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Author Speaks at July Meeting



Dr. Allen H. Loughry II, author of a new book entitled *Don't Buy Another Vote, I Won't Pay For A Landslide* was the featured speaker at the July HC DFA meeting. After being introduced by Delegate Ron Fragale, Dr. Loughry spoke at length on the topic of his book, political corruption down through history in West Virginia.

His entertaining and informative talk highlighted a few of the major scandals and instances of vote buying, financial corruption, and other problems in the political arena of our state. Much of his presentation was geared to the numerous questions and comments from the audience. Dr. Loughry pointed out that while the brazen and open vote buying and corrupt political deals may no longer be as apparent as once was true, there are still problems with politics in West Virginia and is asking citizens to demand that our office holders pledge to a high standard of ethical behavior.

In his book, Dr. Loughry presents a plan to reform West Virginia politics by outlining "A Contract With the Voter", which he suggests that voters should ask their elected representatives to sign. Along with noting fifty reforms, the contract asks candidates for political office to "be a part of the solution and not part of the problem".

Following his talk and the book-signing event, Dr. Loughry was invited by members to write a column for the HC DFA newsletter, the first of which appears below. *Don't Buy Another Vote, I Won't Pay For A Landslide* may be ordered through our web site, www.hcdfa.com/the_progressive_bookstore or visiting www.reformwv.com.

Reform West Virginia Politics NOW! by Dr. Allen Loughry, II

I recently completed the book, *Don't Buy Another Vote, I Won't Pay For A Landslide*. I wrote it after experiencing many years of frustration with our current system of politics. We have had so many good honest people who want to be involved in government, but the numerous bad apples have turned much of the entire barrel rotten. Consequently, voter confidence is virtually depleted and apathy has soared.

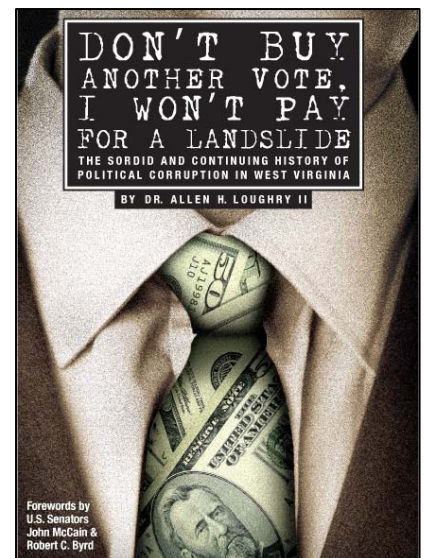
This November, citizens in each of our fifty-five counties will once again have the opportunity to select those who represent them in the State Legislature. We can choose to continue to blindly travel the familiar path of electing politicians we really know nothing about, or we can open our eyes to the possibilities of true reform.

It is time to hold our representatives accountable and stop placing band-aids on West Virginia's gaping wounds of political corruption. On my website, www.reformwv.com, I have put together a free printable list of fifty specific ideas for changing and reforming politics in this State forever.

Reform must occur from the ground up in community after community if any change will ever occur. It is my experience that politicians believe people don't care about these issues, but that really isn't the case. The great people of this State do care, but they have been disappointed, frustrated, and let down on too many occasions by their elected officials.

This is precisely the reason that this General Election must be different. It is time to take back our elections and take back our democracy. Reform will not be without effort, it will not be without controversy, but most importantly, it must not be without success.

It is time for West Virginians to finally bring truth to their official State Motto and prove that indeed, Mountaineers Are Always Free.



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Mission Statement

The Mission of Harrison County Democracy for America is to enact positive change within the Democratic Party of Harrison County, to assist in the support of Democratic candidates, and to create a positive and pro-active organization that will support progressive democratic goals and ideals. This Mission will be accomplished through an active cooperation with the existing party structures, working along side of them to reinvigorate our party with new positive energy and leadership as we face this new century and an evolving political climate.

