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Counties Share Ideas at "Meth Summit"

More than 350 people from 27 counties joined together this week at the Washington State Meth Summit to address the illegal manufacture and use of methamphetamine. Not surprisingly, law enforcement made a strong showing, but prosecutors, county commissioners, children's advocates and drug treatment professionals also were well-represented at the two-day conference in Bellevue.

Hosted by King County Sheriff Dave Reichert and Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn, the summit attracted high-profile participation from several members of Congress as well as Asa Hutchinson, whom the U.S. Senate just last week confirmed as the new chief of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). These speakers and others decried meth's spread across the state, its dangerously portable manufacturing process that can leave highly toxic waste products, and its devastating effects on users and their families.

The purpose of the summit? To begin to fashion a statewide, comprehensive strategy to combat meth "labs" and dealers, which seem to be growing exponentially around the state. "We're looking to formalize partnerships that, before, have sprung up only out of necessity," Sheriff Reichert told the Seattle Times. "We need to work within all the disciplines to create a plan for addressing the meth problem," Reichert said.

The outcome of the summit? A commitment by attendees to continue working within individual jurisdictions as well as statewide on

steps identified during the summit. A follow-up meeting is planned for late fall to review recommendations, several of which could then end up on the 2002 legislative agenda. Ultimately, the DEA will draw from this summit and its outcomes to produce a report that can assist other states as they begin to experience meth-related problems.

Opening speeches highlighted troubling statistics: Washington state ranks second nationwide (behind California) for the number of meth lab seizures. Law enforcement expects to bust about 2,000 clandestine meth-making labs this year; in 1990 they seized 38 and only 60 in 1995. More than 5,800 people sought treatment for meth addiction in 2000. And a recent school survey found that 11 percent of high school seniors said they had tried the powerfully addictive drug at least one.

Among meth lab seizures in 2000, Pierce County ranked first with 545. King County was second with 231, followed by Thurston County with 139 and Spokane County with 137. Already this year there have been 331 busts in Pierce County and 140 in King County.

As was clearly noted at the summit, however, meth is not just a big-county problem. A heavy enforcement emphasis in King and Pierce counties is pushing the problem into Thurston, Lewis, Cowlitz and Clark counties. Many smaller counties believe they also have a serious problem but don't have the resources necessary to systematically seek out manufacturing labs, seize all the known labs, and clean up the toxic byproducts.

County Forest Land Conversion – Deadline Approaches

By December 31, 2001, counties are required to adopt ordinances or regulations setting standards for those Class IV forest practices regulated by county government (including most Class IV-General forest practices where forest lands will be converted, or are likely to be converted, to non-forestry uses). Class IV-Special forest practices having potential for substantial impact

on the environment will continue to be evaluated by the Department of Natural Resources.

The Department has limited capacity to provide technical assistance to counties undertaking this effort. The legislature provided no funds to either the counties or the Department for this regulatory shift.

A Forest Practices page on the

MRSC website provides information and examples. See <http://www.mrsc.org/environment/forest/forest.htm>. Thurston, Clark, King and Spokane Counties have adopted conversion ordinances so far and a few others are in development.

A brief workshop on county action regarding conversion also will take place at the Western District meeting.

Department of Fish and Wildlife Considers New Action on Peregrine Falcon, Sandhill Crane

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is beginning a 90-day review period for two documents: one

evaluates the endangered peregrine falcon for reclassification to a state sensitive species and the other establishes population objectives and strategies to achieve recovery of the endangered sandhill crane.

The review period began August 1 and lasts until November 1, 2001. The reports are available at the regional of-

ices of DFW or at www.wa.gov/wdfw. To obtain a copy of the draft status report or draft recovery plan, call 360-902-2515 or write to wildthing@dfw.wa.gov. Comments are due by November 1, 2001.

A recovery plan for the lynx also is now available from the same sources as above.

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Deadlines Approach for Counties Receiving U.S. Forest Service Funds

Counties that will be receiving federal forest funds under HR 2389 must take action soon and notify WSAC whether the county intends to take the "full payment" amount authorized by HR 2389 or 25 percent of future revenue from harvest. Counties taking the "full payment" and receiving more than \$100,000 also must indicate what percentage of funds (15 to 20 percent) will

be invested in Title II or Title III projects.

WSAC is collecting the county decisions to forward to the Governor and the State Treasurer. The Governor must notify the Secretary of Agriculture by September 30 of the county choices. Only three counties have informed WSAC of their decisions to this date. For sample resolutions or other assistance, call Paul Parker at 360-753-1886.

Governor Locke Criticizes Federal ESA Response

In a speech to water resource professionals last week, Gov. Locke criticized the slow pace of federal efforts to help salmon in the Columbia basin. The Vancouver *Columbian* reported that Locke complained that faster action is needed on plans to improve stream habitat in Columbia and Snake river tributaries. Without it, Locke said the federal government may create an "economic disaster" by forcing the breaching of four federal dams on the lower Snake River in Eastern Washington.

