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Capitol Notes By Eric Erickson, SDACO Executive Director



Session continues! Although we are closing in on the end of the 2010 session there are still many important issues up for consideration.

Our three SDACO sponsored bills will be up for their final hearings early next week on the house floor.

Senate bill 65, which would delay the issuance of a new license plate series five years, is the only bill left that would provide any additional funding for counties in the coming year. The three million dollars in one-time money to counties will not solve long term problems, but will assist counties in getting through the next few years where there is no increase in CPI, the possibility of severe Spring flooding, and other serious concerns.

Although the time left in session is short, the issues remain important. Please continue to read your legislative update and respond to our requests for grassroots action.

As always, we are here to serve you. Please let me know if you have any questions or if we can be of other assistance.

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2010 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition



July 16-20, 2010 Reno-Sparks Convention Center

NACo is celebrating 75 years of representing county governments across the country! Join NACo and Washoe County, Nevada as they welcome over 3,000 attendees to the 75th Annual Conference and Exposition. Representing over 80% of the nation's population, NACo celebrates 75 years of distinguished accomplishments and will showcase these ac-

complishments in July. NACo looks forward to the future and will continue to engage and lead its members to help America prosper now and into the future.

Participating in the conference will supply county officials with invaluable resources such as:

- 40+ educational sessions covering current issues, such as health reform, jail diversion, immigration, transportation, ARRA;
- Opportunity to participate in Pre-Conference Seminars focusing on Leadership Training and technology;
- Peer to Peer networking opportunities with colleagues from around the country to provide you more ideas to take back home;
- Over 170 companies featuring products and services to save your county money;
- General sessions featuring national speakers;
- And much more

For more information, go to

http://www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=Annual&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=80&ContentID=24563.

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Erickson in the SDACO office at (605) 224-1968. Others who attended last year were Karen Layher, Grant County Auditor, and Caryn Hojer, Kingsbury County Register of Deeds.



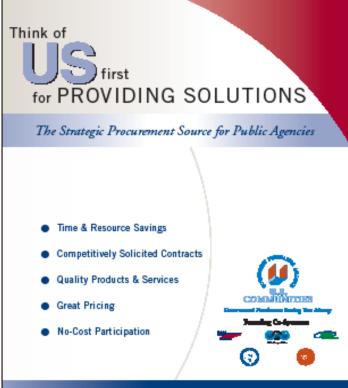
Reminder



The Excellent Service to South Dakota County Officials award will be presented to an individual or organization <u>outside</u> county government in South Dakota at the SDACO Spring Workshop in May.

The award recipient will be selected from nominations received by the SDACO Executive Board.

All nominations must be submitted in writing by March 1, 2010.



www.uscommunities.org

Apply online for NACo's 2010 Achievement Awards

Applications for NACo's 2010 Achievement Award program are now available. The annual program is non-competitive and recognizes innovative county government programs. Each submission is judged on its own merits based on the criteria outlined in the application information.

NACo is introducing a new application process this year that requires that part of the application to be completed online. Contact information and the title and category of the program must be submitted through NACo's Web site. Payment by credit card can also be made online, but checks and purchase orders may still be mailed. The program narrative and any supplemental materials must still be mailed along with the e-mailed confirmation page that is generated with your online registration. All applications and materials must be postmarked by Feb. 26, 2010.

Last year, more than 770 applications were submitted from 123 counties in 30 states.

In these tough times, the Achievement Award program provides a way for counties to recognize not only innovative programs, but also the dedicated employees who make these programs successful.

"Counties and their employees are demonstrating continued resilience during these difficult economic times," said Jacqueline Byers, NACo director of research. "This program provides a way to recognize and reward these employees for their hard work."

Since the its inception in 1970, the Achievement Award Program has honored thousands of county government initiatives that have improved service delivery, achieved greater cost efficiency, provided better customer service and helped to develop a better-trained work force.

For more information and for the 2010 application information, please visit <u>www.naco.org/achievementawards.</u>





SDACO President Dawn McLaughlin and SDACC President Jim Schmidt have a discussion about the future of counties while serving ice cream at County Day.

