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Editor's Note

Also Running

Inside we have candidate appeals for your primary vote. We contacted Democratic candidates who are in contested races, that will appear on the Boone County ballot and who have actively campaigned. Almost all have responded. But on your ballot you will also find:

- **Atty. General race:**
Chris Koster

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COLUMBIA DELEGATES TO THE DNC CONVENTION

By Darren Hellwege

When our Party gathers for the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado, several members of our local party will be attending. Some will be spectators. Others will be working in behind-the-scenes jobs—jobs so necessary in this massive undertaking. Some others representing our 9th Congressional District are the unpledged “super delegates,” Congressmen, Russ Carnahan and Ike Skelton, and Leila Medley of Jefferson City, a member of the Democratic National Committee.

However, other than the super delegates, it is the elected delegates to the National Convention who actually participate in the process of choosing the Democratic candidate for President of

“It’s a moment in history, a chance to watch our democracy at work. I am really excited about the challenges and changes that diversity brings—that comes out of both the Hillary Clinton and the Obama campaigns, both for our party and for our country.”

Betty Wilson, DNC Delegate

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Muleskinners in August

Aug. 1: Dr. Charles Wheeler, Candidate for Missouri State Treasurer

Aug. 8: Mark Buhrmester, Boone County Democratic Party Executive Director, Leading a group discussion about the primary election results.

Aug. 15: Bill Wickersham—Confronting Nuclear War: The Role of the Citizen

Aug. 22: Winners Circle—All available primary winners will be invited to share their thoughts about the primary and the future

Aug. 29: Monta Welch Director, Columbia Climate Change Coalition - Discussing the Renewable Electricity Standards statewide ballot issue

Muleskinner meetings take place on Fridays at Noon in the first floor Windsor Room of Stamper Commons on the Stephens College Campus on the SE corner of Broadway & College Blvd. There's an optional buffet lunch. Parking is available in an adjacent lot off of Wilkes. Please use the spaces marked with yellow lines. The public is welcome and encouraged to stop by. If you have questions, please contact Scott Cristal at 573-999-3871.

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Calendar of August Democratic Events

- Aug. 5: Primary Election. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Volunteer for Get Out The Vote (GOTV) with a Democratic campaign.
- Aug. 5: Watch Parties—see page 8 for a list of information available at printing time.
- Aug. 14: Boone County Democratic Central Committee Meeting. 7 p.m. at the Roger B. Wilson Government Center. These monthly meetings are open to the public. Call Mark for more information, 875-1245.
- Aug. 18: Boone County Democratic Women’s Club meet and socialize 5:30–6, August Guest Senator Chuck Graham 6–7:30 p.m. at the Upper Crust, 3107 Green Meadows Way.

The 2008 Award Winners

The 2008 Muleskinner awards were presented at Boone County Democrats Day July 13th. Christy Welliver (l) took the Margaret Morgett Lifetime Achievement Award. The Norma Robb Young Democrat Award went to Kelly Schultz (r). County Administrator Connie Hendren (c) received the Betty Saunders Officeholder Award. Jeff Chinn (not pictured) was chosen the William J. Robb Award winner. Finally, the Harold Riback Award honoree was Vicki Hobbs (not pictured).



(Continued from Page 1) the United States. The elected delegates from the 9th Congressional District are Betty K. Wilson, Denise Gilmore, Robin La Brunerie, all of Columbia, Sam Hodge from Kirksville and Bill Monroe from Fulton. Wilson, Gilmore and Hodge were elected to represent Clinton; La Brunerie and Monroe to represent Obama.

"Being a part of the delegate process has been educational not only for me, but for my family as well. My children have learned a great deal and they have enjoyed seeing the inner political workings. We all plan to attend the acceptance speech together. I hope it will make them better citizens and that they will one day make use of their experiences."

Robin Labrunerie, DNC Delegate

"Ask my friends, I'm an unbelievable geek about History. Being able to represent this Great State and Party as a black, gay, young woman makes me so incredibly excited about the history that will be written in a few decades about my generation. The implications of the legacy that will be left by this Convention, truly gives me chills!!"

