



REPUBLICAN NEWS

CLALLAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

AUGUST 2013

Meet the "Hutch"

A free co-sponsored event by the Clallam County Republican Party and the Republican Women of Clallam County, this summer event will be fun and informative! Here's an opportunity to get together with your fellow Republicans for an enjoyable couple of hours in Sequim, while getting the opportunity to hear Dr. Ken Hutcherson, former middle linebacker for the Seahawks, Dallas Cowboys and San Diego Chargers, and current senior pastor of Antioch Bible Church near Seattle. He's a dynamic speaker who will be talking about the freedom and right to pursue happiness and equal treatment under the law. Take a couple of hours on Saturday afternoon to come and hear him, and enjoy fellowship and refreshments with other like-minded folks. (Did I mention the event is free?) (See flyer this page.)

"The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people, it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government..."

~Patrick Henry

CALENDAR

- August 10 - "Meet the Hutch" -
Ken Hutcherson to speak at
Sequim Bible Church from 1-3
p.m.
Aug. 19 - Central Committee
mtg.—Headquarters—7 p.m.
Aug. 20—Issues Meeting—

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MEET THE "HUTCH"
Dr. Ken Hutcherson
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Equal Treatment under the Law—for all or
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say about these and other issues facing
each of us.

Did you know...?

About Common Core: A majority of states have already signed on to Common Core by signing up for the Department of Education's "Race to the Top" program in 2009 and 2010. Common Core's English and math standards were not yet written at the time, thus these states never saw the standards when they agreed to them. These standards are copyrighted and thus cannot be changed.

Common Core's subpar English Language Arts (ELA) standards are intended to remove the great British and American literary works of William Shakespeare, John Bunyan, Herman Melville, Mark Twain, T.S. Eliot, and C.S. Lewis from school curricula. These literary classics will be replaced with simple brochures, restaurant menus, technical manuals, and government pamphlets.

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Candidates Speak at Central Committee

At the June meeting Sean Ryan, candidate for Fire District Commissioner #3, spoke to the Central Committee about his qualifications and reasons for running. He cited his business background, owning and operating a local business with 15 employees over the past 18 years, reflecting the ability to run a successful business. He has been a local volunteer fireman for the past 5 years, so knows the inner workings of the fire department. He said his business background would serve well in budgeting, and his goal is to be a good steward of the taxpayers' money. He is running because he believes he can help cut costs to taxpayers while helping the district become more efficient and expand its services.

Charles Perdomo is also running for Fire District Commission #3. He spoke at July's Central Committee meeting, stating that he is "new" to the area, coming from Florida, where he recently retired from the 5th largest fire department in the nation in Miami-Dade County. He talked about bringing some of the ideas from that big fire department to Sequim's fire district, saying he can offer a "new" perspective and a "new" view. He shared some of the ideas he brings from the experience he had in Florida.

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VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Is There “News” in News? Or Just “Views”?

Most people, especially those of my generation, reflexively read newspapers to... well... get the news. But do we get news?? Or do we get views? And what's the difference?

News, of course, should be simple fact-based information related in an unbiased manner. Views, on the other hand, make use of the same fact-based information but are then colored by the reporter's perspective. And it takes a truly determined effort for a reporter to relate a story without injecting his personal biases.

As an example, suppose a reporter were to be assigned to cover a meeting of the flat earth society in which the “flatters” postulate on the rational for their beliefs. While a good reporter would try to faithfully report what was said and done at the convention, he will “know” that the earth is not flat and this skepticism – or downright disbelief – would come across in his reportage.

He would “know” this because his education reinforces his belief in a round earth and, indeed, the many other beliefs that make up his world view or “what he knows to be true”. Therefore, not surprisingly, a newspaper's presentation of the news will be influenced by the cumulative knowledge of the staff or, more importantly, what the staff “knows to be true”.

In times past, journalists seem to come from all walks of life. They had not necessarily been exposed to universities or colleges and the musings of academia but, rather, gained their knowledge from experience.

Today, however, for the most part, newspapers are staffed by graduates of schools of journalism and have been taught by cloistered academics who, despite a lack of real world knowledge – or maybe because of it – will spout left-wing blather to impressionable youth and thereby transfer what they “know to be true” to this new generation. Not surprisingly, this new generation lacks the experience and knowledge to judge what is true and what is not and so they are inclined to believe their mentors. Even if it is a bunch of progressive drivel.

