

Lewis County

Demogram



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RE-ELECT NETTIE JUNGERS LEWIS COUNTY CLERK



It has been a fast and very busy four years since I last asked for your votes to make me your Lewis County Clerk. Now I am asking for you to Re-Elect me for a second term.

Since taking office in 1999 there have been many changes in the Clerk's Office that have enhanced our productivity and employee morale while reducing the size of our staff due to budget cuts. With 25 years of service in County government, I have worked in Lewis County Superior Court for 22 years. I can truly say these last four years have been challenging and very rewarding.

In 1999 we started imaging every legal document that is processed by our office on a daily basis -- averaging 400,000 pages per year. The Clerk is responsible for case management and safe keeping of all files that are received for the Superior Court. This includes creating indexes for all felony criminal cases, civil, domestic/family court, probate, adoption, guardianship, mental health, child dependency and juvenile cases.

We process all judgments that result from these mentioned case types, as well as warrants, prison commitment papers, garnishments, subpoenas, letters and certifications, and provide courtroom clerks for all four departments of Superior Court. We issue 700 jury summons for District and Superior Court that are processed and mailed from our office each month. If this isn't enough we also assist with approximately 1000 passport applications each year. This past year we assisted clients with more than 700 new domestic violence petitions.

As Clerk I upgraded the office with computers for all staff and courtroom clerks. I convinced the County Commissioners to let me use budget savings from staff vacancies during 1999 for work stations to bring our office into compliance with fire and L&I codes and to give staff a better working environment. We lived through 1 1/2 years of demolition and construction in the old courthouse before moving to our new office last November. This was the first move for the Clerk's Office since 1927.

Despite having a smaller staff we have increased revenue collections for restitution, criminal and juvenile legal financial obligations, and billings for mandated services, by 33% since 1998. The number of new case filings and related workload has increased approximately 20% in the last four years, but the teamwork my staff has shown during this time to resolve problems, present new ideas, and provide better customer service has helped this office to serve the public in the best possible way while staying within our allotted budget each year.

This attitude of teamwork has allowed me to train and keep the same staff, with no turnovers for more than three years. I want my staff to be happy to come to work, and to work hard and well while here.

I have been very involved and committed to the Lewis County Leadership Team of elected officials and directors this past two years which has resulted in the new Strategic Plan for Lewis County.

At the same time I am committed to many community activities, educational committees, and fund raisers for non-profit groups. These include: Centralia College Business Advisory Committee; Lewis County Chapter of American Red Cross; Lewis County Bar Legal Aid; Lewis County Law & Justice Council; Lewis County Democrats -- PCO since 1996; High Noon Sertoma Club; Centralia Chehalis Chamber of Commerce; South Lewis County Chamber of Commerce; Shannon Lewis Heart Fund; Winlock Lioness Club; Lewis County United Way; and Lewis County Economic Development Council.

It has been a very busy four years, but there is still much to do. I urge you to help me continue to serve you with the experience, enthusiasm, and energy I have gained as your Lewis County Clerk this term.