Upcoming Meetings:

***August 2, 2006
September 6, 2006***

Village Square, Clarksburg

***Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
Preceded by Dinner @ 5:00 p.m.***

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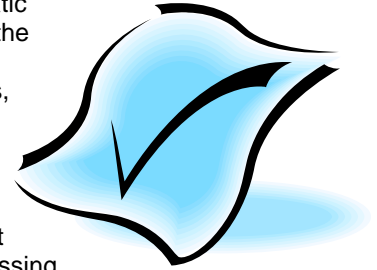
***From Your
Membership Committee:***

The Membership Committee is in the process of reaching out to the Democratic voters in an effort to increase our membership. We will be doing a direct mail campaign in late August or early September. We need more members in order to accomplish our mission of getting Democrats elected and re-elected to Congress and our own state legislature. We need to make the State of West Virginia blue again.

In order to gain a Democratic Congress again, we must work for the candidates, by canvassing the neighborhoods, making phone calls, and training precinct captains and volunteers. Canvassing (Shoe Leather Campaigning) is the most effective way to reach the voters.

It is also the cheapest form of direct voter contact. The impact of canvassing establishes 2-way communication where the voter can express his/her concerns and discuss the issues. In order to do these things, we must expand our membership. This is one of the ways Republicans managed to win the primary and general elections in 2000 and 2004. We can't let that happen again.

As Senator Feingold said, "Democrats have always believed in common sense solutions for our nation's most pressing concerns. Our vision for America is simple:



The Democratic Plan for America:

Honest Leadership & Open Government. We will end the Republican culture of corruption and restore a government as good as the people it serves.

Real Security: We will protect America at home and lead the world by telling the truth to our troops, our citizens, and our allies.

Energy Independence: We will create a cleaner and stronger America by reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

Economic Prosperity and Educational Excellence: We will create jobs that will stay in America by restoring opportunity and driving innovation.

A Health Care System that Works for Everyone: We will make sure everyone has access to affordable, quality health care.

Retirement Security: We will ensure that a retirement with dignity is the right and expectation of every single American."

Sounds great doesn't it. Now let's get to work so we can make it a reality. I challenge every member to help make this membership drive a success. Let's make our canvassing and phoning a success. It will require hard work and commitment on our part, but I think we can do it!

Submitted by Betty Cottrill, Committee Chair

TAKE BACK AMERICA

Rally and March

Sponsored by West Virginians United for Social and Economic Justice

Saturday, August 26, 2006, 2:00pm at the Byrd Federal Building, Charleston, WV

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A Fair Economy - A Strong Democracy - The Future of Democracy

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An Inconvenient Truth *Reviewed by Denise Binion*



Al Gore's movie, *An Inconvenient Truth* has finally come to West Virginia, currently showing in Huntington and Morgantown. While citing a great deal of scientific evidence to support global warming, the concepts are presented with easily understood language, video footage and superb computer graphics. The film relates Gore's introduction to global warming during college, the Senate's first hearings on global warming organized by Gore early in the Senate, as well as milestones that changed his priorities and way of looking at life.

Far from the claims of gloom and doom spouted by the Right Wing, an *Inconvenient Truth*, while graphically depicting the frighteningly real dangers of global warming, offers hope and solutions while there is still time. This film is a wake-up call to all inhabitants of planet Earth and a challenge to take responsibility for our actions by recognizing the impact our lifestyles have on climate change.

And what about Al Gore himself, how does he come across in the film? Some individuals may believe that *An Inconvenient Truth* is just a political scheme to position Gore for another presidential campaign. Whether he runs again or not, watching the movie it is obvious that Gore is every bit the staunch environmentalist that he was when he wrote *Earth in the Balance* in 1992. Additionally, he is passionate, outspoken, confident and humorous -- easily the smartest man ever to have been elected president. Order *An Inconvenient Truth* from

http://www.hcdfa.com/the_progressive_bookstore

Bernie Fazzini, Harrison County Commission Candidate

Bernie Fazzini, HCDFA member and lifelong resident of Harrison County, was successful in his recent bid to become the Democratic Candidate for Harrison County Commission in the primary elections of last May. As of press time for this edition of "THE COMPASS", no opposition candidate has filed for this office; therefore, Bernie will likely be unopposed in the upcoming General Election in November.

