

Rural Voters Guide 2020



Welcome to our inaugural Rural Voters Guide

This section is being published to give you a short, unbiased look at the rural candidates in rural Adams, Lincoln, Spokane and Whitman counties.

Each candidate profile includes basic biographical information and two ques-

tions. The questions were crafted to highlight differences in the candidates in each race.

We did not edit the answers, except for punctuation and spelling. Put it this way, the answers are as the candidates

wrote them.

Candidates were allowed up to 100 words for each answer, after which responses were cut off, possibly in mid-sentence. That gives you an opportunity to evaluate a candidate's ability to suc-

cinctly answer a difficult question.

We've used alphabetical and numerical criteria for order of races and candidates.

We hope this will help you with your Nov. 3 election decisions.

Adams County

Commissioner District No. 1 - Dan Blankenship, R; John N. Marshall, R

DAN BLANKENSHIP

AGE: 64

HOMETOWN:

Washtucna/Ritzville

EDUCATION:

Washtucna High School, earned a degree in agronomy from WSU 1979.

FAMILY: Wife Dolly

EXPERIENCE:

40 years in agri-business and lifelong involvement in political activity.



Blankenship

1. As an Adams County commissioner, you will sit as a member of the Board of Health and a supervisor of the health officer. But with coronavirus outbreak, the non-resident health officer is being perceived as the supervisor, rather than employee. What will you do to reassure voters the board is in charge of mak-

ing quarantine-related decisions?

"The County Commissioners are the key members of the county board of health. They have the authority to add other members to that board. But the key fact is the Commissioners are the authority and the health officer is a contractor. The board should make the best decisions possible, with the input of the health officer, and do the best job possible to BALANCE the need for public safety re: the Covid-19 with the need to minimize the damage we are doing to ourselves economically and socially with extended lockdowns."

2. Coronavirus shutdown orders have impacted local businesses and the economy, and as a result, local tax revenues. What will you do to tackle expected budget shortfalls?

"I had assumed up to this point that budget shortfalls were inevitable. Fortunately, looking at revenue projections and information distributed by the County Treasurer, sales tax collections and property tax collections are at or

above normal. I would stay in constant communication with the Treasurer and Auditor to make sure that if revenue projections fall off if there are further lockdowns, we have plenty of lead time to develop contingency plans."

JOHN MARSHALL

AGE: 70

HOMETOWN:

Born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Washington State resident since 1978 (42 years), Ritzville is my hometown.

EDUCATION:

High School graduate, Aviation maintenance-U.S. Army, Omaha Tech basic auto body repair, Fisher body institute advance auto body & refinish and management, Wichita Votech institute, Wichita Industrial Plastics. Many classes and seminars covering varied topics: management, budget, personnel, zoning, etc.

FAMILY: Wife, Janis of 50-plus years. Son Jeffrey/Wife Monica, twin Daughters,



Marshall

Amanda/husband Travis; granddaughter Maya and grandson Owen; daughter, Jessica/husband Mike; grandson Xavier

EXPERIENCE: Establish and served-first Board of Director-Ritzville Food Bank, member Ritzville Festivals Association since 1998, two terms on Ritzville City Council, Ritzville PDA 2005-2015, Adams County Mosquito Control Board 2005 to current, QUADCO County Transportation Board-current Chair, Columbia River Caucus Board Member 2014-current, Parents Against Illegal Drugs 2013-2017, AAA of Central Washington 2013-2017, Adams County Development Council 2012-current, Adams County Commissioner 2013-current, 2 terms.

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"County Commissioners are the Board of Health and hire/supervise the Health Doctor and Director. Washington State Legislators gave almost unlimited emergency powers to State Department of Health, because of that the State Health Department holds all the cards. Our Health Department is funded by State and Federal programs. Adams County Commissioners were, with the help of the Health Doctor, requesting early the move to Phase 2 (just before our Outbreak). Thankfully that was granted, our numbers have not been that low since. We continue to consult and advise Department of Health through this situation."

2. Coronavirus shutdown orders have impacted local businesses and the economy, and as a result, local tax revenues. What will you do to tackle expected budget shortfalls?

