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Washington State Bank

**Fall
2025**

Staff Spotlight



Debbie Bruty

Trust Officer

Debbie Bruty has been with Washington State Bank since February of 2003, where she began as a teller. She quickly moved to our Trust Department, starting as a Trust Operations Assistant before being promoted to her current role as Trust Officer.

Debbie is a proud graduate of Washington High School and earned her associates degree from Kirkwood Community College to become a Legal Secretary. Before her time at WSB, Debbie worked at the McCleery-Cumming Company in Washington for 16 years in the Customer Service department.

Debbie and her husband, Greg, are lifelong Washington residents. They enjoy spending time with their family - children Megan and Dalton, and grandsons Kagan and Maxson. Debbie and her family enjoy hunting, fishing, and mushrooming together.

Debbie's favorite part about working for WSB has been the relationships she has built with our customers and helping them in any way possible, as well as volunteering for community events on behalf of the Bank.

Protecting Yourself from Medicare Open Enrollment Scams

Every year, scammers get more active around Medicare Open Enrollment Period, trying to get your money, information, or both. As you consider your health coverage and prescription options during this period (October 15th - December 7th), learn to spot the scams.

First, know that scammers often impersonate Medicare and contact you unexpectedly. They might sound professional and even have some of your personal information. They'll say you need a "new" or "updated" Medicare card and ask for your Medicare, bank account, or credit card number. But **real Medicare cards are free and mailed to you automatically**. And true Medicare representatives won't call, text, or email you out of the blue to ask for your numbers or a payment.

Here are some ways to protect yourself from Medicare scams during Open Enrollment — and year-round:

- **Ignore unexpected calls from anyone who demands you share Medicare, personal, or financial information.** Medicare will only ask you to verify information if you contact them first, and they won't try to sell you anything or tell you to pay for your Medicare card. Only scammers do that.
- **Don't rely on your caller ID.** It might show Medicare's name or phone number, but caller ID can be faked. To check it out, hang up and call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).
- **Get help to compare costs, coverage, and plans.** Contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for assistance. And find information about your coverage options at Medicare.gov — the official U.S. government site for Medicare — or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE.

Report Medicare impersonators and other Medicare scams at 1-800-MEDICARE. Then tell the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. For additional help to prevent, detect, and report potential Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse, contact your local Senior Medicare Patrol.

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This Medicare Open Enrollment season, learn how to protect yourself from scams. (2025, September 30). Consumer Advice. <https://consumer.ftc.gov/consumer-alerts/2025/09/medicare-open-enrollment-season-learn-how-protect-yourself-scams>

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Barnyard Bash

Our Fairfield team went all out this year representing the Bank at the Chamber's Barnyard Bash event! Businesses and organizations from all around Jefferson County held booths and games for kids and families to enjoy. Our staff painted bowling pins to look like dairy cows for a fun ring toss game and handed out cow stress relievers donning the Bank logo. It was an "utterly" fantastic time!



Farewell to the Fairways this Season

Every year we support local organizations hosting golf outings with sponsorships, donations of items, putting together a team, volunteer efforts, or a combination of the four. These tournaments usually begin in May and wrap up at the end of September. The photo on the left is from the Washington Chamber of Commerce's "Birdies, Beers, & Brats" fundraising event. Representing WSB are Jeff Vetter, Spencer Peterman, Garrett Ikerd, and Matt Brown.

Back-To-School Events

We sponsor a few local events welcoming our educators to a new school year. At Louisa-Muscatine CSD, we sponsor breakfast on the first day of in-service. We help serve the meal to the staff and then Columbus Junction Branch Manager, Dawn Ledger starts the programming with well wishes for the staff. Teresa Boots and Dawn are shown while serving breakfast.



Homecoming Traditions Continue

The homecoming parade and football concession stand in Washington are events WSB has been a part of for so long. Our staff is always eager to be a part of each and represent the Bank while interacting with community members. This year was extra special as we (along with many others) joined in honoring former WHS student and football player, Carson Ryan with custom t-shirts.

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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