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## **Scholarship Winners Announced -- Chelan County Students Take Three! --**

Congratulations to the winners of the 2001/02 Washington Counties Scholarships who were chosen this week! The \$1,500 Scholarship winners are:

**Brenda Buckner**, daughter of Pauline Coleman, Stevens County Commissioners' office, for the second year in a row. Brenda is in the College of Architecture at the University of Washington.

**Griffin Thornock**, daughter of Dave and Kathy Thornock, Chelan and Douglas County Health Districts. Griffin is a student at the University of Washington, and she is majoring in Civil Engineering.

**Kelsey Schmidt**, daughter of Alan Schmidt, Chelan County Public Works. Kelsey will be attending Washington State University and plans on becoming a pediatrician.

**Mitzi May Walter**, daughter of Ron Walter, Chelan County Commissioner. Mitzi is a student at Arizona State University and plans on becoming a nurse.

**Chelsea Combest-Friedman**, daughter of Cheryl Combest, Snohomish County Health District. Chelsea is a student at St. Michaels University School, in Victoria, B.C. and is interested in pursuing a career in international relations, as it relates to the environment.

Runners up were Jared Barnhill, son of Mary Ann Barnhill, Kitsap County Auditor's office, and Brett Christensen, son of Mary Christensen, King County Transportation and Road Services.

Details will be included in a coming edition of the *Courthouse Journal*.

## **Letter from the WSAC President**

*(Submitted by LeRoy Allison, President & Grant County Commissioner)*

When I wrote to county commissioners, county councilmembers and county executives last month inviting you all to the WSAC Annual Convention, I expressed my hope that this convention will be a platform for new and creative relationships between counties and the other governments we work with in serving our citizens. By working together, I am convinced that we can do more with less.

While it is indisputable that counties big

and small are suffering from severe budget crunches, many in the public -- including some of our governmental partners -- see the problem not as a revenue issue, but a spending issue. I suspect that often it is both.

The themes of our conference this year are Intergovernmental Relations and Reinventing Government. The connection there is that with declining income, county government—in fact, all levels of government -- needs to work to-

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gether better and smarter. And, some things that government has done might also need to be left undone in the future.

After attending the WSAC District Meetings in April, I have new confidence that counties are up to the task of meeting our obligations to the citizens we serve. And, we also are up to the tasks of working smarter and of making the case for more reliable support from the state for the state services we provide. It all goes hand in hand. As we operate more efficiently and effectively, our case with the voters and

with Olympia just gets better and better.

Not only will we be exploring new governmental partnerships at our Convention, we also will get hands-on training from one who's been there: Peter Hutchinson, the President of Public Strategies Group, a company that works with public managers and elected officials to transform their governments. He will speak on how to reinvent government on Thursday morning and provide a Thursday afternoon workshop that doubles as CPO Training (at no cost to those registered for the conference) titled "Budget Solutions: A 12-Step

program for improving services while cutting spending."

He will not be prescribing the traditional medicine of raising taxes and cutting spending but about results-oriented budgeting to improve government service while spending less. I look forward to hearing Mr. Hutchinson's success stories from other governments around the country as well as more of your successes. Please join your colleagues and me at the WSAC Annual Convention in Bellevue from June 18 through June 21 to learn and share.

## The Courthouse Journal

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## Budget, Finance and Taxes

### HUD Grants Online

More than \$2.2 billion in 41 grant categories was recently announced through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant Programs. The notice provides funding opportunities for competitive grant programs in areas such as community development, economic development and homeless assistance. The Federal Register Notice can be found at [www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fedreg/a020326c.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a020326c.html). Deadlines for grant application range from April 26 to July 23.

### WSAC Surveys Counties on Services, Funding and Inter-local Cooperation

On May 10, WSAC sent all county Chairs and Executives copies of a survey. The draft of the survey was shared with mem-

bers at the Western and Eastern District meetings. Many member suggestions were incorporated into the survey.

The current funding squeeze on counties has increased counties' interest in seeing how their peers fund various services, or if they offer them at all. At the district meetings, a number of members reported that they were cutting costs by working with other jurisdictions to gain economies of scale. The survey addresses these issues.

WSAC will share the results at the WSAC Convention in June in Bellevue.

### **FEMA Soliciting Comments on Grant Process**

While Congress has not yet acted on President Bush's proposal to provide \$3.5 billion in local first-responder grants, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is preparing to implement the program if and when Congress enacts it. As part of a preliminary exploration of the issues, FEMA is soliciting ideas from all interested parties on the design of the grant program and processes (Federal Register, April 16, 2002, pages 18621-18622, [http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002\\_register&docid=02-9153-filed](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-9153-filed)).

During the comment period, FEMA also will hold meetings on this subject with invited representatives from the state and local responder community and overall emergency management profession for the purpose of obtaining a variety of individual opinions. Written comments must be received by May 16 at the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Room 840, Washington DC 20472; fax: 202-646-4536; e-mail: [rules@fema.gov](mailto:rules@fema.gov).

### **Grants Will Fund Research on Drug Treatment in the Criminal Justice System**

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) invites cooperative agreement applications to participate in the National Criminal Justice Drug Abuse Treatment Research System (CJ-DATS). Awardees

will conduct and participate in coordinated multisite studies to conduct rigorous scientific research with offender populations across multiple settings including jails, prisons, and in the community.

The goal of the cooperative research program is to establish and utilize a research infrastructure to develop and test research-based, systems-level models that integrate public health and public safety approaches for criminal justice-involved individuals with addictive disorders. CJ-DATS research will be carried out in prisons, jails, and community-based treatment settings in collaboration with other awardees and with NIDA.

The CJ-DATS will consist of a Coordinating Center and multiple Research Centers. Each Center will work in concert with other Centers and NIDA to conduct multisite and cross-regional (nationwide) criminal justice-based treatment services research. Awardees will study systems-level models integrating drug abuse treatment with the criminal justice system.

NIDA intends to commit approximately \$3 million total costs for FY 2002. NIDA expects to make four to six awards for project periods of up to five years of support. It is anticipated that one award for the Coordinating Center will be made for approximately \$500,000 (including direct and facilities and administrative costs) per year. Approximately \$2.5 million per year will be distributed among three to five Research Centers.

Applications must be received by May 13. Application information is available online at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/>

[rfa-files/RFA-DA-02-011.html](http://rfa-files/RFA-DA-02-011.html). For further assistance contact Grants Info by telephone at 301-435-0714 or by e-mail at [GrantsInfo@nih.gov](mailto:GrantsInfo@nih.gov).

### **Awards Honor Innovative, Effective Justice Programs**

The Foundation for Improvement of Justice, Inc., encourages improvement in systems of justice and annually awards up to 10 nominees with a check for \$10,000. The awards recognize innovative programs that have proven effective and can serve as models for others.

The Foundation grants awards in the following categories: simplification of the law; crime prevention; child protection; speeding the process; effective restitution; crime victims' rights; alternative sentencing; reducing recidivism; lowering costs; and other significant efforts.

Nominations must be received by June 1. Nomination information is available online at <http://www.justiceawards.com/nominations.htm> or by contacting the foundation at 201 Saint Martin Drive, Suwanee, GA 30024, (770) 831-9411.

## Association of County Human Services (ACHS) Meets in Spokane May 15 – 17

ACHS will hold its bimonthly meeting in Spokane from May 15 – 17. The meetings will be held at the West Coast River Inn at 700 N. Division Street. On Wednesday, the Chemical Dependency Section will meet from 9:30 – 4. The morning's agenda will include the county roundtable discussion and workgroup reports from the treatment completion, prevention, and federal methamphetamine initiative. In the afternoon, the group will recognize Lee Smutzler's impending retirement in June. Lee has been the long-time human services coordinator in Stevens County. Central Office staff will join the group for the afternoon session and discuss needs assessment, regional meetings, the strategic plan, contract amendments, a budget update and planning for 03-05, sentencing reform, adolescent treatment and ADATSA.