Therein lies the problem with many of today's journalists; it is not what they don't know but, rather, what they “know to be true” that simply isn't so...

Dick



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Video Review: "Agenda: Grinding America Down" Is Communism Alive and Well in the U.S.?

In order to defeat the enemy, we must know who he is and what he's doing. Most Americans today either believe that communism is dead, or that communism is not a threat to our way of life. I recently viewed a video online, and then promptly ordered several copies to hand out because it was so well produced, and so full of excellent information that I wanted to encourage everybody to watch it.

When Idaho Legislator Curtis Bowers wrote a "letter to the editor" about the drastic changes in America's culture, it became the feature story on the evening news, people protested at the Capitol, and for weeks the local newspapers were filled with responses. He realized then... he'd hit on something.

Ask almost anyone and you'll hear, "Communism is dead! The Berlin Wall came down." Thought the word communism isn't used anymore, this film will show the ideas behind it are alive and well. Join Bowers for a fascinating look at the people and groups that have successfully targeted America's morality and freedom in their effort to grind America down. It's a well documented AGENDA.

I highly recommend that you take 1-1/2 hours to watch this excellent and effective film – it will keep you spellbound from beginning to end. You can watch it online for free at <http://vimeo.com/63749370>, or order it online at www.nwri.org/agenda-21-communism. If you are unable to order online, let us know, and we can order one for you. Contact Sue at sueforde@clallamrepublicans.org.

Hillsdale College is offering FREE courses on the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

Hillsdale College is the only non-government funded college in the US, as far as I know. Hillsdale offers a "free" publication, "Imprimis" which comes every two months with excellent articles. You can request yours online at www.hillsdale.edu.

The College is offering free online courses in the Declaration and Constitution.

In the first lecture from the "Introduction to the Constitution" series, Hillsdale College President Larry P. Arnn argues that the American republic's meaning and proper method of operation is found in two documents, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. He introduces the two main principles of the Declaration—Nature and Equality—and explains how they are key to understanding the arrangements of government found in the Constitution. You can view it here: <https://online.hillsdale.edu/page.aspx?>

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July 4th Events included Rally, Port Angeles Parade Hay Wagon Float

Approximately 40 folks showed up at the Rally in Sequim on July. Organized by Bob McGonigel, all four street corners of Priest Road and Washington Street saw sign and flag wavers getting mostly positive responses of waves and horn honks from the passersby. Signs included commentary about the IRS, Benghazi - "We've been lied to", Obama's \$100 million vacation, God Bless America, and 1st and 2nd Amendment Rights signs, among others. Watch for notice of our next Rally, and plan to come and join us. It's great fun - and a way to encourage others.

That same evening, the GOP hay wagon float (thanks to Lietz Farms for supplying the hay!) and the folks who rode on it and/or passed out flags to the crowd enjoyed positive thumbs-up, cheers and flag waving in response to ours. Is a change in the air? Is it possible that folks are finally waking up to what our current Administration is doing to our nation, and getting sick of it? We can certainly hope - and continue to work hard to reach every more citizens with the truth toward changing the direction of the country back toward that which our Founding Fathers envisioned for it. Thanks to Jindy, Bob, Stephanie, Levi, Sue and Dick for their work in making it happen!!

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Candidates speak

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Brandon Janisse, running for Sequim City Council, also spoke at the meeting. He served in the 101st Airborne in Iraq, and is currently working toward his MBA. He has lived in Sequim most of his life, and said his reason for running is bring transparency and fiscal responsibility to the Council. He says the City needs to encourage the local businesses, and stick to infrastructure. "Let the businesses come up with their own plan as far as signs are concerned," he said in answer to a question about the sign ordinance. He says the City is spending too much money where they don't need to be, and passing increased taxes and fees to cover it. He will work for fiscal responsibility if elected.

