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Great All-American Auction set for March 1

It's time again for the "Great All-American Auction"!

Come for an evening of great entertainment and food. To add to the entertainment, we once again are privileged to have Joe Parypa as our auctioneer.

This year we are offering a family price for the Hamburger Feed of \$15.00 for three (3) or more people in your immediate family, so bring all the kids. The individual price remains at \$5.00.

We will have items available for you in four different offerings this year. There will be the regular auction items, the silent auction items,

the opportunity for raffled items and, of course, our luscious pie rack.

If you have items to donate to the auction, you may bring them to headquarters at 417 N. Pearl Street in Centralia between 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Mondays or Wednesdays.

Or call the following: Headquarters at 330-5006, Kay or Gary Odegaard at 736-2260, Michaelle Fries at 785-3982, or Judy Guenther at 262-3484.

If you need someone to pickup your item, we will be happy to arrange this and send someone. We will return your call if we miss you. See you there!

61% of PCO positions filled

We are happy to report that 48 of the 79 precinct committee officer positions have been filled, with 40 positions elected and eight appointments.

This gives us 61% of the precincts filled. Our goal, however, is still to have all 79 positions filled. Those precincts not yet filled, by legislative district, are as follows:

18th Legislative Dist.

Boistfort, Cowlitz, Crego, Doty, Drews Prairie, Stillwater, Vader and View Ridge

20th Legislative Dist.

Alpha, Centralia 2, Centralia 5, Centralia 8, Chehalis 4, Dryad, Harmony, Jubb, Logan, Mineral, Paradise, Parcuvia, Salkum, Salzer, Sears and Union.

Please give us a call at headquarters (360-330-5006), or call one of the executive board

members, if you want more information, or would be interested in serving as a precinct committee officer.

We hope to fill these positions by May 17, the date we will be honoring our Precinct Committee Officers.

20th Legislative District Report

The 20th Legislative District, meeting in Chehalis Dec. 7, elected new officers for two-year terms.

The following officers were elected: Cody Arledge, Tumwater, Chair; Heather Highmiller, Olympia, Vice Chair; Joyce Gillie, Olympia, Secretary; Ed Smethers, Centralia, Treasurer; Neal Kirby, Centralia, State Committeeman; and Tina Edwards, Rochester, State Committeewoman.

Chair's Corner

By Bob Guenther
Lewis County Chair

Well, spring is just around the corner and it is time for our party to start getting ready for the next election cycle.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lewis County Precinct Committee Officers for their vote of confidence in supporting me and the Central Committee Board for the next two years.

Your elected party officers are Mary Michael Pancake, vice chair; Dennis Auvil, second vice chair; Mary Myhre, treasurer; Michaelle Fries, secretary; Rita Cleary, state committeewoman; and Sean Grubb, state committeeman.

Much work has been done over the past two years and I know that all the hard work we did will start to pay off for Lewis County Democrats.

Our party will have our office staffed two days a week. Michaelle Fries has retired from her regular job and has volunteered to work two days a week at our headquarters office. I look forward to working with Michaelle. With our office being open more, we should have much better communication within our party.

The executive board meeting in January was very positive, and we were able to discuss several topics which will enhance the operation of the central committee. We have scheduled a Precinct Committee Officer meeting for Saturday, May 17 (location to be announced). The purpose of getting our PCOs together is to offer training and learn how they see their role for positive Democratic votes in their precincts. We also hope for our PCOs to become better acquainted with one another and to share their ideas.

Within the next two months, I will be appointing a candidate search committee. I know there are good prospective candidates out there who would serve us well in public office.

Our committee can offer many benefits to prospective candidates prior to the time they become candidates.

As of this time, we have 48 PCOs out of 79 precincts in our county. We will continue work to fill all positions.

Our executive committee is committed to improving our party's technology capability with the goal of improving our communication skills.

Please remember to save the calendar of upcoming events, and remember to attend our Great All American Auction, which will be held the first Saturday in March at the Centralia Eagles Hall at 5 p.m. This event is our main fund raiser of the year.

In order to maintain and grow the party in this county, I ask for your attendance at our meetings.

We have just returned from the 53rd Presidential Inaugural with some very nice items commemorating the event. These items will be up for bid at the auction, along with many fine items donated by our supporters.

Please feel free to call and leave a message at headquarters. We need everyone's involvement and ideas in order to build our party in Lewis County.

Locke favors tax cut for homeowners

Governor Gary Locke recently vetoed a measure passed by the Republican-controlled legislature in favor of a Democratic plan to cut taxes to homeowners.

Locke said that businesses had already received 94% of the \$1 billion in tax cuts passed during the last session. The alternative measure favored by Democrats would extend tax cuts to homeowners.

Republicans were unable to override the Governor's veto and so instead offered a resolution to place a referendum on the 1997 ballot.

Coming Events

February 27 - Lewis County Democratic Central Committee meeting, King Solomon Restaurant, Centralia; social hour, 6 p.m., business meeting, 7 p.m.

March 27 - Lewis County Democratic Central Committee meeting, King Solomon Restaurant, Centralia; social hour, 6 p.m., business meeting, 7 p.m.

April 24 - Lewis County Democratic Central Committee meeting, King Solomon Restaurant, Centralia; social hour, 6 p.m., business meeting, 7 p.m.

May 22 - Lewis County Democratic Central Committee meeting, the Roadhouse Inn, Morton, 7 p.m.

June 26 - Lewis County Democratic Central Committee meeting, King Solomon Restaurant, Centralia; social hour, 6 p.m., business meeting, 7 p.m.

July 24 - Lewis County Democratic Central Committee meeting, King Solomon Restaurant, Centralia; social hour, 6 p.m., business meeting, 7 p.m.

August 28 - Lewis County Democratic Central Committee meeting, King Solomon Restaurant, Centralia; social hour, 6 p.m., business meeting, 7 p.m.

September 25 - Red Rogers Run to Randle, Mt. Adams/St. Helens Restaurant, dinner and business meeting, 7 p.m.

October 23 - Annual Lewis County Jefferson-Jackson Dinner, American Legion Hall, Centralia.

November - No meeting. Have a good Thanksgiving!

December - No meeting. Date and location of Commentary Christmas Party to be announced.

Major 1997 Events

May - Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) reception (time & place to be announced)

March 1 - Lewis County Democratic Central Committee "Great All American Auction" to be held at Centralia Eagles Hall

September 12 - Annual Lewis County DCC "Salmon Barbeque"

October 23 - Annual Lewis County DCC "Jefferson-Jackson Dinner"

December - Christmas Commentary Party

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Now is your opportunity to join and support the Lewis County Democratic Central Committee by becoming a dues paying member. Please complete this membership application and return it to headquarters at 417 N. Pearl St., Centralia 98531, or bring it, along with your contribution, to the next meeting.

Name _____

Telephone _____

Address _____

Precinct _____

Contribution:

_____ \$100 _____ \$50 _____ \$25

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Benefits of being a dues-paying member:

Quarterly newsletter, The Demogram; continuing to have a permanent headquarters; honored guest speakers; enable party to continue to promote Democratic philosophy.

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Berendt re-elected state chair

Delegates to the State Democratic Central Committee met Jan. 25 in Olympia and re-elected Paul Berendt as state chair. Berendt was re-elected by overwhelming vote of state committee delegates. State Committeewoman Rita Cleary, Centralia, said the turnout for the meeting, even considering the bad weather, was one of the largest she has ever seen.