Denise Gilmore, DNC Delegate

Betty Wilson chaired the Boone County Clinton campaign and is a longtime Democratic activist and a local attorney. Currently, she is serving as treasurer of the campaign for Stephen Webber, a candidate for the 23rd District of the Missouri State House of Representatives.

Denise Gilmore is a political science major at the University of Missouri. A native of Manhattan, Kansas, she is one of only 26 freshmen to be part of the Chancellor's Leadership Class and is an outstanding athlete, well as a political activist.

Robin LaBrunerie, described as a social worker and full-time mom, says the Obama candidacy has excited her like none before.

Sam Hodge is a student at Truman State University. Bill Monroe, a public health nurse, is a well-known blogger and an activist with the group, Democracy for America.

"I could not be more excited about representing Missouri at the Democratic National Convention. I will be participating in history and nominating the most inspirational presidential candidate in a generation—Barack Obama."

Sam Hodge, DNC Delegate

The Democratic National Convention will be held Aug. 25th through 28th. The event is certain to receive much media attention, but another source of information is the DNC website, www.denverconvention2008.com.



Two of our DNC Delegates, Robin Labrunerie and Fulton's Bill Monroe.

(Darren Hellwege is a former president of Boone County Muleskinners and has served as a proud delegate for candidates from George McGovern to Al Gore at Democratic conventions in Oklahoma and Missouri. He works for local radio station KBIA 91.3 FM and reports on Mizzou Tiger athletics for officialsportsreport.com.)

U.S. Congress - 9th District

Judy Baker



Judy Baker represents a new voice for change. She wants Congress to focus on the issues important to us; gas prices, health care and the economy.

A health care expert and State Representative, Judy

stood up to Gov. Blunt's Medicaid cuts. Now she wants to provide access to health care for everyone. This month the Tribune called Judy "a smart, tough, ethical legislator."

Born in Boone County, Judy is a wife and mother of three.

Lyndon Bode

Lyndon Bode is currently serving his 14th year as Marion County Presiding Commissioner. He is 44 years old, married and they have two young daughters. They live in rural Marion County near the small town of West Ely. He has also served as the State President of the Missouri County Commissioners Association and the Missouri Young Democrat Organization. He has been active in numerous Democrat campaigns and events for over 30 years.



Steve Gaw



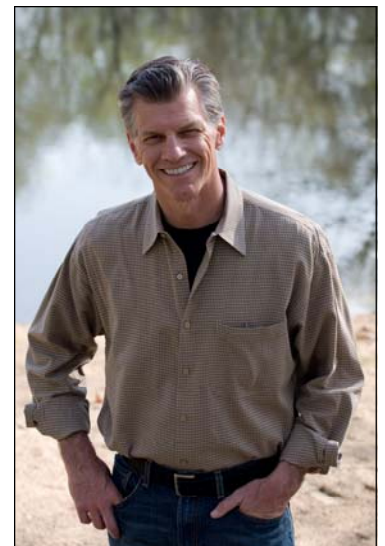
Thanks to all the good Democrats who have been engaged in this race. All the candidates in this race want to enact change. Most of us want to jumpstart the economy, fix healthcare, and end the war. But to enact change, you do have to

get elected first. To enact change next January, you have to win this November. I believe I am best positioned to win in November, so I ask for your support.

Ken Jacob

Vote for Ken Jacob.

Senator Ken Jacob passed the Middle Class Tax Cuts, eliminated the state sales tax on food and authored the largest scholarship bill in Missouri history, the Bright Flight Scholarship Program. Sen. Jacob worked to get over 20 new building projects for the Mizzou campus and has a long record of results. Ken Jacob is the only candidate with the strength and courage to fight for us in Washington.