The Developmental Disabilities Section will meet on Thursday from 9:30 – 4. In the morning, the group will discuss the 2001 fiscal closeout and start an initial discussion about the 2002 budget. In the afternoon, the Section will be joined by DDD Central Office staff and continue discussing the budget as well as planning for 03, the recent Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) study of Washington's DD program, and BARS accounting changes.

There will be a brief cross-section/business meeting from 11:30 – 12 covering a brief update on the cross-system crisis response work and the treasurer's report.

On Friday, the Mental Health Section will meet from 9:30 – 4. Staff from the Mental Health Division (MHD) will join the Section in the morning for a discussion of liquidated damages/data and steering committee, the prevalence study, performance indicator report, 10% administration survey, the MHD strategic plan, a planned June meeting with Rosie Oreskovitch, Assistant Secretary for the Children's Administration, interim legislative work (e.g. mental health ombuds), the Systems Improvement Group (SIG) IV work on the CMS waiver condition #4 regarding access to care. In the afternoon, the Section will talk about the Consumer Outcomes successful bidder and next steps in this process, an Eastern State Hospital – Expanded Community Services update, and county/regional support network priorities for the next session.

Since it is May, we all look forward to the recent snowfall being entirely gone and sunny skies and warmth for our visit to Eastern Washington. If there are any logistical questions, please contact Kasey Kramer at Spokane County Community Services at 509-477-5722.

## Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grants Available for Mental Health Service

1. SAMHSA and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) are announcing the availability of funds for grants to increase the availability of mental health and primary care services for homeless persons with serious mental illnesses.

Approximately \$3.1 million in funding will be available to fund two types of grants. Program Grants aim to increase collaboration between HRSA's Health Care for the Homeless programs and SAMHSA's Community Mental Health Agencies. Some \$1.4 million will be available from HRSA to support seven to nine Health Care for the Homeless grants. In addition, some \$1.4 million will be available from SAMHSA to support seven to nine Community Mental Health Agencies programs. The average award is expected to range from \$150,000 to \$200,000 per year in total costs, for a period of up to three years. SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) will administer the Agency's portion of the grants.

The second type of grant is a single award totaling approximately \$300,000 for an Evaluation Center. This grant will be awarded for a period of up to three years. SAMHSA's CMHS will administer this award.

Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) Program Grant applicants may apply only if they are current recipients of HCH funds and have an existing partnership with a Community Mental Health Agency or the capacity to develop such collaboration. For Community Mental Health Agencies (CMHA) Program Grant applicants, private nonprofit community mental health facilities that have an existing partnership with a Health Care for the Homeless program, or the capacity to develop such collaboration, may apply.

For the Evaluation Center, states, political subdivisions of states, tribal governments and other public and private non-

profit entities such as community-based organizations, universities, colleges, faith-based organizations, consumer and family organizations, independent research institutes and hospitals may apply.

This program announcement is No. SM 02-013. Guidance for Applicants (GFA No. SM 02-013) is available from SAMHSA's web site at [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov) or by phone from SAMHSA's Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN) at 1-800-789-2647. APPLICATION DUE DATE: June 19, 2002.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Applicants with questions on the HCH component and related grants management issues or the Evaluation Center should contact Jean L. Hochron, M.P.H., at 301-594-4430 or [jhochron@hrsa.gov](mailto:jhochron@hrsa.gov). Applicants with questions on the CMHA component or the Evaluation Center should contact Pamela J. Fischer, Ph.D., at 301-443-4569 or [pfischer@samhsa.gov](mailto:pfischer@samhsa.gov). Queries on CMHA and evaluation-center grants management issues should be directed to Steve Hudak at 301-443-9666 or [shudak@samhsa.gov](mailto:shudak@samhsa.gov).

2. SAMHSA is announcing the availability of funds for grants to develop, implement and evaluate training programs that will increase mental health workers' ability to provide culturally appropriate services to racial and ethnic minorities. Approximately \$1.6 million in funding will be available to fund up to four grants. The average award is expected to range from \$300,000 to \$400,000 per year in total costs. The grants will be awarded for a period of up to three years. SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) will administer the grants.

State and local or Indian tribe governments, universities and colleges, community-based organizations, health care delivery systems, consumer and family organizations, faith-based organizations, and tribal organizations may apply. Minority-based nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply.

This program announcement is No. SM 02-005. Guidance for Applicants (GFA No. SM 02-005) is available from SAMHSA's web site at [www.SAMHSA.gov](http://www.SAMHSA.gov) or by phone from SAMHSA's Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN) at 1-800-789-2647. APPLICATION DUE DATE: June 19, 2002.

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licants with questions on program issues should contact Kano Enamoto at 301-443-9324 or [kenamoto@SAMHSA.gov](mailto:kenamoto@SAMHSA.gov). Queries on grants management issues should be directed to Steve Hudak at 301-443-9666 or [shudak@SAMHSA.gov](mailto:shudak@SAMHSA.gov).

3. SAMHSA is announcing the availability of funds for grants to divert persons with mental illness from the criminal justice system to community-based mental health and allied social services, and supportive services such as health care, housing and job placement. Approximately \$3 million in funding will be available to fund up to 10 grants, having an average award of no more than \$300,000 in total costs per grant, for a period of up to three years. Receipt of funding is contingent on a non-Federal cost sharing of 25 percent for cash and in-kind items, including providing new services.

A separate type of award (one only) of no more than \$1 million will be made for a grant to address the technical assistance and policy analysis needs of grant recipients under this program, as well as relevant mental health stakeholders. This grant will be awarded for a period of up to four years. SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) will administer the grants.

State, political subdivisions of states, Indian tribes and tribal organizations, may apply. Applicants for the technical assistance grant may also include public and private universities and nonprofit agencies. Faith-based organizations, consumer organizations, consumer supporter organizations and organizations representing people of color may apply in partnership with other applicants identified above. This program announcement is No. SM 02-010. Guidance for Applicants (GFA No. SM 02-010) is available from SAMHSA's web site at [www.SAMHSA.gov](http://www.SAMHSA.gov) or by phone from SAMHSA's Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN) at 1-800-789-2647.

APPLICATION DUE DATE: June 19, 2002. Applications for a second round of three-year awards with expected FY 2003 funding have a due date of September 10, 2002.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Applicants with questions on program issues should contact Susan Salasin at 301-443-3653 or [ssalasin@SAMHSA.gov](mailto:ssalasin@SAMHSA.gov). Queries on grants management issues should be directed to Steve Hudak at 301-443-9666 or [shudak@SAMHSA.gov](mailto:shudak@SAMHSA.gov).

4. SAMHSA is announcing the availability of funds for grants to increase service capacity for older persons with mental health needs. Approximately \$5 million in funding will be available to fund up to 10 grants. The grants will be awarded for a period of up to three years. As many as nine grants of up to \$400,000 each will be made to help provide services and to build supporting infrastructure. One grant of approximately \$1.4 million will fund a national technical assistance center for the mental health needs of older adults. SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) will administer the grants.

