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WACO Board of Directors Chooses New Executive Director

WACO Deputy Director Debbie Wilke has been hired by the WACO Board of Trustees as the new Executive Director, effective September 1, 2001. Debbie has been with WACO since the spring of 1992 as Deputy Director, and will be taking over the top position when Fred Saeger retires August 31.

Debbie started her career in local government in 1975 when she went to work for Lin-

coln County Clerk Louise Heitman. When Heitman retired four years later, Debbie was elected clerk. She quickly became involved with WACO and the Washington State Association of County Clerks. Debbie served on the WACO Board for over eight years, was active on numerous committees, and moved through the chairs to the presidency of WACO in 1986.

In July, 1987, Debbie made a major change

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Legislature's Second Special Session Begins June 4

Governor Gary Locke has called the Second Special Session of 2001 to begin at noon, Monday June 4, 2001. Counties have been busy during the last week contacting legislators who are back in their districts, again stressing the need for state assistance in paying for law and justice needs that previously had been met through the MVET (motor vehicle excise tax).

There have been reports that budget nego-

tiators have made some progress in the last week.

"There is still much work to be done on other important issues such as the budget, education, transportation, sex offender housing and fixing the state's primary system. It's very disappointing," the governor said in his announcement calling legislators back.

He also said that he will veto any budget

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Seeking Western Washington County to Host 2004 Summer Convention

Bids for the 2004 Summer Convention will be reviewed by the WSAC Board of Directors at their meeting on Tuesday, June 12, at the 95th Annual Summer Convention in Yakima. Bids must be received in the WSAC office no later than Friday, June 8

Association bylaws direct that the Convention alternate between eastern and western locations. 2004 is a Western Washington venue. The bid materials are to include a letter of the commis-

sioners' intent to host the meeting and information about the properties that meet the Association requirements. In-person presentations at the board meeting are always welcome. Requirements for the Summer Convention include a MINIMUM of 225 guestrooms and 9 meeting rooms, ranging in capacity from 35 to 300.

Contact Kim Zydek at the WSAC office, (360) 753-1886, or e-mail kzydek@wacounties.org, for more information.

WACO Executive Director

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and moved south to Phoenix after accepting a job offer with the Superior Court of Arizona for Maricopa County, as the Manager of Operations, Judicial Information Systems. She stayed there for five years before hearing that the deputy director position at WACO was open. She applied for the job, and her long-term goal of working for WACO along with the offer of the job, was the catalyst it took to leave warm, sunny Phoenix and move back to the Northwest.

Always a team player, Debbie quickly warmed to the duties of her new position and has since become one of the

most knowledgeable, hard-working and likeable lobbyists up on "the Hill." Her quick grip of the issues and reputation for pulling all groups together to work on legislative measures to the satisfaction of all is well known, earning the respect of legislators, lobbyists, state officials and special interest groups alike.

Debbie has also spent a great deal of time over the past nine years developing and implementing training programs and special projects for all county officials. She improved on the County Officials' Training and Certification Course by breaking up the week long training at the University of Washington and taking one-day seminars out to the counties around the state so that more people could participate and receive credit. Debbie has worked tirelessly on finding

the best trainers for the multitude of subjects covered the last few years.

Upon accepting the Executive Director's position, Debbie said, "I am a long-time believer in WACO and the vital service it provides to county officials in Washington. I spent many years on the WACO Board of Trustees and as an officer. In that capacity and as a county official in a sparsely populated county far east of the mountains, I learned long ago of the value of the representation and communication WACO provides. For the past nine years, I have enjoyed being on the other end of the process as WACO Deputy Director. I look forward to my new role."

Debbie and her husband, Wendy, have two daughters, Stacey and Andrea, and four grandchildren. All reside in the Olympia - Shelton area.

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Second Session

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that "does not contain \$85 million for the maintenance of class-size reduction that we started with the Better Schools Program."

Other items left undone include timeline extensions for GMA updates, and funding for – or delay or elimination of – new shorelines rules.