"I have been watching closely County revenues, Sales and Property tax returns. Actually, revenues are up in Adams County. Current projections are favorable due to our economic development efforts. Project permit fees and construction sales tax has our revenues higher than previous years. New construction investment in Adams County is nearly 800 M\$. County and local taxing districts will be looking at new increased tax revenues. Providing the State holds up its end, Adams County shall be in great shape. Even without the State, conservative experienced leadership will be able to maintain current levels of service."

Adams County

Commissioner District No. 2 -
Ken Johnson, R; Jay R. Weise, R

KEN JOHNSON

AGE: 59

HOMETOWN: Othello

EXPERIENCE: Othello City Council, Adams County Development Council founding board member, SkillSource North Central Workforce Development Board, Othello School Board, Othello Community Christmas Baskets Co-Chair,

Volunteer Firefighter.

EDUCATION:
Graduated Othello High School 1980

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"The commissioners are elected by the public and responsible to the public. The public health Officer is not an elected official but is tasked with making recommendations, while the commissioners are tasked with taking that information and making decisions that are best for the public. That is one thing I have had an intricate role doing while serving on the Othello School Board of Directors. Ultimately, it would be my job to represent the people of Adams County, taking input from the county health as well as my constituents."

2. Coronavirus shutdown orders have impacted local businesses and the economy, and as a result, local tax revenues. What will you do to tackle expected budget shortfalls?

"As of right now, the county tax revenues are looking good, despite the coronavirus causing economic hardship to local businesses. Instead of focusing on deficits, we ought to focus on other ways of generating new revenues for the county through economic development projects. A couple great examples of this are the solar farm in Lind and the new wind farm going in near Washtucna. Both of these economic projects will generate over \$1.1 million in tax revenue for Adams County per year, and that will benefit local residents through funding for local schools, parks and recreation, and emergency services."



Johnson

JAY WEISE

AGE: 60

HOMETOWN:
Ritzville

EDUCATION:
Some college

FAMILY: wife and two adult children

EXPERIENCE: I have worked for the County for 29 years. 23 with the Sheriff's Office and the last 6 years as the Director of Emergency Management. I was Undersheriff for 7 years and oversaw the budget and operation of the Sheriff's Office.



Weise

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"Being a Commissioner requires obtaining as much information as possible in order to make sound decisions. The Board and the health officer should have regularly scheduled meetings to ensure all parties are on the same page and understand the statutorily required duties of the parties involved. All options should be discussed and the outcomes weighed. Agreed decisions regarding Covid-19 issues must meet the statutory duties mandate. The sole basis and message of my campaign has been improved communication. We must improve communication not only within the government agencies but with constituents as well."

2. Coronavirus shutdown orders have impacted local businesses and the economy, and as a result, local tax revenues. What will you do to tackle expected budget shortfalls?

"I have visited with County officials who indicate that our sales tax revenues are at or above expectations to date. First half property tax collections were near

normal. Current figures do not indicate Adams County has an "expected" budget shortfall. How long the State continues to restrict the public's movement may impact those revenue figures, but budget adjustments prior to second-half property tax collections and receipt of quarterly sales tax revenue figures would be a premature action. If we have to take another look after that, we'll have time."

Lincoln County

Superior Court Judge - Jeff Barkdull, Dan B. Johnson

JEFF BARKDULL

Did not provide biographical information.

1. What is the biggest issue facing the Lincoln County courts right now?



Barkdull

"There is a push, both nation-wide and here in Washington, to eliminate/reduce bail requirements in criminal cases. When this involves violent or repeat offenders, the probability of re-offending/revictimizing increases. We are already seeing the negative outcomes from this philosophy in other parts of our nation. Judges should retain discretion in handling such matters. Another issue is the failure of the State to adequately fund indigent defense. There is a constitutional right to an adequate legal defense even if one cannot afford an attorney. The State's failure to fund this places an unfunded mandate on local citizens. Finally..."

