



News from Nebraska State Treasurer Don Stenberg - November 2017



Treasurer Stenberg with appraiser Tom Bassett at a news conference featuring items from the auction.



Among the auction items are pins, rings, a wristwatch, and a Masonic medal.

Resounding Success

Sales of \$78,000 in Treasurer's auction of abandoned safe deposit boxes

When the bidding ended October 12, more than 1,800 items had sold for a total of \$78,716 in the State Treasurer's online eBay auction of the contents of abandoned safe deposit boxes. The contents were turned over to the state from 2005 to 2011 after owners could not be located.

The Treasurer's Office followed up with its own search for owners before preparing the items for the online auction. By law, the Treasurer's Office must conduct an auction of safe deposit box contents at least once every five years. Proceeds from the auction are held for the owners forever.

One auction lot made up of 45 pre-1904 Morgan silver dollars and pre-1964 silver dimes, quarters and half dollars sold for \$3,350, the highest selling price in the auction. One lot of collectable baseball trading cards featuring Roger Maris, Roberto Clemente, and Sandy Koufax sold for \$1,125 and attracted 57 bidders, the largest number of bidders for a single lot in the auction.

Auction details at
<https://treasurer.nebraska.gov/news/2017/10/10/>
<https://treasurer.nebraska.gov/news/2017/09/21/>

Watch a video of the Treasurer's news conference below.



Easy to Check for Unclaimed Property

You can check anytime to see if the Nebraska Treasurer's Office has money, stock, or valuables in your name at the Treasurer's website. Type your name in the search box on the right hand side of the home page. Use variations of your name - first name first, last name first. Do not use punctuation. You can file your claim online if it is less than \$500. Or, you can call the Unclaimed Property Division for help at **402-471-8497** or **877-572-9688**.

<https://treasurer.nebraska.gov>

Celebrating Nebraska's 150th with NEST Birthday Babies

To recognize Nebraska's Sesquicentennial, the Nebraska State Treasurer's Office is presenting a \$529 NEST college savings account to one newborn each month of 2017.

To date, seven newborns and their families have been recognized at various events across the state. Five more newborns will be honored yet this year. To enter your newborn, go to NEST529.com/NewbornDrawing.

The only requirements are that the family be residents of Nebraska and that the baby was born in 2017.

Birthday Babies, to date, are

- Carolyn Hotchkiss, daughter of Christina and Scott Hotchkiss of Omaha
- Elijah Engel, son of Locke Engel and Rebecca Nelms of Waverly
- Gable Butt, son of Ivie and Myles Butt of Central City
- Kendall Weber, daughter of Jamie and Kevin Weber of Plainview
- Olivia Johnson, daughter of Ashley and Wade Johnson of Lincoln
- Milo Joseph Sedlak, son of Rebecca and Stuart Sedlak of Omaha
- Chloe Anne Cox, daughter of Kate and Chris Cox of Lincoln



Kate and Chris Cox of Lincoln with daughter, Chloe Anne, and Treasurer Stenberg.



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Treasurer Stenberg Honored Twice

Nebraska State Treasurer Don Stenberg has been honored recently by two national organizations.

He received the Harlan Boyles/Edward T. Alter Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST) in September. The award is given annually to "a dedicated and committed public servant whose outstanding career has provided a respected voice for NAST."

Earlier in September, Treasurer Stenberg received the President's Award from the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) for his leadership, commitment, and service and his work on a national group charged with revising the Model Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.

Congratulations, Treasurer Stenberg.

Small Office, Big Plans

Even though the Treasurer's Office is small, we've got a lot going on. Here are upcoming dates and deadlines to watch.

November 1 - State of Nebraska Excellence in Leadership Awards recognition, Capitol Rotunda. Among the honorees are Jennifer Card, senior banking specialist with the Nebraska Child Support Payment Center, and Ginny Smith, Unclaimed Property research specialist.

November 6-12 - Money Smart Week Nebraska

November 30 - Dear Grandchild Letters due. Chance to win \$529 NEST college savings account for grandchild or great niece or great nephew. Details at <https://treasurer.nebraska.gov/csp/scholarships/essay/dear-grandchild-letter/2017-18/contest-announcement/>

December 31 - Deadline for contributions to the Nebraska Educational Savings Trust (NEST) and the Enable Savings Plan to qualify for deduction on Nebraska state income tax (up to \$10,000 per tax return; \$5,000 if married filing separately).

January 1 - Long-term Care Savings Plan ends, pursuant to legislation passed in 2016, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 77-6101, 77-6105, 77-2716. Read the Treasurer's letter <https://treasurer.nebraska.gov/lcsp/>

January 10 - Last day for entries to the Nebraska NEST Birthday Babies drawing to award \$529 NEST college savings accounts to 12 babies born in 2017. Enter at NEST529.com/NewbornDrawing

January TBA - NEST "Why I Want to Go to College" Writing Contest for 7th, 8th graders begins.

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