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BAIRD WINNING, BUT WANTS HELP HERE

Democratic Congressman Brian Baird took a large majority of the votes for his race to be re-elected to a 3rd term in the U.S. Congress in the recent primary election. But in the Lewis County Balloting he received only 44.48 percent of the votes. He trailed Joseph Zarelli, his Republican challenger, in Lewis County by a count of 8,701 to 6,971 for Baird.

Jan Leth, Baird's Lewis County campaign coordinator, thanked voters who helped Baird increase his Lewis County percentage over what he got in the last election. Leth urged Democrats to work harder. "We have an outstanding Congressman and friend in Brian. We can carry the county for him if we will just work a bit harder," Leth said. Leth gave us the following article for publication.



Brian Baird, our Democratic Congressman

Growing up in a family with caring parents, Brian Baird lived in a small town where neighbors helped each other and worked together to make their community a safer place to live. Brian's dad, a teacher, taught him the value of hard work, respect and responsibility. His mom owned a small business

and instilled in Brian the value of giving back to the community.

Brian earned a BA from the University of Utah. He received Masters and PhD degrees in Clinical Psychology from the University of Wyoming. He has worked with and counseled disabled veterans, cancer patients and their families, children who had mental health problems and serious head trauma victims. For 12 years he taught at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, serving as chair of its Department of Psychology.

In November, 1998, Brian was elected to Congress. There Brian helped lead efforts to contain the rising costs of prescription medications, protect Social Security and Medicare and pay down our national debt. He has fought the spread of illegal drugs and championed efforts to reform our nation's campaign finance laws.

Congressman Baird has been profoundly responsive to his district's constituents. He was instrumental in opening the Windy Ridge approach to Mt. St. Helens. He saved PeEll's sewage treatment plant by bringing in the Army Corps of Engineers to help. He has sought funds to help Lewis County with its flooding problems and with preventing unrestricted Canadian lumber shipments that were hurting the county's logging businesses. Recently Baird presented a \$50,000 federal grant to Lewis County for use in the battle against the strangling influence of methamphetamine.

Brian has visited hundreds of classrooms in Southwest Washington where he listened to students, teachers and parents talk about their concerns. He has supported efforts to modernize schools, hire more teachers and reduce class sizes.

Brian promised to be responsive to all of his constituents -- to listen, to work hard, to use common sense and to attend to the needs of Southwest Washington. He has done that well. Now we need to re elect Brian Baird so he can keep up the great work.

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CORONER RACE HEATING UP

Democrat Jerry Berry is running a heated and an effective campaign to unseat our current Republican Coroner. Berry received 28 percent of the vote in the primary election while running unopposed in the Democratic primary. But he recently garnered the endorsement of Republican Marty Hayes who lost his bid for the Republican nomination to incumbent Terry Wilson.

As the primary was a Republican contest, not many D's voted in that race. So with Hayes' endorsement Berry's race against Wilson looks to be close. If Democrats will go to the polls in force and get their friends to support them Jerry Berry has an outstanding chance to win the Coroner's race.

Jerry Berry provided the following article for publication in the *Demogram*.

As November draws near, the citizens of Lewis County will elect their next coroner. I want to be the next coroner who will bring the coroner's office into the 21st century. The office has grown stale and is still functioning much as it did 20 years ago.

I have 12 years of law enforcement experience, the last six years as a homicide detective. I have investigated many deaths in Lewis County, and made the determination of the cause and manner of death, which was never questioned or changed by the current coroner.

The duties of the coroner, as outlined by state

law, require a person with investigative skills, not medical training. Every death should receive equal attention and the most professional investigation possible to make the right determination of the cause and manner of death. This cannot always be done from an office by reading law enforcement reports.



Jerry Berry, Candidate for Coroner

As your coroner, I promise the following:

I will attend all suspicious deaths and homicides. I will make sure that the coroner is one of the first to be notified, as required by law. I will provide the citizens with deputy coroners who are well trained in death investigations and are knowledgeable about the laws governing their duties. I will conduct a complete, thorough, and independent investigation. If there are unanswered questions concerning a death, I will call for an inquest. I will create a youth education program that will show our children the consequences of alcohol and drug use. I will provide a coroner's website, at no cost to the citizens, where the citizens can access information regarding the coroner's office. I will reduce the costs associated with post-mortem examinations.

Twenty years without the duties of the coroner's office being fulfilled is long enough. It is time for a change, and I am ready to provide the citizens of Lewis County with the services they deserve, and are paying for.

I am asking for your vote on November 5th.

"Voting is the first duty of democracy."

Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President of the United States

COUNTY DEMO REORGANIZATION DECEMBER 5th

Lewis County Democratic Central Committee Chair Deanna Zieske announced that the biennial reorganization of the Central Committee will take place on Thursday, December 5th, 2002, in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Lewis County Courthouse.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. PCOs will be electing Central Committee officers for the 2002-2004 biennium.

A nominating committee comprised of Jan Nontell, Larry Cook and the Hon. Nettie Jungers will present the list of nominees. Elected PCOs may also submit nominations for any office from the floor.

