

South Dakota County News

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of County Officials



2010 Counties Convention is here!

Aug./Sept. 2010

The annual Fall Counties Convention has finally arrived. Next week, over 400 county officials, commissioners, and supporters will meet at the Pierre Ramkota and Convention Center. The SDACO and SDACC offices have scheduled many great speakers to provide training on South Dakota programs and to address issues that are important to county officials.

The general business meetings and electives provide officials with new information about their offices and a chance to discuss current issues with other officials. The Electives offer a chance to gain skills for both your professional responsibilities and your personal life. This year, the Bureau of Personnel is hosting a session on "Connecting the Generations" within the workplace. There is also a chance to learn how to relieve stress in the "Relieving Stress through Fitness" session. Check out the Convention schedule found on page 8 of this newsletter to view more elective and general session topics.

This year we are hosting several forums to introduce the South Dakota Gubernatorial, Congressional, and Secretary of State candidates to the county officials and commissioners. On Tuesday, look forward to hearing from South Dakotans in the race for the Governors office and the US House of Representatives. On Thursday, you will have a chance to listen to Ben Nesselhuf and Jason Gant discuss issues that are prevalent to the Secretary of States office. We have great candidates for these elected positions and the forums will be educational.

The Counties Convention is made possible by the support of our Associate Members, vendors, and sponsors. Their support is vital to our organization and it allows us to offer better services at lower costs to you. We are grateful for their generosity. Please take the time to stop by the vendor booths and thank our sponsors.

We look forward to seeing in you Pierre. Enjoy safe and happy travels!

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President's Corner: Dawn McLaughlin, Custer Co. Treas.



Hello everyone! I can't wait to see all of your faces and, of course, all the wonderful costumes you will be wearing at this year's fall convention!

It's hard to believe that a year has nearly passed and we are within a week of our annual fall convention. Carrie, Janell, Bob, and Kris have been working very hard to put together a great convention for us, and I know we will not be let down!

As the convention approaches, I want to take a minute to thank all of you for the opportunity I was granted to serve as the president for such an outstanding organization. It has been an honor, a privilege, and a wonderful experience for which I will always be grateful.

I want to take this opportunity to first of all thank the Executive Board. Karen, Julie R., Caryn, Sheila, Julie H., Pam, Lisa, Arlene, Deb, and Myron, what an amazing group of people you are!!! You guys do a great job and the wisdom you've contributed has made this last year flow so smoothly.

My friend Julie Pearson, Parliamentarian, thank you for helping me say the "proper," things during meetings. I couldn't have done it without you.

I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with two outstanding executive directors. Eric was superb to work with, and now Carrie has filled the position. She is very understanding, kind, and patient, and she is doing an excellent job! She has learned a lot these past few months; she has a lot of innovative ideas and the passion needed to make our association grow. Please be sure to help her keep us moving forward.

Thank you to everyone who has served on a committee this past year. Bob and Kris, you

both are super and what a pleasure it has been to work with you. Janell has also been fantastic to work with and I want to thank her for all her help. My co-workers here in Custer County, you guys are the BEST. Thank you for your help and support this past year. Especially the ladies in the treasurer's office—I'm blessed to have such wonderful co-workers and friends.

As I pass my gavel on to the next person, I wish Karen Layher the best as she begins her year as president. We have a good one coming up. She is very knowledgeable and will do a great job for us!

I don't have anything new or exciting to share with you. So maybe I will just share some reminders before convention. Be sure to dress in layers as the rooms are always hard to regulate to a temperature comfortable for everyone. Remember to thank the vendors that will be at the convention. It's going to be a great convention, with lots to learn and loads of fun. And again, don't forget to gather your costumes! I can't wait to see all those Cinderella's, Snow Whites, Peter Pan's and such. 😊

Thank you all, again, for a wonderful year!
Dawn

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From Our Executive Director: Carrie Gonsor



Hello! Summer is coming to a close and we are entering into the beautiful fall season in South Dakota. Fall also means a busy time with SDACO. We have some exciting changes happening and we are diligently preparing for the annual convention.

August and September have been full of activity. Four districts held their meetings in August and we have one more scheduled in September. I have been able to make several court house visits on my way to and from these meetings, and I look forward to stopping in even more county seats throughout the upcoming months.

