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Mountain Party Convention April 22 in Weston

Delegates from across the state will gather at Weston near the center of the West Virginia, on the 22nd of April to convene the Mountain Party's third semi-annual State Nominating Convention. Located just outside of historic Weston in Lewis Co., we will meet at the Steer Steakhouse meeting room on U.S. Route 33, about a quarter mile east of Exit 99 off Interstate 79, near in the Kroger Plaza. Registration opens at 10:30 and the convention will convene at 11:00 AM.

Convention attendees will have a chance to work with Mountaineers from all regions to our slate to select candidates for public offices at the local, county and state levels. Candidates in races for offices such as county commissioner, county clerk, circuit clerk, sheriff, magistrate, and regional offices like House of Delegates and State Senators will build our party from the ground up. The Nominations Committee is still searching for potential candidates who would like to run for public office in the fall elections. Anyone interested in finding out more about running for office as a Mountain Party candidate should contact Frank Young, Nominations Chair ASAP at 304-372-3945, or by e-mail at info@mtparty.org

This is the time for state party officers to be elected and when resolutions from the floor on topics such as Wilderness and the War will be considered.

Register now using the enclosed form or download from the website so we can finish plans for a successful Convention! Deadline for registrations is April 17th.

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Candidates Needed, No experience Necessary

Are your public officials upholding your values in carrying out their duties? Or are they selling out to the highest bidder? Are you mad enough to do something about it? If you've ever wanted to run for public office but were perhaps intimidated by primary election filings, costly primary campaigns, then a full general election campaign, do we have a deal for you!

You now can become a candidate of the Mountain Party for any open public office this year- and without the hassle of a primary election campaign. That's because we pick our fall candidates at our state Nominating Convention in April.

Many public offices are up for election this year. It is not too late to get your name on the fall ballot. Not yet! But time is running short.

To run on the Mountain Party ticket you must be registered Mountain Party and then be nominated at the party's Nominating Convention on April 22nd.

But there are important steps required by state law. To be eligible for nomination, potential Mountain Party candidates cannot be registered as a member of any other political party after April 19th. That means that to be considered as a possible candidate, one's voter registration must be Mountain Party by April 19th.

The Mountain Party can run candidates for County Sheriff, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Magistrate, County Commission, House of Delegates and State Senate, for Congress, State Supreme Court, and any other local or state offices. Take your

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Holes in our Democracy, Can you fill one?

Below is a list of 23 WV House and Senate races where (as of this publication) the Democrat or Republican will be running UNOPPOSED in the fall election . We need your help to identify folks who would be willing to step up and put their names on the ballot in these races. Please look them over and contact Frank Young (at info@mtparty.org or at 304-372-3945) to discuss possible candidates.

As a minor party we must look to opportunities like these to promote the party and make sure voters have a choice in the fall. Elections are a farce with only one candidate on the ballot.

Of course, since the our party has full ballot access, we can field candidates for any office in the state that is up for election. Don't let the list below narrow the field. County Commissions, & any local offices should also be considered.

Incumbents with no challenger in the Fall Elections:

House of Delegates

- | District# | Incumbent(s) | Counties |
|------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 st | (2 delegate district) - Joe DeLong & Randy Swartzmiller both Ds | Hancock & part of Brooke |
| 4 th | (2 delegate district) – Kenneth Tucker & Scott Varner both Ds | Marshall & part of Ohio |
| 5 th | Dave Pethel -D– | Part of Monongalia and Wetzel |
| 6 th | W. Rodger Romaine – R – | Doddridge and Tyler & part of Wetzel |
| 8 th | Bill Anderson – R – | part of Wood |
| 11 th | Bob Ashley – R- | Roane & part of Jackson |
| 17 th | (2 delegate district)-Don Perdue & Richard Thompson Ds – | part of Wayne |

- 20th – Steven Kominar – D – part of Mingo & Wayne
 - 33rd – William Stemple – D – Calhoun and parts of Clay
 - 34th – Brent Boggs – D – Braxton & part of Gilmer
 - 35th – Sam Argento – D – part of Nicholas
 - 45th – Larry Williams – D – part of Preston
 - 47th – Harold Michael – D – Hardy & part of Pendelton
 - 48th – Allen Evans – R- Grant and parts of Mineral & Pendelton
 - 49th – Robert Schadler – R – part of Mineral
 - 52nd – Craig Blair – R – parts of Berkley & Morgan
 - 54th – Walter Duke – R – part of Berkley
 - 55th – John Overington – part of Berkley
- ### **Senate**
- 3rd – Frank Deem (incumbent) vs Larry Butcher – both Rs only one will make it to general – Pleasants, Wirt, and Wood & part of Roane
 - 6th – Truman Chafin vs Greg Smith – Ds – McDowell, Mingo & parts of Mercer & Wayne
 - 12th – Joe Minard – D – Braxton, Gilmer, Harrison & Lewis
 - 13th - Mike Oliverio – D – parts of Marion & Monongalia
 - 15th – Walt Helmick – D – Hampshire, Hardy, Morgan, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, and parts of Berkeley, Grant, and Upshur

Your Party Needs Your Support!