KEN NORBERG CONTESTS FOR COMMISSIONER IN 3RD DISTRICT

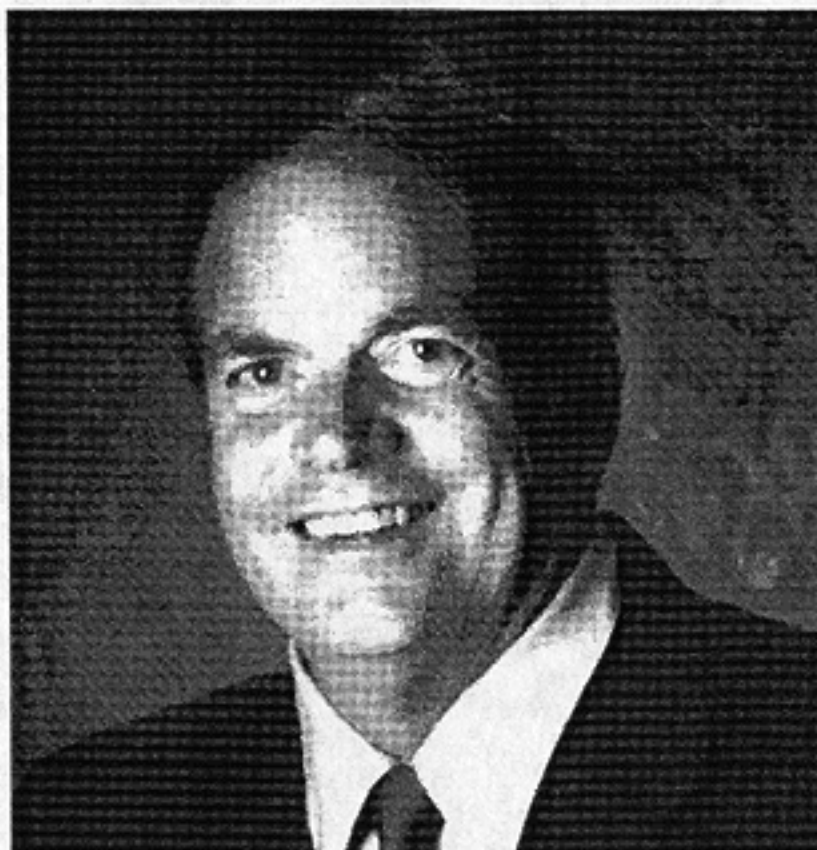
Toledo resident Ken Norberg is carrying the Democrat banner in the Third District race for Lewis County Commissioner. In making his announcement for the office Norberg said: "We need to work hard to clean up drug problems in this county. We need to be visionaries to look ahead to create jobs before others disappear."

A Lewis County native, Ken was born in Chehalis, graduated from Toledo High School and received his AA degree from Centralia College. His work experience includes construction, logging, road construction. He retired from the Centralia coal mine as Senior Safety Engineer. He and his wife of 31 years, Joan, own and operate Hair It Is Styling Salon in Toledo.

Ken has served for 17 years on the Toledo School Board and is active in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Toledo. Other activities include Toledo Lions Club where he is a past President, Chehalis Eagles, Lone Yew Grange, board member for Recovery Northwest, Evergreen Safety Council, Winlock/Toledo Masonic Lodge and as a member of the Mining Panel for the Governor's Safety Conference.

Norberg told the *Demogram* that "As a conservative Democrat, I don't believe partisan politics should be an issue for a County Commissioner. Commissioners should be representing the entire citizenry of the county as far as

the law allows. Our government should definitely be of the people, for the people and by the people. This is why I would work to get meetings conducted throughout the county so that the rural areas could be represented."



Ken Norberg pledges to work hard to keep senior citizen centers open and operating throughout the county and to work to get our timber dollars back into our county.

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**"Caution is the confidential agent of selfishness."
Woodrow Wilson (D), 28th President of the U.S.**

JERRY BERRY FOR CORONER



Former Lewis County Deputy Sheriff Jerry Berry is taking on two Republicans in his race for County Coroner. Berry, who has a degree in Physical Education from Feather River University, is a graduate of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission. Berry provided the following statement for the *Demogram*.

I have always had a very strong work ethic and endless energy. I will stand up for the things that I believe in, and will try to right any wrongs that I encounter. I tend to be more concerned with doing the right thing than being politically correct. I have always excelled at any task I chose to undertake, and always give 110%. I have very strong family values that have always been a great source of strength to me. Those values were instilled into me by very loving parents who have always placed their children above all else in this world.

I started my working career as a carpenter, just like my father and uncles. I joined the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America at the age of 17. I retired from the construction business in 1989 as a Project Manager for S.E.D., Inc., out of Olympia.