State and territory agencies or departments; county, city and state regional agencies; Indian tribes or tribal organizations; private, not-for-profit agencies; and public or private universities may apply. This program announcement is No. SM 02-009. Guidance for Applicants (GFA No. SM 02-009) is available from SAMHSA's web site at [www.SAMHSA.gov](http://www.SAMHSA.gov) or by phone from SAMHSA's Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN) at 1 (800) 789-2647. APPLICATION DUE DATE: June 19, 2002

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Applicants with questions on program issues should contact Betsy McDonel Herr, Ph.D. at (301) 594-2197 or [bmcdonel@SAMHSA.gov](mailto:bmcdonel@SAMHSA.gov). Queries on grants management issues should be directed to Steve Hudak at 301-443-9666 or [shudak@SAMHSA.gov](mailto:shudak@SAMHSA.gov).

5. SAMHSA is announcing the availability of funds for grants to develop and enhance youth violence prevention activities in communities and schools. Approximately \$2.8 million in funding will be available to fund 12 to 16 projects. Of these, some six to eight awards will be made to address youth violence in vulnerable populations, with a maximum amount of \$150,000 per year in total costs, for a period of two years. Another six to eight awards will also be made for School-Based Mental Health, for a maximum of \$200,000 per year in total costs, for a period of up to two years. SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) will administer these grants.

Community-based organizations, such as community-based advocacy, health, mental health, social service, faith-based service, parent and teacher associations, consumer and family organizations, and service organizations serving ethnic, cultural, or social minority groups may apply,

along with existing community collaborations, coalitions and partnerships focusing on youth violence prevention or services to a vulnerable youth population. Public or private educational systems, institutions and agencies; public or private mental health systems, institutions and agencies; local law enforcement agencies or affiliated organizations; tribal government units and organizations; and other public agencies or nonprofit organizations may also apply. Public and private schools and school systems may apply for the school-based mental health component. Currently funded Safe Schools/ Healthy Students and CMHS Coalitions for Prevention PRISM grantees may NOT apply.

This program announcement is No. SM 02-007. Guidance for Applicants (GFA No. SM 02-007) is available from SAMHSA's web site at [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov) or by phone from SAMHSA's Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN) at 1-800-789-2647. APPLICATION DUE DATE: June 19, 2002

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Applicants with questions on program issues should contact Malcolm Gordon, Ph. D., at [mgordon@samhsa.gov](mailto:mgordon@samhsa.gov) or 301-443-2957. Applicants may also contact Pat Shea, M.S.W., M.A., at [pshea@samhsa.gov](mailto:pshea@samhsa.gov) or 301-443-3655. Queries on grants management issues should be directed to Steve Hudak at 301-443-9666 or [shudak@samhsa.gov](mailto:shudak@samhsa.gov).

## The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration provides new Summary of Grant Opportunities

SAMHSA today announced the availability of a new issue of Snapshot, a series dedicated to simplifying and amplifying information about SAMHSA's grant programs. Service providers, state and local substance abuse and mental health administrators, educators, consumers, faith and family organizations will find that Snapshot provides information they need about SAMHSA's grant programs in one readable and compact source.

This issue of Snapshot gives potential grant applicants a preliminary view of funding opportunities in substance abuse prevention, addiction treatment, and mental health services for fiscal year 2002.

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The volume provides a brief overview of just how SAMHSA's grant review process works, providing suggestions about how to get started in grant writing, identification of what an application packet should contain, and tips about "what works" in the development and presentation of applications.

**Snapshot** details all of SAMHSA's planned FY 2002 Guidance for Applications (GFAs) from the Center for Mental Health Services, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. In addition to eligibility criteria, project descriptions, and funding priorities, readers will find information about anticipated announcement, receipt and award dates for each GFA. The volume also provides contact information for the particular GFA. Some changes may occur in the scope and emphasis of some of the grant announcements between today and their publication in the Federal Register and on line at the SAMHSA web site.

**Snapshot** is available at no cost from SAMHSA. Send an e-mail with your name and address to [snapshot@samhsa.gov](mailto:snapshot@samhsa.gov) for a copy by mail, or download a copy from the SAMHSA web site [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov). Alternatively, call or fax SAMHSA's Office of Policy and Program Coordination (301/443-4111; 301/594-6159-Fax). As they become available, details regarding all SAMHSA funding opportunities will be published in the Federal Register and may be found on the SAMHSA website at [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov). Call 800-729-6686 for application kits for the CSAP and CSAT programs. Application kits for the CMHS programs are available by calling 800-789-2647.

## Farm Worker Housing Demonstration Project in Mattawa, Grant County

On Thursday, May 2, the Mattawa Farm Worker Housing Demonstration Project held its opening ceremonies and open house for visitors. Grant County Commissioners Leroy Allison and Deborah Moore joined WSAC staff, Bill Vogler accompanied by his wife, BJ, Jean Wessman, and Jim Potts in attending the ceremonies. Some 50 plus dignitaries attended including Busse Nutley, Director, state Office of Community Development (OCD), Ray Price, Assistant Director for Housing,

OCD, Tomas Villanueva, Special Assistant to Secretary Dennis Braddock, DSHS, Lupe Gamboa, Farmworkers' Union, the City of Mattawa elected officials, Ken Sterner, Executive Director of the North Columbia Community Action Council who holds the financial risk for the project, several local growers, interested parties from Wenatchee and Chelan County, building contractors, and interested members of the public.

After a brief welcoming ceremony, there was a reception and guided tour of the eight housing structures available on the site. The housing ranged from two-story three bedrooms, two bath family homes to bunkhouse style units. The ninth structure on the site was what will be the Mattawa Public Library, a 2000 square foot straw bale building which also served as the location for the reception. The demonstration project was developed to illustrate unique building product models for farm worker housing developments. Each of the structures represents alternate forms of construction. They share characteristics of energy efficiency, cost effectiveness, and durability. To more fully evaluate their actual energy cost savings, the project will be revisited in one year. Among the technologies demonstrated on the site were the previously mentioned straw bale construction, fiberglass panel systems, panels with aluminum skins and expanded polystyrene foam interiors, manufactured housing, concrete, combination galvanized steel roof trusses, floor joists and roofing with foam and fiberglass panels. Most of the houses were finished with stucco exteriors giving a traditional southwestern flavor to the buildings compatible with many of their hoped for locations in eastern Washington.

This demonstration project is an outstanding example of cooperation between government, community organizations, and the private sector. WSAC staff were highly impressed with the work accomplished at this site and want to personally thank the state Office of Community Development led by Busse Nutley and Ray Price, Grant County, the City of Mattawa, the North Columbia Community Action Council, the builder, Northwest Building Systems and general contractor, George Harrison for all of their efforts in bringing this to fruition. While change has been unfortunately slow in coming to housing for farm workers, this project shows what

can be accomplished to improve and increase permanent, seasonal, and temporary farm worker housing across Washington State making a huge difference in the lives of workers and their families who contribute so much to our economy and the health of the state.

## King County Council Approves 2002 Work Plan for Regional Policy Committee with Focus on Health and Human Services

Earlier this week, the King County Council approved the 2002 work plan for the Regional Policy Committee. The Committee will now focus its work during the next several months on health and human services. It will deliberate and make its recommendations to the Council prior to transmittal of the Executive's Proposed Budget for 2003.

The work plan is part of a major initiative to preserve essential health and human service programs in the face of severe state, county, and city budget shortfalls. The Committee, chaired by former state senator, King County Councilmember Julia Patterson, and including elected officials from Suburban Cities, Seattle and King County, will work with various human service providers over the next six months to develop "lifeline support" for the most essential human services needed throughout the region. According to Councilmember Patterson, she has "confidence that our work over the next six months will produce real options for protecting our most vulnerable residents – young and old alike" because of the support from fellow elected officials.

The Regional Policy Committee was created by the voters in 1992 as part of the Metro-King County merger and is empowered to develop regional plans for public health, human services, open space, housing, solid waste management, criminal justice, jails, and district court services.

