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Candidates For County Commissioner District #1

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Judy Anderson

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Meet Judy Anderson

(NOTE: No photo provided.)

I would like to take this time to introduce myself. My name is Judy Anderson and I have applied for the Lewis County Commissioner position. I have lived in Lewis County all my life and was born in Morton and raised in the Mossyrock and Silver Creek area.

My mother was a Democratic Precinct Committee woman for many years before her passing in 1982. My father owned a logging company with his brothers for many years. After the company dissolved, he owned his own logging truck and continued in the log truck business for over fifteen years.

I attended school in Mossyrock and then later, after the children were somewhat raised, I went back to Centralia College and received a Paralegal degree. I worked for Stuart Halsan for sixteen years until he went on to become a lobbyist. I then went to work for other attorneys in the local area.

I have four children, three step-children and

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seventeen grandchildren, who all live and work in the local area. My husband Dale also has lived in Lewis County and graduated from W.F. West High School in Chehalis. He is now a superintendent in commercial construction. He has been with the local Carpenters Union #2127 for about twenty-five years. I moved to the Centralia area in 1988 and two of the children graduated from Centralia High School. The older ones graduated from the Mossyrock school district.

Since Lewis County has been my home for all my life, I am very aware of the issues that are before us now. I am

very able to speak up, but also listen to all sides on issues. I am not one to let things go, but seek to find the answers to problems and address whatever needs we have in Lewis County.

I want to be your next County Commissioner. I want the voice of the Democratic Party heard and the needs of the people heard.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (360) 736-3880 or (360) 520-5277.

Again, I want to thank you for this opportunity to be your next County Commissioner.

Meet Rich Bunker

Thank you for this opportunity to introduce myself as a candidate to fill the County Commission seat vacated by Eric Johnson.

My wonderful wife of 32 years (Jalene) and I are lifetime residents of Lewis County. During the last 32 years we have raised three children and have been blessed with seven grandchildren so far.

I was born 54 years ago in Centralia, graduated from W. F. West High School in 1969 and attended Centralia College for two years. I was a member of the Washington National Guard (Platoon Sergeant) for several years, and later served several more years in the Air Force Reserve.

I began my career with Lewis County Public Works in 1973 in the Adna area as a laborer, working my way up the ladder until 1988, when I was promoted to Area Road Supervisor in the Centralia area until my retirement in 2004.

It was very difficult retiring after 31 years, as I loved serving the citizens of Lewis County and I have greatly missed my loyal crew. I have always dreamed of being a County Commissioner as it is in my blood. My great uncle (Martin Jacobsen) and my uncle (Robert Jacobsen) served as County Commissioners with the Democratic Party.

All of my adult life I have been involved in community activities, especially baseball. For over 30 years I have coached Lewis County's youth from T-ball



through high school. I am currently the assistant varsity baseball coach at W. F. West High School and formerly the head coach at Onalaska High School (1995 and 1996). My favorite community project thus far in my life is being the Project Coordinator for the construction of Bearcat Baseball Stadium. I led an army of volunteers and business leaders to build one of the finest high school baseball stadiums in the State of Washington. This was accomplished with very few tax dollars.

My other favorite hobby is bowling. I have been president of the Lewis County Bowling Association since 1988.

For more than 18 years I have been the Instructor of Washington State Flagging Certification for Centralia College. I also instruct Flagging for Clark College and the Northwest Regional Training Center in Vancouver. Additionally, I instruct Traffic Control Supervisor Certification for the Evergreen Safety Council. I am currently working with the Morton School District as a Consultant for the construction of their new baseball, fastpitch, football, and track facilities.

I have proven ability in working with Management, Personnel, Citizens, Businesses and Youth . I am a team player that will work with all entities of Lewis County, but a strong leader that can make decisions based on what is best for all of Lewis County and its future.

Lewis County is faced with many issues that must be

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Rich Bunker, cont.

resolved, but the future is very bright. I would be honored to again serve it's citizens, and will do my very best to make sure Lewis County continues to be a great place to live.