A Passport Workshop was held at the SDACO office in Pierre. Connie Konrad, Register of Deeds from Hyde County, donated both her time and her delicious baked goods for the event. With Connie's effort, we were able to raise \$80 for our scholarship fund. Thanks again, Connie!

Get ready for the Wonderful World of Counties! The annual Counties Convention will be held in Pierre on September 21 through September 23. Several excellent speakers are lined up, as well as a Secretary of State Forum with Ben Nesselhuf and Jason Gant. A schedule of events can be found in both this newsletter and in the July Newsletter.

The SDACO's new and improved website is up and running. Our website now has a user-friendly design that will hopefully provide more services for both Officials and South Dakota citizens. As part of the website, we have been able to implement a Continuing Education Certification Portal (CEC Portal) that will host our online training. The Members Only section of our website is now also located on the CEC Portal. Visit www.sdcounties.org to see our changes and register for the CEC Portal.

As part of the new website design, the SDACO office is also expanding our website services. The SDACO office now has the capability to build your website, host the domain name, AND manage your website and social networking site. We are competitively priced and we always have the best interest of the counties in mind. A price listing of our services is located at the end of our newsletter.

Following a great idea from Eric, the first person to send me an email stating they read the newsletter will receive a prize during the first general business session at convention.

All of the people I have met through SDACO have been kind and welcoming. You are true South Dakotans and I have thus far thoroughly enjoyed working for your organization. Have a great September and we will see you in Pierre for Convention!

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NACo Convention Musings



I was recently given the opportunity to attend the NACo Convention in Reno, Nevada, with Deb Turner, Paula Feucht, and Karen Layher. The convention was great! It is amazing how they can organize such a huge convention. The sessions were good and they had some great speakers that I really enjoyed. I must say, Robert Reich, Economist, and Joe Dittmer, World Trade Center Tower 2 survivor, were awesome.

It was great to have Bob Wilcox and Kris Jacobsen to help us and watch over us and to have Karen Layher there to give us guidance on what to expect and to help with what

sessions to attend. With the sessions I attended, there was so much new knowledge to bring back. It is amazing how different County Government's can be.

There were over 125 vendors at the convention. I golfed (haha) and played Plinko (I won!). Next time I go, I will go a few days earlier to attend the NACCTFO Convention (National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers and Finance Officers).

If you ever have the opportunity to go, you should take it. It is a really good experience! I really appreciated the NACo Scholarship that I received and also my commissioners for matching the amount.

Doreen Priebe, Brule County Treasurer, was the first recipient of the new NACo Travel Scholarship awarded in April, 2010.

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Computer Training and Overcoming Computer Anxiety

I once heard someone say that a human's first meeting with a computer often resembles early, awkward dancing with a partner of the opposite sex. You're not sure where to put your hands and you're not exactly sure how to ask without sounding stupid.*

That comparison may seem a little extreme, but any new interaction brings with it a certain amount of anxiety, fear, and possibly even hostility. Getting to know a computer, no matter how "user friendly" it or its software may be, is no different from any other new encounter.

Create a relaxed learning atmosphere. A quiet environment with no traffic, comfortable chairs, and no direct light shining on the computer screen creates a feeling of safety and security. In any learning task, the inherent internal pressure to perform remains, but it can be alleviated somewhat by environmental comfort. When the computer seems more approachable or less

threatening, the learner can absorb far more material in a shorter period of time.

Provide a verbal and written outline of your purpose and method. A road map makes a journey more comfortable. Letting trainees know what they are going to do, how they are going to do it, and what your goals for their learning may take time, but it sets the stage and better prepares the learners. Any perceived secrets or surprises start to dissipate when this preparation is provided.

By Andrew E. Schwartz;
source: PopularArticles.com

**content changed slightly
out of respect for the
reader*



Scholarship Fundraiser!

Senator Stan Adelstein has donated an RCA 40" HDTV to be raffled off as a scholarship fundraiser.

Tickets are now available from members of the Scholarship Committee and the SDACO Executive Board. Cost of the tickets is 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10.

Tickets will also be sold during Fall Convention. Tickets will be on sale during breaks on the first two days of the convention.

The drawing will be held during the Social beginning at 6:00 on September 22nd, 2010. Winner need not be present to win.

