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President's Update

The U.S. economy continues to show signs of recovery, although weak, with job growth and business expansions. The recovery depends on actions that we, in our roles as community and economic development practitioners, launch and/or promote locally.

Are programs in your area making a substantial difference? Would you like to hear about other opportunities that might work locally? CDS provides ways to interact with peers to share innovative practices and ideas. [The annual conference will be July 28-31 in Boise, Idaho, in conjunction with the Rural Sociological Society.](#) Presentations will be made on a broad range of topics with many opportunities to learn about successful programs that you might consider for your locality. Contact Brent Hales or Lori Landry for more information.

CDS is working with other professional groups to provide webinars on new development techniques and approaches. Consider participating in these programs and/or suggesting ideas for topics in the future. Paul Lachapelle chairs this committee and welcomes input from all sources.

We are also looking for innovative efforts to showcase in the CD Practices series. The series will highlight promising practices that can be applied to other areas. Mike Dougherty and Anne Silvis are leading this effort so send your ideas to them.

This Spring is an excellent time to renew efforts to rebuild local areas. CDS can, and wants to be part of your efforts. Let us know how we can help you.

CDS/RSS Joint International Conference

July 28-31 2011 • Boise, Idaho, USA

"Being" Boise, Idaho, USA

The Boise River

Cool off after a hot day & float on the Boise River from Barber Park - just minutes from downtown

Ada County Recreation & Event Services offers raft rentals on the Boise River. Floaters put in at Barber Park and take out at Ann Morrison Park with return trip transportation available. Epley's, which manages the rentals, is a licensed and bonded outfitter through the State of Idaho and is AAA approved. Call 208-577-4588 for more information and reservations or book [online](#).

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE.](#)



[CLICK HERE for CASNR Online Programs.](#)

74TH ANNUAL MEETING RURAL SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

in conjunction with the

Community Development Society

July 28-31, 2011

The Grove Hotel &
Boise Convention Center
Boise, Idaho, USA

with additional rooms available at the Hamaton Inn

THE RURAL SOCIOLOGIST

A journal published by the
Rural Sociological Society

Free of charge

[CLICK HERE TO VISIT RSS ONLINE.](#)

CDS Spotlights Members

As part of the CDS membership campaign, the Membership and Marketing Committee has initiated its Member Spotlight on the CDS website. Located under JOIN, this page puts the spotlight on CDS members, and their interests and areas of expertise in the community development profession. Each month the CDS will spotlight new

[Norman Walzer](#)
President

News from CDS

Social Media and networking options for CDS members

This year, we are attempting to expand our social media and networking presence. To do this, we plan new features to the CDS website (including an embedded blog) and are hoping that our members will share their professional social networking information when renewing their membership this July. This is voluntary and you will be asked if you wish to share information either to only CDS members or the public. Members will be able to create their own member profiles and provide a short description of their work, (applied, teaching, research, etc.) and post content. More importantly, members will be able to search, contact and collaborate with other colleagues working in community development. We hope this CDS website will serve as a commons for a host of community development resources, for example video conference archives, reports, pictures, blog and wiki sites, and other rich content resources. In addition, with membership comes access to other professional development resources. We invite all members to participate in the social media and networking efforts of the CDS. For more information contact [Paul Lachapelle](#).

CDS member to present webinar

CDS member Beth Walter Honadle of the University of Cincinnati will be presenting a [free webinar](#) based on an article paper from the latest issue of Community Development: the Journal of Community Development: Journal of the Community Development Society. Sponsored by CDS and the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development, the webinar is entitled "Rural Development Policy in the United States: A Critical Analysis & Modest Suggestions."

Monday, April 25th, 2011

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

In addition, Doug O'Brien, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of USDA contacted Beth for a one-on-one briefing about her upcoming presentation.

Vas You Ever in Zinzinnati? If not, here's your chance. Mark your calendar!

Planning is underway for the CDS 2012 conference - July 23-25, 2012, in Cincinnati, OH. The theme, "Sustaining Community through Innovation and Entrepreneurship," will have a particular focus on local foods and arts, community engagement and learning, campus community partnerships and comprehensive community initiatives. More details soon.