I soon realized that I was too young to retire and started looking for something else to do. I was hired by the City of Mossyrock as the Chief of Police, where I remained for 19 months before accepting a position as Deputy Sheriff with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office. During my 10 years there, I received

numerous mission maker awards, letter of commendation, and high evaluations for my performance. I was selected by the "Eagles" as Law Officer of the year in 2000.

I want to see the Coroner's Office move into the 21st century, operating with its full potential and being fiscally responsible. I want to see the Coroner's Office gain the respect and confidence of the citizens so they will know that the death of their loved one was investigated and classified appropriately. No one should have to go through the grief and trauma of having a loved one's death become the center of public attention and controversy simply because the coroner didn't do his job right the first time.

I have over 260 hours of specialized training in investigations, having conducted over 20 death investigations in Lewis County. I have the experience, dedication and the knowledge to get the job done.

Too many taxpayer dollars are being spent in areas that are unnecessary, and the citizens are not receiving the full benefits that they are paying for. It is time for the Coroner's Office to provide cost effective and professional services to the citizens of Lewis County.

ELECTION YEAR INFO

by Deanna M. Zieske

With this issue of the *Demogram* we want to introduce our readers to the Democratic candidates for office in Lewis County: Congressman Brian Baird, current County Clerk Nettie Jungers, Ken Norberg and Jerry Berry.

This is a crucial year for Democrats. We need to express our voices and work hard for those Democrats who have stepped forward to serve our community. Visit us at the Fair.

To help do that we are providing you with the County Platform and a copy of the resolution concerning the blanket primary that was enacted during our County Convention in April.

Lewis County Democratic Party Platform Adopted April 20, 2002

Preamble

We, the Democratic Party of Lewis County, believe in government of the people, by the people,

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2002 CALENDAR - REVISED

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS: 6:00 P.M. Social Hour - 7:00 P.M. Meeting
(Unless otherwise noted)