Mike Howe, candidate for Sequim School Board, spoke to the PCOs and guests about his bid. He is running unopposed. He has three children

in the school district, and believes parents should be represented on the Board. Born and raised in Wyoming, he served as Chair of the College Republicans for his college, as well as as the State Chair of the College Republicans. He has been very involved in politics, and has a talk show on KONP. He is currently employed with the PUD. (More information can be read about Mike at www.leadershipinstitute.org/news/?NR=9647.)

Debbie Fuson, PCO, is running for the Port Angeles School Board against two opponents. She said she is against Common Core, and will fight that, if elected. She will also work to bring back vocational education and PE. Debbie has a business background, and a grandchild in the public school system. Debbie asks for our vote in the Primary.

"They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."

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The Consensus Process and the Delphi Technique

By Sue Forde

If you've ever been to a meeting with any local, state or federal agency (Ecology, EPA, etc.), then you will have experienced the "Consensus" process, or "Delphi Technique".

Simply put, the technique is one learned by those in control to manipulate groups into predetermined outcomes. There are a variety of methods used within the Consensus Process.

First, it is dependent upon a "group". In a one-on-one situation, it can't be used. Usually, the program involves a "show and tell" setup, then a good amount of time of "education", followed by a public comment or "question and answer" period. Often any questions or statements are written on a white board by the agency rep, which later shows up in a statement of what "they" understand "you" said. It involves "group think."

Another method is to break people into smaller "groups", and then, through use of the Delphi Technique, the "facilitator" will manipulate the group to arrive at pre-determined outcomes, often without the members of the group ever realizing it.

There are methods to nicely disrupt the use of the Consensus Process and/or Delphi Technique. For more information about the "process" and how it can be overcome, go to www.nwri.org/the-consensus-process.

"Wild Olympics" back in the news

It's baaack – The Wild Olympics has been resurrected – although it never formally "died", and State Representative Steve Tharinger (D) is leading in the support of it. Senator Patty Murray said in February that she plans to reintroduce the legislation that died in

the 2012 session of Congress. You may recall that the Clallam County Republican Party passed a Resolution against it in 2011. You can read it at the CCRP website – www.clallamrepublicans.org – scroll down the right sidebar, along with more information about the scheme.

The Wild Olympics Campaign (WOC) is a consortium of environmental groups including the Sierra Club, Wilderness Coalition and others, working to increase the boundary of the Olympic National Park by buying up land from so-called "willing sellers" of 37,000 acres to place into "wilderness"; by changing the designation of current park land (an additional 134,000 acres) into a "wilderness" designation, and calls for 450 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers designation. Approximately 145,000 of USDA [U.S. Dept. of Agriculture] Forest Service Olympic National Forest would be converted to national "Wilderness" designation.

The Olympic National Park already contains 922,650 acres and the Olympic National Forest contains another 633,677 acres, according to the information at the Parks' websites - over 1.5 million acres. Several individuals who have seen the long-range plan for the park have stated that the goal is to encompass the entire Olympic Peninsula.

A "wilderness" designation generally prohibits any access except hiking in or horseback - no motorized and mechanized use, logging, mining or other development. "Wild and Scenic Rivers" designation forbids licensed dams and other water projects, and establishes a 1/4-mile protected corridor on both sides of the river.

At the Commissioner's meeting where the Resolution was presented, Chairman Dick Pilling stated that among other reasons to oppose the move, that "any productive use of the 'protected lands' is prohibited. Long the source of Washington's economic hydro-power, our rivers could no longer be harnessed... timber, the former building block of Washington State's

economy, is off limits... grazing lands and crop-rich soil would lie fallow..."

Parks should include people, not exclude them, which was the original intent in creating the park system. How about opening up areas of the park to private enterprise, like lodges and cafes – guides for white water rafting and other private enterprises that allow the people to truly 'enjoy' the parks we already have. This would create jobs for folks on the Peninsula, in addition to more tax revenues.

Write to Senator Murray and US Representative Derek Kilmer, and let them know why they should NOT promote "more" wilderness on the Olympic Peninsula.

GMO Labeling Initiative

Opinion from "Vote No on 522"

I-522 is a complicated, costly measure that is not what it seems, according to a coalition of Washington farmers, food producers and scientists.

I-522 would mandate special food labeling regulations in Washington that don't exist in any other state.

