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WEBINAR NEXT WEEK: The Death Master File – Understanding Its Role In Identifying Unclaimed Property

The NAUPA Education Committee along with NAST is pleased to present the following information from knowledgeable members to be shared for the benefit of the association membership. The Death Master File is a comprehensive file of individual deaths that is compiled by the United States Social Security Administration and distributed by the National Technical Information Service. In recent years, the DMF has become increasingly accepted as a valuable tool that can be used to help identify

unclaimed property. Learn about what the DMF is, what changes have been made to it over the past several years, how it can be used to identify unclaimed property, and what recent unclaimed property legislation, both proposed and enacted, has had to say about it. Tune in next Thursday at 2:00pm ET. Register [here](#).

SIGN UP: Registration for the 2019 Legislative Conference is NOW OPEN, Early Bird Rate Available!

We are pleased to announce that registration for NAST's 2019 Legislative Conference is now open! The conference will be held at the historic Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. The conference will begin on Sunday, February 10th and run through February 12th. For the first time ever, NAST will be offering early bird registration rates which will be available until January 7th. Additionally, NAST will be offering a Live Stream of the three sessions on Monday morning. [Please go here](#) to learn more and register for NAST's 2019 Legislative Conference!

2019 Conference Sponsorship Opportunities!

For the first time, NAST is offering conference sponsorship opportunities through our new database and they can be purchased online. You can add more than one sponsorship into your shopping cart if you are interested in purchasing sponsorships for each conference. The list of opportunities is available [here](#). If you have any questions please contact [Emma Heydlauff](#).

Featured Article

10 years after the financial crisis, Americans are divided on security of U.S. economic system

A decade after the 2008 financial crisis, the public is about evenly split on whether the U.S. economic system is more secure today than it was then. About half of Americans (48%) say the system is more secure today than it was before the 2008 crisis, while roughly as many (46%) say it is no more secure. — [Pew Research Center](#)

State News Roundup

Arkansas

Paris High School gifted free financial literacy curriculum by Arkansas Tech

Paris High School Principal Mike Nichols said students often ask its faculty when they learn life skills or how to deal with finances. In order to prevent comments about not knowing essential skills, Nichols and Paris Superintendent Wayne Fawcett said financial literacy is embedded into social studies courses, but the school now has additional resources thanks to a donation from Arkansas Tech University. The high school was one of 53 in the state given Dave Ramsey's "Foundations in Personal Finance" curriculum by Arkansas Tech. "Arkansas Tech University is pleased to partner with Ramsey Solutions to bring financial literacy training to high school students in Arkansas," Blake Bedsole, ATU vice president for enrollment management, said in a press release. "Collaborations with our K-12 colleagues help strengthen education in our state." — [Times Record](#)

California

State Treasurer John Chiang Visits San Diego for Retirement Program Launch

State Treasurer John Chiang visited San Diego Tuesday as part of a five-city tour to introduce CalSavers, the state's new retirement savings program. CalSavers will serve as a state-run retirement plan for private-sector workers at companies with five employees or more. State officials boast that accounts provided by the program are portable and paid for by payroll contributions. — [Times of San Diego](#)

Iowa

Here are 50 southern Idahoans who have unclaimed property — and it's worth more than \$100

The Idaho Treasurer's Office provided this sampling of people with unclaimed property valued at more than \$100 whose last known addresses are in southern Idaho. To check for your name, visit yourmoney.idaho.gov or call 877-388-2942 or 208-332-2942. — [Times-News](#)

Kansas

Just in time for Christmas, Kansas launches new unclaimed money website

Christmas is coming early to 1.5 millions Kansans. On Wednesday Kansas State Treasurer Jake LaTurner announced a new, Christmas-themed online database where people can find out if they have unclaimed money or property. "Go to ChristmasCash.ks.gov to find out if you have unclaimed property," LaTurner told FOX4. "It's easy to search for your name, you can also search for family or friends." LaTurner said the state is holding about \$350 million for 1.5 million people who had money, either from an old job, an insurance rebate, or even money or valuables left to gather dust in a safe deposit box. — [FOX 4 Kansas City](#)

Louisiana

Treasurer: Does some of the \$852 million in unclaimed property belong to you?

You may have heard about the initiative the state treasury announced at the end of October to pay \$15 million in unclaimed property to Louisiana citizens. The results have been great, and we hope to return up to \$20 million! My office is printing 2,500 checks every day and, over the next several weeks, 85,000 residents will receive checks in the mail. A partnership with the Louisiana Department of Revenue made this massive check mail-out possible. — [The Daily Advertiser](#)

Massachusetts

Merrimack Valley Residents Ace Financial Literacy Quiz

According to data from Merrimack Valley Credit Union's (MVCU) web-based application, "CashIQ," Merrimack Valley residents are well-versed in budgeting and saving, auto and personal loans, managing credit cards and building credit scores. — [Patch Media](#)

New Mexico

Here's how you can give the gift of college savings this holiday season

As the holiday shopping season intensifies, the Education Trust Board of New Mexico is reminding New Mexicans that gifts toward a child's education can be deposited not into a Christmas stocking or under a mattress, but in a state savings plan where gifts may grow over time. — [Las Cruces Sun-News](#)

