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## **Task Force Meets in Yakima**

Kitsap County Auditor Karen Flynn chaired the first meeting of a joint WACO/WSAC workgroup on May 8 in Yakima that is charged with addressing WSAC's concerns with HB 1594.

Flynn opened the meeting with the background on HB 1594, a county auditor and WACO priority bill, to clarify the role of chief financial officers in charter counties. At the request of WSAC, HB 1594 was pulled late in the legislative session by the county auditors, in order to allow this task force to address concerns that the bill would limit the role of chief financial officers in charter counties. She also advised the group that an initial meeting had been held by association officers in Olympia on April 3.

WACO was represented by the following: Grays Harbor County Auditor Vern Spatz, Mason County Auditor Al Brotche, Walla Walla County Auditor Karen Martin, Island County Auditor Suzanne Sinclair, Skagit County Auditor Norma Brummett, Grant County Auditor Bill Varney, and WACO President Greg Zempel. WSAC was

represented by WSAC President Harold Moss, Grant County Commissioner LeRoy Allison, Walla Walla County Commissioner Dave Carey, Yakima County Manager Doug Cochrane, and Clark County Auditor Greg Kimsey for Commissioner Betty Sue Morris.

The group discussed topics that included separation of powers, financial oversight and the budget process in the various counties. Both WSAC and the Auditors' Association conducted surveys of processes and the responsibilities in the 39 counties.

WACO and WSAC will each develop a mission statement that expresses what their respective memberships hope to achieve. The ultimate goal of the group is to develop joint legislation. The next meeting will be announced as soon as it is scheduled.

## **Watch for the Winners!**

**The five winners of the Washington Counties  
Scholarship Fund 2003/04 awards will be  
announced in next week's  
Courthouse Journal.**

**Good luck to the children of the county  
employees who applied!**

## WSAC Seeks Bids for 2006 Summer Convention

Meetings don't happen – they are planned! And, believe it or not, it is time to start planning the 2006 WSAC Summer Convention. The convention alternates between east and west according to the Association bylaws. The Convention will last three or four days and should take place as close to the last week in June as possible.

Conference location will require 175 - 200 sleeping rooms and 9 meeting rooms with a minimum capacity of 25 to 300 persons.

For more detailed information please contact Ginni Peppert at (360) 753-1886.

<b>Year - Site</b>	1979 - Spokane	1987 - Richland	1995 - Kennewick	2003 - Spokane
1972 - Olympia	1980 - Ocean Shores	1988 - Vancouver	1996 - Kelso	2004 - Tacoma
1973 - Spokane	1981 - Pasco	1989 - Yakima	1997 - Spokane	2005 - Kennewick
1974 - Seattle	1982 - Kelso	1990 - Tacoma	1998 - Tacoma	2006 - (Now taking
1975 - Yakima	1983 - Yakima	1991 - Wenatchee	1999 - Lake Chelan	bids for Westside)
1976 - Vancouver	1984 - Everett	1992 - Ocean Shores	2000 - Ocean Shores	
1977 - Wenatchee	1985 - Spokane	1993 - Yakima	2001 - Yakima	
1978 - Olympia	1986 - Ocean Shores	1994 - Bellevue	2002 - Bellevue	

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## Boards and Commissions

### Counties and Conservancy Boards Workshop

Since the Legislature first authorized counties to establish conservancy boards in 1997, questions have come up from time to time regarding the relationship between conservancy boards and county government. Conservancy board members are interested in how boards operate in other counties. And, as a result of increased engagement of county government in water resources management, counties have a growing interest in how conservancy boards and counties interact with each other, too.

The Washington State Association of Counties and the Department of Ecology are jointly sponsoring an opportunity to explore and discuss issues of mutual interest to counties and conservancy boards in a workshop format on June 12, 2003. The workshop will take place at the Ellensburg Inn from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00.

