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## From the Chair

It's August and the Primary is next month!

I applaud those who filed to run for election and encourage all our readers to support the candidates of your choice. If you don't know who to vote for in some races, come to the summer picnic to hear them.

We have confirmations from Dwight Pelz, WA State Chair, the Maria Cantwell campaign, Richard Wright, George Fearing, Andy Miller for county prosecutor, and Mark Cope, and Kimberly Kennedy both running for county coroner. Bill Grant sends his regrets due to harvest.

Besides a fine slate of speakers, we always have fun at the Summer Picnic. You're all invited, please come.

I'll ask again for more volunteers for our candidates. This is a huge election year. The media is watching the outcome of races such as Maria Cantwell's and Doc Hasting's to see if the Republicans will lose power. You know Karl Rove and his crew will be doing all they can to stop Maria and retain Doc. Add Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens to that mix, as well as the WA State Republican party, and you can see that Maria is doing something right because of the strength and number of her enemies and that they don't want to lose Doc's House seat.

If you can't volunteer for a campaign, please consider increasing the size of your donation. An extra \$10.00 is a big help.

Mimi Latta, BCDCC Chair

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## Thundering Donkeys

The truly amateur drum and rhythm group. Rehearsals began Thursday evening August 3. All are invited to gather and make a joyful noise. If you have a drum, bring it. If not, simple rhythm equipment will be provided. Join us and make some noise! We plan to be part of the Fair Parade. For more info contact Kendall 948-4513 or [kendallmiller@msn.com](mailto:kendallmiller@msn.com)

## Tri-City Democrats

The Tri-City Democrats will meet next Friday night, August 4 at the Carpenters' Hall in Pasco. Gabriel Portugal, Chair Franklin County Democrats, and Bob Parks, Kennewick City Council will give their views on immigration. Last month we heard a thoughtful presentation by George Fearing as to why he is running as a candidate for the 16th Legislative District, Position 1. Roy and Norma DeHart hosted the meeting.

Keith Gourley won the evening's prize by giving the closest answer to Cantwell's winning vote margin in her last election (2229 votes). We'll have a new question for August.

Frank Schmittroth, Chair  
Tri-City Democrats

## Upcoming Events

### Cantwell Breakfast Fundraiser

There will be a community breakfast fundraiser for Senator Maria Cantwell on Tuesday, August 15th. It will be held from 8:00 to 9:00 am in the Riverview Room of the Richland Community Center. Cost for the event is \$25 per person. For more information please contact Sam Christensen at 206-217-2006 or by email at [schristensen@cantwell.com](mailto:schristensen@cantwell.com).

### Benton-Franklin County Fair Parade

The parade is Saturday, August 19th and begins at 10:00 am. We have a pickup and trailer and bales of hay to sit on. We need volunteers to help decorate our entry guided by Jim Dillman. All levels of experience are welcome and all help is

appreciated. If you can only ride and wave a flag, come join us and do that (and bring some individually wrapped candy to throw to the kids!).

## Judges' Races

There are some very important races this year for WA State judges. Some or all of them will be decided in the Primary Election. Any Supreme Court judge who gets >50% of the vote in the Primary is automatically entered alone on the General Election ballot. Any Superior Court judge who gets >50% of the Primary vote is elected automatically.

BCDCC has already voted to endorse Susan Owen and Tom Chambers for Supreme Court. BIAW, the far-right lobby for builders and developers, has targeted Supreme Court judge Alexander and has a slate of judges who've already agreed to vote in favor of these developers' issues so be careful not to elect them.

## Summer Picnic

Don't forget the summer picnic on Friday, August 11th, 5:30 pm at Gazebo #1 in Richland's Leslie Groves Park. We'll have speakers, burgers, hot dogs and cool drinks. You bring a side dish to share such as baked beans, salad, or a dessert. You may bring a bottle of wine or other spirits for those over age 21. There will be a \$5.00 donation requested to cover park costs. Bring a friend or neighbor to hear our speakers this year. You'll have a chance to ask questions and mingle with the candidates.

## Newsletter Submission Policy

Everyone is invited to submit material to the newsletter. Material should be kept to 125 words or less. Submissions of excessive length will be returned, and a shorter revision requested. Reference articles will be summarized, or edited to an appropriate length.

Please submit material for consideration by the date listed in the calendar for each month. Due to limited space, material received earliest will receive priority consideration. The Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions. Edited submissions will be returned for review. Please send submissions to the Editor at [editor@bencodems.org](mailto:editor@bencodems.org).

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## Kennedy for Coroner

My name is Kimberly Kennedy and I am announcing my candidacy for Benton County Coroner. I graduated from WSU with a bachelor degree in nursing. I have worked as an ICU nurse and have trauma nurse training, but for the past two years I have worked in correctional nursing where I have held the rank of Captain. I am a member of the Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners (WACME). I have been a Deputy Coroner for Yakima County for the past five years.

I have resided in Benton County with my two children for the past four years. I was raised in a family full of devoted Democrats; my grandfather Lewis Larson was an active member of the Benton County Democratic Party for many years. I am carrying on a family tradition as my grandfather ran for a public seat 1955. If he were still around he would be my biggest supporter.

I would appreciate your support as I continue with the election process. Please contact committee co-chair Michael Earney to assist in fundraising at

734-1484 or kimberly4coroner@aol.com. Donations can be sent to: Kennedy for Coroner, 4407 W. Metaline Avenue, Kennewick, WA 99336.

Kimberly E. Smith Kenndy

### Election Observers

I've still gotten only two pledges of support for election observers and must keep asking until we can cover the full time period of the election. I have to stress that there is no other option. Call me at 627-2679 or email me at benco-dem@verizon.net.

Campaign coordinators, can you help provide help in Prosser in September and November to ensure fair ballot procedures and a reliable outcome for our candidates? It is very important we monitor ballot procedures.

Mimi Latta, BCDCC Chair

### Events

#### August

8 BCDCC Exec Board Meeting, Howard Amon Park, near the

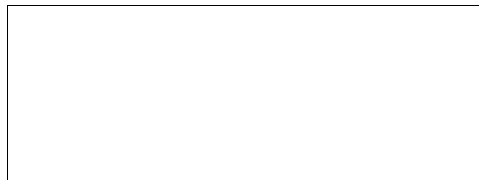
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- “fingernail” building, 7 pm
- 11 Summer picnic in Leslie Groves park 5:30–dusk
- 19 County Fair Parade
- 20 Set up County Fair Booth
- 22-26 County Fair
- 26 Last day to submit material for the September newsletter
- 27 Take down Fair Booth

#### September

- 12 BCDCC Exec Board Meeting, Richland Library, Seminar Room, 7 pm
- 20 BCDCC Meeting, Richland Library Gallery, 7:00 pm.



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