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County Government Works initiative underway

NACo toolkit available to help county officials in outreach campaign

WASHINGTON, D.C. –National Association of Counties' (NACo) President Glen Whitley is calling on all county officials to join the County Government Works campaign to help raise county government awareness across the country.

"We know that America's counties provide outstanding programs and services, but unfortunately too many Americans do not," Whitley said. "It's up to us as county officials to reach out to the public and make them more knowledgeable and positive about the contributions of county government. I am hopeful that through the County Government Works campaign we can make a difference in our communities."

A variety of outreach tools are available on the NACo website, www.naco.org, under the About Counties/Tell the Public What You Do section. There you will find examples of effective public awareness programs, how to establish citizen/leadership universities, and examples of state association public awareness efforts.

The toolkit offers county officials practical, proven methods for raising county government awareness. The kit includes:

- A speaker's library that provides talking points for community and civic group meetings;
- Ideas for scheduling tours of county buildings;
- Information on citizen universities;
- Methods for informing and educating students; and
- Brochures for community and school events.

The brochures are already designed and laid out. All you have to do is add your county's information and make copies. The brochure will provide basic facts and information about your county that will be a valuable resource for your residents.

"Especially in these tough times, it's important for county officials to go the extra mile and communicate the roles and responsibilities of counties," Whitley said. "I am asking all county officials to join me in this effort."

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The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation's 3,068 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public's understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. For more information about NACo, visit www.naco.org.

County Website Tip: Improving your Website's Google Ranking

Google's search engine, www.google.com, uses a variety of methods to determine which pages are displayed first in the results. Their exact formula is a secret, but there are a few things you can do to improve your positioning. The term for this is Search Engine Optimization (SEO).

These tips may not make your website the first one to appear in the list, but they just may help you move up a little.

Keyword Phrases

Rather than focusing on a single word, try adding a few words to make a keyword phrase. If you were searching for your own website, what keyword phrase would you type into Google for each page? Would you look for *super fast widgets*? Would you look for *cooking with widgets*? It may be helpful to get a different perspective. Ask someone else to read your page and suggest what they think your keyword phrase might be.



Density

One of the things Google looks for when it catalogs pages is the density of the keyword usage. In other words, how often the keyword occurs. Use natural phrasing. Don't try to trick the search engine by repeating the same word over and over or making text "invisible". It doesn't work. In fact, it could even get your website banned.

Give a strong opening paragraph. Google may or may not search beyond the first 200 words or so of your website, but it definitely looks at the first paragraph for keyword density.

Name Your Pages

Give your pages a descriptive name with the <title> tag. This is vital. Google displays search results as a link using the Web page's title. A link called 'untitled' isn't enticing, and nobody is going to click on it. When appropriate, use the page's keyword phrase in the title.

Link Early, Link Often

One of the biggest factors Google looks at is the hyperlink. Google looks at both links to and from your web-

site.

Google looks at the words you use in links to help determine the content of your page. Use links within web pages as a way to emphasize keywords. Rather than saying, "click [here](#) to learn more about SEO" you should say: Read more about [SEO \(Search Engine Optimization\)](#).

Submit Your Site to the Right Directories

Submit your website to the *Open Directory Project*, if possible. Google considers this directory to be an important link. Be patient, though. A real human has to check your site before it's listed in the Directory.

Submit your site to specialized directories. For instance, a work at home mother owned business (WAHM) should submit her site to WAHM directories. A site on butterflies should be sent to biology or entomology directories.

Don't get too submission happy, though. Google, in an effort to combat *click fraud*, often filters out websites linked from *link farms*, or pages with nothing but links to other websites. This is one reason why free services to register your website may hurt you. Stick to specialized directories and organizations. They're more likely to help and not hurt your rankings.

Make Your Graphics Search Friendly

Keep the Flash to a minimum. People may enjoy reading Flash, but search engines tend to skip right over it. Google has gained some ability to read Flash, but it is still limited. If your menus are in Flash, they might as well be invisible. Consider making plain text links in addition to or instead of Flash.

Give your images <alt> tags. Not only does it make your website more accessible to the visually impaired, it also gives you another chance to place your keywords where Google can see them.