There is no charge for the workshop; morning coffee and lunch will be provided compliments of the Department of Ecology and the Washington State Association of Counties. But, in order to have adequate seating and enough food, we must know in advance if you plan to attend. There is room for 75 participants.

Please respond to Barbara Warden, Washington State Association of Counties at 360-753-1886 or [bwarden@wacounties.org](mailto:bwarden@wacounties.org) by no later than June 9, 2003.

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## Budget, Finance and Taxes

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### Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement Group Expands

Arkansas and North Dakota are the latest states to agree to become members of the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement (SSUTA). These states bring the number to seven states that have enacted legislation aimed at creating national standards for collecting taxes on Internet and mail-order sales. Other states that currently have such legislation in place are Kentucky, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming.

A group known as the Streamlined Sales Tax Implementing States previously decided any agreement would not take effect until 10 states representing 20% of the population of the 45 states with sales taxes has adopted it. This group consists of 100 representatives from both the public and private sectors in 34 states including Washington. The addition of Arkansas and North Dakota represent 4.5% of the population of states with sales taxes.

The agreement is intended to reduce the thousands of individual state sales tax rates, making it manageable for remote retailers to impose sales taxes. Because of that complexity, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1967 that businesses don't have to collect taxes for

states unless they have a physical presence in the state. A recent University of Tennessee study found that government losses of "e-taxes" would grow to \$45 billion by 2006.

### Alabama Legislature Passes Annual Reval Requirement

Currently most counties in Alabama reassess property every four years. A new plan approved by Governor Bob Riley will require all counties to reassess property annually by 2010.

### Local Government Advisory Committee Meets in Tumwater

The Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) met on Wednesday, May 14 at the State Auditor's Office in Tumwater. The topics discussed included accounting issues relating to utility districts and their reporting threshold, the definition of grants, updates to BARS schedules and the upcoming release of a BARS manual for Fire Districts. The first draft will be ready by the end of June. There will be a two month comment period and the final draft should be complete by this fall. County auditors and treasurers will have the opportunity to review the

manuals and offer commentary as well. The county auditors were represented at the meeting by Grays Harbor County Chief Deputy Auditor Brenda Sherman and Island County Auditor Suzanne Sinclair.

### Some Progress Reported in Budget Talks

This week budget talks continued. Reports from those close to the talks indicate that progress is being made. There is reportedly an agreement on a spending level. Each side has taken some of their more controversial proposals off the table. Given that most of the negotiators support two years of funding for public health, there is reason to hope we will see a final budget with two years of funding. There is no word yet on small county funding in the budget. Because the two chambers are in agreement at \$1.5 million per year, that level would seem to be the minimum funding level for a final budget. Legislators, who have tried to address the county funding crisis, continue to look for revenue sources for counties. This includes a state source to fund small counties and local options for larger counties.

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## Emergency Management

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### TOPOFF 2 Table Top Exercise Conducted in Seattle

A tabletop exercise for TOP OFFICIALS 2 (TOPOFF 2), a congressionally mandated national weapons of mass destruction exercise series, took place in Seattle on May 15, after three days of real-time field exercises.

Bill Lokey of the Federal Emergency Management Agency moderated the panel discussion. The first part of the day focused on issues of immediate response. The panel discussed issues raised by the moderator

as well as the audience such as: "Who is in charge of immediate response?" "What is the role of business?" "How do we best communicate with citizens?" and "What are the immediate health risks, and how should contaminant debris be handled?"

Next, the panel turned to short-term recovery issues. Among the questions discussed were: "Who is in charge of recovery?" "How do we transition from military to civilian decision-making?" "Are existing laws, procedures, policies and structures adequate to enable recovery?" and "What is the role of the private sector?"

Finally, the panel addressed issues of long-term recovery such as: "What are the long-term impacts on public health and the public health system?" "What are the long term impacts on the national economy?" "How can the United States regain international confidence in American products?" "What changes in regulation and legislation are required to be better equipped for a real terrorist emergency?"

