

Utah County Democrats

The monthly newsletter of the Utah County Democratic Party

October 2008

Countdown to the Election



October 21 – 31 (excluding weekends)

Early voting.
Beat the election day rush!
For locations and times, see
www.utahcountydems.com/vote.

Thursday, October 23

Provo Candidates Debate,
7-9pm at the home of John and Sue Curtis: 3302 N 140 W, Provo. RaDene Hatfield and Claralyn Hill will debate Republican candidates Curt Bramble and Chris Herrod.

October 24 – 28

Poll watcher training. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Michelle Bevan at (801) 362-9855 or michbevan@gmail.com.

October 29 – November 4

Get Out the Vote Campaign.
All volunteers needed! Contact Kathy Cook at kathryn@utahcountydems.com.

Friday, October 31

Absentee ballot deadline for voters inside the U.S.

Tuesday, November 4

ELECTION DAY
Poll watchers and workers: to your polls! GOTV volunteers: to your stations!

ELECTION NIGHT Celebration Extravaganza!

8pm – midnight at the Centre Stage in the Sorensen Student Center at UVU. (See page 4.)

Join the candidates as we celebrate our tremendous accomplishments in giving Utah County voters a real choice this election.

Media will be invited and we will have a cable television feed to watch election results.

For more voting information, visit
<http://utahcountydems.com/vote>

Message from the Chair



Richard Davis

The election is nearly upon us. Over the past 18 months, the party leadership has been working towards this day.

We've worked on fundraising, organization, candidate recruitment, advertising, etc. in order to assist our candidates to be competitive on this day.

I can tell you that what we've accomplished has far exceeded my expectations. I was hopeful that we could have three or four viable candidates competing this year in select districts. We have far more than that.

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Volunteers Needed



Internal polling has found that many of our candidates have a very real chance of winning! The key is reaching undecided voters. In the next 14 days until the election, our candidates desperately need whatever help we can give.

Get Out the Vote campaign

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Contact Kathy Cook at kathryn@utahcountydems.com.

Poll watching on election day

Contact Michelle Bevan at (801) 362-9855 or michbevan@gmail.com.

Candidate literature drops

See page 2 for meeting times, places, and contact information.

Message from the Chair

The quality of the candidates and the effort they've put forward is amazing. They've been walking their districts, placed thousands of signs, recruited hundreds of supporters, and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars. I estimate that the next candidate financial report will show that our candidates collectively have raised \$250,000. Some of them will have outspent their incumbent opponents. You can see the results of that money in the yard signs, large signs, and billboards that are all over the county. Some areas of Utah County almost look like a swing state in a presidential election!

And this effort by the candidates is bearing fruit. We've been conducting internal polls over the last couple of months. We found that, among those who have decided who they will vote for, two of our candidates are ahead of their opponents, three others are even with the Republicans, and three others

are within ten points or so of the incumbent. **Yes, you heard right. With enough help, our candidates have a decent chance to pull this off!**

The problem in all cases is the high number of undecided voters. An undecided voter is usually one who hasn't paid much attention to the campaign and likely will go into the voting booth and vote Republican. That's why the candidates are working so hard to make personal contact (either directly themselves or through volunteers) to reach all those undecided voters. An undecided voter who gets information about one of our candidates, particularly if they meet them personally, is likely to become a supporter of that candidate.

And that's why your help is so desperately needed. By helping distribute literature for the candidate, volunteering to make phone calls, or just talking to your neighbors, you can increase the amount of information that undecided voter has about our candidate.

On another matter: We've run a vigorous and respectful campaign. We've challenged the incumbents on their bad policy choices, extremist views, and lack of leadership on critical issues. But it is important that we not go below that. One of our candidates reported she saw several of her opponent's signs vandalized, including a large one that was ripped up. Even though some on the opposition side do this, we cannot do this. Please help others, particularly young people, to learn to disagree without resorting to underhanded tactics. We need to be better than that.

To all of you have devoted time and energy for the party or individual candidates, I thank you. You've done a wonderful thing to help revitalize the Democratic party in Utah County and give these candidates a fighting chance on election day.

See you at our victory party on November 4!

Volunteers Desperately Needed for Literature Drops!