## Pierce County Holds County Meth Summit

Pierce County held their meth summit on May 6 as a follow-up to the statewide meth summit, which was held last August. Approximately 300 people from throughout the county attended the summit. Unfortu-

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nately Pierce County has become known as the state's meth capital. In 2001 crews cleaned up 585 meth labs and dumpsites in the county, more than double the number in King County and nearly a third of those in the entire state. Public health officials, educators, civic activists, real estate agents, faith groups, human services providers, business executives, clean-up crewmembers, and high school students were among the attendees along with law enforcement who hosted the event.

Prosecutor Gerry Horne provided additional information to the audience including the increase in those charged with making meth from 10 in 1997 to 355 in 2001. Another area of concern is the increase in usage among teenagers causing additional dropouts from school. Medical staff from the local hospital noted the negative impact on children found in homes with meth labs. A recent survey of 400 residents found that meth was ranked as the county's most pressing public health problem with domestic violence second and alcohol misuse

third.

Participants then split into groups and developed ideas for combating meth in the county. These recommendations included educating real estate agents on how to spot meth labs, how to deal with contaminated property; better coordinating treatment providers; focusing on recovery and providing hope to addicts; limiting the availability of over-the-counter medicines used in making meth; and increasing education in schools and to those who deal with the children of meth users.

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## Environment, Land Use and Resources

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### Recent Changes in Brownfields Law

President Bush recently signed Brownfields law that relieves small business, who may have dumped a minuscule amount of toxins on a polluted parcel, from liability. The legislation also protects those not directly responsible for any pollution of a site. This has been an issue with new owners. The law allows the federal government to pay for site evaluation and cleanup to a new standard of remediation. The old standard required a site be restored to fully pristine condition before it could be reused. The new legislation considers the potential future use. For example, contaminated land being cleared for a warehouse doesn't have to be as clean as land being used for a school. The new standard is bringing a parcel up to a "clean-enough" standard rather than the old absolute one.

In addition, on its way to the House floor is federal bill HR 2941, Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act, which just passed the House Financial Services Committee on April 11. The bill would facilitate the provision of assistance by the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for the cleanup and economic development of Brownfield sites. If approved, the new legislation will provide money to local governments through HUD for the redevelopment of Brownfields sites, reauthorize an existing Brownfields redevelopment program at HUD and create a cleanup and loan guarantee program.

### Workshops on Model Ordinance for Critical Areas

The Office of Community Development (OCD) is presenting four free workshops

on a draft model ordinance for critical areas. The model ordinance was designed to offer local governments a guide to effective regulatory and non-regulatory options for protecting critical areas' functions. You can find the draft model ordinance on the OCD website at [www.oed.wa.gov/info/lgd/growth](http://www.oed.wa.gov/info/lgd/growth).

You can register by e-mailing [athenas@cted.wa.gov](mailto:athenas@cted.wa.gov). For additional information on the workshops, please contact OCD at 360-725-3000. The workshops will be presented in the following locations:

**Spokane-** Tuesday, May 14- West Coast Ridpath Hotel

**Wenatchee-** Wednesday- May 15- Wenatchee Convention Center

**Lynnwood-** Wednesday- May 22- Embassy Suites

**Lacey-** Thursday- May 23- Lacey Community Center

The OCD has worked with several state agencies and local planners to develop this draft but intends to use these workshops as another opportunity to receive input from you. However, the OCD staff, Chris Parsons [chrisp@cted.wa.gov](mailto:chrisp@cted.wa.gov) would appreciate any comments as soon as possible. Please copy WSAC staff, Jackie White [jwhite@wacounties.org](mailto:jwhite@wacounties.org) and Paul Parker [pparker@wacounties.org](mailto:pparker@wacounties.org) with your comments.

### DOE Welcomes Applications for The 2002 Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention and Sustainable Practices

The Department of Ecology (DOE) will accept applications through June 7, 2002, for The 2002 Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention and Sustainable Practices.

This award honors achievement in pollution prevention and sustainable practices. Pollution prevention is the reduction or elimination of waste at the source instead of at the end of a process. Pollution prevention strives to use raw materials, water, energy and other resources more efficiently, and to reduce the use and emission of toxic substances whenever possible. Sustainable practices have even higher goals: to eliminate the use of persistent substances and to address the impacts of a product or process upstream to the supply chain and downstream to impacts from the use and disposal of a product. The broader goal of sustainability promotes choices which do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their needs, and focuses attention on the interdependence of environmental, economic, and community goals. Pollution Prevention and Sustainable Practices include: Toxics Reduction, Waste Reduction, Resource Conservation, and Product Stewardship.

Apply on-line at [www.ecy.wa.gov/sustainability](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/sustainability), download the application from the web, complete it, and attach it to an e-mail message to: [aber461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:aber461@ecy.wa.gov), or download the application, complete it, and mail three paper copies to: Anch Bergeson, Governor's Award Office, HWTR, Department of Ecology, PO Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600.

### **DNR Map Fee Increase**

At the May 7 Board of Natural Resources meeting there was an update on the map recording fee increase by Dave Steele, Survey Manager. The intent is to increase the fee from \$26 to \$46. He explained a combination of the auditors recording fee and user fees funded the Public Land Survey Office. He described this Office as the only statewide repository of surveys, both recorded and unrecorded and went on to say the last increase in recording fees had been in 1987.

Mr. Steele explained the increase was due to a SAO (State Auditor's Office) audit. Previously, for administrative fees charged to the Public Land Survey Office DNR had simply written off the minimal 6%. The audit advised them to use actual, something closer to 26%-28%. Mr. Steele went on to say that this \$20 fee increase would not provide any new service, but strictly bring the Office "out of the hole" and offered several graphs to support this

point. He said his staff worked with county auditors, surveyors and had gotten the word out through newsletters, flyers and information bulletin to surveyors. He also reminded the Board that Jim Hurst had discussed the issue with them at their December board meeting. At that time DNR was proposing legislation to allow for the \$20 increase since it would exceed 601 spending limitations. Mr. Steele said the legislation had been adopted and the original intent was to write an emergency rule to go into affect on June 13 to coincide with the low-income housing fee. After consultation with the Attorney General's office they were informed that it was not advisable to use the emergency rule process. The rule being changed is WAC 332-150-030 and the changes are the implementation date and the amount of the fee.

Lisa Goldsworthy, Records Manager for Bob Terwilliger, Snohomish County Auditor, gave public testimony for the Washington State Auditor's Association.

She told the Board the Auditor's were against the fee increase, particularly since the recording fees were already being increased \$10 for low income housing. She explained their offices were going to get the majority of the complaints from the public for the new fees and asked that DNR give them information to distribute regarding the use of the additional fees. She also asked to be provided with information on the user group of the Public Land Survey Office.

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## *General Government and Miscellaneous*

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### **Deferred Compensation Matching Program Available**

In addition to the traditional deferred compensation program, NACo's Financial Services Center (FSC) and Nationwide Retirement Solutions offers a Deferred Compensation Matching Program. The program, which became available in April 2000, is open to any county with a NACo Deferred Compensation Program in place or to counties desiring to start a deferred compensation plan.

A matching program operates very much like a private sector (401) a plan. Employers may offer a matching contribution to the employee in order to create an incentive for the employees to participate in the retirement plan. Under the NACo program, employees contribute to their individual 457 deferred compensation accounts. The county contributes a matching amount (either a percentage of pay or a specific dollar amount) into the 401 (a) defined contribution plan accounts that setup on behalf of the county employee. In counties that offer the match program, deferred compensation participation has increased significantly – frequently going from a participation level of 30% to 70%.

Both the employee and the county benefit from the program.