Guest speaker Kate Joncas, President of Downtown Seattle Association, discussed the roles of business in the event of disasters or emergencies.

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## Courts, Law & Justice

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### Time to Think About Crime Prevention Awards

The National Crime Prevention Council has announced a call for nominations for the 2003 Awards of Excellence in Crime Prevention.

Nomination packets are available at <http://www.ncpc.org/ncpc/ncpc/?pg=588> 2-7518-4856-9972. Nominations are due by June 15.

These Awards were established in 1997 to honor ordinary individuals doing extraordinary things to prevent crime and build safer communities. This year the program is broadened to include individuals, communities, and agencies that have made an extraordinary contribution to crime prevention and homeland security.

The information packet identifies four areas of emphasis important to all

nominations: The nominee, through **innovative** programs and ideas, has demonstrated **endurance and perseverance** by creating a unique crime prevention program or establishing a policy or fundraising strategy that has endured. The **influence** of the nominee has helped spur others into action, and the nominee's program has garnered **results** that have proved effective in reducing crime.

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## General Government Issues

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### Thurston County Coroner has New Digs

Thurston County Coroner Judy Arnold is celebrating completion of her new office with an open house and

dedication on Tuesday, May 20, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., in Tumwater. The ceremony will begin with a flag-raising at the 7,000 square-foot building, which cost just under \$2 million to build. The

former office and morgue was only 800-square feet. For those who would like to attend the dedication and open house,

## It's not too late to register for the 2003 Western Interstate Region Conference!

Don't miss this exciting and informative event taking place May 28-31, 2003 at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Washoe County, Reno/Sparks, Nevada.

Featured General Session speakers include Mark Rey, Under Secretary for Natural Resources & Environment, US Department of Agriculture and Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife & Parks, US Department of the Interior. Mr. Rey oversees the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service. Mr. Manson oversees the National Parks Service and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. He has responsibility for administration and enforcement of the Endangered Species Act.

For complete registration information, go to [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org). Questions? Please call 202-661-8804.

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## ***Elections, Licensing and Recording***

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### **ANOTHER VIEW**

#### **New voting methods are overdue: your suggestions welcomed**

Whatcom County Auditor Shirley Forslof, *Guest Columnist – The Bellingham Herald, 5-9-03*

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 is the federal government's response to the voting inconsistencies displayed in the 2000 Florida presidential race. One result of the act is the requirement to eliminate punch card ballots that we have used in Whatcom County successfully for years. Eliminating punch card voting is not open to debate, it is the law of the land and we must now change our voting system by 2006.

The act also provides for the creation of a statewide voter database and provides that all poll sites have at least one voting device capable of allowing persons with visual disabilities and other disabilities to vote at the polls unassisted. These devices are generally referred to as DREs or direct recording equipment. They are also referred to as touch-screen voting machines.

In complying with the Help America Vote Act, we are consulting with many qualified experts in an effort to determine the best possible voting system to implement. There are many vendors and types of equipment. At this time we have not made any commitments as to the method or system to be used. Certainly the best use of taxpayer's monies is a factor. Funding for the change from punch card voting from the federal and state governments will only be a portion of the final cost to the residents of Whatcom County. Additionally, public opinion is also very important to us in the process. I will be appointing a committee of interested residents as to how to comply with the Help America Vote Act.

Holding fair and open elections that reflect the will of the voter is and always will be my highest priority. In cooperation with the secretary of state we are making every effort to ensure that new voting systems will be secure and accurate in order to accomplish this goal. Any voting system purchased by Whatcom County must be certified and meet federal and state standards and

comply with the HAVA act. No system will be considered that cannot accurately reflect the choices of each voter.

The transitions to a new voting system will more than likely not occur until 2005. We cannot predict what changes will occur in technology between now and then, but we will be carefully considering which voting system will best serve the voters of Whatcom County.

