

# South Dakota County News

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## INTRODUCING CARRIE GONSOR, SDACO's New Executive Director

June 2010

**Hometown:**  
Pierre, SD

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

My family has lived in Pierre for the past 24 years. I graduated from T.F. Riggs High School and then attended Undergraduate School at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD. In 2007, I graduated from USD with my Bachelors of Arts, majoring in English and Spanish. That fall I began law school at Michigan State University College of Law in East Lansing, MI. I returned to South Dakota for a summer internship with the Attorney General's Office in Pierre and decided to make South Dakota my permanent home. I transferred to USD in the fall of 2008 and graduated from USD with my Juris Doctor and my Master of Public Administration degrees in May of 2010.



### Work Experience:

- Government Research Bureau, Graduate Assistant--Vermillion
- SD Attorney General's Office, Legal Intern--Pierre
- SD Department of Agriculture, Intern--Pierre
- Mercy Medical Center, Physician Coach--Sioux City, IA

### Family:

My parents, Jon and Nancy Gonsor, live in Pierre, SD. My father was a Biology and Chemistry teacher at T.F. Riggs High School for 24 years and recently retired, and my mother currently works as a

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



Thank you to all that attended the Spring Workshop in Pierre this year. I believe that it was a great session with loads of information that our offices need. We all know keeping up with the new laws and maintaining our continuing education program helps us all to serve our constituents better. If you have any ideas for the upcoming convention, please let myself or the office know.

The Deputy Workshop also went well. My Deputy was really impressed with the workshop and brought great information back for the office. I thought it was nice that she was given the opportunity to meet with representatives from across the state.

Eric and Janell, your hard work and dedication doesn't go unnoticed. You both do a great job for the association, and thank you for the great Spring workshops. A big thank you needs to go out for our continuing education committee for their efforts toward the workshops as well.

As some of you know we have hired a new Executive Director. ☺ Her name is Carrie Gonsor. I'm very excited for everyone to meet her; she is an outstanding individual and will be a great addition to our association. If you have any questions, or would like to just say "Hi", I encourage you to phone or email Carrie ([carrie@sdcounties.org](mailto:carrie@sdcounties.org)). She would

love to hear from you!

I need to take this opportunity to also thank the board. They worked extremely hard during the process of hiring a new director. They are a great group and I couldn't have made it through the exciting time without them. You guys are the best !!

Well I hope you are all getting off to a great start this summer; I know I've already been camping! Please call or email me if you have any questions or concerns. My phone number is 673-8114 and email is [dmclaughlin@custercountysd.com](mailto:dmclaughlin@custercountysd.com).

Have a great summer!

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## From Our Executive Director: Eric Erickson



Greetings!

I hope that the first days of summer are treating you well. In the association office we are starting the transition to Carrie Gonsor as Executive Director. I am very excited about Carrie working for the association. Through her excellent personality and what she has learned as a recent graduate of the USD Law School and Masters in Public Administration Program, Carrie will do a great job.

I will be leaving the association at the end of July but look forward to the remainder of my time to finish a few projects we have started.

First we have identified a need to improve the training we provide for new officials. We are currently considering a number of options including a Mentor Program, offering Basic Courses at Spring Workshop and Convention for new officials, providing regular webinars, encouraging local training at district meetings and courthouses, and are open to any other ideas on how we can improve the training for new officials.

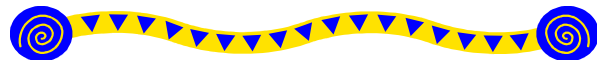
Starting next week Carrie and I will be holding conference calls with the Continuing Education Committee office groups to identify how we can improve the training of new officials, discuss sessions for the fall convention, and review the current Continuing Education Policy. Please contact the office or a member of the Continuing Education Program if you have thoughts on how we can improve this training or sessions for the fall convention.

On a final note I would like to recognize the

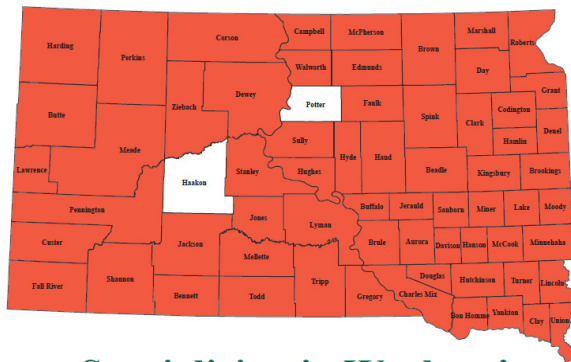
innovation used by Harding, Hand, and Brookings counties in establishing Facebook pages. They have found an inexpensive way to communicate with the public while reaching a demographic not touched by traditional media. I recommend you search out their Facebook pages as a good example of communicating with the public.

