

COURTHOUSE NEWS:

UNION COUNTY RECORDER-Paula White 782-1725

The Recorder's office records documents pertaining to Union County property; files all Union County birth, death & marriages; processes marriage applications; issues certified copies of birth, death & marriages; processes passports and takes passport pictures; issues hunting & fishing licenses, ATV/Snowmobile/Boat registrations; and records military discharges.

We are now doing Passport pictures at the office. We will process the pictures at the time of application or for renewals. Passports are taking between 4-6 weeks for normal processing. If you cannot come to the office between 8:30-4:30, please call for an appointment. Go to www.travel.state.gov for additional information. Please apply early to avoid expedite fees.

Boat registrations are now on a 3 year rotation and current boat registrations expired April 30, 2010. There will now be a \$5.00 penalty to renew. If you plan to buy a boat you will need a **Bill of Sale from the seller, registration and a title if the boat is 17' or longer.**

Effective July 1, a new law concerning Septic systems went into effect. Contact Union County Sanitarian Louie Boeckman at 782-7803 for additional information.

The Union County Website is www.unioncountyiowa.org. Forms are available to request a vital record, marriage application, passport application or bill of sale form. If you have a problem with any of these services, please call the office so we can help you.

UNION COUNTY AUDITOR-Sandy Hysell 782-1701

The June 8, 2010 Primary Election Ballot is ready for absentee voting. Requests for an absentee ballot can be mailed to the Auditor's Office and a ballot will be mailed to the voter or a voter can come to the Auditor's Office to vote. Voter Pre-registration Deadline to get on the Register's at the Polls for the Primary Election is Saturday, May 29, 2010 the office will be open from 8:00am to 5:00 pm. The last day to request an absentee ballot to be mailed to a voter is Friday, June 4, 2010. The Office will also be open on Saturday June 5, 2010 from 9:00am to 5:00 pm to vote absentee The last day to vote absentee is Monday June 7, 2010.

You can do same day voter registration at the polls. If you register at the polls, give yourself plenty of time. There are a few forms that need to be filled out before you can vote. Make sure to have your current and valid photo ID card with you. If you have any questions on the same day voter registration, please give us a call.

The Courthouse will be closed Monday May 31, 2010 to observe Memorial Day

UNION COUNTY TREASURER-Kelly Busch 782-1710

Drivers License (hours 8:30-4:00) Visit us online at www.IowaTreasurers.org

The Union County Treasurers Office provides the following services: property tax collections, issuance of vehicle titles & registrations, and drivers license issuance.

Second half real estate and mobile home taxes were due by March 31, 2010. It is the taxpayer's responsibility to see that you have all of your parcels paid. Any parcels not paid by May 1st should have received a delinquent notice. Parcels not paid by May 28th will be published for tax sale in the Creston News Advertiser.

The 2010 Union County Tax Sale is scheduled for Monday June 21, 2010 at 10 a.m. in the Union County Courtroom. Registration information will be available in our office and online at www.iowatreasurers.org.

The Senior Citizen/Low Income property tax credit forms and Rent Reimbursement forms are now available in our office. You need to file the property tax credit forms in our office before June 1, 2010.

UNION COUNTY ASSESSOR-Gene Haner -- 782-1735

Please check and make sure you have a current Homestead and Military Exemption on your property. If you have purchased a different home, make sure you have signed up for these exemptions.

The qualification for any honorably discharged member of the United Armed Forces has been changed to be eligible for the military exemption on your property taxes. Now if you have served eighteen months or more in the armed forces irregardless of when you served, you are now eligible for a Military Exemption or if you have served for twenty years in the Reserves or the National Guard you are also eligible for the military credit. What is required to sign for this credit is either a DD-214 from the regular service or a complete listing of years served from the Guard or Reserve.

You are also required to inform this office if you have removed or built any new buildings or dwellings or if you have remodeled any buildings or dwellings.

Family Farm Credit is now a one-time sign up and can be signed at any time for qualifying owners.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-Mike King, Chairperson, Ron Riley, Vice-chair, Bob Brown, Bob Jansen, Tom McCann—782-1720

UNION COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT-JO DUCKWORTH-782-1622

I would like to remind everyone about CodeRED. CodeRed is our Emergency Community Notification network. If you have registered before, but have changed telephone service providers, cellular phone providers, or internet providers, you need to update your information. You can access the page at www.unioncountyiowa.org/emergency and click on the CodeRED button. There is no update button, just fill out the form and it will update the information, then I will be notified that changes have been made. Also, if you know of someone new to the County, please let them know about CodeRED, it is a wonderful service provided by the Union County Board of Supervisors and the Union County Emergency Management Commission.

There will be a Community Emergency Response Team meeting on Monday, May 10 at 7:00 PM at 208 W. Taylor (Alliant Building and my office). Anyone between the ages of 16 and 100 is encouraged to attend. Gary Thompson, one of the CERT instructors, says it best – “CERT is designed for you for to become part of the solution, rather than part of the problem. It teaches you how to take care of yourself, your family, and then your neighbors during times of an emergency.”

Hopefully, we will get signage caught up in the next couple of weeks, as there are several to “plant”.

Make a plan, get a kit, and prepare, the storm season is just beginning!