I welcome your comments and I encourage all residents to take an active role as we go forward with our obligation to change from punch card voting to another system that complies with the Help America Vote Act.

### **County Auditor Priority Signed by Governor**

SSB 5477, return of recorded documents was signed by the Governor on Monday, May 12. Prime sponsor Senator Shin was in attendance along with WACO Executive Director Debbie Wilke. The pen used to sign the bill into law is on its way to Walla Walla County Auditor Karen Martin!

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## ***Environment, Land Use and Resources***

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### **Thumbs Up So Far for Watershed Proposal**

*Reprinted with permission from the Yakima Herald-Republic*

By David Lester

If there are citizens out there who take issue with a broad plan to meet future water needs in the three counties that make up the Yakima River Basin, they haven't bothered to speak at two public hearings concerning the document. Not in Prosser on Monday and not in Yakima on Tuesday, where Yakima County Commissioners heard nothing but praise for a basin Watershed Management Plan described as a guideline for actions over the next five decades to meet the needs of people, industry and the environment.

It will be up to local, state and federal agencies involved in water management to put the plan into effect.

Nearly all of the 20 people who attended Tuesday's hearing in the county courthouse played a role in developing the watershed plan over the last four years.

Prompted by the positive comments, county commissioners approved the plan, just as their counterparts in Benton County did the night before. Yet to come is a hearing before county commissioners in Kittitas County.

The three county commissions still must meet jointly to approve the plan as required by the 1998 state law that created the local planning process.

Yakima Nation officials initially joined but later pulled out of an umbrella group of counties, cities and irrigation districts that was created to oversee the planning work. Among its highlights, the plan recommends water conservation, new storage to provide a reliable water

supply, and improved water quality. It also seeks to preserve and expand habitat for fish. While it does not promote specific new storage sites, the plan recommends Black Rock, a 1.7 million acre-foot lake east of Yakima; the Wymer Reservoir in the Yakima River Canyon; and expansion of Bumping Lake west of Yakima. The cost of adding storage ranges from \$1 billion to \$2.6 billion.

Steve George of Yakima, who headed the planning subcommittee that looked at water-supply issues, said the plan concluded that conserving water won't solve the basin's problems. New storage will assure that irrigators, cities, industry and fish have enough water.

"Efficiency, while a prudent thing to do, is not going to get us where we need to be," he said.

State lawmakers allocated \$1.9

million for the plan, which was created by more than 50 volunteers.

"I believe it takes citizen involvement to make a better society, a better community, a better Valley and a better farm for my family," testified Jim Willard, a Roza Irrigation District farmer and co-chairman of the steering committee that guided the plan's development.

"It takes a lot of work to achieve positive goals. I believe our efforts are making a difference," he added.

Dueane Calvin, the other co-chairman and a representative of the city of Yakima, said the plan can be changed as time progresses. But he called it an important step that shows the basin is united behind one plan. He added that a unified front can attract state and federal funds to put the plan's elements into effect.

"That packs a lot of weight when we come together collectively and say this is what we need," he said.

County Commissioner Jim Lewis said the plan is a call for action to meet future needs.

"I have a fearful concern about infinite demands on a finite resource. That is a recipe for disaster," Lewis said.

### **Advisory Committee to Convene Soon to Draft Stormwater Phase II Permits**

Legislation to create an advisory committee to resolve outstanding issues around county and city stormwater management failed to pass the 2003 Legislature but likely will be framework for an advisory group to resolve those issues and draft one or more permits for stormwater Phase II communities in Western Washington.

These permits, required by federal law, trace back to a 1987 amendment to the Clean Water Act that defined storm sewers as point sources of pollution subject to NPDES permitting requirements. That amendment, now section 402 of the Clean Water Act, set out a timetable for the development of storm-sewer regulations, which is to be done in two phases.

