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Columbus Bank and Trust Company announces leadership changes

COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA - Columbus Bank and Trust Company is celebrating its 90 years of service to its customers and community with a leadership transition.

In line with this tradition of growth and service, Columbus Bank and Trust Company is excited to announce Jeff Johnson, who has served as president since 2013, has transitioned into the role of Chairman and CEO.

With more than 45 years of experience and leadership in the banking industry, Jeff Johnson said he has seen things evolve throughout the decades with the advancement of technology. But he stressed Columbus Bank and Trust Company's commitment to its community has been and will remain constant.

"Columbus Bank has greatly changed over the past quarter century, but one thing hasn't changed and that is the dedication of staff in providing financial solutions to the Bank's clients," Jeff Johnson said. "For 90 years Columbus Bank has been a locally owned, financial institution. Columbus Bank has remained this way due to the simple Mission statement of the Bank: 'Customer Focused, Community Minded and Locally Owned.'"

Simultaneously, Joshua Johnson has been promoted to the position of President and Chief Operating Officer (COO). The changes took effect Jan. 1, 2025.

“I am honored to accept the role of President and Chief Operating Officer and grateful for the trust placed in me,” Joshua Johnson said. “Our bank has a strong tradition of service, values, and community commitment, and I am dedicated to continuing that legacy.”

Both men have been active community members through various boards and initiatives. Joshua Johnson said he and the rest of the Columbus Bank team will continue to be dedicated to their community.

“I have seen firsthand the importance of a strong, community-focused bank,” he said. “My goal is to uphold these traditions while ensuring we remain efficient, flexible and always ahead of our customers’ needs. I look forward to working with our team and community to build on our success and shape a bright future together.”

Columbus Bank is a locally owned, hometown bank that originally opened its doors on Feb. 2, 1935, and has remained in local ownership for more than 90 years. The original owners were

R.V. Prokop, J.H. Moeller, and W.E. Barkley. The Bradley Family took ownership in 1938 and retained ownership until July of 2013 when a local group of investors purchased the bank appointing Jeff Johnson as President and Chairman of the Board.

Columbus Bank and Trust Company’s mission is to be a locally owned, hometown bank, providing a wide range of exceptional financial services that meet the needs of our customers through our dedicated, knowledgeable and courteous employees.

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