"I believe we need a new ap-

proach," the governor told water resource professionals gathered for a conference at Skamania Lodge. He called for better coordination between the nine federal agencies involved in protecting endangered fish stocks, private landowners and local governments that have to live with the consequences of federal policy decisions.

"Folks are taking the law into their own hands," Locke said citing the recent experience of farmers in Southern Oregon opening floodgates to water denied

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them by the Bureau of Reclamation. "We don't want to go down that road. If ever there was a time to act, it's now."

Despite a sweeping federal proposal in December to improve habitat, reform hatcheries, curtail harvest and make dams more fish-friendly, Locke said little has actually happened on the ground. Meanwhile, the clock is ticking on a biological opinion issued by the National

Marine Fisheries Service on the federal hydropower system's effect on imperiled salmon.

Without adequate progress, the opinion calls for the government to reconsider dam-breaching as early as 2003.

"The federal approach is not working and not even close to working," Locke said. "We're just not seeing a coordinated, cohesive effort," Locke said.

"The clock is ticking. We've got to start showing some measurable results and progress."

Brian Gorman, a spokesman for the National Marine Fisheries Service in Seattle, said he thinks "it's a little unfair" for Locke to expect large strides in accomplishing such a complex recovery plan so soon.

Human Services, Juvenile Justice & Housing

Expanding Access to ADA Information

The federal government announces the availability of its new, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Technical Assistance CD-ROM. As part of its dedicated effort to implement President Bush's New Freedom Initiative, the Justice Department announced today the availability of the free CD-ROM, which contains a complete collection of the Department's ADA regulations, architectural design standards, and technical assistance publications. The CD-ROM is designed for easy use on laptop computers in the field, or other computers that lack high-speed Internet access. The CD-ROM will make searching documents and identifying appropriate ADA information easier and more efficient for businesses, designers and building con-

tractors across the country.

Among the technical assistance materials found on the CD-ROM are:

The new electronic version of the ADA Standards for Accessible Design; The ADA Guide for Small Businesses; Common ADA Errors and Omissions in New Construction and Alterations; The Americans with Disabilities Act Checklist for New Lodging Facilities; The ADA Guide for Small Towns; A series of commonly asked question and answer publications; and Technical Assistance Manuals for Titles II and III of the ADA.

Documents on the CD-ROM are provided in a variety of formats, including HTML, WordPerfect, and text (ASCII), to enable people with disabilities and others to gain easy access, trans-

lates materials to Braille, or use screen readers. Many documents are also provided in Acrobat PDF format, so that they appear as they do in print and permit the publication to be reprinted by personal computers. The information contained on the CD-ROM is also available on-line at the Department's ADA Website. Visitors to the ADA Website will soon be able to order the free CD-ROM on-line. The CD-ROM can also be ordered by calling the Department's ADA Information Line 800-514-0301 (Voice) or 800-514-0383 (TTY).

The Americans with Disabilities Act, which was signed into law by former President George H. Bush on July 26, 1990, prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities. The Department's ADA regulations apply to private businesses and non-profit service providers, and the programs and services of state and local governments.

Juvenile Court Struggles with Funding Cut

Okanogan County is just one of the six counties who lost juvenile detention money at the last moment in the last session. Despite a great effort by all the state's juvenile court administrators, the Governor vetoed the budget proviso that enabled the six model programs to continue to provide local commitment services for youth who otherwise would have had to be sent to state institutions. In Okanogan that means nearly \$210,000 was cut. Bruce Moran, Oka-

nogan County Juvenile Court Administrator, noted that the money allowed the county to keep their kids locally. They'd found that when their kids went to a state institution, the kids came back in worse shape than when they left. Unfortunately, there are also not any state juvenile institutions on the east side of the state. The local program cost the state some \$36 per day less than beds at a state facility.

Moran has already had to cut five

positions, two already vacant and three correctional officers. He has reorganized the department's administrative and court services and the corrections center. In all three areas, managers and other staff members will take on additional duties. In addition, he will be meeting with the county's three superior court judges to discuss the elimination or reduction of some services. His office is exploring other grants and will probably raise some fees. The commissioners have authorized the funding of some expenses from the county criminal justice fund.

Ray Coleman from Adult Detention in King County Finds New Calling

Ray Coleman was for many years in a supervisory role within the King County Adult Detention Department

most recently over the Kent Regional Justice Center. However, he has always been interested in persons who had spe-

cial behavioral health care needs especially those with mental illness or developmental disabilities. He is now the director of SKCAC Industries in Kent. SKCAC used to stand for Seattle-King County Activity Center. But now the initials have come to mean Solutions,

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Knowledge, Contribution, Action and Caring. SKCAC provides cost-effective vocational services for people with disabilities while providing a reliable, quality-conscious work force for customers who include K2, Boise-Cascade and other local, regional, national, and international companies.