On transportation, Locke told the Legislature: "Improve on my proposal if you can, but something must be done." The governor proposed a 50 percent

gross weight surcharge for trucks and a 2 percent sales and use tax increase for new and used vehicles. The package also calls for a 4-cent increase in the gas tax in January 2002 and a 3-cent tax increase in 2004.

The governor's transportation plan would give metropolitan-area counties the ability to form transportation regions. The transportation regions would provide local option revenue sources -- subject to approval by voters in the regions - that would pay for regional transportation improvements.

Timber Counties of Washington Schedule Breakfast Meeting at WSAC Convention

Those counties with state forest board lands and/or US Forest Service Lands are meeting for breakfast on June 14 at the WSAC Convention to discuss a proposal for a timber analyst/coordinator position at WSAC to serve those counties. The agenda also includes a request by Pend Oreille County to reconsider the formula voted on at the May 18 meeting for allocating the federal timber funds among the counties and – if time allows – an update on small forest landowner issues related to the new Forest Practices Rules.

The objective of the proposed timber analyst/coordinator staff position is to provide expertise to WSAC and to counties with timber resources regarding implementation of HR 2389 and in relations with the U.S. Forest Service; to provide staff support to the county representatives

on the Board of Natural Resources and the Forest Practices Board; to assist in representing county interests at Timber/Fish/Wildlife (TFW) Agreement; to monitor implementation of the Habitat Conservation Plan for Department of Natural Resources (DNR) trust lands; and to provide technical support to WSAC Policy Staff working on timber issues and watershed management, particularly in forested watersheds.

Funding for the position is proposed to come from counties receiving national forest land revenues and from the DNR Forest Development Account. Initial discussion of the idea at the May 18 Timber Counties of Washington meeting was positive. It now is time for a full discussion to determine whether and how to move forward.

News in Brief

Tis the Season ... for Lightning, Wildfires and Flashfloods

Last February's Nisqually Earthquake focused attention on seismic hazards here in the Pacific Northwest – and rightly so. Seismologists are pretty unanimous in their projections that the long-awaited "Big One" is still out there.

But we're also subject to numerous other natural hazards, more mundane than earthquakes, perhaps, but still terribly destructive. Summer is the prime season for thunderstorms, wildfires and flashfloods. The good news is that a wealth of information on pre-disaster mitigation and preparedness is available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, online at <http://www.fema.gov/Reg-X>.

State's Discount Drug Program for Seniors Illegal

Thurston County Superior Court Judge Richard Strophy ruled that Governor Locke's new senior prescription drug program, AWARDS, is illegal. The State overstepped its authority. The state Attorney General's Office said it is considering an appeal. About 5000 people have signed up since the program began in mid-March. Dave Wasser, a spokesperson for the Health Care Authority, indicated that the program was of particular help to rural seniors lacking access to major retail chains that offer their own discounts. In fact, some of the drugs could be purchased for less at major retail chains such as Costco, than they could through the AWARDS program.

Supporters of AWARDS said it will be missed and that the need won't go away. Advocates for seniors indicate the fight for some kind of prescription drug

program will continue. Wasser said the state would notify members as soon as possible and will look for a way to mitigate the impact, possibly through re-funds or by finding another program.

Pharmacists sued to stop the program because in some cases, the discount came directly out of their pockets. Some independent pharmacists say the program could put them out of business.

At issue was whether the state had the authority to broker a contract between a company and citizens, when the state itself is not a party. The state had argued that it could do so.

June: National Safety Month

The National Safety Council, an international non-profit public service organization, has declared June to be "National Safety Month" – a time to recognize and reduce safety risks in every area of life.

Information, activities, and project kits to help individuals and organizations participate in National Safety Month are available at www.nsc.org/nsm.htm.

Highlights include: "Teen Driving Safety Week" June 3-9; "Home and Community Safety Week" June 10-16; "Environment and Public Health Safety Week" June 17-23; and "Workplace Safety Week June 24-30."

