

Banks & Bankers

(March 2 – 8, 2022)

Bankers in the News

Stacy Brass, Union Bank & Trust Co. (Lincoln) and **Jennifer Wheeler**, West Gate Bank (Lincoln) have been chosen to serve on the YMCA of Lincoln Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 term. Brass, first vice president of private banking and commercial lending at the bank, is the secretary of the board; Wheeler, a commercial loan officer at the bank, is new to the board this year. *(pictured right)*



Stacy Brass



Jennifer Wheeler

Macala Carter, Great Western Bank, a division of First Interstate Bank (Lincoln), **Ben Martens**, U.S. Bank (Lincoln) and **Chance Shilling**, First National Bank of Omaha (North Platte) recently completed Class XIII of Leadership Nebraska. They and the other 25 graduates received certificates and commemorative awards at a commencement ceremony on March 3. *(pictured right)*



Macala Carter



Ben Martens



Chance Shilling

Jeremiah Gudding, Arbor Bank (Omaha) was recently named to the Child Saving Institute (CSI) board of directors. He serves as the president of commercial insurance at the bank, as well as the president of Insight Executive Coaching, which focuses on the insurance industry. CSI, located in Omaha, provides a safe haven and healing for thousands of young victims of family crisis, neglect and trauma. *(pictured right)*



Jeremiah Gudding



Jason Hansen

Jason Hansen, American National Bank (Omaha) was named the board chair for the Visiting Nurse Association / Easterseals Nebraska. The organization helps ensure exceptional care and services are available to all in the community. *(pictured right)*

Matt Kluver, i3 Bank (Omaha) was named to the Duet Foundation board of directors. Based in Omaha, the Duet Foundation offers community-based services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including over 500 individuals in Douglas, Sarpy, Cass, Dodge and Washington counties. *(pictured right)*



Matt Kluver

Banks in the News

American National Bank (Omaha) recently hosted the first of five Red Cross blood drives for 2022. Bank employees donated 19 pints of blood, which will help save about 57 lives.

Core Bank (Omaha) recently held its annual Polar Plunge fundraiser for the Special Olympics of Nebraska, Inc. Participants and their donors, along with friends, family and staff of Core Bank, raised a total of \$32,054.

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First State Bank (Gothenburg) provided donuts for breakfast at three local dentist offices on March 4 to celebrate National Dentist’s Day, which was March 6.

Lincoln Federal Savings Bank (multiple branches) raised over \$4,000 through its “Casual for a Cause” program through which employees can dress down on Fridays for a \$5 donation. The funds were divided among eight communities that the bank serves.

Security Bank (all branches) donated \$250 to the FFA chapter at each school in communities with its branches to show support and celebrate National FFA Week, which was Feb. 19-26.

Security First Bank (all branches) collected food items from Feb. 1-14 at all 26 branch locations and 12 insurance offices across Nebraska and southwest South Dakota. The bank also donated \$500 to non-profits in each community during the “Feeding Hearts” food drive. (pictured right)



Beatrice Security Bank staff recently presented a check to the Beatrice Community Food Pantry following the bank’s “Feeding Hearts” food drive in early February.

Promotions and Appointments



Laurel:
Anthony Workman,
operations assistant,
Security Bank.



Lincoln:
Ben Huber,
assistant vice
president / consumer
loan officer, Lincoln
Federal Savings Bank.



Lincoln:
Carson McCormick,
assistant vice
president / mortgage
loan officer, Lincoln
Federal Savings Bank.



Lincoln:
Heather Merrill,
assistant vice
president / deposit
services operations
specialist, Lincoln
Federal Savings Bank.

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Omaha:
Dave Arkfeld, vice president / mortgage loan officer, Lincoln Federal Savings Bank.



York:
Mandy Hengelfelt, executive committee, Cornerstone Bank.

Lincoln: Lora Reiman, vice president / controller, Lincoln Federal Savings Bank.

Lincoln: Dan Walker, executive vice president / chief lending officer, Lincoln Federal Savings Bank.

Deaths

Juanita Gibbs, (Gering) age 73, passed away on Feb. 26. She worked at the Bank of Gering, now First State Bank, for 39 years before retiring in 2020. During her career, Gibbs progressed from teller to proof operator, and eventually bank operations officer.

Dale Young, (Lincoln) age 93, passed away on March 1. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. A lifelong banker, he worked at First National Bank and Trust of Lincoln and FirstTier Bank before retiring in 1991. Young was also very active in Lincoln and statewide organizations, including: NBA Executive Committee; Lincoln City Council (1991-1998); Mayor of Lincoln (Dec. 1998 – May 1999); and president of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, among many others.

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