

# Invested in You. Washington State Bank

# Spring 2021

# Staff Spotlight



Lisa Hills

Assistant Branch Manager

Lisa was raised in Columbus Junction graduated from Columbus Community High school. In 2007, she began working as a secretary/ teller for Columbus Junction State Bank, prior to the bank's acquisition in 2015. She was later then promoted to Personal Banker and finally to her current position as Assistant Branch Manager. Lisa stated, "I appreciate the opportunity WSB has given me to continue to work with customers from the Columbus Junction area and being able to help with their banking needs. I'm also thankful for the opportunity to further my education & position at the bank." In the past Lisa has volunteered with several community organizations but has pulled back to spend more time traveling and camping with her husband, Ted. She is also excited to welcome her first grandchild in May.

# **Spring Cleaning for Your Finances**

Spring cleaning is a tradition that goes back more than 100 years. Cleaning out your closets and deep-cleaning your home each April can be a satisfying endeavor, especially if you've been putting it off all winter. There are many benefits to spring cleaning your home, but the same idea can be applied to your finances. Following are five ways you can apply spring cleaning to your finances.

#### 1. Tidy up your budget.

Set aside some time to examine your budget and decide what needs to be altered before the year gets too far underway. Take a hard look at all debts and expenses, as well as amounts you want to spend for food, entertainment and savings.

2. Scrub off at least one debt.

Decide on at least one debt that you will pay off by the end of the year, and make a plan to achieve it. If you do not have a debt that you can realistically pay off by the end of the year, make a plan to reduce at least one debt by paying more than the minimum monthly amount. That will allow you to pay it off more quickly.

3. Toss out one expense.

Review your budget again and decide what you can do without. Choose at least one expense that you can reduce or cut out. Example: If you make daily trips to your local coffee shop, cut out one day per week. Every little bit helps, and this expense can add up throughout the year.

4. Polish your saving habits.

If your paycheck is deposited directly into your bank account, talk to your employer's human resources department about having a set amount deposited directly into a savings or retirement account, or talk with Washington State Bank about setting up an auto transfer between your payroll account and your savings.

5. Inspect your credit with white gloves.

Visit www.annualcreditreport.com to order a free credit report from each of the credit reporting agencies. Review your reports to ensure that there are no mistakes in your credit history and to protect yourself from identity theft. Tip: Don't request your report from all three credit reporting agencies at the same time. Spread out your requests periodically throughout the year.

These tips were provided by the Iowa Bankers Association.

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#### **Bohn Retires After 29 Years at WSB**

In February former CEO/President, Steve Bohn announced his retirement to take effect on March 1st. Steve began working at the Bank in 1991 as a loan officer and worked his way to becoming CEO/President in 2015. Reflecting on his years with Washington State Bank, Bohn said, "It has been a wonderful experience to lead such a talented team. The bank has been serving the needs of its customers in Washington since 1932 and the addition of Columbus Junction and Fairfield locations has served to provide significant growth across all metrics for our shareholders. Our strong capital and liquidity positions leave us well structured for future success."

Happy retirement, Steve! Thank you for everything you have done for WSB and the communities we serve!



#### Basten, Greiner, & Shields Promoted

Following Steve Bohn's retirement, the following promotions took place. Sue Basten has taken on the dual role of CEO/President of Washington State Bank, Mike Greiner is our new Executive Vice President, and Ryan Shields is now a Vice President as well.

Basten held the Executive Vice President role since 2015, and had been a loan officer with the Bank since 2006. Greiner has been a lender with WSB since 2011, was later promoted to Fairfield Branch Manager after it's opening in 2015, as well as becoming a Vice President.

Shields began his career with the Bank in 2016 serving as

a Loan Officer in our Columbus Junction branch. He has extended his service to the Washington community over the past year and will continue to provide lending services to both locations.

Congratulations to all three of these wonderful leaders on furthering their career with WSB!

## **WSB Wears Red For Heart Month**





### Cyndi Redlinger's Retirement Open House

We hope you can join on Friday, March 19th from 1-3 PM in our Washington lobby as we celebrate Cyndi Redlinger's time at WSB and wish her well on her next adventure!

### 3 Locations To Serve You!