Large discharge sources, including

large and medium-sized population centers, are regulated under Phase I of the process. EPA issued the Phase I Rule in 1990. In Washington, King County, Pierce County, Snohomish County, Clark County, Seattle and Tacoma fell under its provisions, and over the last 13 years, they have developed and implemented stormwater management programs. This federal mandate is paid for by citizens of these local communities through stormwater rates and fees.

The § 402 timetable called for Phase II of the regulatory scheme, covering small discharge sources, to be in place by March of 2003. But the program – and the permit – remain to be developed. At this time, no permitting requirements or application procedures for Phase II communities have been established by either the Washington Legislature or the Department of Ecology.

As agreed to by both the House and Senate, the Advisory Committee is likely to number 18 members, half of which will come from counties and cities. There are about 75 Phase II cities and five Phase II counties in Western Washington. Given nine committee slots, WSAC and the Association of Washington cities have agreed that six committee members should represent cities and three counties. Of the nine, we anticipate that seven members will be from Phase II communities and the remaining two from Phase I communities.

The unanswered questions about how Washington's Phase II program will be structured would be troubling for local governments at any time, but they are especially problematic now, because they come at a time when many Washington cities and counties are already facing a serious revenue shortage. In particular, localities need to know whether the requirements for Washington's counties and cities will exceed federal requirements, and how Phase I and Phase II will work together.

Phase I and Phase II counties interested in participating in the Advisory Committee should contact Paul Parker at WSAC by Friday, May 23, 2003. Depending on how quickly the

Committee plans to begin action, the WSAC Board of Directors or its Executive Committee will select the county participants. All Phase I and Phase II counties are encouraged to begin working together to ensure that those county members on the Advisory Committee get broad input for what promises to be a difficult process.

### **Title III Applications Due**

Public Law 106-393 Title III applications for proposed projects should be submitted to commissioners for review in May or June. If you have any questions regarding the application process, WSAC's Timber Coordinator, Tom Robinson would be happy to assist you. Tom can be reached at (360) 753-1886, or via email at [trobenson@wacounties.org](mailto:trobenson@wacounties.org). Project funds are distributed will be distributed in October, 2003.

## Association of County Human Services (ACHS) to Meet in Tri-Cities

ACHS will hold its bi-monthly meeting at the Red Lion Hotel in Kennewick May 21 – 23. The hotel is located at 1101 N. Columbia Center Boulevard right next to the Columbia Center Mall.

The Mental Health Section will meet from 9 – 4 on Wednesday, May 21. In the morning there will be updates on the state budget, other legislative issues, the general terms and conditions attachment to the contract, and crisis response. After lunch, the Mental Health Division will join the Section for an update on the actuarial study currently underway, the evidence-based practices grant application, the required BBA information sheets, the Family & Children's Services Integration Initiative, and that portion of the contract related to liquidated damages and Expanded Community Services (ECS).

On Thursday, the Chemical Dependency Section will meet. The morning's agenda will include a report from the Governor's Methamphetamine Coordinating Committee, an update on crisis response, and a discussion of detoxification services being provided statewide or locally. Several workgroups will also report including the legislative committee, prevention, and the quarterly report.

At 11:30 the Section will break and the ACHS Business Meeting and Cross-Systems Meeting will take place. On the agenda are pass through accounts, using ACHS name in sponsorship, suggestions to the by-laws committee who will also make a report.

The Chemical Dependency Section will resume at 1:30 and be joined by Central Office who will report on 03-05 bridge contracts, the treatment completion formula, and maximizing Title XIX.

The Developmental Disabilities Section will meet on Friday from 9 – 4. The morning agenda will include crisis response, a written report on CAC, the Advocacy Coalition, and residential contract negotiations. The Division

Headquarters staff will join the Section in the afternoon and there will be a discussion of benefit analysis, the budget, contract questions for 2003, adult day health, and quality assurance guidelines.

