be returned to the City Clerk by 7:00 p.m. on April 7.** *A postmark on Election Day does not count unless the ballot is physically in the hands of the City Clerk by 7:00 p.m.*

**IT IS TOO LATE TO MAIL YOUR BALLOT! IN ORDER YOUR YOUR BALLOT TO BE COUNTED, YOU MUST HAND-DELIVER IT TO A BALLOT DROP BOX:**

**City Clerk's Office, City Hall West**, 300 LaPorte Avenue,

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday through April 6; 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Tuesday, April 7

**Fort Collins Police Services**, 2221 South Timberline Road (ballot drop located in building entryway)

24 hours, beginning March 23 and only until 7 pm on April 7

**Larimer County, Citizen Information Center**, 200 West Oak

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday-Friday **NOTE: This location is only available until 5 pm on election day, April 7**

### **Wed, Apr 8: Claws For The Cause *LOBSTER DINNER BENEFIT FOR MARKEY FOR CONGRESS***

Join us Wednesday, April 8 for *Claws for the Cause*, a Lobster Dinner at Fish to benefit Markey for Congress. There are three seatings: 5:00, 6:30, and 8:00 pm. This is our fourth cycle, for the fourth CD, and it's all 4 you and your Congresswoman, Betsy Markey.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, April 8, 5:00, 6:30, and 8:00 pm

**Location:** Fish Restaurant, 150 W. Oak, Fort Collins

**Cost:** \$104

**For more info or to RSVP, contact:** William Russell: 970-227-6303, [rwjr3@msn.com](mailto:rwjr3@msn.com), or John Morley: 970-484-6772, [jmorleys@netzero.com](mailto:jmorleys@netzero.com). You can also RSVP online: [Click Here](#)

### **GOTV FOR TOM GRIGGS**

Volunteers are needed for phoning every day from now until the election.

**Call or email** James Thompson, 970-222-6397 or [james@tomgriggsformayor.com](mailto:james@tomgriggsformayor.com)

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Sat, Apr 11: TOWN HALL MEETING WITH BACON, FISCHER AND KEFALAS**

State Representatives John Kefalas (HD-52) and Randy Fischer (HD-53) along with State Senator Bob Bacon (SD-14) are hosting a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, April 11.

These town hall meetings are open to the public, and all residents are invited to share a lively conversation with Representatives Kefalas and Fischer and Senator Bacon about the issues facing Northern Colorado residents.

The public is encouraged to participate in the democratic process by voicing opinions and concerns about State level politics.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, April 11, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

**Location:** Harmony Library, 4616 South Shields

### **Mon, Apr 13: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PRESENT: *THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN LARIMER COUNTY***

The Juvenile Justice system in Larimer County -- what happens to youngsters caught up in this system? It is a complex story, and one that probably will surprise you. At a program sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Larimer County, two experts will talk about and discuss this important part of our judicial system which affects many youngsters and their families in Larimer County.

They are: Randall Lococo, Fort Collins attorney with extensive experience defending juveniles in Larimer County, and Robert Percifield, Deputy District Attorney, Juvenile Division, 8th Judicial District. Their viewpoints will reflect their separate perspectives -- defense and prosecution -- each with its differing responsibilities and accountabilities.

**Date & Time:** Monday, April 13, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

**Location:** The Coloradoan Community Meeting Room, 1300 Riverside Ave., Fort Collins

**For more info:** 484-2295

**For more information,** call Rachel Cassidy, 530-0558.

### **Sun, Apr 19: IMAGINE ACTION at NAMAQUA!**

How can individuals and congregations become involved in shaping a sustainable health care system for our country? How can advocacy for health care justice extend beyond our borders? Three members of Foothills Unitarian Church in Fort Collins - Sally Broste, Ann Molison and Janet Seeley, M.D. -- will share the story of their evolving health care action team, how their congregation has become activated and their plans for the future.

And for a global perspective-- Dr. Christian Isichei, of Jos, Nigeria, will describe the Faith Alive Clinic he founded in 1996. It provides medical care at no cost to the poorest of the poor in a

region hard-hit by poverty and HIV/AIDS. He empowers his patients who are 'living positively' with HIV/AIDS to live healthy and productive lives by addressing their issues with holistic responses.