2. Lincoln County implemented stringent rules to access court facilities in the wake of the coronavirus while eliminating possible digital hearings. How do you keep court hearings open to the public with objectionable access rules and a lack of digital courtroom access?

"Lincoln County courts functioned well until covid, which forced closure of

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the courts initially. Our courts are now open and hearings and trials occur under Supreme Court guidelines (e.g., masks, social distancing). The courthouse doors are now open. If elected, I would explore all avenues available to keep our courts open to the public, within constitutional and Supreme Court guidelines, including any technologies available."

DAN JOHNSON

Did not provide biographical information.

1. What is the biggest issue facing the Lincoln County courts right now?

"The most important issue facing the Courts is who should become the Superior Court judge for the next 4 years. I suggest that the voters do research and take a close look at the background and experience of the candidates. Experience matters and as a Judge for the last 5 years, and a trial attorney for 40 years, I believe that I am the best candidate. I have handled numerous trials as a Judge and have experience in court procedures, especially related to Covid-19. In District Court, we opened up as soon as we could, including virtual hearings."

2. Lincoln County implemented stringent rules to access court facilities in the wake of the coronavirus while eliminating possible digital hearings. How do you keep court hearings open to the public with objectionable access rules and a lack of digital courtroom access?

"The Courts are required to be open and available for viewing by all members of the public. In light of social distancing requirements, the courtroom may not be able to accommodate all of those who want to observe the proceedings. At this point, the Court is open for business and, in the event of an overflow of people wanting to attend a trial, arrangements can be made to have an audio-video hook up to another room, and/or access pro-



Johnson

vided through YouTube, or a similar platform. In my experience, actual attendance of litigants is preferred and can be safely done."

Spokane County

Commissioner District No. 1 -
Ted Cummins, D; Josh Kerns, R

TED CUMMINGS

AGE: 59
HOMETOWN:
Spokane, Wash.
EXPERIENCE:

Chairman of the Clerical and Technical Unit for USW 338 at Kaiser Aluminum Trentwood, 5th District Vice President Washington State Labor Council, Executive Board member for the Spokane Regional Labor Council. Executive Board member USW Local 338.

EDUCATION: Gonzaga Prep, Spokane Community College AA.

FAMILY: Married to Denise Cummings, father of two boys.

1. What are your top three priorities should be elected to public office?

"Dealing with the economic fallout created by the Pandemic. Working with all parties to create job opportunities and help businesses recover. Working on solutions for affordable housing and other infrastructure projects."

2. What will it take to move Spokane County from Phase 2 of the state's reopening plan to Phase 3 and beyond and what measures would you institute to help facilitate an economic recovery for the region?

"I will follow the recommendations of state and county health boards and will use my position to model and promote compliance with those recommendations. We must all work together and adhere to common sense precautions to mitigate and defeat this virus. Making responsible science-based decisions will



Cummings

ensure the safety of the community and allow business to reopen sooner."

JOSH KERNS

AGE: 35
HOMETOWN:
Mead, Wash.
EXPERIENCE:

Spokane County Commissioner, 2016-Present. Josh and his wife, Nichole, own a small business, River Marketing, LLC. For six years, Josh served as a Senior Legislative Aide in the Washington State House of Representatives working on legislative issues and helping constituents navigate government bureaucracies.

EDUCATION: Bachelor in Business Management and his Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Whitworth University and his associates degree from Spokane Community College. He is a graduate of Mt. Spokane High School.

FAMILY: Josh is married with two young children.

1. What are your top three priorities should be elected to public office?

"My top priorities are leading our county to a safe, strong, and healthy recovery, prioritizing public safety so our citizens feel safe in their homes and out in the community, and encouraging job growth so our citizens can find good-paying jobs to provide for their families."

2. What will it take to move Spokane County from Phase 2 of the state's reopening plan to Phase 3 and beyond and what measures would you institute to help facilitate an economic recovery for the region?

"The state of Washington is requiring that we show a reduction in case numbers of COVID-19 and adequate hospital capacity.

I will continue to support small businesses by not burdening them with additional regulations and uncertainty from county government.