MRSC Technology Survey Results

Municipal Research conducts an annual survey to gather information on technology use in order to share the information with the local governments in Washington. Questions vary from types of operating systems in use to brands of software used for permit processing, financial systems, etc. Questions are also asked about Internet use. This year's survey focused on gathering information to determine interest in a consortium model for implementing digital government (e-

government) services.

Seventy-three percent of Washington's 279 cities and towns and 38% of the 39 counties responded to MRSC's 2001 information technology survey. Fifty-three percent of the jurisdictions now have Web sites. We found a high level of interest in implementing E-government services. In particular, about 60% of jurisdictions have an interest in online RFPs and RFQs, and 68% have an interest in small works and consultant rosters. The 2001 survey results can be viewed at: <http://www.mrsc.org/infoserv/survey01.htm>

MRSC Web Updates: Emergency Management and Disaster Planning Information

MRSC has created a new series of Web pages on Emergency Management and Disaster Planning for Washington Local Governments. State emergency management information is supplemented with examples from Washington cities and counties. Topics include emergency management planning at the local level, obtaining services, supplies and materials, proclaiming a disaster or emergency, local emergency management organizations, comprehensive emergency management plans (CEMP), emergency communications, and links to information for citizens posted on Washington city and county Web sites. The Web address is: <http://www.mrsc.org/pubsafe/emergency/emmerinfo.htm> MRSC would like to add more local examples, so if your jurisdiction has recently updated a CEMP, has revised its emergency management organization provisions, or has a new interlocal agreement please contact Lynne De Merritt at 206-625-1300 or E-mail: ldemerritt@mrsc.org.

Preliminary Numbers Show Slight Increase in Crime

Washingtonians were slightly more likely to fall victim to a violent crime in 2000 than in 1999, according to preliminary statistics collected by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC). The final annual report will be available from WASPC later this year.

The overall statewide crime rate dropped 0.2 percent last year, with violent

crime up 0.1 percent, according to WASPC. These numbers are nearly identical to a national report compiled annually by the FBI. For the first time in eight years the FBI report shows serious crime holding steady, rather than declining.

Within Washington, most jurisdictions saw only minor changes in crime activity for 2000 compared to 1999.

However, some counties and cities re-

ported significant increases. Pierce County, for example, reported an 18.1 percent increase in violent crime and a 14.9 percent increase in property crime. The city of Everett reported a 15.2 percent increase in violent crime and a 5.6 percent increase in property crime.

For more information on preliminary crime statistics from individual jurisdictions, contact WASPC at 360-586-3221.

Scholarship Winners Have Varied Interests, Different Paths to Travel

For the past two weeks we have listed the Washington Counties Scholarship winners and the NACo Scholarship winners in the Courthouse Journal. This week, we'll take a look at who they are.

The NACo Presidential Scholarship (David Davenport award) goes to Renata Rollins, daughter of Martin Rollins, Spokane County Deputy Prosecutor. Rollins has a very long list of school and community activities, as well as an impressive list of honors and awards. She will enter The Evergreen State College, in Olympia, this fall, as a freshman.

Rollins will study the field of psychology, specifically, human behavior on the biological and neurological level. She is excited by Evergreen's exceptional science program, internships and lab facilities and the focus on the entire approach to science. In addition to psychology, Rollins will also study philosophy and literature. Her award is \$2,500, renewable for four years, for a total of \$10,000.

Jennica Chudek is the winner of the NACo Presidential Scholarship (CH2M Hill) of \$1,000, renewable for four years, for a total of \$4,000. The daughter of Paul Chudek, Whatcom County Environmental Health and Debbie Chudek, Whatcom County Health Department, Jennica will be attending Western Washington University and is considering a teaching degree with a special education endorsement. She currently helps with a Life Skills Program for developmentally disabled youth, as well as tutors kids with special needs. She also sports a long list of achievements.

Brenda Buckner is the recipient of a

\$1,500 Washington Counties' Scholarship. Her mother, Pauline Coleman, works in the Stevens County Commissioners' office. Buckner, who is a junior at the University of Washington, is planning to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies and a Bachelor of Science in Construction Management, hoping to work in India for a time, as well as pursue a Master of Architecture degree. Her dream is to become a licensed architect with a firm of her own. Her activities and achievements are many.

