Bankers in the News

Jeffrey Gerhart, Bank of Newman Grove (Newman Grove) was appointed to the Nebraska Community Foundation’s Board of Directors. The Foundation serves communities, donors, and organizations by providing financial management, strategic development, education, and training to a statewide network of 1,500 volunteers serving 270 communities. Gerhart is the chairman of the Bank of Newman Grove and the president of Gerhart Insurance Agency. (pictured right)

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Flatwater Bank (Ansley) hosted the Custer County Area juried art show for students Dec. 12-18. The show gave the students the opportunity to show off their accomplishments from the classroom.

Auburn State Bank (Auburn) donated $3,000 to the community instead of sending out annual holiday cards. The donations went to the Auburn Senior Center, the Project Response Food Pantry, and the Auburn Backpack Program. They also adopted a family as part of the Auburn Public Schools Sixpence program.

Bank of the Valley (Schuyler) has begun constructing its newest branch. This is the bank's seventh branch, and the third county in which it has a facility.

Bank of Orchard (Orchard) marked its 70th anniversary by launching a website and mobile application. Customers can now check their account, make a deposit, transfer funds, and look at past checks.

First National Bank (North Platte) announced it will match 50 cents of every $1 donated to Mid-Plains United Way by using a special text or online link.

First National Bank of Ainsworth (Ainsworth) staff have donated proceeds from their blue jean fund to assist Susie’s Christmas Wish (families in need) and Secret Santa for Seniors.

First National Bank of Omaha (Omaha) selected winners of its Standing Strong Together 2020 Employee Impact Awards. These awards are new this year and employees were asked to nominate a non-profit organization in their area that is working to help individuals affected by COVID-19. The winners each received a $10,000 donation.
Five Points Bank (Hastings) Last month, Five Points Bank of Hastings asked customers “How would you use an extra $1,000 to help the community?” This officially launched the first #1000forGood campaign. The two $1000 recipients for this year’s campaign are Our Place After School Care and United Harvest Food Bank.

Sandhills State Bank (Arthur) donated $5,000 to Arthur Country Schools. Arthur County Schools will be using the donation to purchase new curtains for the gym stage.

Washington County Bank (Blair) donated $30,000 to the Blair Family YMCA. The donations will be used to make improvements to the facility and allow them to continue to offer the community members a great experience.

Waypoint Bank (Clay Center) board of directors contributed to the Clay Center community during the holiday season. They donated $500 to the Clay County giving tree which provides holiday gifts to families in need. They also donated $500 to the Clay County food pantry which provides groceries and household supplies to those who need them.

Promotions & Appointments

LINCOLN: Peg McDonald, area branch manager, Cornhusker Bank.

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WAYNE: Randy Standley, senior vice president, F & M Bank.
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YORK: Heather Becker, loan operations officer, Cornerstone Bank.  
YORK: Tanner Schwanz, vice president/commercial lending, Cornerstone Bank.  
YORK: Ashley Seaberg, employee benefits manager, Cornerstone Bank.

CLAY CENTER: Tracy Brockman, loan operations officer, Cornerstone Bank

SUTTON: Sheila Griess, loan operations officer, Melissa Rath, loan operations officer, Cornerstone Bank

Retirements

Lee Anderbery, Bankers’ Bank of the West (Lincoln) retired Dec. 31. He held the position of VP-corrrespondent services since 2013.

Garold Leggot, York State Bank (York) retired at the end of December. He has been involved in banking for over 20 years and was employed at four different banks throughout his career. (pictured left)

J. Philip Fuchs, First National Bank of Ainsworth (Ainsworth) retired Dec. 31 as Vice President of Lending after serving with the bank for 30 years (pictured right)

Deaths

Jarold “Jerry” Dennis (Norfolk), age 87, passed away Dec. 27. Mr. Dennis served the banking industry for 64 years with most of the years serving as president of the bank. He retired in 2019 from Nebraska State Bank.

Andy Goranson (Omaha), age 44, passed away Dec. 29. Goranson was the president of Access Payment Processing, a division of Access Bank.
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