I will continue to support programs



Kerns

that assist our local businesses in safely reopening. We provided free PPE and small business grants to help our struggling local businesses protect employees and customers while safely reopening. Businesses need to be allowed to do what they do best: put people to work."

Spokane County

Commissioner District No. 2 -
David Green, D; Mary Kuney, R

DAVID GREEN

AGE: 63
HOMETOWN:
Spokane, Wash.
EXPERIENCE:

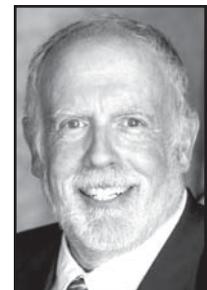
Certified Public Accountant and small business owner in Spokane. David has been an officer and board member for the Fox Theater organization, Spokane Symphony Society, Museum of Arts & Culture (MAC), and the Spokane Estate Planning Council. He is a former adjunct instructor at Gonzaga's graduate school of business.

EDUCATION: Undergraduate degree in international economics from Georgetown University; law degree from Case Western Reserve University; graduate law degree in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center.

FAMILY: Married.

1. What are your top three priorities should you be elected to public office?

"Respect science, respect nature and respect each other. Our all-Republican commissioners for nearly 10 years have not respected science. They voted to open our economy in June before we were ready and they have cut over time the annual funding and purchasing power of our health district. Respect for nature means that climate change should be addressed by the county. It's arguably the most important issue of our time for our children and grandchildren. And lastly,



Green

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we need to respect each other by implementing changes in our criminal justice system by adopting racial equity policies that will make a difference.”

2. What will it take to move Spokane County from Phase 2 of the state’s reopening plan to Phase 3 and beyond and what measures would you institute to help facilitate an economic recovery for the region?

“The first priority, “respect science,” means the guidance of the local health officer will play the most important role in moving Spokane County forward in the state’s reopening plan. So wear a mask and socially distance. Our focus should be the wellbeing of our people, a “people first” approach, by ensuring food security and housing security. We will need Continuing assistance from the federal government during this extraordinary pandemic (which has been terribly mismanaged at the national level). As we move carefully forward in reopening, our investment in people will permit our local businesses to recover through increased economic activity.”

MARY KUNEY

AGE: 55

HOMETOWN:

Spokane, Wash.

EXPERIENCE:

Current Spokane County Commissioner District 2 (appointed 9/27/17, elected 2018); Chief Deputy Auditor, Spokane County 2014 - 2017; Certified Public Accountant, 1993 - present; Washington State Auditor for ten years, two years Auditor-in-Charge, Spokane County Audit; Chaired City of Spokane Internal Audit Committee; Washington State Society of CPA’s Government Accounting and Auditing Committee; started two successful small businesses; Hutton Settlement, Board member; former Boys & Girls Club Board; HUB Sports Center; Junior League of Spokane.



Kuney

EDUCATION: I graduated from Central Valley High School and then from Gonzaga University, with a degree in accounting.

FAMILY: I have been married to my husband Max for 27 years and we have two children.

1. What are your top three priorities should you be elected to public office?

“My top priorities in this challenging year and looking ahead is to support our community as we work towards a safe reopening by:

a. Funding our Health District to take on the challenge of COVID-19.

b. Taking care of our citizens - championing grants and PPE to local food banks, non-profits, and small businesses to help them weather this crisis.

c. Directing resources towards education and working families - ensuring we’re providing funding to schools to provide technology support for online learning and day camps, to ensure that our kids don’t fall further behind and our families can continue working.”

2. What will it take to move Spokane County from Phase 2 of the state’s reopening plan to Phase 3 and beyond and what measures would you institute to help facilitate an economic recovery for the region?

“The governor has limitations on moving to Phase 3. We continue to challenge and seek additional guidance to get additional businesses back open. This will help continue and expedite the economic recovery of our region. I want to continue to provide PPE so businesses and nonprofits can keep our citizens safe as we continue to re-open. We all need to be doing our part to keep our community safe, get kids back in school, have our businesses open, and have people feel safe to venture out of their homes and into restaurants, retail establishments and places of worship.”