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For More Information, Contact: Brenda Kleinjan, Director of Communications and Member Relations

Electric Cooperatives, State Retailers to Hold Campaign Academies

PIERRE – South Dakota's electric cooperatives, along with the state retailer's organization, will be cohosting two Campaign Academies this March.

The Campaign Academy, designed by the Arlington, Va.-based National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Grassroots Unit, is designed to help individuals seeking public office this fall along with anyone else involved in their campaigns.

The course helps individuals sharpen their political skills and prepare them for the rigors of the campaign trail, whether it be school board, town council, county commission or state office.

SDREA, along with the South Dakota Retailers Association, will be coordinating the South Dakota workshops

which are scheduled for March 16 in Rapid City and March 18 in Sioux Falls.

The school is open to candidates of any political party and will feature campaign veterans and professionals

focusing on the core areas of fund-raising, campaign strategy, message development and communication skills. Participants will receive a binder of the various presentations and additional training supplements

on the topics covered during the course. Attendees will also learn about campaign rules and regulations.

The registration deadline is March 3. There is a \$25 fee to attend the all-day program; additional people from a campaign may attend for \$15 per person. This covers the cost of materials, continental breakfast, and lunch.

Contact your local electric cooperative for a registration form or call SDREA at 1-800-201-8823.



March 16 - Rapid City • March 18 - Sioux Falls

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SDACO County Website Program Tip of the Month

In order to upload files, like agendas, minutes, budgets or other information you'd like to

get out to your community to your website, simply click the upload button on your menu. The Upload box, shown below, will appear. Click the select button to browse and find the file you would like to upload. If you would like to upload more than three files, click the "add" button, as you see below. If you have files that you're updating, you have the option of overwriting the files that are currently on the site, as long as the files are named the same. Just click the "Overwrite if files exists?" checkbox before clicking "Upload" to finish the task.

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Once your files are uploaded, you'll need to link them to the page that they should appear

on. To do this, click the pencil icon \sim to the right of the page that you would like to edit in your Manage Content menu. Or, click on the plus sign in the top right-hand corner to add

new pages.

When you're in the content window, you will want to enter the text for the file you're linking to. Highlight the text and click on the hyperlink button in the menu. This will bring up the hyperlinks manager, as seen below. You can then click on the file button next to the URL field (circled below)

Questions?

email support@sdcounties.org!

Contact the SDACO office if you are interested in a website for your county.

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Do You Know Your Counties?

- Which county had a bank robbery which netted the gang \$97.00, but when one of the gang members was captured, the county gained \$392.50 from his pockets?
 - a. Custer
 - b. Lawrence
 - c. Corson
 - d. Butte
- 2. Which county had the first Corn Palace?
 - a. Aurora
 - b. Day
 - c. Davison
 - d. Charles Mix
- 3. Which county had the first female homesteader?
 - a. Douglas
 - b. Turner



- d. Union
- 4. Which county has the first and oldest daily newspaper in eastern South Dakota?
 - a. Beadle
 - b. Kingsbury
 - c. Hand
 - d. Faulk
- 5. In which county did Calamity Jane spend a year or two nursing people during a small pox epidemic?
 - a. Stanley
 - b. Lawrence
 - c. Hughes
 - d. Meade

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- 6. Which county hosted Ringling Brothers Circus on July 4, 1902—which they claimed was their largest single day stop?
 - a. Hughes
 - b. Brown
 - c. Minnehaha
 - d. Pennington
- 7. Which county hosted the first fair?
 - a. Clay
 - b. Davison
 - c. Minnehaha
 - d. Hand
- 8. Which county boasts the first woman elected to county office in 1918?
 - a. Lincoln
 - b. Brookings
 - c. Grant
 - d. Sully
- Several counties had _____ when they (the counties) were first established.
 - a. telephones
 - b. opera houses
 - c. music stores
 - d. clinics
- 10. The Ortmans, renowned bone specialists, ran their large hotel and clinic in which county?
 - a. Beadle
 - b. Hutchinson
 - c. Clark
 - d. McCook
- 11. Which county's courthouse was destroyed by an arson fire started by a woman?
 - a. Lawrence
 - b. Codington
 - c. Hyde
 - d. Buffalo