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Meet Lee Coumbs

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Times do change. My forestry classes were multiple-use concepts not logging. Land use, wildlife management, recreation and tourism, ornamental shrubs and greenhouse management were appearing in my curriculum. Animal science included sheep, swine and poultry. Exotic beef breeds appeared and farmer's sons left the farms. Logger's sons went to school, married girls away from here and left. We started mining coal, breaking up our land into smaller pieces, selling our forest lands for recreational sights and we enjoyed our quick gains.

Negative attitudes appeared. We complained that we couldn't play with our grand kids, they were too far away. Market Street in Chehalis, Harrison Avenue in Centralia, and that overpass on Chamber Way are to be avoided at all cost. Napavine and Winlock are out of their minds extending to I-5. East Lewis County might as well throw in the towel. Everyone is on meth or stealing to get more.

Times are tough. Government is too big and taking away all our rights. Big business is destroying us.

As a business manager and owner the last 15 years in both Centralia and Chehalis, I've listened to this attitude. Lewis County has a challenge like most rural counties. However, we also have a solid work ethic, family orientation, a sense of community responsibility and pride. Look at these facts:

* **Population Growth**—Approximately 70,000 now and expected to be 100,000 in 3-5 years. These are not all people living in assisted living centers but families requesting expansion of infrastructure, more public services, and better employment.

* **Wealth**—Median income is below the state average yet we give over \$100 per person or \$7 million a year to local non-profit fund raisers. Land prices are escalating and large companies are relocating taking advantage of our location.

* **Optimism**—Our cities and towns are planning for growth, our schools and college are meeting educational challenges. Our kids are returning and new technology is creating new jobs.

* **Pride**—Success of local sports teams in district and state competition, youth organizations with state and national placings, civic-business organizations meeting goals, holiday displays and new signage announcing successes tell our story.

Most of you know me as being an activist in community events, a supporter of youth activities and a spokesman of confidence in our future. Strong leadership can unite our resources, solving the major issues facing us, i.e. transportation, growth management, and economic development. I would appreciate your support for a continued optimistic voices in Lewis County.

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Meet Larry Hewitt

I am a Centralia businessman, partner in HCO, LLC, an Internet development company. I have been a resident of the greater Twin Cities area for 14 years after moving to Napavine from Tacoma in 1991, then to our home on Harrison Ave. just north of Centralia almost 4 years ago.



I have been married to my wonderful lifetime partner Rhonda for 25 years. Rhonda is the office manager for ESCO-Pacific Sign Co. in Chehalis. Together we have raised three children of our own: Adam, our oldest, a massage therapist in Centralia; daughter Kacey, also a massage therapist married to an army Ranger, recently transferred to Ft. Benning, GA; and our youngest Heather, who works in Olympia at a retail store in the mall.

For the past four years we have been foster parents working with the Unaccompanied Minors Program. We have had three Sudanese boys live in our home, and graduate from WF West High School. They are all three now in area colleges. We have also had four teenaged boys from Central America, two of whom still live with us and attend Centralia High School, and have just recently welcomed two new boys from the Maban tribe of Sudan to our home. They, too, are attending high school at Centralia. Welcoming these young men into our home and family has been one of the greatest experiences of our lives.

I am a former city councilor and mayor of Napavine, and have been active in the community in a variety of ways. As a business owner I have a deep and abiding interest in the future of Lewis County.

There are many challenges facing the county in the years ahead. These include:

- * Managing growth to sustain jobs and preserve the rural characteristics of the county.
- * Promoting industrial expansion to provide family-wage jobs.
- * Developing working relationships between the cities and the county to improve mutual interests.
- * Maintaining the quality of life in Lewis County.

* Improving public accountability and streamlining government to provide essential services in the face of increasing rules and regulations.

I am an experienced professional with proven abilities to work with people of all backgrounds, build consensus and achieve positive results. I have considerable experience working with state and local governments, both in the public and private sector. I believe I can represent the Lewis County voters with dignity and integrity.