Precinct Committee Officers elected in the November 5th general election are the only persons eligible to cast ballots in this election. However, the meeting is open to any interested person wishing to attend. Please mark your calendar today.

POLL WATCHER TRAINING SET FOR OCTOBER 29TH

Jan Leth, on behalf of the Baird re-election campaign, and Lewis County Demo Chair Deanna Zieske have announced a training session for individuals wanting to serve as Democratic Poll Watchers for the November 5th General Election.

Poll watchers for each party provide a presence in each election precinct throughout election day to both monitor the election and provide information to their political party about voter turnout. The information they provide may be crucial, if timely provided, to get voters to the polls to support our candidates.

The training will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2002, at the Carpenter's Hall in Centralia. Anyone interested in serving as a poll watcher is invited to attend this training session. Making this sort of service available to Democratic candidates can be of invaluable assistance. Jan Leth asked that each of you be thanked in advance for your support.

LEWIS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL DUES

Last chance to pay your 2002 Lewis County Democratic Central Committee dues -- don't miss out.

We need your support.

Our thanks to the following who have paid their dues so far: Bob & Karen Johnson, Jan Leth, Joan & Ken Norberg, Deanna & Lew Zieske, Merle Bates, Brian Dow, Ruta and J.P. Enbody, Donald & Virginia Goeman, Victoria Norris, James M. & Jeannette Petra, Norma Schanz, Mary Wiley, Tonya Herbert, Ron Jennings, Donna Karvia, James Kostelecky, Jean Massingham, Barbara & Bob McInnis, Thomas Weaver, June Wristen, Helen Carlstrom, Bob Guenther, Shirley Kook, Bill & Elsie Mason, Cat & Pat Underhill, Marite & Uwe Meller, Becky Coward, Katie Rogers and Kelly Lietzow.

The dues you pay are used to support the party building activities of the Lewis County Democratic Central Committee. Without a strong central committee we will be unable to attract strong candidates for elective office and then get them elected. Your support is, therefore, vital! Those who have paid dues so far this year have contributed a total of \$720.00.

If you have not yet paid your 2002 Lewis County Democratic Central Committee Annual Dues, you may do so by sending your \$10.00 (per person) check made payable to:

**Lewis County Democratic Central Committee
(LCDC), P.O.Box 765
Chehalis, WA 98532**

*Please Use This Coupon to Send your Membership
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Please print or type the information included on this form. Thank you.

Your Name: _____

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"There is something better, if possible, that a man can give than his life. That is his living spirit to a service that is not easy, to resist counsels that are hard to resist, to stand against purposes that are difficult to stand against." Woodrow Wilson.

STATE DEMOCRATS OPPOSE UNILATERAL ATTACK OF IRAQ

At its quarterly meeting on September 28, 2002, the Washington State Democratic Party, by a unanimous vote, urged our Senators and members of Congress to oppose a unilateral first strike by U.S. forces upon the nation of Iraq. Lewis County representatives to the State Democratic meeting, Deanna Zieske, Bob Guenther and Pat Underhill, joined in that vote.

The resolution addresses the importance of building strong international support for controlling and bringing about change in the government of Iraq, but that such change must be accomplished without thrashing the principles of the U.S. Constitution.

Those who drafted the resolution stood strongly for the principles of free speech, the importance of dissent and that we should not blindly accept any public policy proclamation by the President in the name of national unity and national defense.

Having articulated those principles, the resolution concludes by saying:

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Washington State Democratic Party strongly believes that the United States must not strike out unilaterally to force regime changes in Iraq or any other nation, and such unilateral action would call into question the legitimacy of the United States as the chief proponent of the rule of law and as a leader of nations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any course of military action by the Bush administration must follow the Constitutional requirements of congressional approval, as well as consultation with the United Nations Security Council.

And we further call upon U.S. Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, and Congressmen Jay Inslee, Rick Larsen, Brian Baird, Norm Dicks, Jim McDermott, and Adam Smith to oppose any congressional resolution or legislative declaration of war that contravenes the intent of this resolution."

3rd District Congressman Brian Baird and Senator Patty Murray listened, voting against a resolution in Congress that would have given the President powers to unilaterally attack Iraq. We thank them, and the other members of Washington's Congressional delegation, who courageously took that stand. Congressman Baird is already taking a hit in local print media for his stand on attacking Iraq.

DEMOCRAT OF THE YEAR AWARD GOES TO NETTIE JUNGERS.

At the annual Jefferson Jackson Dinner in Chehalis on October 26th, Lewis County Democratic Central Committee Chair Deanna Zieske announced the winner of the annual Democrat of the year award. The award was presented to our elected County Clerk, the Hon. A.M. "Nettie" Jungers.

The Democrat of the Year award recognizes individuals for the quality of their service, initiative and leadership, impact upon the party and the community and their dedication to the principles of the Democratic Party.

Nettie has been active in party functions, chairing and helping on the annual auction for 4 years, on the JJ Dinner for 2 years, and in virtually all activities of the party. She has participated fully in the activities of the E-Board and been a loyal PCO while at the same time holding elective public office as County Clerk. Nettie has unselfishly contributed her knowledge, money and moral support to other Democrats who have run for public office.