Gwyn Franson

Saturday, Nov. 1

Volunteers from House District 27 (Highland, Alpine, AF, Draper, and Lehi) needed to distribute voter reminders to every household for the "Win with Gwyn" campaign.

Call (801) 756-9797 or (801) 361-5625, or e-mail claudiastillman@comcast.net.

Mary Lou Huffmon

10:00am Saturday, Oct. 25
10:00am Saturday, Nov. 1

Meet at Mary Lou's home at Belle Monet Condominiums in Pleasant Grove. We'll break for lunch and then go out again at 2pm. Call (801) 763-5085 for directions.

Steve Baugh

5:00pm Saturday, Oct. 25

Meet at Oak Canyon Junior High, 111 S 725 E, Lindon.

Volunteers also needed to distribute literature between October 30 and November 3. Please call Jack Reid at (801) 369-9681.

Paul Thompson

10:00am Saturday, Nov. 1

We'll meet at 1134 N 750 W, Orem. Please call (801) 224-0449 or (801) 787-2195.

Deon Turley

Run fliers night or day! Call (801) 377-5668 or (801) 367-0355 to receive literature and a neighborhood assignment. On Saturday, please call between 8am and 10am to join our "walk of the day."

Claralyn Hill

Volunteers are especially needed for literature drops and "honk & waves." Please contact Caitlin Carroll at (801) 318-0167 or caitlinpcarroll@gmail.com.

RaDene Hatfield

9:30am-12:30pm Saturday, Oct. 25
9:30am-4:00pm Saturday, Nov. 1
3:00-7:30pm weekdays

Meet at RaDene's house at 3618 N Littlerock Drive, Provo. Walk with us for 1-3 hours—whatever amount of time you can give. Please call (801) 225-1579 or e-mail voteforradene@gmail.com.

Don Jarvis

Election-day poll watchers and telephoners are needed to help get out the vote in Don Jarvis's east Provo House District 63. If you would like to help with either of these important jobs, please call Alex Green at (801) 687-2042 or David Taylor at (801) 375-1283.

Contact either of the above men if you know of a yard sign location and/or a car that needs a "Vote Jarvis" magnet.



We need YOU!



Candidates Spotlight

Ken Peay

Senate District 13



Kenneth B. Peay was born in Payson and raised on a farm in Benjamin. He attended grade school in Benjamin, Jr. High School in Spanish Fork and graduated from Spanish Fork High School. He served a Mission for the LDS church in Ontario, Canada.

He served our country for three years in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict.

He is a graduate of Southern Utah University with a Bachelor of Art degree in Psychology. He holds a Masters of Public Administration degree from Brigham Young University.

Ken was a Deputy Sheriff in Iron County for nearly two years and was then hired by Utah Highway Patrol. His experience in the Highway Patrol included, trooper, armorer, Sergeant, protective detail leader for Governor's S. Matheson and N. Bangerter, Commander in State Liquor and Narcotics, Bureau Chief at the Police Academy, Field Commander in Salt Lake County, Commander of the Mounted Police Unit during the Winter Games in 2002, and Field Commander in Utah County.

Ken retired two years ago after serving the citizens of Utah for 31 years as a peace officer.

Ken and his wife Cecile live on a small farm in Benjamin. They have three children and four grandchildren. Both Ken and Cecile are active members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

At present, Ken is the Criminal Justice Program Administrator at Provo College.

RaDene Hatfield

Senate District 16



Radene Hatfield is the oldest of six children born to Kay Thompson and Roger Rawson on a dairy farm in Hooper, Utah. When she wasn't riding calves or building forts in the

haystack, she spent many hours learning about the world of public service while campaigning for her father, who served for 10 years as a Representative in the Utah Legislature. (In 1978 he was the Democrat Majority Leader.)

RaDene worked as an intern for Senator Jake Garn. During this time, she met her husband, Harlan, in the Washington, D.C., Temple Visitors' Center. She knew she would marry him only three days after meeting him.

Harlan was an active Republican. After meeting him, RaDene's grandmother told her, "RaDene, I've never met a Republican I like." She paused, and then continued, "But I like Harlan." And with that, RaDene started building bridges between family and friends who found themselves in different political parties.