Employees are motivated to begin to participating or increasing their contributions to the deferred compensation plan. Employees receive retirement funding from two sources: their 457 and 401(a) accounts, thus increasing the total amount they may defer tax free each year. Also, employees are always 100 percent vested in the 401(a) accounts and 401 (a) assets can be rolled over to an IRA or other qualified plan if the plan accepts rollovers. Investments in both accounts are employee-directed and the investment options are identical.

The employer determines the dollar amount of the match, thus controlling the budgetary aspects of the program. Since the programs are coordinated with the existing deferred compensation program, there are limited additional administrative costs to the program.

For employers that are members of the Social Security system, the contributions to the 401(a) are generally not subject to FICA and FUTA. The employer also creates the opportunity to provide lump sum/rollover distribution of the 401(a) account

into another qualified plan if that plan accepts the rollover.

Employees participating in the NACo Deferred Compensation and Match Programs can call the same toll free line for customers, use the same Internet, and have the same investment options for both accounts.

Counties can easily implement the program through their existing Nationwide Retirement Solutions/PEBSCO representative. "This program is a huge incentive for participants to begin saving for their retirements," said Larry Naake, NACo Executive Director "the match program is an exciting new addition to our very successful deferred compensation program. I hope all counties will examine it carefully for implementation for their employees."

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## *Upcoming Events and Training*

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### **Statewide Broadcast to Connect Communities to Digital Opportunities**

WSAC and WACO have been working with Washington State University and the Certified Public Official (CPO) program to develop opportunities to deliver training to our counties using satellite technology. This will reduce costs for travel and time away from your county. We are pleased to assist with promoting the second in a series of broadcasts.

Community leaders from across the State of Washington will join together May 22, 2002, at 11:00 a.m. via satellite broadcast. Discussion will include how community leaders can turn an interest in information communications technologies into sustainable strategies for modern digital opportunities, economic development, and other community benefits. The statewide satellite event, organized by the Washing-

ton State University Center to Bridge the Digital Divide, is the second of six planned during 2002.

The satellite broadcasts are intended to bring together community leaders from across the state to share ideas and strategies on how modern digital technologies can be applied to benefit economic development, education, health care and governance in rural communities. Each broadcast will include brief presentations from community leaders and other experts discussing topics ranging from strategies for community organization to creating jobs and improved government services through the use of telecommunications.

Business, education, health care, citizen and government leaders will have the opportunity to view the broadcasts and participate in discussions at 20 locations (see attached). Those attending broadcasts at each location will be encouraged to participate in follow-up discussions with others

across the state via an electronic discussion group hosted by the WSU Center to Bridge the Digital Divide, immediately following each broadcast.

The broadcast on May 22 will provide live interaction with a small town city attorney who is also a dedicated community leader who took charge, a network lender, and a state government expert who will share their experience in turning community vision into reality. Participate in the statewide discussion and find out about resources available to help you take charge in your community in creating the incentive for service providers to invest in new and existing information and communications technology opportunities.

Visit the Washington State University Center to Bridge the Digital Divide website for more information at <http://www.cbdd.wsu.edu>. Information may also be accessed via the link on the WSAC Website.

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## *Courthouse Ramblings*

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### **Courthouse Ramblings**

Whitman County Prosecutor **Jim Kaufman** has announced that he will not be pursuing a fifth term in office, after 18 years in his present position. Kaufman was appointed to the office in May of 1984

and said he is thankful that the voters have entrusted him with the office over the years, but that it was time to move on. Jim has been active in both the Washington Association of County Officials and the Washington Association of Prosecuting

Attorneys (WAPA) and served as WAPA president in 1997-98. Jim and his wife, Leslie, who also practices law, have two children, Daniel, 14 and Hillary, 11. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors!

# Calendar of Events

- May 15-17  
WAPA *Support Staff Training Program* – Icicle Inn, Leavenworth. Administrative Assistant & Victim Witness Tracks, 15 hrs CLE
- May 15–17  
ACHS, Spokane
- May 20–23  
Washington State Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs’ (WASPC) Spring Conference, WestCoast Wenatchee Center Hotel, Wenatchee
- May 22–24  
WIR, Yellowstone County, billings MT
- May 29  
WSAC *Timber Workshop*, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Ellensburg Best Inn
- May 30  
WSAC *Timber Workshop*, 9–12 Spokane, County Human Resources Dept., Spokane
- May 30-31  
WAPA *District Court Training Program* – Holiday Inn, SeaTac. 15 hours of CLE
- June 10-13  
International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners and Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners Joint Conference, West Coast Hotel, Seattle.
- June 15  
American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators certification testing, 8:00 a.m.–noon, Room 2605, Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham, OR.
- June 16–19  
Government Finance Officers’ Association (GFOA) Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado
- June 17  
WSALPHO Meeting in conjunction with WSAC Summer Convention, Bellevue
- June 17–20  
Washington State Association of County Assessors’ Annual Conference, Rosario Resort, Orcas Island
- June 18  
WCIF Board in conjunction with WSAC
- Summer Conference, 4:30 – 6:30, Hilton Bellevue
- June 18  
CPO *Financial Management: Understanding County Government Financing*, Bellevue—Cost: \$120, CPO Credits: 4 (Core Course). An additional elective course will also be offered at the Summer convention, topic TBD
- June 18–21  
WSAC Summer Convention, Bellevue
- June 18–21  
Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Annual Conference, Yakima
- June 19–21  
Washington State Association of Prosecuting Attorneys’ (WAPA) Summer Training Program, Campbell’s Lodge, Chelan
- June 22–26  
National Sheriffs Association’s Annual Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- June 24–28  
Washington State Association of County Clerks’ Annual Conference, Best Western Suites, Walla Walla
- June 24–28  
Washington State Association of County Treasurers’ Annual Conference, Lakeway Inn, Bellingham
- July 9–12  
Northwest Regional Election Conference 2002, Jantzen Beach Doubletree Hotel, Portland
- July 12–16  
NACo Annual Conference, New Orleans Parish, New Orleans, LA
- July 17–19  
ACHS, Clark County
- July 24  
CPO *Washington Counties Risk Pool—Leadership Skills in Response to Current Issues*, Spokane—Cost: Free to Risk Pool Members, \$50 non-members, CPO Credits: 4 (Elective Course)
- June 19-21  
WAPA *Summer Training Program* - Campbell’s Lodge, Lake Chelan. Civil &
- Criminal Tracks, 15 hours of CLE.
- August 22  
WCIP Board/Rate Setting Session, 9-3 pm SeaTac
- September 4-6  
WAPA *Drug Training Program* – Icicle Inn, Leavenworth. 15 hrs of CLE.
- September 8-10  
WAPA *Juvenile Training Program* – Icicle Inn, Leavenworth. 15 hrs of CLE.
- September 10–13  
City/County Planning Directors, Lake Chelan
- September 12  
WSALPHO Meeting, Spokane
- September 18–20  
ACHS, Leavenworth
- September 19  
WCIF/WCIP Boards/Insurance Advisory Committee (All Day Meeting), SeaTac
- September 30–October 4  
WACO/WSAC Annual Conference, WestCoast Hotel & Convention Center, Wenatchee
- October 1  
CPO *Personnel/Human Resources—Understand the Laws; Maximize Your Personnel System*, Wenatchee—Cost: \$120, CPO Credits: 4 (Core Course)
- October 2  
CPO *The Class-Act County Government Official—Building Courthouse Partnerships*, Wenatchee—Cost TBD, CPO Credits: 2 (Elective Course)
- November 14  
WCIF Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.–noon, Eastern Washington Location
- November 18–21  
WASPC Annual Fall Conference, Red Lion Hotel at the Quay, Vancouver
- November 20–22  
ACHS, Seattle
- December 5  
WSALPHO Meeting, SeaTac

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## *Calendar of Events*

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December 10–13

*CPO Newly Elected Officials Training—Understanding Your New Job at the Courthouse*, Olympia—Cost: TBD, CPO Credits: All newly elected officials **must** attend to become certified.

