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Dear Stockgrowers Friends,

We are excited to bring you the second issue of our Stockgrowers State Bank Newsletter! Over the summer we participated in all sorts of fun activities, from fair fiestas and fireworks to vacations and ball games, we sure had a blast and hope you did too! The summer always seems to fly by though, and we are already a couple months into another school year.

As we start to clean up those falling leaves and plan trips to all those football games, make sure to take a few minutes to relax in the crisp coolness of the season. With big turkey dinners, fun family gatherings and holiday movie marathons right around the corner, there is a lot to look forward to in the next few weeks! As always, we are here to help you, so if you have any questions about your financial needs and wellness just reach out!

- Stockgrowers State Bank Staff

Wabaunsee County Fair

Summer time is fair time, and fair time is a great time! We had so much fun at this year's Wabaunsee County 4-H Fair. We loved the fair theme and our fair committee ran with it...we are always prepared to "Taco 'Bout Hometown Banking". In addition to having a fun time with the fair, we also supported over 35 kids in local 4-H livestock sales at the Wabaunsee County Fair, Shawnee County Fair and Overbrook (Osage) County Fair. We are lucky to have so many wonderful young persons in our communities, they show us the epitome of hard work, dedication, strength, intelligence, empathy, and humility. Thank you to all who came out to support our youth!



Photo by Clint Michaelis

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Community Calendar



- November 11 - Veteran's Day (Bank Closed)
- November 24 - Thanksgiving Day (Bank Closed)
- November 25 - Black Friday (Open 8a-12p)
- November 26 - Santa Visits Alma
- December 5 - Santa Visits Maple Hill
- December 24 - Christmas Eve
- December 25 - Christmas Day
- December 26 - Christmas Observed (Bank Closed)
- December 31 - New Years Eve

Employee Spotlight



Lori Klein

Loan Officer & Universal Banker - Silver Lake Branch

Lori joined Stockgrowers in 2020 as a Loan Officer and Universal Banker, having worked in the banking industry for over 25 years. Her favorite part of banking is the customers she meets and friendships that she gets to have in the banking industry! Lori has met some of the best people through banking and continues a lot of relationships that all started in the financial institution. Lori was born and raised in Silver Lake and loves the town because it is a small community where you know most everyone. She loves to spend time with her kids and extended family and friends. Lori also enjoys crafting and spending time in her yard.

Rebecca Willier

Universal Banker - Maple Hill Branch

Rebecca joined Stockgrowers in the summer of 2022 as a Universal Banker at our Maple Hill location. She spent most of her life in Wabaunsee County, growing up in Alma and graduating Wabaunsee High School. In her first few months at Stockgrowers, Rebecca has enjoyed getting to know the customers, especially the regulars, and learning more about the local community. One of her favorite parts about working at Stockgrowers is the dedicated and detailed research we give to each problem that pops up. Rebecca said if she could give advice to her younger self it would be to start saving money early and don't be afraid to start over. In her free time, she enjoys watching reruns of Criminal Minds, reading, spending time with family, and finding a great deal thrifting!



Nom, Nom, Nom...



Slow-Cooker Chocolate Lava Cake

Submitted by Tina Turner

1 box Betty Crocker Super Moist triple chocolate fudge cake mix
1 1/4 cups milk
1/2 cup vegetable oil
3 eggs

Topping

1 box (4-serving size) instant chocolate pudding and pie filling mix
2 cups milk
1 bag (12 oz) milk chocolate chips (2 cups)

Steps:

- Spray 6-quart slow cooker with cooking spray.
- In large bowl, beat cake ingredients with electric mixer as directed on cake mix box. Pour into slow cooker.
- In medium bowl, beat pudding mix and 2 cups milk with whisk as directed on box. Pour into slow cooker over cake batter. Do not mix. Sprinkle chocolate chips over top.
- Cover; cook on low heat setting 2 hours 30 minutes to 3 hours or until cake is set and pudding is beginning to bubble out of cake.
- Serve with ice cream. (Optional)



Creamy White Chili

Submitted by Nina Imthurn

7 Servings Prep: 10 Min Cook: 40 Min

Ingredients

1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1/2 inch cubes
1 medium onion, chopped
1-1/2 t. garlic powder
1 T. canola oil
2 cans (15-1/2 oz each) great northern beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (14-1/2 oz) chicken broth
2 can (4oz. each) chopped green chilies
1 t. salt
1 t. ground cumin
1 t. dried oregano
1/2 t. pepper
1/4 t. cayenne pepper
1 c. (8 oz.) sour cream
1/2 c. heavy whipping cream

Directions:

- In a large saucepan, sauté chicken, onion and garlic powder in oil until chicken is no longer pink.
- Add beans, broth, chilies, and seasonings.
- Bring to a boil.
- Reduce heat: simmer uncovered for 30 min.
- Remove from heat.
- Stir in sour cream and cream.
- Serve with pepper jack cheese on the side.