HCDFA is especially proud of the real "people to people" and "grassroots" campaign that Bernie waged during a hard fought battle with two other highly qualified and respected Democratic candidates for the seat on the Harrison County Commission. The other candidates in the race included businessmen and active citizens, Jim Smith and fellow HCDFA member, David Cutlip. All three waged determined, active and responsible campaigns.

Bernie Fazzini was educated in the public school system, graduating from Washington Irving High School and attending Fairmont State College. He has over forty years of experience in the private and public sectors, having operated a small family business and having

served as a Justice of the Peace/Magistrate in Harrison County. A retired professional fire fighter with the Clarksburg Fire Department, Bernie also served as a volunteer member of the Board of Directors of the City of Clarksburg Federal Credit Union for 27 years and has been its Chief Financial Officer since 1995. His community service record includes membership with the Adamston Lions Club, the Clarksburg Columbian Club, Clarksburg Bowling Association, IAFF Local 89, AFL-CIO, and involvement with local youth sports activities. Fazzini is proud of his life-long membership and association with the Democratic Party and all of its standards, ideals and platforms. Married to the former Cindy Boyard, Bernie is the proud father of five children and has five grandchildren.

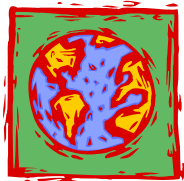
HCDFA and the many voters who supported him, look forward to Bernie's straight forward, down to earth and practical methods of problem solving and dealing with the issues that face the operation of our county government.

Cheerleading the Apocalypse by William Rivers Pitt July, 17, 2006

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'Who knows but the world may end tonight?'

- Robert Browning



The fighting between Israel and Lebanon over the course of the last few days presents perhaps the most

dangerous moment since the Cuban Missile Crisis. The leadership of Israel and Hezbollah spend the blood of innocents to prove how very tough they are, and the lords of unreason hold sway over all. Syria trembles on the edge of significant involvement, with Iran waiting in the wings.

Annia Ciezadlo, writing for *The Nation*, offered a poignant snapshot of the mood on the Lebanese street. "The day after Hezbollah kidnapped two Israeli soldiers," wrote Ciezadlo, "all of Beirut prepared for war in time-honored Lebanese fashion: shopping. We bought siege food, anything that doesn't need refrigeration - powdered milk, canned hummus, beans, cracked wheat."

"Less rationally, however," continued Ciezadlo, "we bought comfort food, compiling a collective shopping list of fear and craving: I bought a chocolate cake mix for no reason. Yogurt, which will spoil once the electricity dies, disappeared from the shelves. And everyone lined up to buy bread. It's going to mold in a day or two, but who doesn't feel better after smelling freshly-baked bread, and who knew when we'd smell that again?"

Noted Mideast expert Juan Cole put the ramifications from what is taking place on every American doorstep. "Americans have to understand that when Israel goes wild and bombs a civilian airport and civilian neighborhoods in Beirut," wrote Cole, "a lot of the world's Catholics (Lebanon is partially a Catholic country) and its 1.4 billion Muslims blame the United States for

it. Israel is given billions every year by the United States, including sophisticated weaponry that is now being trained on the slums of south Beirut."

"It should also be remembered," continued Cole, "that Bin Laden said, at least, that he started thinking about hitting New York when he saw that 1982 Israeli destruction of the skyscrapers or "towers" of Lebanon. How many future Bin Ladens are watching with horror and rage and feelings of revenge as Israel drops bombs on civilian tenement buildings? When will this blow back on Americans?"

