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If you plan to join us at the Annual Picnic on Friday, August 29, please RSVP by Thursday, August 28. You can rsvp online at www.larimerdems.org or you can call or stop by the office. Office hours, locations and phone numbers are listed above.

Editor's Note:

We have a new ballot issue featured this week: Amendment 48.

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:

The Obamas on stage last night were heartwarming to see. Imagine this fine American family in the White House!

Your Larimer Dems kicked off Convention Week at a great event at Walker Fine Art Gallery in Denver, with attendees from across the country. Festive, fun and filled with excitement for the start of the Convention! Next up - following the big night at Mile High, plan on showing up on Friday for an informal but energized picnic on the Oxbow at New Belgium. See all the the important details below.

PARTY NEWS

ATTENTION TRAINED VOTER REGISTRATION CIRCULATORS!

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

Wed, Sept. 3: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM

Betsy Markey is poised to unseat Marilyn Musgrave as the candidate best suited to represent the 4th Congressional District. If you haven't had an opportunity to hear Betsy, you're missing out.

Luckily, Betsy will be the highlighted speaker at the September 3rd Democratic Breakfast Forum. Any other Democratic candidates in attendance will also have time for brief stump speeches.

Please note for September only, reservations should be made with Irma Woolen.

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 3, 7:45 am

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

Contact & RSVP by August 27: Irma Woollen, 266-1136, irmaer.woollen@gmail.com

Sat, Sept. 6: LARIMER COUNTY JANE JEFFERSON DEMOCRATIC CLUB BREAKFAST

After a summer break, the Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club's monthly breakfast forums are starting again. Members and guests meet monthly for breakfast and to hear speakers on a variety of political topics and to provide state and local candidates with a forum for interaction and engagement. Join us Saturday, September 6 at 8:30 am. Kathy Batterton will share her experiences from the convention of the Federation of Democratic Women. All are welcome!

Date & Time: Saturday, September 6, 8:30 am breakfast, program begins at 9:00 am

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

Contact & RSVP by September 3: Kathy Batterton, kathybatterton@q.com

LOVELAND IS LOOKING FOR A FEW VOLUNTEERS

Our South Office in Loveland has been a popular place, and we need a few more volunteers as we head into 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

CONVENTION WEEK, Aug. 24-29

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH TRANSPORTATION

Bob Massaro will communicate final details today to all bus riders. The buses will leave on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. from the Loveland Visitors Center Park and Ride. Please arrive there between 10-10:30. Carpooling to Loveland is encouraged. If you have not yet paid, Lynn Alldrin will collect your fee before boarding on Thursday. Contact Lynn at 490-2772.

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, has already begun. 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.

Wed, Aug 27: DNC Service project #2: HELPING AT THE WELD COUNTY FOOD BANK AND FLYER POSTING IN PLATTEVILLE

The Larimer County Democrats will partner to help out with two service projects. One project is helping with the Weld County Food bank. The second project is a flyer posting event in Platteville. Details are still being finalized. If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions, contact Charlotte Miller.

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 27, All day

Location: Weld County Food Bank and Platteville

For more information or to volunteer to help, contact: Charlotte Miller, 207-1933

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. **A keg of Fat Tire will be provided by LCDP.**

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"

Please RSVP by Thursday, August 28!

Don't miss your Annual Picnic, on the Oxbow At New Belgium Brewery "The Night After" the Convention.

Featuring Colorado-grown summer fare, New Belgium products, music, and listen to all our great candidates capture and continue the momentum of the Democratic National Convention. This year the 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. 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

RSVP by Thursday, August 28 at www.larimerdems.org

NEWS FROM THE CAMPAIGNS

Sat & Sun, Aug 30 & 31: BARACK OBAMA CALL TO ACTION WEEKEND

Join us as we canvass Larimer County! We'll be capturing the excitement of the convention and working for an Obama victory in November! Meet at the Campaign for Change office for walk lists and literature.

Date & Time: Saturday, August 30: 10:00 am, 1:00 pm and/or 4:00 pm

Sunday, August 31, Noon and/or 3:00 pm

Location: Barack Obama's Campaign for Change Office, 415 South Mason Street, Fort Collins

Contact: Lindsay Dubin, 720-982-4731, ldubin@coloradoforchange.com

Sun, Aug 31: JOIN RANDY EUBANKS AT RED STATE BLUES

RED STATE BLUES is a voter registration and fundraising concert for Randy Eubanks featuring Chicken Circus and The Kathleen Strong Band. Help turn Larimer County Blue! Mixing local music with local politics. Come meet Randy Eubanks, Northern Colorado's best chance to add some blue to the mix as he runs for Larimer County Commissioner.

Change starts locally!

Date & Time: Sunday, August 31, 6:00 pm

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

Admission is FREE,

Tables can be reserved for \$50 each

For more info, contact: Dorinna, 227-1439

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

Sun, Sept 7: BARACKFAST WITH JOHN KEFALAS

Bring friends and family to enjoy a hearty brunch and interact with people for and about Barack Obama. Leave a voluntary contribution for the value of your breakfast.

This month, we're featuring John Kefalas, our local State Representative, who will be here to share stories and ideas. Make a contribution to John's campaign as well. No RSVP, and it's not a potluck; it's a full breakfast! Arrive any time between 10am and 2pm.

Date & Time: Sunday, September 7, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Dan Shaner's home, 3401 Terry Ridge Road, Fort Collins

For more info, contact: Dan Shaner, dshaner@frii.com or visit:

<http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/fundraising/gpg9rf>

Ebay FUNDRAISER FOR ROGER HOFFMANN

The on-line auction fundraiser is taking Convention week off. Please remember to check this space in next week's Newsletter.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

FC PAN (Comcast channel 97) tapped 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. Aug. 30: CONVERSATION WITH REP. KEFALAS--PROCESSING THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

State Representative John Kefalas (HD-52) continues his community conversations. The next "Conversation with Kefalas--Finding Common Ground" will take place on Saturday, August 30.

Community conversations are open to the public and all residents are invited to share coffee and discussion with Rep. Kefalas. This conversation will focus on Sen. Barack Obama's acceptance speech and the Democratic National Convention.

Date & Time: Saturday, August 30, 8:30 - 9:30 am

Location: Dazbog Coffee Shop, Corner of Cherry & Mason Streets, Fort Collins

Contact: Rep. Kefalas, 221-1135

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

HELP IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN VETERANS OF AMERICA REACH 100,000

99,000 Americans have joined IAVA in less than four years. 99,000 Americans have shown their support for our newest generation of veterans.

[With your help, we can make it 100,000.](#)

IAVA continues to achieve victories for our nation's veterans because of the growing number of Americans, like you, who support us and our work.

Because of your generosity, we raised \$20,000 for Scott Winkler and Carlos Leon, two wounded veterans who are competing in the Paralympics next month. Because of your dedication, a new generation of veterans will be able to attend college on the new GI Bill. And because of your commitment, we will continue to keep the issues faced by veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan at the forefront of the public dialogue.

[Can you take a minute and ask a friend to join IAVA?](#) Our goal is to have 100,000 supporters before Congress gets back from their summer recess at the beginning of September.

You don't have to be a veteran to support the new veterans' movement. Let's get 100,000

Americans involved and show the troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan that we have not forgotten them.

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

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 Night 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

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 (September ONLY): Irma Woollen, 266-1136,
irmaer.woollen@gmail.com

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.