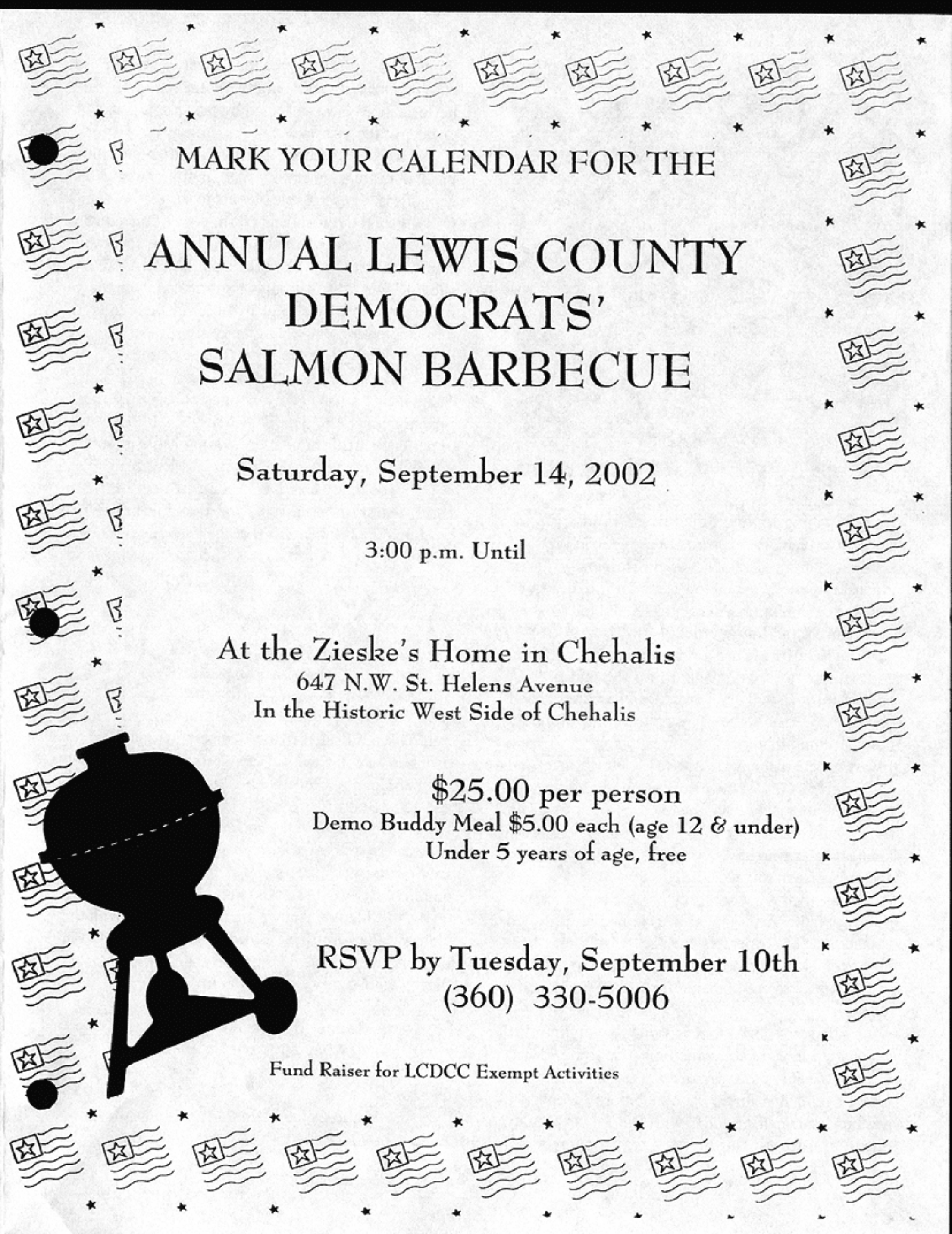
August 22, 2002	Lighthouse Steak & Seafood - "Lewis County Water Issues" 1616 Gold Street, Fairway Shopping Center, Centralia
September 26, 2002	Adams - St. Helens Family Restaurant Hwy 12 & Cispus Road, Randle
October 26, 2002	Annual Jefferson - Jackson Dinner in Chehalis
November/December	No Meetings Scheduled

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS:

Second Wednesday of each month as called by Chair - 5:30 P.M.
Democratic Headquarters - 417 N. Pearl Street, Centralia
(unless otherwise noted)

EVENTS:

August 13-18, 2002	Southwest Washington Fair Booth - <u>VISIT OUR D's BOOTH</u>
September 14, 2002	Annual Lewis County " <u>SALMON BARBECUE</u> " - The Zieske's (See Insert for More Details and RSVP)
September 17, 2002	Primary Election - <u>REMEMBER TO VOTE!</u>
October 26, 2002	Annual " <u>JEFFERSON - JACKSON DINNER</u> " - V.R. Lee Bldg.
November 5, 2002	General Election & Election Night Celebration <u>VOTE DEMOCRATIC!</u>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE

ANNUAL LEWIS COUNTY DEMOCRATS' SALMON BARBECUE

Saturday, September 14, 2002

3:00 p.m. Until

At the Zieske's Home in Chehalis
647 N.W. St. Helens Avenue
In the Historic West Side of Chehalis


\$25.00 per person

Demo Buddy Meal \$5.00 each (age 12 & under)

Under 5 years of age, free

RSVP by Tuesday, September 10th
(360) 330-5006

Fund Raiser for LCDCC Exempt Activities



CHAIR'S CORNER

By Deanna M. Zieske

Recently I was interviewed by a reporter from the *Chronicle* about Democratic candidates for county-wide office. The reporter asked me why there were so few Democrats in Lewis County.

I told him that there are a lot more of us out there than you may think, you just don't hear from them.

The reporter seemed surprised at that and inquired whether that may be because of the local media. While that is certainly not the only reason, I am convinced our local media go out of their way to make sure only one perspective on local and national issues makes its way to Lewis County's citizens.