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Meet David Kiedrowski

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Meet Jim Lowery

I am submitting my name to fill the seat vacated by Commissioner Eric Johnson and submit the following information for your consideration.

I was born at the Chehalis hospital and raised in Galvin. I graduated from Centralia High School and attended Centralia Community College for part of a quarter before I joined the U.S. Army. My wife Barb and I moved back to Lewis County 8 years ago to be near my folks, Floyd and Mary Lowery

I have extensive experience in working with the private sector, labor, government and non profits.

Voices: Spreading the Democratic Viewpoint

By Norma Schanz, PCO Curtis

On Saturdays at the Democrats office, I often imagine my 1954 US Government teacher is over there by the coffee pot, nodding approvingly at those of us who have dropped by for the Think Tank, also known as "Voices." I hear her saying, "Democracy depends on an effective system of checks and balances. The most important part of that system is an informed and noisy network of voters."

The Saturday Think Tank is not a selected group of political sages. We're just us. A few people come regularly. Others drop in when they have time – or when they may implode if they don't have a chance to vent the week's frustrations.

Some of us are struggling to learn to be less naïve about political motives. (Ed and Bob remind us to "follow the money"). We share what we've learned about current issues and upcoming legislation.

The Chronicle's Opinion Page inspires discussion of

how to effectively present our views in letters to the editor. We also review the topics currently being warped and spun on KELA's morning talk show and prepare our facts for an accurate rebuttal.

Our elected representatives know about the Think Tank. They say they want to hear our ideas and our concerns. They also want us to pay attention to their efforts. When they stand up for our rights and our hopes, we express appreciation for their courage and stamina.

We've made some progress in increasing the voices of Democrats (and other reasonable people) in local media and into the offices of our elected representatives. We want to turn these occasional sounds into a steady roar.

Come work with us. If you're not a writer or a caller, you can be an encourager, an editor, a sharer of info.

When: Every Saturday at 1:30.

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Meet Jim Lowery, cont.

I owned and operated a convenience store that catered to Junior High School kids, I represented 1600 loggers and mill workers as their business agent for I.W.A. Local 3-38 and I also represented Shelton's city workers and the Mason County Sheriffs department. I was the job developer for a dislocated worker program that helped over 300 wood products employees find new employment or training. I served as Mayor of Shelton and enjoyed representing the people and their concerns. I managed Congresswoman Jolene Unsoelds Olympia office and represented her in the district while she was in Washington D.C.. I owned in partnership with my brother an Asphalt Paving Business here in Lewis County during the 80's. The last eleven years I have been working on community and economic development for smaller rural communities and counties. I was the



executive director of Pacific County Economic Development Council and most recently the executive director of the Washington State Rural Development Council where I had the opportunity to travel the state in remote rural areas and learn about their issues, concerns and potential solutions.

I am currently a member of the newly formed Lewis County Planning Commission and have been involved in the Land Use planning issues that face Lewis County. I live in the Fords Prairie Precinct. I have been active and involved in the Democratic Party for over 30 years.

I enjoy growing a vegetable garden and canning vegetables, I like reading, hunting with my bow, bike riding and jogging.

I am the President of the Western Washington Health Education Center, serve on the board of the Western States Rural Development Center, participate in the advisory board for the Northwest Cooperative Development Center and own my own business.

I look forward to serving the citizens of Lewis County and District #1. If you would like to have more information or have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 360-807-8594 or j.lowery@comcast.net.

Evesdropping and Your Civil Liberties

By Dennis Auvil

The Bush Administration asserts it has authority to ignore the Congress and also to rescind the 4th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution as it relates to search and seizure and eavesdropping.

Wow. Did we have a coup while I was on coffee break? Or did the President just anoint himself King?

I, for one, thought the question of illegal eavesdropping had been settled years ago following the excesses of the Nixon years and the passage by Congress in the late 70s of FISA, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. The act imposed strict limits on intelligence gathering. To accommodate the needs of our intelligence agencies, the FISA act created a special secret court to issue warrants, as the court deemed appropriate. It is known as the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

Included within FISA is a provision allowing the executive agencies to initiate warrantless searches when action must be taken quickly. This emergency provision, however, lasts for only 72 hours. After 72 hours, the agency that initiated the search must appear in court to seek approval.

