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Washington State Bank

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Staff Spotlight



Matt Brown

Vice President/Loan Officer

Matt Brown recently joined the WSB family. Bringing years of lending experience to the team, Matt is also an active participant in the Washington community.

He attended Kirkwood Community College and is a graduate of the Iowa Bankers Association's Ag Credit School. Matt's banking career began in loan operations before beginning his lending journey in 2017.

Matt and his wife, Joy, are longtime members of the Washington community to which they have welcomed three children: Chance, Tattum, and Elizabeth, and one granddaughter - Scout. He currently serves as the President of the Washington Kiwanis AM'ers and is a Board Member for the Community Foundation of Washington County.

Grandparent Scam Awareness

With National Grandparents Day approaching on September 7th, We wanted to remind consumers, especially older lowans, to be cautious of a growing scam that targets grandparents by playing on emotion and urgency.

What is a grandparent scam?

According to the Iowa Attorney General's Office, grandparent scams target older adults with urgent phone calls from someone pretending to be a grandchild or a person speaking on their behalf. The caller claims there's an emergency that requires immediate financial help. Scammers might say the grandchild has been in a car accident, is facing a medical emergency or needs bail money, and they often urge the grandparent to transfer money, via wire, prepaid cards, bitcoin ATMs or account information. To make the story seem believable, they may use real names, fake caller ID, voice impersonation, or pose as law enforcement.

How can you protect yourself or loved one?

To avoid these scams, never send money or share personal information based on an unexpected call. If you receive such a call, hang up and contact the grandchild or family member directly using a known phone number. Be especially cautious of any caller who urges secrecy or demands immediate action. If something feels off, don't hesitate to talk to your bank or report the call to law enforcement and file a report.

These tips are provided by the Iowa Bankers Association.

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Teacher Appreciation Week

Many of our local educators were excited for the return of chips and salsa from Washington State Bank to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week! Each branch delivered the treats to their local school districts for a total of 20 buildings. The buckets that held the chips were personalized for each district by our very own, Chloe Barnes and chips and salsa were prepared by local restaurants.



Ridiculous Days

As a Presenting Sponsor for the annual Ridiculous Days event in Washington, our staff helped with kids activities in the park and then by participating in the parade. Staff and their family members dressed up in the Mario Bros. theme, affixed with a castle in the back of Jim Mostek's truck.



Homebuyer 101 in Pella

Ryan Shields and Landon Thiele hosted a luncheon presentation to the Young Professionals group in Pella alongside Pella Real Estate's, Ciara Ward. Over 20 people were in attendance to hear the experts in the field discuss what to expect when wanting to become a homeowner and how to prepare for the process.



Baseball Concession Stand

The summer months always bring more opportunities to lend a hand within our communities. Our staff enjoys helping out each year in the Washington Baseball concession stand. We were able to volunteer during the Washington vs. Fairfield games in Washington and staff from both locations were present that evening to represent their branches.



4 Locations To Serve You!

Washington - 121 S Marion Ave. | Fairfield- 1706 W Burlington Ave.

Columbus Junction- 134 Main St. | Pella - 703 Main St.

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