Interesting Obscure Facts

- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- The sentence "The quick brown fox jumps over a lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.
- If you are an average American, in your whole life, you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights.

SDACO Fall Convention Agenda

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

10:00-5:00 Registration Desk Open

9:00-10:00 Executive Board Meeting

10:30-11:00 By-Laws Committee Meeting

11:00-12:00 Resolutions Committee Meeting

12:00-1:00 Opening Session (Luncheon)

1:00-2:00 **All Convention Attendees**
Keynote Speaker VJ Smith

2:15-3:00 **All Attendees**
Gubernatorial Forum

3:00-3:30 Break/Vendor Fair

3:30-4:15 **All Attendees**
Congressional Forum

4:15-5:15 **Auditors/Treasurers/Reg. of Deeds**
1st General Business Session

5:30 Vendor Reception

6:30 Banquet
Entertainment
Contest--Costume Award

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

7:15-8:15 Attendee & Vendor Breakfast Buffet

8:30-10:30 **Auditors**
8:30-9:30 Dept. of Leg. Audit
GASB 54 - Fund Balance
9:30-10:30 Dept. of Revenue
Taxation Issues

Registers of Deeds
8:30-9:00 Dept. of Revenue
Taxation Issues
9:00-10:30 Roundtable

Treasurers
8:30-10:30 Dept. of Motor Vehicles

10:30-11:00 Break/Vendor Fair

11:00-11:45 **Auditors**
Secretary of State

Registers of Deeds
Uniform Code Commission
Uniform Real Property
Recording Act

Treasurers
Dept. of Motor Vehicles

12:00-1:00 Safety Awards Luncheon

1:00-3:00 **Auditors**
1:00-3:00 Secretary of State

Registers of Deeds
1:00-2:00 Uniform Code Commission
2:00-3:00 Dept. of Health
Vital Records

Treasurers
1:00-1:30 Dept. of Motor Vehicles
1:30-2:00 Dept. of Revenue
Taxation Issues
2:00-3:00 Distress Warrants
Panel Discussion

3:00-3:30 Vendor Fair Finale

3:30-4:45 **Auditors**
Roundtable

Registers of Deeds
Roundtable

Treasurers
Roundtable

4:45-5:45 **Auditors/Treasurers/Reg. of Deeds**
2nd General Business Session

6:00 Social/Door Prize Drawings
Raffle drawing for
large-screen TV

**Tentative
Schedule**

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Thursday, September 23, 2010

8:00 Continental Breakfast

Elective Sessions

8:30-9:30 Assessing the Fiscal Condition of your County - Deene Dayton

9:30-10:30 County Aid Liens - Beadle County States Attorney Michael Moore

9:30-10:30 Record Searches SD Attorney General's Office

8:30-11:30 Connecting the Generations State Bureau of Personnel

10:30-11:30 Secretary of State Debate

11:30-12:00 Relieving Stress Through Fitness

A Cluttered Desk Is...

About a week ago, I came across an Internet advise column that told me how to eliminate the paperwork clutter on my desk.

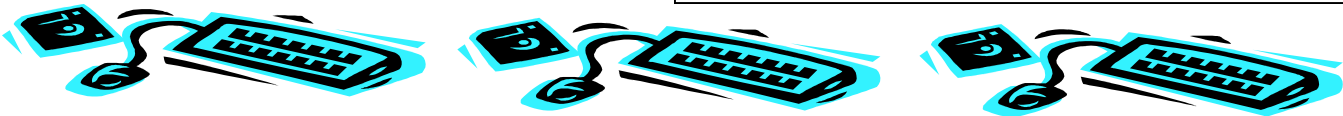
GREAT!

So I printed out the five pages of how-to instructions, and placed them on top of the rest of the stuff on my desk. Now I can't find them.

Quotes

Laws are like sausages, it is better not to see them being made. --Otto von Bismarck

Do you know the difference between education and experience? Education is when you read the fine print; experience is what you get when you don't. --Pete Seeger



Excel Training Class

An Excel 2002: Basics class will be offered by the SD Bureau of Personnel in the afternoon of September 23rd (following the close of Fall Convention) for those of you interested. Please register prior to the event, as these classes do fill up quickly. **This class session will be for SDACO officials only; however, they will only have room for the first 15 who register.**

Excel 2002: Basics
4-hour class - Cost: \$64

There is still room for 14 more registrants, so if you are interested, please call the BOP no later than Friday, September 17th! This is a very useful class, so don't miss out!

