

## COURTHOUSE NEWS:

### UNION COUNTY RECORDER-Paula White 782-1725

Renewals for ATV's and snowmobiles will be converted to our ELSIE machine this fall. The deadline for renewals is December 31.

Fall deer and turkey tags are available. Landowners must be registered through the DNR and the registration is valid for 3 years. The hunting regulation booklets are also available. New licenses will go on sale December 15.

Passport Services has notified us that processing times are now 6-8 weeks. This is shorter than earlier in the year. It is always better to apply early to avoid expedite fees. Be sure to call if you have any questions.

All Iowa Boat registrations expired April 30. The new registrations are a 3 year rotation. If you did not renew your boat, you will owe a \$5.00 penalty.

**Boaters Take Note:** Casual sales (sales between individuals) are subject to Iowa Sales Tax and depending on the point of delivery, local option tax. You need a Bill of Sale from the seller, registration and a title if the boat is 17' or longer.

The Union County Website is up and running. Please log onto [www.unioncountyiowa.org](http://www.unioncountyiowa.org). Forms are available to request a vital record, marriage application, passport application or boat 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 City Election is November 6, 2007. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Following is a list of the Polling Places:

City of Afton and City of Thayer -----	Afton Methodist Church
City of Arispe and City of Shannon City -----	Arispe Methodist Church
Creston Ward 1 -----	Salem Lutheran Church
Creston Ward 2 and the City of Cromwell-----	SWCC Student Center
Creston Ward 3 -----	Trinity Lutheran Church
Creston Ward 4 -----	Supertel Inn and Conference Center
Creston Ward 5 -----	Crest Baptist Church
City of Lorimor -----	Lorimor City Hall

The County Offices will be closed on November 12, 2007 to observe Veterans' Day and on November 22, 2005 and November 23, 2007 to observe the Thanksgiving Holiday.

## **UNION COUNTY TREASURER-Linda Marley 782-1710**

### **Drivers License (hours 8:30-4:00)**

The first half real estate taxes were due Sept 30, 2007. About 6% of the first half is still delinquent. Anyone who has delinquencies as of Feb 1, 2008 will receive a delinquent notice.

The Drivers License station closes at 4:00 each day while our office remains open for tax and motor vehicle transactions until 4:30. We do not allow testing after 3:45 each day due to the amount of time the testing takes. During the days that school dismisses early or there is no school, we have a higher than usual volume of Drivers License customers. Keep this in mind when planning your visit to the Drivers License station.

Be sure to visit the website. It contains several questions and answers along with numerous forms for motor vehicle and taxes. It also provides a convenient way to pay your property taxes and motor vehicle renewals without having to come to the office or buy a postage stamp.

[www.iowatreasurers.org](http://www.iowatreasurers.org)

[www.getyourtags.com](http://www.getyourtags.com)

## **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.