Whitman County

Commissioner District No. 2 - Tom Handy, I; Dean Kinzer, R

DEAN KINZER

AGE: 66

HOMETOWN:

Genesee, Idaho

EXPERIENCE:

Farmer, county commissioner since 2013, 16-year Pullman school board member; other boards

EDUCATION:

University of Idaho; ag education

FAMILY: Married, two daughters



Kinzer

1. Given Whitman County’s moratorium on marijuana, under what circumstances would you be prepared to allow another marijuana retail outlet in Whitman County?

“Whitman County has a diverse 9 member Planning Commission that has been tasked with bringing forward recommended code for dealing with the entire marijuana issue. They have spent months doing research and taking community input to develop recommended county code to bring forward to the Board of County Commissioners. It would be irresponsible and unprofessional for me to identify circumstances under which I would be prepared to allow another marijuana retail outlet without first getting the recommended code from the planning commission. I would need compelling reasons and evidence to vary from the planning commission’s recommendations.”

2. Should citizens of Whitman County be concerned about Whitcom’s ability to deliver help as fast as possible in an emergency?

“A year ago, I had some concerns about Whitcom. On May 1st of this year I took over as the Chairman of Whitcom’s executive Board. Since then we have replaced the Executive Director and developed a new funding model. We now have excellent leadership in our new Director and the new funding model has brought stability to our finances. The remaining challenge is to fill “all” of the dispatcher positions. Every COM center

in the State is having trouble filling all of their dispatcher positions. The services that Whitcom provides has always been excellent and will continue to be excellent.”

TOM HANDY

AGE: 63

HOMETOWN:

Dearborn, Mich.

EDUCATION:

University of Wisconsin-Stout; industrial education Experience:

Owner of Paradise Creek Brewery; boardmember for Pullman Chamber of Commerce, Whitman County Business Development Association, other boards.

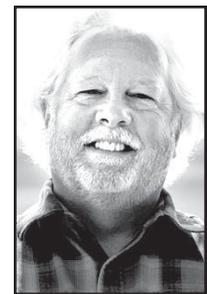
Family: Married, three sons

1. Given Whitman County’s moratorium on marijuana, under what circumstances would you be prepared to allow another marijuana retail outlet in Whitman County?

“Because there is a moratorium, I would not be prepared to allow another marijuana retail outlet in Whitman county under any circumstances, but the moratorium cannot last forever. We must finish the zoning ordinance. In order to get the ordinance written, we need to carefully consider existing laws and community input and the collective wisdom on the issue. The commissioner’s duty is to look at all the findings of fact and make a decision for the greater good that protects people’s rights, preserves health and safety, and promotes harmony.”

2. Should citizens of Whitman County be concerned about Whitcom’s ability to deliver help as fast as possible in an emergency?

“When it comes to life safety issues the citizens should always be concerned. Whitcom is understaffed and underfunded and has been for years. We have some of the best people working at a



Handy

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state-of-the-art facility and must find a way to support the Whitcom employees who work tirelessly long hours to ensure that your 911 calls are handled quickly and professionally. I know what it is like to run full speed ahead with less than the needed staff. You can do it, but you can't to it forever. We must solve this, our lives depend on it."

Legislative District No. 6

House Position No. 1 - Mike Volz, R; Zack Zappone, D

MIKE VOLZ

AGE: 56

HOMETOWN:

Born in Walla Walla and Spokane resident since 1974

EDUCATION:

Bachelors in Business with dual concentration in Accounting and Finance (Eastern Washington University). Masters

in Business Administration (Gonzaga University). Certified Public Accountant. Certified Lean Six Sigma Blackbelt

FAMILY: Married for 31 years with three children



Volz

What are your top three priorities should you be elected to public office?

"1. Covid response and economic recovery

2. K-12 education

3. Fiscal Responsibility: the state needs to live within its means."

What will it take to move Spokane County from Phase 2 of the state's reopening plan to Phase 3 and beyond, and what measures would you institute to help facilitate an economic recovery for the region?

