

The Ninety-Three

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NACO WEST

COMING WINTER 2024



Our team is out in Ogallala today, celebrating the groundbreaking of the new NACO West office, a milestone that marks the beginning of an exciting chapter in our organization's growth and expansion.

New Elections Videos

We invite you to watch and share these new election videos, which have been created in collaboration with the Nebraska Association of County Officials and the Nebraska Secretary of State's office.

These informative videos aim to empower and educate voters about the electoral process and describe how our election officials ensure a fair and transparent election in Nebraska. Enjoy!









Auditing, Counting, and Canvassing





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Douglas County Wins 2023 NACo Achievement Award for Youth Mindfulness Program

Congratulations to Douglas County on winning a prestigious 2023 NACo Achievement Award in the Child and Youth category for their work on the exceptional "Flow Through Summer" Youth Mindfulness Program.

We are thrilled to recognize the incredible efforts and outstanding achievements of Douglas County and Commissioner Mary Ann Borgeson, in promoting mindfulness among the youth.

Read more about the achievement below:

2023 NACo Achievement Award Winner



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Law Enforcement Retirement Effective Date

On May 1, Governor Jim Pillen signed LB103, a law that increases retirement contributions by commissioned law enforcement officers and the corresponding county match for all counties participating in the state-administered retirement plan. Although some technical sections of the bill have already taken effect, the law enforcement language will become effective three calendar months after the session adjourns. Based on the scheduled June 9 adjournment, the effective date would be September 10.

Currently the base contribution rate for all county employees in the state-administered retirement plan is 4.5 percent of their pre-tax pay. Commissioned law enforcement officers in counties under 85,000 contribute an additional one percent and officers in counties over 85,000 contribute an additional two percent. Counties contribute an amount equal to 150 percent of the employee contribution. Douglas and Lancaster counties do not participate in the state-administered plan.



Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant

The fiscal year <u>2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)</u> for Safe Streets and Roads for All grant is live on Grants.gov and open for applications.

The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. (EDT) Monday, June 10, 2023.

See the links below for more details:

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Application Webinars

In-person Cybersecurity Training Courses

The Nebraska Preparedness Partnership has partnered with the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (Teex.org) to bring three in-person cybersecurity training courses to Grand Island. These courses are free of charge. A minimum of 25 registrants are needed, for each course, for them to be held – so please share with others in your community. Organizations of all types and sizes can benefit from these courses. For any questions, please feel free to contact Sandra Hobson (shobson@neprep.org).

This one-time-only opportunity will be taking place on June 21st and 22nd, 2023, at the Grand Island Police Department. Seating is limited, and students are asked to complete the registration process electronically via the TEEX website prior to attending the course. There are three separate classes requiring TWO separate registrations. Below are the details for each course, along with the links to register:

Essentials of Community Cybersecurity – AWR136 – 4 hours – 06/21/2023, 8am – noon. Registration Link: <u>https://my.teex.org/teexportal/default.aspx?</u> <u>mo=mcoursecatalog&d=ec&c=awr136&s=682</u>

The Essentials of Community Cybersecurity (ECCS) course provides individuals, community leaders, and first responders with information on how cyber attacks can *impact, prevent, and/or stop operations and emergency responses in a community. The* course also provides a cursory introduction to cybersecurity vulnerabilities, risks, threats, and countermeasures. It explains vulnerabilities of computer systems and networks and how these vulnerabilities can affect communities, organizations, and daily workplace operations. The course introduces actions communities can take in establishing a cybersecurity program. The course provides participants with an awareness of issues. It gives an overview of threats and vulnerabilities without going into too many details to highlight the potential impact a cyber attack could have. Participants discuss some fundamental activities needed to develop a cybersecurity program without addressing the technical details of securing critical infrastructures. The course introduces the Community Cybersecurity Maturity Model (CCSMM) as a framework for understanding community cybersecurity and briefly introduces low-cost or no-cost approaches to securing a community against cybersecurity threats and attacks. The course sets the stage for further efforts in which a community can build a cybersecurity program.

Community Preparedness for Cyber Incidents – MGT384 – 12 hours – 06/21/2023 1:00pm – 5:00pm and 06/22/2023 8am – 5pm.

Registration Link: <u>https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?</u> <u>mo=mCourseCatalog&d=ec&c=MGT384&s=410</u>

MGT 384, Community Preparedness for Cyber Incidents, is designed to provide organizations and communities with strategies and processes to increase cyber resilience. During this 12-hour course, participants will analyze cyber threats and initial and cascading impacts of cyber incidents, evaluate the process for developing a cyber preparedness program, examine the importance and challenges of cyber-related information sharing, and discover low to no-cost resources to help build cyber resilience.

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