Conference Hosting Opportunities

Have you thought that your city would be a great place to host the CDS conference? The conference allows the local region to highlight the community development initiatives underway and to bring an international spotlight on your work. If you

members, gathering the information from the [membership survey located here](#). If you have not already completed this survey, please do so, and maybe you will be the next member in the spotlight!

[Click here to view the CDS Member Spotlight](#)

Grant Opportunities

[National Endowment for the Arts: Local Arts Agencies: Grants for Arts Projects: Challenge America Fast-Track](#)

Application deadline: May 26, 2011

[U.S. Department of Agriculture Utilities Programs Community Connect Grant Program](#)

Application deadline: May 3, 2011

[National Science Foundation Small Business Innovation Research Program Phase I Solicitation FY-2011 \(Release 2\)](#)

Application deadline: June 10, 2011

Vanguard to accept advertising again

In the past, the Vanguard has accepted advertising that complements the mission and goals of the Community Development Society. The board has decided to continue this practice. Square ads will be run in the smaller left hand column of the Vanguard. The single issue ad rate will be \$45. Ads for four issues will be discounted to \$40 each. For more information, contact [Lori Landry](#).

Conferences and Meetings

[Broadband and Economic Development](#)

April 26-28, 2011, Dallas, Texas

[Federal Reserve Community Affairs Research Conference, "The Changing Landscape of Community Development"](#)

April 28-29, 2011, Arlington, VA

Keynote remarks by Chairman Ben Bernanke and Jeffrey Sachs, author of The End of Poverty.

[2011 Community Development Institute East](#)

May 9-13, 2011 at the Bridgeport, WV

[International Journal of Neighbourhood Renewal Annual Awards and Conference](#)

May 26, 2011, London, UK

[International Symposium for Society and Resource Management \(ISSRM\)](#)

June 4-8, 2011, University of Wisconsin,

are interested in hosting a future conference, please email [Sharon Gulick](#), CDS Vice President for Operations.

CDS International Committee

The CDS International Community is continuing to build its relationship with the International Association for Community Development (IACD) that began at our joint New Orleans conference last year. Current plans call for a joint newsletter with the IACD. We welcome submissions of your international activities to this newsletter. If you have delivered an international paper/presentation, been involved in an international CD project, or are partnering with an international organization or school tell us about it. We are especially interested in joint projects or participation that resulted from the CDS/IACD meeting in New Orleans. Please contact [Esther Farmer](#).

CD Practice Rides Again!

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CDS's CD Practice is returning as web-based publication presents innovative approaches, tools, and techniques that can be readily applied by community development practitioners. A new series of issues are being readied with the first release coming later this month on using social media. Other issues will follow every few months - as long as quality submissions continue to be received.

CD Practice is designed to showcase promising practices on all aspects of community development. Readers should be able to replicate some or all of the practices and should be able to determine, based on the author's description, the key ingredients in the success of the practice, or pitfalls to avoid. CD Practice articles focus on the "how" of strategy and implementation. This differs from Journal articles which focus on theory. CD Practice articles should be based on the Community Development Society's "Principles of Good Practice" and should clearly document results, success stories or lessons learned. [For more information](#)

In Memory

CDS loses friend and Past President Harold Baker
By Linda Sunde and Kris Kauth

Vanguard is saddened to report that Harold R. Baker of Saskatoon, SK, CA, passed away on March 18, 2011. Harold was a valuable CDS member, staying involved even after his retirement. His leadership, intelligence, generosity, upbeat attitude, warmth and kindness endeared him to all who worked with him and came to know him over the years. He enriched the lives he touched. His counsel and presence will

Madison.

**Heartland Center for Leadership
Development: Helping Small Towns Succeed
Annual Institute**

June 6-8, 2011, South Haven, Michigan.

[Online Registration opens April 18, 2011](#)

Credit card payments must be made through the online registration system

To register by phone call (517) 353-3175

[The 13th Annual Illinois Leadership Conference:
The Power of Collaborative Solutions](#)

June 15, 2011, Champaign, IL

[Food and Agriculture Under the Big Sky](#)

June 9 - 12, 2011, University of Montana - Missoula.

[Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences 2011 Conference, "Confronting Complexity"](#)

June 23-26, 2011, Burlington, VT

[ALIA Summer Institute](#)

June 24 - July 1, 2011, Columbus, OH

[Value-Added Agriculture Conference](#)

June 26-28, 2011, Pittsburgh, PA

[2011 National Rural Assembly Gathering](#)

June 28-30, 2011, St. Paul, MN

[25th Annual Community Development Institute
Central](#)

August 1-5, 2011, Conway, AR

[Midwest Community Development Institute](#)

August 8-11, 2011, Moline, IL

[NCBA's Annual Meeting and Cooperative
Conference: The Power of Cooperative
Principles](#)

October 5-7, 2011, Minneapolis, MN

[Tamarack's Communities Collaborating Institute:
Leadership That Transforms Communities](#)

October 3-7, 2011 in Calgary, AB, CA

[International Forum on the Social Solidarity
Economy \(FIESS\)](#)

October 17-20, 2011, Montréal, QC, CA

[International Journal of Neighbourhood Renewal
Annual Awards and Conference](#)

be greatly missed.

Harold served on the CDS Board of Directors beginning in 1984 and was elected CDS President for 1987-1988. Under his leadership, a successful long range planning process was established. He planned and presided over the 1987 Annual Conference in Morgantown, WV, and later served as chair of the Nominating Committee in 1988-89. Harold chaired the Local Arrangements Committee for the 1991 Annual International Conference in Saskatoon. That year he was awarded the Society's Distinguished Service Award. In 1994, Harold organized a busload of community developers from Saskatchewan and brought them to the CDS conference in Lincoln, NE. That same year the Saskatchewan Rural Futures Project, led by Harold, received the Innovative Program Award. In 2004 he became a member of the Roots & Wings Leadership Team, lending his name and influence to raise funds for the CDS Endowment. In 2008 he was once again helped host the CDS Annual International Conference in Saskatoon. Locally, he was instrumental in starting the Saskatchewan CDS Chapter.

Harold began his career studying animal science at the Ontario Agricultural College, University of Toronto, following a two-year program at Kemptville Agricultural School. He was then employed as an Ag Rep advising farmers and promoting 4-H and Junior Farmer programs in Wentworth and Huron counties in Ontario. He soon realized he needed to better understand group dynamics and how people interact. This led him to a Master of Science degree in Extension Education at the University of Wisconsin. A serendipitous series of events resulted in his attaining a Ph.D. in Rural Education and Sociology at Cornell University in 1958.

As his studies were nearing completion, Harold was invited to join the new Centre for Community Studies at the University of Saskatchewan, where he participated in groundbreaking research regarding the future of Saskatchewan's rural communities. From 1963 to 1973 he served as Professor and Director of the university's Extension Division. He continued to work in Extension, maintaining a strong focus on community development until his retirement in 1994. He was always proud of the university and Saskatoon and couldn't wait to show off the campus and the river view to visitors.

From his local home and school association to city-wide organizations, from provincial to national to international boards of directors of all kinds, Harold was always contributing, often as chair. He enjoyed these experiences immensely and made many lifelong friends. Harold loved the outdoors, woodworking, and taking photos. His last decade was devoted to genealogy. In 2010, after years of research and despite failing health, Harold published A Baker Family History, which chronicles the lives of over 700 family members. This was his final and greatest gift to his extended

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family and to the generations to come. Harold's greatest love of all was his family and this was expressed in some way every day. He lived mindfully, leading by example, and encouraged his family to pursue their dreams.

Harold was born in Merrickville, Ontario, June 29, 1927. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Phyllis; one son and two daughters along with their spouses; eight grandchildren; fifteen nieces and nephews and their families; and many friends and colleagues. A Celebration of Harold Baker's Life was held at Grosvenor Park United Church in Saskatoon on March 26, 2011. Condolences to the family may be sent to mail@saskatoonfuneralhome.com.

The CDS Board encourages contributions in memory of Harold Baker to the CDS Endowment that Harold faithfully supported. You may send a check or credit card payment to CDS Endowment, 17 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43215, or [contribute online](#). Please indicate Harold Baker Tribute on the check or on-line pull down menu.

We Asked for It!

The CDS Membership and Marketing Committee recently conducted a member survey. Here is a highlight:

Survey - How can the conference be more useful to your professional work?