"I think it is time for businesses to safely move into phase 3. More and more small businesses are closing or on the brink of closing. Peoples' dreams are

being ruined. Allowing business to open will greatly improve the economy of the region. Additionally, tax cuts will greatly help small businesses and the local economy."

ZACK ZAPPONE

AGE: 30

HOMETOWN:

I grew up going between Medical Lake and Spokane

EXPERIENCE:

middle school English and history teacher, health care coverage consultant, transportation analyst

EDUCATION:

North Central High School graduate; Georgetown University, BA; University of Washington, teaching certificate; Princeton University, Master's in Public Affairs

FAMILY: Unmarried with no kids. I come from six generations of Eastern Washingtons and have numerous family members in Spokane and the West Plains.

1. What are your top three priorities should you be elected to public office?

"I am running to make sure that everyone has a fair shot at economic opportunity. This means making sure we support our schools, grow our local economy, and protect our healthcare. I'm a teacher who has seen the barriers to success inside and outside of the classroom. We need to ensure that we expand mental health services and access to counselors, create a career and technical education diploma for pathways to the construction and trades, and protect people with preexisting conditions and ensure the public health and safety of Eastern Washington."

2. What will it take to move Spokane County from Phase 2 of the state's reopening plan to Phase 3 and beyond, and what measures would you institute to help facilitate an economic recovery for the region?



Zappone

"I believe in following the expertise of public health officials like Dr. Bob Lutz. I want to reopen our economy and get back to school like everyone else. In order to do so, we need to make sure people feel safe to go shopping, traveling, and attending large events. This means we need to continue to strengthen our public health response, which includes making sure we have more rapid tests and accurate tests, increase contract tracing when there are outbreaks so we don't have to shut down the whole community, and making sure that we have enough personal protective equipment."

Legislative District No. 6

House Position No. 2 - Jenny Graham, R; Tom McGarry, D

TOM MCGARRY

AGE: 61

HOMETOWN:

Rawlins, Wyo. (Spokane, Wash. since 1986)

EXPERIENCE: I have been an attorney in Spokane since 1989 whose primary practice has been housing law for approximately the past 20 years.

EDUCATION:

Awarded a JD from the Gonzaga School of Law in 1989

Awarded a BS and a BSW from the University of Wyoming in 1982

FAMILY: Married since 1994 to Mary M. Wissink

1. What are your top three priorities should you be elected to public office?

"Recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic will be the backdrop for all issues for the foreseeable future.

1. We must put people back to work as quickly as it is safe to do so. One way is to build out our broadband infrastructure so that all citizens have access to the Internet.

2. Primary, secondary, and post-secondary education (including trade



McGarry

schools and vocational training) are critical to Washington remaining competitive in an increasingly competitive world.

3. I support affordable and available health care because it is essential to creating and maintaining a vibrant economy and contributes to a high living standard."

2. What will it take to move Spokane County from Phase 2 of the state's reopening plan to Phase 3 and beyond, and what measures would you institute to help facilitate an economic recovery for the region?

"We must reduce the two-week rate per 100K of newly diagnosed cases to less than 25, and we should have less than a 2% positive tests over a week. We are not there yet.

We must all wear face masks, practice social distancing, and wash our hands to go forward. The longer people resist these simple requirements, the longer it will take for us to move to Phase 3. Economic recovery will require economic stimulus in the form of infrastructure projects to put paychecks in the pockets of Washington's workers which will in turn be spent in local businesses."

JENNY GRAHAM

Jenny Graham did not respond.



Graham

Legislative District No. 9
House Position No. 1 - Mary Dye, R; Brett Borden, Libertarian

MARY DYE

AGE: 59

HOMETOWN: Pomeroy, Wash.

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EXPERIENCE:

State Legislator, 2015-Present, serving as Assistant Ranking on Energy and Environment Committee, and member of the Appropriations Committee, Capital Budget Committee, and Rural Development



Dye

and Agriculture Committee; Wheat Farmer 1987-Present; Field Agronomist, Spectrum Crop Development, Ralston, WA; Entomology Intern, Agri-Management, Yakima WA; Peace Corps Volunteer, Ubon, Thailand. 1984-1986; State Committee Woman 1992-present; Vice-Chair of the Washington State Republican Party 1994-1996; Co-Chair of the Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Plank, National Republican Platform 2012.

