



LEWIS COUNTY

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Coming Events

August 11 - 13

Logger's Jubilee, Morton

Monday, August 14

Lewis County Democrats

Executive Board Meeting

Place: Hickory Winds

Time: 7:00 p.m.

August 15 - 20

Southwest Washington Fair

Thursday, August 24

Lewis County Democrats

Monthly Meeting

Place: Solomons

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Monday, September 4

Labor Day

**JOIN
THE FUN!**

**The
Lewis County
Democrats
Welcome You To The
Southwest Washington
Fair**

Assessor to speak at next meeting

Lewis County Assessor **Jenny Wade** will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Lewis County Democrats, Thursday, August 24th at King Solomon's Restaurant in Centralia.

Wade will discuss the activities of the Assessor's office within the context of Lewis County, and State Government. Midway through her second term as Assessor, Jenny's experience and understanding will make for an interesting presentation.

The meeting is open to the public. Dinner off the menu at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting following.

Chairman's Corner

Stu Halsan



The Lewis County Democrats Centennial Salmon Barbecue and Reunion is now history, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those involved for another successful and fun event.

Special thanks to **Lois Sticklin**, who graciously allowed the use of her home, just like the old days, and to **Merrily Knutson** whose wonderful impersonation of Eleanor Roosevelt brought a standing ovation. Also thanks to **Wyn** and **Ed Smethers**, **Jan Nontell**, **Gary** and **Kay Odegaard**, **Bill Mason**, **Marilyn Logan**, **Les Dooley**, **Chris Bailey**, **Donna Karvia**, **Phil Meany**, **Ruby Guido**, and all the rest who worked hard to make it such a great afternoon.

With the type of commitment shown in putting on a function such as the Barbecue, and making it work so smoothly, we can justifiably be proud of Our Party.

Next up, the Annual Jefferson-Jackson dinner sometime this fall. We are trying to arrange the date so that our featured guest will be United States Senator **Brock Adams**. Stay tuned.

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DEFINITION: (for those sailors among you)

"LEE" at water: The direction the wind is blowing.

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20th District report

By Chris Bailey, Chairman
20th District Democrats

The 20th Legislative District Democratic Central Committee is organized to secure Democratic victories in the State Legislative races in our area. Our activities also indirectly benefit Democrats in local elections and in the 3rd Congressional District.

In 1990, we will be taking aim on two legislative house seats held by the GOP. The Committee is interested in talking to and lending support and campaign assistance to any true-blue Democrats who wish to make a run for one of those seats.

In the interim, we are developing programs to raise the visibility of the party here in Lewis County and in the district as a whole. We welcome your suggestions. Your contacts on the Committee are: **Chris Bailey**, Chair — 736-2502 or 357-9193; **Joyce Gillie**, First Vice Chair — 352-1355; **Jan Nontell**, Second Vice Chair — 736-8481; **Joan Chappell**, Secretary — 736-0259; **Tom Best**, Treasurer — 786-1827; **Rob Green**, State Committeeman — 786-1389; and **Ellen Brock**, State Committeewoman — 273-9704.

We hope to hear from you.

At the movies...



This really is a summer for great movies. One of the most interesting in concept is the Walt Disney feature "Honey I Shrunk the Kids." This movie could give the Republican administration a lot of new ideas.

Imagine microscopic schoolchildren ...wow, think how much we could cut the school lunch program to feed only those microscopic tummies. It would take tons less ketchup to serve as vegetables.

Imagine the cost savings on school buses? One of those babies could handle a zillion minikids. How about classrooms? Think of the savings!

And surely if they could shrink the kids it would be an easy next step to shrink the poor kids welfare checks...but that would probably be their first move anyway.

Mailbox

In the last Demogram, Chairman Stu wrote about the nefarious plot by the Republicans and the Press to change the name of the "Democratic" party to the "Democrat" party, citing poor grammar on behalf of the Republicans. Gordon Aadland forwarded this analysis of the grammatical issues involved. Chairman Stu stands corrected, but still outraged.

Dear Mr. Halsan:

Regarding your article in the July issue of the Demogram, I can understand your ire for those who play fast and loose with the name of our party, but I don't think you can condemn them for use of incorrect grammar. Although dictionaries might list *democrat* as only a noun, we must remember that all nouns can be used as adjectives, modifying nouns (e.g. house party, house call, city council, city street, street dance, street number), in which case, they are known as adjective nouns. Adjective nouns are common in our language. There are, for example, many in the July issue of the Demogram, such as salmon barbecue, Hamilton billboard, drug lab activity, and conspiracy buff. Thus, *Democrat Party* would be acceptable grammatically, as are *Federalist Party* and *Communist Party*.

Perhaps those dastards can best be scored for their trifling with a long-established name, whether or not it was the best usage to start with. Any group has, within broad limits, the right to call itself what it wants. The most unAmerican of groups can call itself The Paul Revere or Patrick Henry Something-or-other, and a group of bigots who are in the minority can call itself the Pious Plurality, thus implying that all others are impious.

In addition, bringing about a change in a well established name should be done cautiously and usually with the consent of those most involved.

It's the democratic (and, I hope, Democrat) way.

Pedantically yours,
Gordon Aadland

President, The Abraham Lincoln and George Washington Brigade of Super Patriotic, Sainly, Infallible Yankee Doodle Dandy Ex-teachers of English

Senate Timber Proposal

By Senator Brock Adams

Last month a short-term solution to the timber supply/old growth crisis affecting our states was reached and has marked a milestone for this region and for the future of timber and environmental management. The compromise represents thousands of hours of work by hundreds of people all concerned by the same question: how do we preserve jobs and the forests at the same time?