Community Events & Activities

We were able to sponsor and participate in many events over the last few months! We always have a blast supporting our local communities, schools, friends, customers, and organizations!

Wabaunsee County 4-H Fair and Tractor Pedal Pull, Paxico Blues Festival, WHS Homecoming Parade, Flint Hills Jr. Shooters Banquet, Hot Alma Nights, Rossville Tall Corn Festival, Silver Lake Back to School Bash, St. Marys Chamber of Commerce 4th of July celebration, and McFarland 4th of July Fireworks Show!



Olivia, Heather & Rebecca at Wabaunsee Co. 4-H Fair



Lori and Jayci at Silver Lake Back to School Bash.



Social Media Privacy

The first line of defense against cyber threats is strictly limiting the personal information you share online, whether it's a credit card or bank account number, your address and phone number, or personal information. You also want to be cautious about social media comments that reflect your personal thoughts or that go into detail about your private life. Even though you're entitled to your opinions, your publicly viewable social media posts could hurt your relationships or even your career. If something that you post on social media is misconstrued, it can be difficult to clarify or apologize and could be used as a mark against you with your current or potential employers. The bottom line is that the more information about you that's out there, the more likely it can be used against you.

Public Wi-Fi networks are notoriously vulnerable to hackers.

On social media, you can help protect yourself by making full use of the privacy options. Read the descriptions of each option carefully, and turn off access to your identity in as many ways as you can. Here are some more guidelines:

- Restrict who can request to be your friend or follow you on social media. This form of caution helps you prevent colleagues and other professional acquaintances from learning too much about your personal life.
- Don't automatically accept friend requests from people you don't know. Once you do, your pictures and information that were not public can now be seen by your new friend.
- Protect your tweets and posts from search engines, and only make them visible to your followers. But remember that followers can screenshot what you write, even if they can't retweet it.
- Don't link your different social media accounts. When you link accounts, you're sharing your data, especially your personal data, in an exponentially more widespread way. This spread of data makes the job of phishers much easier, as your personal posts may include information about things that could be used as passwords (such as birthdays or pet names), data about where you bank and shop, and other seemingly harmless personal facts that could be used to locate you.
- As a rule, never post anything you don't want the world to read.

Learn more cybersecurity tips and tricks at <https://stockgrowers.banzai.org/wellness/resources/cyber-security>

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Congratulations on your retirement Nina!



After 23 years, Nina Imthurn retired from Stockgrowers State Bank on June 17th. Nina joined Stockgrowers in 1998 and served as a dedicated Teller, Customer Service Representative, and Head Teller over her 23 years. She plans to continue to be very active in the community with church, 4-H, the library and the rodeo. We will miss having Nina work with us but sure do wish her the best as she begins her retirement journey!



Gear Up For Holiday Shopping

Happy Holidays! **Feliz Navidad!** Merry Christmas! **Santa is coming!**

You made your list, you've checked it twice, and now you're ready to buy something nice! But wait, before you make any purchase, you need to make sure you have a plan. Many people love receiving gifts, but giving them can also bring a lot of joy as well. Just don't get caught giving more than you can afford. Below are a few ways to help make the shopping season more enjoyable.

1. Create a budget & stick to it.

Know how much you can afford to spend. It helps make the buying process more fun because you're not taking the time to decide on each and every item.

2. Know how you will purchase; will you use cash, debit card, check, or credit card?

Having your payment planned ahead takes away the opportunity for overspending or buying something that might not be on your list. You may also need to increase your card spending limits for the day.

3. Consider the best time to buy.

Often times there are sales prior to the holidays, and most retailers run special sales or discounts even before Black Friday or Cyber Monday. Also, be sure to give yourself enough time to receive the gift and wrap it before you need to give it away.

4. Have a LARGE purchase to make?

Do you have a big item to buy, like a new car or maybe some tools or piece of equipment for the shop? When it comes to big purchases, make sure you get all the details and if you need financing, make sure to talk to our loan officers in advance.

As always, be diligent in tracking your spending and be on the look out for scams or fraudulent links if you are doing any shopping online. These basic tips can also be used on other times throughout the year, such as weddings, birthdays, and showers. We hope these tips help you enjoy the holiday giving season!



*Holiday Open House
is set for
December 2, 2022*

**Stop by for grab 'n go treats and drinks
to celebrate the Holiday season!**

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