SKCAC contracts with King County and is paid \$415 a month for each employee. That's about 40% of their budget with the other 60% covered by the business workers generate. The Kent Chamber of Commerce honored SKCAC this year with an "In Pursuit of Excellence Award." Coleman notes that the employees want the opportunity to

work here and they can, because they're talented. The work just has to be matched with the ability. The employees then have wages to spend in the community, which gives them a sense of independence. And because they work during the day, their families are freed up to return to work or school as well as are proud of their sons and daughters.

Pierce County Jail "Breaks the Cycle"

Along with their drug court, Pierce County is two plus years into a federal grant program called Breaking the Cycle. The program provides intensive drug treatment for drug addicts which runs from 90 days to a year. It is just one cost-effective tool the County is examining as they seek ways to reduce the drain on their current expense budget from criminal justice. The county's Criminal Justice Task Force is just about ready to make their recommendations to the full Council on August 28 for which

programs to fund to continue as alternatives to incarceration and reduce jail populations and costs. Breaking the Cycle is a three-year grant that will end next June. It has a per-person cost of \$370 depending on the length of treatment.

The County also has a Crisis Triage Center for mentally ill offenders that divert people from jail. But the usage has gone down in recent years partly because newer law enforcement officers are not familiar with it and as a result of

some of the changes in state law regarding mentally ill offenders. Program Director Chris Larson noted that triage center workers evaluate people who come in for mental illness and whether they need treatment, medication or housing. Pierce County Sheriff's Office Chief of Operations, Eileen Bisson agreed that more information was needed for deputies and supervisors about the triage center as an alternative to jail. The triage center is expected to move to Puget Sound Hospital by the end of the year.

Grants Buoy Whatcom County Drug Court

Whatcom County's drug court, which was limping by this year on a bare bones budget has won three, grants totaling \$710,000. The largest of the three grants was from the federal Justice Department's Drug Courts Program Office and totals \$500,000 for Whatcom County, the largest amount awarded.

Whatcom's drug court is two years old. Seventeen people have graduated from the court. Twenty-eight have left or been thrown out including 7 terminated for new felonies and 32 are still working their way through the program. The \$500,000 will be for three years and allow expansion of the drug court. The court has also won an \$110,000 Byrne grant and \$100,000 in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) money. These are annual grants that can be renewed. Whatcom will use the \$100,000

to set up a database that tracks performance of participants both during and after the program. The expansion funds will allow an additional 20 persons by the end of this year and another 30 up to a cap of 100 in the future.

County officials are also working on plans for juvenile and family drug courts. They would like to start training juvenile drug court personnel by the end of the year and begin the court in 2002. The family court would handle cases where drug problems led the state to remove children from their parents. Deputy Public Defender Eric Weight said county drug court officials also hoped to work with the planned Lummi Drug Court for which the Lummi Nation won a federal grant last year.

Nearly 700 drug courts are operating in the United States and an additional 430 are being planned. More than

73,000 adults and 1,500 teens have graduated from drug court programs. American University in Washington, DC is doing much of the evaluation and upon a visit to Whatcom's court noted that it was a very well designed program that appears to be functioning in an exemplary manner on an extremely limited budget. Based on their comments, the council set up an oversight committee of community representatives and put together a strategic plan for the court. So far rates of new offenses for graduates from all drug courts range from 2 - 20 % and are dropping. No Whatcom county graduate has committed a new crime with the first graduates completing last August. They also figure they have saved in \$100,000 in jail costs just for the graduates so far.

Courthouse Ramblings

We were sorry to learn that former Kittitas County Prosecutor **David Pitts** died last week at his home. Pitts served as prosecutor from November, 1986 until 1994, and had a private practice in Ellensburg at the time of his death. He

is survived by his wife, Martha, two sons, a granddaughter, and extended family.

The Grays Harbor County Fair

opened Wednesday, August 8, for a five-day run. This year's fair is being dedicated to long-time fair volunteer **Phyllis Piercey**, who served as Grays Harbor County Auditor from 1981 until her retirement in 1989.

New in Brief

WSAC Eastern and Western Districts Fall Meetings

Deadlines for registration and room reservations are fast approaching! Meeting information and registration forms are attached to the back of this week's *Courthouse Journal* and are available on our website www.wacounties.org/wsac. Call Kim Zydek, WSAC staff, if you have any questions, (360) 753-1886 or kzydek@wacounties.org.

