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Washington State Bank

**Spring
2024**

Staff Spotlight



Jennifer Bailey

Branch Manager

Jennifer “Jen” Bailey recently began her role as Branch Manager of our Pella location at the beginning of April. Jen is local to Pella, graduating from Pella Community High School before beginning her career in banking. Her previous roles included everything from Teller Services to Senior Personal Banking Officer. Jen has volunteered for a variety of community organizations in the past. Her lengthy experience and knowledge of the Pella community make her a tremendous asset to our growing branch! Jen says she’s looking forward to continuing to grow the Pella location alongside Ryan and Landon. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Justin, and their two daughters, Justice and Jaycee. The family can often be found at the softball fields in the warmer months and traveling when possible. Jen also enjoys cooking and watching TV with her husband.

Time to Dust Off Your Finances

Follow These Tips to Refresh Your Financial Goals This Spring

Spring has officially arrived and along with warmer weather and brighter colors outside, it’s also time to do some spring cleaning. Deep cleaning your home and getting rid of items you don’t need may be on your to-do list this time of year. As you move through your to-dos, you may want to consider applying the same concept to your finances. The following are five ways you can dust off your finances in 2024.

- 1. Rinse and refresh your budget.** Take a good look at your budget and decide what needs to be updated. Examine all debts and expenses, as well as amounts you want to allocate for food, entertainment, and savings.
- 2. Polish off your debts.** Decide to eliminate one or more debts by the end of the year by increasing your monthly payments. Once those debts are paid off, you can allocate that money to another debt, which will get you closer to financial freedom.
- 3. Send unnecessary expenses to the dump.** When reviewing your budget, decide what you can do without. Choose at least one expense to cut from your budget. For example, review your online subscriptions to determine what you’re using regularly, then cancel what you don’t need.
- 4. Sort out your savings.** If you’re not putting enough in savings each month, make it automatic. Have part of your paycheck deposited directly into a savings or retirement account or set up an auto-transfer between your payroll account and your savings.
- 5. Disinfect your credit.** Visit www.annualcreditreport.com to order a free credit report from one or more of the three credit reporting agencies. Review your report to ensure that there are no mistakes in your credit history and to protect yourself from identity theft.

These tips were provided by the Iowa Bankers Association.

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Easter Bunny Visits

The WSB Easter Bunny made it's annual stops in Washington and Columbus Junction! Visits were made to local daycare centers in both communities, Colonial Manor in Columbus Junction, and guests were welcomed into the lobbies to see the Easter Bunny! Washington Teller, Damon Marr is featured with his three children and the Easter Bunny. The Bunny is shown on the far right visiting residents at Colonial Manor.

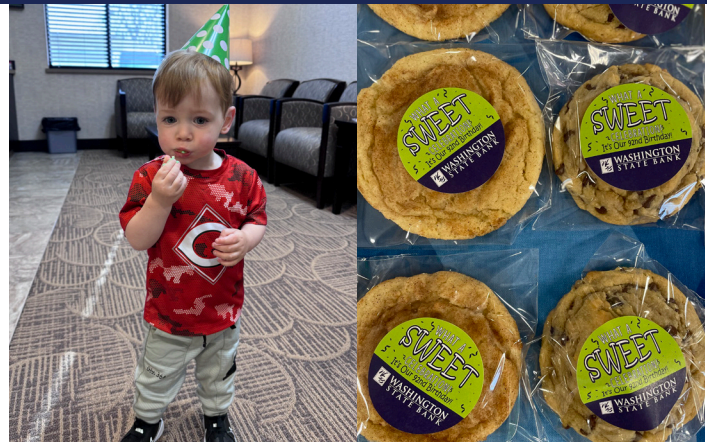


Celebrating the End of Tax Season

To commemorate the end of another busy tax season, each location delivered delicious meat & cheese trays to our local CPA and law offices. Larry Fishback and Debbie Bruty are shown on the far left with Craig Davis of Washington Law Office, LLP and Doris Mougins is shown with Katie Sparrow of Bordwell & Parsons, PLC of Columbus Junction. Thank you to those that work so hard this time of year!

WSB Turns 92!

We celebrated the Bank turning 92 (chartered in 1932) with delicious cookies from local bakers/bakeries in each of our lobbies! Cookies were supplied by J Dubs Sweet Treats, Cookies from the Heart, Bake & Brew on 92, and Vander Ploeg Bakery. Odin "Odie" Spurgeon (grandson of Krista Fulton) can be seen enjoying a yummy cookie in our Fairfield lobby. Here's to another fabulous year!



Focusing on Financial Literacy

Terry Engelken, Dawn Ledger, and Mike Greiner volunteered at Kirkwood's Workplace Learning Connection annual Financial Literacy Fair in Washington. The event hosts local middle school students for an interactive budgeting workshop. Our three volunteers advised the students on any changes they should make on their financial choices. We enjoy being a part of the event each year and helping our youth understand budgeting in the future!



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