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science, Plant Science, Crop Management. University of Idaho; 1983; Harvard Kennedy School, Senior Executive Leadership Program for State and Local Elected Officials 2019; The University of Virginia, Darden School of Business, Executive Leadership, 2019

FAMILY: Husband: Roger Dye, Farmer; Daughters: Emilie Dye, Director of Policy for Australian Taxpayer Alliance and Executive Director of H.R. Nicholls Society, Megan Dye, Studying to be Commercial Pilot, Big Bend Community College and currently serving in the Army Reserves and Krista Dye, Working and Studying at Moscow, ID.

1. The governor declared a virus-related emergency shutdown more than seven months ago, effectively eliminating legislators from taking any actions. What would you do to re-establish the Legislature's authority as a co-equal branch of state government?

"I will work to restore the balance of power between the three co-equal branches of Government. We should never allow a single executive to administer the power of state government without the checks and balances of the elected legislators. You elected me to represent you and our

region's needs. The Governor's office used his emergency powers to trample on first amendment rights to speech and the right to gather for political purposes during a Presidential and Gubernatorial election year. He closed our houses of worship during a global plague when religious people are called to pray for our nation, our..."

2. In the last session, the Legislature approved a law requiring an explicit, sex education curriculum over the objections of parents and religious leaders statewide. As a lawmaker, this issue may come back before you in the form of a Referendum 90. What are your thoughts on the measure?

"Referendum 90 will give parents a second chance to protect their little ones from a sexually explicit curriculum being taught in school.

Parents registered their protest through thoughtful engagement in the political process by testifying in committees and meeting one on one with Representatives. Their concerns were not heeded. Democrats voted party line to enact this curriculum.

Concerned parents rallied to submit a referendum on your ballot so you will have a say, and potentially remove this radical measure from our schools. I hope that this misguided curriculum will be soundly rejected and that the Legislature will take the rebuke..."

BRETT BORDEN

AGE: 38

HOMETOWN:

Born in Spokane, now live in Pullman.

EXPERIENCE:

Libertarian Party treasurer, manufacturing worker, former business owner and bookkeeper.

EDUCATION:

Social Studies program, Eastern Washington University

FAMILY: Long-term relationship, no children.

1. The governor declared a virus-related emergency shutdown more than seven months ago, effectively eliminating legislators from taking any actions. What would



Brett Borden

you do to re-establish the Legislature's authority as a co-equal branch of state government?

"It is high time Gov. Inslee be reminded that he is not an autocrat and that the Legislature is a co-equal branch of our government, indeed the one most directly representative of the People. He has dodged accountability for his authoritarian decrees needlessly restricting civil liberties and our economy by refusing to hold a special session, additionally risking putting us in an even more dire budget situation come January. When seated, the Legislature should seek to rescind these executive measures and strongly consider a motion of censure."

2. Last session, the Legislature approved a law requiring an explicit, sex education curriculum over the objections of parents and religious leaders statewide. As a lawmaker, this issue may come back before you in the form of Referendum 90. What are your thoughts on the measure?

"Fundamentally, I believe in parental responsibility when it comes to deciding how to best raise their children. I also have concerns with top-down State mandates and believe education functions best while allowing for more choice and local control. The opt-out provision of SB5395 is key toward protecting this important liberty. For students who may not have a proactive family structure helping them to gain this important life knowledge, Sex Ed remains necessary in middle and high school curriculum."

Legislative District No. 13

House Position No. 1 - *Eduardo Castaneda-Diaz, D; Tom Dent, R
*Castaneda-Diaz outright refused to answer questions.

TOM DENT

Did not provide biographical information.

1. Last session, the Legislature approved a law requiring an explicit, sex education curriculum over the objections of parents and religious leaders state-

wide. As a lawmaker, this issue may come back before you in the form of Referendum 90. What are your thoughts on the measure?