Mike Redman Passes Away

It is with regret and sorrow that we report that Mike Redman passed away on Sunday, August 6, while visiting friends in Portland. We had reported several months ago that Mike had pancreatic cancer, but his spirits were up to the end and he was still on the go. We have fond memories of him and our sympathies go out to his wife, Linda, and the rest of his family. Mike was the Executive Secretary of the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys from 1977 to 1993. At this time, we have had no word about services. For those who would like to send condolences, the home address is: 24487 Johnson Road NW, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

Office of Secretary of State Hires New Directors for Key Positions

With the tragic death of State Archivist Phil Coombs, Secretary of State Sam Reed has had to fill the State Archivist position. Reed has hired Jerry Handfield who is currently the State Archivist of Indiana. According to a Reed, Hand-

field, has a great reputation nationally as an expert in archives related issues and is highly regarded for his work with local government officials.

Diana Bradrick, Records Manager for Snohomish County, has accepted a new position as Deputy State Archivist beginning September 5. Diana will be responsible for the development of the new digital archives that was approved by the 2001 Legislature and will be located in Spokane. The Deputy State Archivist position was recently created and has oversight of the regional archives in the state as well as all the technical operations of the Archives. Diana has eleven years experience in records management with Snohomish County and in July 2001 earned the distinction of a Certified Public Official in Land Records from the National Association of County Records, Election Officers and Clerks (NACRC). Congratulations, Diana!

Diana Shenk who currently serves as the University Archivist for the University of Washington has been selected to serve as the Northwest Regional Archivist in Bellingham. She appears to have a great deal of experience in the field of archives and is the author of many publications. Diana will start on September 5. The office is in the process of selecting a candidate to serve as the Eastern Regional Archivist.

Kitsap County Clerk Accepts New Position

The Office of the Secretary of State has announced the hire of Dean Logan, Kitsap County Clerk, for the position of State Director of Elections. Dean has previous experience in the elections field; serving as the Kitsap County Director of Elections as well as Chief Dep-

uty Auditor in Kitsap County. He was the founding program manager for the Office of the Secretary of State's Elections and Certification Division. Secretary of State Sam Reed says that Dean will bring "enthusiasm, energy, and even passion to the position." Dean will start with the Secretary of State's Office on September 10. We wish Dean great success and will miss all of that energy and enthusiasm. Best wishes to you Dean.

Kittitas County Treasurer Resigns

Kittitas County Treasurer Bonnie Jump has resigned her office, effective September 30. Jump has worked for county government for 19 years, four as a licensing deputy in the auditor's office and the rest in the treasurer's office, where she worked as a revenue account officer until she was elected treasurer in 1998. She said she is ready to retire so that she can travel and enjoy her grandchildren.

Governor Announces New Public Works Board Member

Washington Governor Gary Locke recently announced his appointments for several state boards and commissions. Among the list of new appointments is Pete Capell, Clark County Public Works Director, as a new member of the state Public Works Board.

Capell was recommended for the two-year position by the WSAC board of directors at the annual WSAC convention.

Other county representatives on the Public Works Board are commissioners Eric Johnson of Lewis County and Jesse Palacios of Yakima County.

Courthouse History

Road to County Seat Not Always Smooth...

Okanogan County is the largest county in the State of Washington. The county was organized by the territorial legislature on February 2, 1888. In March 1888 the competition for the county seat came down to Ruby and Salmon City (soon to be renamed Conconully). Ruby volunteered free offices for county officials, while Salmon City offered five acres of land. The commis-

sioners chose Ruby by a vote of one to two. By November 1888 the county seat location was on the ballot. Conconully won overwhelmingly 357 votes to 157. County records, furniture, territorial laws and a safe were hauled to Conconully the following February for a drayage cost of \$66.66. Less than a half a dozen years after Conconully had removed the county seat from Ruby, Che-

lan was attempting to seize the prize. Chelan tried twice in the 1890s to provide what it regarded as a more centrally located seat of government for Okanogan County (which then included Chelan County). By 1913, with the Great Northern completing its branch line from Wenatchee, it seemed that a county seat on the railroad just made sense. Omak announced first but Okanogan was first to deposit funds for "modern courthouse." While a check would have sufficed, heavily-armed Okanogan businessmen in a convoy of

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automobiles noisily escorted \$12,000 in gold to the county treasurer. Later that day, Okanogan banker Harry Kerr was forced to sneak the gold back home when the Conconully bank refused to participate in this publicity stunt. However, the stunt worked. When Omak delivered a note for \$12,000 a few

weeks later, no one noticed.

State law provided that a county seat removal must be approved by 60 percent of those voting. In the general election, November 3, 1914 Okanogan was chosen as the new county seat by a vote of 3,152 for Okanogan and 1,602 for Conconully. By Christmas Day records including the heavy treasurer's

books being moved into a temporary courthouse on Okanogan's main street. The present day courthouse building at Okanogan, which with furnishings cost \$37,000 in 1915, was completed and occupied the following October.