12. Which county hosted the first Hereford 14. Which county was born twice? sale on June 5, 1919? a. Brookings a. Yankton b. Jackson b. Stanley c. Charles Mix c. Jackson d. Lake d. Butte 15. Which county was named for a Norwegian king? 13. Which County was named for a band of a. Mellette Teton Sioux? a. Roberts b. Jerauld b. Minnehaha c. Haakon c. Jerauld d. Stanley d. Brule Answers can be found on the bottom of page 7

Unusual Laws on the Books

Several states have rather 'unusual' laws on the books. Here is just a sampling:

- No matter how luxuriously comfortable that divided highway may look, it is illegal in Eureka, CA, to use a road as a bed.
- In order to save money on having to crop dust their streets, officials in Chico, CA, have made it illegal to plant rutabagas in roadways.
- Officials in Glendale, CA, no doubt caved in to insurance lobbyists when they inexplicably decided to make it illegal to jump from a car at 65 mph.
- In Mount Vernon, IA, it is illegal to throw your Red Ryder onto the highway.
- It is illegal for your pet to molest a vehicle in Fort Thomas, KY.
- In Minnetonka, MN, if you drive a truck that leaves mud, dirt, or sticky substances on any road you will be considered a public nuisance that is harming the peace, safety, and general welfare of the town.

- Planting trees in the middle of the street is illegal in Blairstown, NJ.
- Be sure to enter your vehicle feeling sartorially content while in Sag Harbor, NY.
 Officials there have made it illegal to disrobe while in your car.
- In Oregon, you need to be not only alert for state troopers with speed guns, but also with stop watches. For you can be ticketed if you leave your car door open longer than is deemed necessary.
- There's a good reason why automakers don't manufacture models named the Dodge Dumpster or the Lexus Litterbin.
 For in Hilton Head, SC, it is illegal to store trash in your vehicle due to rat problems.
- Officials in West Virginia have deemed it perfectly legal for anyone to scavenge road kill.

Source: http://www.dmv.org/funstuff/bizarre-driving-laws.php

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Spotlight on...

Nicole Ogan SDACO County Websites Program



Name: Nicole Ogan

Hometown: Pierre SD

How long have you lived there? Seven years

Where did you live previously?

Spearfish, SD – originally from Ekalaka, MT

Work experience: SDACO part time, South Dakota Board of Regents since August 2008 (Training & Curriculum Development Manager), South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development 2004-2008 (E-Communications Coordinator) What do you like most about your job? I love working on websites

Tell us about your family: Married to Ryan Ogan, 2 sons – Jamie (3), Alex (10 months)

What do you like to do in your spare time? Work for SDACO, play with my children, digital scrapbooking

If you could travel to one place in the world, where would it be and why? Hawaii, my husband and I would like to go there for a honeymoon someday.

Tell us one thing about yourself that most people would be surprised to know about you: My husband and I did most of the work building our home.

Continuing Education Program Corner

With each issue of the South Dakota County News we will list an opportunity for you to earn elective credits.

This month the spotlight is on **Ed2Go**'s online training opportunities. You can find their website at <u>www.ed2go.com</u>. The site offers a large variety of 6-week educational courses.

For SDACO's Continuing Education credits, the courses you take need to be relevant to your job as a county official. Ed2Go offers classes in Customer Service, Fundamentals of Supervision and Management, Grant Proposal Writing, Beginning through Advanced Excel, QuickBooks, and many more.

Be aware that these are <u>not</u> free courses. If you enroll in courses through the Ed2Go website, the majority of the courses cost \$139. However, you can also enroll in courses through several technical schools around the state of SD at a lower cost. For example, you can enroll in *Intro to Microsoft Excel 2007* on the Ed2Go link at Mitchell Technical Institute's website for \$80 (a savings of \$59). The Ed2Go website has a tab to assist you in locating other area schools that participate.

Also, we've listed the following in a previous issue (October, 2009), but just as a reminder:

Microsoft Software Training

You can receive free training on Microsoft Software from your desk at http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/training/default.aspx. To participate, click on the software you would like to learn more about. After selecting a software, a series of classes which will teach you different aspects of the software will show on the page. Select the level and aspect of the software you would like to learn about. Each class is an audio guided PowerPoint.