Considering that the secret court has rarely ever denied a wiretap or search request, I was initially puzzled as to why President Bush felt the need to authorize warrantless eavesdropping. If the FISA court approves



almost every warrant the administration requests, why run the risk of being on the wrong side of the FISA law and the 4th Amendment?

Then I happened to recall a little program that was in the news a couple of years ago when Adm. John Poindexter, then director of the Pentagon's Information Awareness Office, stepped into hot water. He got into hot political waters after his name was linked to a proposal to establish an on-line lottery whereby people would place bets on when this or that good thing (or was it bad thing) thing might happen to this or that person. I guess there was a purpose, but I could never quite understand what it was.

The accompanying media attention, however, also revealed plans by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) to construct a computer-based system known as Total Information Awareness (TIA), or by the more generic term "data mining."

Adm. Poindexter was formerly Vice President of Syntek Technologies, and Syntek apparently has devoted years (as a government contractor) on developing data mining software called Genoa.

So it appears this Genoa (data mining) program moved to Dept. of Defense and went more deeply classified after the 9-11 attacks on the World Trade Center. My guess is this is likely the program President Bush secretly authorized sometime in 2002.

If data mining is what the President authorized, his explanation taking responsibility makes more sense. He said, in essence, that with our modern technology things move quickly and there is no time to obtain warrants. That would be false if you are focusing on one identified person or small group of persons.

The explanation rings true, however, if the President authorized the data mining project. When you data mine, you mean to capture information on all the fish that happen to swim up the river you are watching (or the fiber optic cable you are tapping). No, you don't want all the fish. You just want the terrorist fish among them. But you can't find the terrorist fish unless you watch all the fish. That's data mining.

My personal view is that the President stands on thin ice when he asserts that the Congressional resolution that lead him to war in Iraq also includes authority to bypass judicial review and policies enacted by Congress.

Adm. Poindexter in Jan. 2002, when asked about abuses that might accompany a data mining program, conceded the need for policy guidance. Lt. Gen. Michael Hayden, who headed NSA in Oct. 2002, also addressed a House-Senate inquiry on the question of modern spying. First, he reminded the lawmakers that the old rules against

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NSA spying on Americans, written decades earlier, were based on protecting fundamental constitutional rights.

And if those old rules were to be changed, Gen. Hayden told lawmakers, “We need to get it right. We have to find the right balance between protecting our security and protecting our liberty. What I really need you to do,” Gen. Hayden advised lawmakers, “is talk with your constituents and find out where the American people want that line between security and liberty to be.”

So far, the Bush administration has not gotten it right. The instant legal opinions the administration conjures in support of ignoring the law enacted by Congress are at best shallow and sometimes laughable.

The issue of data mining clearly begs for Congressional attention. Sen. Arlen Specter, chair of the

Senate Judiciary Committee, has promised hearings on the issue early next year, maybe January. Stay tuned to the Senate Judiciary Committee in January. Maybe the Judiciary Committee will be able to shine a bit more light, and prompt a more public debate on where the line between security and liberty ought to be drawn.

Here is Constitutional Amendment IV, which the President (apparently) wishes to rescind:

“The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.”

Defense Department Deja Vue

By Norma Schanz, PCO Curtis

I had an acute case of *deja vue* when confronted with the news of Defense Department surveillance of the American Friends Service Committee and other nonviolent groups associated with anti-war activities. Because we survive by seeing the humor behind our indignations, I'll share this story with you.

In late summer of 1970, Spiro T. Agnew was coming to Richmond VA to speak at a \$100 a plate fundraising dinner for the Nixon-Agnew ticket. Several free clinic supporters decided it would be a hoot to hold a 50-cent bologna sandwich fundraiser for the clinic on the same night. They set this up with a

neighborhood deli across the street from the elite historic hotel where Agnew would be speaking.