As always we are here to serve you. Please contact Janell, Carrie, or myself if you have any questions or if we can be of other assistance.

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 Carrie: [carrie@sdcounties.org](mailto:carrie@sdcounties.org)  
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Approximately 181 county officials from across the state converged on Pierre, SD, for the 2010 Spring Workshop on May 12th-14th for a few days of educational sessions, networking, and fun.



Secretary of State Chris Nelson accepts the first annual "Excellent Service to South Dakota County Officials Award" from 1st Vice Pres. Karen Layher and Pres. Dawn McLaughlin.



Toby Morris, Northland Securities, discusses financial services with Keith Schurr, Edmunds County Auditor, between sessions.



County officials from across the state heard presentations designed to supplement their knowledge of current procedures.



Kathy Taylor of hal Systems Corporation speaks with Susan Eisemann, Walworth County Register of Deeds.



Microfilm Imaging Systems' Curt Reiter and Tom Bjork answered a myriad of questions from Spring Workshop participants.



Rolando Navarro of Official Payments Corporation was on hand to answer questions from South Dakota county officials.

## County Website Tip-of-the-Month

### Keywords! Getting found on search engines like Google, Bing, etc.

Choose keywords wisely.

Have you noticed the keyword and description sections in our new website editing set up? Below, you can see what Butte County has set up for their welcome page.

**Keywords:** butte county, sd, belle fouché, sd, south dakota

**Description:** Butte County was named from the numerous buttes which arise abruptly

You may be wondering what to do with these new sections. Start out by making a list of keywords you think would work to promote your website on search engines.

Your keywords should be a short list of what your website is trying to promote and other words related to your industry. These words will help you choose the right keywords for the site's organic search engine optimization. Once you have the list, you'll want to read through the content on the pages of your site to see how it has used the keywords that you have already chosen and to gather ideas for additional keywords. The keywords chosen may be broad terms which may or may not work for your particular site, be sure to eliminate these broad words and make your keywords very specific to your site (like butte county).

Remember: the words that you need to add are specialized words or phrases that will enable the site to have top SEO ranking and will deliver qualified traffic.

Good luck!

## Scholarship Update

Thus far in 2010, the Scholarship Committee has raised \$2,021.98, bringing the total scholarship fund to \$14,183.36. The 2010 County Government Scholarship (\$500) will be awarded in June, bringing the SDACO Scholarship Fund to @12,683.36.

Below is a breakdown of how much money has been raised for the scholarship fund this year:

### Spring Workshop



Raffle	\$965.00
Silent Auction	\$468.00
Park Lane Jewelry	\$318.98
Donation	\$ 55.00
Cell Phone	\$ 5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,811.98</b>



### Deputy Workshop

Raffle	\$210.00
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Raffle tickets for the RCA 40" LCD HDTV donated by Sen. Stan Adelstein are still available for purchase. Tickets are one for \$5 or three for \$10, and may be purchased from any of the Scholarship Committee members or by calling the SDACO office (224-1968). They will also be available at the registration desk during the Fall Counties Convention in September.

The drawing will be held near the close of the convention, but you need not be present to win.

## Using Facebook to Engage the Public

Keeping the public engaged is an ongoing goal of South Dakota counties and the SDACO. A number of counties have recently found a new way of getting the county message out by establishing Facebook pages.

Facebook pages are a free opportunity for counties to engage the public and reach a demographic not reached through traditional media. Harding County Auditor Kathy Glines states, "Our Facebook page is a great addition in our efforts to reach the public. It allows Harding County to reach out with near daily updates on the different activities of the county. We have also found that we are reaching a group of people that we don't get to through newspapers or the radio."

With your Facebook page you are able to post regular updates that fans of your page will receive in their news feed. South Dakota counties have used this to spread information about county events, health reminders, storm warnings, election information, and other items important to the public.

You also get to see who your message is getting out to. You will receive a weekly email with a report of what demographics have been to your site.