A \$1,500 Washington Counties' Scholarship is going to Megan Cartwright, the daughter of Diana Cartwright of the Whatcom County Clerk's office. Cartwright is also a Junior at the University of Washington, double majoring in physics and astronomy, with plans to go to graduate school in physics. Her goal in life is to develop renewable energies that won't pollute the air, the water and the climate. She feels that energy should be of a renewable nature such as wind, solar, or hydrogen fuel cells, which will be her main focus. Cartwright is involved in many groups relating to her interests, including the Undergraduate Astronomy Institute, UW Women in Science and Engineering, the Climate Change Coalition, and several others.

Christian Lloyd, another \$1,500 Washington Counties' Scholarship winner, is the son of Cecelia Lloyd, who works in the Whatcom County Public Works office. Lloyd is a freshman at the University of Washington and wants to be an astronaut. As a Boy Scout, he taught Astronomy Merit Badge, and during high school took Honors Chemistry,

AP Chemistry and Honors Physics. He is thinking about majoring in Chemistry and Aeronautical Engineering and is currently working as a lab assistant in the UW's Redmond Plasma Physics Laboratory. Lloyd is heavily into scholastics and has many other interests.

Daniel Riley, son of Cheryl Riley, Clark County Sheriff's office, is a sophomore at the University of Washington, seeking an English degree so that he can teach high school. He wants to be a writer during the summer and then, perhaps, a full-time writer if all goes well. Riley has won a string of academic awards throughout high school and college, the most recent being the Famous Poets Society Poet of the Year Medallion last year. One of his college professors described him as "resourceful, charismatic, funny and smart. . . an actor, an editor, and a writer." Riley won a \$1,500 Washington Counties' Scholarship.

The \$1,500 Washington Counties' Scholarship award also went to Amanda Viebrock, a junior at Washington State University, majoring in agricultural economics. Viebrock, the daughter of Sid Viebrock, Douglas County Cooperative Extension, holds an impressive array of extracurricular activities from academic to organizational to leadership roles. At WSU, she is a student ambassador for the College of Agriculture and Home Economics, involved in the Agricultural and Home Economics Student Senate, on the Dean's Advisory Council and College of Agriculture and Home Economics Recruitment Committee. This summer, she has earned an internship with the Farm Credit Services, in Lewiston, Idaho. As a graduate, Viebrock wants to promote the importance of the agricultural industry.

Vehicle License Renewal Tabs Available on the Internet

The Department of Licensing (DOL) announced that Washington State citizens can now renew their vehicle license tabs over the Internet. The service will provide customers with 24-hour access and the ability to use a credit card for the purchase of their tab renewals. The credit card option is not currently available for in-person or transactions by mail.

DOL, in conjunction with the county auditors and sub-agents, worked

on this proposal collaboratively over the past few years. During the 2000 legislative session, county auditors fought hard and were successful in ensuring that the three-dollar filing fee on the Internet transactions be collected and distributed to the counties. The three-dollar filing fee was collected, and continues to be collected, on all vehicle renewal transactions that are done by mail or in-person. If the fee had not been secured on the Internet transactions, counties could

have potentially lost over \$20 million.

To access this service go to www.InternetTabs.wa.gov. Customers using this feature can choose to pick up the vehicle registration tabs at their local licensing office or have it mailed to them. If a customer chooses to have the tab mailed, the tab will be automatically sent to the address that appears on the departments record for that particular vehicle.

King County Settles Probation Liability Case

King County Superior Court has approved a settlement in the high-profile probation liability case of Hertog v. City of Seattle. King county and the city each paid the victim \$132,500 for a total settlement of \$265,000.

The victim, a young child, was raped by a misdemeanor offender who, at the time of the rape, was on probation in Seattle Municipal Court and was on pre-trial release in King County for a burglary charge.

This appears to be a relatively good outcome to a difficult case, according to John Crawford, executive director of the Washington Counties Risk Pool. King

County is reviewing its district court probation policies and training probation counselors to lessen the liability risk in the future.