Topic	Percentage
More sessions that focus on specific emerging issues...	49.1%
More focus on local issues related to region	36.8%
More general discussions about topics and fewer presentations	36.8%
More mobile learning workshops	28.1%
More unstructured networking time	17.5%

CDS UpFront

Compiled by Timothy Collins, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, Western Illinois University

"What, Really, Is the Commons?"

The idea has been around for centuries. The commons is a new use of an old word, meaning "what we share"-and it offers fresh hope for a saner, safer, more enjoyable future.

Terrain.org

How to design a neighborhood for happiness

The way we design our communities plays a huge role in how we experience our lives.

[Yes!](#)

Resilience in Japan

When disaster hit in Japan, basic human goodness rose quickly to the surface.... Thousands of people stream into the stricken region, in spite of the radiation danger, to help where they can. People are stepping forward to help. And there is something more in the air.

[Alia Institute](#)

Expenditures for food assistance continue to increase

Federal expenditures for USDA's food and nutrition assistance programs totaled \$94.8 billion in fiscal 2010, or 20 percent more than the previous fiscal year. Fiscal 2010 marked the 10th consecutive year in which food and nutrition assistance expenditures exceeded the previous historical record. Since fiscal 2004, expenditures for food and nutrition assistance have more than doubled.

[The Food Assistance Landscape, FY 2010 Annual Report](#)

Who grows your food?

Because agricultural employment is a major element underpinning our food system ... if no-one at home is growing food in safe, regulated environments, then where is your food coming from?

[The Rurban Fringe](#)

Students lead way toward grocery store

Students in Cody, Nebraska, population 149, want to keep their school open, create employment opportunities, and provide a sorely missed community service. They're planning a new grocery store.

[The Nonprofit Quarterly](#)

New bioenergy network launched

The site is an on-line resource providing comprehensive information for farmers, resources managers, entrepreneurs, educators and consumers interested in bioenergy sourced from perennial crops and grasslands.

[Wisconsin Grasslands Bioenergy Network](#)

Social networking tools will continue to drive change, report suggests

By 2015, technology and social networks will change the way people organize, a new report from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and Monitor Institute finds.

[Connected Citizens: The Power, Peril and Potential of Networks](#)

Education recommendations for the Midwest

A new report from the Chicago Council on Global Affairs recommends streamlining curricula from K-12 through post-

secondary education, exploring alternative higher education funding mechanisms, redefining the role of community colleges, and promoting a culture of lifelong learning.

[A Master Plan for Higher Education in the Midwest](#)

Community colleges reconsider their role

Schools across the country are losing state funding even as enrollments are growing, according to a Stateline analysis of U.S. Department of Education data.

[Stateline.org](#)

The best cities for minority entrepreneurs

Forbes asked Joel Kotkin, Wendell Cox, and Erika Ozuna to examine entrepreneurial trends among immigrants in the nation's largest metropolitan areas.

[New Geography](#)

Economic and community development conference presentation materials online

[Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs](#)

"When the Town Owns the Forest"

Our historic love/hate attitude toward forestland turns to regret. Community-managed forests may be the next best approach.

[Daily Yonder](#)

Minnesota: Rural and urban together

Minnesota's rural and urban people, businesses, and institutions depend on each other's well being in order to achieve their own success, according to Minnesota Rural Partners.

[Daily Yonder](#)

"The Pulpit: Holy-Rolling Buddhists"

Country church congregations aren't what they used to be. You'll find less hellfire and damnation -- more Lynyrd Skynyrd and Pema Chodrun.

[Daily Yonder](#)

Postal Service is selective and inconsistent in releasing data on individual post offices

[The Rural Blog](#)

Study: Rural transport means more than roads

Rural areas need more flexibility in choosing options for investment in transportation infrastructure, in order to maintain strong economies and quality of life.

[Rural Policy Research Institute](#)

[Comments, Suggestions, Submit an Article](#)

Do you have

We welcome member input and articles for our Vanguard e-news bulletin. If you have something that you would like to get out to the entire membership, or if you have comments or suggestions, send them to CDS@assnoffices.com with subject e-news bulletin. We will do our best to accommodate your articles in a timely manner.

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