I'm sure I surprise no one when I say that our local print and broadcast media are ultra conservative. That's not so much my gripe as is the way they systematically exclude any ideas that they don't share from fair presentation to the citizens of our county.

And that's why I told that reporter there is no forum in Lewis County for the dissemination of ideas that Democrats support.

What evidence is there to substantiate this complaint?

The *Chronicle* provides no columns for liberal columnists to voice their views. Yet it offers a weekly column to our elected Republican Sheriff to voice his views and political commentary. Would not fairness suggest that a Democrat elected official be given an equivalent opportunity?

It has been my observation that letters to the *Chronicle's* editor about controversial issues (most recently on the issue of growth management) have been held until the editor has had an opportunity to prepare and simultaneously publish a critical -- typically an extremely hostile -- response in the editorial column where the exposure is greater.

Individuals expressing views contrary to the editorial view of that publication aren't just criticized, either. They are vilified, called extremists and/or obstructionist. That's whether those descriptions are apt or not.

The problem is not limited to the *Chronicle*, it's just the easiest target. I have heard comparable complaints about the *East End Journal*, the *Lewis County News* and our local radio stations.

The solution is not to cry about it, though.

The answer is to buck up, hitch up our jeans and work hard to elect people who represent us and who don't just echo the views of our local media.

As Democrats we have that ability, if we will face that challenge. An opportunity now exists. We can support and elect our current Democratic candidates for county office. And we can look for and encourage other Democrats to step forward in the future to seek elective office. Then we can say we have made a difference! We have done that in the past. We can do it now.

And it looks like we will be in a better position to elect good Democratic candidates in the future. Interest in grass root party activity here in Lewis County is growing dramatically.

Two years ago only 14 of our county's precincts had Democrats file for election as Precinct Committee Officers. We were far behind the Republicans in that regard then. So I made it one of my goals as County Chair to strengthen our grass roots.

What's happened since then? I'm proud to say that we have candidates who filed for election as PCOs in 46 precincts this year. That's more precincts than the Rs have filed in. That's great progress in two short years because it means Democrats are not going to hide in the weeds here in Lewis County.

Even more encouraging, though, is that in 6 of our precincts there is a contested race for Democratic PCOs. Talk about energy and vitality! We're getting to the point where Democrats are competing for the opportunity to work in our party. Isn't that simply SUPER!

May that climate continue and grow for years to come.

LEWIS COUNTY DEMOS WEB PAGE

We are proud to announce our Lewis County Democrats WEB Page has been updated and revamped. Take a look today. You may find it at www.localaccess.com/democrats.

Our thanks to our new Webmaster, Connie McArthur, for setting us back up for business. There are links to state and national democratic committees, congressional representatives, democratic candidates, our party platform and much more. You will also find our Demogram and the party platform on the web page. It should be a great resource for your use.

and for the people. We believe in effectively preparing for the improvement of our citizen's economic, political and social welfare.

We believe in the following principles:

- Widespread participation in self government is essential to a strong democracy.
- All members of our diverse community are entitled to be treated with dignity and respect.
- Strong communities contribute to the creation of a safe, stable and prosperous future for our families.
- Tax dollars should be effectively and prudently collected and invested for our common future.
- We are all responsible for the ethical, economic, and environmental legacy we leave our children.

In support of these principles, we, the Democratic Party of Lewis County, submit the following:

1. Every individual has an equal voice in determining our nation's future, and we must trust in the common voice of the people to determine the best course. We must work to strengthen our democratic system by encouraging informed participation in the political process and accountability by our elected officials. It is the responsibility of our political leaders to discover and act upon the voice of the people. We must ensure that our system remains democratic and open to the concerns of our diverse population. Prudent use of recall, referendum, and initiative will ensure that the legislature will remain empowered to carry out its legitimate function.