Credits: Bruce A. Wilson, *Late Frontier: A History of Okanogan County, Washington*

WSAC Annual Legislative Conference It's Auction Mania Time!!!!

The last few Courthouse Journals have provided you information on the Washington Counties Scholarship Fund Auction. This year it's WSAC's turn to sponsor the fund-raising event.

Hot Auction Items for Non Profit Benefits

- ❖ Sport Events
- ❖ Sports Equipment And Memorabilia
- ❖ Practical Items (Food, Oil Changes For Auto) That People Will Be Buying Anyway.
- ❖ Unique Experiences-(Piloting A Bulldozer, Tugboat Rides)
- ❖ Trips-Any Distance
- ❖ Food Gift Certificates
- ❖ Quality Wines-Must Be Displayed Well
- ❖ Microbrew Beers

We have revved up our engines and we are ready to go. Assignments have been made and contacts will be forthcoming. At the back of the journal you will find the promotional packet with the donation form. Below is a "Hot Item List" to assist you with thinking of the profitable items that will be in the \$\$\$\$. For questions or comments contact WSAC staff, Jackie White.

- ❖ Quality Art Work-Especially Glass
- ❖ Queen Or King For A Year Items (Latte's, House leaning Etc.)
- ❖ Fire Station Birthday Parties

Hot Items at '99 Auction

- ❖ Food Items
- ❖ Mariner Tickets
- ❖ Bird Hunting Trip
- ❖ "Celebration, A Washington Cookbook" Autographed By The Governor & Mrs. Locke

Boards & Commissions

Wanted: County Commissioner to Serve on Advisory Committee on Indigent Defense in Dependency Cases

When the 2001 Legislature appropriated funds to continue two pilot projects to improve indigent defense in child dependency and termination cases it also authorized an implementation committee to review the pilot projects and look at phasing in the program statewide. This committee, chaired by Supreme Court Justice Bobbe Bridge, is now taking shape and includes a position for one county commissioner.

Although the pilot projects are un-

der way only in Pierce County and the Benton-Franklin judicial district, the commissioner representative on the advisory committee may be from any county. Judges, lawyers and others currently participating in the Pierce and Benton-Franklin projects will be well-represented on the committee. Eight legislators also will serve on the committee.

The WSAC board of directors will choose the commissioner representative.

Interested commissioners should contact WSAC staff Sophia Byrd by August 20. This selection process is on a fast track, with the first committee meeting scheduled for September 21 at SeaTac. Travel costs will be reimbursed by the state. The committee expects to meet at least once a month until early 2002, when it is scheduled to issue recommendations to the Legislature.

Meetings and Conferences

Cost Allocation Training

The Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Support Enforcement Project has scheduled four "Cost Allocation Training" sessions around the state beginning this month. The Department of Social and Health Services' Division of Child Support (DCS) is requiring counties to submit an indirect cost proposal by the end of this year. Even if a county chooses to give up the reimbursement of indirect costs for all the child support work done in the county by the prosecutor, clerk, or

court commissioners, the county must still file a cost allocation plan with DSHS/DCS or be at risk of losing direct costs of child support enforcement activities as well.

The two-day training sessions are as follows:

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| August 21 and 22, 2001 | Washington Counties Building |
| 8:00 - 4:30 (Tuesday) | 206 10 th Ave SE |
| | (10 th & Washington) |
| 8:30 0 4:00 (Wednesday) | Olympia, WA 98501 |

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October 8 and 9, 2001 Red Lion Hotel
8:00 - 4:30 (Monday) 1225 North Wenatchee Avenue
8:30 - 4:00 (Tuesday) Wenatchee, WA 98801

November 12 & 13, 2001 DoubleTree Hotel Spokane City
Center
8:00 - 4:30 (Monday) 322 North Spokane Falls Court
8:30 - 4:00 (Tuesday) Spokane, WA 99212

October 16 and 17, 2001 WestCoast Tri-Cities Hotel
8:00 - 4:30 (Tuesday) 101 North Columbia Center Blvd.
8:30 - 4:00 (Wednesday) Kennewick, WA 99336

For further information, please call support enforcement at
(360) 753-3953.