A state Supreme Court decision in 1999 remanded the case back to the superior court for trial, which was averted when the case settled. While the plaintiffs had not specified damages, there was speculation that if the case had gone to trial a jury might well have awarded several million dollars in damages.

In June 1999, the state Supreme Court in Hertog v. City of Seattle significantly extended the liability of cities and counties regarding the supervision

of criminal defendants in a misdemeanor probation or pre-trial release program. By a 6-3 majority, the court held that municipal probation counselors, pre-trial release counselors who have supervisory authority, and their employing agencies, have duty to protect others from reasonably foreseeable harm caused by probationers and pre-trial releasees under their supervision.

The state appellate and Supreme Court decisions are reported at 88 Wn App. 41 (1997), affirmed 138 Wn. 2d 265 (1999).

Emergency Management Council

County Input Needed to Help Develop Disaster Recovery Fund

Many counties have experienced disasters in the past but have not received financial help from the state or the Federal Emergency Management Agency because the event didn't qualify for a Presidential declaration and/or the state didn't have a fund available. The state Emergency Management Council (EMC) is now working to create a state Disaster Recovery Fund, which could be available to assist disaster-damaged counties that are not eligible for federal assistance.

Mason County Commissioner Mary Jo Cady represents the Washington State Association of Counties on the EMC, where she co-chairs the committee working on proposed legislation to create a Disaster Recovery Fund. Commissioner Cady is compiling information that will determine how much money

should be available in such a fund. **She needs your assistance to help provide this information, which will help the EMC justify its legislative request.**

Please review the questions below and send your answers directly to Commissioner Cady at mcady@co.mason.wa.us. **Please respond by June 5.**

Answering these questions might take a bit of research with budget directors, public works departments, health departments, emergency management departments, and your clerk of the board. A declared disaster might include landslides, floods, fires, epidemics, avalanches, hazardous-material spills, earthquakes, etc.

1. Do you support the concept of a state Disaster Recovery Fund?
2. Have you ever declared a disaster

- and not received state or federal assistance?
3. If so, what was the disaster or disasters? Please answer the questions below for each event.
4. What was the financial impact to your budget?
5. What was the economic impact to your jurisdiction? (i.e. loss of tourism money, loss of gas or sales tax revenue, loss to local businesses)
6. What was the environmental impact to your jurisdiction?
7. Did you have to postpone other projects or services to pay for the impacts to your jurisdiction?
8. Do you have legislators in your district that would support the creation of a Disaster Recovery Fund?

DNR hosts National Submerged Lands Management Conference

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources is hosting the 20th Annual National Submerged Lands Management Conference at the Bell Harbor Conference Center, September 24-27th.

The Submerged Lands Management Conference (SLMC) brings together state and provincial managers who deal with issues pertaining to the administration of submerged lands and adjacent uplands. The objectives of the conference are to increase the awareness of submerged lands management issues

within the state and the provinces of Canada; provide a continuing forum to discuss submerged lands issues, provide alternatives, and suggest solutions to conflicting uses and exchange other information pertaining to submerged lands management; and, disseminate and exchange information to submerged land managers through panel discussions and presentations. The conference improves and encourages communication between submerged lands managers, and facilitates the increased flow of information and ideas among participating states,

provinces and nations.

2001 Submerged Lands Management Conference Agenda Topics:

- Documenting Ownership
- Valuation of State Owned Lands
- Marine Protected Areas (Aquatic Reserves)
- Invasive Species Prevention/Management
- Contaminated Sediments Treatment
- Shoreline Armoring

DNR Conference

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- Public Access (Public/Private Partnerships)
- Public Trust Doctrine/Legal Session
- Derelict Vessels

Location/Cost: The 2001 Submerged Lands Management Conference will be held at the Bell Harbor International Conference Center, next to Pier 66, in downtown Seattle. Lodging has been contracted at the Homewood Suites, located at the intersection of Western and Elliott. Transportation will be arranged to and from the conference

location, or participants can walk to the conference in about 15-20 minutes. Full conference registration: \$390; includes four full conference days, continental breakfast and lunch, evening banquet and guided boat tour of Elliott Bay.

