Election Administrators Honored

LINCOLN – Wayne County Clerk Debra Finn is the 2010 recipient of the Meritorious Service Award presented by Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale for exemplary service in election administration.

Finn, a Wayne resident, serves as county clerk, election commissioner and register of deeds for the county. She has been the county’s election administrator for more than 19 years.

Gale commended Finn for her efforts to improve voter registration, promote voter turnout and educate young people about the election process. He noted her valuable contributions regarding election legislation, poll-worker training and his office’s election efforts.

“Deb Finn has performed admirably on the county and state level in improving our election system,” Gale said. “Her distinguished career has advanced the cause of our democracy.”

Finn joined the Wayne County clerk’s office in 1978. She is a past president of the Nebraska Association of County Clerks, Register of Deeds and Election Commissioners.

In addition, Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale also honored Nadine Heath of North Platte for her outstanding contributions to election administration statewide and in Lincoln County.

Heath served as Lincoln County clerk and election commissioner from 1981-1997. She then served as an election consultant for the Secretary of State’s Office for 12 years.

She received a special citation during a recent meeting of the Nebraska Association of County Clerks, Register of Deeds and Election Commissioners.

“Nadine Heath is a legend in Nebraska in the field of election administration,” Gale said. “She has provided distinguished service to our democracy in her county and throughout Nebraska.”

Heath had a longtime association with the Lincoln County clerk’s office that began in 1947.

Interesting facts...

Of the $5 million of U.S. flags purchased annually, the majority ($3 million) are imported from China.

There is a good chance the beef hot dogs, burgers and steaks being grilled this Fourth of July come from Nebraska. In beef production, Nebraska ranks second at 4.6 billion pounds, behind Texas’s 6.5 billion pounds.

And that side dish of baked beans may be from Nebraska as well. North Dakota, Michigan and Nebraska produced about 60 percent of the nation’s dry, edible beans.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau  www.census.gov
News Across the State...

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Banner County plans to provide its own power
Star Herald, 6/17/10

Flooding closes six bridges in Otoe County
Nebraska City News Press, 6/22/10

County board approves plan for new road with change order
Norfolk Daily News, 6/23/10

Phelps County saves by refinancing jail bonds
Kearney Hub, 6/24/10

Lee Klein selected as NACo Nebraska Representative

At their June 18 meeting, the NACO Board of Directors selected Madison County Commissioner Lee Klein as the Nebraska representative to the National Association of Counties board of directors. Klein was selected to succeed Tim Loewenstein, who was not successful in his bid to serve another term on the Buffalo County Board. An official announcement will be made during the upcoming NACo Annual Conference.

2010 Annual NACo Conference & Exposition

It’s not too late to register...

Online registration and housing is still open for the 2010 Annual NACo Conference and Exposition, July 16-20, in Reno/Washoe County, Nevada. Register online and save $25.

For more information and to register, please visit www.naco.org.

On July 15, 2010 at 12:01 a.m., legislative bills without an emergency clause or effective date will take effect. This date is three calendar months after the Legislature’s adjournment.

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