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### **GET YOUR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY**

Periodically the Nebraska State Treasurer's office will print in the paper citizens in Nebraska who have unclaimed property that is due back to them. What is unclaimed property? The Unclaimed Property Division is responsible for returning money, stocks, bonds, dividends, utility deposits, gift certificates, vendor payments and insurance proceeds of any type to the rightful owners.

Over the last 5 years, more than \$26 million in unclaimed property money has been returned to Nebraska citizens and Nebraska businesses. Simply enter your name, a friend or relative's name, or the name of your business at the State Treasurer's website to check. If you find your name or a name of someone you know, please print and complete a claim form and send it to the State Treasurer's Office (the address is on the claim form).

Remember, one out of every eight Nebraskans has unclaimed property...IT COULD BE YOU! The direct website to do a name search by business or individual names in Nebraska is on the Internet at: [www.treasurer.state.ne.us/up/upsearchprop.asp](http://www.treasurer.state.ne.us/up/upsearchprop.asp)

Last week I talked to the elementary principal at Wilber-Clatonia Schools who claimed about \$160. Seems that "Reader's Digest" magazine yielded some results in unclaimed money to the Elementary School. Why the money couldn't find the Elementary School, who knows.

Sometimes a death in a family can cause some situations with stocks and bonds and other unclaimed property that did not get mailed to the correct address. A citizen in Crete told me they had some money to claim but it was going to cost them too much to claim it! It just all depends on the situation.

I did a search for each town in the County, and sure enough, businesses that are now gone have money to claim. Some examples are the DeWitt Elevator and the Dorchester Grocery Store. Even Saline County had one small claim to file.

Give the website a try. You never know when it is your lucky day! State Treasurer Shane Osborne and his staff are there to help you cut through the red tape. After all, it is your money and not the State Treasurer's.

For more information go to: [www.treasurer.state.ne.us](http://www.treasurer.state.ne.us).

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