December 12-13

WAPA Winter Meeting and Banquet – Crowne Plaza Hotel, Seattle.

### **2003 MEETINGS**

May 19–22

WASPC Spring Conference, WestCoast Grand Hotel, Spokane

June 24-27, 2003

WSAC Summer Convention, Spokane

July 11–15, 2003

NACo Annual Conference, Milwaukee County, Milwaukee, WI

September 29–October 3, 2003

Joint WACO/WSAC Conference, Doubletree Hotel Seattle Airport

November 17-20

WASPC Fall Conference, Campbell's Resort, Chelan

### **2004 MEETINGS**

May 24–27

WASPC Spring Conference, Yakima Convention Center, Yakima

June 22–25, 2004

WSAC Summer Convention, Sheraton Tacoma, Pierce County

July 16–20, 2004

NACo Annual Conference Maricopa County, Phoenix, AZ

October 4–8, 2004

WACO/WSAC Joint Legislative Confer-

ence, WestCoast Grand Hotel at the Park, Spokane

November 15-18

WASPC Fall Conference, Shilo Inn, Ocean Shores

### **2005 MEETINGS**

May 23-26

WASPC Spring Conference, West Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel, Wenatchee

July 15-19, 2005

NACo Annual Conference, City & County of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI

# Employment Opportunities

**DOUGLAS COUNTY** – Transportation and Land Services - Survey Party Chief - position is based in the East Wenatchee office. Salary range is \$2924 to \$3321 per month depending on qualifications, attractive benefits package. Requirements include, but are not limited to, a completed application and resume and a valid Washington State drivers license. This position also requires five years as a survey technician, certification as level II instrument tech OR a two-year degree in surveying, certification as level II instrument technician and two years as a survey technician.

This position is responsible for the supervision of the survey crew during collection of field data for boundary surveys, road and bridge design, right-of-way acquisition and construction staking to design specifications. Position is open until filled. For more information and an application packet, please call Angie Davis-Collie at (509) 884-7173 or e-mail at [acollie@co.douglas.wa.us](mailto:acollie@co.douglas.wa.us). More info at website: [www.douglascountywa.net](http://www.douglascountywa.net).

**KITSAP COUNTY** - Collections Supervisor, Public Works/Wastewater. Salary: \$22.64 - \$28.90/hr, \$47,091.20 - \$60,112.00/yr. Opening Date - April 22, 2002 – Closing Date - May 31, 2002. Applications are available in the Personnel office or at [www.kitsapgov.com](http://www.kitsapgov.com). The following items are required: 1) Kitsap County Application form. 2) Supplemental questionnaire. 3) If you would like your technical school or college level education considered, please attach copies of transcripts or certificate/diploma. Verification of education must be received by time of appointment. 4) Application must be received by the personnel office or post-marked prior to May 31, 2002.

General Statement: An employee in this position plans, organizes, and supervises the work of assigned employees in the operation and maintenance of wastewater and storm water collection systems and solid waste facilities for Kitsap County. Work assignments are received with general and limited technical instruction and require considerable independence in the selection of courses of action and resolution of complex or unique problems within the framework of department policies and procedures under limited direction. Work is reviewed by supervisor for effective operation of assigned functions and evaluated through conferences, reports and results

obtained.

Minimum Qualifications: High School Diploma, or GED, vocational training in sanitary, chemical engineering, biology, environmental sciences, or closely related field preferred, and five years of progressively responsible work experience in the operation and maintenance of a primary or secondary wastewater treatment plant or in wastewater or storm water conveyance system maintenance repair and replacement, including two years of supervisory or lead responsibility; or any equivalent combination of experience and education which provides the applicant with the desired skills, knowledge and ability required to perform the work.

Must possess a Washington State Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with Endorsement "N" for the operation of related equipment including certification to operate vehicles with air brakes. Must possess a valid Washington State Wastewater Collection Specialist II Certification, Flagging Certification Card, and current Washington State Industrial First Aid Certification. Prior to employment, a selected applicant must provide a driving record abstract from the Washington State Department of Licensing.

Note: In accordance with federal regulations and Kitsap County Drug and Alcohol Policy and Procedures, no applicant will be allowed to work in this position for Kitsap County until he/she has successfully passed urine drug testing. In accordance with WAC 296-62-07150 and WAC 296-62-09027, medical evaluations, to include the ability to use a respirator and audiometric testing, will be conducted on successful applicants prior to employment. A criminal background check through law enforcement agencies will be conducted on all successful applicants prior to their being appointed to this position.

**KITSAP COUNTY** - Manager – Equipment Services Division, Public Works – Roads & Engineering. Salary: \$24.97 - \$31.88/nr, \$51,937.60 - \$66,310.40/yr. Opening Date: April 22, 2002 – Closing Date: May 24, 2002

Application packets are available in the personnel office or at [www.kitsapgov.com](http://www.kitsapgov.com). The following items are required: Kitsap County Application form. 2) Supplemental Questionnaire. 3) If you would like your technical school or college-level education considered, please attach copies

of transcripts or certificate/diploma verification of education must be received by time of appointment. 4) Application must be received by the personnel office or post-marked prior to May 24, 2002.

General Statement: Plans, organizes, and manages all operations of the equipment services division to assure the efficient and timely maintenance and replacement of the majority of county-owned vehicles and road construction and maintenance equipment and the development of adequate rental rates to cover maintenance, operation and replacement costs. Includes overseeing the operation of the County's mechanical shops, central stores and sign manufacturing shop as well as underground fueling facilities throughout the County. Work assignments are received with little or no technical instruction and require the selection of course of action and resolution of complex or unique problems with considerable latitude for independent judgment to develop procedures, systems and establish priorities working within the framework of established administrative guidelines. Work is reviewed by the Director for compliance with established policies and objectives and is evaluated through reports, conferences, and results obtained.

Minimum Qualifications Technical training in fleet management, or closely related field, and five years of progressively responsible experience in large fleet/equipment management, including specification writing with a government agency, with two years of supervisory or lead responsibilities is required; or any equivalent combination of experience and education which provides the applicant with the desired skills, knowledge and ability required to perform the work.

Must be able to meet all traveling requirements of the position. If utilizing a personal or County owned vehicle in the performance of County work, must possess and maintain a valid Washington State Driver's License and the appropriate amount of automobile insurance.

Prior to employment, a selected applicant must provide a driving record abstract from the Washington State Department of Licensing.

**GRANT COUNTY** – Deputy Prosecuting Attorney - Salary \$42,800 plus; DOE/DOQ. Grant County is seeking a moti-

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vated individual for Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Position will be responsible for providing extensive research and writing for the appeals process and to assist in prosecuting persons charged with crimes, with opportunities to try cases in court.

Ideal candidate will have excellent written and verbal communication skills, presentation skills, organization skills, solid legal skills and a desire for criminal trial practice. Previous in-court prosecution, research and writing experience strongly preferred. Member of the Washington State Bar Association required. Also requires valid Washington State driver's license with no restrictions.

Grant County is located in beautiful Central Washington with more than 247,000 surface acres of water for every type of recreation. Home of the Grant Coulee Dam, the largest concrete structure on earth. Enjoys four distinct seasons with generally mild winters and sunny summers. Position located in Ephrata, which boasts ideal conditions for glider competition and an easy drive to Seattle and Spokane.