Please contact the SDACO office if you have any questions.

Spotlight on...

Janell Brochu SDACO Administrative Assistant



Name: Janell Brochu

Hometown: Pierre, SD

How long have you lived there? For almost 2 years.

Where did you live previously? I grew up in Leola, and then went to college for a couple

of years in Kansas. Later I moved to Minot, ND, where I met my husband, who was in the Air Force at the time. After getting married, we lived in New Mexico, Arizona, North Carolina, Texas, and Okinawa, Japan before he retired from active duty in 2002. We then lived in Leola for several years before moving to Pierre in 2008.

Work experience: I worked as a CNA/ secretary for an in-patient hospice center, as a teachers' assistant at a Hutterite Colony school, and as the librarian at the Leola Public Library before coming to work for the SDACO in March of last year.

What do you like most about your job? I enjoy the variety of the job tasks. I also have a great boss and I get to meet some really wonderful, fun people at the workshops and conventions.

Tell us about your family: In June, Brian and I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. We have two married daughters— Brianna (Jake) is 23 and lives in Westport; Jillian (Lucas) is 22 and lives near Brookings. We also have 3 extremely adorable grandsons—Peter is 2-1/2, Christopher is 9 months old, and Jeremiah is 5 months old. We also have two 7-year-old cats (Michiko and Oreo). What do you like to do in your spare time? I enjoy reading, watching HGTV, and watching old movie musicals, especially those with Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra, or Fred Astaire.

If you could travel to one place in the world, where would it be and why? It's tough to narrow it down because there are still so many places I'd like to go. But I think if I had to pick one, I would love to take our daughters to Alamogordo, New Mexico that's where they were both born. The last time we were there, they were 2 and 3 years old, so they have no memory of it. I'd love to show them where they were born. Plus, it would be a great get-away to somewhere warmer right now!

Tell us one thing about yourself that most people would be surprised to know about you: I've never seen the Christmas movies "The Christmas Story" or "It's a Wonderful Life" (well, I've seen bits and pieces of that one).

Do You Know Your Counties quiz answers:

- 1. d. Butte
- 2. a. Aurora
- 3. b. Turner
- 4. a. Beadle
- 5. c. Hughes
- 6. b. Brown
- 7. d. Hand
- 8. c. Grant
- 9. b. opera houses
- 10. d. McCook
- 11. c. Hyde
- 12. a. Yankton
- 13. d. Brule
- 14. b. Jackson
- 15. c. Haakon



Caught in a Spyware Trap by Angeline Mabute

Many people encounter attacks, like virus and spywares, online. More and more are becoming victims every day. One instance is when you are shopping online. You create an account, agree to the store policies, enter your credit card number and personal information, and buy it; all without you knowing that some programs were installed in your computer while you are shopping. These programs are so-called spyware, which is responsible for transmitting personal information to a third party without your knowledge and explicit consent.

Some spyware is transferred to your computer legally because you actually allow it to be installed. You might not be aware that you agreed, but you did. Some spyware slows down your system, steals confidential information, or compromises the security of your PC. Viruses come in single packages such as .EXE files but multiply guickly. As soon as the suspicious software is executed, it will also deploy many other files into your PC. Some are hidden files that are hard to find and remove. Some do the action that it finds and sends out personal data immediately. Once you connect your infected laptop to your company's network, the spyware will search through your files and then sends your usernames and passwords to a third party. Some spyware records and sends out your keystrokes as you are logging into Internet sites or sensitive areas of your company's information systems. Other spyware downloads more components into your syseating more network bandwidth. tem

Here are the types of spyware:

Adware – A type of software that makes profits for the vendor or partners of the vendor through advertising targeting the user of the PC on which the adware is installed.

Dialer – A piece of code redirecting Internet connections to a party other than the user's Internet Security Provider, to acquire connection charges for a content provider, vendor, or other third party.

Password Crackers – A code designed allowing a legitimate user or administrator to recover lost or forgotten passwords from accounts or data files. If the attacker gets the password crackers at hand, your PC is in danger because it will allow them to access your confidential information. This will threaten your security and privacy.

Key-logger – A software program that will capture the keystrokes you entered on the computer to steal information such as ID's and passwords. The said information is stored in a file that can be retrieved or trans-

mitted to a hacker to access to private company information.

