Even with several inches of snow still on the ground I am beginning to see signs of spring - some of my early flowers are peaking out of the ground, the robins are busy and our Pileated Woodpecker continues to drum on the gutter making sure that everyone knows that this is his yard. While I enjoy the looking at snow I’m not fond of being cold, so I’m looking forward to spring.

This year spring will also bring with it the uncertainty of what the federal sequestration will mean for those of us with federal funding or grants. I’ve already been told that one of my grants will very likely see a reduction in funds. Sequestration also means that many of our peers in the federal...
government or with programs that are funded by federal dollars will potentially have a major challenge in the coming months. For me the real issue is that we cannot continue to "budget" in a crisis mode. Somehow our leaders have to find a way to compromise and collaborate toward a shared goal for the future -- sounds a lot like what we tell communities we work with!

For CDS spring means that planning for the annual conference really begins in earnest. Bo Beaulieu, CDS's Vice President for Programs, tells me that we have had an outstanding response this year with abstract submissions - nearly 170! I've had the opportunity to take a quick peak and it looks like this will be a great conference with lots of valuable presentations.

Planning for the 2014 and beyond conferences is also underway. We will be announcing the location for 2014 soon. If you are interested in hosting a CDS conference in your community or region, please contact Dave Lamie, CDS Vice President for Operations, at dlamie@clemson.edu or the CDS office.

Sincerely,
Sharon Gulick
President, Community Development Society

News from CDS
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Selected USDA statistics on agriculture and trade, diet and health, natural resources, and rural America

UNRISD Beyond 2015 Briefs

- Combating Poverty and Inequality
- Inequalities and the Post-2015 Development Agenda
- Social Policy and Employment: Rebuilding the Connections

National Conference on Citizenship

ERS Charts of Note

- Foreign-born populations are a growing presence in many rural areas
- Rural farm counties weather recession
- Farm household income forecast up in 2012 and 2013, varies by source and level by farm typology
- Total U.S. jobs created by agricultural

fellow CDS members. The local planning committee is working hard to develop another great conference. Watch for registration information soon.

Latest Issue of Community Development available online
The release of Community Development: The Journal of the Community Development Society, Volume 43 No. 5, 2012, is now available online for CDS members. Please contact the CDS Business Office if you have problems logging in.

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CDS UpFront

Compiled by Timothy Collins, Assistant Director, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs

Every Saturday Since 1925
When you see the sign for Czech Hall Road just outside Oklahoma City, take it. Especially if it's a Saturday night.

Rural Born, Stanford Educated, Obligated
There's another story to tell about low-income rural students and their potential for achievement at top universities. **Nobody tells it better** than the graduates themselves.

**Hispanic Growth, Higher Rural Incomes**
The **Hispanic population** is growing in rural America. And, yes, it's a good thing economically.

**Why Richard Florida's 'urban renaissance' won't save U.S. cities**
By the urbanist creative-class metric, Oakland, CA, is winning. **At the same time**, about 13 percent of Oakland residents are unemployed, and the city still has one of the highest murder rates in the nation, especially for teens.

**Civic Health and Unemployment**
**A recent study** has found a powerful correlation between a community's civic health and its economic well-being.

**Gentrification and its Discontents: Notes from New Orleans**
Residential shifts playing out in the Crescent City share many commonalities with those elsewhere, but also bear some distinctions and paradoxes.

**Moving beyond Public-Private Divide: Locating Social Entrepreneurship in the Social Economy**
In the face of the neoliberal development agenda, the delivery of public services has, to varying degrees in different countries, been assumed by non-state actors. This has led to a continuous **debate about the efficiency of services** furnished by state or non-state actors.

**These Farmers Don't Miss a Beet**
Welcome to the first Farmer's Talent Show, a hodgepodge of acts by nine Chicago-area organic producers. They created the show as a way to **market community-supported agriculture operations**.

**The Cooperative Way to a Stronger Economy**
Co-ops - just like people - can get more done together than anyone can do alone. They come in many forms, and are more common than you might imagine.

The sharing economy, from soup to nuts
The sharing economy builds and leverages social bonds, creates a more democratic marketplace, reduces the sheer amount of stuff we need to buy, and creates more resilient communities in the process.

Is Sustainable Tourism Everything It’s Cracked Up to Be?
Globalization’s ever spreading tentacles have already begun to erode the mystique of this so-called developing world.

Global Day of Dance Connects Women around the Globe
Eve Ensler’s One Billion Rising brought women into the streets in every country registered with the United Nations, plus a few places that aren’t. At the Seattle event, a dancing little girl seemed to represent the movement’s hopes for women’s lives.

An Oasis of Community and Support for Latina Moms
In California, many Latina moms find themselves cut off by domestic responsibilities and language barriers. But with the help of trusted mentors, they’re learning new skills and strengthening their support networks.

Glenn Ross Gives 'Toxic Tours' of Neighborhoods
The tours take in brownfields, rat infestations, truck traffic, illegal dumping sites, vacant buildings, and other environmental hazards in Baltimore’s poor, predominantly black communities.

Why the 'Idle No More' Movement Is the Best Chance for Clean Land and Water
In an urgent pursuit for environmental justice and basic human rights, First Nations gather across North America under the banner of Idle No More.
State of Indian Nations: Protecting Women
Native nations are contributing to America's economic recovery, says President Keel of the National Congress of American Indians. But tribes need more ability to make decisions for themselves to be most effective, citing federal law enforcement policy as a key example.

Effects of U.S. Wind Power Development on County-Level Income, Employment
A recent study measured the effects of wind power development on county-level income and employment in 12 States of the Great Plains and Rocky Mountain regions.

Analysis of Those Leaving USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Reveals Program Effectiveness
A recent ERS analysis compares the food security status of current SNAP recipients with that of households that recently left the program. The study estimates SNAP’s effectiveness in improving food security of participating households.

Disney Stops Thinking About Tomorrow
Disney’s pessimistic attitude towards the rate of current advancement comes from a place of truth. New, revolutionary ideas were coming out on a consistent basis in the mid 1900s during Walt Disney’s generation, but near the late 1900s progress as a whole slowed down.