Grant County offers a generous benefits package. Please see our website at [www.grantcounty-wa.com](http://www.grantcounty-wa.com) for more information. Send cover letters, resumes and writing examples to: Grant County, Human Resources, P O Box 37, Ephrata, WA 98823. Open until May 31, 2002, or until filled. Grant County is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

**PIERCE COUNTY** - Public Works & Utilities Department - Civil Engineer 2 - Program Development (Job #2493) - \$53,352 - \$68,348 Annually. Closes: May 17, 2002. Perform advanced engineering duties associated with corridor studies and associated environmental documentation; project scoping and cost estimating; project prioritization; grant application preparation; and other related civil engineering work pertaining to transportation issues and projects. Requires three years of progressive responsible experience related to the position and either a four year degree with major course work in civil engineering or closely related field or substituting for the degree, registration as an Engineering-In-Training with the State of Washington. Experience using AASHTO and Washington Design manual or similar publication/manual is highly desired. Experi-

ence with AutoCAD, Land Development Desktop 2000, Stormshed, GIS or other related engineering software program is desired. Union membership is required within 30 days of employment. Application may be obtained at the Pierce County Personnel Dept., [www.co.pierce.wa.us/jobs](http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/jobs), or (253)798-7480 or TDD (253)798-3965. EOE

**THE WASHINGTON STATE SENATE OFFICE OF SENATE COMMITTEE SERVICES** is currently recruiting to fill multiple positions as legal counsel for various standing committees of the Washington State Senate. Committee assignments may include Agriculture and International Trade; Economic Development and Telecommunications; Environment, Energy, and Water; Higher Education; Judiciary; Labor, Commerce, and Financial Institutions; Natural Resources, Parks, and Shorelines; or State and Local Government. Senate Committee Services assists Senators in developing and evaluating alternatives to achieve their policy objectives. These are full-time, non-partisan positions, exempt from civil service. Duties and Responsibilities:

In supporting committees of the Washington State Senate, duties and responsibilities of legal counsel include:

Providing non-partisan staff support to Senators.

Conducting legal, policy, and fiscal research and analysis.

Drafting and analyzing legislation and related legislative documents.

Presenting legislation and policy issues to committees of the Senate.

Monitoring and evaluating implementation of legislation by state and local government agencies.

Responding to inquiries on a wide variety of policy and budget issues related to the committee assignment areas.

Desirable Knowledge, Skills, and Qualifications:

A Juris Doctorate is required and membership in a state bar association is desirable for these positions.

Working knowledge of legislative process derived from experience working in a legislative or public policy making organization or setting.

Candidates must be pro-active, creative, service-oriented, and have excellent analytical, writing, problem solving, and

oral presentation skills.

Demonstrated research, analytical, and organizational skills.

Proficiency in multiple computer software applications, including word-processing software, presentation applications, and on-line research.

Candidates must be willing to work long, irregular hours and be capable of handling the complex and difficult situations that a fast-paced, results oriented, high pressure legislative environment offers.

Substantive knowledge of issues related to one or more of the committees listed above is desirable. Among the related issues for each committee are:

Agriculture and International Trade Committee - Food inspection and safety; pesticide regulation; agricultural conservation; agricultural research programs; environmental compliance; water resources; land use; domestic animals; agricultural finance; marketing agricultural products; international trade agreements; and other facets of international trade.

Economic Development and Telecommunications Committee - State and federal economic development programs; state and local tax incentives; growth management; wireless towers; utility rights of way; tele-marketing; privacy of electronic information; and state and federal telecommunications regulations.

Environment, Energy and Water Committee - Air quality; marine safety; pipeline safety; water resources and water quality; watershed planning; energy generation and transmission; conservation and renewable energy; regulation of hazardous materials; and state and federal environmental regulations.

Higher Education Committee - Public and private higher education; degree program evaluation; workforce training; vocational education; telecommunications and distance learning; tuition, fees, and financial aid.

Judiciary Committee - Civil law, including family law, probate, corporations, Uniform Commercial Code, and tort reform; criminal law with an emphasis on penalties and sentencing, drunk driving issues, and domestic violence; laws affecting the courts; and law enforcement.

Labor, Commerce, and Financial Institutions Committee - Labor law; worker's compensation; worker safety; employment

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standards; unemployment compensation; employment training; housing and construction law; licensing of professions; business regulation, particularly financial institutions and the insurance industry; gambling and horse racing issues. Natural Resources, Parks, and Shorelines Committee - Fisheries; salmon recovery; wildlife management; state lands management; forestry; shoreline management; and outdoor recreation.

State and Local Government - Municipal finance; state auditing and purchasing practices; election law; powers of cities, counties and special purpose districts; campaign finance law; public works processes; public disclosure; and the initiative process.

Salary: Based on experience and education, with a likely range between \$40,000 and \$50,000. Application Procedure: Interested applicants should submit: (1) a brief letter of interest describing specific qualifications for the position; (2) a current resume detailing experience and education; and (3) at least three references with current telephone numbers. Send to: Stan Pynch, Director, Senate Committee Services, PO Box 40466, Olympia, Washington 98504-0466. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible, and must be received no later than May 31, 2002. Interviews/selection will begin immediately. Phone contact: Judy Rus at (360) 786-7417. EOE.

**SAN JUAN COUNTY** - Plans Examiner/ Building Inspector. Requires 2 yrs. college, with 3-5 yrs. exp. as a journeyman in the building trades & ICBO cert. as a Plans Exam. and/or Bldg. Insp., or any equiv. combination. Must have thorough knowledge of the UBC, UPC, UMC and State

Energy Code. Requires basic working know. of the Uniform Fire Code. Must be able to read & understand ordinances, blueprints, construction plans, specifications, engineering data, & be able to perform basic structural calculations. Requires computer data entry skills, basic business language skills, & the ability to learn related computer programs. \$16.70 - \$21.14/hr. + benefits. For complete description/qualifications, contact: Admin. Services, (360) 378-3870 or [www.co.sanjuan.wa.us](http://www.co.sanjuan.wa.us). Closes 5/31/02. EOE.

**SAN JUAN COUNTY** - Public Works Director. Requires a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering & 5 years of progressively responsible engineering & mgmt. experience involving a variety of assignments associated with public works activities or an equiv. combination. Must possess a WA Professional Civil Engineer License, & a valid driver's license. \$71,145-\$90,021/year + benefits. For complete description/qualifications, contact: Admin. Services, (360) 378-3870 or [www.co.sanjuan.wa.us](http://www.co.sanjuan.wa.us). Closes 5/22/02. EOE.

**WHATCOM COUNTY** - Detention Manager - Juvenile Court Administration. This position in Bellingham, WA, administers a 30-bed, secure detention facility and a variety of alternative correction programs. Supervises 16 full-time and approximately 15 part-time staff members. Qualifications for this position include requirement of a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, Criminal Justice, Psychology, Sociology, Human Services or related field and five years of progressively responsible related experience including three years of supervisory experience. A Master's degree is preferred. Whatcom County offers excellent benefits including

employer-paid medical, dental & vision benefits for employee and family. Benefits include attractive paid leave provisions, including three weeks vacation to start, an average of 12 holidays per year, and sick leave. County employees participate in the Washington State Retirement system. The County offers a match of up to 2% of salary for optional deferred compensation plans. Employees may, at their option participate in a flexible spending plan and long-term disability plan. Application period closes 5/21/02. Cover letter, resume and required application packet must be received in Human Resources by the closing date. For application materials 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](http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us) or call the jobline at (360) 738-4550. EOE.