Joke – A piece of software with no malicious payload or use. It even does not impact security or privacy states, but may alarm or annoy you.



Follow the following steps to avoid spyware:

- Always update your browser and operating system.
- Use a firewall.
- Use an updated anti-virus and antispyware program.
- Read privacy policies carefully before installing software.
- Use a web browser that is less targeted, like Mozilla Firefox.
- Be careful in downloading free software.

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- Use a regular account for day-to-day work and an administrator account only when installing updates, etc.
- Don't click on links in y our email that comes from an unknown user.
- Beware of pornography, online gambling, get-rich-quick, and other high-risk websites.

Most computers have some form of spyware. Some are not aware that they have these spyware on their computers, not knowing what to do about it. PC users must be careful when conducting transactions online because they may acquire a spyware that will steal their personal information, threatening their security and privacy. If you think that your PC is harmed with a spyware and are unsure how to remove it, contact your tech support person to assist you.

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Upcoming Birthdays

<u>March</u>

Mar. 2nd: Angela Meyerink, Charles Mix County Auditor
Mar. 5th: Audrey Lembke, Kingsbury County Treasurer
Mar. 7th: Geralyn Sherman, McCook County Auditor
Mar. 8th: Susan Kiepke, Davison County Auditory
Mar. 8th: Marla Liggett, Tripp/Todd Counties Treasurer
Mar. 15th: Dennis Zellner, Custer County Register of Deeds
Mar. 17th: Paula Feucht, Lincoln County Auditor
Mar. 18th: Carol Viet, Turner County Register of Deeds
Mar. 20th: Catherine Powell, Clay County Treasurer
Mar. 21st: Janet Hurlbut, Clark County Register of Deeds
Mar. 22nd: Kris Jacobsen, SDACC Administrative Assistant
Mar. 30th: James Waterbury, Gregory County Auditor
Mar. 31st: Carol Klumper, Union County Auditor



*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!

Upcoming Workshops

Spring Workshop May 12th-14th at the Ramkota Hotel in Pierre

Deputy Workshop May 19th-20th at the Ramkota Hotel in Pierre

Fall Counties Convention September 21st-23rd at the Ramkota Hotel in Pierre

Congratulations

to Doreen Priebe, Brule County Treasurer, for being selected to receive this year's \$750 NACo Travel Scholarship. The scholarship, sponsored by Northland Securities, will assist Doreen with the expenses involved in attending the 2010 NACo Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada, July 16th-20th.

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February 22nd: County Day at the Legislature



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14 (14)	15 Presidents' Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 County Day at the Legislature	23	24	25	26	27
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March 15th:							
Sioux Valley District Meeting in Brookings	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 24th: Southeast District Meeting in Vermillion		1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14 Daylight Savings Time Begins	15 Sioux Valley District Meeting	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins
The day after tomorrow is the third day of the rest of your life. —-George Carlin	21	22	23	24 Southeast District Meeting	25	26	27
	28 Palm Sunday	29	30	31			

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Deb Tridle Lawrence Co. Treasurer

Susan Urban Aurora Co. Auditor

Louise Flisram Tripp/Todd Co. Reg. of Deeds

Jeanie Simonsen Hutchinson Co. Auditor

Donna Breitag McPherson Co. Treasurer

> Susan Kiepke Davison Co. Auditor

Sharon Jungwirth Spink Co. Reg. of Deeds

Raynelle Mueller Grant Co. Treasurer

> **Debra Tridle** Board Liaison

State Board of Elections Delegates (nominated)

> Karen Layher Grant Co. Auditor

> Cindy Shultz Spink Co. Auditor

Public Relations (appointed)

Sue Ganje, Chair Fall River/Shannon Co. Auditor

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Audrey Lembke Kingsbury Co. Treasurer

Sheila Coss Hand Co. Reg. of Deeds

Jolene Donovan Bennett Co. Treasurer

Linda Nelson Custer Co. Auditor

Julie Herrboldt Board Liaison

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Sheila Hagemann Turner Co. Auditor

Jana Foltz Union Co. Reg. of Deeds

> Arlene Koch Board Liaison

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