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Kathy Glines, Harding County Auditor, presented information at Spring Workshop on her county's use of Facebook to keep their constituents up-to-date on county happenings and events.

Use the following steps in establishing a Facebook page for your county:

1. Set up a Facebook page for yourself-  
Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)  
Enter the information on the home page
2. Set up the County page
  - a. Search for one of the following counties: Harding County, Hand County, or Brookings County. They will give you an idea of how to start you page and give you ideas on how to best utilize this new public relations tool.  
Click on "Create a page for my business" and follow directions.

Here are some examples of recent posts by participating counties:

**Harding County, SD** WEATHER SITUATION National Weather has just issued a tornado watch for our area until 11:00 tonight. PLEASE be very mindful of the weather conditions as all of the elements are favorable for some nasty weather through late tonight. There is also a high wind warning for tomorrow (Thursday) from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. St...

**Harding County, SD** KIDS FISHING DERBY TOMORROW!!! Registration begins at 8:30 and fishing begins at 10:00 to 2:00. Prizes awarded to Overall Largest Game Fish & Largest Carp. Door Prizes, Raffle Drawings and much more. Come out and Enjoy a fun day of fishing. Take time to visit with this year's honoree: Ralph Trevillyan. Have fun and catch a big one.

**Harding County, SD** TORNADO WATCH is in effect until 9:00 tonight. Please monitor weather conditions closely!

**Brookings County, SD** View the agenda for the June 22nd Commission meeting!  
<http://brookingscountysd.gov/Commission/agenda.pdf>  
brookingscountysd.gov

**Brookings County, SD** Get to know your County Offices: Register of Deeds - Beverly Chapman was elected as Register of Deeds in 2006 for a four-year term. This office keeps all the legal records concerning property in the County. They also preserve registration of marriage licenses, birth records, death records, burial records, and military records for Brookings County. They are located on the second floor of the Courthouse.

**Brookings County, SD** The county currently has two volunteer board positions open. One position is for the Swiftel Advisory Committee and the other is for the Housing & Redevelopment Commission. If you are interested in either of these positions please complete the Citizen Interest Application available at [www.brookingscountysd.gov](http://www.brookingscountysd.gov) or a...t the Commission Office located at 314 6th Ave, Suite 2 Brookings, SD.

**Hand County South Dakota** Please remember to vote in the Primary Election tomorrow. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you have questions you can call the Auditors Office @ 853-2182. It is a right that many sacrificed much for.

Facebook pages are a great addition to your public relations efforts, but do not take the place of your website, letters to the editor, or other public notices. An elective course on establishing your own Facebook page will be offered during the Fall Convention.

## Hanson County Courthouse Opens

Hanson County has opened their new Courthouse. The Courthouse took a little under a year to complete, from construction bidding to move-in day.