Open Seat**Attorney General***Jeff Harris*

The Harris campaign has been working diligently to ensure that Aug. 5 puts Jeff one step closer to becoming our next Attorney General. We are running a strong grassroots campaign and are proud of the statewide support that we have received throughout



the campaign. Go to our website at www.electjeffharris.com and help our campaign out today! However, if you do anything be sure to vote for Jeff Harris on Aug. 5!

Margaret Donnelly

Margaret Donnelly has 20 years of courtroom experience fighting for families and children, including child abuse trials. As state representative and ranking Democrat on the Budget Committee, she was a leader in battling the Blunt health care cuts. A Democrat for 30 years there will never be a question where she stands on our values. Her experience and values combine to make her the best candidate to lead the office and protect Missouri families.

Open seat**Missouri House - 23rd District***Cande Iveson*

Cande Iveson grew up in the 23rd district. She wants to promote policies that provide opportunity, reward hard work and make all our citizens feel like a valued part of our larger community. For the last ten years, Cande has worked in Jefferson City on children's issues—including education, health care and abuse and neglect. She also has more than ten years of experience in business.

Cande would very much appreciate your vote on August 5. For more information visit www.iveson2008.com.

*Stephen Webber*

I grew up right here in Columbia, attending public schools and graduating from Hickman HS. I have a degree in Economics from Saint Louis University, worked a year in an Americorps program, and served two tours of combat duty in Iraq as a US Marine despite opposing the war from the start. All three teacher organizations, the AFL-CIO, and many other groups have endorsed my campaign.

Visit my website at www.votewebber.com, and please vote August 5th.

Open Seat

Missouri House - 25th District

Bob Pund

I am running for State Representative because I want to give all people a voice in Missouri. Unfortunately, everyday people are not represented in Jefferson City because money and special interests have had their way too long. I simply want to listen to the people of Columbia and provide "Just Solutions" for real problems and real people. I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve the people of Columbia.



Sean Spence

Sean Spence is a progressive, grassroots Democrat. A second generation Tiger, Sean has a unique blend of business and political experience. He started his own business with customers across the country, worked in corporate America, served as executive director of Missouri's Democratic Senate Caucus under former Lt. Governor Joe Maxwell, and managed State Auditor Susan Montee's campaign. Sean is committed to ensuring that every Missourian is educated, employed and insured. For specific plans, visit www.SpenceCampaign.com

Mary Still

Mary Still has served as communications director for the Attorney General, Governor and three MU chancellors. Mary and Russ have lived in Columbia for 25 years, where their daughters graduated from public schools and Russ served on the school board. Mary has been a scout leader, and served on church, community and university boards. Mary supports public schools and the University of Missouri, restoring Medicaid cuts and policies to expand the state's economy.



Boone County Assessor

Barbara Bishop

If there's one thing I know about the good people of Boone County, it's that we want what's fair. We are very willing to pay our fair share toward the growth and improvement of our schools, roads, law enforcement, and basic necessities.

Being fair is why I'm a Democrat and why I want to be your next county assessor. I'd appreciate your vote in the August 5th Democratic Primary.

I am your Qualified Choice for Change.



Boone County Assessor (cont. from p. 6)

Tom Schauwecker

Experience is the greatest asset I have to offer the citizens of Boone County. I have appraised property in our local market for the past 28 years. I have been a state certified General Real Estate Appraiser since 1992, which is the highest level of licensure offered in Missouri. I have appraised an extremely broad range of complex commercial properties and unique residential structures. I will continue to apply the progressive use of technology in a spirit of cooperation to serve citizens in a fair, open manner.



Boone County Commissioner, Southern District

Karen Miller



Thank you for allowing me the honor and privilege to serve you. My top priority over the next four years is to build a stronger economy and stronger families in Boone County. Creating and sustaining new jobs, with above average wages and benefits, will allow your children and

grandchildren to continue living and working in Boone County. I respectfully ask for your vote, so I may continue to help Boone County advance and prosper

Sid Sullivan

Sid brings a lifetime of experience and management tools in government and business to tackle county government problems. He knows County Criminal Justice, having worked as a jail planner and later as a court



services administrator and has published on planning and land use.. With over fifteen years in business, he knows how to get the job done with limited resources. Sid holds graduate degrees Sociology and Business Administration. For more information go to www.SidSullivan.com.