The complicated package was also one of the hardest tests we have faced as a region — resolving an inherently northwest issue at the local level. The people of Oregon and Washington should be proud not only of the solution but of the process. It proves the timber industry, environmentalists and the region's elected officials together have the muscle it takes to seize the reins of controversy and provide leadership.

The solution itself addresses three major concerns for the next 15 months:

Amount of harvest — The Forest Service is required to sell a total of 8.0 billion board feet for Region 6 (Oregon and Washington). In addition, the Bureau of Land Management would sell a total of 2 billion board feet from Oregon and Washington Public Lands.

Protection of clusters of old growth — All of the sales over the next 15 months would minimize what is commonly called "fragmentation." This is to avoid cutting potentially significant stands of old growth forest. If cutting in these



SENATOR BROCK ADAMS

areas is necessary to meet the target mentioned above, the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management must give priority to cutting the smallest areas first. Advisory boards for each national forest will assist in reviewing the timber sales.

Protection of the agreement against protracted court battles — Several proposed timber sales have been challenged in federal court and delayed by injunctions. If a formula for meeting the needs of the litigants is not worked out this fall, the proposal would set aside the injunctions for the next 15 months, without dismissing the underlying lawsuits.

We have accomplished a first step in a long process. Once we are able to release some of the tensions built up by the threat of immediate job loss and old growth destruction, it will be time to begin again. The long term solutions must sustain a healthy timber industry and maintain the integrity of our environment. So far we have worked to build a foundation for agreement. The people of the northwest should not overlook the pain ahead but must recognize the strength we have in compromise.

Are Republicans trying to out-Democrat us?

Back in the days when Sir Ronald of Ham was cultivating the White House rose garden, there were some in the Democratic party who thought our philosophy should more closely parallel that of the Republicans. Some even thought that we should even out-Republican the Republicans. There were those wiser and more pragmatic among us, however, who urged us to stay the course. We have been, and still are, the party of progressive ideas.

Now a series of blights have invaded the Reagan rose garden. Under the onslaught of Iran-Contra, S & L's, HUD, two trillion dollar deficits, environmental degradation, and procurement scandals, the blooms have faded and the garden is looking bedraggled. All is not lost, however. We have a new master gardener in the White House with some new ideas, new that is to the Republicans. We are now going to clean up the environment, clean up toxic wastes, and eliminate acid rain. So far this has only reached the rhetorical stage, but it has some conservatives screaming that our new gardener has gone too far. We are again going to put a man on the moon (never mind where the money is to come from and his idea is 20 years late.)

We have a certified nurseryman by the name of Lee Atwater who advises our new gardener. He says the Republicans are going to reach out to the black community and recruit black mayors. That is an idea the Republicans could have used 25 years ago.

So take heart Democrats, our ideas of today will become the ideas of tomorrow. Could it be that the Republicans are now trying to out-Democrat the Democrats?

*Ed Smethers,
State Committeeman*

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The death penalty is wrong and arguments to justify it are worse

Editor's Note: A few months ago Chairman Stu penned an article for the Demogram supporting the death penalty for murderers such as Ted Bundy. Past Chairman Bill takes issue and argues the opposition.

In order to soothe their conscience, advocates for the death penalty tell us that because of their actions some people have forfeited their right to live. They also maintain that the death penalty is a deterrent at least to the point that the person being killed won't harm anyone again.

I believe that you can't have a functioning society without rules, and you can't have a civilized society without a means to extract deviants from that society. The ultimate deviant is the murderer. To extract that person in order to protect society is absolutely necessary, but then what do we do with them?

Most of society desires revenge, and believes that the lesser the crime, the less the punishment. A thief is simply removed from society, but when physical violence is involved our society begins to demand more than protection from the criminal. The cries for revenge become shrill. If that revenge were a deterrent like so many think it will be, then the punishment must exceed or meet the crime. The thief will

lose a hand, the rapist will be mutilated, the voyeur blinded. Thankfully our society has matured and now realizes that torture, mutilation, and mental-physical deprivation of our deviants denigrates us all — except murders! We will horribly, and sadistically, organize, design and scientifically kill a fellow human in the name of justice.

You cannot elevate the rest of society by lowering the value of the life of one of its members. If we collectively call for the reduction or elimination of the value of any human life, we intrinsically lower the value of every member. We tell society that "Human life is sacred unless you murder someone, then your life is worthless."

A sanguinary society will breed members equally full of potential bloodshed. We teach our children not to hit, then we spank them for doing it. That has never worked to stop children from hitting as any parent can tell you, nor will killing someone for committing a terrible crime like murder make the criminals in our society stop killing.

Every person must be responsible for their acts. Anyone deviating from society's rules must be dealt with according to the level of their criminal act. A good and just "kinder and gentler" society will simply

remove the criminal from that society to protect the citizens and to punish the criminal by saying "you may not live free until you have paid for your crime by time away from society."

The greatness of any society is measured by its regard for its lowliest member. When that society rates the value of the member by their so-called "worth" then society itself is demeaned. When that society prices some people as eliminatable then everyone's value is reduced and no life is sacred or safe.

The current hypocrisy in the death penalty is unacceptable to a civilized society. The only way for pro-death penalty supporters to realize their objective is that they begin to call it what it is — REVENGE, and that most executions take place in public so that these people don't just disappear, but are killed in the open as a deterrent to others. The fact that we hide them away and kill them at night is the least of the hypocrisy. The real hypocrisy of this so-called deterrent is that in every other western nation they found out long ago, as we did here in the U.S. that the death penalty did not reduce the number of murders, nor did it make a safer society, it simply made it more bloody.

Bill Ith,
Past Chair



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