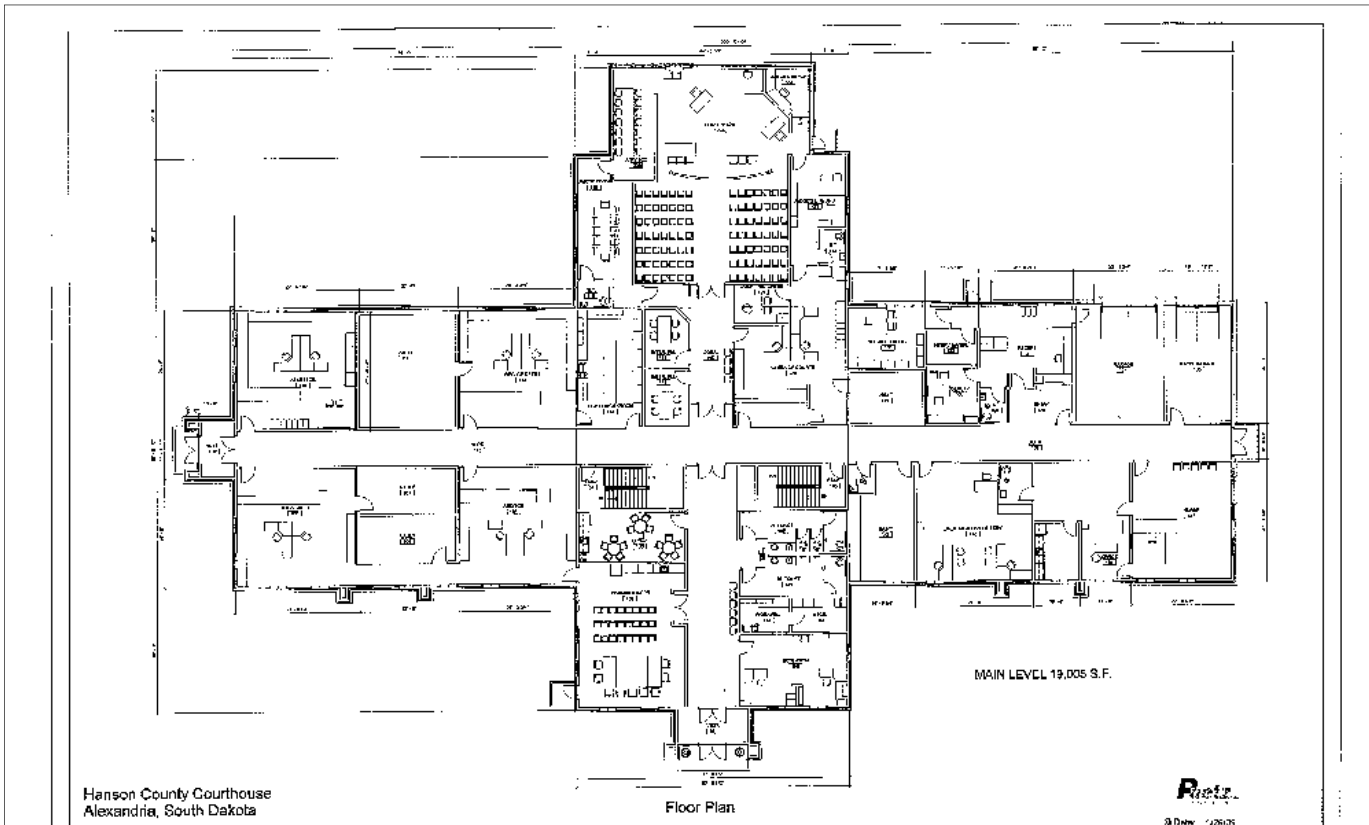
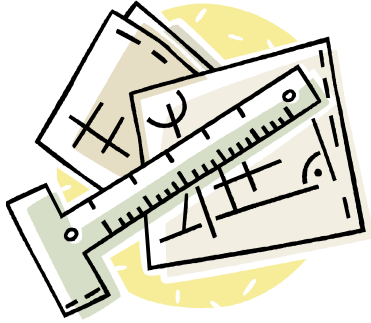
Bidding began in April 2009, with resulting bid totals falling approximately 20 percent less than anticipated. Construction for the new building commenced in May 2009 and all offices were completely moved into the new Courthouse by April 2010. The project included new sidewalks, parking lots, a phone system, and security cameras, for a total of \$2,727,000.

The main level of the Courthouse measures about 19,999 square feet, with an additional 5,500 square feet for storage in the basement. The total cost per square foot totaled \$111.00.

Lesa Trabing, Hanson County Auditor, sends word that the only thing left to complete is to plant the grass around the building as soon as the rain lets up.

Hanson County hosted an open house on May 21, 2010 where approximately 400 people celebrated the completion of the building project.





Hanson County Courthouse  
Alexandria, South Dakota

Floor Plan

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## Spotlight on...

### Brian Hunhoff Yankton County Register of Deeds Continuing Education Committee



**Home:** Yankton County

**How long have you lived there?** 50 years (entire life)

**Work experience:**

20 years as editor and publisher of weekly Yankton County Observer; 10 years as Yankton County Commissioner; eight years as mental health aide at South Dakota Human Services Center; three years as Yankton County Register of Deeds

**What do you like most about your job as Register of Deeds?** It is fast-paced and offers a lot of variety in terms of duties. Every hour of the day brings different tasks to complete. In those ways, it reminds me a lot of my years in the weekly newspaper business.

**Tell us about your family:**

I grew up on a rural Utica farm with seven older brothers (all but one still live in Yankton County). I have been married 27 years to Roxann, a teacher in Yankton. We have a son and three daughters, ages 5-26. We also have two sons-in-law and a one-year-old grandson.

**What do you do in your spare time?**

Read, write, collect sculptures, lift weights, make lists.

