



## News from Nebraska State Treasurer Don Stenberg - December 2016



### Nebraska Contracts with Alabama to Offer Enable

Alabama State Treasurer Young Boozer and Nebraska State Treasurer Don Stenberg announced the signing of a contract between the two states on December 1, making the Enable Savings Plan for individuals with disabilities available to Alabama residents. The plan is named Enable Savings Plan Alabama.

"I am optimistic about the future of the tax-advantaged Enable Savings Plan for children and adults with disabilities, and I am committed to making sure the Enable plan serves the needs of Alabama residents, just as it serves the needs of Nebraskans. I look forward to working with Treasurer Boozer to introduce Enable in Alabama and watch it grow," Stenberg said in a joint announcement issued in Montgomery and Lincoln.

Alabama is the first state to contract with the Enable Savings Plan since it was opened for accounts on June 30. Nebraska was the third state in the nation to introduce a savings plan for people with disabilities and the second state in the nation to contract with another state to provide services. Read more at

<https://treasurer.nebraska.gov/news/2016/1129/>

### Celebrate the Holidays in the Capitol

Before the 2017 Legislative Session begins in January, the Nebraska Capitol is filled with holiday spirit. The Official State Holiday Tree arrives the first week of December and will be decorated with ornaments from all 93 counties, followed by the annual lighting ceremony and carol singing at 2 p.m. Dec. 11. The ceremony is sponsored by Pinewood Bowl, Inc. To celebrate the season, you may want to check out the 2016 Capitol Christmas ornament for sale in the Capitol's gift shop. This year's ornament is an adaptation of the Thunderbird featured on the mahogany doors of the east legislative chamber. The doors represent the Native agricultural heritage of the state. Check the link below to a Lincoln Journal Star story about the 2016 ornament and Capitol ornaments through the years.



Photo courtesy Nebraska State Historical Society

[http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/govt-and-politics/elements-of-the-capitol-translate-to-uniquely-nebraska-ornaments/article\\_7ca37f35-f11e-537f-9bc6-18764d3f8283.html](http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/govt-and-politics/elements-of-the-capitol-translate-to-uniquely-nebraska-ornaments/article_7ca37f35-f11e-537f-9bc6-18764d3f8283.html)



### NEST on the Farm at the Nebraska State Fair

Families gathered in a shade-filled corner of the Family Fun Zone at the Nebraska State Fair to celebrate winners of the 2016 NEST on the Farm Photo Contest. Handing out certificates to the winners, ages 1 to 8, were Treasurer Stenberg and NEST Director Rachel Biar.

Six children each received a \$1,000 contribution to a NEST 529 College Savings account for their photos depicting farm and ranch life. The winning photos included images of farm animals, tractors, and a 150-year-old barn.

Shown here is Todd Munk of Hickman, one of the winners. Todd, now age 8, was 2 when this photo was taken of him with an African Boer goat. The photo was taken by his grandfather.

<https://treasurer.nebraska.gov/csp/scholarships/essay/farm/2016/winners-announced/>



NEST on the Farm winner Kylason Schoenfelder of Columbus.



Treasurer Stenberg with NEST on the Farm winners and families.



Treasurer Stenberg, Rachel Biar, and NEST on the Farm winner Reese Harms of Davenport.



### New Way to Pay Child Support

Nebraskans who pay child support can now make their payments by cash, check, credit card, or debit card at two new self-serve payment kiosks in Lincoln and Omaha.

The U.S. Bank E-payment Service Kiosks are located in the lobby of the Nebraska Child Support Payment Center, a division of the State Treasurer's Office, at 233 S. 10th St., in Lincoln and in the entryway of the Douglas County Clerk of the District Court on the third floor of the Hall of Justice, 1701 Farnam St., in Omaha. The kiosks are available during regular weekday business hours at each location. VISA, MasterCard, and Discover credit and debit cards are accepted.

"The self-serve payment kiosks introduce yet another convenient way for non-custodial parents to make child support payments and to stay current with their child support obligation," Treasurer Stenberg said. "The kiosks make it possible to pay support quickly in a secure setting during regular business hours and are another example of our ongoing effort to provide customer-focused services."

<https://treasurer.nebraska.gov/news/2016/1028/>

## Happenings in 2017

**January 11-12** - Unclaimed Property outreach team will be set up at the Northeast Nebraska Farm & Equipment Show in Norfolk. Visit us there.

**January 17** - Announcement of the 15th annual NEST "Why I Want to Go to College" writing competition in conjunction with the Omaha Storm Chasers. NEST scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 awarded to winners at May 21 Storm Chasers game at Werner Park in Papillion. Entries due March 17.

**March 6** - Treasurer Stenberg and Jennifer Davidson of the Nebraska Council on Economic Education will appear on First at Four on Channels 10/11 at 4 p.m. to discuss financial education in schools and the upcoming Personal Finance Challenge for high school students.

**March and April** - Look for our 2017 Unclaimed Property Report in your local daily newspaper.

**April 21** - Annual Personal Finance Challenge statewide competition sponsored by the Nebraska Council on Economic Education. NEST scholarships awarded to members of winning teams. <https://financechallenge.unl.edu/Nebraska/Welcome>

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