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Upcoming Events

- 3rd Annual Legislative Conference** ✓
Kearney, October 23, 2008
- NWCA Fall Training** ✓
Hastings, October 28 -29, 2008
- NE Wind Energy Conference** ✓
Kearney, November 11-12, 2008
- Annual Conference** ✓
Lincoln, December 10-12, 2008

3rd Annual Legislative Conference

October 23rd... There's Still Time to Register!



NACO's 3rd Annual Legislative Conference will be held on October 23, 2008 at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Kearney. This year's slate of speakers include Secretary of State John Gale; Clerk of the Legislature Patrick O'Donnell; Senators Deb Fischer and Annette Dubas; Bill Lock, Research Analyst for the Legislature's Revenue Committee and Tom Bergquist, Legislative Fiscal Analyst.

Education and discussion on important topics such as the legislative process, road funding and state aid to counties will be on this year's agenda. This is also the 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 over five hours of education, break, luncheon and handout material. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center. Rates are \$69 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.

Agenda and registration information can be found online at www.nacone.org.

High Voter Turnout Expected as Election Deadlines Draw Near



With so much focus on this year's presidential race, election officials across the state are gearing up for a larger voter turnout than in previous general elections. Add to that local issues such as jail and school bonds, and that number may increase even more. Many election officials have made the decision to have a larger number of ballots printed for this election in anticipation of a larger turnout.

Since early voting began on September 29, almost 50,000 of the nearly 1,137,000 currently registered voters across the state have taken advantage of the ability to

receive their ballot early. And with more than three weeks left until Election Day, that number could increase by quite a lot. Will that leave poll workers with little to do Election Day? With a fifty-three percent voter turnout in the 2006 General Election, odds are there will still be plenty of voters to keep them busy at the local polling places on Election Day.



The NACO/MIPS offices will be closed Monday, October 13 for Columbus Day

Did you know...

- ◆ Columbus' discovery of the New World began as a search for a simpler spice route
- ◆ Columbus Day is always observed the 2nd Monday in October
- ◆ Often referred to as Discoverers Day
- ◆ Post offices, banks, state and most government offices and many schools close in observance of Columbus Day. However, Federal Express, UPS, DHL, the stock exchange and most retail stores remain open to conduct business.



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County Official of the Year Nominations

Do you know of an elected or appointed county official who you feel serves as the embodiment of a true dedicated public official? If so, nominate that individual for the annual County Official of the Year Award.

The Nebraska Association of County Officials will present its highest honor to one county official at the conclusion of the December 12th Delegate Luncheon.

The County Official of the Year Award was created as a means of honoring one individual each year for his or her leadership abilities, high standard of public service and outstanding contributions made to the medium of county government and that person's community.

To nominate someone you know, print the [nomination form](#), complete it and return it to the NACO office by **November 14**, along with any supplemental materials you feel would provide additional insight into why this person is deserving of the award. Supporting material may include testimonial letters from peers or other printed matter that highlight his or her record of service.

Each of the 2008 nominees will be introduced and recognized during the course of the conference. At the conclusion of the luncheon, the announcement will be made as to who has been chosen by a special selection committee.

The 2008 recipient will join an elite list of county officials who have previously received this award and will receive a handsomely engraved plaque befitting of this prestigious honor.

News Across the State...

Links are to outside sources and may not be available indefinitely

[Third Dawes County bridge closed](#)

The Chadron News, 9/25/08

[State orders bridges closed](#)

News Press, 9/26/08

[Early bird voters take flight in Nebraska](#)

Kearney Hub, 9/29/08

[Madison County is self-declared 'livestock friendly'](#)

Norfolk Daily News, 9/30/08

[Jail meeting scheduled for Oct. 23](#)

Seward County Independent, 10/1/08

[County approves Humphrey farmer's permit request](#)

Norfolk Daily News, 10/1/08

[Early voting numbers increase in Papillion](#)

Papillion Times, 10/1/08

[Chase County Transit expands service in Wauneta](#)

The Wauneta Breeze, 10/3/08

[River clean-out shifts into high gear](#)

McCook Daily Gazette, 10/3/08

[Voting for more ballots](#)

Kearney Hub, 10/4/08

[DARE program cut from Hall sheriff's budget](#)

Grand Island Independent, 10/5/08

[Taxpayers: keep county jail costs low](#)

North Platte Bulletin, 10/6/08

[Voters have early say under new rules](#)

Columbus Telegram, 10/6/08

[Slow system delays early voters](#)

Kearney Hub, 10/6/08

[County approves new probation office](#)

Star-Herald, 10/7/08

[Ord breaks ground on new \\$19.5 million hospital](#)

Grand Island Independent, 10/7/08

[Superstructure of recently repaired county bridge fails](#)

The Chadron News, 10/7/08

[Commissioners stick to road plan](#)

McCook Daily Gazette, 10/7/08

[OPPD delays bond issue; Lancaster County jail could be delayed](#)

Lincoln Journal Star, 10/8/08

[Secretary of State expecting larger voter turnout](#)

Star-Herald, 10/8/08



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