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

Paris, to visit the three grand ladies of The Louvre.

**Tell us one thing about yourself that most people would be surprised to know about you?** I can still do 30 chin-ups and bench press 350 pounds on a good day (the days when my back doesn't hurt!).

**Do you have a favorite quote or motto?** One day at a time.

**Future goal:**

To retire in good health in about a dozen years from now.

**If you could meet one person, past or present, who would it be?**

Jesus Christ. Who else?

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# Introducing...

## Mitzi Mitchell Jackson County Register of Deeds



**Hometown:**  
Kadoka, SD

**Where did you live previously?**  
Denver, Colorado

**Work experience:**  
I do the township books and ranch books; I have

worked various restaurant jobs and have worked in a gas station. I have worked for Jackson County since 1984 in the Auditors office, 1993 part time and then full time in the Dir. Of Equalization office, and 1996 part time Deputy Reg. of Deeds office. In May 2010 I was appointed Reg. of Deeds for Jackson County.

**What do you like most about your job?**  
The people

**Tell us about your family:**  
Husband Charles (Chip) Mitchell, son Brandon and his wife Belinda, son Tyrel Mitchell

**What do you like to do in your spare time?** Fish, crafts, read, and yard work

**If you could travel to one place in the world, where would it be and why?**  
To the East Coast for the history and the ocean

**Do you have a favorite quote or motto?**  
No matter how hard things get, life keeps going. Keep you head up and you can keep



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## NACo Rep Takes a High-Profile Role at National Rural Affairs Summit

*Reprinted from NACo's County News, The Voice of America's Counties*

By [Erik Johnston](#)

### ASSOCIATE LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

Brookings County, S.D. Commissioner Don Larson, chair, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Steering Committee, provided the opening response to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack's keynote speech about the future of rural America during the National Summit of Rural America, held June 3 in Hillsboro (Jefferson County), Mo.

The summit, convened by Vilsack, drew about 400 farmers, ranchers, foresters, community leaders and policymakers from all levels of government. Although not a Farm Bill hearing, the event brought together key rural constituencies as Congress and the Obama administration begin discussions about the reauthorization of the Farm Bill, which expires in 2012.

Vilsack said too many rural counties and small towns have been struggling economically for too long and that he hoped forums such as the Rural Summit will help Washington better understand what these communities need to grow economically. He also emphasized that the next Farm Bill should also be a broader "Rural Revitalization Bill."

Larson commended Vilsack for convening the summit and expressed NACo's support of his effort to challenge the nation to renew its commitment to rural America. Specifically, NACo supports Vilsack's commitment to locally created regional development strategies that add value to the agricultural economy and invest in modern infrastructure and promising new sectors such as renewable energy. He said NACo will continue to work with the administration and Congress to craft a Farm Bill and other federal policies — such as a surface transportation bill — to

help rural economies grow.

Larson emphasized the need for a robust rural development title in the next Farm Bill that will help rural local governments work regionally to build the infrastructure necessary to create and attract businesses that can compete in the global economy.

"NACo supports a strategy that maintains agriculture at the heart of the rural economy, but emphasizes the need to create a companion rural economy that is diversified and will allow youth and young adults to stay and return to our rural communities," Larson said.

To help rural counties support agriculture and create a companion economy, Larson said

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*Photo by Erik Johnston*

**Don Larson (c), Agriculture and Rural Affairs Steering Committee chair and Brookings County, S.D. commissioner, greets Dallas Tonsager, USDA undersecretary for rural development. Also pictured is RAC Steering Committee member Jim Strafuss, Taney County, Mo. commissioner.**

that the federal government can assist with the resources and technical assistance necessary to develop cutting-edge infrastructure and regional development strategies that will help rural communities develop their unique regional economic assets.

“Infrastructure development remains one of the most significant roadblocks to economic development and competitiveness in rural America,” Larson said. “Resources should not only focus on new opportunities such as rural broadband deployment and rural renewable energy development, but must build and maintain traditional rural infrastructure, such as water-wastewater infrastructure, community facilities, rural housing, business incubators, roads and bridges.”

Larson also emphasized that federal rural development programs, especially those at USDA, can be made more effective by including aggressive incentives to promote and reward flexibly funded regional economic development strategies.