RaDene graduated from Utah State University in 1983 with a double major of Political Science and Business Administration. She attended graduate school at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs in Minnesota. In 1986, she staffed the Minnesota Attorney General's task force on Child Abuse. She served for two years as a member of the Minnesota Legislative Advisory Tax Policy Study. She also worked as a research assistant at the Juvenile Justice Policy Center and staffed a series of conferences for juvenile court judges across the country.

In 1987, RaDene and Harlan left Minnesota and moved to Seattle, Washington to embark on new careers: Harlan as a lawyer with an environmental practice, and RaDene as a full-time mom and community volunteer.

From 2004-2008, RaDene helped build the Band Parent Council at Timpview High School. Under her leadership, funds were raised that purchased new marching band uniforms and instruments and that provided outstanding educational experiences for the students in Normandy, France and Washington, D.C.

RaDene and Harlan enjoy a "bipartisan family": Mitchell, 15, is undeclared; Malory, 20, is a Democrat and serves as RaDene's campaign manager; Spencer, 18, is Independent. When asked to name her greatest accomplishment so far, RaDene says, her family.

Brad King

Senate District 27



Brad King was born and raised in Emery County. He graduated from Carbon High School in 1974 and served an LDS mission to Nagoya, Japan. He received an associate's degree from the College of Eastern Utah in 1978 and received

bachelor's and master's degrees in education from BYU in 1980 and 1984.

Brad has served in a range of positions of educational leadership, beginning as a 6th grade elementary school teacher in Las Vegas, Nevada. At the College of Eastern Utah, in Price, he has served as Director of High School Relations, Director of Student Activities, Dean of Students, and Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Student Services. Brad has also taught BYU religion classes and taught as an adjunct professor of Children's Literature and Japanese at the College of Eastern Utah and at Utah State University.

Brad has served in the Utah House of Representatives for the past 12 years, where he is currently the House Minority Leader. As a legislator, Brad has filled many committee assignments, including 12 years on the Transportation Committee; eight years on the Education Appropriations Committee; six years on the Business, Labor, and Economic Development Committee; ten years on the Legislative Management Committee; ten years on the Executive Appropriates committee; and on several other committees. He has also served on the Water Task Force, the Water Development Commission, the Native American Liaison Committee, the Rural Economic Development Committee, and the Utah International Trade Commission.

Brad has coached community youth basketball, baseball, and soccer; volunteered as a radio announcer for the College of Eastern Utah athletics; and served as a leader in the Boy Scouts of America. He and his wife Tami are the proud parents of three children—Skyler, 26; Kitani, 24; and Hunter, 20—a son in law, Jeff, and a grandchihuahua, Ed, 49 in dog years.

COUNTY-PLATFORM CORNER

FIREARMS

As Utah County Democrats we stand for the Constitutional right of citizens to possess firearms for sporting purposes and for lawfully defending their families and property. We also support the enforcement of existing gun laws, educating citizens on the responsible use and storage of firearms, and common sense measures to reduce gun violence and enhance public safety.

IMMIGRATION

As Utah County Democrats we strongly believe that those who come to the United States should do so legally. We call for Congress to adopt policies that control our borders while providing for a viable immigration policy that respects the contributions of immigrant workers to our economy and to their families and children, many of whom are United States citizens. This policy must also discourage exploitation by employers deliberately recruiting undocumented workers.

The entire platform of the Utah County Democratic Party is available online at <http://utahcountydems.com>.

Election Night Celebration!

Join the candidates Nov. 4 from 8:00pm until midnight in celebration of our tremendous accomplishments this year in giving Utah Valley residents a real choice. Candidates, supporters, media, and all interested friends of the Utah County Democratic Party are invited. A cable television feed will provide live coverage of election results.

The celebration will be held in the Centre Stage of the Sorenson Student Center at Utah Valley University. (See link to map, below.) Parking is in visitors lot "L" (right behind the Sorensen Student Center) or visitors lot "D," near the front of campus. Visitors parking is free for anyone who leaves after 10pm, but costs \$2 for the first hour and \$1 per hour thereafter for anyone leaving before 10pm.

Note: A "Rock the Vote" party for UVU students, sponsored by the student government, will be held in the ballroom at the same time. Don't be confused; remember we're in the Centre Stage.



For a map to the Sorenson Student Center, go to http://www.uvu.edu/visitors/pdf/UVSCmap_small012508.pdf



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