New York

Wheatland-Chili students excel at financial literacy

Wheatland-Chili High School students in Denise Hourihan's career and financial literacy classes recently were recognized with a Blue Star School Award for exceptional performance on the national Wise financial literacy certification test. To earn the award, a school must achieve an 80 percent passing rate on the test, and have either a majority of students on a given grade level take the test or have the students who took it achieve an average score of 85 percent or higher. — [Monroe County Post](#)

Ohio

Unclaimed funds: A treasure may be awaiting you

The Ohio Treasury wants Ohioans to recover money that is rightfully theirs. Every year 200,000 Ohioans lose track of their funds. They either put money in financial institutions and forget about it, or simply cannot track it in their records. This could be a deposit with a utility, or unclaimed insurance proceeds. Whatever the case the State of Ohio may have money waiting for you to claim. — [The News-Herald](#)

Oklahoma

State Treasurer Ken Miller leaving office to take OG&E post

State Treasurer Ken Miller announced Thursday that he will leave office a few days early to take a post as vice president of regulatory and state government affairs with OGE Energy Corp. Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co., a subsidiary of OGE Energy Corp., is the state's largest electric utility. Miller is serving the final weeks of his second term. — [Tulsa World](#)

Tennessee

TNStars offers \$10,000 in scholarship opportunities for holiday season

In the spirit of the season, the TNStars College Savings 529 Program is giving a gift of a \$1,000 scholarship to ten Tennessee kids. The scholarships will be awarded into a TNStars account this December, just for entering online. Tennessee residents age 21 and older can enter to win at [TNStars.com/Scholarship](https://www.tnstars.com/Scholarship) now through December 28th on behalf of a child age 15 or younger. One entry is good for the entire contest period. The \$1,000 prize, and any additional amounts contributed to the TNStars account, can be used by the winning beneficiary to cover future post-secondary education expenses ranging from tuition and housing to books, computers, and more. — [Citizen Tribune](#)

State Treasury Issues Investment Risk Analytics Systems, Tools and Services RFP

Scope of Service: The State of Tennessee (the "State") is seeking a vendor to provide a holdings-based investment risk analytics system for fixed income products. The State's fixed income portfolio contains securities that are complex in terms of the timing of cash flows, measuring duration drift and the correlation among asset classes. [To learn more click here.](#)

Texas

IBC Bank employees educate over 2,000 people as part of 16th Annual Get Smart About Credit Day

In the month of October, IBC Bank employees hosted 71 free financial literacy presentations in celebration of Get Smart About Credit Day. The presentations reached 2,490 students and adults in the 90 communities that IBC Bank serves in Oklahoma and Texas. "Financial literacy is a critical life skill that is essential to the success of individuals and communities," explains Dennis E. Nixon, Chairman and CEO of IBC Bank. "IBC's efforts to bridge the financial literacy gap facing our country is ongoing, but we are particularly proud to participate in the national Get Smart About Credit observance." — [Rio Grande Guardian](#)

Comptroller Glenn Hegar Returns \$1 Billion To Texas Unclaimed Property Owners

Comptroller Glenn Hegar has returned \$1 billion in unclaimed property to its rightful owners since he took office in January 2015, the Comptroller's office announced today. "This landmark achievement represents the commitment this office has made to reuniting unclaimed property with its rightful owners," Hegar said. "I'm proud of the folks in our Unclaimed Property program, and I encourage everyone to go to our website and see if there is money waiting for them." — [San Marcos Corridor News](#)

Utah

Cedar High students celebrate financial literacy course

Utah's General Financial Literacy Course — a requirement for high school graduation — turns 10 this year, and new state data show there are plenty of reasons to celebrate the milestone. Cedar High School students in LeAnn Leavitt's financial literacy class marked the occasion on Tuesday, Nov. 20, with birthday cake and an extra serving of financial wisdom delivered by Zions Bank employee Megan Hutchinson. In 2008, Utah became the first state to mandate a financial literacy course for high school graduation, a result of Senate Bill 154, which was signed into law in 2003. A decade later, Utah is the highest-ranked state in the nation for teaching financial literacy and the only state to receive an "A+" grade on Champlain College's Center for Financial Literacy 2017 Financial Report Card. — [Iron County Today](#)

Virginia

A change that would make Virginia's prepaid college savings plan more affordable

A proposal to change a prepaid college savings plan would make it more affordable and flexible for future college students, state auditors found. Prepaid529, one of several options through the Virginia529 program, currently allows buyers to pre-purchase semesters at public Virginia colleges and universities. Residents pay today's tuition rates and the state guarantees to pay the full tuition in the future. — [WWBT](#)

TOP TWEET: Join College Savings MS [@misshsaa](#) Football Championship Games beginning tomorrow & enter for your chance to win \$529 [#MACS](#) Scholarship. Look for College Savings MS @ gates 9 & 3 to register for the 2018 Tuition Toss. Can't wait to cheer on all of these great teams! — [@MSHighSports](#)

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