

June 20, 2025



The Ninety-Three

Submit Your Photos of Nebraska's Wildlife Wonders by August 1st!

NACO is hosting a 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!

There's more! 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 somewhere 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.

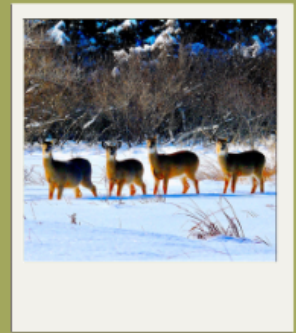
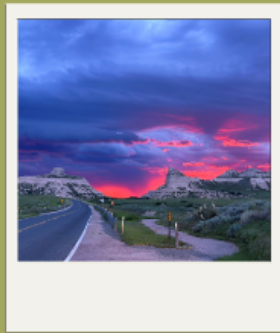
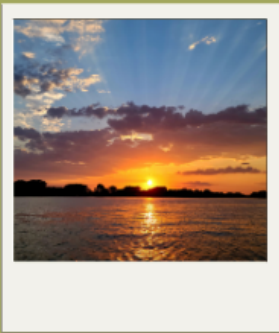
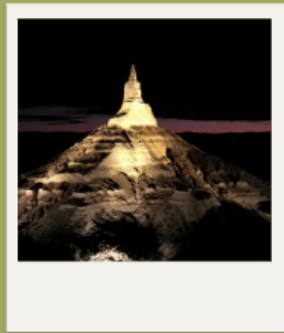
Wildlife Wonders Photography Contest



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



Order Your 2025-2026 NACO Directory of County Officials

Are you looking for a resource that tells you who's who in Nebraska county government? The 2025–2026 NACO Directory of County Officials is your go-to guide.

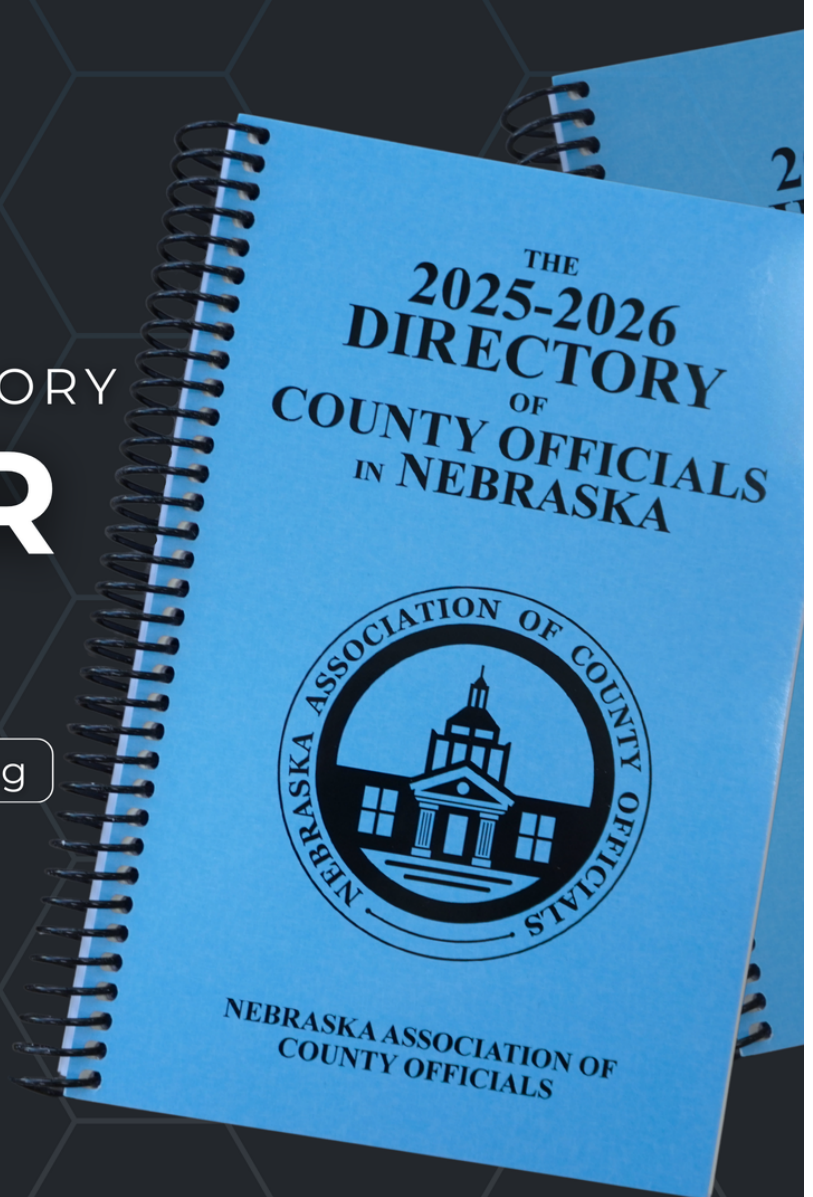
This comprehensive publication includes names, addresses, emails, and phone numbers of every county official in the state, along with a listing of county board meeting days, NACO districts, and county seats for only \$15 per copy!