Coming Events

August 21-22

Cost Allocation Training, Sponsored by
**Washington Association of Prosecuting
Attorneys Support Enforcement
Project**, Washington Counties Building

August 27-30

**Washington State Association of
County Assessors' Annual Conference**,
Enzian Inn, Leavenworth

September 9-12

**International Association of Assessing
Officers Annual Conference**, Miami,
Florida

September 10-11

**Washington State Assn of County
Treasurers' Legislative Meeting**,
Summit Inn, Snoqualmie Pass

September 19-21

**Washington Finance Officers
Association Annual Conference**,
Wenatchee

September 19-21

ACHS Meeting, Ellensburg

September 27-28

WSAC Eastern District Meeting, East
Wenatchee, Mickey O'Reilly Inn
October 1-5

WACO Annual Conference, Port
Ludlow Resort & Conference Center

October 8-9

Cost Allocation Training, Sponsored by
**Washington Association of Prosecuting
Attorneys Support Enforcement
Project**, Red Lion Hotel, Wenatchee

October 11-12

WSAC Western District Meeting, Super
8 Motel, Long Beach

October 16-17

Cost Allocation Training, Sponsored by
**Washington Association of Prosecuting
Attorneys Support Enforcement
Project**, WestCoast Tri-Cities Hotel,
Kennewick

October 18-19

CRABoard Meeting, CRAB Office,
Olympia

November 12-13

Cost Allocation Training, Sponsored by
**Washington Association of Prosecuting
Attorneys Support Enforcement
Project**, DoubleTree Hotel Spokane City
Center

November 12-15

**Washington Association of Sheriffs' &
Police Chiefs' Annual Fall Conference**,
Doubletree, Pasco

November 14-16

ACHS Meeting, Silverdale

November 14-16

WSAC Fall Legislative Conference,
Silverdale Hotel on the Bay, Silverdale

November 14

WCIF Board Meeting, in conjunction
with WSAC Fall Legislative Conference,
10 am - 12 pm

December 13-14

**Washington Association of Prosecuting
Attorneys' Annual Winter Meeting**,
Crowne Plaza, Seattle

January 29-31, 2002

**Legislative Rally & Tri-Association
Legislative Reception**

April 11-12, 2002

WSAC Western District Meeting, TBD

April 25-26, 2002

WSAC Western District Meeting, Sun
Mountain Lodge, Winthrop

June 9-11, 2002

WSAC Summer Convention, Bellevue

July 12-16, 2002

NACo Annual Conference, New
Orleans Parish, New Orleans, LA

Employment Opportunities

WHATCOM COUNTY in Bellingham, WA, has an opening for a part-time, 20 hrs. per week, **Data Applications Specialist in our Health & Human Services Department**. This position requires a Bachelor's degree in a public health related field and 3 years of experience in a public health related setting that includes 1 year of combined experience in database design and construction and using GIS software. Salary range:

\$16.07 - \$17.35/hour, DOQ. Whatcom County offers excellent employer-paid medical, dental & vision benefits for employee and family, generous vacation, sick & holiday leave, pro-rated based on part-time hours. WA State Retirement system. Optional deferred comp & Flex 125 available. Application period closes 8/15/01. For required application packet contact Whatcom County Human Resources, 311 Grand Ave., Suite 107, Bel-

lingham, WA, or call (360) 676-6802. For detailed job announcement visit our website at www.co.whatcom.wa.us or call the jobline at (360) 738-4550. Equal Opportunity Employer.

WHATCOM COUNTY in Bellingham, WA, is seeking a **Health Information Administrator**. This position is

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responsible for planning, supervising, staffing, directing and conducting health information activities of the Health & Human Services Department. Performs professional epidemiological activities related to researching analyzing and interpreting health-related characteristics of County populations. Coordinates the collection, development, analysis and dissemination of data and other information. Oversees the maintenance of the County's vital statistics. Requires a Bachelor's degree in public health, epidemiology or closely related science field AND 4 years of related public health experience including 2 years supervisory experience. A Master's degree is preferred. Salary range is \$3,635 - \$4,740 / month, DOQ. Whatcom County offers excellent employer-paid medical, dental & vision benefits for employee and family, generous vacation, sick & holiday leave. WA State Retirement system. Optional deferred comp & Flex 125 available. Application period closes 8/27/01. For required application packet contact Whatcom County Human Resources, 311 Grand Ave., Suite 107, Bellingham, WA, or call (360) 676-6802. For detailed job announcement visit our website at www.co.whatcom.wa.us or call the jobline at (360) 738-4550. Equal Opportunity Employer.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR - Jefferson County, in

Washington State, is seeking a dynamic administrator for the position of Health & Human Services Director to lead a 50-person organization with the following multi-service divisions: Community Health, Environmental Health, Human Services, Animal Services, and Natural Resources. The successful candidate will be a strong team leader, who cultivates staff participation, embraces exceptional customer service, and works effectively with other community and state agencies in assessing and designing programs to support and enhance the community's health and well-being. Minimum Qualifications: Master's degree in Public Health, Public Administration or related field, or combination of related undergraduate education and experience to equate to a master's level degree and five (5) years progressively responsible administrative experience, with at least one (1) year as manager/administrator of a discrete work unit, including direct responsibility for the performance of a team and/or individual subordinates, or equivalent combination of education and experience. Application and Selection Process: A letter of interest and resume must be received in the Office of County Administrator at P.O. Box 1220, Port Townsend, WA 98368 or by email at csaddler@co.jefferson.wa.us by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 31, 2001. Applicants whose qualifications appear to best match this position will be invited to demonstrate proficiency through additional application materials, interviews and reference

