5th Annual Legislative Conference

Thursday, October 14th...

Registration is now available for NACO’s 5th Annual Legislative Conference - to be held Thursday, October 14, at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Kearney. This year’s speakers include Senators Kate Sullivan and Greg Adams, as well as NACO legislative staff. This is a forum where you will have the opportunity to provide your input into establishing NACO’s platform and legislative priorities.

Registration for the conference is only $30 and includes luncheon, breaks, and handout material. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center. Rates are $71 single/double. Reservations can be made by calling the Holiday Inn at 308-237-5971. Let them know that you are with the NACO Legislative Conference to receive the special rate.

A complete agenda can be found online at www.nacone.org.

Nebraska Lifeline Awareness Week is September 13—19

One September 8, Governor Dave Heineman will sign a proclamation declaring the week of September 13—19 as Nebraska Lifeline Awareness Week. As administrator of the program, The Nebraska Public Service Commission is asking for assistance from Nebraska counties to help get the word out about the programs offered. Click here to view the request from PSC Chairman Gerald Vap.

Education Foundation Memorial Gift Program

A gift to NACO’s Education Foundation ensures that the children of county officials and county employees are eligible to apply for scholarships to continue their education at Nebraska’s higher education institutions. Whatever their passion - history, art, music, science, education, sports - the NACO Education Foundation will provide them an opportunity to fund their education beyond the K-12 level.

Memorial gifts to NACO’s Education Foundation are tax exempt and a lasting legacy in honor of your loved one’s commitment to educating the children of Nebraska’s county officials and county employees.

For more information about how to make a memorial gift, please contact Jon Edwards at jon.edwards@nacone.org or at 402-434-5660.
Upcoming Web-based Education...

NACo’s Leadership Series: Seek Win/Win
Thursday, September 23
1:00 p.m. CDT

Interpersonal leadership means fostering cooperative efforts for more success and enduring achievements. Join certified trainers Keith Niemann and Lisa Kaslon to see the benefits and strategies of cooperative rather than confrontational approaches to the issues facing your counties.

The Price is Right: Using Free Social Media Sites to Stay Connected with your Constituents
Wednesday, September 29
1:00 p.m. CDT

Social media tools have made it easier for county officials to connect with their constituents and maintain a 24/7 campaign presence—and best of all, they’re free. This webinar will guide elected officials through several of the more popular social media sites, including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and blogs. Officials will learn how to set up a site, the best uses for each kind of site, the resources needed to maintain the sites and some of the legal and practical issues you’ll need to think about before you dive into the deep end.

For more information on this and previous webinars, visit the NACo Web-based Education page.

News Across the State...

Links are to outside sources and may not be available indefinitely

Heavican weighs in on budget cuts
Lexington Clipper-Herald, 8/20/10

State officials see wind turbines up close
Norfolk Daily News, 8/25/10

To fix roads, Nebraska could turn to bonds - just like its neighbors
Lincoln Journal Star, 8/27/10

Road projects in place but funding issues make completion difficult
The Grand Island Independent, 8/27/10

Phelps Co. weed superintendent attending Colorado conference
Kearney Hub, 8/27/10

Hall County to abolish building codes
The Grand Island Independent, 8/31/10

Disability Inclusion Mini-Grants Now Available through ServeNebraska

ServeNebraska has announced a grant opportunity for community-based non-profit and governmental groups to promote efforts to maximize the involvement of those with disability in the lives of their community. Application deadline is September 24, 2010. For additional information visit www.serve.nebraska.gov.

NACO’s 116th Annual Conference

Mark your calendar for NACO’s 116th Annual Conference, to be held December 8-10, 2010 at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel in Lincoln. Tentative agenda information is now available on the NACO website at www.nacone.org. Detailed conference information will be published in the November issue of CountyLine.

County Official of the Year Nominations

Nominations forms must be received by Friday, November 12th, 2010. The nomination form is available by clicking the link below or visiting the NACO website at www.nacone.org.