Open Seat

Boone County Public Administrator



I am *Dan Dunham*.

I want to serve Boone County as Public Administrator. This office is created by statute to provide for the administration and preservation of estates and for the care and control of persons with due regard for both the law and the rights of individuals. I believe I have the legal, governmental, and social service experience to be able and ready to make the best Public Administrator office in Missouri even better.

Cathy Richards

Unlike other elected positions, the Public Administrator is a service position charged with taking care of people who are either mentally or physically disabled in some way. Of critical importance is taking care of client's lives: their finances, their day-to-day problems and their care. Legal issues, such as probate, are handled by the County's probate attorney and are of minute significance. The real question: will I take care of the people? The answer is yes.

Cathy Richards for Public Administrator.



State Treasurer

Mark Powell



The Missouri Constitution dictates that the treasurer be the caretaker of state funds, i.e.; balance the checkbook, pay the bills, and invest the money. These would be my number one priority. Additionally, I

will improve the college savings program by expanding the investment options; create a Missouri Higher Education Task Force to study and report to the legislature their findings and recommendations on college affordability; and work to create jobs through the linked deposit program.

Dr. Charles Wheeler

Hello, Boone County residents. I am Dr. Charles B. Wheeler, former state senator and Kansas City mayor. I am running for the Democratic nomination for state treasurer, and I would appreciate your vote Aug. 5. Having



held four different elective offices over a public-service career spanning 40 years, I have the experience to handle the state treasurer's duties. I have always pushed for open and honest government. For time-tested leadership, vote for me.

Andrea Danine Simckes

It's my belief that the role of State Treasurer is to be a protector of Missouri's long-term interests and ensure a bright future for our state. Please visit my website: www.simckesfortreasurer.com where you can

learn more about my plans to grow our economy and create jobs, improve patient care, help citizens save more, and address climate change. I ask you to vote on for me, Andria Simckes, for State Treasurer on Tuesday, August 5th.



Clint Zweifel

Clint is serving his third term in the Missouri House, where he is a leader on fiscal policy. Clint stood up to Governor Matt Blunt when he cut Medicaid and raided our student loan program. As treasurer, Clint will focus on making college more affordable, protecting investors, reducing the burden of property taxes and protecting consumers from unscrupulous lenders. Janice, his wife, works with children with special needs in the public schools. They are foster parents.





Barack Obama Mid Missouri Headquarters

The Columbia Office is now open at 22 South Ninth St.

Staff: Rachel, Will, Kimberly, Taylor, Derek . . .

Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (or later)

Phone: TBA

*Drop by to get involved or
to just to look around!*

Visit the website at <http://www.midmobama.com/>

*Senator Chuck Graham's Campaign
Shares the Space.*



Above—Moving In on Ninth St.



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◆ ◆ ◆ **August 5th Watch Parties** ◆ ◆ ◆

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| Judy Baker | 8 p.m. | HuHot Mongolian Grill, 3802 Buttonwood Dr. (South of Nifong) |
| Jeff Harris | 7 p.m. | Courtyard Marriott, 3301 Lemone Blvd. (Just East of US 63 on Grindstone Parkway) |
| Cande Iveson | 7 p.m. | Harpo's, 29 South Tenth Street |
| Ken Jacob | TBA | 4810 E. St. Charles Rd. (south of I-70 Lake of the Woods exit) |
| Bob Pund | TBA | TBA |
| Sean Spence | 7:30 p.m. | Houlihan's, 2542 Broadway Bluff Dr. (E. Broadway, near Applebee's) |
| Mary Still | 8 p.m. | Still the One headquarters, 307 Locust St. ~ Admission: return a Still yard sign. |
| Stephen Webber | 8 p.m. | Shiloh Bar & Grill, 402 E. Broadway |

Please, refer to the BCDP website & the listserv for updates & information about other watch parties.