"The Sex Ed bill was the most controversial bill I have seen since in the legislature. The floor debate lasted over 4 hours, with every republican speaking against it. I personally received over 10,000 emails {ten thousand} asking me to vote against it and less than "10" (ten) requesting to vote in favor of it. And that doesn't include the phone calls and in-person meetings. If you read the curriculum I guarantee you will not believe the plan to educate our kids. I spoke no, I voted no and I will continue to do so. I believe we must persevere."

2. State legislators have used "title only" bills to pass laws without proper hearings and public participation. To date, calls to prohibit title only bills have been ignored. Explain why they should/should not be eliminated.

"Title only bills should be eliminated completely, they are a way around the system. A title only bill doesn't set itself up for a hearing because there isn't any text in the bill. IE; a bill referring to B&O taxes yet what does that mean? Lowering taxes or raising taxes. We don't know, you don't know and we just get run over!! Title only bills need to go away completely!"

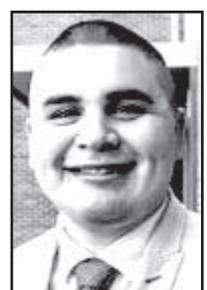
EDUARDO CASTANEDA-DIAZ

Mr. Diaz's campaign provided the following response:

"Our campaign kindly declines to answer any questions which such pre-conceived agendas."



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Castaneda-Diaz

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JOHN N. MARSHALL (R)

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as your Superior Court Judge



District Court Judge

HERE'S WHY:

LEGAL EXPERIENCE: Judge Johnson has prior experience as a Deputy Prosecutor, and city attorney, serving in Stevens County for over 6 years, and has been a trial attorney for almost 40 years. He has handled several hundred jury and non-jury trials, and arbitrations. Many of the kinds of cases that he has handled include relevant areas of the law involved in Superior Court, including numerous family law/Divorce trials, personal injury claims and trials, real estate law, dependency actions, and criminal practice as a defense and appellate attorney, including arguing and winning a case at the United States Supreme Court in 2013. He previously served as a court appointed defense attorney in Lincoln County since the mid 1990's, and resides in Lincoln County, with his wife.

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE: Judge Johnson has been the District Court Judge since July 1st, 2015 and handles several thousand cases each year as the Judge, including issuing search warrants and handling first appearances on criminal matters. He serves as the Elected Pro Tem Judge in Superior Court. Judge Johnson was honored by his peers at the District and Municipal Court Judge's Association, by being twice elected to represent the organization on the Board of Judicial Administration, a statewide board of judges from all levels, where he currently serves.

In his over 5 years on the bench, Judge Johnson has provided justice and fairness for the people of Lincoln County in thousands of cases. He has also served as judge Pro-tem in other courts.

By becoming Superior Court Judge, Dan can use his 40 years of Legal experience to make legally correct and fair judgments in all of these areas. Dan has practiced in most of the legal fields that a superior Court Judge hears. *He won't have to "learn on the job" neither how to be a judge, nor what the law requires in a particular type of case.*

"I believe that my judicial experience over the more than 5 years since I became a Judge, and my almost 40 years of experience as a trial attorney in many relevant areas of the law leads me to the next step in my career and would allow me to apply and draw on those experiences for the benefit of my fellow citizens of Lincoln County, Washington".

JUDICIAL ENDORSEMENTS

Superior Court (County)

Judge John F. Strohmaier
(Lincoln County Superior Court)

Joshua F. Grant

(Lincoln County District Court (Retired))

Judge Steve Dixon (Adams)

Judge Patrick A. Monasmith (Ferry, Stevens,
& Pend Oreille)

Judge Sally F. Olsen (Kitsap)

Judge Harold D. Clarke III (Spokane)

Judge Raymond F. Clary (Spokane)

Judge Michelle "Shelley" Szamblen
(Spokane)

District and Municipal Court (County/City)

Judge Carolyn Benzel (Othello District
Court)

Judge Robin R. McCroskey (Pend Oreille)

Judge Phillip Van De Veer (Pend Oreille-
Ret.)

Judge Richard M. Leland (Spokane)

Judge Jeffrey R. Smith (Spokane)

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