The flyers for the bologna sandwich benefit drew an unexpectedly large crowd. More than a thousand people lined up on the sidewalks around several city blocks, socializing cheerfully while the deli sent runners for more and more bread, bologna and Kool Ade.. Meanwhile, across the street, serious-faced men in dark suits photographed the long line of college students, elders, families, transients and other residents of this low-rent neighborhood. No big deal. The FBI had been photographing the people attending free clinic meetings for months. Sometimes, just to be friendly, we snapped pictures of the agents.

Years later, thanks to the Freedom of Information Act, several clinic organizers obtained copies of their FBI records. We'll never know what classified information was hidden in the blacked-out phrases and sentences, but we did learn that these “documented anti-war activists” had held an illegal protest demonstration to disrupt the Nixon-Agnew fundraising dinner. The 50-cent bologna sandwich sale was defined as a “clever ruse” to avoid obtaining a parade permit.

The free clinic cleared about \$750 from the event. Anybody want to guess how many tens of thousands of tax dollars were spent by the FBI to monitor, photograph, report and maintain files on the sale of all those bologna sandwiches?



George Bush and Illegal Immigration

By Lisa Herzog

W.F. West High School, Chehalis

Lately I've been concerned about many things in this country; I've been worrying about the skyrocketing price of gas, the lagging state of the economy, and the rising death toll in Iraq. Recently, however, I learned that I was worried about absolutely the wrong things. For awhile now, President George W. Bush has been pushing illegal immigration as the issue this country should be focusing on, and, like any good American, I now plan to drop all other concerns about how this country has fallen apart under President Bush and I'm going to only worry about illegal immigrants.

According to CNN, President George W. Bush has an approval rating of thirty-seven percent, the lowest in his presidency. He also received all-time low marks on terrorism, trustworthiness and whether the Iraq war is worthwhile. With approval ratings plummeting and nothing going well, Bush needed something he had a chance at winning, or at least making him look like he is doing something productive. What did he choose? Something that has nothing to do with the country's current problems: illegal immigration.

Though the presidential election of 2008 may seem like a long way off, and even though Bush is not up for reelection, there is no chance of a Republican being elected president if Bush is not liked. So, in a meager attempt to raise his popularity he is going to focus on something that doesn't really matter, but that the average American can really get on board with.

Howard Dean, Chair of Democratic Party and Former Governor of Vermont, said, "In 2006, it's going to be immigrants — that's who he (Bush) is going to scapegoat next." This is exactly what Bush is doing. He has realized that every thing he has based his presidency on- homeland security, the famous 'morals' of Republicans, and of course his fight for 'Iraqi freedom' are breaking apart right in front of him. So he needs something to boost his image a bit.

Bush figures he can win when it comes to illegal immigration because it is something not many people will argue with. Almost everyone would agree that illegal immigrants are a problem, but, like everything else, the Democrats and Republicans have different plans to fix the problem.

Bush plans to raise the number of border patrols as part of his immigration policies. Now if we had a booming economy, with future prospects of a surplus, like under some presidents, namely Clinton, this country could afford to spend money on things like border patrol.

However, with Bush as our president there is no possibility of a surplus, or even a possibility of breaking even with this economy. Bush should be focusing on things more important than illegal immigrants. Now I realize Bush has been on vacation a lot as of late, but I'm pretty sure that Bush hasn't missed all that's going on in America and the world.

It's going to cost money to hire more border patrolmen. That money could go to better use, such as armored vehicles for our soldiers in Iraq! Or maybe that money could be put into social security so it would actually be around by the time my generation needs it. Bush may have forgotten, but less than five months ago there was a big hurricane in the south, and there are still people living in tents as a result. Maybe the money could be used to get those people a fresh start.

I'm not saying that illegal immigration is not a problem, I just think American tax dollars could be spent more wisely. We are in a war, there are children in this country without health insurance, there are families living on the street. President Bush should be a bit more concerned about people at home and those dying in Iraq rather than a bunch of immigrants wanting to have a better life in America.

