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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:

The Larimer County Democratic Party is pleased to present U.S. Senator and 1972 Presidential nominee **George S. McGovern** next Thursday morning, Sept. 17th, in the Coloradoan's Community Room.

McGovern, 87, was a decorated bomber pilot in World War II, after which he earned his Ph.D. in American history and government at Northwestern University. A prolific author, he has lectured at more than 1,000 colleges and universities throughout the world. He has also received many honorary degrees and distinguished awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States' highest civilian honor. He lives in Mitchell, South Dakota.

He will be in Fort Collins to promote his newest book, *Abraham Lincoln*, which is part of the Times Books' American Presidents series, published by Henry Holt & Company, Inc. The Senator's book will be for sale at the Sept. 17th presentation, and he will autograph purchases. Attendees may also bring memorabilia for him to sign.

In a review of the book for the *Library Journal*, Randall Miller writes: "Former U.S. Senator McGovern – who is also a Ph.D. historian – knows something about Presidential leadership and the potential and actual abuses of power that come, especially during wartime. In this compact but convincing portrait, he assesses Lincoln's greatness in terms of his ability to use his humble origins, empathy, keen sense of justice, uncommon skill in seeing the essence of an issue, faith in American democracy, gifts of language, and personal self-confidence, all to become a masterly lawyer, a party leader, commander in chief, and a heroic figure with both the vision and the practicality to realize his purposes ... This biography warrants reading to catch the sense of Lincoln's greatness, both for his own day and ours."

Date & Time: Thursday, September 17, 7:30 a.m. (presentation at 8:00) Coffee and rolls provided

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

RSVP (Seating Limited): 689-6391, ldems@frii.com

PARTY NEWS

Thurs, Sep. 10: DATA COMMITTEE MEETING

Our data meetings are starting back up for the fall! We have a fun new project to start in on so bring your laptop if you have one and get ready to learn something new and help enter data. Refreshments will be provided.

Date & Time: Thursday, September 10, 6:00-7:30 pm

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

Contact: Martha Coleman, marthacoleman@earthlink.net

Wed, Sep 16: CAMPAIGN WORKSHOP

Come join us for an hour and hear about what it takes to be a campaign manager, treasurer, volunteer coordinator, and field operation manager here in Larimer County. Presenters will share

first hand experiences about these roles and how they got trained to do the job. If you have ever thought you'd like to help on a campaign in this way, this is a great first step to find out more. Snacks and beverages will be served. Presenters are Gina Janett, Lucin Gilliland, Nancy Tellez, and Wendy Howell.

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 16, 5:30-6:30 pm

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

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VOLUNTEER NEWS

VOLUNTEER TO HELP STAFF A BOOTH!

Summer is winding down, but we still have some events. ***AND PLEASE NOTE THE SUSTAINABLE LIVING FAIR COMING UP ON THE 19TH/20TH. THIS IS A TWO-DAY EVENT SO YOU ARE NEEDED!***

To volunteer contact the Larimer Dems, 689-6391 or ldems@frii.com

September 19-20	Sustainable Living Fair
October 3	Berthoud Fall Festival
October 9	CSU Homecoming Parade
October 10-11	Harvestival at Grant Family Farms

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Sun, Sep 13: BREAKFAST BENEFIT FOR GOV. RITTER (BARACKFAST)

The September Breakfast Benefit supports Bill Ritter for Governor. We'll feature the Horsetooth Mountain Rangers, which is quickly becoming a staple. Governor Bill Ritter has been a terrific advocate for the Green Economy and Climate Change Legislation. He now has two challengers who believe Barack Obama was born somewhere non-American and also believe climate change is not happening. They're active, and so are we.

I have met Gov. Ritter three times now, and I must say I am more impressed with each interaction. He is a real person in politics with a grasp of our real problems as a people, state, nation and world. His time in Africa with his wife, as a "young couple" were clearly formative: he speaks about how he learned the difference between "problems" and "issues." This is big, and it shows when he must make tough decisions on right-to-work, budget, healthcare, education and environment. I was particularly impressed when, in the beginning of August, he stepped decisively forward for health care reform in general and the public option in particular. Let's get out for this man!

Plan to enjoy a hearty breakfast, great music, interesting friends, and this time, sign up for volunteering next year for our Greenest Governor!

The details, for new people:

1. Not a potluck: come as you are
2. Hearty breakfast on the house: eggs, hashbrowns, oven pancakes, green chile, OJ, coffee
3. Voluntary contribution jar with all proceeds going to Bill Ritter for Governor
4. If you learn about this, you're welcome. Bring your friends and make it your own! Please

carpool if you can.

5. You need not be like-minded, but you do need to be willing to engage in thoughtful, civil discourse

And a couple new items:

1. I will have a separate contribution jar for anyone wanting to contribute to breakfast supplies; I reserve the right to contribute that to the cause-of-the-day.

2. An RSVP is appreciated but never required.

Date & Time: Sunday, September 13, anytime between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm

Location: Dan Shaner's home, 3401 Terryridge Road, Fort Collins [Map](#)

Contact & RSVP: Dan Shaner, dan.shaner@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wed, Sep 9: OBAMA WATCH PARTY

President Obama is going to address a joint session of Congress on Health Care Reform. This is a critical moment for us to build our movement. Following the speech we will have a special call with David Plouffe, who will discuss the speech and give us a blueprint for how to win this battle. New people always welcome.

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 9, 6:00 pm

RSVP REQUIRED by Noon Wednesday

RSVP and more details at <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gpkjfl>

Thur, Sep 10: WHY DOES HEALTH CARE COST SO MUCH? WHAT SOLUTIONS REFLECT AMERICAN VALUES?

"Health, Money and Fear" film and discussion with Bernard Birnbaum, MD

The producer of the film is Dr. Paul Hochfeld, a physician certified in emergency medicine who currently practices in Oregon. He interviews doctors and other health care providers for an insiders' look at reasons for the rising costs of health care. Suggestions of solutions for corralling costs, an essential element of successful health care reform, are outlined. Presenter: Bernard Birnbaum, M.D. is a family physician and faculty member at the Fort Collins Family Medicine Residency Program. Previously he worked on the Navajo Reservation in Chinle, AZ, for the Indian Health Service. Currently he is a member of the Board for the Health District of N. Larimer County.

Date & Time: Thursday, September 10, 7:00 - 8:45 pm

Location: Council Tree Library, Harmony and Ziegler Roads in Fort Collins.

For further information contact 224-6122

Sun, Sep 13: NAMAQUA FORUM: US RELATIONS WITH IRAN AND TURKEY

The Namaqua Forum (formerly the Open Forum) fall program begins on September 13th from 7:00 to 8:30 with Dr. William Griswold, retired CSU Professor. US relations with Iran and Turkey. We've moved to the new Ferguson Hill School at 1101 Hill Top Dr, Loveland. Take Taft 2 blocks south of Eisenhower, turn west on 11th St. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by Namaqua UU Congregation.

Date & Time: Sunday, September 13, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: Ferguson Hill School, 1101 Hill Top Drive, Loveland

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: August Meeting: LCDP HQ, 606 S. Mason, 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, 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: September 5, 9:00 - 10:30 am

Location: Catalyst Coffee, 3501 S. 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.