These Washington-only regulations would: unfairly hurt Washington farmers, food producers and grocers; create more state bureaucracy, costing taxpayers millions; and increase food prices paid by Washington families.

Moreover, I-522 is so full of arbitrary special interest exemptions that it would not give consumers a reliable way of knowing which foods contain GE ingredients and which don't.

According to Reason magazine, private GE food labeling (not government) is achieving quiet and growing success. Read more at www.votenoon522.com. There are plenty of news items available there to aid with your research on the subject.

Do you have a topic you'd like to see addressed in this newsletter—or news to report? Would you like to be on our "news" email list? Contact Sue Forde at sueforde@clallamrepublicans.org or use the contact form at www.clallamrepublicans.org

UNDER THE DOME



2013 Legislative Session: Family Issues Review

by John Geis & Joseph Backholm

Most of the attention from the 2013 legislative session focused on the budget negotiations, which pitted the downtown Seattle led House of Representatives against the Senate's Majority Coalition of 23 Republicans and 2 Democrats. The budget stalemate that resulted required two special sessions before an agreement was reached shortly before the July 1 deadline.

However, the budget wasn't the only thing happening in Olympia this year. This was also a significant year where family issues are concerned. While there remains much room for improvement, the hundreds of people that rallied to Olympia, on multiple occasions, to stand for life, parental rights, and religious freedom represented undeniable progress.

As a result, Washington State today is better for it. Here is brief summary of some of the successes as well as some challenges we continue to face.

Abortion Insurance Mandate Bill - Attack on freedoms of religion and conscience

For the second year in a row, Planned Parenthood's effort to make everyone pay for abortion with their insurance premiums did not pass out of the Legislature. Hundreds of people rallied to Olympia for public hearings on Jan 31st and in the Senate on April 1st. It passed out of the House but didn't get out of the Health Care Committee in the Senate. Several attempts were made in the Senate to bring it to the floor but they all failed narrowly. Planned Parenthood has already stated their intention to bring the bill back next year.

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Its success or failure could be determined by the outcome of a special election this November in the 26th legislative district. Sen. Nathan Schlicher, who was appointed to fill a vacancy left by Derek Kilmer when he was elected to Congress and supports the abortion insurance mandate is being challenged by Rep. Jan Angel, who is currently a House member from that district and opposes the mandate. The Senate Majority Coalition Caucus (MCC) made an agreement to not forward any "social" bills. That was a great help in killing this bill as two senators in the MCC were in favor of this bill.

Religious Freedom Bill - Concerning the right to engage in commerce free from discrimination

The bill SB 5927, would clarify that the state cannot force someone to provide services. This bill would have protected businesses like Arlene's Flowers, a Richland florist currently being sued by our Attorney General for declining to provide the florist service for the same-sex wedding of long-time customers. A poll showed that 61% of voters oppose the AG's lawsuit. The bill was drafted late in the session, so it never received a hearing. However, the conversation over religious freedom and conscience rights will resume during the next legislative session.

Tax Payer Funding of Abortion/Planned Parenthood

While Planned Parenthood was not successful in their legislative policy priorities, they will continue to receive more than \$20 million each year from Washington taxpayers. While Planned Parenthood does not explicitly receive money in the budget, "family planning" is the term the government uses to describe the area where they allocate our tax dollars to pay for abortion and contraception.

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During the next biennium, Washington State will spend 21.9 million on "family planning." An additional \$32.9 million of federal funds will be spent on family planning. This means that despite entering the session with a deficit of \$1.1 billion, the legislature decided that paying for people's birth control and abortions was simply too high a priority to be reduced.

In 2012, Washington State spent \$6.2 million on abortion funding and the new budget continues taxpayer funding of abortion.

What you can do in the interim

In the legislative process, issues rarely ever go away. That is why it is critical that you have an ongoing conversation with your legislators about these and other issues important to you and your family.

We encourage you to contact your legislators by calling them at the **legislative hotline 1-800-562-6000** or [emailing them here](#).

An excellent source for information about how your elected representatives have voted is www.votesmart.org. Here you can sign up to follow a variety of areas about your elected representatives, including how they voted, positions on issues, ballot measures and much more.

Both State Representatives Steve Tharinger and Kevin VandeWege voted in favor of these bills.