checks. Salary Range: \$ 56,611 to \$67,596 DOQ & E w/Excellent Benefit Package. Closing Date: Friday, August 31, 2001. Jefferson County is an EOE.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY RECORDING MANAGER - The Snohomish County Auditor's Office is looking for a Recording Manager to manage the 16 person Recording Division that is in charge of the public records recording function. We are looking for a dynamic experienced manager in public service, and quality control and production, with abilities and/or interest in promoting and implementing electronic recording, and advanced imaging and workflow procedures. Salary range is: \$50,270. - \$71,037. If interested please submit a current resume AND a letter specifically focusing on what the applicant would do in Snohomish County as Recording Manager as we enter the 21st century. We would appreciate receiving your letter/resumes no later than **August 24th**. Please contact Carolyn Ableman, Snohomish County Chief Deputy Auditor if you have any questions at 425-388-3391 or email: carolyn.ableman@co.snohomish.wa.us. For more information about the Snohomish County Auditor's office please see our website at: <http://www.co.snohomish.wa.us/auditor/index.asp>

Washington Counties Scholarship Fund Auction

**Fall 2001
Legislative
Conference**

What is the Washington Counties Scholarship Fund?

The Washington Counties Scholarship Fund is a joint endeavor of the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) and the Washington Association of County Officials (WACO) to provide scholarship funds to children of county employees. The Scholarship Fund was officially established in 1993 but informal donations and awards were made as early as 1988. Since 1993, there have been 36 awards granted totaling \$59,000.

Each year we receive over 200 qualified applications that demonstrate superior scholastic achievement, outstanding leadership qualities, and the dedication to their family, friends, and communities. In 2001 we could only grant seven awards to a field of 292 applicants. We hope to expand our fund raising so we can increase the number of scholarships.

How do we raise the funds?

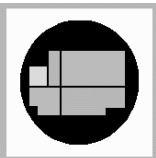
WSAC and WACO alternate fund-raising events for this benefit. WSAC holds an auction every odd-numbered year held during their Fall Legislative Conference. WACO holds the "affiliate challenge" every even-numbered year at their annual conference in October. In addition to participating in the "affiliate challenge" the County Coroners and Medical Examiners raise money by selling fine wares. Both events have been very successful by raising thousands of dollars each year.

How can our county contribute to the Scholarship Fund Auction?

To put it simply, each county contributes something for the auction - many counties contributing items that are distinctive to their areas - then you come to the auction prepared to bid and purchase some of the wonderful and distinctive donated items!

You'll be hearing from us regularly between now and November with ideas to help your county participate successfully and updates about the unique auction items counties have contributed. We have attached the *Auction Item Donation Form*, please complete this form with the donation information and get it back to us as soon as possible.

Washington State
Association of
COUNTIES



For more information contact:

Jackie White, WSAC staff, at (360) 753-1886

The Courthouse Journal - August 10, 2001



Washington Counties Scholarship Fund

Auction Item Donation Form

Washington State Association of Counties • 206 Tenth Avenue SE • Olympia, WA 98501
Phone: 360-753-1886 • FAX: 360-753-2842 • www.wacounties.org

For Office Use Only:

This donation is offered to benefit an auction, the proceeds of which go to the Washington Counties Scholarship Fund to provide college scholarships to the children of employees of Washington State counties. Recognition for donated items will be provided in the program.

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Print

Donor: (Company or name(s) as it should appear in the program)				
Address			Phone Number	
City	State	Zip	Contact Name	Contact Phone

Item Name: (As it should appear in the program)
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Item Description: (Complete item description including size, color, quantity, restrictions, limitations, expirations dates, etc.)
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Item will be delivered to auction site | <input type="checkbox"/> Donor to provide gift certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Item will be delivered to WSAC Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Donor will provide display materials |

Donor Stated Value: \$

Signature of Donor

Date

Donation Solicitor Name and Title	Department and County
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PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO THE WSAC OFFICE BY OCTOBER 29, 2001

For additional questions or comments, please contact WSAC staff member, Jackie White, at (360) 753-1886



Eastern District Meeting

September 27-28 East Wenatchee, Douglas County

Registration Form

Questions? Call Kim Zydek at (360) 753-1886 or email kzydek@wacounties.org

NAME

TITLE

ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE AND FAX NUMBERS

GUEST/SPOUSE NAME (if attending)

Registration Fees include Thursday and Friday morning Continental Breakfasts, Thursday lunch and Thursday dinner. You may purchase separate meal tickets for the Thursday evening dinner for your spouse or guests.