**OKANOGAN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS** has an opening for an Assistant County Engineer. Full time with benefits. Beginning Salary: \$4,050 to \$4,923 month DOE. A Civil Engineering Degree with a Professional Engineer License is required. Duties include managing the engineering division including road construction. For further information and applications, contact the Public Works Department, 1234-A Second Avenue S, Okanogan, WA 98840, (509) 422-7300. Applications will be taken until May 24, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.

## County Plans Memorial for Remains of 37 Indigents

*Port Orchard Independent, April 27, 2002, by Amy Crumley, Staff Writer*

The cremated remains of 37 impoverished Kitsap County residents are currently stored in the county morgue because there were no loved ones, organizations or churches to claim them. But now the greater Kitsap community, individual volunteers, local funeral homes, a florist and County Coroner Greg Sandstrom are pulling together to finally lay to rest the county's indigent deceased in a memorial service set for May 8.

"It has bothered me to no end that there is no continuum of respect," said Bainbridge Island resident and volunteer Sue Brown. "That's just not OK with me." Brown purchased burial plots at the Old Silverdale Cemetery and donated them so the unclaimed remains of the deceased currently in county custody could be properly interred.

"The main thing is to hold up the dignity of people who are indigent for burial," Brown said. "Poor people are a part of our community, too, and they should have access to our cemeteries. They lived among us and their remains should be with us." Brown, who calls the plot donation and purchase a "small gesture," is a former program manager at Helpline House on Bainbridge Island. Helpline is a social service agency that works to link needy people with food, shelter and other services.

Some of her clients were developmentally disabled elderly residents. Brown and Sandstrom have worked on the memorial project together, encouraging other interested businesses and community members to join the plan. They received enthusiastic responses in all sectors.

When Port Orchard florist Freda Spain of Forget-Me-Not Bouquet heard about the project she gladly volunteered to donate flowers for the memorial service.

"Everybody and every soul out there are equally important." Spain said.

"Everyone has done something good for this world and everybody should be recognized." Local minister and Fire District 7 volunteer chaplain Melvin Byrd was tapped to perform the memorial service. In his capacity as a chaplain, Byrd has worked with Sandstrom for several years, which is how he heard about the project. "This is a thing of dignity and honor for our community," Byrd said. "The heart of

any community is shown by how we treat the remains of our dead."

Several Kitsap funeral homes are also donating graveside markers that will post the names of the dead at the site.

Chris Henrickson of Lewis Funeral Chapel in Bremerton and Stone Chapel in Poulsbo said the homes were glad to donate the materials, saying, "It's nice to know people care." David Rill, co-owner of Pendleton-Gilchrist Funeral home, said they, too, were glad to donate materials and will do what they can in the future.

Kitsap County Parks Director Cris Gears (who assumed that post a little over a year ago) said his department will donate the tools, time and personnel necessary to prepare the plots for burial. "Our role is to assist," Gears said. "We're all in this together."

## Coroner's Office Making the Best of a Difficult Situation

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For reasons no one can clearly explain or recall, the cremated remains of 37 impoverished Kitsap County residents have been stored on a shelf in the county morgue for as long as eight years.

Some have pointed to an unworkable set of guidelines conceived and established by the county in July 1993 to explain why the remains have not yet been dealt with. Now County Coroner Greg Sandstrom and the prosecutor's office are working to create a more sensitive solution to an uncomfortable situation. In the meantime, Sandstrom and other community members are planning a memorial ceremony and burial at a Silverdale cemetery for the county's indigent deceased on May 8.

Prior to 1993, the state of Washington, through the state Department of Social and Health Services, assumed responsibility over the remains of indigent decedents -- residents who have died and do not have the means to pay for their own burial, nor any relatives or organizations that can do so.

Somewhere along the line, legislators decided to discontinue that practice and mandated counties take care of that responsibility. The county commissioners and other officials were left holding the bag. An outgrowth of that confusion was a simple set of guidelines the county coroner would follow in such cases.

But the policy failed the very people it was intended to serve. "It has been an ethical, if not legal, dilemma for the coroner's office to find a resting place for these indigent decedents," Sandstrom wrote in a press release. "Some have friends or distant relatives that eventually claim them. However, there are many that remain."

Generally, the guidelines ask the coroner to fully investigate the death and try to locate any relatives or organizations the deceased belonged to who could claim them and bury them. If the coroner can't locate anyone, he or she orders the cremation of the remains, which the county finances at a reduced cost. (If officials determine the death to be a homicide, however, the remains may simply be buried). Afterwards, there is another window of opportunity for family members or other interested parties to claim the cremated remains of indigent decedents and repay the county -- if they are able. "Some family members have been able to go that route," Sandstrom said. "If they can't pay a funeral home, then they sometimes are able work out a plan with the county and claim their loved one."

Sandstrom said there are an average of about 12 indigent deaths every year, but many of those decedents are claimed. There are those who aren't, however. In those cases, the current policy tasks the coroner with storing the cremated remains in the morgue for a year, after which they would be transferred to the County Parks Department for burial or "distribution" if no one has yet claimed them. But guidelines are guidelines -- not rules. In reality, the unclaimed remains of the impoverished deceased were never transferred to the parks and are still with the coroner.

"I would think parks are for the living," said Sue Brown, a Bainbridge Island resident and volunteer who is disturbed by the county's current indigent policy. "Poor people are a part of our community, too, and...they should have access to cemeteries," she said.

Sandstrom inherited the unworkable policy in 1999 when he took office. Discussions then with the parks department didn't shed much light on how to proceed in a sensitive manner. Parks officials then didn't understand why they had been given the responsibility and weren't sure of any

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appropriate place to bury or distribute the remains.

Now Sandstrom is working with the prosecutor's office to craft a new policy -- a resolution that he plans to bring before the county commissioners in the coming days. The plan is to ask the commissioners to rescind the existing resolution and replace it with the reworked -- and more sensitive -- version. The new policy would open up other alternatives for burial, including the ability to accept donations, such as Brown's recent gift. Sandstrom said the plan, at least in the near future is to bury the remains of indigent decedents at those plots in a respectful manner and the policy should reflect that.

Another option to incorporate in the new policy could be to try to determine whether the deceased in question holds veteran status. If so, veteran assistance funds could be pursued to help pay for the burial. "We've just been dealing with this policy that doesn't work," Sandstrom said.

### **Local Governments Fight FCC Decision**

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The National Association of Counties (NACo), the National League of Cities (NLC), the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), the National Association

of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) and other national groups have formed a new legal defense fund -- the Alliance of Local Organizations Against Preemption (ALOAP) -- to fight a decision of the Federal Communications Commission to remove cable modem service from local regulation and franchise fees.

The FCC decided in a March 14 declaratory ruling that cable-modem service is "an interstate information service" not subject to regulation by local governments under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Besides the obvious preemption of local authority, this action could affect current county budgets because the decision is expected to cost local communities more than \$300 million in reduced franchise fees in calendar year 2002 alone -- with that figure rising in future years.

All the major cable companies have sent letters to local government franchising authorities notifying them that the companies will no longer collect fees attributable to cable-modem service. At the March meeting, the FCC also announced the issuance of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), which tentatively concludes:

- There could be no new franchise required for cable-modem service;
- Cable-modem service fees are not to be included in gross revenues for establishing franchise; and

- Current cable franchises provide all the rights-of-way approvals to access the rights-of-way. That NPRM appeared in the Federal Register on April 19. Comments are due on the NPRM June 17.

The ALOAP was created as a legal defense fund to appeal the FCC's Declaratory Ruling before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, and to pursue the regulatory procedures of the FCC and its NPRM. Two prominent law firms, specializing in telecommunications law, have been retained to assist ALOAP in its efforts. Any county wishing to contribute to ALOAP may do so by sending contributions to NACo, c/o Jeff Arnold, deputy legislative director, 440 First Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20001