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Washington State Bank

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## Staff Spotlight



**Abi Flores**

*Retail Banker*

Abi grew up in Wapello where she attended school and now resides in Washington with her husband Walter, their son Walter, and dog Gucci. She began working at WSB in 2016 as a teller, and later moved into her current position as a Retail Banker. Abi's daily tasks include helping our customers with various transactions, debit cards, wires, access to lock boxes, and ordering checks. She enjoys getting to know our customers personally, and providing assistance to our Hispanic community. Abi is currently enrolled in Leadership Washington and says she is learning so much about everything the Washington community has to offer, as well as its history. Abi enjoys spending time with her family in Wapello and is excited to watch her son participate in youth sports this spring.

## Detecting Social Security Fraud

Scams are happening in every aspect of our lives, including Social Security. So how do you protect yourself and others from becoming a victim? Here's some helpful tips from the Social Security Administration to keep you and your personal information safe.

The Social Security Administration will never threaten, scare, or pressure you to take an immediate action. If you receive a call, text, or email that threatens to suspend your Social Security number, warns of arrest or legal action, demands immediate payment, pressures you for personal information, or threatens to seize your bank account it's a scam.

If you receive any of these suspicious notifications, ignore them and do not give them money or any personal information. Try to stay calm and hang up or ignore the message. Government employees will not threaten you or try to gain your trust by sending you pictures or documents. The next step is to report the scam to the SSA Office of the Inspector General (OIG). Even if you have shared personal information or suffered financial loss already from the scam, do not be embarrassed and report it.

Stay up to date on the latest Social Security-related scams by following the SSA Office of the Inspector General on Twitter or Facebook. You can also visit the Federal Trade Commission for information on other government scams. Visit [oig.ssa.gov/scam](https://oig.ssa.gov/scam) for more information and help spread the word to protect others from falling victim to these scams.

*This information was provided by the Social Security Administration.*

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## Columbus Day Celebration in CJ

The annual Columbus Day celebration returned to Columbus Junction this October after a year off due to COVID. Once again, Hawkeye Photo Booths helped us take pictures of everyone enjoying the day with a fun souvenir to take home. That afternoon our staff and family members walked (and rode) in the parade. It was a great day and we look forward to next year's event!

## Trunk-Or-Treat Events

This year we participated in two Trunk-Or-Treat events, one in Washington and the other in Fairfield. The Fairfield event was held at the Fairgrounds and had to be moved indoors due to stormy weather. Our theme this year was a piggy bank and we decorated our table with fake coins and bills! In Washington the event was put on by the YMCA and our theme was under the sea/Finding Nemo! Both events hosted so many families and our staff had a blast handing out candy. We love planning for these activities!



## Lighted Holiday Parade

We were thrilled to see the return of the Annual Lighted Holiday Parade in Washington this year! Our staff spent time after work to strategize and decorating our trailer for the parade on Saturday, November 27th. This year's float was a life-sized snow globe decorated with a few snowmen and tons of lights. Our staff and their family members dressed up as snowflakes, a snowman, and Jack Frost. Although we didn't win best float, we had a wonderful time and are already busy planning for next year's theme!



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