

LETTER FROM OUR CEO MICHAEL F. BENDER



As a community bank, we make it a priority to find ways to get involved with the community. This has been a struggle the past two years with numerous restrictions in place, but we are happy to begin hosting various events again. This April, the Easter Bunny will be making his return to the Festus location. We are also hosting our annual Independence Day parking lot BBQ which is always a big hit in the community.

New to the bank this year is the Midwest Regional Bank Twin City Pickleball Invitational. During Twin City Days, September 10-11, the Bank is hosting this pickleball invitational at Jokerst Memorial Park across the street from our Festus location.

Our various branches are planning ways to get folks together and connect with the community face-to-face again.

Congratulations to our Employees of the Month

January - Susan Siracusa

February - Morgan Alexander

March - Courtney Leuthauser

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FESTUS COMMUNITY

Here at Festus, we are excited to welcome back the Easter Bunny! After a two year hiatus, due to Covid concerns, the Easter Bunny is returning. We are excited to welcome community members and family members back into our lobby to snap some photos with the furry guy. This event will be held on April 15 from 12:00 to 6:00. Visitors will be able to take their own photos or have a photo taken with a custom Midwest Regional Bank picture frame. We hope to see you there!



CHESTERFIELD BOOK CLUB

The Chesterfield office believes in growth, not just growth within the branch but personal growth as well which, in turn, improves ourselves and our guests overall experience. We achieve this by implementing new and fresh ideas that come directly from the staff with the inspiration of our book club where we partake in group discussions about our reading assignment and gather ideas on how to overall achieve better results with ourselves and our branch.

There are many other changes we have incorporated into our daily routine, such as, the overall atmosphere. When you come in you are immediately greeted with the sounds of soft jazz,

along with a sweet smell from our Lampe Berger, which, not only, scents the branch, but also sanitizes the air leaving a clean germ free environment, this especially became useful during the Covid-19 and flu outbreak. Combined with our scentsy warmers in each bathroom, it really creates a homey feeling. Bottled water and our assortment of hot beverages, for example teas and hot chocolate, are also offered to each guest that we think really adds a great touch and is a big hit with everyone who comes in!

Despite what you may think, changes do not always have to come with a cost, we added an exit sign as an aid for our guests to better navigate our parking lot, a trash can was removed from the back door to help the overall look of the bank along with that, our front door has been fixed for older guests who, in the past, had a very hard time opening it.

The Chesterfield branch is very proud of the improvements that have been made and we really strive to keep bettering ourselves. We also hope that this was an inspiration for any other branch that may want to incorporate our ideas, or add ideas of their own that will improve the experience for each guest who come in.



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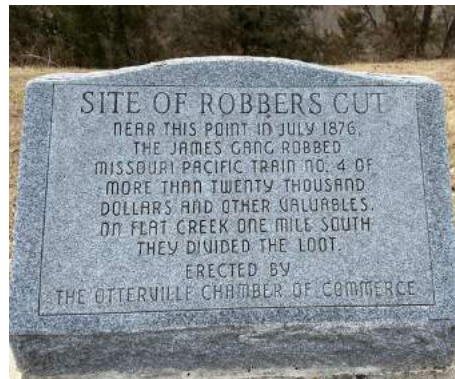
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OTTERVILLE HISTORY



There is one question that many locals love to ask- Did our bank get robbed by the James-Younger gang? Contrary to popular lore, our bank was not one of the many that were unfortunately robbed by this notorious gang. However, in order to finance their trip to rob a bank in Minnesota, the gang did rob a train just outside of Otterville.

On the evening of July 7, 1876, Jesse and Frank James, Cole and Bob Younger, Clell Miller, Charlie Pitts, Bill Chadwell, and Hobbs Kerry did rob a Missouri-Pacific Railroad train just east of town at an area known as Rocky Cut. It was reported that nobody was seriously injured, and the gang got away with approximately \$15,000.00 - \$20,000.00.

KIRKWOOD CHANGES

We are starting off 2022 strong with great changes at the Kirkwood branch! As of December 2021, Brad McLaury is now the area president of the Kirkwood branch. Coming from the Festus branch, assistant vice president, Jonathan Schwartz has also joined our team. Additionally, Indea Lewis, who started as a float teller last May, has been promoted to Universal Banker as she has stepped up tremendously over the last few months. Finally, we have a new face to add to our Midwest Regional Bank family, Daniel Byrne. Daniel started in December of 2021 as a teller here in Kirkwood. We are excited for what 2022 has in store for our branch!

