

June 13, 2025



The Ninety-Three

Articles of Interest: Nebraska County News

- [KOLN:](#) In a letter to Governor Jim Pillen, USDA Deputy Under Secretary Brooke Appleton announced that twelve Nebraska counties have been designated as disaster areas due to the recent drought.
 - [Rural Prosperity Nebraska:](#) "Community Leaders Complete County Official Online Learning Network Course"
 - Jefferson County officials spoke with [News Channel Nebraska](#) about the annual budget process and the challenges counties face in maintaining essential services amid rising costs.
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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

Take a spectacular photo of a native plant or animal someplace in a Nebraska county.

13 Winning Photographs will be featured in NACO’s annual calendar! Grand Prize Winner will receive \$100!

ENTRY DEADLINE:

August 1

WINNERS ANNOUNCED:

Mid-September

For entry rules and photo criteria, visit our website:

www.nebraskacounties.org



NACO Benefit Services: Medicare Enrollment Guidelines

The NACO Benefit Services Division has created a guide to help Medicare customers better understand how to start the enrollment process. [Click here](#) to view the guide.

[View the Medicare Enrollment Guide Here](#)

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.



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NEBRASKA EXTENSION

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

**AUG
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DATA INFORMED DECISION MAKING

Virtual
11am CT/10am MT

**AUG
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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)

DEADLINE TODAY: Resolutions and Platform Changes for the 2025 NACo Annual Conference

In preparation for NACo's 90th Annual Conference & Expo, we encourage members to get

involved and have your voice heard in Washington by submitting a policy resolution or platform change.

All policy resolutions and platform changes must be submitted electronically using the form on [this page](#) by **June 13**.

The [American County Platform](#) is NACo's permanent policy document, which can be amended at the annual meeting.

Platform changes are permanent amendments to the American County Platform that broadly guide NACo's federal advocacy efforts and publicly state NACo's general policy goals. To submit a platform change, please upload a Word document [here](#). Please upload a document that utilizes the "track changes" feature to denote any additions or removals from the American County Platform.

Policy resolutions are generally single-purpose documents addressing a specific issue or piece of legislation. Resolutions draw attention to a topic of current concern, clarify parts of the broadly worded platform, or set policy in areas not covered by the platform. All interim policy resolutions submitted at the 2025 Legislative Conference must be renewed. To submit a policy resolution, please utilize [this portal](#).

Contact our [Government Affairs staff](#) with any questions regarding the policy resolution process.

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.**

Contacts:

Tammy Pitts
Grant Writing USA

Department of Economic Development to Host 6 Forums Across Nebraska

This summer, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development is hosting 6 forums across the state to provide an update on the agency's work and to gather input from local leaders.

June 23 – Wayne

July 7 – Nebraska City

July 14 – Wayne

July 28 - Ogallala

July 29 - Chadron

July 30 - Imperial

Details for the upcoming forum in Wayne are included in the invitation below:

Join us for a **DED UPDATE: Growing Nebraska**

This meeting will outline the State's activities to grow Nebraska's workforce, encourage business development, and support construction of affordable housing. Each gathering will also serve as a forum for local community members to share ideas and input.

Who:

State and local economic development leaders, including:

- **K.C. Belitz**, Director, Nebraska Department of Economic Development
- **Joe Fox**, Deputy Director of Business Development & Programs, Nebraska Department of Economic Development
- **Joe Lauber**, Deputy Director of Operations / Chief Legal Officer, Nebraska Department of Economic Development
- **DED Field Service and Housing Representatives**
- **Luke Virgil**, Director of Economic Development, Wayne America

When:
Monday, June 23 | 2025
1:00 - 3:30 p.m. CT

Where:
Freedom Park Shelter
1220 Lincoln Street
Wayne, NE

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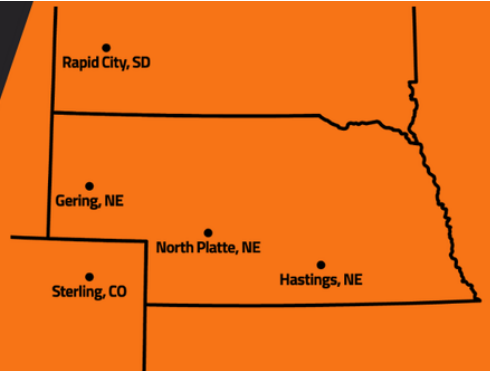
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