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## Staff Spotlight



**Teresa Boots**

*Personal Banker*

Teresa grew up in Fruitland where she attended Louisa-Muscatine High School. She later attended Muscatine Community College and earned her Associates Degree in Accounting. Teresa began working at Washington State Bank in Columbus Junction in 2016 as a teller. She is currently a Personal Banker, but also provides assistance for consumer loans. Teresa says the best parts of banking is being able to work with people throughout the community, and helping customers learn about the newest technologies available to them. In the past she has volunteered her time to various community organizations, including Meals on Wheels. In her freetime Teresa enjoys spending time with her husband and their family, yard work and gardening.

## Tips on Being Cyber Smart & Protecting Your Personal Info

The Internet touches almost all aspects of our daily lives. From shopping to banking to handling medical records - we can do it all online. Data breach costs rose to 4.24 million dollars in this last year and compromised credentials, like passwords, were responsible for 20% of these. Follow these tips when sharing personal information online to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of a cybercrime.

**Double your login protection.** Enable multi-factor authentication (MFA) to ensure that you are the only person who has access to your accounts.

**Shake up your password protocol.** Get creative and customize your standard password for different sites.

**Keep up to date.** Maintain your security settings to keep your information safe by turning on automatic updates or allow your security software to run regular scans.

**Play hard to get with strangers.** Cyber criminals use phishing tactics to try and fool their victims. If you're unsure who an email is from, even if it appears to be legitimate, or if the email looks off, do not respond and do not click on any links or attachments found in the email. Use the "junk" or "block" functions to no longer receive messages from that sender.

**Never click and tell.** Keep Social Security Numbers, account numbers, and passwords private, as well as specific information about yourself, like your full name, address, birthday, and even vacation plans.

**Keep tabs on your apps.** Check your app permissions and use the "rule of least privilege" to delete what you don't need or no longer use. Only download apps from trusted vendors and sources.

**Stay protected while connected.** Before you connect to any public wireless hotspot - such as an airport, hotel, or cafe - be sure to confirm the name of the network and login procedures with staff to ensure it is legitimate. If you do use an unsecured public access point, practice safe internet skills by avoiding sensitive activities (such as banking) that require passwords or credit cards.

For more information on how to keep yourself safe, visit [staysafeonline.org/cybersecurity-awareness-month/](https://staysafeonline.org/cybersecurity-awareness-month/).

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## Ca\$h Mobs Wrap Up at Four Corners

Our last stop of 2021 for our annual Ca\$h Mob events took place at the end of September at Four Corners Restaurant & Fuel Stop in Ainsworth. It was wonderful to end the year with a favorite family-owned diner! Great food and fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you Dana & Tim Anding and to the rest of the crew for a great night! We look forward to bringing these events back in 2022!

## WSB Welcomes Educators Back to School

Each year we sponsor various back to school events for the districts we serve. This year we provided breakfast pizzas to Columbus Community School District & Louisa-Muscatine CSD, as well as sponsored Chamber events in both Washington & Fairfield. On the right are Brittany Akins, Spencer Peterman, & Jessica Anderson passing out WSB water bottles with pens & pencils to the Fairfield area educators. We hope all of our area schools have a wonderful year!



## ISU Extension Ag Exploration Day

At the end of September WSB was a Gold Sponsor for Washington County Extension Office's Ag Exploration Day held at the Research Farm outside of Wyman. With our sponsorship we were able to have a table and bring guests. On the left are Brooke Hanson & Terry Engelken representing WSB. The two had area high school students attending participate in ag trivia and handed out prizes.

## Margaret Stauffer Celebrates 50 Years with WSB

In October we celebrated Margaret Stauffer on multiple occasions as she marked her 50th work anniversary with the Bank. Margaret has had various roles throughout her time at the bank, and we truly appreciate everything she does. We couldn't do many of our events without her help, or her wonderful husband, Dan. Congrats, Margaret!



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