

Banks & Bankers

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Bankers in the News

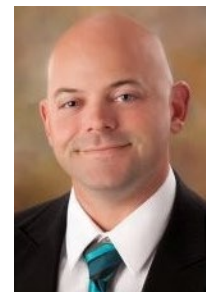
Lindsay Borgeson, Core Bank (Omaha), **Cassandra Carmicheal**, First National Bank of Omaha (Omaha) and **Kelly Grefe**, Northwest Bank (La Vista) were named to *Midlands Business Journal's* "40 Under 40" list for 2021. They and the other 37 recipients will be honored at an awards luncheon on Feb. 4. (pictured right)



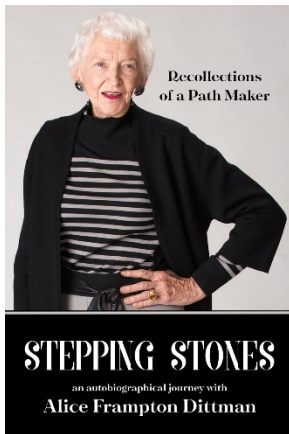
Lindsay Borgeson



Cassandra Carmicheal



Kelly Grefe



Alice Dittman, Cornhusker Bank (Lincoln) recently published a memoir, *Stepping Stones*, detailing her fight to earn the respect of male colleagues and her success of breaking into the banking and corporate world. She released her book on Jan. 8 at a book-signing event. She became the first woman president of a bank in both Lincoln and Omaha (1975), as well as the first woman chair of: the NBA, the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, the Bryan Hospital Board and the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce, among others.

Rose Kuester, Citizens State Bank (Leigh) recently celebrated a milestone anniversary of 25 years with the bank. She serves as a customer service representative. (pictured right)



Rose Kuester

Alice Dittman released her new memoir on Jan. 8 at a book-signing event.

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Citizens State Bank (Wisner) has acquired **Bank of Newman Grove** and Gerhart Insurance Agency as of last month. The new Citizens State Bank branch in Newman Grove opened for business on Jan. 3.

Citizens Bank & Trust (St. Paul) recently donated \$500 to the St. Paul Library for the purchase of new books. (pictured right)

Cornerstone Bank (Geneva) hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception on Jan. 6 to celebrate the grand opening of their new branch at 311 N 13th Street in Geneva.

Cornerstone Bank (York) hosted lunches for area ag producers and vendors who attended the annual York Ag Expo on Jan. 6-7 at the Holthus Convention Center.

Great Western Bank (Lincoln) recently donated a \$10,000 Making Life Great grant to Loaves and Fishes, a nonprofit arm of Lulu's on N that offers food, support and basic hygiene items to downtown Lincoln's homeless population.



President Jeff Varney from Citizens State Bank presented a check to the St. Paul Library.

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Midwest Bank (Creighton) recently donated \$5,000 to SantaLand in Creighton to help with finishing displays and purchasing new ones. *(pictured right)*

Midwest Bank (all branches) in partnership with the Jim B. and Lillian F. Cooper Foundation, has awarded over \$1 million so far to communities with Midwest Bank branches. The Foundation's purpose is to support health, education and recreation in the communities that Midwest Bank serves. You can view a list of 2021 grant recipients [here](#).



Creighton's Midwest Bank staff recently presented a check to a SantaLand representative.

Northwest Bank (Omaha) recently celebrated its 20th year as the Presenting Sponsor of the *Midlands Business Journal's* "40 Under 40" program.

The Tri-County Bank (Bassett) has begun construction on a new building at 606 South Clark Street in Bassett. The new building will be approximately 3,500 square feet and is expected to be fully operational by Sept. 1, 2022.

York State Bank (York) recently donated \$25,000 to the York County Development Corporation (YCDC) for the upcoming new Peyton Parker Lane Playground in York. *(pictured right)*.



York State Bank presented a check to the YCDC to help fund the new Peyton Parker Lane Playground.

Promotions and Appointments



Bennington:
Tim Clark,
president,
i3 Bank.



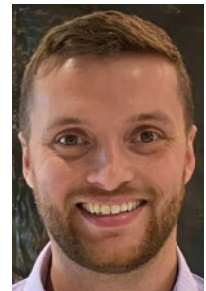
Falls City:
Stephanie Boyer,
customer service
representative,
F&M Bank.



Harvard:
Morgan Menke,
loan officer,
Cornerstone Bank.



Holdrege:
Kyle Anderson,
senior executive
commercial lender,
Bruning Bank.



Lincoln:
Trent Meyer,
senior vice
president – chief
financial officer,
Lincoln Federal
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Lincoln:
Derek Wiedenfeld,
commercial real
estate loan officer,
Lincoln Federal
Savings Bank.



Omaha:
Heath Bandars,
assistant vice
president/branch
manager,
West Gate Bank.



Omaha:
Chris Kortus,
vice president,
commercial banking,
Arbor Bank.



Scottsbluff:
Doug Couse,
Gering/Scottsbluff
market president,
Riverstone Bank.

Retirements

Valora Ideus, Cornerstone Bank (York) recently retired after 41 years of service with the bank. An open house celebration was held on Jan. 7. (pictured right)

Jane Falor, Great Western Bank (Atkinson) retired in Dec. after 41 years with the bank. The bank hosted a surprise retirement party on Dec. 18. (pictured right)



Valora Ideus



Jane Falor



Victoria Groskopf-Jones Cathy Morrissey

Victoria Groskopf-Jones, Platte Valley Bank (Scottsbluff) recently retired. The bank held a party to honor her on Jan. 7. (pictured left)

Cathy Morrissey, i3 Bank (Bennington) retired at the end of 2021. She will remain on the bank's board of directors. (pictured left)

Deaths

Steven Clabaugh, (Nelson), age 72 passed away on Jan. 2. He began his banking career in 1970 at First National Bank of Lincoln before joining the family business in 1977 at Commercial Bank in Nelson, where he most recently served as the chief executive officer. Steve recently received the 50-year banking service award from the NBA. (pictured right)



Steven Clabaugh

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