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Happy New Year! The clock is already ticking for 2022. After months of waiting, we are happy to announce we have a NEW clock coming to our Union location soon! Our hope is that you once again enjoy this feature, as a consistent community reminder of the current time (and temp) even as we keep our focus on moving forward together in the New Year. When you stop at the bank in Union and Eldora, take note of the TV screens in our lobbies. They are filled with helpful slides to keep you well informed on events, bank products, and all the latest happenings. Looking into 2022, we pledge our continued support to our communities and any assistance you may need with your financial needs.

Always here to help,
Jeff Duit
*Union Location Manager and
Loan Officer*

THE LiNK

BETTER BANKING

Amazon Shopping Scam

Holiday shopping may be in the past for another year, but the time is ripe for fraudsters and scams. You get a call from “Amazon,” they are calling to notify you about a large purchase on your account (which you didn’t make) and will ask for personal information, and even try to take control of your computer. If you receive an email, text message or phone call about an Amazon order,



ALWAYS log into your Amazon account and review Your Orders. Never click on links in an email or text then log in. Instead, type in Amazon.com on your computer and log in from there. Fraudsters sound very convincing and helpful, but NEVER give your online banking password or access to your computer to anyone. Please call the bank if you ever have any questions about fraud.

Giving Back

Each year at Christmas, the HCSB employees come together and present a donation to a local charity or organization on behalf of Jim and Dave. Their Christmas gift this year helped to fill a need at the Eldora Food Pantry. The current freezer at the food pantry is not functioning properly and in fact, needs a brick to keep it shut. Yikes! A new freezer that will meet their needs is estimated to cost \$1000. The staff at HCSB was very happy to present the food pantry with over \$600 to help reach their goal. Jim and Dave both express their sincere thanks for the generosity of their employees and this great Christmas gift!



Pictured are HCSB President David Vander Wilt, Pine Lake Food Pantry volunteer Sara Zellmer and HCSB Chairman Jim Brown

LAVELLE HOLDINGS LLC

LaVelle Holdings has been keeping Eldora and surrounding areas in top shape with clear driveways and green lawns for almost two decades, dating back to 2003. Nick LaVelle saw a need and found an avenue to own and build his business. He started with lawn mowing, then added lawn spraying and snow removal. "We are very weather dependent, so if the weather is good, you'll usually find us working." His business also provides local jobs. "Depending on the time of year, we have 3-5 employees and seem to be consistently looking for good help!" Nick additionally operates a self-storage business in several towns.

Nick was born and raised in Eldora and is likely no stranger to many of you. He attended ENP schools, graduated from UNI and came back to his hometown. He is currently serving his second term on the ENP school board, going on 6 years now. Nick and his wife Anita have two daughters Gracie 13 and Kate 9 who attend South Hardin Middle school and ENP Elementary.

In between snow storms, Nick can be found on the lake or river ice fishing and is always working on a classic truck project. Before beginning his lawn care business, Nick worked for Drury

Automotive and continues his hand at toying with trucks. He has also enjoyed working with our local Youth Sports programs and other volunteer opportunities within the city of Eldora. "I like the opportunity to continue to build the business and the chance to work with many local people I know."



Nick has a long relationship with the loan personnel at HCSB. "Charlette DeNeui has been my primary person at the bank." For the financial operations of the business, he utilizes HCSB Accounting Solutions services with Amber and Josie. HCSB thanks Nick for his continued business and his volunteer service in our communities!



SOUTH HARDIN VET CLINIC

Casey Balvanz

Hours: Monday -Friday 8-5, Saturdays 8-12,

24 hr emergencies



Casey Balvanz grew up on a farm north of Hubbard, where her love of animals was born. Living on the farm and being active in 4H with horses, cattle, sheep, dogs, rabbits, chickens, and geese nurtured her love for furry friends of all kinds. Her parents would often gift her with a new animal to take care of rather than toys while growing up.

Casey attended Hubbard Radcliffe high school and worked at Midwest Veterinary Clinic in Hubbard cleaning kennels and instruments. In 2009, she started her degree in veterinary medicine at ISU and then graduated in 2013. With her degree under her belt, Casey headed south to Texas for an equine internship then landed at Peak Performance Equine in Grandbury, Texas. She moved to a mixed animal practice at Green's Creek Veterinary Hospital in Dublin, TX.

After a few years in Texas, Iowa was calling Casey home. She returned to her roots in 2017. "I bought the practice from Dr. Strother the spring after I moved back from Texas" and the South Hardin Vet Clinic opened their gates. "We are a mixed animal clinic providing care for small and large animals, routine care visits, vaccines and minor surgeries. We also provide 24 hour emergency care for both small and large animals."