## Chelan-Douglas RSN Gets Kudos from a Consumer and Their Family Via the Governor of the State

Governor Locke responded to one of Chelan-Douglas RSNs consumers with the following:

“Dear XXX:

I was delighted to receive your message about how the Family Stabilization Pilot Program benefited you and your family. I am extremely pleased to learn of the superb support and service you received from the Chelan-Douglas County Regional Support Network, as well as the Chelan-Douglas Office of Behavioral Health and Children's Home Society. At the same time, I admire your fortitude in overcoming your reliance on pain medication, your decision to work rather than accept a permanent pension from labor and Industries, and the efforts you undertook in order to strengthen your family and keep it intact. I greatly appreciate your taking the time to share your good experiences with my office. Please accept my best wishes for good health and continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely, Gary Locke, Governor

It's awfully nice to see positive recognition like this for county programs. Keep up the good work.

## State's Welfare Reform Program Running a \$1 Million-a-month Deficit

The Seattle Times reports that the state's welfare reform program is running a \$1 million-a-month deficit forcing discussions of very serious cuts in the program's short but successful history. Washington's welfare rolls are growing again as Washington's economy sputters along, pushing frustrated job

seekers toward a welfare fund that is quickly running dry.

Welfare officials say that unless the rolls suddenly drop, they are going to be facing tough choices such as delaying applications for a month, cutting off troubled recipients who've been unable to get off in the required five years, or trimming the welfare-to-work supports that made the program work. Currently there are about 56,600 residents on welfare. But the rolls are inching back up and grew by 900 cases in March and April. These are two months when historically hiring in tourism and agriculture shrinks caseloads but this year Washington continues to have a 7% unemployment rate and very sluggish economy.

Ken Miller, the Governor's welfare adviser, is also concerned about the growing length of time it is taking recipients to leave welfare for work. The target is 33% leaving the rolls within 6 months and currently only a quarter of welfare recipients are doing so. This could put all the supports on the block from drug treatment to child care benefits. Another controversial proposal would be to end welfare for the children whose parents have failed to look for work or attend school and are past the five-year time limit. Some legislators are torn between wanting the rules including the five-year limit more strongly enforced and understanding that the economy adds to making the case that it is more difficult to get off.

No decision has been made as yet but the deficit situation cannot continue for long. Caseworkers in the field have been told to get their clients into jobs immediately.

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## Association News

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### Register for WSAC Summer Convention and Register On-Line!

With the incredible challenges our State and local governments continue to face, the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual WSAC Summer Convention will again focus on intergovernmental cooperation, and how to more effectively and collaboratively use our limited resources. This convention will have budget and organizational value for each and every county in the state!

Each day is full of helpful and strategic information. After the opening ceremonies, Wednesday, June 25 begins with Carl Neu, of the Center for the Future of Local Governance, sharing perspectives on the opportunities for leadership as county elected officials in these rough and challenging times.

Peter Hutchinson, who spoke at our convention last year and helped to design Governor Locke's 2003-05 budget proposal, will again focus our attention on budgeting through setting priorities of government. After lunch, Hutchinson will lead a panel discussion with state and county leaders exploring how the price and priorities of government process worked at the state level, how counties could use that process to make a new deal with their citizens, and whether that process might be useful in changing the current fiscal relationship between counties and the state.

Most of the remainder of the meeting on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning will be an opportunity to learn from others in county government - county engineers, human services, planning, emergency management, parks, local public health and county administrators. All will share their successes about how they are changing to provide traditional services to the public at a lower cost, or how better services are being provided within existing fiscal constraints.

In addition, on Friday morning Commissioner of Public Lands Doug Sutherland will be offering his perspective on how these tough economic times are affecting state natural resources management – and what he plans to do about it. And, we have invited Secretary of Health and Human Resources Tommy G. Thompson from the Bush Administration. An early innovator in restructuring state services and benefits, we hope that Secretary Thompson will share his views on the future of government, particularly the provision of health and human services programs and benefits at the federal level.

