



# Knowing What Counts



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## From Gregg's Desk: *Insights by Rushville State Bank's CEO*

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of those who perished in the accident on March 11. We also remember our local law enforcement officials, first responders, bus drivers, students, teachers, school administrators and employees, and our community. The outpouring of support from within our community, state and throughout the country has been overwhelming. We will continue to remember all of those affected by this tragedy with our prayers.

Each April we celebrate Community Banking Week in Illinois. Why are we proud to be a Community Bank? Because we believe banking is a people business first. Our entire staff is dedicated to providing you with the best possible banking services and technologies, and want to help you make the most of every financial opportunity. In addition, we have committed 100%

of our focus to Schuyler County and this area. Our success is dependent on your success, and we truly appreciate your continued support.

In this edition of "Knowing What Counts" you will see more exciting employee news, as we welcome Alaina Heitz to our team and announce the well-deserved promotion of Kelly Greene to President of Rushville State Bank. We also share our Rushville State Bank Scholarship recipients along with information on all of the scholarships available through our Trust and Investment Center.

Memorial Day, a day of remembrance for those who have died serving our nation, will be observed on Monday, May 27. Please be sure to take time to give thanks for those who made this sacrifice.

Have a safe spring!

*~ Gregg Roegge  
– CEO, Rushville State Bank*

## CBAI Celebrates 50 Years

April marks the 34th annual Community Banking Month – but it also marks the 50th anniversary of the Community Bankers Association of Illinois, or CBAI!

The CBAI has been supporting and promoting community banks like Rushville State Bank since 1974, and we are proud to be a member of this amazing organization.

As part of Community Banking Week, visit us on **April 12** for our annual **Customer Appreciation Day!**



# Meet This Year's Scholarship Essay Winners

Rushville State Bank is proud to announce that the winners of the Bank's 2024 essay competition are the following RIHS Seniors: Paige Ackman, Carson Belville, Ainsley Trone, and Elizabeth Corrie. Pictured with the winners are RSB employees Hannah Spencer and Isaac Goodrich.

The scholarship contest, sponsored by the Community Bankers Association of Illinois, required applicants to answer the question, "What is a community bank and how does it affect the economy?".

Paige Ackman, daughter of Jason and Christy Ackman, plans to attend Southwestern Illinois Community College and major in Baking and Pastry Arts and Business; Carson Belville, son of Dennis and Terri Belville, plans to attend McKendree University, to become a Fisheries Biologist; Ainsley Trone, daughter of Deano and Courtney Trone, plans to attend Quincy University to major in Radiology; and Elizabeth Corrie, daughter of Ryan and Carey Corrie plans to attend the University of Missouri to major in Horticulture and Landscape Design.

The essay applications will be forwarded to the state-wide CBAI scholarship program for additional consideration. The Rushville State Bank \$500 scholarships will be officially awarded at the Rushville-Industry High



*Pictured (left to right): Rushville State Bank employee Hannah Spencer; scholarship winners Paige Ackman, Carson Belville, Ainsley Trone, and Elizabeth Corrie; Rushville State Bank employee Isaac Goodrich*

School Award ceremony in May 2024. Congratulations to all of our local winners!

Many additional scholarship opportunities are available to our local students through our Trust Department. Scholarships available are detailed on the following page of this newsletter.

## Kelly Greene Promoted to President & CFO



Rushville State Bank is proud to announce the recent promotion of Kelly Greene. Kelly's position has been elevated to President and Chief Financial Officer.

Kelly joined Rushville State Bank in 2008. Her responsibilities over the years have included a number of key roles within the Bank, including accounting, teller operations, new accounts, compliance and information technology.

"Kelly has played an integral role in Rushville State Bank's growth and success since joining our organization in 2008" said Gregg Roegge, CEO of Rushville State Bank. "This promotion is a testament of her dedication to providing high quality customer service to our customers and community, and I am excited for what the future holds for Kelly and Rushville State Bank."

## Alaina Heitz Joins Trust Department



Alaina Heitz joined Rushville State Bank on February 14, 2024 as a Trust Assistant. Prior to joining the bank, she spent her career in the public and non-profit sectors.

Alaina grew up in Palestine, Illinois, but settled in West Central Illinois after receiving her B.A. from Illinois College in Jacksonville and her M.P.A. from the University of Illinois in Springfield.

Alaina has resided in Rushville since 2014 with her husband Cole, a Rushville native, and their daughters Lily, a freshman at RIHS, and Lucy, a sixth grader at SIMS. Outside of work, she serves as the Music Director at the First Christian Church (DOC) in Springfield, Illinois and the President of the Board of Directors for The Hub - Arts and Cultural Center in Rushville.

We all join in welcoming Alaina to the Trust Department and look forward to working with her.