Vilsack also made several announcements to support the Obama administration’s rural development goals:

- USDA signed a memorandum of under-

standing (MOU) with the Small Business Administration to outline a collaborative approach for supporting small businesses in rural America.

- USDA is seeking applications to support rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises, which will provide \$45.1 million to encourage lending to start-up business ventures. Funding is available from USDA’s Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program. Counties are not eligible despite lobbying efforts by NACo, but can partner with nonprofit organizations to offer these resources in their counties.
- USDA announced \$22.5 million in funding for recipients in 45 states to receive business development assistance and pursue marketing opportunities for agricultural commodities through USDA’s Value-Added Producer Grant program.
- USDA announced \$6.7 million in grant and loan funding to recipients in 10 states that will promote job creation through USDA Rural Development’s Intermediary Relending Program and the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program.

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Physicians Assistant at Medical Associates Clinic. I have two sisters, Britany Gonsor and Jennifer Downs. Britany is an elementary school teacher in Winnebago, NE, and is working towards her Masters Degree in Special Education at USD. Jennifer lives in Laramie, WY, with her family and works for Mountain West Farm Bureau Insurance.

### **What do you like to do in your spare time?**

In my spare time, I like to read and spend time with my family. I enjoy being active and am currently training for the Leading Ladies Half-Marathon in August. I also volunteer on the local and state level with a girls youth organization, Job’s Daughters International.

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

I have been fortunate enough to do quite a bit of traveling and I really enjoy it. If I could travel to one place now, I would like to return to Greece. The country is beautiful and the people were kind. Once their economy stabilizes, I would enjoy spending several weeks on the beaches of Santorini.

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

I was an Olympic Torch Bearer for the 2002 Winter Olympics. The torch I carried is displayed in my parents’ family room.



## Continuing Education Corner - Elective Credits

During the past year we increased the number and variety of sessions offered for elective credits at SDACO Events. On the Certifying Form, which is available on the SDACO website, you will see the list of elective sessions that were offered at the 2009 Fall Convention and 2010 Spring Workshop.

The following represent other opportunities for you to obtain the 6 elective credits required for certification. It is important to remember that each hour in session equals one credit.

### District Meetings

Per the Continuing Education Policy. "District meetings shall count for 1 elective credit hour each. Classes held separate of the business meeting and office roundtable sessions at district meetings shall be credited as a normal elective."

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### Deputy Workshop

Elected Officials who sent a deputy or deputies to the SDACO Deputy Workshop are eligible to receive 1 elective credit.

### Pre-approved Elective Credits

Pre-approved elective courses include sessions at workshops administered by the SD Secretary of State, SD Department of Legislative Audit, SD Department of Revenue and Regulation, SD Department of Health, SD Association of County Commissioners, SD Association of County Welfare Officials, Software User Meetings, SD Professional Land Surveyors' Association, International Right of Way Association, the National Association of Counties (NACo), the National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials, and Clerks (NACRC), the National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers

and Finance Officers (NACCTFO).

Examples include the Secretary of State Election Workshop, Department of Legislative Audit Annual Report Workshop, Software User Meetings, and Passport Training Sessions.

Here are some of the pre-approved sessions that were offered in 2009-2010. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

- Bureau of Personnel Classes (information available at [http://bop.sd.gov/training/.](http://bop.sd.gov/training/)) Department of Legislative Audit Annual Report Workshop (3 credits available)
- Secretary of State Election Workshop (15.5 credits available)
- Spring Welfare Official Workshop (4.25 credits available)
- Summer Welfare Officials Workshop (12 credits available)
- Software User Meetings
- Passport Acceptance Training in Mitchell on 5/27 (7.75 credits available)
- NACo Webinars

### Other Elective Credits

Per the Continuing Education Policy. "Officials may also choose to submit other coursework relevant to their duties as a county official completed outside the SDACO to the CEC for approval. Classes completed independent of SDACO workshops, Bureau of Personnel classes, or other pre-approved elective courses require a report on the benefits the class has to the duties of a county official." We ask that you please complete your report on the Elective Credit Request Form.

### Supervisory Training

Credits obtained while pursuing the Supervisory Certification also fulfill the Elective Credit Requirements.

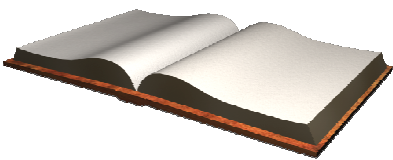
Please refer to the Continuing Education Policy or contact the SDACO Office if you have any questions.

