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Hemenway works for people

By Carl Hemenway

Candidate for Lewis County Commissioner, Pos. 1

Four years ago, you honored me by electing me as your commissioner.

During my first term, I worked hard and long to keep informed on the issues and to make myself accessible to the people of Lewis County.

Together, we have accomplished many things, including ensuring a solid financial base for the future.

I will continue to listen and to work hard to make Lewis County a better place for our citizens. Some of the things I have worked to accomplish include the following:

- Lower county property taxes through careful money management (down from \$1.80 in 1994 to \$1.69 in 1996 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation).
- Emergency 911 telephone system county-wide to enhance public safety.
- Acceptable burn ban ordinance by working with the state legislature.

• US Highway 12 rest stop built between Randle and Packwood.

• Construction of the solid waste transfer station.

• A South County park completed at Toledo.

I will continue to complete these important issues:

• Negotiation with Tacoma City Light regarding mitigation money, flooding, fisheries and licenses.

• Working to change the existing Growth Management Act by working with the legislature and other counties and officials.

• Working to have Superfund designation removed from the Centralia landfill, which will result in a significant reduction in the tipping fee.

Please contact me at 736-5451 if you are willing to help with my campaign (yard signs, doorbelling, fundraising, etc.) A barbecue fundraiser is scheduled for Aug. 28, 5 to 7 p.m., at Riverside Park, Centralia. Chefs for the occasion will be Rolly Badavinac and George Mohoric.

Stahl aims for access, service, trust

By Mark Stahl

Candidate for Lewis County Commissioner, Pos. 2

Hi. My name is Mark Stahl and I'm running for county commissioner. To those of you that haven't met me yet, I am a 41-year-old paramedic here in Lewis County. I've been working for Care Ambulance for the last five years. I live in Boistfort. My wife Tami and I have been married for 19 years. We have three children, Jill, 16; Kevin, 14; and Jason, 10.

I decided to run for county commissioner because I felt there was not enough public meetings with the commissioner and the people in his district. Decisions were being made with little or no public input. Meetings are scheduled in the daytime or are in areas that make it hard for people to travel the distances. The majority of the people that attended these meetings were special interest groups, realtors, developers and ultra-conservatives. They went to every meeting and spoke, saying they were the voice of the people of Lewis County. This is just not right.

I am making three promises in my campaign.

(1) I can and will hold town meetings in my district every four months. This will make it easier for the average person to have input into the county decisions.

(2) I will push for a customer service program to get feedback,

good and bad, on Lewis County services and help to improve service and trust in county government.

(3) I will get you answers to questions and problems even though you may not be happy with the answers, and do so in a reasonable time frame.

With your help, we can improve the county government and run more responsible and efficient. I ask for your support. Vote for me and please tell your friends to vote for me. I will work hard to re-pay your support with better and more responsive county government.

Jefferson-Jackson Dinner

The annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner of Lewis County Democrats will once again be held at the American Legion Hall, located along Main Street in Centralia.

The dinner will be held Oct. 24, beginning with a 6 p.m. cocktail hour and followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Cost of the dinner will be \$20. Tickets will be available in advance from executive board members, or at the door. Speakers for the occasion will be announced later. Plan to attend to find out who receives the Democrat of the Year Award this year. Hope to see you there.

Chairs Corner

By Bob Guenther, Lewis County Chair

Campaign 1996 is in the hands of Democrats who are interested in winning elections. This year requires a special effort from each of you. If we expect to win seats in county, state, and federal offices, we must take a special interest in these campaigns and put forth a special effort. If we do so, we will be able to celebrate a victory party in November.

The Lewis County Democratic Central Committee now has a headquarters office to facilitate campaigns and people interested in working on campaigns. So I would urge you to pick a campaign you're interested in and put forth some effort so we can get the person elected we want to represent us.

Victory in November will not happen unless we make this effort. I am, therefore, calling on all Democrats to participate in one of the most important elections in many years. Our headquarters office phone number is 330-5006. Our FAX number is 330-5066.

My wife and I would also like to extend an invitation to Democrats to attend the annual Lewis County Salmon Bake being held at our residence on Sept. 14. Come and meet a fine bunch of Democratic candidates. We will have a speaker or two, partake in some good food and enjoy old fashioned blue grass music.

The Salmon Bake will start at 1 p.m. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Kids under age 6 are free. I will plan to see you there.

Lois Lopez: "A lot needs doing"

By Lois Lopez

For State Legislature, 20th Dist., Pos. 1

Talk. We hear a lot of it from politicians these days. But what's really changed? We keep working, paying the bills - they keep talking - and fighting - and playing petty, partisan games. While the work stays undone.

It seems as if the average citizen simply gets lost in the shuffle. That has to change. It's time for our voice to be heard. It's time for our voice to be heard. It's time for a lot more common sense. That's why Lois Lopez wants to be our next State Representative.