Quotes to Live By

- ◆ If you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there.
- ◆ A man may make mistakes but he isn't a failure until he starts blaming someone else.
- ◆ If you're not living on the edge you're wasting space.
- ◆ The road to life is always under construction
- ◆ Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events. Small minds discuss people.

The Chair's Corner

Lewis County Democrats Looking to 2006

Jan Nontell

Are you ready for a new year? It's going to be a busy one for the Lewis County Democrats. The elections of 2006 will shape our community and our lives for years to come. We are going to have to shift into high gear to get our message out to voters and to the community at large.

2005 was a year spent in preparation. Our fundraising events were successful: the 2005 All-American Auction (which we shared with the 20th District Democrats), the Umpteenth Annual Salmon BBQ, Just for the Halibut (which the 20th District shared with us) and the JJ Dinner all brought in new people and funds to help local Democrats get our word out and get candidates elected.

The Executive Board began work on long-term planning and goal setting. We are working on how to get the message of the Lewis County Democrats out to a community that gives no media support to Democrats, and which—in many cases—uses outright lies to define the values and beliefs of the local Democrats.

The *Voices* group (which meets at our office in Centralia every Saturday afternoon) is working to keep on top of the news and research the facts behind the issues that concern us all. *Voices* has been very successful in getting letters out to the Chronicle and making sure the facts are told to those people who consistently and publicly neglect to do their homework prior to doing radio shows. (See Norma's story on page .)

2005 also saw the birth of the *Lewis County Democrats Headlines*. If you are not on the e-mail list for the *Headlines*, you should be. Connie McArthur is providing a clipping service for everyone who is interested in getting a broad spectrum of the news – including issues and events you will rarely, if ever see in our local press. You can get *Headlines* delivered regularly to your in-box if we have your email address by e-mailing us at info@lewiscountymocrats.net. Just type "subscribe news" in the subject line or body text.

Speaking of lewiscountymocrats.net, have you been to the web-site lately? If not, you may be in for a surprise. Local and national political news can be found, as well as the latest Lewis County Democrats events and our calendar. There are also great links, cartoons and other resources.

With 2005 behind us, it is now time to look ahead and make commitments for Election Year 2006. If you are concerned about the direction in which our country is headed, about the deficit that is spiraling out of control, about the crises in health care and education, about domestic spying and the erosion of your constitutional rights, then NOW is the time to get involved.

Things happening in Washington D.C. may seem out of our control, but all politics start on a local level.

Now is the time to think about what you can do to help the local Democrats and our community. There will be eight county offices and three seats in the 20th District (two House and one Senate) open and in need of quality candidates.

If you are interested in serving your community and the people of Lewis County, this is a great time for you to run for office.

And we need your help in getting these quality individuals elected to office. There is a lot of work to do – but with everyone's help we can do it. There are people out there, even people who claim to be Democrats that want you to believe that a Democrat has no chance in Lewis County. That is flat-out wrong. However, we have to make our voices heard. We have to speak from our hearts and our convictions. We have to get our message out and not let some misinformed Rush-Limbaugh-want-to-be define who we are and what we believe.

We need you in 2006 more than we ever have before. We need your ideas, your energy, your voice, your thoughts and your help.

There are **Precinct Committee Officer** positions available in several of our precincts. Are you interested in being a PCO? I truly believe that the PCO is the most important office a person can hold. We will provide training and everything you need to help get Democrats elected and get to know your neighbors and community in the process.

We have several committees and opportunities to help. Some take a few hours, others take a major time commitment – it is up to you to decide how much time you want to give to making this a better place to live.

Don't forget that we have our monthly Lewis County Democrats meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month and we would love to see you there. These meetings are open to all Democrats, not just PCOs. On January 26th we will be meeting at the Carpenters Hall at 6:00 for a brown-bag dinner and business meeting. There will be a complete list of this year's meeting places and events on the web-site by the end of January.

Give us a call at 330-5006 or email us at;
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or you can email me directly at;

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It is going to be a good year for the Lewis County Democrats, and it will be even better with your participation.



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