For more information, log onto: www.wa.gov/dnr/base/SLMC.html or call DNR, at 902-1100.

SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER

http://seattlep-i.nwsources.com/local/25222_911web.shtml

Over in Bellevue, 911 calls you to report a problem

Wednesday, May 30, 2001

By **CANDACE HECKMAN**
SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER REPORTER

BELLEVUE -- During the next neighborhood emergency, it could be 911 calling you.

The Police Department in this East-side communications hub last week activated a new computer system that calls Bellevue telephone numbers with a pre-recorded message informing residents about police or fire emergencies.

"It's a neat system that lets us do so much more for community protection," said Barb Graff, Bellevue's emergency-preparedness manager. "If someone called and reported their child missing, we could ask them where the child was last seen and then call every house in the vicinity and ask them to keep an eye out."

Last Wednesday, the city used the system to call 112 telephone lines in Overlake to inform them of a gas leak in the area.

The system reported that 54 people actually picked up the line. Other calls were intercepted by answering machines

or voice mail, with the rest getting no answer.

Bellevue residents can request that their telephone numbers be taken out of the system if they do not want to be called. People with unlisted numbers can add theirs to the list.

Cities traditionally use an elaborate public information plan, which involves scrambling to get enough people to call the various news media and police officers to canvass a neighborhood.

The new notification system, though, allows police and fire leaders to send out an important message to thousands of homes and businesses within minutes. The Community Telephone Emergency Notification System, sometimes called Reverse 911, works like this:

Once the commanders of the fire and police departments deem an incident a "public safety mission," they compose a written message explaining the situation and giving directions to citizens.

The commanders then highlight the particular section of town involved using a computerized geographic information systems map. The computer then builds a list of telephone numbers located in that area.

Once the list is built, the computer calls each number, 20 at a time, and relays the message.

When it is finished, the system prints a report and tells police who answered and who did not. That way, officers decide where they need to make specific house calls.

Bellevue officials say the city is apparently the first in the area to use this system.

The software which runs the program cost the city \$28,500 and has been used in the Washington, D.C., area and Orlando, Fla.

In case of dire emergencies, Seattle police and other 911-dispatch centers have the ability to manually build a database of telephone numbers in specific neighborhoods using a computerized reverse directory, said Seattle police spokesman Scott Moss. But commanders would then have to assign the calls to a team of dispatchers who would call each number.

"We're pretty confident that most people will appreciate getting a call from their local police or fire department about a situation involving their own safety," she said.

Coming Events

June 3-6

GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) **Annual Conference**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 5

Elections Law Seminar (CLE credits), General Administration building, Olympia, 8 am - 4 pm

June 10-14

International Association of Coroners

and Medical Examiners Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada

June 11-13

Washington State Association of County Assessors Annual June Conference, Phoenix Inn, Olympia

June 12

Beating the Budget Blues Workshop (CPO credits), in conjunction with WSAC Summer Convention, Yakima, 8:30 am - 4 pm

June 12-15

WSAC (Washington State Association of Counties) **95th Annual Summer Convention**, West Coast Gateway Hotel, Yakima

June 12

WCIF (Washington Counties Insurance Fund) **Board Meeting**, in conjunction with WSAC Summer Convention, West-Coast Gateway, Yakima, 4:30 pm

June 14

WCRP (Washington Counties Risk Pool)

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Coming Events

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Executive Board Meeting, in conjunction with WSAC Summer Convention, Yakima, 4 pm

June 15-21

International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers Annual Conference, Billings, Montana

June 18-22

Washington State Association of County Treasurers Annual Conference, Red Lion Hotel, Wenatchee

June 19-20

Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners Annual Spring Training, Moses Lake

June 19-22

AWC (Association of Washington Cities) Annual Conference, Bellevue

June 20-22

Washington State Association of County Auditors Annual Conference, Quality Inn, Clarkston