# Check out our Trust Department for 2024 Scholarship Opportunities

The Rushville State Bank Trust Department administers many scholarship programs through several foundations and charitable trusts. Application forms for 2024 are now available.

The Schuyler County Community Foundation offers these scholarships for 2024 high school graduates:

- A Country Man's Scholarship: any vocational/trade program or a four-year agricultural program.
- Astoria Alumni Scholarship: any institution and any major.
- Class of 1975 Memorial Scholarship: one in any career/technical field and one in any major.
- Donna Dace Stephens Scholarship: education major up to four years.
- Joshua "J PHIL" Phillips Memorial Athletic Scholarship: athletics participants in any post-secondary field.
- Judge Ramon M. Escapa Memorial Scholarship: any institution and any major.
- Late Knight Cruisers Car Club Scholarship: fields of automotive technology, automotive collision technology, or diesel tractor technology, with other career fields considered.
- Nancy Albers Memorial CNA & LPN Scholarship: any age.
- Rocket Booster Club Scholarship: athletics participant in any post-secondary field.
- Roger's Bakery Culinary Arts Scholarship: culinary arts, baking fields, or other vocational field if approved.
- Schuyler Jail Museum Arthur, Carrie, and Mardelle Hinners Scholarship: any field.
- Virginia and Michael Nosik Memorial Scholarship for Young Women in Science: science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) fields.
- Wayne Tomlinson Memorial Ag Scholarship: certificate, two-year, or four-year degree in an agriculture-related field.
- Rozane Williams FFA Scholarships for Brown County High School graduating seniors who were an active member of FFA (Future Farmers of America) for two years at BCHS: Career & Technical Scholarship and College Scholarship for bachelor's degree students.

The Schuyler County Community Foundation offers these scholarships for college students of any age:

- Nancy Albers Memorial CNA & LPN Scholarship: any age.
- Karen Kay McCombs Future Educator Scholarship: college junior, college senior, or graduate student education majors attending Western Illinois University or Monmouth College.
- Schuyler Jail Museum Arthur, Carrie, and Mardelle Hinners Scholarship: any field.



- Virginia and Michael Nosik Memorial Scholarship for Young Women in Science: science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) fields.
- Wayne Tomlinson Memorial Ag Scholarship: certificate, two-year, or four-year degree in an agriculture-related field.
- Rozane Williams FFA Scholarships for Brown County High School graduates who were an active member of FFA (Future Farmers of America) for two years at BCHS. Agriculture Education Scholarship for college juniors or seniors and College Scholarship for prior recipients who are college sophomores, juniors, or seniors.

Scholarships through the Oleathe H. Kelly and Maxine Kelly Trust are for current and past RIHS graduates in any vocational, undergraduate, or graduate degree program.

Scholarships available through the Schuyler County Education Foundation are:

- A Hand Up Scholarship: a graduating senior pursuing a major in some type of trade at any community college, institute of technology, vocational school, or trade school.
- Michael Lee Ward Scholarship: RIHS senior or past graduate enrolled at the University of Illinois majoring in a STEM major, including mathematics, the sciences, engineering, architecture, or technology.
- Victor "Vic" Wood Memorial Scholarship: RIHS graduating senior majoring in education.

For applications and additional information, please contact either the Rushville State Bank Trust Department or the appropriate High School office. Many of the awards will be announced during the Rushville-Industry High School Awards Ceremony on May 14.

One final 2024 Schuyler County Education Foundation scholarship application is available starting May 29. The Ruth Hollenback Scholarship is for any Schuyler County applicant in post-secondary education for up to four years. An announcement will be made in The Rushville Times and on Rushville State Bank media.



# Calendar of Events

Visit [RushvilleStateBank.com](http://RushvilleStateBank.com) for more community events!

- April 1 ..... April Fool's Day
- April 7-13 ..... Community Banking Week
- April 12 ..... Customer Appreciation Day
- April 12 ..... Schuyler-Industry Schools Teacher's Institute
- April 15 ..... Tax Day
- April 26 ..... Schuyler-Industry Schools SIP Day half day
- April 27 ..... Rushville-Industry High School Prom
- May 3 ..... Schuyler Ag Committee Ag Day on the Square
- May 3 ..... SIMS Spring Party
- May 12 ..... Mother's Day
- May 16 ..... Schuyler-Industry Middle School Graduation
- May 19 ..... Rushville-Industry High School Graduation and Baccalaureate
- May 22 ..... Schuyler-Industry Schools Last Day of Student Attendance (tentative)
- May 27 ..... Memorial Day Holiday (Rushville State Bank closed)
- June 7 ..... CMH – Dr. Russell R. Dohner Memorial Golf Outing
- June 14 ..... Flag Day
- June 16 ..... Father's Day
- June 20 ..... First Day of Summer
- June 29 - July 4 ..... Schuyler County Fair



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