It is all quite terrifying, but most frightening of all are the voices being raised in support of widening this crisis into total war. William Kristol, editor of the far-right periodical *The Weekly Standard*, has openly stated that the crisis should be used as an opportunity to attack other Middle Eastern nations. "While Syria and Iran are enemies of Israel," wrote Kristol in an article titled "It's Our War," "they are also enemies of the United States. The right response is renewed strength - in supporting the governments of Iraq and Afghanistan, in standing with Israel, and in pursuing regime change in Syria and Iran. For that matter, we might consider countering this act of Iranian aggression with a military strike against Iranian nuclear facilities."

It should be noted that Kristol was one of the most vociferous cheerleaders for the invasion and occupation of Iraq, which has been working out splendidly thus far. One hopes there are some wiser heads somewhere who will remember this, and take Mr. Kristol's advice with a large grain of salt.

Even so, it is disturbing to hear these kinds of things. The last several years have established, beyond doubt, that the Bush administration is at best inept, and at worst deliberately destructive. Watching Bush observe the carnage with a "What me worry?" look on his face has been disgusting, if not

terribly surprising. The United States has abandoned its position of leadership on the world stage, and the mayhem erupting in the Middle East, combined with provocative actions from North Korea, is a direct result of that.

If further proof of this is required, look no further than the exchange between Mr. Bush and Russian president Vladimir Putin on Saturday. Bush offered a critique of Russia's so-called democracy, and Putin shot back, "We certainly would not want to have the same kind of democracy as they have in Iraq, I will tell you quite honestly." Bush tried to laugh it off, but his face purpled with rage. And so the president of the United States is publicly slapped by the leader of Russia, and we are all lessened and shamed by it, because Putin was correct.

Much of what is happening has come about, simply, because the Bush administration is run by, and heeds the advice of, stone cold crazy people. Inside the administration lurks Dick Cheney, who with his proxy Don Rumsfeld engineered the Iraq fiasco. On the outside, and enjoying far more credibility than is deserved, are voices like William Kristol's.

And then, of course, there is the Republican base, the people who stand by Mr. Bush because they believe him to be the right arm of Jesus Christ. The fundamentalist far-right branch of Christianity that has established itself as the most powerful force in electoral politics is heeded by this administration because they owe their tenure to these people.

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Patriotism Is Not A Contest by Talley Sergent

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Since Sept. 11th, Americans have been in a constant tug of war with one another to stake a claim to one of our country's best attributes: **patriotism**.

The back and forth between political parties, neighbors, and even brothers and sisters has escalated in recent days and weeks, mostly surrounding America's future involvement in Iraq and a constitutional amendment to ban flag burning. This seesaw of debate, sometimes with damaging repercussions, is not the kind of debate our country needs.

Raising the question of who holds the American flag higher is not helping to put our state or country back on track. The very rope that we continuously tug is, in essence, tying our nation's hands. It is hindering our ability to move our state and nation forward. Not only that, I'm sure some of the dinner table discussions get pretty heated, that is, if our families actually share a meal together. The Republican majority in Congress has focused itself on several issues in the last few weeks that will not in years to come have any bearing on our national debate or discussion. This Republican Congress has wasted both our time and tax dollars on petty issues.

Not to mention, there are those in this election year (and yes, it is an election year) that want to divide us by questioning patriotism or questioning our support for those who offer the greatest sacrifice by devoting themselves to our nation in uniform.

The political wedge issue of debating who is more patriotic should be left to those who don't have the vision and foresight to frame the debate on issues. You know, the issues that matter, such as a better living wage, affordable health care, access to a quality education through Pell Grants and other means, and perhaps even a revamped tax code that doesn't let the rich get richer and the poor, poorer.

Patriotism as defined by Merriam-Webster is the love for or devotion to one's country.