June 20-22

WAPA (Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys) Summer Training Program, Campbell's Lodge, Chelan

June 23-27

National Sheriffs Association Annual Conference, Marriott Marina, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

June 24-29

Washington State Association of County Clerks Annual Conference, Howard Johnson Hotel, Everett

July 13-17

NACo Annual Conference, City & County of Philadelphia

July 18-20

ACHS (Association of County Human Services) Meeting, Port Angeles

July 19-20

CRABoard Meeting, CRAB Offices, Olympia

September 9-12

International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) Annual Conference,

Miami, Florida

September 10-11

Washington State Association 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

October 1-5

WACO Annual Conference, Port Ludlow Resort & Conference Center

October 11-12

WSAC Western District Meeting, Long Beach

October 18-19

CRABoard Meeting, CRAB Office, Olympia

November 14-16

ACHS Meeting, LaConner

November 12-15

WASPC (Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs) Annual Fall Conference, DoubleTree Hotel, Pasco

November 14-6

ACHS Meeting, LaConner

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

January 29-31, 2002

Legislative Rally and Tri-Association Legislative Reception, St. Martin's Pavilion, Olympia

June 18-21, 2002

WSAC Summer Convention, Bellevue Inn & Bellevue Hilton, Bellevue

July 12-16, 2002

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

September 30-October 4, 2002

WACO/WSAC Joint Conference, WestCoast, Wenatchee

June 24-27, 2003

WSAC Summer Convention, Spokane

July 11-15, 2003

NACo Annual Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

September 29 - October 3, 2003

WSAC/WACO Joint Conference, Vancouver

July 16-20, 2004

NACo Annual Conference, Maricopa County, Phoenix, Arizona

July 15-18, 2005

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

June County Calendar

June 1: Property taxes still not paid to the county treasurer, as of this date, are subject to a delinquency of 12% per annum on the total tax, as well as a penalty of 3%. RCW 84.56.020

June 1: Exemption on exempt food stuffs and unprocessed timber must be furnished to the county assessor by this date. RCW 84.36.150

June 1: By this date, the county auditor shall have searched available records and will then notify the county legislative authority if any special purpose districts located wholly or partially within the county appear to be inactive. The auditor shall also provide in the notifications, a list of all special purpose districts located wholly or partially within the county that for three consecutive years before the notification have failed to file required annual statements with the county auditor. RCW 36.96.020

June 30: On or before this date, the Department of Revenue sets stumpage values for July through December of the current year. RCW 84.33.091

Employment Opportunities

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR,

Whatcom County Health and Human Services Department, Bellingham, WA. Hiring range: \$66,468 - \$86,652 / Annually, DOQ. Excellent employer-paid medical, dental & vision benefits for employee and family. 3 weeks vacation per year to start and average 12 holidays per year. WA State Retirement system. Optional deferred compensation plan & Flex 125. This position requires a Master's degree in public health or public health administration or a related field and 6 years progressively responsible related experience including 3 years of management/supervisory experience. To be considered for this position submit your resume & cover letter by June 19, 2001, to Whatcom County Human Resources, 311 Grand Ave, Ste 107, Bellingham, WA 98225. For a detailed job announcement, contact Human Resources at (360) 676-6802 or visit our website at www.co.whatcom.wa.us. EOE.

COUNTY ENGINEER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR,

Island County (Coupeville, WA) has a FT Department Head position. Duties include but not limited to: planning, organizing, coordinating and directing the activities and operations of development review, engineering, roads, solid waste, surface water, capital improvements and E.R.&R. to ensure the effective design, construction, operation and maintenance of the County's infrastructure and fulfilling the statutory requirements of RCW 36.80 and other regulatory functions as specified in the Island County Code. Requires Professional Civil Engineer registered and licensed under the laws of the State of Washington. BA in Civil Engineering with course

work in public admin., business admin., or a related field. Open until filled. Island County Application required. Call (360) 679-7372 or (360) 321-5111 ext. 7254. EOE

LAND USE SECTION MANAGER,

San Juan County. Supervises employees engaged in the review of development permit applications for consistency with land use, shoreline & environmental regulations. Will develop & manage an efficient land use permit review process pursuant to the Unified Development Code. For description/qualifications & application contact: Administrative Services (360) 378-3870. www.co.san-juan.wa.us. Contact Kandy Hirschel (Personnel Dept.) with any questions.

