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Be the Foremost Resource and Advocate
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FAMILY NIGHT ON THE FARM

Lehnertz Family Farm 4-8PM Thursday, August 4, 2022

ATTRACTIONS

• FAMILY STYLE PICNIC • FARM MACHINERY DISPLAY • GAMES • PETTING ZOO • CHILDREN'S
TRAIN WAGON • TRACTOR DRAWN HAY WAGON RIDES • BOUNCE HOUSE • LIVE MUSIC

FAMILY STYLE PICNIC INCLUDES:

- PULLED PORK SLIDERS
- BAKED BEANS
- CHIPS
- MILK & CHEESE STICKS

MEAL TICKETS:

- ADULTS: \$10.00
- CHILDREN UNDER 10: \$7.00
- FAMILY UP TO 6: \$35.00
(2 adults, up to 4 children)

FREE SHUTTLE BUS:

FROM ROLLINGSTONE COMMUNITY
SCHOOL (61 MAIN STREET, ROLLING-
STONE) TO THE FARM.
SHUTTLE DEPARTS EVERY 20 MINS.
BEGINNING AT 4PM.

For more info or to purchase meal tickets contact The Winona Area Chamber of Commerce
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BIZ BITES



Cindy Harrison has been promoted to Senior Vice President/Chief Credit Officer at **Merchants Bank**, according to Greg Evans, President & CEO. Harrison succeeds Mark McGrory, who retired in May after a 35-year career with Merchants. She will be a member of the Company's Executive Leadership Team and oversee all credit operations for the Company. "Because of Mark's leadership, our credit culture and unwavering commitment to being partners in our customers' success is an absolute area of strength," explained Evans. "We take great pride at Merchants in our commitment to growing our people and promoting from within. Cindy has been a strong contributor in influencing the credit culture of the organization under Mark's mentorship throughout her career, and she earned this opportunity because she was the most qualified candidate." Joining Merchants Bank in 1992, Harrison started in the Commercial Loan Department as a Secretary/Lending Assistant. She was promoted to Commercial Banker in 1995 and spent 15 years working directly with business clients in that role. In 2010 she became Credit Administration Manager, overseeing the mortgage underwriting, credit analysis and credit support teams for the Bank. She was promoted to Director of Credit Administration in 2019. "I am committed to continuing the strong credit culture Mark cultivated at Merchants and feel fortunate to have this opportunity to follow in his footsteps," shared Harrison. "It's rewarding to keep growing in my career as part of an organization that truly cares for the community, its customers and employees."



WNB Financial is pleased to announce the election of **Erica Jerowski** and **Matt Becker** to serve on the Bank's Board of Directors. Erica and Matt's technical skills, experience, and knowledge will be a great addition to the board," said David Vaselaar, President and Chief Executive Officer of WNB Financial. "They'll provide valuable perspective as WNB continues to grow and focus on Service, Solutions, and Community in the communities we serve." Jerowski's career with WNB Financial spans 23 years. She has held the role of Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer since 2021, but prior to that served as Chief Credit Officer, Business Banking Manager, and Mortgage Manager. Becker has served as WNB Financial's Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer for the last five years. He holds 22 years of banking experience in wide variety of areas: accounting, compliance, loan operations, facilities, human resources, and investment portfolio consulting.



WNB Financial is pleased to announce that **Christopher Rand** has joined the Bank as Vice President and Trust Manager. Rand brings over 20 years of experience in the Wealth Management area. As the Trust Department Manager, he specializes in the areas of personal and corporate trust, estate and financial planning, retirement plan services, and trust administration and operations. "We're very excited to welcome Chris to our team," said Ellen Smith, Senior Vice President and Chief Wealth Management Officer. "His extensive trust and retirement plan services background, along with his managerial and mentoring experience, make for a great fit as the head of our Trust Department. In the short time Chris has been with WNB, he has already demonstrated his commitment to providing great service and solutions to our clients." "I look forward to enhancing the offerings of the Trust Department and continuing to build on the solid foundation WNB Financial has created," Rand said. "I'm honored to add my name to a long list of WNB coworkers who dedicate their time and effort to the community and non-profit organizations."



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RIBBON CUTTINGS



Bell Bank Mortgage celebrated the grand opening of their new office with a Chamber Ambassador Ribbon Cutting in June. Helping its customers find the smart way home for more than 130 years, Bell Bank Mortgage, a division of Bell Bank, has a reputation for exceptional service and high integrity. Applying for a loan is easy – They walk you through the process and the documents you'll need. Their goal is to help you finance your dream, with as little stress as possible.

"You'll see the Bell Bank Mortgage difference as soon as you meet with one of our lenders. We take the time to truly get to know you and your financial situation, so your mortgage is right for you!" – Heather Larsen

To learn more about Bell Bank Mortgage, contact Heather Larsen at 507.459.6416, email Heather at hlarsen@bell.bank or stop by the office located at 902 E. Second Street Suite 211, Winona Minnesota.

Pictured with Chamber Ambassadors: Heather Larsen-Senior Mortgage Loan Officer; Staff (L-R) Nancy Berry, Mike Danielson, Heather Larsen, Heather Fuelberth, Maria Witter, Stacy Jahraus



Winona Steamboat Days held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the kick-off of this year's event held in Levee Park on Wednesday June 15th, the first day of Steamboat Days 2022! The ribbon cutting followed the introduction of Fred Benning as the 2022 Winona Steamboat Days Harbor Master. Please join us in congratulating Fred on his title and the Winona Steamboat Days Committee on another successful event!

Pictured with Chamber Ambassadors: Fred Benning, 2022 Harbor Master; Past Harbor Masters, City Officials, and members of the Steamboat Days Committee.

NEW MEMBERS



DJ's Clothing Warehouse is packed with new name brand clothing for Men, Women and Children. Current stock includes Women's sizes starting at 0, and children's sizes starting at toddler. Selection includes, polo shirts, pants, shorts, collar shirts, jackets, robes, school uniform items, sweatshirts, and menswear. Some items available in talls. New items added weekly! Check out their Facebook page for new arrivals and store hours. Located in Historic Downtown Winona at 207 East 3rd St. Winona.

Owner Dave Stoltman and Manager Jeanne Hines can be reached at (507) 858-4444 or Email djsclothingwarehouse@gmail.com For more information follow them on Facebook www.facebook.com/DJs-Clothing-Warehouse-108156061516538



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