

May 23, 2025



The Ninety-Three

NACO Leadership Attends WIR Conference



This week, NACO leadership attended the Western Interstate Region Conference in Rapid City, South Dakota. They spent the week participating in educational sessions and collaborating

with other county officials and association leaders to address the issues facing counties and to promote the interests of NACo's western counties.

Registration for County Board Workshop Closes May 28!

Don't forget to register for the 2025 County Board Workshop! [Registration closes May 28.](#)

Join us in Kearney on June 4 & 5 for two days of informative presentations and collaborative discussions, including a great session by [Tim Wynn](#) of Perfect Rules Inc. We will also have a great lineup of sponsors, business members, and vendors that you can network with in our exhibit hall! Attendees can especially look forward to Wednesday night's banquet, which will include awards, a Pitch tournament, and a keynote speech by [Tom Turcich](#) - the man who walked around the world.

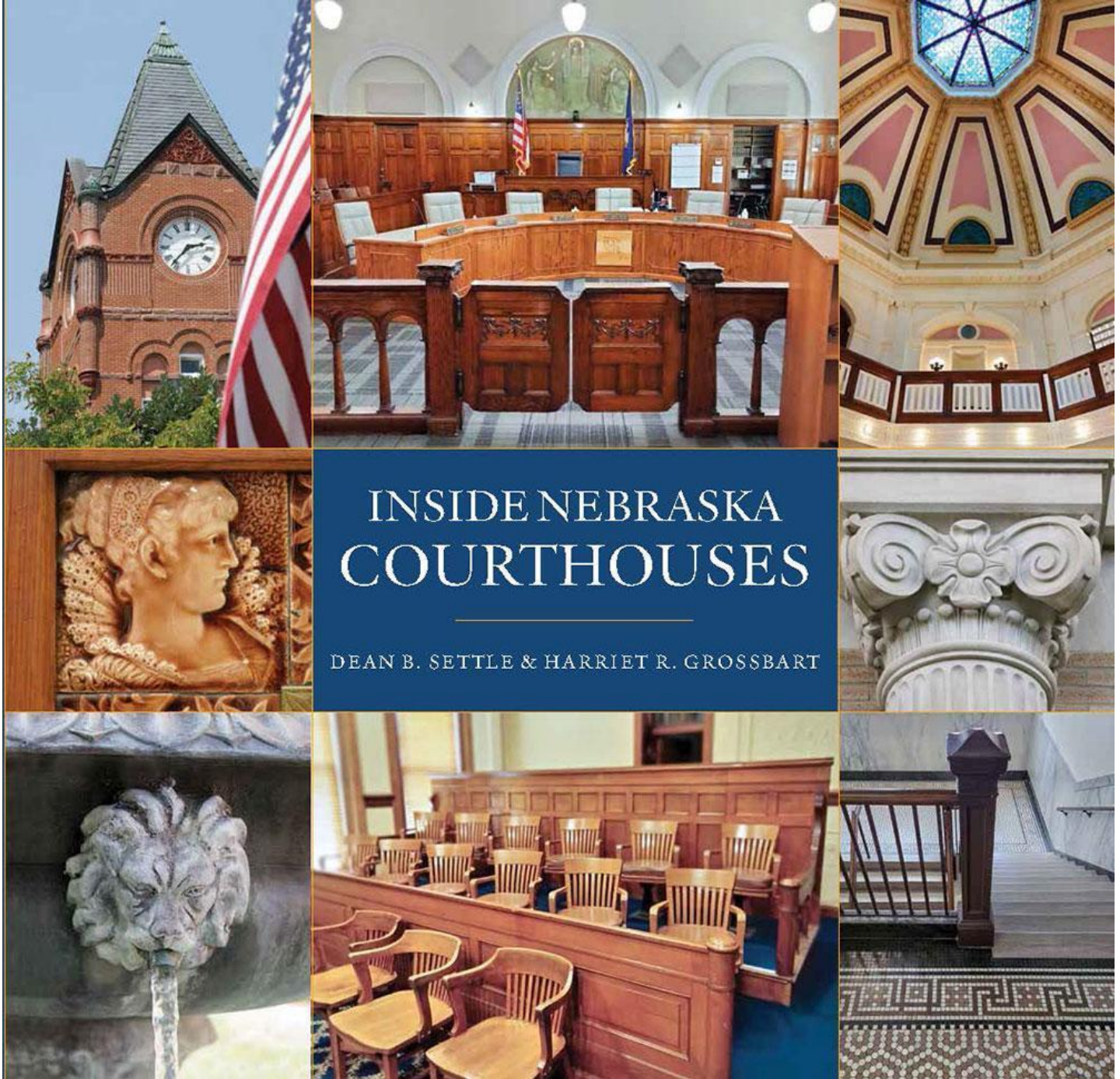
County Board members can earn 8 continuing education hours toward NACO certification. **Click the button below to register!**

[Register Here](#)

Limited Time Offer: *Inside Nebraska Courthouses*

Inside Nebraska Courthouses by Dean B. Settle and Harriet R. Grossbart is a celebration of Nebraska's cultural and architectural legacy. Through short narratives, photographs, and illustrations specific to the state's 93 counties, it offers a unique window into the landmarks that define the state. A must-have for anyone who appreciates regional history, architecture, or the stories that shape a place.

