



DEMOGRAM

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, January 26

Lewis County Democratic Meeting
King Solomon's Restaurant
Dinner at 6 P.M. - Meeting at 7 P.M.

Thursday, February 2

Chehalis Lions Club Meeting
Rib Eye Restaurant
Dinner at 7 P.M. - Meeting at 7:30 P.M.
Visitors welcome

Saturday, February 11

Thurston County Democrats
Champagne Brunch
Richard's Roundhouse, Lacey
8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Sunday, February 12

RSVP "Love Songs"
Methodist Church, Chehalis - 3:00 P.M.
\$6 donation

Thursday, February 16

Chehalis Lions Club Meeting
Rib Eye Restaurant
Dinner at 7 P.M. - Meeting at 7:30 P.M.
Monday, February 20

Lewis County Retired Teachers Assoc.
Roy's Western Buffet - 12 Noon

Thursday, February 23

Lewis County Democratic Meeting
King Solomon's Restaurant
Dinner at 6 P.M. - Meeting at 7 P.M.

Saturday, March 4

Lewis County Democratic Auction
Centralia Eagles, 5-9 P.M.
Refreshments, Auction, and Much More...

The Legislature gets in gear — almost

The Fifth-First Legislature opened the other day. We attended a session of the House Friday, January 13th. There was the flag salute, the reading of a letter from the governor eulogizing a recently departed state senator (**Senator Lowell Peterson**, Skagit County, died Saturday, January 7th), and two or three Representatives adding their own reflections on their close ties to and sense of loss of Senator Peterson.

And then the session adjourned.
Ten minutes.

We wondered how much it costs to heat the hall for the occasion.

Friends of the Cowlitz at January meeting

Russ Mohny, President of the Friends of the Cowlitz, will be the featured speaker at the January meeting of the Lewis County Democrats.

Mohny, of Chehalis, heads the year-old group dedicated to maintaining and improving the sporting opportunities and environmental quality of our region.

The Friends of the Cowlitz has been gaining attention and building momentum both locally and state-wide in its quest, and is emerging as one of the premiere sports groups in the states.

Mohny will discuss many of the goals and activities of the organization, including the controversial appointment of **Curt Smitch** as Director of Wildlife, the "Landowner Incentive Program" which could require hunters to pay large fees to big timber companies for the privilege of hunting, the re-introduction of Salmon runs to the upper Cowlitz, and the re-building of the downstream runs.

Don't miss this chance to hear about some of today's hottest local issues. The meeting is on January 26th at King Solomon's, dinner at 6:00 P.M., meeting at 7:00.

The Twentieth District is alive and well

Chris Bailey wants everyone to know that the Twentieth Legislative District Democratic Caucus is getting ready for a big year — more news will be coming as plans develop.

Officers for the Twentieth District Democratic Caucus are: **Chris Bailey**, Chair; **Joyce Gillie** and **Jan Nontell**, Vice Chairs; **Joan Chappell**, Secretary; **Tom Best**, Treasurer; **Rob Greene** and **Ellen Brock**, State Committee Man and Woman.

We need help!

To better reflect the thinking of Lewis County Democrats we need to hear from you. If you have a concern, a suggestion, a point-to-make send it to the Demogram Editor: Neal Nogler, 1329 Ham Hill Road, Centralia, 98531. Space permitting, we will print all pertinent material.

Chairman's Corner

Stu Halsan



As we all look back over the past year, it might be easy to feel somewhat frustrated. In local, district, state and national elections, things could have looked, well, just a little better.

Okay, now the ball is in our court, the challenge is ours, and we will take it up.

One of our greatest problems, is that we have let the opposition define US in the public eye in a way that best suited THEIR political agenda. No more!

We are LEWIS COUNTY Democrats, and proud of it. We may be quite different from Democrats in other places in the state and nation; at least some Democrats from those areas think we are, and we think so, too.

We are a cross-section of the people of Lewis County, concerned about OUR problems, and OUR neighbors. We have, even among ourselves, diverse opinions on a variety of subjects, but we share a concern for the disadvantaged, the disenfranchised and those who work hard for their families but often have little to show for it even after a lifetime.

My goal, and our mission, is to put this message out. If you want to know what we care about, what we believe, what we stand for, ask US . . . listen to US, not THEM.

I want to thank you all for your support and confidence, both in the past and present, and in allowing me the honor to lead our party. I will do my best not to let you down.

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Editorial

There may yet be a place for Booth

A recent editorial in the *Atlantic Monthly* concludes that George Bush in his inaugural address "will recite the major problems the country faces...and propose his remedies," only to find that "next year virtually nothing that he wants to do will have been done." The remedy the *Atlantic* suggests for this embarrassing dilemma is to concentrate on changes that can be brought about, which, though modest "would suffice to earn for the new Chief Executive a coveted place in the history books."

Some of the modest changes include a law (The-Paper-Wire-Twister-Closure Act) requiring wire-twist closures on plastic bags to be twisted in a consistent direction — probably clockwise — enabling frustrated consumers to get the bags open on the first try, and a Seasonal Synchrony Act making it mandatory for clothing stores to sell swimming suits in the summer and winter coats in the winter (instead of the other way around).

It strikes us that Governor Booth Gardner might consider a similar approach, since it seems doubtful that major changes he envisions are likely to occur in our tax system and our state agency organizational funding when most legislators are not able to force the phrase "higher taxes" from their lips.

Therefore, let us dwell in the realm of the possible. How about a law called The-Roadside-Ambience Act requiring all gas stations — regardless of whether they have become grocery stores or restaurants with gas pumps or not — to furnish free air and water and clean restrooms?

Or a law entitled Night-Time-Is-For-Sleeping requiring municipalities to devise street lights that light streets without making towns look like high risk security compounds and lighting neighboring bedrooms like stage sets?

Or a law called the Accessible-Opening Act prohibiting sale of plastic bags which can only be opened with a knife and considerable tugging and which ends in spilling your Fritos on the rug anyway?

Or maybe a law designed especially for Lewis County called The-Roger-Harpel-Gag Rule prohibiting more than one article per week in the local paper about the PUD's Cowlitz Dam Project?

There is yet a chance out there for Booth and the state legislature to reach for immortality. As Emerson *might* have said (if he hadn't minded mixing a metaphor): "To reach the stars, lower your sights."

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Get ready for the Democratic Auction

The Lewis County Democratic Auction, 1989 version, will be held Saturday, March 4th, at the Centralia Eagles (off North Pearl) starting at 5 p.m.

As in years past, food will be served, refreshments will be available, and a variety of items will be offered from the auction block.

The actual auction will begin earlier this year than in times past, so that there will be plenty of time left after the sale for revelry.

Items available will include a variety of services — dinners, sky rides, pool parties, and water ski lessons — along with original works of art, political memorabilia, and useful household articles. You might even come away with a large electric organ.

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