Prerequisites: Basic understanding of Windows NT, 2000, or XP and how to use the mouse and keyboard.

Course Description: This course will help you create, edit, and format a spreadsheet.

Training Objectives: The participant will learn:

- Spreadsheet fundamentals: How to open, create, and work with a spreadsheet
- How to enter values and edit cell contents
- How to enhance spreadsheets using formatting techniques

Date	Time	City	Location
Sept. 23rd	1:00-5:00 p.m.	Pierre	BOP Training Computer Lab, Becker Hanson Basement (new location)

Register by sending an email to [BOP Training Registration](mailto:ctr@state.sd.us) (ctr@state.sd.us) with the course title, date, time, and location. Please let them know that you are with the SDACO when you register.

You may also register by calling Brenda @ (605) 773-4704

(This 4-hour class will qualify you for four elective credits on your 2011 recertification.)

Introducing...

Sherry Fuchs Charles Mix County Auditor



Hometown: Wagner, SD

How long have you lived there?

I have lived in Wagner since 1996

Where did you live previously?

I was born & raised in Superior, NE.

Previous work experience:

I started for Director of Equalization as Administrative Assistant in Feb '05

Tell us about your family:

I am married to Curt Fuchs & we have 2 children, McKenzie who is 4 and Brianna who is 1.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love taking pictures and doing crafts with my kids, they're so imaginative.

If you could travel one place in the world, where would it be and why?

Walt Disney World because it would be a fun family place that we have never been to.

Do you have a favorite quote or motto?

Don't ever give up!



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Introducing...

Elaine Blachford Kingsbury County Treasurer



Home:
Lake Preston

How long have you lived there? Where did you live previously?

I was raised on a farm 8 miles north of Lake Preston. I graduated from LPHS and attended both Northern State University and SDSU. I lived in DeSmet for 7 years before I had the opportunity to move back to my home place. I have enjoyed living there for the past 31 years.

Work experience:

I was fortunate to be a stay at home mother and homemaker and raise my family while assisting in operating the family dairy farm. When my youngest son was in junior high, I began working part time jobs off the farm. I worked as a clerk in a local grocery store and at a local gas station. I also was a dining room hostess for Countryview and up until this last spring I helped out when extra help was needed as a catering assistant and food server for Countryview Catering. I began working full time for Kingsbury County in 1999 as deputy treasurer. I have enjoyed all the jobs that I have held.

Tell us about your family:

I have 3 grown children--Jennifer is an administrative assistant for the Nebraska School Activities Association in Lincoln, NE. She is a graduate of University of Nebraska and the mother of a 16 year old daughter named Talia. Talia is very active in volleyball and basketball. Lisa is a graduate from

Southeast Tech and Jacksonville University. She is a lieutenant in the US Navy and is stationed in VT. She teaches Navy ROTC at Norwich University. John graduated from SDSU and is currently farming and raising Angus cattle.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I enjoy gardening and taking care of my yard (although with all the moisture this summer, the relationship that I have with my lawn mower is far too serious). In the winter months I enjoy reading and television. When I get the opportunity to get away, I enjoy watching my granddaughter play volleyball and basketball. For the last 2 winters, a group of us that have worked together decided we wanted a girl's night out. We started bowling on a league. First year was sort of ruff but I am anxiously looking forward to attempting to increase my average scores this winter.

If you could travel to one place in the world, where would it be and why?

I love to travel. Luckily with my daughter in the Navy, I can visit her. So far I have traveled to Spain, Jacksonville, FL, and Norfolk, VA and am looking forward to visiting Vermont. I am hopeful that she will be stationed in Hawaii at some point in the future. That would make a wonderful vacation!

Tell us one thing about yourself that most people would be surprised to know about you:

Even at my age, I'm a kid at heart and love adventure. I enjoy water parks and amusement parks.



Spotlight on...

Donna Mayer Pennington County Register of Deeds Continuing Education Committee



Hometown:
Rapid City, SD

How long have you lived there? Where did you live previously?