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INSIDE NEBRASKA COURTHOUSES

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Submit Your Photos of Nebraska's Wildlife Wonders!

Submissions are still being accepted for NACO's "Wildlife Wonders" photography contest!

NACO will select 13 winning photographs which will be featured in our annual calendar. Each winner will receive a calendar and a NACO swag bag! The GRAND PRIZE WINNER will receive \$100 and be featured on the cover!

Even if your photograph does not win, it may still be featured in a number of NACO publications, including the official website and social media.

How to Submit Entries

First, review the [rules](#)!

Then, take a spectacular photo of a native plant or animal someplace in a Nebraska county (but see rules for resolution requirements!)

Finally, submit your photo(s) [here](#) (limit of 3 photographs)

For more information about photo resolution using an iPhone, click [here](#).

For more information about photo resolution using an Android, click [here](#).

Questions? Contact Luke Bonkiewicz at Luke.Bonkiewicz@NebraskaCounties.org.

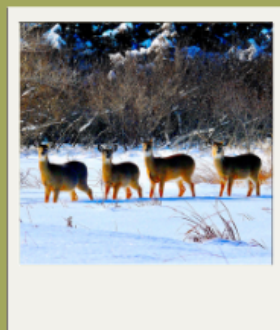
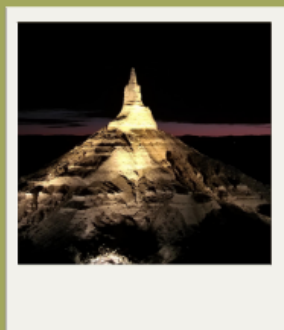
Wildlife Wonders Photography Contest



Submit your photo of Nebraska's Wildlife Wonders by **August 1** for a chance to be featured in NACO'S annual calendar!

For entry rules and photo criteria, visit
www.nebraskacounties.org

Past Winners



Mental Health Awareness Month - NACo Resources & Tools



In partnership with the [National Council for Mental Wellbeing](#), NACo is proud to continue celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month and promoting mental wellbeing for our County members and workforces.

Learn how you can help your colleagues, or even yourself, take advantage of the resources available from NACo EDGE including [this month's webinar](#), talking points for your organization to help foster a stigma-free environment and navigate open dialogue, downloadable self-help tools on mindfulness, and learning more about our Mental Health First Aid training.

You can learn more about NACo's partnership with the National Council for Mental Wellbeing by [clicking here](#).

Upcoming Savi Student Loan Webinars

The [Department of Education announced](#) that involuntary collections on student loans resumed on May 5, 2025, for the first time in five years.

Currently, more than 5 million borrowers are in default. Another 4 million borrowers are in late-stage delinquency, and the Department of Education expects them to default by the end of this month.

Student loan default has serious consequences, including employer wage garnishment, tax refund seizure, social security offset, or damage to credit scores. Employer HR will start receiving letters from the government requiring them to garnish up to 15% of employees' paychecks.

With so many borrowers at risk, the resumption of collections will directly impact your communities, and it's critical that your team is prepared. To help, Savi is hosting a Stakeholder

Network Briefing call to share more information and answer your questions. You can register for the upcoming webinar below:

June 5th, 2025 at 1pm CT: [Our Monthly NACo webinar: The Current State of Student Debt](#)

If you register for the webinar and can not attend, a recording will be shared afterward.



Registration Open for 2025 Thriving Children Conference

Registration is now open for the 8th annual Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference! Join hundreds of community leaders and be part of conversations driving real change in Nebraska.

The Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference envisions a Nebraska where every community is empowered and united in its commitment to high-quality early childhood education and care.

By fostering collaboration, amplifying local voices, and equipping leaders with knowledge and tools, the conference inspires action to address critical challenges and embrace new opportunities. Together, we are building a future where every Nebraska child and family can thrive.

When:

Tuesday, September 16 - Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference

Evening of Tuesday, September 16 - C4K Convening kicks off with a celebratory dinner for C4K Pillar and Planning Communities

Wednesday, September 17 - C4K Convening Day

Where:

Younes Conference Center North
707 Talmadge Street, Kearney, NE 68845

[Click here to register.](#)

Registration Open



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CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

What is a NACO Business Member?

Support provided by our generous business members helps NACO continue to expand our educational programming for Nebraska county officials. Business members enjoy a number of benefits, including features on our website and social media pages. We also offer our business members a complimentary exhibit booth at the County Board Workshop, discounts on sponsorships, and 15% off the cost of booking our NACO West Training Center in Ogallala.

Click the button below to learn more about becoming a NACO Business Member!

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