

# 2007 The Iowa County Index

## ALUMNI INFORMATION

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## ASSOCIATE MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

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Louisa County: Reduce garbage through recycling –  
May  
Celebration of County Government week – May  
Cell Phone Program – May  
Planning Stages for New Trail System – May  
Opposition Over Proposed Airport – May  
Allamakee County Prescription Drug Discount Card Now  
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County to Provide Parcel for Animal Shelter – June  
Terrence Neuzil Joins County Leaders – July  
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Beary to IPERS Board – July  
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USDA Rural Development Offers Low-Interest Loans  
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Involta to Build Co-Location Data Center in Marion –  
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Nationwide Incorporating Investment Advice into Your  
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General Obligation Bonds – Jay Syverson – September  
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Urban Myth or Not? – January  
Love & Marriage – February  
Men’s Health – March  
How to Lose Weight – April  
A Clean Office? – May  
What do you know about Cholesterol? – June  
Change – August

#### **ISAC BOARD**

2007 ISAC Board – February  
Board Profile – Les Beck – February  
Board Profile – Steve Lekwa – February  
Board Profile – Tim McGee – March  
Board Profile – Linn Adams – March  
Board Profile – Robert Sperry – March  
Board Profile – Mike King – March  
Board Profile – Derek White – May  
Board Profile – Mark Linda – May  
Board Profile – Wayne Chizek – May  
Board Profile – Grant Veeder – May

#### **IN MEMORY**

Dennis Lange – January  
Joel Sorenson – January  
Ronald Herr – July

#### **ISAC STAFF/FUNCTIONS**

Farewell From Angie – February  
Good-Bye from Denise – April  
Welcome Hanna – April  
Welcome Rachel – May  
Goodbye from Sandy - August

#### **ISAC PROGRAMS**

ISAC Scholarship Fundraiser (Info, Map and Sign-Up) - April  
ISAC Scholarship Wrap-Up – August

#### **ISAC MEETINGS/CONFERENCES**

ISAC Spring School 2007 – January, February, March  
County-a-Day Replaced by District Legislative Days – January  
ISAC’s Legislative Package Approved at the Fall School – January  
District Legislative Days – February  
NCO School Re-Cap - March  
ISAC Fall School 2007 – April

ISAC Budget Approved at the Spring School – April  
Fall School Update 2007 – August  
Fall School Update 2007 – September  
Fall School Update 2007 – October  
Fall School Update 2007 – November  
Spring School 2008 – December

#### **LEGAL BRIEFS**

Mills County Agrees to Settle Costly Septic Tank Lawsuit – January  
Defending County Employees From Criminal Charges – February  
CIETC Focuses Attention on Duties of 28E Board Members – March  
“E – Government” Bills Spark Debate Over Internet Use – April  
Random Drug Testing – May  
Duty to Pay for Medical Care in Jail – June  
Forget Old Notions About Conflicts of Interest – July  
Deciding Whether the ADA Covers a Particular County Employee – August  
Counties Need to Follow the Law Regarding Employing Veterans – September  
Counties Need to Have a Policy on Use of Courthouse Grounds – October  
Comp Boards Law Raises Many Issues – November  
RAGBRAI Controversy Focuses on Proper Role of County Roads – December

#### **NACO**

The Aging Population – January  
Legislative Conference – January  
NACo 2007 Achievement Wetland Restoration Grants Award Program – February  
NACo Board of Directors 2006 Fall Meeting – February  
New Technical Assistance Program – February  
Post Jobs Online – March  
National County Government Week: April 22 – 28 – March  
Smoke-Free County Challenge – March  
American City & County Magazine Announces Call for Nominations – April  
Register for NACo’s 2007 Annual Conference – April  
NACo Launches Green Government Initiative – April  
Sustainable Communities Award Program – April  
2008 Presidential Election Project – April  
Registration now Open for NACo’s 2007 Annual conference and Annual Meeting – May  
Legislative Conference – May  
NACo election project scores early success in primary states – May  
NACo Leads Campaign for Renewed Rural Development – June  
NACo Steering Committee Sign up – June  
NACo 2008 Presidential Election Project – June  
NACo Blog Released – June  
NACo Launches County Climate Protection Program – August  
County ‘Elects’ Express Record Pessimism on Nation’s Course – September

Harkin Puts \$2 Billion on the Table for Rural Development – October  
Johnson County Supervisor Neuzil Participates in Climate Protection forum in D.C. – November

## **TECHNOLOGY**

### **Robin**

Budgeting for the ETC – January  
Paying for the ETC – February  
Growing the ETC: Part 1 – March  
Growing the ETC: Part 2 – April  
Yin and Yang of CoMis – May  
Counties of Iowa e-Government Readiness Assessment Survey – June  
When a Stranger Calls – July  
Rx for CoMis – August  
County Governments Key to Success of 2010 Census – September  
CoMIS Update, County Technology Clearinghouse Update – October  
Putting ETC to Work – November  
CoMIS Project Update – December

### **Tammy**

Laptop Computers – February  
Internet Explorer 7 – March  
Windows Vista – April  
PDF Documents – May  
Protecting Portable Devices – June  
Purchasing Online – July  
PowerPoint Photo Albums – August  
Spyware – September  
How to Recognize E-Mail Hoaxes and Urban Legends - November

## **ISAC BRIEFS**

Public Policy Process – January  
Legislative Tracking Tool – February  
Employee Motivation – March  
District Legislative Days – March  
Steering Committee Sign-Up – March, April  
ISAC NACO Representative – April  
Welcome Rachel – May  
Board Profiles – Derek White, Mark Linda, Wayne Chizek, Grant Veeder - May  
CREEGAC: A Model of Inter-Governmental Cooperation – June  
CCMS Fundamentals Meeting – June  
Microsoft Lawsuit Benefits Iowa – June  
Western Interstate Region (WIR) Conference – July  
Golf Fundraiser Wrap-Up – August  
Paying for Secondary Roads Projects – October  
Scholarship Application – October  
ISAC Scholarship Fund Raffle – November  
U.S. Communities Partnership – November  
Linda Hinton Named Government Relations Manager – November  
Excellence in Action Awards – December  
ISAC Staffing Changes ( H. De Groot and D. Eckerman) – December

## **YOUR INPUT**

We are Looking for Your Input – September  
Q&A – County Shapes – October

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Transportation Conference – January  
Antiviral Q & A – February  
County Representative Needed – March  
Barn Raising VI – March  
Adair County Engineer – March  
Butler County Engineer – March  
USEPA to Award \$2.7 Million – April  
IPAIT Fees Reduced – April  
County Financing Changing Times – April  
County Real Estate Web Portal – April  
Communications Briefings – June  
IPAIT Celebrates 20-Year Anniversary – July  
Retirement Lifestyle Planning – August  
Iowa Gets Straight A's in Health Care – September  
What is the U.S. Communities Program? – September  
Apply for Prestigious Innovations Award – September  
Auditor of State Announcement of Mailing Address Change – October  
Statewide Conference for Governmental Procurement Professionals – October  
\$7.5 Million in Grants Awarded to Six States – November  
Iowa Transportation Museum Opens Online with Heroes Center – December  
Iowa Author Nominated for Pulitzer Prize in Letters – December  
Corporate Express Purchasing Alliance – December