We have lived in Rapid City for 22 years. I grew up on a farm near Esmond, ND. I went to the University of North Dakota in Grand

Forks, ND where I met my husband and after graduation we lived in Grand Forks for an additional four years. We moved to Rugby, ND in 1976 and lived there until 1988 when we moved to Rapid City.

Work experience:

I had various jobs from ticket salesperson at a movie theatre to food services on campus, while in college. After graduating from college, I worked for the Grand Forks Public Schools Vocational Director as a secretary. We moved to Rugby, ND, so I could be a Headstart teacher. In 1982, I ran for Pierce County Register of Deeds and won. Since I have lived in Rapid City, I have worked for a land surveyors company, title insurance company and won the Register of Deeds position in 2000.

What do you like most about your job?
Everyday is a new experience. It should be a very routine job but the public always keeps it interesting.

Tell us about your family:

My husband, Gary and I have two sons, Scott and Ryan; a wonderful daughter-in-law, Tami; and two beautiful granddaughters, Taylor and Haley.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Traveling with my husband, reading dime novels, crocheting and knitting.

If you could travel to one place in the world, where would it be and why?

I would like to go back to Hawaii, Italy, especially the Mediterranean side, and Costa Rica because they are WARM plus the scenery is very beautiful, and colorful.

Tell us one thing about yourself that most people would be surprised to know about you:

I use to be a very, very quiet shy person and I am slowly growing out of it. I'm also terrified of snakes, so I move to western South Dakota which has RATTLE SNAKES, EEEEEWWW and Reptile Gardens is only about 4 miles from my house, as the crow flies.

Do you have a favorite quote or motto?

An inspirational quote: Don't ask for an easier life; ask to be a stronger person.



Employment Opportunity?

If your county has an employment opening and you would like to have it posted in our newsletter or on the SDACO website, just contact the SDACO office at 224-1968 (phone), 224-9128 (fax) or sdaco@sdcounties.org (email).

Introducing...

Chris Hamze SDACO Online Training/Website Manager



Home Town:
Hartford, SD

How long have you lived there? Where did you live previously? I am a lifelong resident of South Dakota. Our family moved around a bit when I was a child, but we have lived in Harford for over ten years now.

Currently I live in Vermillion, SD with my twin brother.

Work and School Experience:

I have completed my Bachelors of Business of Administration from the University of South Dakota. In 2009, I began Law School and Graduate School at USD and will graduate in 2012 with my Juris Doctorate and

Master of Business Administration. In Vermillion, I work for the Government Research Bureau, implementing technology based solutions that help non-profit organizations achieve their goals and strategies. I also spend much of my time in Sioux Falls where I own a restaurant with my father.

How long have you been working with computers?

My brother and I have always enjoyed technology and computers. I have been working on website development and design for the last 7 years.

What are some Fun Facts about you?

I love working on cars. My project now is a '76 Trans Am. I also collect antique computers and I own one of the first home computers ever made by Altair.



Job Position Opening

Veteran's Officer/Welfare Director/Zoning Admin., Clay County

The Clay County Board of Commissioners is taking applications for the position of Veteran's Officer/Welfare Director/Zoning Administrator. Closing date will be September 30, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The Board will review applications beginning October 5th, continuing until position is filled. Send resume to the Clay County Auditor, 211 W. Main, Suite 200, Vermillion, SD 57069. For information contact Ruth.Bremer@claycountysd.org, (605) 677-7120.

Duties: Working with applicants requesting VA assistance, Social Service Programs, and those needing building permits, Zoning Ordinance's enforcement and E-911 addressing. Is also the ADA Coordinator. Must work well with the public and be able to perform administrative duties.

Qualifications: Must have served in the armed forces of the United States as that term is defined in SDCL 33-17.1 & 33-17.2. The successful applicant should possess strong skills in communication, office administration and working with the public.

Salary: Competitive, depending upon qualifications and experience.

Upcoming Birthdays

September

Sept. 3rd: Kathleen Hill, Lincoln County Register of Deeds
 Sept. 4th: Roberta Hemish, Hamlin County Treasurer
 Sept. 5th: Raynelle Mueller, Grant County Treasurer
 Sept. 6th: Gwenn Ackerman, Walworth County Auditor
 Sept. 8th: Connie Konrad, Hyde County Register of Deeds
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October

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 Oct. 30th: Carrie Gonsor, SDACO Executive Director

**These are the birthdays we have in our records. If we missed your birthday, please accept our apology and know that we wish you a Happy Birthday! (And please let us know when your birthday is, so we can include it on our calendar next year!)*

Just for laughs: A young executive was leaving the office late one evening when he found the CEO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand.