Our grassroots Party is staffed by unpaid volunteers. This means that our treasury is not burdened with staff salaries and expense accounts. The Chairman, other officers and district party organizers pay their own telephone, travel and other expenses for organizing and leading the Mountain Party.

However, there are some expenses we simply cannot avoid. For example, having the Mountain Party web site means that we get a monthly bill for website maintenance and updating.

The largest single cost we incur is for printing and mailing the newsletter. At today's rates, this mailing will cost about \$750 to print and deliver to your door. Accordingly, we try to keep costs down by communicating more by e-mail and web site, and less by paper and postage. However, as party convention time approaches, we do need to send out mail.

So we are herein "passing the hat" in hopes that you can help keep the Mountain Party growing. Statewide registration in the Mountain Party has almost doubled since the 2004 convention. Our costs of printing and mailing have increased accordingly- and there has been an increase in postage rates this year.

As we complete this edition of the Mt. Party newsletter, our treasurer issues this humble request for your financial contribution to the Mountain Party. Your registration as a voter affiliated with the Mountain Party is likely because you believe in the Mountain Party's social, economic and environmental justice mission. Thank you for reviewing the form below and for supporting the Mountain Party.

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Registration is now open for the Convention and everyone who wants to help make our party a success is invited. The convention is open to both registered Mountain Party voters (who can be credentialed as voting delegates) and visitors (those registered with other parties or as independents) who may observe our process. The cost is \$15 per person. Student, Senior & low income registration is \$10. Children are free. Lunch is NOT included in the convention registration fee. To reserve the meeting room at a VERY low cost, we have assured the Steer Steakhouse Restaurant management that most convention participants will order lunch at the restaurant. But folks who "brown bag" for lunch are also welcome.

Overnight Accommodations: The one day convention is expected to conclude by mid afternoon. But for those staying over on either Friday or Saturday night, local accommodations include the comfortable, home-like Natural Seasons Bed & Breakfast in downtown Weston. Rates at Natural Seasons are: \$65-\$75. For reservations e-mail: natseas@citynet.net, or call (304) 269-7902. Several other bed and breakfasts as well as motels are also available near Weston. See www.bbonline.com/wv/weston.html for details.

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pick, the field is wide open. The incumbent politician will run unopposed in many races - don't give them a free ride - sign up and run against them!

To inquire about becoming a candidate of the Mountain Party, contact us by e-mail at info@mtparty.org, or by telephone at 304-372-3945.

YES! I want the Mountain Party to succeed in the fight to crack the political monopoly in West Virginia. Here is the first installment of my pledge to help make it happen...

___\$5/month ___\$10/month ___\$20/month \$___/month

I prefer to send in my pledge all at once, Enclosed is \$_____

Name_____ Phone_____

Address_____ City_____ St_____ Zip_____

County_____ E-mail_____

Send Contribution to: Mountain Party, RR 1, Box 108 Ripley WV 25271

You are Invited To The 2006 Mountain Party Convention

April 22, 2006 10:30AM to 3PM
Steer Steak House, Weston, WV



“Now is the time for independent-minded West Virginians to become involved in the political process. No longer must we depend on the bankrupt Democratic and Republican parties for ballot access. We now have a genuine opportunity to contribute values and fresh ideas to the state’s elections. We have a chance to field candidates who will speak out and bring up issues of substance that the so-called major parties won’t touch.”

Denise Giardina, Mountain Party Candidate for Governor, 2000 election

We still need more candidates to run for office. Many areas have incumbent Delegates or Senators who are running unopposed in the fall election. We’d like to fill as many of these “holes” in our democratic process as possible. Anyone interested in becoming a Mountain Party Candidate should contact us ASAP! - Gary Zuckett, Mountain Party Chair

Register by April 17th!

Directions to Steer Steak House: go to Weston exit (#99) of I-79 & turn onto Rt 33 E toward Buchannon and turn right at light into Kroger Shopping Plaza, turn right again to Steak House.

PreRegistration for Mountain Party Nominating Convention

Mail to: Mountain Party Convention, RR1, Box 108, Ripley, WV 25271

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____ County _____

Registration Fee: \$15/person (\$10 student/low income):\$ _____ enclosed Additional contribution \$ _____

____ I am a registered Mountain Party Voter and I wish to be Credentialed as a Voting Delegate

____ I will fill out a voter registration change at the convention to become a Voting Mountain Party Delegate

____ I wish to attend the Convention as a participant without voting privileges