South Hardin Vet Clinic has two part time employees. Lacey Hornung, Casey's longtime friend and an excellent veterinary technician. Kayla Vavroch is a veterinary assistant and is working towards her veterinary technician degree. Casey's mother, Carol Balvanz, fills in from time to time doing reception work and keeping the books. "I enjoy getting to know my clients and their animals. Every day is different and rarely am I stuck inside the office all day." Casey adds, "I enjoy taking care of our family cattle herd and my small flock of sheep. I also enjoy riding horses and quilting when I have time."

Animal care is definitively a family affair! Casey married Tyler Bauman in 2018 and he is a veterinarian for The Maschhoffs, where he concentrates on pig health and herd medicine. They have a new home between Hubbard and Eldora. Casey has two step children, Kalgary 9 years old and Tucker 8 years old.

South Hardin Vet clinic isn't slowing down anytime soon. Casey shares, "I would like to expand the practice enough to bring in a second veterinarian as well as possibly build a new building with more space for kennels and a cattle working facility around the Union area." In mentioning her working relationship at HCSB, "We work mostly with Andy and Ben as well as all the ladies at the Union bank. Thank you for all you do." We thank Casey, for her business and for investing in the future of Hardin County!

Highlights and Happenings

Monday, January 17, Martin Luther King Jr Day – BANK CLOSED

Monday, February 21, President's Day – BANK CLOSED

Working For You

Jill Christensen

Jill brought 20 years of receptionist experience with her to HCSB when she started in November 2021. She worked for Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA) in the administration office. Though some of her duties have changed, she is now a Customer Service Representative and exclaims, *"How welcoming and patient all the HCSB staff and customers have been while I am continuing to learn my job. I enjoy getting to know everyone."* You will find Jill's friendly smile while assisting customers at the main bank in Eldora or the Motorbank.

Jill is a born and raised Iowan. She grew up in Marshalltown where she attended high school. Currently, she lives in Union with her husband Chris. They have four grown children. Christie lives in Jessup, Lexi in Marshalltown, Sabrina in Charleston SC, and Keith in Grundy Center.

Most of Jill's family lives in Iowa. Her parents retired to Ankeny and her Sister and her family live there as well. The exception extends to the east, as Jill's brother lives in the Chicago area with his family.

When Jill isn't assisting customers at HCSB and when the weather cooperates, she shares *"We enjoy kayaking on Pine Lake or a leisurely float down the river and riding our Honda Goldwing."* During fall months Jill joins in community events saying *"we spend a lot of time helping with the Wellsburg Haunted Corn Maze and give our profits back to the community."*

Interestingly, Jill also digs into genealogy and researches her family. She warns *"You may find out some surprises when doing this so be sure you're prepared for that."* Ask her more about her experiences next time you're in one of our HCSB Eldora locations. She is sure to leave you smiling.



The LiNK Holiday Dinner

It was so great to be back in person and continue with our holiday tradition! With a festive dinner and show to kick off the Christmas season, we received a great response from LiNK member guests at the Steamboat Rock Baptist Church this year. Food was tasty and the Marshalltown Men's Quartet the mTunes were delightfully entertaining. We want to thank those of you who were able to make it, it is always a fun time celebrating with you all!

– Natasha Phillips



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And the winner is...

Congratulations to our BIRTHDAY LUNCH WINNERS –Marlene Reece, David Schmidt, Judy McCloud and Scott Balvanz.

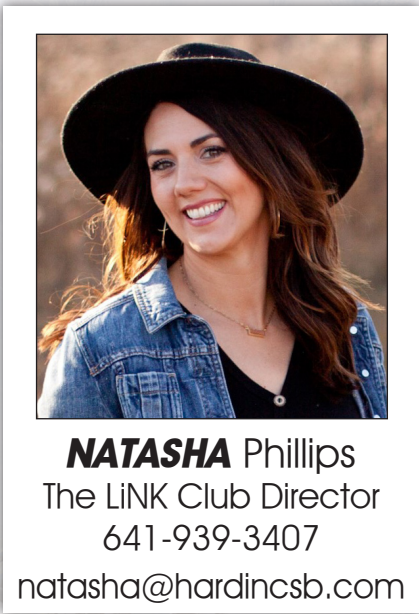
Each month two member’s names are drawn from the birthday list.

Caryl Button is the **PUZZLE WINNER** for the September/October newsletter and received a \$20 gift card. Thank you to all who submitted puzzle entries.

Be sure to return the puzzle in this issue to an HCSB location by Friday, February 11. You may be the next winner of a gift card!

Thanks to all those who shopped locally during the holidays and turned in your Holiday Shopping Passports.

Congratulations to the grand prize winner of \$100 gift card - Byrtie Allen! Winners of \$50 gift cards were Lora Camacho, Rebekah Cullinan, Pat Maronn and Jim Peters.



Locations and Hours		
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