The annual barbecue will take place Thursday evening out at the Rockin B Ranch – great grub and Hollywood-caliber old West entertainment.

Finally, as part of our growing commitment to member education, two CPO training sessions are being offered

on Tuesday: an all-day Risk Management workshop which is a CPO Core Course and a CPO elective Tuesday afternoon.

You can register on-line for the first time at <http://www.wacounties.org/wsac/Calendar/SummerConvention/SummerConvention.htm>

Don't miss the 2003 WSAC Summer Convention in Spokane County!

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## Courthouse Ramblings

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Our thoughts and prayers are with Wahkiakum County Assessor Lucy Nielsen, her son, daughter and other family. Lucy's husband Curt, 52, passed away on May 13 after a bout with cancer. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Norse Hall on Puget Island. Condolences can be sent to Lucy and her family at 275 State Route 409, Puget Island, WA 98612, and memorials can be made to the Community Home Hospice Center, P.O. Box 2067, Longview, WA 98632.

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## ***Training and Upcoming Events***

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### **Mark your Calendars CPO 2003 - Hold the Dates**

**Have you registered for next month's CPO Class?**

#### **2003 CPO Scheduled Courses**

<b>June</b>	<b>Risk Management</b> (Full day Core course – 4 credits)	June 5, Puyallup June 24, Spokane
	<b>Leadership Workshop –Building county MUSCLEPOWER for success in these challenging and frustrating times</b> ( Half day Elective course – 2 credits)	June 24, Spokane
<b>July</b>	<b>RESOLVE Conflicts and Build Relationships</b> (Full day Elective course – 4 credits)	July 29, Spokane
<b>September</b>	<b>Ethical Dilemmas: Integrity as a Tool for Successful Public Officials</b> (Full day Core course – 4 credits)	September 30, SeaTac
<b>November</b>	<b>Making a Difference in County Communication: Speak and Write More Confidently</b> (Full day Elective course – 4 credits)	November 6 Location TBD

Other training workshops and courses are in the development phase and may be added later in the year.

CPO Credit Update: Your CPO Transcripts have been updated with the 2003 course credits. If you would like to check your credit totals, request your transcript. We have several county officials who will receive their CPO designation at the Joint Fall Conference. If you have completed three of your four Core Courses, sign up now for the Risk Management course to be held on June 5 in Puyallup and June 24 in Spokane.

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# Calendar of Events

## **2003 MEETINGS**

May 19 – 22

WASPC Spring Conference, WestCoast Grand Hotel, Spokane

May 21 - 23

Association of County Human Services meeting, Tri-Cities

May 24

Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners' (WACME) Training, Olympia

May 28 - 31

Western Interstate Region (WIR) Annual Conference, Reno-Sparks, Nevada

May 29 - 30

WAPA District Court Training Program, SeaTac

June 5

CPO Training, Risk Management, Puyallup

June 11 - 13

Washington State Association of County Auditors' Annual Conference, Sun Mountain Lodge, Winthrop

June 12

Water Conservancy Boards Workshop, Ellensburg Inn, Ellensburg

June 16 - 18

Washington State Association of County Assessors Conference, Okanogan

June 16 - 20

Washington State Association of County Treasurers' Annual Conference, Davenport Hotel, Spokane

June 18 - 19

Washington State Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners Conference Training, Spokane

June 18 - 20

WAPA Summer Conference, Chelan

June 18 - 20

Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Annual Conference, Red Lion Grand Hotel at the Park, Spokane

June 23 - 27

Washington State Association of County Clerks' Annual Conference, Silverdale Hotel, Silverdale

June 24

CPO Training, Navigating Through Change and Risk Management, (in conjunction w/WSAC Annual Summer Convention), DoubleTree Valley Hotel, Spokane