## Open Letter to Registers of Deeds

*Submitted by Caryn Hojer, Kingsbury County Register of Deeds*

Greetings from De Smet! I'm hoping by the time you read this, we are having abundant sunshine. I have my fingers crossed that whoever is praying for all of this rain is also praying that we win the lottery!

On June 10, Eric, Jerry Peterson and I had the opportunity to attend the Land Title Association meeting held in Brookings. We presented the information the Work Group has put together regarding flat fees for recording. Their group seemed to be receptive to the idea and did not have a lot of questions regarding flat fees. We assured them we do not have any amount set for fees and that we are continuing to research the idea.



Some Land Title members did have questions about practices being done by our offices. At their request, we are bringing their concerns back to our group. More than one individual questioned our offices doing unauthorized searches. For many reasons this is a bad practice for our offices. Not only could we be putting our counties at risk for liability, we could be placing ourselves at risk personally. There are always going to be companies that will be more than willing to have us do the searching for no fee or at a minimal fee for copies. I encourage you to review your office practices for searches, even for things that seem as easy and basic as looking for all oil and mineral leases or all open mortgages. I also encourage you to review SDCL 36-13-9, which states, "Unauthorized business prohibited--Violation as misdemeanor. Any person making, compiling, or certifying to abstracts of

title to property in this state without having a certificate of registration from the board commits a Class 1 misdemeanor." We also recommend you visit with your state's attorney for their opinion. I found one statement used in North Carolina that I thought was appropriate. "We cannot assist you in completing forms or in performing a title search, as we are prohibited from the unauthorized practice of law under North Carolina general statutes."

Another issue that was of great concern to the Land Title Association is documents being removed from record after they have been recorded. Once a document has been placed of record, the title companies have gotten their copies or placed the document in their record. It would be difficult to know in most instances, who else may have gotten a copy of the record or used the information from the record. For those records that are placed of record in error, there are remedies. The Register of Deeds Office simply removing the record is not one of them. There may need to be an affidavit recorded stating the error, a document may need to be re-recorded or there may need to be a court order regarding the document. We again recommend you review the statutes as well as consult your state's attorney for legal advice in these instances.

These are just a few concerns the Land Title Association had and we bring them to your attention to help maintain good working relationships with our abstracters and with their association.

This concludes my part as messenger and I'm hoping you all remember the old saying about the messenger! Have a great summer everyone!

## Upcoming Birthdays

### July

July 2nd: Kathy Glines, Harding County Auditor  
 July 3rd: Sandra Frasier-Shaffer, Bon Homme County Register of Deeds  
 July 5th: Cindy Longbrake, Ziebach County Auditor  
 July 7th: Judy Busack, Brule County Register of Deeds  
 July 7th: Tracy Brakke, Lyman County Register of Deeds  
 July 8th: Julie Hagen, Marshall County Auditor  
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 July 21st: Carole Fischer, Deuel County Register of Deeds  
 July 21st: Kathleen Flakus, Tripp & Todd Counties Auditor  
 July 22nd: Shellie Baumgart, Hughes County Finance Officer  
 July 26th: Debra Eggert, Miner County Treasurer  
 July 31st: Heather Gall, Corson County Treasurer