There are a lot of us, Democrats and Republicans, men and women, rich and poor who share that love and devotion to our country. We display it in all sorts of ways, magnetic messages on the back of the pickup, yellow ribbons around an oak tree and flags waving from the front porch. West Virginia's rich patriotic heritage is a huge part of what makes us a proud people – it is our strength. To attack our very strength, or to question it, is literally turning a blind eye to our weaknesses, the issues where we do need help.

Perhaps the Republican-controlled Congress and those running for office should note that debates such as this don't really resonate with the everyday West Virginian or identify our needs. It's time we use our patriotic devotion to our country to get back to what's important – better wages, affordable healthcare, a level playing field that actually expands the middle class and access to a quality education. Cut the tug of war rope into shreds, raise the flag high and talk about issues that actually matter to West Virginians.

Cheerleading continued



A lot of them are thrilled by what is happening in the Middle East. An internet forum called "Rapture Ready" offers some insight into that particular breed of right-wing Christian who cannot wait for the Apocalypse. "Gosh!!!" writes one poster, "Here we are making plans to move to the east coast and we might not even have to move after all. I say, come quickly Lord!!!"

"Israel is not a land of walled villages so this is probably a war that will result in that," writes another poster. "Then Gog and Magog will come. But I believe we could be raptured before. I believe before

Damascus is destroyed God may rescue His children out of there." Yet another poster writes, "In another thread, someone brought up the fact that the kidnapping of the first Israeli soldier that started this whole thing was on June 25th, and if you count from that day to August 3rd ... it is EXACTLY 40 days!!!! I find that to be a HUGE coincidence."

Etc.

Mr. Bush is accounted as the unofficial leader of these people, listens to them, and has surrounded himself with violent men who share violent dreams. An analysis of apocalyptic scripture could, perhaps, reveal the manner in which a combination of stupidity, extremism and a total lack of morality is the key which will unlock the end of days. In the meantime, I

am reminded of those bumper stickers which can be seen on the roads from time to time. "In case of Rapture," they read, "this car will be empty." Once, I saw a witty rejoinder to this sentiment on another bumper: "In case of Rapture, can I have your car?"

If I were making bumper stickers, I might add a new wrinkle: "In case of Rapture, can I have my country back?"

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Harrison County Club News

DEMOCRATIC WOMENS CLUB

The Harrison County Democratic Women's Club meets the second Monday of every month at the American Legion in Clarksburg at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome. Plans are being made for the WV Federation of Democratic Women State Convention to be held in Shepherdstown on September 15 - 17. Anyone interested in attending can call Fran Nutter at 623-3148. The first WV WIN event was held in Lewis County and organized by the Harrison, Lewis, and Upshur county clubs along with Democratic field organizer, Talley Sergent. The guest speaker was West Virginia's First Lady, Gayle Manchin. The second WV WIN speaker's forum is scheduled for late August in Clarksburg.

Fran Nutter, First Lady Gayle Manchin, and Betty Cottrill at the WV WIN event in Weston.



DEMOCRATIC MEN'S CLUB

Meeting the second Tuesday of each month, the Harrison County Men's Club was formed to support the Democratic Party in Harrison County, its candidates for office and its general platform and beliefs. The officers include President Jerry Reel, Vice President John J. Madia, Recording Secretary Martin Shaffer and Treasurer Connor Thompson.

Due to the great success of the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast sponsored by the Men's Club last May at the East View Community Center in Clarksburg, the members decided to have another similar event this fall. The club is also helping to staff the booth sponsored by the Harrison County Democratic Executive Committee at the Blackberry Festival at Norwood Park in August.

Members plan to support all of the Democratic candidates for office in the upcoming November Elections. The ticket this year is led by Senator Robert C. Byrd, Congressman Alan B. Mollohan, State Senator Joe Minard and the four incumbent candidates for House of Delegates, Sam Cann, Ron Fragale, Richard Iaquina and Tim Miley. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this group of dedicated Democratic men, need only call Jerry Reel at 592-1261. The dues are minimal and working for Democratic goals and Democratic candidates is rewarding.