"Listen," said the CEO, "this is a very sensitive and important document here, and my secretary has gone for the night. Can you make this thing work?"

"Certainly," said the young executive. He turned the machine on, inserted the paper, and pressed the start button.

"Excellent, excellent!" said the CEO as his paper disappeared inside the machine. "I just need one copy."

If you have an upcoming community or county event that you would like to have listed on our calendar, just drop us an e-mail at sdaco@sdcounties.org and we will include it in an upcoming newsletter.

September 21st-23rd:
Fall Counties
Convention in Pierre

September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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		2010 Fall Counties Convention				
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October 2010

October 11th:
Columbus Day /
Native American Day

October 31st:
Halloween

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Back-to-School Trivia

- Why is a school bus yellow?
 - It's such a bright, lovely color
 - Federal law mandates that school buses be painted that color
 - Because other drivers must use caution around them
- What inspired the invention of the glue stick?
 - Ice pops
 - Corn dogs
 - Lipstick
- How much money did the first box of Crayola brand crayons cost?
 - Five cents
 - 25 cents
 - One dollar
- About how many words can the average #2 pencil write?
 - 1,000
 - 10,550
 - 45,000
- The earliest pencil erasers were made from what?
 - Bread
 - Sponge
 - They simply couldn't erase things
- The popular game of kickball was invented in the United States.
 - True
 - False
- A pencil can write in outer space, upside down, and underwater.
 - True
 - False
- What is calcium sulfate more commonly called?
 - A milkshake
 - Chalk
 - A dry-erase marker
- In 1987, four public schools started suggesting that students wear a school uniform. What state were they from?
 - California
 - Maryland/Washington, D.C.
 - Texas
- Consumers spend more during back-to-school time than during the December holiday season.
 - True
 - False

Answers

1. B; 2. C; 3. A; 4. C; 5. A; 6. A; 7. A; 8. B; 9. B; 10. B

Think Like a Lawyer

(In honor of Eric, who is just beginning law school, and Carrie, a recent law school graduate.)

One day in Contract Law class, a Professor asked one of his better students, "Now, if you were to give someone an orange, how would you go about it?"

The student replied, "Here's an orange."

The professor was livid.

"No! No! Think like a lawyer!" the Professor instructed.

The student then recited, "Okay, I'd tell him: "I hereby give and convey to you all and singular, my estate and interests, rights, claim, title, claim and advantages of and in, said orange, together with all its rind, juice, pulp and seeds, and all rights and advantages with full power to bite, cut, freeze and otherwise eat, the same, or give the same away with, or without the pulp, juice, rind and seeds, anything herein before or hereinafter or in any deed, or deeds, instruments of whatever nature or kind whatsoever to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding, domestically or internationally..."

X _____ sign here

Crayon Facts and Figures

With school back in session, I thought I'd add a few trivia facts about Crayola Crayons for your enjoyment.

- Binney & Smith, maker of Crayola products, produces nearly 3 billion crayons each year, an average of 12 million daily. That's enough to circle the globe 6 times. It would take about 400 million crayons to go around the world.
- The average child in the United States will wear down 730 crayons by his 10th birthday (or 11.4 boxes of 64's).
- In July, 1996, the 100 billionth Crayola crayon was made by Fred Rogers of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. The crayon was a once in a lifetime color - blue ribbon.
- Kids, ages 2-8, spend an average of 28 minutes each day coloring. Combined, children in the U.S. spend 6.3 billion hours coloring each year.
- The first box of Crayola crayons was sold in 1903 for a nickel and included the same colors available in the eight-count box today: red, blue, yellow, green, violet, orange, black, and brown.
- Crayola crayon labels are only made in 18 colors.
- Crayola crayons come in 120 colors including 23 reds, 20 greens, 19 blues, 16 purples, 14 oranges, 11 browns, 8 yellows, 2 grays, 2 coppers, 2 blacks, 1 white, 1 gold, and 1 silver.

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