FINANCE DIRECTOR FOR SKAGIT COUNTY.

Skagit County, with offices located in Mount Vernon, Washington, is seeking an experienced accountant to act as Finance Director, providing preparation and management of an overall budget of more than \$100 million. Provides direction to managers, advice to Commissioners, and sets financial policies. Requires BA in Accounting and CPA plus 5 years experience in government admin, finances, preferably in a county government setting. Application deadline is June 20, 2001. Pay: \$5,188.56 - \$5,752.96 per month +benefits. More information and county application form available at the County website: www.skagitcounty.net or job line at 1-800-548-7957.

ROAD SUPERVISOR, GARFIELD COUNTY.

The Garfield County Road Department is seeking applicants for the vacancy of Road Supervisor. Minimum requirements include five years of responsi-

ble work experience which includes three years lead or supervisory experience related to road maintenance. A Washington State driver's license is required. An application and job description can be obtained from the office of the Garfield County Road Department at 19th and Arlington in Pomeroy, Washington, until 5:00 pm, June 11, 2001. Call (509) 843-1301. EOE.

COWLITZ COUNTY ENGINEER III.

Cowlitz County is accepting applications for the position of Engineer III. This is a professional engineering exempt position. It supervises engineering staff and performs preliminary engineering services for Public Works including planning, design and specification. This position serves as a Project Manager for Public Works projects. Reqs: Possess a Professional Engineering License. Minimum of 4 years of engineering experience, with demonstrated civil engineering design in public works projects. Salary: \$54,156 - \$60,192 - depending upon qualifications. Application and job description can be obtained by visiting Admin. Services at 207 4th Ave N, Kelso, WA or calling (360) 577-3065 or TDD (360) 577-3061. Applications must be returned to Admin. Services by 5:00 pm Monday, 6/25/01. Cowlitz County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

ASSISTANT PLANNER, ISLAND COUNTY PLANNING & COMM. DEVELOPMENT

has a full-time opening. Assist in the development & implementation of county GIS system, critical areas ordinances, forest practice permit implementation & SEPA administration. Employee in this position is expected to represent the devel. New regs. Requires BA in Planning or related field, basic knowledge of planning, zoning, subdivision, land use law,

WA GMA, SEPA, and one (1) year of related work exp., and strong analytical and comm. Skills. Island County Application required. Call (360) 679-7372 ext. 7254, So. Whidbey (360) 321-5111 ext. 7254, Camano (360) 629-4522 ext. 7254. EOE.

FIELD ENGINEER.

The Klickitat County Road Department is accepting applications for full-time replacement position in Goldendale. Duties: Plans, organizes, schedules, supervises and monitors the work of the field engineering staff engaged in all activities of surveying and inspection of County projects, to ensure compliance with specification/standards, and activities related to the use of County right-of-way. Requires: Associates degree in technical engineering or equivalent and six years progressively responsible experience in construction inspection and surveying. Starting Salary: \$3,453.74 per month. Application packets at Klickitat County Personnel Department, (509) 773-7171, 205 S. Columbus, MS-CH 15, Goldendale, WA 98620 or www.klickitatcounty.org or email lynnc@co.klickitat.wa.us. Application Deadline June 22, 2001 at 5:00 pm. An EOE.

BUDGET DIRECTOR, ISLAND COUNTY

has a full time opening. This is a Department Head that has the overall responsibility for the development of the County's annual budget and associated policies, processes and procedures. This position is also responsible for serving as the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners per RCW 6.32.110 and Island County Code 2.08A.050. BA in Business/Administration with focus on finance. Island County Application required. Call (360) 679-7372 ext. 7254, So. Whidbey (360) 321-5111 ext. 7254, Camano (360) 629-4522 ext. 7254. EOE.