Groups Co-Sponsor Byrd House Party

To honor the record breaking career of Senator Robert C. Byrd, our Senior Senator from West Virginia, Harrison County DFA, with assistance from the Harrison County Democratic Executive Committee, the Democratic Women's Club and the Democratic Men's Club, sponsored a 'BYRD HOUSE PARTY.' Friends and supporters of Senator Byrd gathered on West Virginia Day, June 20, 2006, at the home of Betty Cottrill on Taylor Street in Clarksburg.

Betty Cottrill, hostess; Julie McKeen, HCDFA Treasurer; and President Fran Nutter and Juanita Reynolds of the Democratic Women's Club, prepared and arranged the food buffet and decorations – including a collage of newspaper clippings and other items relating to the Senator's career of service to West Virginia, an enlarged photo of the Senator at work in the Capitol, a portrait of Byrd, and colorful Byrd for WV yard signs.

After the guests enjoyed the food provided by the sponsors of the celebration, Juanita Reynolds cut and served a decorated West Virginia Birthday Cake from Bonnie Belle's Bakery. The group also viewed parts of the documentary DVD entitled "The Soul of the Senate", which portrays the journey of Senator Byrd as he progressed from the coal fields of southern West Virginia to the halls of Congress.

The highlight of the occasion was a personal phone call from Senator Robert C. Byrd. He expressed his appreciation for being honored by the event and noted the work that lies ahead for West Virginia's Congressional Delegation as they continue to face the problems of finding the necessary funding for both current programs and the future growth of our state. He vowed to continue to serve West Virginia, its citizens, veterans, workers and its educational and economic needs, as he has done all of his life, for as long as the people of the state wish him to do so.

Those attending included State Senator Joe Minard; State Delegates Richard Iaquina, Ron Fragale and Tim Miley; Clarksburg City Councilwoman, Margaret Ann Bailey; Harrison County Democratic Co-chairmen, Mike Romano and Martin Shaffer; Democratic Men's Club Representative, Tom Basnett; Harrison County DFA Officers, Jerry McKeen, Nathan Drain and Julie Rea; State Democratic Field Representative Talley Sergent; and several members of the County Democratic Executive Committee. The guest book for the celebration, signed by all in attendance, was forwarded to Senator Byrd's office. See additional pictures on page 7.



Relaxing at the Byrd House Party.



Speak Your Piece...HCDFFA Members Voice Their Opinions

Another 4th of July has come and gone with the usual fanfare of parades, cookouts, and fireworks displays. The true meaning, history and importance of the day have become as archaic as its

original name, Independence Day. The original American patriots were willing to give up family, friends, livelihood, and even their own lives and liberty for what they believed. What kind of people had the courage to take a stand against the King of England, a man who could casually order their execution or lifetime imprisonment? What kind of people had the courage to not only voice their opinion among friends, but also to write a formal declaration and send it to the king? What kind of people resisted tyranny at the cost of their own lives?

Today we have congressional representatives who are so afraid to fulfill their oath of office that they cower in fear of a president and vice president who have no regard for the Constitution, the Geneva Conventions or international law. When a courageous senator stands up in defense of the Constitution and questions the abuse of presidential power, he is attacked and ridiculed not only by the Administration, but also by his fellow congressmen. Even when these legislators know that the Constitution is being violated they refuse to stand together against the flagrant law breaking of this administration and refuse to call these acts unconstitutional. No one dares to cut off funding for an illegal war based on lies. These legislators are not risking their flesh and blood by speaking out. Their

homes and land will not be confiscated. No king will behead them for treason.

The media is spineless and complicit. The news is presented as entertainment. Celebrity newsreaders tell us a story that bears no resemblance to the facts. We are shown sanitized images of the world and told what to think by talking heads with no real knowledge of world history, geography or culture. No one has threatened their lives. No TV network has lost its license. No newspaper offices have been blown up or burned.

