

# Banks & Bankers

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## Bankers in the News

**Becky Anderson** and **Lisa Anderson**, Washington County Bank (Tekamah) created the pieces for a king-sized “pineapple” quilt for the Burt County Museum’s raffle drawing. The bank provided the fabric. Two other Tekamah residents quilted and bound the pieces to finish the project. (pictured right)



One lucky winner was chosen from the 1,385 tickets sold for the quilt drawing.

**Jean Guenther**, F&M Bank (West Point) recently celebrated 20 years with the bank, where she serves as a vice president. (pictured right)



Jean Guenther

**David Hartman**, Core Bank (Omaha) was recently named to the Metro Omaha Builders Association (MOBA) board of directors. MOBA is a non-profit established to promote and protect various aspects of the home building industry.

## Banks in the News

**American National Bank** (Humboldt) recently contributed \$5,000 to the City of Humboldt for the new Humboldt sign and installation at the entrance of the city. (pictured right)



American National Bank staff, L to R: Deb Lewis, Noah Kreifels, Nancy Crook, Samantha Wamsley and Rhonda Joy presented a check to Jan Wilhelm (second from left) for the new sign.

**First National Bank of Omaha** (Omaha) announced on Feb. 2 the launch of the bank’s “Commitment to Community Impact Plan” of investments over the next five years in communities across seven states with FNBO branches, including Nebraska. More details of the Plan can be found [here](#). Also, in partnership with Husker Athletics, on Feb. 9-10 the bank is giving away 3,000 free tickets for the Red-White Husker Game on April 9 to healthcare workers in the Omaha metro area.

**Great Western Bank** (all branches) has been purchased by First Interstate BancSystem Inc., the parent company of First Interstate Bank effective Feb. 3. The branches will continue to operate under the Great Western Bank name as a division of First Interstate Bank until the expected conversion in May 2022, when they will be officially rebranded to First Interstate Bank.

**Heartland Bank** (Fairbury) will close the north branch at 1411 K Street in Fairbury on Feb. 18; it will be consolidated into the two other downtown Fairbury branches.

**Hershey State Bank** (North Platte) donated \$1,500 to local food pantries on Feb. 7. (pictured right)



Hershey State Bank and two other local businesses donated a total of \$9,000 to area food pantries.

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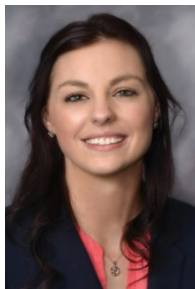
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**Home Federal Bank** (Holdrege) completed the installation of their new bank sign on Jan. 24. The bank had been without a sign since demolishing their time-temperature tower in June 2021.

**Wahoo State Bank** (Wahoo) recently celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the bank's opening in 1932.

**Washington County Bank** (Blair) recently purchased the former Blair school administration building at 140 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Blair. The bank will work to refresh the 3,600 square foot space over the next year.

## Promotions and Appointments



**Alliance:**  
**Shauna Smith,**  
customer  
experience  
representative,  
Platte Valley Bank.



**Arcadia:**  
**Crystal Murrish,**  
assistant vice  
president/loan  
officer, First  
Nebraska Bank.



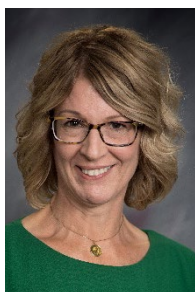
**Blair:**  
**Annette Clark,**  
2<sup>nd</sup> vice president,  
human resources,  
Washington  
County Bank.



**Blair:**  
**Melody Dubon,**  
personal banking  
supervisor,  
Washington  
County Bank.



**Blair:**  
**Julie Gilgen-Long,**  
2<sup>nd</sup> vice president,  
HR administration,  
Washington  
County Bank.



**Blair:**  
**JoEllen Maras,**  
2<sup>nd</sup> vice president,  
marketing,  
Washington  
County Bank.



**Blair:**  
**Dane Petersen,**  
vice president –  
ag/credit  
administration,  
Washington  
County Bank.



**Blair:**  
**Dakota Rieken,**  
loan officer – ag  
division,  
Washington  
County Bank.



**Blair:**  
**Michael Tupa,**  
vice president-  
consumer division,  
Washington  
County Bank.



**Elkhorn:**  
**Tony Kopf,**  
compliance officer,  
United Republic  
Bank.

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**Gering:**  
**Derek Manley,**  
vice president,  
Riverstone Bank.



**Gering:**  
**Nickole Sheldon,**  
assistant vice  
president and  
branch manager,  
Riverstone Bank.



**Lincoln:**  
**Brian Bock,**  
vice president  
commercial real  
estate loan officer,  
Lincoln Federal  
Savings Bank.



**Lincoln:**  
**Collin Elgert,**  
mortgage loan  
underwriter,  
Lincoln Federal  
Savings Bank.



**Lincoln:**  
**Angie Schwartz,**  
mortgage loan  
officer, Lincoln  
Federal Savings  
Bank.



**Omaha:**  
**Suzi Sterba,**  
commercial  
banking team lead,  
American National  
Bank.



**Tekamah:**  
**Justin Hansen,**  
loan officer – ag  
division,  
Washington  
County Bank.



**Valley:**  
**Megan Camp,**  
vice president /  
facility manager,  
First Nebraska  
Bank.



**Valley:**  
**Collin Daily,**  
assistant vice  
president /  
operations systems  
manager, First  
Nebraska Bank.



**Valley:**  
**Brooke Drees,**  
vice president /  
mortgage loan  
supervisor, First  
Nebraska Bank.



**Valley:**  
**Chris Ott,**  
president and vice  
chairman, First  
Nebraska Bank.



**Valley:**  
**Lydell Woodbury,**  
chairman and chief  
executive officer,  
First Nebraska  
Bank.



**York:**  
**Marcus Ruhl,**  
assistant vice  
president, York  
State Bank.

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**NBA** Nebraska Bankers Association

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**Brainard:** Sara Hofpar, assistant vice president/loan officer, First Nebraska Bank.

**Columbus:** Janelle Soulliere, assistant vice president/controller, administration, First Nebraska Bank.

**Lincoln:** Lindsay Hood, mortgage loan assistant, Lincoln Federal Savings Bank.

**Lincoln:** Jeff Wondercheck, mortgage loan processor, Lincoln Federal Savings Bank.

**Valley:** Andrew Strand, vice president / operations officer, assistant cashier, First Nebraska Bank.

## Deaths

**Dwight Clements**, (Lincoln) age 102, passed away on Feb. 1. In 1943, his college was interrupted by WWII when he joined the U.S. Army, with an honorable discharge in 1946. He joined American Exchange Bank in Elmwood and Clements Law firm with his father, Guy Clements, in 1947, after graduating that same year from the University of Nebraska College of Law with a juris doctor degree. Dwight retired from banking in 1985. (pictured right)



*Dwight Clements*

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