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Bankers in the News

Grant Empson, American National Bank (Omaha) has been named to the Stephen Center board of directors. He serves the bank as a senior vice president and corporate treasurer. The Stephen Center is located in South Omaha and serves the homeless, addicted and those in poverty. *(pictured right)*



Grant Empson

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Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust (Norfolk) recently donated three flagpoles to VFW Post 1644 in Norfolk. An American Flag, POW flag and VFW flag will be placed on the respective poles.

First National Bank of Omaha, **First State Bank Nebraska** and **Security First Bank** (Beatrice) helped sponsor the Ag Management Expo at Southeast Community College in Beatrice on Feb. 8.

First National Bank of Omaha (Omaha) has acquired Wyoming-based **Western States Bank**. This purchase adds 10 branches in eastern Wyoming, northeast Colorado and western Nebraska to FNBO.

First State Bank & Trust Co. (Fremont) is sponsoring the Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) and Leadership Fremont. Both are nine-monthly sessions designed to help area high school juniors (YLA) and adult professionals enhance their knowledge of leadership and community awareness.

i3 Bank (Bennington) recently hosted Bennington High School FBLA students at the bank in Bennington. Bank staff talked to the students about careers in banking and let them observe and ask questions during the bank's monthly Diversity, Equity & Inclusion committee meeting. *(pictured right)*



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Platte Valley Bank (Morrill) was recently honored at Morrill Elementary School with a dedication ceremony revealing the new bank logo on the gym floor as a "thank you" to the bank for multiple years of supporting Morrill Public Schools.

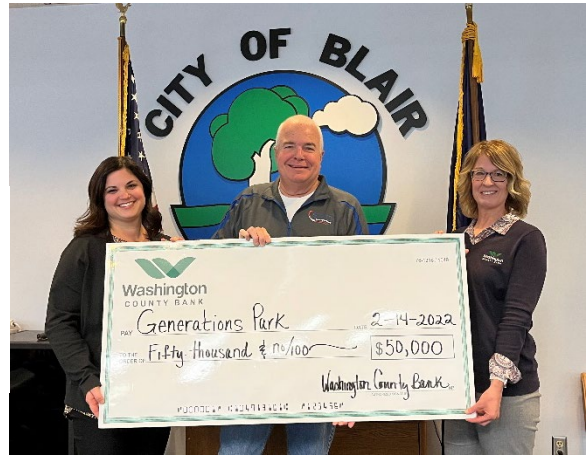
Sandhills State Bank and **Security First Bank** (Valentine) were sponsors for the Heart City Bull Bash in Valentine on Feb. 12. The event included a quilt show, a 5K "Run/Walk with the Bulls," as well as bull and heifer displays. Security First Bank also hosted wine-tasting at the bank in the afternoon.

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Washington County Bank (Blair) has pledged a \$50,000 contribution to the Generations Park and Splash Pad project that will be built north of the Blair Public Library and Technology Center. (pictured right)

Washington County Bank employees Emily Peterson (left) and JoEllen Maras (right) recently presented a check to Rick Paulsen from the Generations Park Fundraising Committee.



Promotions and Appointments



Dodge:
Christopher Gray,
president, Farmers
State Bank.



North Platte:
Katie West,
mortgage lender,
Community First
Bank.



Omaha:
Susan Scheef,
customer service
supervisor, Lincoln
Federal Savings
Bank.

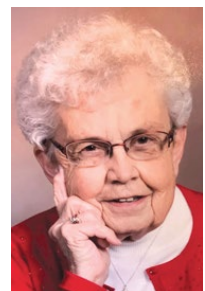


Scottsbluff:
Katy Gompert,
Platte Valley
Companies director
of operations,
Platte Valley Bank.

Grand Island: Russ Rerucha, board of directors, Home Federal Bank.

Deaths

Beverly Colburn, (Sutherland), age 85 passed away on Feb. 4. Following her two years as a teacher, she worked at Hershey State Bank and Hershey Agency. (pictured right)



Beverly Colburn

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