

Upcoming Events

Harvey Co Democrats Monthly Meeting
March 20 - 7:30 p.m.
East Community Room located in the basement of the courthouse

Kansans for a Democratic House Annual Chili Feed
March 21 - 6:00 p.m.
Jayhawk Building
Topeka, KS

Labette Co Democratic Committee Meeting
March 29 - 7:00 p.m.
Arvon Phillips Rec Center
Parsons, KS

Dickinson County Democratic Party Fundraiser and Spaghetti Dinner
March 31 - 6:00 p.m.
Sterl Hall, Abilene Kansas Fair Grounds
Abilene, KS

Leavenworth Co Democratic Party Central Committee Meeting
April 4 - 6:30 p.m.
The Overlook
Lansing, KS

Harvey County Democrats Monthly Meeting
April 17 - 7:30 p.m.
East Community Room located in the basement of the courthouse

Linn County Democratic Meeting
April 18 - 4:00 p.m.
LaCynge Lake small shelter house
Contact: Rosalea DeMott (913) 352-8301



For more information on these and other events, visit: www.ksdp.org To add your event to our calendar, contact 785-234-0425 or jdavidson@ksdp.org.

Largest crowd in event history attends Washington Days Clinton praises Democrats for their efforts to unite Kansans

Over 1,500 people attended this year's Washington Days keynote address delivered by President Clinton from the center of the Regency Ballroom in the Downtown Topeka Ramada Inn.

The former president spent much of his speech praising Governor Sebelius and Party activists for successfully electing Kansas Democrats in the 2006 elections.

"You did a great thing here for Democrats, but you did a better thing for the people of Kansas and the public interest," Clinton said. "You did a great thing by broadening your base, bringing in active members of the Republican Party and trying to find common ground and common solutions."

However, the President went on to challenge Democrats to continue to unite Kansans in order to embrace opportunities the state has in alternative energy and health care.

"You are a part of the Party that is in the solutions business," Clinton said. "Can you prove that what unites us is more important than what divides us? That is what everyone is looking to see, and I'm gambling that you'll give them a very good answer."

The 1,500-person crowd is the largest that Washington Days has attracted yet.

Following the President's speech, guests enjoyed hospitality suites, and attended the Ken Bahr Legislative Auction, Hispanic Caucus dance and an Irish Coffee reception hosted by Congressman Dennis Moore.

On Saturday, Lt. Governor Mark Parkinson spoke about his decision to become a member of the Kansas Democratic



To see more photos of this year's event, visit www.ksdp.org.

Party to a crowd of nearly 600 supporters at the KFWDC/Veterans luncheon.

Parkinson also touched on the opportunities Democrats have to continue to move Kansas forward in the areas of health care and renewable energy.

"We all know that our country faces a tremendous energy crisis," Parkinson said, "but the challenge that our country faces is also a remarkable opportunity for Kansas."

Attorney General Paul Morrison delivered the keynote address at the highly attended State Committee Meeting. He then hosted the final Washington Days Appreciation Reception.

Congresswoman Nancy Boyda, a member of the House Committee on Armed Services, spent the weekend meeting with service men and women in Iraq and was unable to attend the Washington Days events.

KDP welcomes new technology director



In March, the Kansas Democratic Party welcomed Kenny Johnston as Technology Director to its staff.

Johnston previously worked as Webmaster and Special Projects Director for Congressman Dennis Moore's congressional office. While there, Moore was awarded the Golden Mouse award in 2006 for his Congressional web site. This award recognizes the best web sites on Capitol Hill.

Johnston also served as Deputy Director of Communications for Moore for Congress in 2006.

As Technology Director for the Party, Johnston will continue to develop the Party's web site, www.ksdp.org. He will also build the party's online strategy, and expand the KDP's online presence.

Johnston is a graduate of the University of Kansas with a degree in Engineering Physics.

Democrats seize opportunities to make Kansas a leader in alternative energy

Lt. Governor Mark Parkinson leads the way on meeting wind energy goals

In her 2007 State of the State Address, Governor Kathleen Sebelius called on leaders in the public and private sectors to work together to make Kansas a leader in wind energy.

Last month, Westar Energy announced plans to acquire up to 500 megawatts of renewable energy by 2010, with wind power being the most likely source. This would more than double the state's current wind energy production and be a significant step toward Sebelius' stated goal of having 10 percent of the state's electricity come from wind power.

"Some states mandate their utilities into building wind farms. Instead, we have taken a collaborative approach, working with our utilities, as a team, to bring renewable energy to Kansas," said Lt. Governor Mark Parkinson, who is leading the administration's efforts to increase renewable energy production and energy efficiency in Kansas. "The announcement of the 100 megawatt wind farm at Smoky Hills and the potential of an

additional 500 megawatts from Westar, demonstrates that our approach is working."

Kansas is among the top three states in terms of potential wind production, yet only about 3.5 percent of its electricity comes from wind power. Expanding the production of wind energy in Kansas not only creates more jobs for the state but also strengthens our national security by lessening the nation's dependence on unstable regions for energy sources.

"We've been working with energy executives, environmental groups, businesses, farmers and ranchers, bringing them all together to discuss how we can spur renewable energy production in our state," said Parkinson. "We will hit our goal of 10 percent renewable energy by 2010, and 20 percent renewable energy by 2020, and we will do it through a collaborative approach that brings everyone to the table."

Help protect the future of our state by becoming a precinct leader



Every two years, county party central committees organize and elect new officers. County party chairs also appoint precinct people where there are vacancies.

Precinct leaders are the foundation of the

Democratic Party. By talking to your neighbors about our candidates and issues, you can help build the Democratic Party at the grassroots level. There are still a number of leadership and volunteer positions available with your local Democratic Party.

Please contact the field organizer in your district to find out how you can get involved.

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