


I am proudly wearing my “I VOTED” sticker today and I really feel like I had to really work at it this time around. On our ballot this voting season are 6 Initiatives, 2 Advisory votes, one Senate Joint Resolution and many federal, state and local candidates to vote for.

This can seem daunting except that you should have received the extra-large and very useful Voters’ Pamphlet in the mail. This document is excellent and when you take the time to read it, it is a fountain of information.

Here are some other great resources for you this voting season:

1. Click **HERE** for The Voters’ Guide (online- in case you didn’t get one in the mail). Then select Edition 11 for the Lewis County version.
2. There is also a video version of the Voters’ Guide published by TVW in Olympia – Click **HERE** for this nice option.

 This website at the Secretary of State’s Office is full of great information about registering to vote, changing addresses and a good source of educational pieces as well. My favorite this week was the link to learning all about the Electoral College.

Did you know:


The Electoral College was established by the framers of the Constitution as a compromise between election of the President by Congress and election of the President by popular vote.

Each presidential ticket provides a list of electors prior to the presidential election. When voters of a state vote for President and Vice President on the General Election ballot, they are actually selecting the slate of electors that will represent the state in the Electoral College.

The electors have pledged to vote for the nominees of their party. The Electoral College is a process, not a place or college. A total of 538 electors nationwide vote on the President and Vice President of the United States.

A candidate must win 270 of the 538 total electoral votes to become President. If no presidential ticket receives a majority of electoral votes, the U.S. House of Representatives elects the President and the U.S. Senate elects the Vice President.

Source: <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/civics/Electoral-College.aspx>

Take some time to look at this website and hopefully it is helpful, if you haven't already voted. If you have voted, wear your "I VOTED" sticker proudly! 

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Every election is determined by the people who show up."
— Larry J. Sabato

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK:

Friday, Saturday and Sunday: "Grease!," 8 p.m. (2 p.m. Sunday), Evergreen Playhouse, 226 W. Center St., Centralia, adults \$10, students \$8,

www.evergreenplayhouse.com

Tuesday, November 1st: Two Town Tuners, 7 p.m., Lewis and Clark Hotel, 117 W. Magnolia St., Centralia, (360) 269-8146 or (360) 748-3521

Wednesday, November 2nd: Centralia College Professor Don Taylor to Talk About Apportionment and the Electoral College during a Lyceum presentation at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the college.

Taylor will first discuss methods the United States has used to apportion representatives to the states. As part of this discussion he will talk about the issues and problems that have been found. He will bring these ideas to the Electoral College and discuss how the Electoral College was part of the compromise that brought this nation together, and why it is still part of our election process.

Taylor's talk will be in Washington Hall 103, and is free and open to the public. Lyceums may also be taken as a one-credit humanities course.

For more information, contact Shelley Bannish, director of Student Life & Involvement, (360) 736-9391, ext. 224.

WEATHER:

Beautiful sunshine today but then we are heading back into stormy, rainy weather tomorrow. Temperatures will stay on the warmer side for awhile (50's during the day) but heavier rain expected by Tuesday of next week. Shake out those umbrellas!