To place your order for the 2025-2026 Directory of County Officials, please complete the form below and mail it along with your check to the Nebraska Association of County Officials, PO Box 6632, or email it to peggy.brass@nebraskacounties.org.

2025-2026 DIRECTORY

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**Rural Prosperity Nebraska: Rural Poll Interactive
Tool Webinar**

Join us on **July 24th** for the

RURAL POLL

Interactive Tool Webinar Demo

12:00-1:00 p.m. CST



Curious to see how Rural Nebraskans think? The **Rural Poll** and **All Things Nebraska** have collaborated to make an **interactive data report**. Learn how to use this report to support your work and inform **community-focused decisions** in our upcoming webinar.



RURAL POLL

[Click Here to Join the Zoom Webinar](#)

Register for the NACO Institute of Excellence!

INSTITUTE OF EXCELLENCE

Building Leadership Skills to Move Your Nebraska County Forward

TO REGISTER:

go.unl.edu/NACOIOE

The NACO Institute of Excellence is a professional development program for county officials. Participants will connect with peers from across the state as they strengthen their leadership skills in their official roles.



Registration Fee: \$200

Registration Deadline: Aug 1, 2025

Session Starts: Aug 7, 2025

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LEADING WITH YOUR STRENGTHS

Virtual
11am CT/10am MT

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DATA INFORMED DECISION MAKING

Virtual
11am CT/10am MT

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NAVIGATING CONFLICT

Virtual
11am CT/10am MT

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STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

In-person, Kearney
9am-12pm CT

Don't miss your chance to connect with your peers and strengthen your leadership skills through the NACO Institute of Excellence program! The program is a great opportunity for county officials to collaborate, learn, and grow as leaders. [Click here to register!](https://go.unl.edu/NACOIOE)

Savi: Student Loan Collections Are Back—Here's What Borrowers Need to Know

As of May 5, the Department of Education has resumed collections on defaulted federal student loans. That means borrowers behind on payments could face wage garnishment, tax refund withholding, and more.

If you're unsure about your loan status—or know you're behind—you're not alone. Over 9 million borrowers are in default or serious delinquency.

Our partner Savi can help you check your status, avoid or recover from default, and take action fast. Join [our next webinar](#) to learn more, or [get started with an account today](#).

Grant Management Training in Omaha, NE - July 10-11, 2025

Omaha Police Department and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grant management workshop in Omaha, NE - July 10-11, 2025. This in-person training is for grant recipient organizations across all disciplines. Attend this class and you'll learn how to administer government grants and stay in compliance with applicable rules and regulations.

For event details visit: <https://grantstraining.com/ne0725>

Beginning and experienced grant managers, grant writers and administrators from city, county and state agencies, healthcare organizations, nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend.

Tuition is \$595 and includes Grant Writing USA's 500-page grant management workbook and reference guide. **We are offering you a \$100 discount, making your tuition \$495. Please use the code "Special100" at the time of registration.**

All health and safety guidelines will be followed. Online reservations are necessary. Payment is not required at the time of registration. **City, county, and state agencies have 30 days after the training to pay.**

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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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