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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.

From the Chair: I'LL SEE YOU ALL AT BARACKFAST ON SUNDAY!!

And don't forget yard sign recycling--the bins are in front of Headquarters, at 606 S. Mason. Everyone's yard signs welcome!

PARTY NEWS

Wed, Apr 22: DEMOCRACY FOR AMERICA NIGHT SCHOOL: BUILDING A BETTER COUNTY PARTY

The Obama campaign, like the Dean campaign before it, brought in a whole new class of leaders and activists to our party. Join us at HQ for **DFA Night School** on Wednesday for a free online training, lead by guest trainer Jennifer Coken, the former Chair of the Denver County Democratic Party. We will spend the hour reviewing proven strategies and ideas you can use to your local Democratic Party become stronger, and even more active and engaged in the community. We will be watching this training on the "big screen" at party headquarters.

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 22, 6:30 pm

Location: LCDP Headquarters, 606 South Mason, Fort Collins

Sat, Apr 25: JANE JEFFERSONS present HEALTH, MONEY & FEAR

Health, Money and Fear is a new short film which highlights reasons for the rising costs of health care and suggests solutions for corralling costs, an essential component of any health care reform proposal. The writer, producer and editor of the film is Dr. Paul Hochfeld, a physician certified in Emergency Medicine. He currently resides in Oregon, and is dedicated to educating the public about the need for taking the profiteering out of health care. After the film, there will be a facilitated discussion led by a local physician.

Bring a friend!

Date & Time: Saturday, April 25, 9:00 - 10:30 am

Location: Catalyst Coffee, 3501 S. Shields, Fort Collins (Just north of Horsetooth)

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

Sun, Apr 26: BARACKFAST benefiting the LARIMER DEMS

It's pay-back time!

Barackfast has enjoyed a huge couple of years, politically, with the vast majority of our collective efforts going to individual campaigns. The "big election" is over, and it's time for us to keep the hope alive at the local, community level.

So here is to all the people who kept the party alive before and after the "big election," most of whom I do not even know, being one of those who began with the "big election" even though I've been in town for 28 years.

Let's come out in force, enjoy breakfast, and visualize the hard work so many have put into our local organization for so long.

For those who have never attended Barackfast, here's what it is:

-Breakfast at my house, on the house.

-Not a potluck, and no RSVP needed, ever.

-Anyone and everyone is invited, but you need to invite them! Bring your own friends so you can be sure it will be an interesting event!

-Come any time between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Leave a contribution for the cause. (This month, it is the Larimer Dems)

If you want to learn when future Barackfests are, sign an email list, or better yet, email me at dan.shaner@gmail.com

Date & Time: Sunday, April 26, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

For more info, email dan.shaner@gmail.com

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

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Sat, May 2- Sun, May 3: FORT COLLINS CINCO DE MAYO

The Larimer Dems booth at the Cinco De Mayo event in Fort Collins Civic Center Park will kick off the 2009 festival season.

We need volunteers to set up the booth on Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 am, to staff the booth all day Saturday and Sunday, and to take the booth down on Sunday after 6:00 pm. Multiple shifts are available on Saturday 5/2 and Sunday 5/3 from 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.. **If you helped with booths last year, expect a phone call next week from one of our wonderful HQ staffers; if you haven't tried this before, it's fun, so sign up for a shift!**

Date & Time: Saturday, May 2, 7:30 am start - Sunday, May 3, 6:00 pm finish

Location: Fort Collins Civic Center Park, Howes & LaPorte

To volunteer, contact; Call HQ, at 689-6391

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sat, Apr 25: COMMUNITY ISSUE FORUM WITH REPS. KEFALAS AND FISCHER

State Representatives John Kefalas (HD-52) and Randy Fischer (HD-53) will host a community issue forum this Saturday on the economy and avoiding foreclosure. A speaker from the Colorado Bankers' Association will make a presentation then a discussion will follow.

Date & Time: Saturday, April 25, 1:00 - 2:40 pm

Location: Harmony Library, 4616 South Shields, Fort Collins

Tue, Apr 28: LEST THEY BE FORGOTTEN: AN EVENING TO SHOW LOVELAND CARES

This event is sponsored by Loveland Concerned Citizens and veteran support organizations. The HBO movie *Taking Chance* starring Kevin Bacon will be shown, followed by a panel discussion on "How Can Loveland Help its Vets & Families?". The event is free (with suggested donations for veteran support).

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 pm

Location: Rialto Theater, 228 E 4th St, Loveland

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 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

Thurs, Apr 30: LOCAL EFFECTS OF COLORADO'S BUDGETING RESTRICTIONS

Which parts of TABOR cannot be "de-bruced?" Why might school districts be unable to use their emergency funds in emergencies? What may happen to CSU's revenues if the Rams play in a bowl game? Curious?

The Larimer Dems are hosting the second of four forums on Colorado's budgeting restrictions. A panel of local officials will explain the Larimer County effects of TABOR, Gallagher, Arveschoug-Bird, and Amendment 23. Please join us for refreshments, questions and lively discussion.

Date & Time: Thursday, April 30, 7:00 pm

Location: Larimer Dems' south office, 505 N. Cleveland, Loveland

RSVP helpful to gauge space needs: 461-5779 or 461-9177

Upcoming Events:

Wed, May 20: State-wide effects of Colorado's Budgeting Restrictions

Thurs, June 11: Options for a Smoother Budgeting Process

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,

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. Contact Diane Tokarz in the Larimer County Commissioners' Office at 498-7015, dtokarz@larimer.org for further information. Also online at 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, and sign up. Contact Diane Tokarz in the Larimer County Commissioners' Office at 498-7015, dtokarz@larimer.org for further information.

SAVE THE DATES

Sat., Aug. 22

Larimer Dems Annual Picnic

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: **MAY ONLY:** Estes Park (details next week)

Contact: Anne Wilseck for more information 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

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, April 25, 9:00 am

Location: Catalyst Coffee, 3501 S. Shields, Fort Collins

Contact: Kathy Batterton at 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 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. Thank you.