

News from Nebraska State Treasurer Don Stenberg - March 2018



NEST Birthday Babies Light up Governor's Residence

Nebraska Treasurer Don Stenberg hosted a roomful of busy toddlers and their parents February 1 at the Nebraska Governor's Residence in a celebration bringing to a close the Nebraska NEST Birthday Baby sweepstakes of 2017.



First Lady Susanne Shore and Treasurer Stenberg with Rebecca and Stuart Sedlak and sons of Omaha. Birthday Baby Milo is on left.

Among those attending were Governor Pete Ricketts, who said he dropped by "just to see the babies," and First Lady Susanne Shore, who thanked the families for serving as role models for Nebraskans who want to invest in their children's future.

"What we have in the NEST program is a way for you to invest in their future and to start to make all those dreams come true. Thank you for being here. Thank you for helping to promote the program to other Nebraskans," she said, reminding guests that she and the governor are parents of twins, Roscoe and Margot, who are now in college, and a younger daughter, Eleanor. "They leave you," she told the young mothers and fathers.

"For anybody who is tired of holding babies, I am right here," the First Lady said before holding each NEST Birthday Baby, plus a few siblings.

The reunion brought together NEST Birthday Babies introduced throughout 2017. In all, eight of the 12 Birthday Babies and many siblings attended. Each of the 12 Birthday Babies received a \$529 contribution to a Nebraska Educational Savings Trust (NEST 529) account.

<https://treasurer.nebraska.gov/csp/scholarships/nest-birthday-babies/2017/reunion/>



Q: What's 40 pages filled with 30,865 names?

A: 2018 Unclaimed Property Tabloid, of course

Check your local newspaper in the coming weeks for the Treasurer's 2018 Unclaimed Property tabloid, which includes the names of more than 30,000 individuals, businesses, and organizations who are owed unclaimed property. The properties were turned over to the Treasurer's Office in 2017.

Featured on the cover of the tabloid are a few of the more than 16,000 people who received unclaimed property from the Treasurer's Office in 2017. In all, more than \$15.3 million was returned to Nebraskans and former Nebraskans last year, the second largest amount in the program's history.

The tabloid will appear in Nebraska newspapers on the following dates:

March 4 - Omaha World-Herald and Scottsbluff Star-Herald

March 17-18 - Lincoln Journal Star, Beatrice Daily Sun, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, Norfolk Daily News, and York News Times

March 30-31 - Alliance Times-Herald, Hastings Tribune, Holdrege Citizen, Kearney Hub, McCook Gazette, and Sidney Sun-Telegraph

April 1 - Grand Island Independent and North Platte Telegraph

You may contact the Unclaimed Property Division by telephone at 402-471-8497 or 877-572-9688. Claims under \$500 may be submitted online.

<https://treasurer.nebraska.gov>



Unclaimed Property Director Meaghan Aguirre, left, and Communications Director Jana Langemach show off the 2018 unclaimed property tabloid just off the press.



Forty pages of names - 30,865 to be exact - roll off the presses at the Lincoln Journal Star. A total of 253,000 tabloids will be distributed in Nebraska newspapers in March and April.

Getting comfortable in new home

Staff members in the Nebraska Child Support Payment Center, a division of the State Treasurer's Office, are getting comfortable in their new home at 421 S. Ninth St. in Lincoln. The center moved in October to its new location, just a few blocks from the home it had known for the past 16 years. The new location includes a self-serve kiosk for making child support payments. It is available 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week. Payment center staff members say they like the open atmosphere, windows to the outside world, adjustable height desks, and technology that includes wireless headsets for answering customer service calls.



Jake Malone, team lead for customer service, answers inquiries from payers and recipients.



Director Troy Reiners outside the center's new location in the Heritage Square building in downtown Lincoln.



Stacy Pfeifer, collections and debt prevention specialist, in her new office.

Questions about taxes?

Contact the Taxpayer Assistance staff at the Nebraska Department of Revenue with questions about taxes or tax refunds. The number is 402-471-5729 in Lincoln and 800-742-7474 in Nebraska (outside Lincoln) and Iowa. For more information, check out the department's Contact Us webpage:

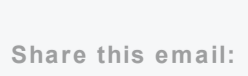
<http://www.revenue.nebraska.gov/contact.html>

A few words about the newsletter's new look

The photo in the newsletter header is of the ceiling of the Great Hall between the Vestibule and Rotunda in the Nebraska Capitol. The ceiling features ceramic tile mosaics depicting activities of daily life by artist Hildreth Meiere. Photo courtesy Office of the Capitol Commission

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