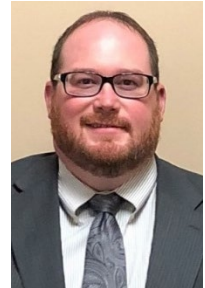


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Bankers in the News

Isaiah Graham, Homestead Bank (St. Paul) was recently awarded Nebraska’s highest civic honor: an admiralship in the state’s Great Navy. The status of “Nebraska Admiral” is an honorary title conferred to individuals upon approval of the state’s governor following a nomination by a Nebraska resident. He was nominated for his work as a board member of the state’s Rural Broadband Task Force; Isaiah is the vice president and manager of the St. Paul and Wolbach branches. *(pictured right)*



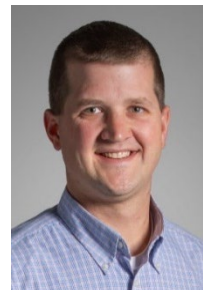
Isaiah Graham



Chris Hove

Chris Hove, Nebraska Bank of Commerce (Lincoln) was named to the Bryan Foundation’s board of trustees on Jan. 1. He is the president and CEO of the bank, as well as the immediate past chair of the NBA. *(pictured left)*

Jordon Kavan, Union Bank & Trust Co. (Wahoo) presented “Can You Afford the Farm?” during the Nebraska Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference on Jan. 28-29 in Kearney. He discussed the ratios bankers look at when making lending decisions and how customers can be better prepared. He is an ag loan officer at the bank. *(pictured right)*



Jordon Kavan

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Equitable Bank (North Platte) hosted a freewill donation lunch on Jan. 29 in support of the benefit event for Elyn Bargmann, a 10-year-old currently undergoing chemotherapy for Burkitt lymphoma. Elyn’s mom, Kaily Bargmann, works as a mortgage lender at the bank. Hundreds of people attended, and the Talbot Brothers flew in from Oregon to perform. Kevin Kennedy III also performed.

i3 Bank (Bennington) sponsored the West O Chamber’s “Strike Night” event on Jan. 26, which was a fundraiser for the Chamber’s scholarship program. The program awards scholarships to area high school seniors from Bennington, DC West, Elkhorn High, Elkhorn South, Mount Michael Benedictine and Skutt Catholic. *(pictured right)*



i3 Bank recently sponsored the West O Chamber’s “Strike Night” scholarship fundraiser.

Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust and **Midwest Bank** (Pierce) have set up funds to collect donations for the Leroy and Theresa Clausen family in Pierce after a fire on Jan. 29 destroyed their home and resulted in the deaths of three of their children.

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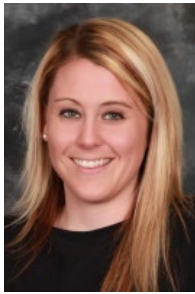
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Pathway Bank (Grand Island) recently delivered treats from Big Apple Bagels to the City of Grand Island Police Department and the Hall County Sheriff's Department to thank them for their service to the community. (pictured right)



Michelle Hurd and Michelle Vogt from Pathway Bank delivered treats to local law enforcement agencies.

Promotions and Appointments



Broken Bow:
Cece Killinger,
mortgage loan
officer, Bruning
Bank.



Gothenburg:
Jennifer Ballmer,
board of directors,
Flatwater Bank.



Gothenburg:
Amber Burge,
board of directors,
Flatwater Bank.



Hebron:
Traci Fangmeier,
mortgage loan
officer, Bruning
Bank.



Omaha:
Kelley Baldwin,
human resources
officer, First
Westroads Bank.



Omaha:
Carl Bartholomew,
senior vice president/
commercial loan officer,
First Westroads Bank.



Omaha:
Michael Bittner,
senior vice president &
manager, Omaha
residential construction
lending, West Gate
Bank.



Omaha:
Spencer Danner,
vice president –
community
development, corporate
philanthropy and social
responsibility, First
National Bank of
Omaha.



Omaha:
Mack La Rock,
executive vice
president, chief banking
officer, ACCESSbank.

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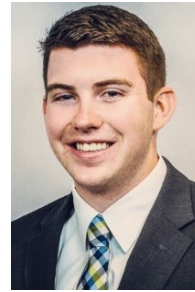
Omaha:
Timothy Riha,
senior vice president/
commercial loan officer, First Westroads Bank.



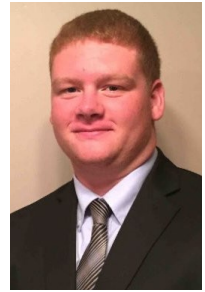
Omaha:
Guthrie Steen,
assistant vice president,
mortgage loan officer, West Gate Bank.



Petersburg:
John Veik,
board of directors,
Great Plains State Bank.



Roca:
Grant Badertscher,
vice president of lending, State Bank of Table Rock.



Tecumseh:
Tyler Speckmann,
vice president of lending, State Bank of Table Rock.

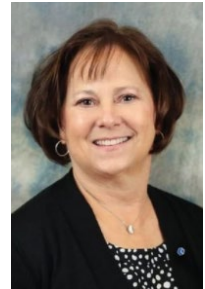
Retirements

Ray McKenna, Cornerstone Bank (York) retired recently after 41 years of service at the bank. An open house was held at the bank on Jan. 28 to celebrate his long career. *(pictured right)*

Marsha Newcomer, Cornerstone Bank (Stromsburg) retired this month after serving the Cornerstone Insurance Group since 2001. She has been in the insurance industry since 1992. The bank held an open house on Jan. 31 to celebrate. *(pictured right)*



Ray McKenna



Marsha Newcomer

Deaths

Dean Bass, (Lincoln), age 91 passed away on Jan. 26. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran, a member of the American Legion Post 101 and a retired banker; he worked at the First Tri-County Bank in Swanton. *(pictured right)*



Dean Bass

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