

NEWS RELEASE

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TO: KMAS, KRXV, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: Mason County Fairgrounds Preferred Location for New Facility

Mason County recently secured property, consisting of approximately 80 acres, at the intersection of State Highway 101 and State Highway 102 through a property exchange with Manke Timber Company. We are very pleased to announce that this is the preferred location of our future Mason County Fairgrounds. This parcel of land is large enough that not only can it house the new Fairgrounds, but also a new Mason County Public Works Road Shop. Our current Road Shop is located on John's Prairie Road and is very outdated and not able to meet our needs.

Locating both facilities at the same location will allow us to share the infrastructure, which will be a huge cost savings. This Commission is committed to providing a quality Fairgrounds that our citizens can be proud of and will meet the needs of the community for other events. The property lease, between Mason County and the Port of Shelton, for the current Fairgrounds location will expire in 2013 and we will continue to run this facility until the new one is a reality.

Mason County recognizes the community involvement in the Fairgrounds and we look forward to a continued partnership and the creation of a progressive and positive future for the people of our county. In the near future we will outline a process for community involvement in the transition.

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