**Date & Time:** Sunday, April 19, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Location:** Namaqua Unitarian Church, 503 East 7th Street, Loveland 80537

**For more info:** 484-2295

### **Wed, Apr 29: HEALTH, MONEY AND FEAR**

Meeting of the N.Colorado Chapter of Health Care for All Colorado

"*Health, Money and Fear*", a video production by Paul Hochfeld, MD, emergency medicine physician in Oregon, will be viewed. It outlines the reasons behind the rising costs of health care and suggests proposals which can address the issues.

Discussion will follow the film and national and state legislative proposals will be reviewed.

Resources for education and opportunities for involvement will be provided.

The meeting is free and open to the public and refreshments will be served.

Health Care for All Colorado is a state-wide organization dedicated to achieving guaranteed, affordable, quality health care for all.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, April 29, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

**Location:** Harmony Library, 4616 South Shields, Fort Collins

**For further information:** [www.HealthCareForAllColorado.org](http://www.HealthCareForAllColorado.org) or (970) 484-2259

### **Thur, Apr 30: JuneRise CELEBRATION & PADDLING FILM FESTIVAL**

The JuneRise -- the start of boating season on the Poudre -- is just around the corner, so Save the Poudre Coalition is having a fundraiser and film festival to celebrate!

Come watch great paddling films from the National Paddling Film Festival and enjoy great food & drink with all your Poudre-loving friends! Shop at our Silent Auction.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, April 30, 6:00 pm happy hour & silent auction, 7:30 pm National Paddling Films

**Location:** Avogadro's Number - Back patio, 605 S. Mason St., Ft. Collins

**Tickets:** \$10, available at the door

### **LARIMER COUNTY ANNOUNCES OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

**The deadline is Friday, May 1, 2009**, for citizens to apply to one of the current openings on Larimer County Boards and Commissions. The spring application process is now underway so that new members can come aboard in July. Citizens can apply online at [www.larimer.org/boards](http://www.larimer.org/boards), or pick up an application from the County office nearest you.

You'll find a short video and a Q&A section addressing many questions about serving on a County Board, online at [www.larimer.org/boards](http://www.larimer.org/boards). Contact Diane Tokarz in the Larimer County Commissioners' Office at 498-7015, [dtorkarz@larimer.org](mailto:dtorkarz@larimer.org) for further information.

Also online at [www.larimer.org/boards](http://www.larimer.org/boards) is an explanation of each Board or Commission, what they do, who the members are, and when they meet, etc.

These Boards have current openings:

Board of Adjustment	Juvenile Community Review
Board of Appeals	LaPorte Area Planning Advisory Committee
Board of Health	Larimer Integrated Family Enhancement (LIFE) Board
Citizen Review Panel	Office on Aging Advisory Council
Community Corrections Advisory Board	Open Lands Advisory Board
Environmental Advisory Board	Parks Advisory Board
Estes Valley Board of Adjustment	Planning Commission
Estes Valley Planning Commission	Rural Land Use Board
Extension Advisory Committee	Weed Control District Advisory Commission

Over 300 citizens provide Larimer County government with valuable insight by volunteering on nearly 30 County Boards and Commissions. If you would like to receive an email notification any time there is an opening on a Board or Commission please go to: [www.larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm](http://www.larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm), and sign up. Contact Diane Tokarz in the Larimer County Commissioners' Office at 498-7015, [dtokarz@larimer.org](mailto:dtokarz@larimer.org) for further information.

## SAVE THE DATES

Sat., Aug. 22	Larimer Dems Annual Picnic
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## 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:** LCDP Headquarters, 606 S. Mason, Fort Collins

**Contact:** Anne Wilseck for more information [anneeliz73@gmail.com](mailto:anneeliz73@gmail.com)

### Democratic Breakfast Forum: Fort Collins

Monthly Meeting. No meeting in December or January.

**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, [annemich@comcast.net](mailto:annemich@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:** Saturday, March 21, 9:00 am

**Location:** Catalyst Coffee, 3501 S. Sheilds, Fort Collins

**Contact:** Kathy Batterton at [kathybatterton@q.com](mailto:kathybatterton@q.com) for reservations.

### Democratic Business Coalition: Fort Collins

Monthly Luncheon. No meeting in December or January.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:anneeliz73@gmail.com) and [adambowen@frii.com](mailto:adambowen@frii.com). Thank you.