Lois Lopez grew up in Randle, owned a dairy, worked in a sawmill and as a volunteer in our schools. She works hard. Just like we do. In June, at the age of 40, Lois will graduate from college. She earned that degree while holding down a fulltime job.

Isn't it about time for a leader who works as hard as we do? For a leader who will represent our interests, our values - and get the job done?

Because there's a lot that needs doing. We need more local control and accountability in our schools. More support and help for our small businesses. And we need economic development programs that will attract family wage jobs to our communities.

Taxes, education, jobs Interest Senate candidate

By Cody Arledge

Candidate for State Senate, 20th Dist.

For the past 11 years I've worked as a firefighter in Tumwater. I was recently promoted from Lieutenant to Captain. Prior to beginning work in Tumwater, I was the first paramedic in the East Lewis County Medic One program and served throughout Lewis County as part of the Medic One staff.

I am committed to serving the people of Lewis County - and all of the 20th District. I have three key issues. My first issue is property taxes. I've talked to hundreds of taxpayers in our district. Many of them feel that they are being taxed out of their homes - and they're right.

We need to fix property taxes. I will vote to limit the rate our tax bill increases to 6% or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower. Initiative 601 put state government on a diet. Now we need to put local government on a diet.

My second issue is education. Strong public education is the key to building a strong economy and giving hope to our children. My wife Pam and I have three sons. The oldest just graduated from Tumwater High. I will vote to protect our schools. I oppose the radical ballot measures that threaten our state's schools and I want to get education in Washington back to the basics.

My third issue. It's harder to raise a family today. The cost of living is up. Many families just can't keep up. In the Senate, I will vote to protect working families. I support labor, family wage jobs, and I will vote yes for bills that bring good jobs to our area.

Nationwide, the growth in employment comes from small businesses. I'll fight for small businesses by fixing the Business and Occupation tax. It needs to be fairer, simpler and smaller. Everyone will benefit if we strengthen our local small businesses.

Swindell: Duty is public service

By Al Swindell

For State Representative, 18th Dist., Pos. 2

I am a lifelong resident of Southwest Washington. My wife Iris and I raised our family here. After Air Force service, I worked at Boise Cascade paper mill 29 years.

It is my belief that as with voting, it is the duty of every citizen to get involved in public service. I feel this is the field in which I can make my greatest contribution by dedicating not only my time, but my talent, experience and common sense as well. I believe it is time to stop the useless rhetoric and get on with doing the job demanded of every public official.

It is time to get our priorities straight. By working together we can accomplish anything this society requires. By working together we can restore the faith in government that people have lost.

Education and family wage jobs are the foundation on which healthy communities are built. These are the common sense priorities I will pursue as your State Representative. Please tell your friends about me, and vote for me. Thank you.

Community organizer Stresses jobs, education

Tina Edwards

For State Representative, 20th Dist., Pos. No. 2

Tina Edwards is a Rochester resident and small business owner that is running for Pos. 2 in the state House of Representatives for the 20th District.

"As a small business owner and a parent, I know first-hand the challenges most of us face everyday. I am running for the House of Representatives to take that point of view to Olympia."

Tina and her husband Greg own a small consulting firm that is involved in developing partnerships between private and public sectors to create family-wage jobs in our rural communities. Tina firmly believes we have been forced into making false choices. Instead of divisive stances pitting jobs against the environment, we must have jobs and protect the environment as well.

As a grass roots organizer and community advocate, Tina was instrumental in bringing together fisherman, loggers and environmentalist to voice support for the jobs for the environment program.

Tina also has worked to help pass the local school levy in Rochester. As a mother of three, Andreas, 14, Tyler, 10, and Eliza, 4, Tina is extremely concerned with the state of our public education. She believes that kids that succeed in school succeed in life. We must meet our obligation to provide a high quality education in a safe school environment. We must develop new and creative ways to educate our children and stabilize education funding.

Tina is also concerned with the growing tax burden and complexity of the tax system. She believes changes are necessary to reduce the tax burden on all citizens. We must examine government's mission and create a much more efficient and accountable government in order to the needs of the future.

Growing crime rates are also a concern for Tina. She believes in strong punishment for violent offenders. She also believes people will choose life over a life of crime when we have a healthy economic environment with family-wage jobs.

Tina has the courage and integrity to make the changes needed in the way Olympia has been doing business. She is committed to making these changes for the citizens of the 20th District. Vote for Tina Edwards.

Coming Events

Aug. 22, 1996 - Lewis Co. DCC, King Solomon Restaurant, 6 p.m. no-host dinner, 7 p.m. regular meeting.

Sept. 3, 1996 - Brian Baird for Congress rally

Sept. 14, 1996 - Annual Lewis County Democratic Salmon Barbecue, 1 p.m., home of Bob & Judy Guenther, 376 Hwy 508, Chehalis.

