



Letter from the President

When I think of the term Community Banker, one person in my opinion optimizes those words, and that is Garry Gordinier. For the past 6 years, Garry has brought professionalism, experience, and great customer service to the Ellendale and Hope markets as our Vice President and Branch Manager of First National Bank. After 42 years in the Banking industry, Garry will be retiring at the end of 2018!



Garry started his career as a Vice President and Cashier of the Bank of Gays Mills in Iowa and went on to work at the Prairie Center Bank in Prairie du Chien, WI, First National Bank in West Concord, MN, Rushford State Bank in Rushford, MN, and Commerce Bank in Geneva, MN. Garry's contributions to the communities he has served are numerous, ranging from coaching and refereeing basketball, baseball, and softball for almost 30 years to his current position at the Ellendale Ambulance Service. Garry also spent 7 seasons coaching Special Olympics and performs in a barbershop quartet.

His boundless energy, enthusiasm, and smile will be greatly missed, but Garry tells me that he will continue his active lifestyle and looks forward to finding a quiet stream to perfect his fly-fishing with the grandchildren. Stop in over the next few months to wish Garry well and know that he will leave you in good hands with Susan Eberline, who you will meet in this newsletter!

Bernie Gaytko

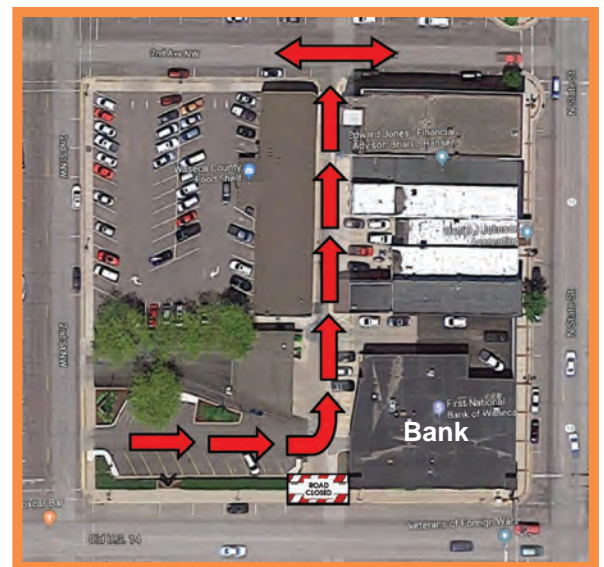


Road Construction Traffic Pattern

As the old Highway 14/Elm Avenue reconstruction project continues around Waseca, we will be experiencing some changes in our traffic flow pattern from time to time.

Old Highway 14 will be closed for repairs downtown for several blocks as they are resurfacing and tiling, blocking the access to old Highway 14 from 2nd St NW behind the bank and from our drive-thru and rear parking lot.

Instead of exiting right (south) out of our rear parking lot and drive-thru, you will need to turn left (north) and head carefully through the alleyway. This alley used to be a one way heading south so please be careful and proceed slowly in and out of the alley as cars may still be turning south into the alleyway towards you. We are limiting parking behind the bank allowing more turning room for vehicles and supply trucks as they make their way through the alley. Thank you for your patience as this project improves our community by creating bike and turning lanes and improves the flow of rain water and waste by installing larger sewer lines and drains.



First National Bank welcomes Susan Eberline, our new Branch Manager!

Susan Eberline, daughter of Bill and Eileen Harguth, was born and raised on the century old Harguth family farm two miles south of Waseca. After graduating from Waseca High School, Susan went on to work in real estate, automobile sales, and eventually got into the banking business where she was a Branch Manager and Personal Banker at Wells Fargo in Waseca for four years. She is currently training in our Waseca office prior to assuming her position of Branch Manager in our Ellendale and Hope locations. Susan brings a strong history of banking, finance, sales, and excellent customer service skills to her new position.

Susan has been married 28 years to her husband, Scott Eberline, an electrician with over 30 years experience in the Waseca area. They have two children, a 24 year old son, Nick, and a 21 year old daughter, Abby.

Susan is energetic, driven, and enjoys spending time outdoors with family and friends fishing, 4-wheeling, wildlife watching and gardening.



PLEASE WELCOME

Susan Eberline,
New Branch Manager
of Ellendale and Hope!

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September 3 Labor Day

Bank & drive-thru will be closed.

October 8 Columbus Day

Bank & drive-thru will be closed for staff training.

October 9 LifePerks BINGO

Join us at the Waseca Senior Center for coffee, refreshments, & BINGO!

Time: 9:00am

Cost: FREE

October 12-21, 2018 Charming Rhine River Cruise

One of Europe's most legendary rivers awaits on this mesmerizing journey along the Rhine. Start in picturesque Lucerne, Switzerland, and enjoy guided sightseeing in Strasbourg, Koblenz, Cologne & Heidelberg. Sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge, one of the most beautiful stretches on the Rhine. End this charming trip in beautiful Amsterdam.

November 11 (Observed Nov. 12) Veteran's Day

Bank & drive-thru will be closed on November 12.

November 22 Thanksgiving Day

Bank & drive-thru will be closed.

December 5 Holiday Open House – Hope Office

Time: 11:00am-2:00pm

December 6 Holiday Open House – Waseca Office

Time: 11:00am-2:00pm

December 7 Holiday Open House – Ellendale Office

Time: 11:00am-1:00pm

December 24 Christmas Eve

Bank & drive-thru will close at 12:00pm.

December 25 Christmas Day

Bank & drive-thru will be closed.

December 27 Retirement Open House

For Garry Gordinier at Ellendale location

Time: 10:00am-2:00pm

December 31 New Year's Eve

Bank & drive-thru will close at 3:00pm.

January 1, 2019 New Year's Day

Bank & drive-thru will be closed.



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