Pre-Paid Advance Registration Fee

\$75.00 (postmarked by September 14)

Regular Registration Fee

\$85.00 (postmarked after September 14)

Guest/Spouse - Thursday evening Rocky Reach Dinner

\$25.00

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Return form and payment by **September 14** to:
Washington State Association of Counties
206 Tenth Avenue SE ~ Olympia, WA 98501

Mickey O'Reilly's

560 Valley Mall Parkway
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Overnight Lodging

Call **Mickey O'Reilly's Inn at the River** (\$55 and up) at 800-922-3199 or the **Cedars Inn** (\$50 single, \$56 double) at 509-886-8000 to make your room reservations. Be sure to make your reservations **before September 6** and mention the *Washington State Association of Counties* to receive reduced rates.

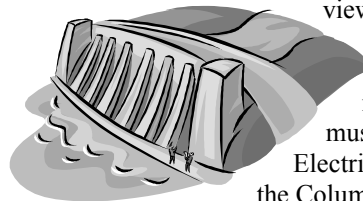
Registration & Fees

Send in your registration form with payment **before September 14** to qualify for the discounted Advance Registration Fee of \$75. After September 14, the registration fee increases to \$85.

Rocky Reach Dam Tour & Dinner

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27. The Douglas County Commissioners have planned a fabulous afternoon and evening for us, starting with a tour of the dam facilities led by the Chelan PUD and concluding with a mouthwatering home-style feast of Baked Ham, Baked Chicken and all the trimmings at the Rocky Reach Visitor Center! The Douglas County PUD will provide a short presentation during the banquet.

The **Rocky Reach Visitor Center**, located on the Chelan County side of the Rocky Reach Hydro Project, is a beautiful facility boasting panoramic views of the project.



The powerhouse holds two interpretive historical museums: Museum of Electricity and Museum of the Columbia - and balconies

provide views of the full length of the powerhouse, the spillway, fish ladder and Columbia River.

Adjacent to the visitor center and powerhouse are 30 acres of award-winning lawns and gardens.

This promises to be a great event! Don't forget, guests are always welcome and extra meal tickets may be purchased with your registration.

Look for the agenda on our website!

www.wacounties.org/wsac



Western District Meeting

October 11 & 12

Super 8 Motel, Long Beach

Registration Form

Questions? Call Kim Zydek at (360) 753-1886 or email kzydek@wacounties.org

NAME

TITLE

ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE AND FAX NUMBERS

GUEST/SPOUSE NAME (if attending)

Registration Fees include Wednesday evening reception, Thursday and Friday morning Continental Breakfasts, Thursday lunch and Thursday dinner. You may purchase separate meal tickets for the Thursday evening dinner for your spouse or guests.

Pre-Paid Advance Registration Fee

\$95.00 (postmarked by September 28)

Regular Registration Fee

\$105.00 (postmarked after September 28)

Guest/Spouse - Thursday evening Crab Feed

\$35.00

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Return form and payment by **September 28** to:
Washington State Association of Counties
206 Tenth Avenue SE ~ Olympia, WA 98501

Super 8 Motel

500 Ocean Beach Boulevard
Long Beach, WA 98631

Overnight Lodging

Super 8 Motel, call (360) 642-8988 to make your room reservations. We have also reserved a block of rooms at the **Ocean Lodge Motel 1 & 2** (rates from \$45 - \$60), call (360) 642-5400 for reservations. Be sure to make your reservations before September 12 and mention the *Washington State Association of Counties* to receive reduced rates.

Registration & Fees

Send in your registration form with payment before **September 28** to qualify for the discounted Advance Registration Fee of \$95. After September 28, the registration fee increases to \$105.

Reception at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center

After a long day of pre-meeting meetings (the Board of Directors and the Legislative Steering Committee will meet Wednesday afternoon, October 10), Pacific County Commissioners welcome you to Long Beach with a reception at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, perched on a 200-foot-high cliff, tells the story of Lewis and Clark and their journey from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean.

Annual Crab Feed

The Annual Crab Feed will be held on Thursday evening at the **Eagle's Nest Resort** in Ilwaco. Becky Fontana of Rebecca Inn Catering will be supplying all the fixings to go with the crab. Pacific County Commissioner Jon Kaino says she does "a really great job", so we are all looking forward to this new twist in an old tradition!



Dinner is included with your paid registration, but you are encouraged to bring guests. Please see the registration form for more information on purchasing guest tickets.

2002 Spring Site Selection

COMMISSIONERS/COUNCILMEMBERS: If your county is interested in hosting the **2002 Spring District Meeting**, you will need to provide a proposal that includes a hotel with, at minimum, 75 guest rooms, one meeting room large enough for 100 people, and another to hold 35 people. Please contact Kim Zydek if you have any questions, (360) 753-1886 or kzydek@wacounties.org.