One of those who nominated Nettie Jungers for this award had this to say:

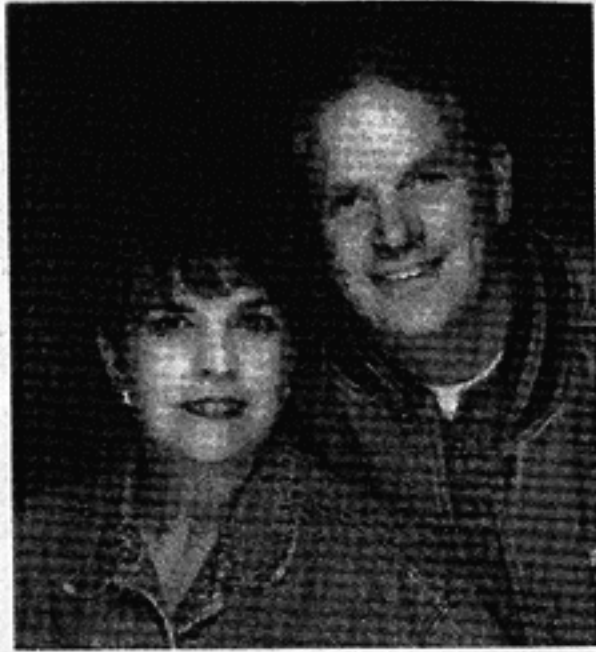
"Nettie has been an admirable and delightful role model for all of us who have had the privilege of working with her on the Central Committee and the Executive Board. Nettie has contributed far more to the wellbeing of the Central Committee than we could possibly contribute to the success of her campaigns for public office. For many years, she has steadily and generously shared her political know-how, her statewide network of supporters and colleagues, her organizational skills, countless hours of her time, her checkbook . . . and Mike, her husband.

When we stray from our purpose, Nettie quietly says the right words to get us back on-track. If all of us were as clearly focused on our commitment to promoting the Democratic Party in Lewis County, nothing could stop us!"

The process for selecting Democrat of the Year involved receiving nominations from PCOs, E-Board Members and Democrat elected office holders. The nominations were then screened by a 7-person committee of past Democrats of the Year, current PCOs and current E-Board members. Nominations were rated by those seven people and the results tabulated to determine the winner.

Congratulations, Nettie, and thanks!

NORBERG IS VIABLE CHALLENGER



Ken Norberg, Candidate for County Commissioner, and wife Joan

In his primary race for County Commissioner Ken Norberg received 44.29 percent of the votes. With Democrats coming out in greater numbers for the General Election, Norberg can topple incumbent Dennis Hadaller. Norberg provided the following copy for publication in the *Demogram*.

KEN NORBERG WILL

- Work to make county government more user friendly.
- Work with county departments on long term goals.
- Work with the Building Department on streamlining

the permit process.

Get back to individuals promptly concerning their issues.

Work on government accountability.

Work on continued improvement of employee relations.

Work on reducing government waste.

Work to have departments work as team players with the taxpayers in the county.

Work hard to prevent reductions in senior services.

Be alert for any corruption and work to prevent it.

Work to get family wage jobs in the county.

Resolve issues with round table discussions.

Poll the locals on possible corrections to problems arising in their areas before hiring consultants and paying out large consulting fees (i.e., flood prevention/control).

Seek reliable warning systems for communities down river from dams.

I believe government should be trusted and honest. Over my lifetime this is getting harder to do. Our government should not be self-serving. It should be serving the taxpayers that pay its wages. When a decision is made in county government we must always ask, is this in the best interest of the county and its taxpayers.

DEMOCRATS PLAY, EAT SALMON AT ANNUAL SALMON BARBEQUE



NETTIE JUNGERS NEEDS DEMO SUPPORT IN TIGHT CLERK'S RACE

Incumbent Lewis County Clerk Nettie Jungers is in the midst of an extremely difficult race for re-election. In the September 17th primary election her Republican opponent received 56 percent of the votes to Nettie's 44 percent. Without a strong push by Democrats to get out the vote Nettie is vulnerable.

Those of you receiving the *Demogram* know Nettie and what she contributes. Each of you needs to redouble -- no, triple -- your efforts in getting Democrat voters to the poll.

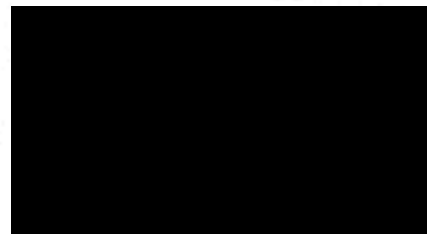
Nettie's accomplishments were described in our last issue. Nettie is proud of her staff and their unqualified support for her re-election.

Re-elect Nettie Jungers As LEWIS COUNTY CLERK



The staff of the County Clerks office, urge all of our friends and neighbors to support and retain, Nettie Jungers Lewis County Clerk.

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