Sept. 26, 1996 - Red Rogers Rendezvous at Randle, regular meeting of Lewis Co. DCC, Mt. Adams Cafe, Randle, 7 p.m.

Oct. 24, 1996 - Annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner of Lewis County Democrats, American Legion Hall, Centralia.

November - No meeting

Dec. 7, 1996 - Reorganization meeting of Lewis County Democrats, time and location to be announced.

Longview man seeks 18th Legislative post

By Ted Thomas

For State Senate, 18th Dist.

Ted Thomas is a sixth generation resident of Southwest Washington. He and his wife Denise live in Longview with their two beautiful daughters, Breanne, 7; and Amanda, 5.

Thomas recently opened his campaign office in downtown Kelso where Karen Titus serves as campaign manager.

Since announcing his intention to run, Thomas has raised more than \$22,000 from over 200 contributors. He also received a donation of 2,000 campaign signs from his employer, Pacific Lamination. He has obtained many endorsements, from groups such as the Washington State Troopers Association, the Washington State Council of Firefighters, the Washington State Labor Council, and others.

Thomas is a member of the Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers, as well as the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Thomas has been aggressively doorbelling in recent weeks and has already visited more than 5,000 homes.

Most people can recall that the incumbent, Joe Zarelli, won the 1995 special election, Thomas says, by only 2,000 votes. President Clinton carried the 18th Leg. Dist. with more than 36% and Ross Perot made a strong showing with over 26%.

Voter turnout in the 18th District, Thomas says, was down substantially in 1994. He is expecting the voter turnout to reach 80 percent this election year, a factor that will dramatically improve the chances to elect Democratic candidates.

Baird is Congress bound

By Brian Baird

Candidate for U.S. Congress, 3rd Dist.

I am running for Congress because I believe we need people of vision, compassion and intelligence to make wise decisions for our state and nation.

I am running because I believe in the American Dream of Democracy, of citizen-elected government that makes responsible decisions for the present and future.

I was raised in rural western Colorado. My father was a school teacher and my mother a small business owner. I have been a Washington state resident since 1980, and live in Olympia with my wife Mary. This is the second marriage for both of us.

Mary has two children, ages 17 and 20, from her first marriage. Mary's daughter lives with us and attends high school. Her son goes to Western Washington University. In addition to Mary's children, a Bosnian student, Namik Kovac, has lived with us for the past year. Namik lost his leg to a mortar shell when he was 14. He currently attends high school.

In college, I helped pay expenses by hauling garbage, clearing trails, picking fruit, and flipping burgers. The University of Wyoming, where I earned my doctorate, emphasized rural community mental health. I chose to specialize in medical psychology. I am now a clinical psychologist, specializing in treatment of people with serious injuries and illnesses. In addition to clinical work, I am a professor at Pacific Lutheran University and chair the Department of Psychology. My interests include travel and outdoor activities such as rock climbing.

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Special Gifts for an Important Time

By Farley Maxwell
Candidate for State Legislature
18th Legislative Dist., Pos. 1

Twenty-two years ago I fell while climbing an Andean peak. When I survived the accident, I realized that remaining time was bonus, a special gift. I wanted to use it well. Since then I have served as a pastor in my native Pacific Northwest. Now, my life is taking a second important turn. I am seeking election to the Washington State Legislature, and I need the support of the voters of the 18th District.

This is a difficult but important time to be in government. Taxpayers are demanding that the government do more with less. The political balance has been pulled to the extreme right. Our state-supported schools are in need of help. Many traditional jobs are disappearing. Many proud, hard working, self-sufficient people need a helping hand. Family-wage jobs have been replaced with minimum-wage employment. Elderly people are worried about economic security and health care.

Obviously, one member of the legislature cannot fix such complex problems alone, but I do have the skills that can make things better. I do know how to bring people to the table. I know how to get business, not-for-profit community agencies, and government people to work together. I believe

that the best days for our state are still to come. I want all people to share in the rights and responsibilities of full citizenship.

I currently serve on the Council for the Homeless. Through the Homeless Council government, private agencies, churches, labor and business groups have worked together to build two homeless shelters that help families in transition. Earlier, as President of the Association of Churches, I worked with the public utility district and Community Foundation to provide a local program to help families with their heating bills. Creative solutions to difficult problems happen when concerned people come to the table and work together. I will bring these skills to state government.

I was born in Fort Lewis. I have an inborn understanding about our northwestern way of life. My wife Mary and I raised our three children here and are now enjoying three grandchildren. The oldest granddaughter will start school this fall. How can I explain to her if our schools are not up to standard?

The extra years after the mountain climbing accident have been good years. Today, I'm climbing toward another goal. There is still much to do.

Therefore, I am asking you to help me get elected in November.