This flaccid, apathetic attitude is not limited to the media or those who hold elective office. Why is there no outcry from the people? Where are the mass demonstrations, sit-ins, strikes, boycotts and nationwide calls for not just impeachment, but indictments for war crimes and treason committed by this administration? We are not yet threatened with imprisonment and execution for voicing our discontent. We are not yet gunned down in the streets for demanding action. No king has sent an army to silence us.

In addition to the shame and disgrace the Bush administration has brought upon the United States, we should all feel ashamed of ourselves as well as a deep disgust for what we have permitted to happen to this country. The founders of our nation were willing to die to break the yoke of tyranny, yet the American people can barely utter a whimper of protest. We have, too easily, submitted to this pretender to the throne who defies the Constitution, the Congress, and the will of the People. In doing so, we disgrace the memory of the original patriots and denigrate the meaning of Independence Day.

by Denise Binion

HCDFFA Elimination Dinner A Success

HCDFFA had their first annual Elimination Dinner on May 5, 2006 at the Village Square Conference Center. Members pulled together again for a wonderful event led by our fearless leader, Ways and Means Chair, Justine Marino. Much work was done prior to the night in planning, organizing, decorating and mostly selling those tickets! Thanks to all who helped make this event a great success.

by Julie Rea

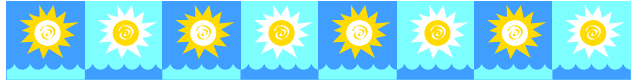
WV Environmental Council Fall Conference www.wvecouncil.org

Please mark your calendars: Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 is the weekend for WV Environmental Council's Annual Fall Conference. Join environmentalists from all over the state in an atmosphere of learning, sharing, organizing and planning for future action. There will be workshops, speakers, networking opportunities, good food, camaraderie, fun, recreation, and the solidarity that working for a better planet brings. Location and agenda will be announced soon. For workshop opportunities and questions contact Chuck Wyrastok at wyro@appalight.com

BYRD HOUSE PARTY



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August		September	
1	Harrison County Democratic Executive Committee Meeting Democratic Party Headquarters, Clarksburg, 7:00 p.m.	1-3	WV Italian Heritage Festival Downtown Clarksburg
2	HCDFFA August Meeting Village Square, 7:00 p.m. (Dinner 5:00 p.m.)	5	Harrison County Democratic Executive Committee Meeting Democratic Party Headquarters, Clarksburg, 7:00 p.m.
3-5	Blackberry Festival Norwood Park, Nutter Fort	6	HCDFFA September Meeting Village Square, 7:00 p.m. (Dinner 5:00 p.m.)
8	Harrison County Democratic Men's Club Meeting American Legion, Clarksburg, 7:00 p.m.	11	Harrison County Democratic Women's Club Meeting American Legion, Clarksburg, 7:00 p.m.
12	Harrison County Labor Council Elimination Picnic 4H Barn	12	Harrison County Democratic Men's Club Meeting American Legion, Clarksburg, 7:00 p.m.
14	Harrison County Democratic Women's Club Meeting American Legion, Clarksburg, 7:00 p.m.	15-17	WV Federation of Democratic Women Convention Shepherdstown
15	Harrison County Democratic Executive Committee Meeting Democratic Party Headquarters, Clarksburg, 7:00 p.m.	17	Democratic Party Picnic Clarksburg City Park (Norwood), Nutter Fort
23	HCDFFA Steering Committee Meeting Location TBA, 6:00 p.m.	19	Harrison County Democratic Executive Committee Meeting Democratic Party Headquarters, Clarksburg, 7:00 p.m.
26	"Take Back America" Rally and March Byrd Federal Building, Charleston, 2:00 p.m.	23	Jefferson - Jackson Dinner Charleston Civic Center
		27	HCDFFA Steering Committee Meeting Location TBA, 6:00 p.m.
		30	WV Environmental Council Fall Conference



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