Yes on HB 1817 – authorized undocumented students to apply for State financial aid.

Yes on SB 5802 – authorizes a carbon emissions reduction study

Yes on HB 1000 – grants immunity to Health Care Providers following End-of-Life Directives

Yes (and sponsored) HB 1044 – requires health insurance plans to cover abortions

Yes on SB 6455 to increase transportation fees (and to increase gas tax by 10.5 cent per gallon)

Yes on SB 6239 – authorizes same-sex marriage



The "Water" Issue

By Steve Marble

In early July the Washington Realtors gave classes in Sequim and Port Townsend for Realtors and other interested parties to bring them up to speed on the new rules governing water use in the Dungeness basin and Eastern Jefferson County. The first half of the class was presented by Washington water attorney, Bill Clark. Participants were treated to the genesis of the water laws that brought us to where we are today.

"The Water Resources Act of 1971" was an overly broad bill passed by the legislature which allows (not requires) Department of Ecology to set instream flows by agency rule "to provide for preservation of wildlife, fish, scenic, aesthetic and other environmental values and navigational values". Ecology's heavy handed approach in Kittitas County caused the Commissioners to, in essence, tell Ecology to stuff it. Unfortunately the Washington Supreme Court sided with Ecology. Kittitas County was humbly required to do Ecology's bidding.

The second portion of the class was delivered by Ecology's Mike Gallagher and county representatives. Their task was to tell the real estate community how to direct their clients to comply with the law. Eastern Jefferson County and the Dungeness Basin have different versions of drastic water rationing rules. The nuts and bolts of these laws is decided by Ecology on a case by case basis. In other words, non-elected bu-

reaucrats from Ecology get to make up the rules up on the fly. Is this what we call reprehensive democracy?

In the process of formulating these rules, Ecology indignantly denied wanting meters on wells, denigrating people accusing them of such as conspiracy minded rumor mongers. So why, asked an attendee, are all these new wells required to be metered? The Department representative said he had heard the same thing but the meters ended up in the rule somehow anyway. Go figure!

Even more revealing of this agency's character was the response to the Realtor who mentioned a new USGS study showing much more water in the Quilcene Basin than previously believed. The agency representative replied that was just a computer model and we all know the inaccuracies of computer models. The irony is that Ecology's entire rule is based on computer models built on flawed assumptions. The concept that private wells are responsible for depleting salmon run has no basis in fact nor have there been any efforts to prove this hypothesis. Indeed, untested computer models are paraded out by Ecology as justification for their draconian rules.

In fact, no one knows the total water resources available in any area and Ecology would like to keep it that way. Total build out of the Dungeness Valley would, based on Ecology's numbers, consume only around 2 cfs, less than one percent of the River's flow, an infinitesimal amount in the scheme of things. The

millions of dollars spent on their long and tedious effort to force this rule on the population would have bought all the water rights they about which they insist is their concern.

Meanwhile, the presenter from Jefferson County showed a chart showing the precipitous drop in well drilling activities after the rule went into effect. "Some well drillers retired, others found alternative occupations" she said. "Due to economic conditions, no doubt" chimed in the man from Ecology. The Eastern Jefferson County rule went into effect at the end of 2009. The housing market sank in 2007. The Dungeness Basin rule took effect six months ago.

In Clallam County, housing providers support 25% of the economy. Whacking down fishing with the Boldt decision, the forestry industry with the spotted owl, and now residential development might lead a cynic to believe there is a war against rural Washington. Please support the efforts of Olympic Resource Protection Council to turn this travesty around.

Steve Marble has served as PCO, president of the Sequim Realtors Assn., on many related State and local boards, and as an activist for many years in Clallam County, as an outspoken advocate for our Constitutional freedoms and a return to common sense.

"The most effectual means of preventing [the perversion of power into tyranny] are to illuminate, as far as practicable, the minds of the people at large, and more especially to give them knowledge of those facts which history exhibits, that possessed thereby of the experience of other ages and countries, they may be enabled to know ambition under all its shapes, and prompt to exert their natural powers to defeat its purposes."

Thomas Jefferson: Diffusion of Knowledge Bill, 1779. FE 2:221, Papers 2:526



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