2. We affirm that in order to be a contributing member of society everyone is entitled to nutritious food, safe and affordable shelter, adequate health care, a community supported quality education, the opportunity for family wage jobs, and to raise a family. Furthermore, we affirm our opposition to all forms of discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations and education based on race, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. We support efforts designed to ensure that these prejudices do not prevent qualified persons from being treated with dignity and respect.

3. A strong community is based upon productive and well-informed individuals. Strong communities provide the vigorous environment that strengthens family life, promotes individual responsibility and compassion, and provides our children with the skills

needed to create a prosperous future. We support efforts to protect our children, care for our elderly neighbors, build strong public schools, create stable family wage jobs, maintain worker's rights to prevailing wages and collective bargaining rights, promote positive employee/employer relationships, preserve the public health and safety, and protect the environment.

4. We encourage the adoption of an equitable and progressive taxation system and a redistribution of taxes in order to meet the needs of rural areas. Taxes should be utilized by government to appropriately meet the needs of our communities. Legislatively authorized and mandated programs (including without limit public safety, education, health care, environmental, and transportation concerns) must be adequately funded to achieve their purposes. Government must provide value for the dollars it spends but not use the label "efficiency" as a subterfuge to impair an agency's ability to carry out its purpose.

5. Democrats believe that hard work, personal responsibility, fairness, compassion, and self-reliance are at the heart of a strong economy, a healthy environment, and a responsible populace. To ensure the integrity of our children's future, we must enact public policies that embody those values. Ongoing and effective planning for growth is imperative if we are to successfully address future needs related to economic development, water, housing, transportation, education, public health and safety, flooding, and wildlife. We support the use of scientific and technological practices that contribute to a clean and safe environment.

Resolution re Blanket Primary

Whereas, the Federal District Court of the Western District of Washington has upheld the venerable institution of the Blanket Primary in the State of Washington;

Whereas, the Blanket Primary in Washington enjoys extreme popularity with the citizens of this state;

Whereas abuses of the Blanket Primary have been few;

Whereas, the elimination of the Blanket Primary is not in the interest of the majority of citizens of this state;

And, whereas continuation of appeals of the

court rulings will tend to alienate the very voters Democrats want to attract;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party in Convention Assembled in Lewis County, sends this request that the State Party withdraw from appeals of the Court Ruling.

Dated this 20th Day of April, 2002.

Deanna M. Zieske, Chair

RE-ELECT BRIAN BAIRD 3rd DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN



The campaign to re-elect Congressman Brian Baird is in full swing. Lewis County Democrats are getting organized to ensure Brian's victory in the Third Congressional District for a third time! Brian and over 20 volunteers proudly walked in the Chehalis 4th of July Parade. On July 6th over 80 volunteers from throughout the state gathered to make more than 3800 lawn signs for the campaign.

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Address Correction Requested

We must remind voters of all that Brian has accomplished and of his dedication to the issues that are important to Lewis County and Washington's Third District. Congressman Baird worked to acquire \$350,000 in federal funding for flood control projects in the Chehalis River Basin in 1999. His tireless efforts to fight the spread of methamphetamine use and manufacture have resulted in the focusing of federal funding into programs in Washington. He also continues to encourage and assist with applications for federal grants, such as one that provided \$51,000 for local economic development programs in Lewis and Cowlitz Counties.

Since Brian Baird's first election to the United States Congress in 1998 he has held more than 170 town hall meetings in the district, at least one in every incorporated town. He is extremely proud of the opportunity provided by his position, to serve the people of Lewis County and Southwest Washington.

Brian's Lewis County Coordinator is Jan Leth. She can be reached at (360) 736-5610. His Campaign Manager is Maria Smithson and his Field Coordinator is Noel Frame. Please call the headquarters at (360) 696-1993 and begin volunteering today to re-elect Brian Baird to Congress.

Look for more information about Congressman Baird on the Internet at <http://www.brianbaird.com>.

Modesty is the art of
encouraging people to find
out for themselves how
wonderful you are.

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