



News from Nebraska State Treasurer Don Stenberg - July 2017



Meet You at the Fair

Heading to the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island? Stop by our booth in the Pinnacle Bank Expo Center to search for unclaimed property and ask about NEST and Enable. Staff members will be there from 9 to close, Aug. 25-Sept. 4. Come on down to the Nebraska State Fair!

Welcome, Nebraska NEST Birthday Babies

In celebration of Nebraska's 150th birthday, Treasurer Stenberg has been meeting young families and presenting \$529 NEST college savings accounts to babies born in 2017.

It's all part of the Nebraska NEST Birthday Babies sweepstakes, and it's easy to enter. So far Treasurer Stenberg has met five Birthday Babies and hosted media events in Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island, and Norfolk. In all, the Treasurer will recognize 12 Birthday Babies born in 2017.

A Nebraska resident who is a parent or legal guardian of a newborn can enter the drawing at [NEST529.com/NewbornDrawing](https://nebraska.gov/NEST529.com/NewbornDrawing)

One name will be drawn each month with the final name drawn in January 2018 to allow time to enter babies born late in 2017. If a family's name isn't drawn in the month the family enters, the name stays in the drawing throughout the year, giving families plenty of opportunities to be chosen.

Nebraska NEST Birthday Babies is Legacy program of the Nebraska 150 Commission.

Listen to the Treasurer tell about Birthday Babies: <https://treasurer.nebraska.gov/csp/scholarships/nest-birthday-babies/2017/BdayBabyRadioAd20170606.mp3>



The latest NEST Birthday Baby, Olivia Rae Johnson, with her parents, Wade and Ashley Johnson of Lincoln.



NEST Birthday Baby No. 4, Kendall Weber of Plainview, and her parents, Jamie and Kevin Weber, and siblings, Brendan and Tessa.



NEST Birthday Baby No. 3, Gable Butt, son of Ivie and Myles Butt, Central City.



NEST Birthday Baby No. 2, Elijah Engel, son of Locke Engel and Rebecca Nelms, Waverly, with sister, Lillian.



NEST Birthday Baby No. 1, Carolyn Hotchkiss, daughter of Christina and Scott Hotchkiss, Omaha.

Take Me out to the Ballgame

Six winners in the 2017 NEST "Why I Want to Go to College" writing contest were recognized May 22 at Werner Park in Papillion, home to the Omaha Storm Chasers.

Winners receive contributions to Nebraska Educational Savings Trust college savings plans, ranging from \$500 for third place, \$1,000 for second place, and \$2,000 for first place. Three winners were chosen in each of Nebraska's three U.S. congressional districts. Three winners from outside Nebraska also were chosen.

"I am proud of the students who were recognized at home plate before the start of the Storm Chasers' game. They wrote persuasively about the people who inspire them as well as Nebraska values of hard work, family support, perseverance, and a commitment to helping others," the Treasurer said.

<https://treasurer.nebraska.gov/csp/scholarships/essay/college/2017/winners-recognized/>



Writing contest winners with Treasurer Stenberg, Storm Chasers President Martie Cordaro, and NEST Director Rachel Biar. On the right is Andrea Stava of the Storm Chasers.



NEST Director Rachel Biar with the winners, from left, Maddox Weckerle-Dietz, Norfolk; Becca Walker, Lincoln; Ed Quintana, Springfield; Dylann Ehegartner, Papillion; Heather Bose, Stamford; Weston Reineke, Taylor.

Celebrating Success

Students from Arthur County High School in Arthur and their teachers were honored May 31 at the State Capitol for placing third in the nation in the Personal Finance Challenge.

In recognizing the students, Treasurer Stenberg said that in the five years he has been involved with the Personal Finance Challenge he has come to appreciate the value of teachers and sponsors.

"I have seen some of the same teachers year after year. This reinforces my belief in the value of quality teaching and in the strength of Nebraska schools regardless of size. Many of our Finance Challenge winners have come from medium- and small-size schools, like Arthur County, with only 11 students in the graduating class," he said.

Students and teachers from Norris High School and Omaha Northwest High Magnet School, who placed second and third in the state competition, also were honored at the Capitol event. The state competition is sponsored by the Nebraska Council on Economic Education. Students on winning teams received NEST college savings accounts ranging from \$2,000 to \$500 each.

"We are very proud and honored to represent our state and our small town. We came away with a lot of confidence in our knowledge and in ourselves," said Brenna Larsen of Arthur County.

Names of students and teachers honored and more photos are available at <https://treasurer.nebraska.gov/news/2017/0601/>



Placing third in the nation is this team from Arthur County High School. From left, Peyton Lark, Georgie Lage, Madison Rut, Brenna Larsen.



Treasurer Stenberg, center, with students and teachers from Arthur County High School, Norris High School and Omaha Northwest High Magnet School in the Capitol Rotunda.

Right time and place

Not often do two Nebraska State Treasurer's Office programs come together at just the right time and place, but two recent events brought together our Nebraska Educational Savings Trust (NEST) and our Unclaimed Property program.

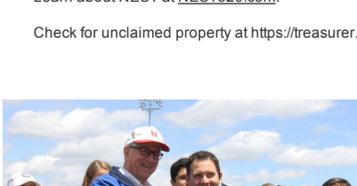
Treasurer Stenberg delivered a check for \$17,811 of unclaimed property to the Omaha Storm Chasers May 22 during our annual presentation of NEST writing contest winners at Werner Park in Papillion. Treasurer Stenberg presented the check to Martie Cordaro, president and general manager of the Storm Chasers. The money was for refunds and account balances from four companies that had done business with the Storm Chasers.

In addition, it was a real treat for our NEST director Rachel Biar to help Dick and Kathy Janda set up a NEST college savings account with money they received from unclaimed property. The NEST account is for their first grandchild, Eden Renae Janda, born February 10. She is the daughter of Corey and Alana Janda of Kansas City.

"She's a beauty," said her grandfather, a well-known TV and radio personality in Lincoln. The unclaimed property came from Dick's late mother, Florence.

Learn about NEST at [NEST529.com](https://nebraska.gov/NEST529.com).

Check for unclaimed property at <https://treasurer.nebraska.gov>.



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Rachel Biar, center, with Dick and Kathy Janda, setting up NEST account with unclaimed property from Dick's late mother.

NCSPC packing to move

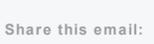
For the first time in its 16-year history the Nebraska Child Support Payment Center is preparing to move from its current location at 233 S. Tenth St. in Lincoln a few blocks away to 421 S. Ninth St.

The new location will provide convenient access to a secure, self-serve kiosk for making child support payments. The kiosk will be available 24-7, 365 days a year. The center will move in early autumn. Watch news reports for updates.

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