*\*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!)*

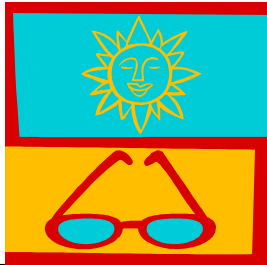
## Upcoming County Events

June 24th-26th: Crystal Springs Rodeo Inc. in Clear Lake  
 June 25th-27th: Dell Rapid Quarry Days in Dell Rapids  
 June 25th-27th: Family Fun Days in Grenville  
 July 1st-4th: Wakonda's 125th Quasquicentennial Parade/Celebration in Volin  
 July 2nd-4th: 4th of July Old Time Country Fair in Custer  
 July 2nd-4th: Wild West Days in Faulkton  
 July 3rd-4th: Mount Rushmore Independence Day Celebration in Keystone  
 July 8th-11th: Dupree Centennial  
 July 9th-10th: Great Aberdeen Pig Out  
 July 9th-25th: Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant in De Smet  
 July 9th-11th: 125th Celebration of Big Stone City  
 July 9th-10th: Wall Celebration Days  
 July 10th-11th: Brookings Summer Arts Festival  
 July 14th-17th: Moody County Fair in Flandreau  
 July 15th-18th: Corn Palace Stampede Rodeo in Mitchell  
 July 15th-18th: Eagle Butte Hometown Days Centennial  
 July 16th-17th: JazzFest--Sioux Falls Jazz and Blues Festival  
 July 16th-18th: Festival in the Park in Spearfish  
 July 16th-18th: Hills Alive Music Festival in Rapid City  
 July 16th-18th: Danish Festival Days in Viborg  
 July 17th: Redneck Rally in Edgemont  
 July 21st-25th: Days of 1910/Timber Lake Centennial  
 July 23rd-24th: Minn-Kota Festival for World Relief in Sioux Falls  
 July 29th-Aug. 1st: Union County Fair in Alcester  
 July 30th-Aug. 1st: Bruce Honey Days  
 July 31st: Clark Potato Day

*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](mailto:sdaco@sdcounties.org) and we will include it in an upcoming newsletter.*

June 20th:  
Fathers Day

June 24th:  
Southeast District  
Meeting in Freeman



# June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
20 	21	22	23	24 Southeast Dist. Meeting	25	26
27	28	29	30			

July 7th:  
Black Hills District  
Meeting in Sturgis

July 8th:  
James River Valley  
District Meeting in  
Aberdeen

July 17th-20th:  
NACO Annual  
Conference in Reno, NV

July 21st-22nd:  
SDACO Summer  
Executive Board Meeting  
at Cedar Shore in  
Oacoma

# July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
	5 SDACO office closed	6	7 Black Hills Dist. Meeting	8 James River Valley Dist. Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
NACO Annual Conference in Reno			SDACO Executive Board Meeting			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**Other upcoming dates:**

August 1st:  
Resolutions due

August 15th:  
Continuing Education  
Certifying Forms due

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

## **GET INVOLVED IN THE SD ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS!!**

*The following positions will be open for election or appointment at the SD Counties Convention this September in Pierre.*

**SDACO Executive Board – Please contact the Nominating Committee**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Treasurer)  
Treasurer At-Large Position (3-year term)  
Auditor At-Large Position (3-year term)**

**Nominating Committee – Please contact the Nominating Committee**

**Treasurer Position (3-year term)**

**Continuing Education Committee – Elected during Round Tables  
at Convention**

**Register of Deeds Position (3-year term)  
Treasurer Position (3-year term)  
Auditor Position (3-year term)**

**By-Laws Committee - Contact SDACO 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Karen Layher**

**Auditor Position (3-year term)**

**Resolution Committee - Contact SDACO 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Karen Layher**

**Register of Deeds Position (3-year term)\*  
Treasurer Position (3-year term)\*  
Auditor Position (3-year term)\***

**\*Applicants must be from the Black Hills District, Oahe District,  
and SE Central District.**

**Public Relations Committee - Contact SDACO 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Karen Layher**

**Register of Deeds Position (3-year term)  
Treasurer Position (3-year term)  
Treasurer Position (1-year term)**

**Scholarship Committee - Contact SDACO 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Karen Layher**

**Treasurer Position (3-year term)**

## Job Position Opening

### Director of Equalization, Clay County

The Clay County Board of Commissioners is taking applications for the position of Director of Equalization. Closing date will be July 26, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The Board will review applications beginning July 13<sup>th</sup>, continuing until position is filled. Starting date will be in August or September. Send resume to the Clay County Auditor, 211 W. Main, Suite 200, Vermillion, SD 57069. For information contact [Ruth.Bremer@claycountysd.org](mailto:Ruth.Bremer@claycountysd.org), (605) 677-7120.

**Duties:** Apply valuation standards set in South Dakota Codified Law and follow procedures established in the regulations. Must work well with the public and be able to perform administrative duties.

**Qualifications:** Preferred: Certification by the South Dakota Department of Revenue and Regulations. Required: If not certified, applicants must be prepared to quickly obtain certification. The successful applicant should possess strong skills in communication, office administration and working with the public.

**Salary:** Competitive, depending upon qualifications and experience.

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Board Liaison

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**Cindy Shultz**  
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**Linda Nelson**  
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