June 24

WCIF Board of Trustees – WSAC Summer Conference/Spokane

June 24 – 27

WSAC Annual Summer Convention, Doubletree Valley Hotel, Spokane

July 11 – 15

NACo Annual Conference, Milwaukee County, Milwaukee, WI

July 16 - 18

Association of County Human Services (ACHS) Meeting, Vancouver

July 29-August 3

IACREOT Conference, Denver CO

July 30

CPO Training, WCRP Sponsored Elective Course Title (TBD), Spokane

August 21

WCIP Board of Directors Rate Setting – Wyndham Gardens at SeaTac

September 3-5

WAPA Special Assault Training Program, Leavenworth

September 7-9

WAPA Juvenile Training Program Leavenworth

September 8-11

Washington State Association of County Assessors Fall Conference, Red Lion, Kennewick

September 9-12

County & Regional Planning Directors/City Planning Directors Joint Conference, Campbell's, Chelan

September 11-12

WSAC Fall Eastern District Meeting, Marcus Whitman Center, Walla Walla

September 17-19

Association of County Human Services (ACHS) Meeting, Moses Lake

September 18

WCIF/WCIP Insurance Advisory Committee 2004 Renewal Meeting, WCIP Board of Directors, WCIF Board of Trustees --- West Coast Hotel at SeaTac

September 29–October 3

WACO/WSAC Joint Conference, Doubletree Hotel, SeaTac

September 30

CPO Training, Ethical Dilemmas: Integrity as a Tool for Successful Public Officials, SeaTac

October 1

WCIF Board of Trustees (Conjunction with the WACO/WSAC Joint Conference)

October 2

WSAC Fall Western District Meeting (Conjunction with the WACO/WSAC Joint Conference)

October 15

WCIF/WCIP A.C.E. Committee Meeting, Yakima

November 17–20

WASPC Fall Conference, Campbell's Resort, Chelan

November 19-21

Association of County Human Services (ACHS) Meeting, Seattle

## **2004 MEETINGS**

February 27 – March 2

NACo Legislative Conference, Hilton Washington & Towers, Washington D.C.

April 21-23

WAPA Spring Training Program, Spokane

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## ***Calendar of Events (continued)***

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April 8-9

WSAC Spring Eastern District Meeting,  
Campbell's Resort, Chelan

April 22-23

WSAC Spring Western District Meeting,  
Heathman Lodge, Vancouver

May 12-14

WAPA Support Staff Training Program,  
Chelan

May 24-27

WASPC Spring Conference, Yakima  
Convention Center, Yakima

June (Date TBD)

National Sheriffs' Association meeting,  
Seattle

June 22-25

WSAC Summer Convention, Sheraton  
Tacoma, Pierce County

June 23-25

WAPA Summer Conference, Chelan

July 16-20

NACo Annual Conference, Maricopa  
County, Phoenix, AZ

September 14-17

County & Regional Planning  
Directors/City Planning Directors Joint  
Conference, Campbell's, Chelan

October 4-8

WACO/WSAC Joint Conference,  
Spokane

November 15-18

WASPC Fall Conference, Shilo Inn,  
Ocean Shores

### **2005 MEETINGS**

March 3-4

NACo Legislative Conference, Marriott  
Wardman Park Hotel, Washington D.C.

May 11-13

WAPA Support Staff Training Program,  
Spokane

May 23-26

WASPC Spring Conference, West Coast  
Wenatchee Center Hotel, Wenatchee

June 13-16

WSAC Summer Convention, Kennewick

June 22-24

WAPA Summer Conference, Chelan

July 15-19

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

September 13-16

County & Regional Planning  
Directors/City Planning Directors Joint  
Conference, Campbell's, Chelan

October 3-7

WACO/WSAC Joint Conference, Ocean  
Shores

### **2006 MEETINGS**

July 21-26

NACo Annual Conference, Denver, CO

### **2007 MEETINGS**

TBD

NACo Annual Conference, Richmond,  
VA (Sponsored by the Counties in the  
Metropolitan Richmond Area)