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ICBA and Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company: **Community Banks Power Local Communities**



In honor of Community Banking Month in April, Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company and the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) are highlighting community bank efforts to power local communities and fuel economic prosperity for Americans nationwide.

"As a financial provider deeply rooted in the Dubois, Daviess, Gibson, and Orange County communities, we

leverage our local insights and financial acumen to help residents reach their financial goals," Craig Buse, President at Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company said. "At Springs Valley, we not only apply personalized banking solutions, but we contribute to vital causes that positively impact the community. We invite you to visit our Banking Centers and discover how Springs Valley can meet your unique banking needs – whether you're embarking on your financial journey or are already established."

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Collectively, community banks give more than 60% of all small-business loans and more than 80% of agriculture loans nationwide and contribute tax dollars that help maintain local municipalities. Community banks:

- **Are favored by small businesses, earning a 81% net satisfaction score compared to 68% for large banks, 62% for finance companies and 48% for online lenders.**
- **Are committed lenders with loan growth that has outpaced noncommunity banks for a decade.**
- **Offer high-touch, high-tech service. This gives consumers access to modern-day conveniences and technical capabilities while maintaining the personal service for which community banks are known.**
- **Have a track record in helping underserved Americans by providing greater flexibility to low-income and minority borrowers. Community banks serve 93% of majority-minority communities and 96% of low-income designated counties.**
- **Give back to their communities. Civic service is a way of life for community bankers as reflected in ICBA's National Community Bank Service Awards.**

"Embracing the mantle of financial stewards, community banks cater to their customers' distinct financing needs as a cornerstone of their business philosophy for cultivating satisfied, life-long relationships," ICBA President and CEO Rebeca Romero Rainey said. "ICBA takes pride in representing these community-centric servants, championing their dedication to empowering local communities – one loan, one customer at a time."

For more facts about community banks: <https://www.icba.org/bank-locally>. Follow the ICBA Community Banking Month conversation on social media with the **#BankLocally** and **#CommunityBankingMonth** hashtags.



Welcome To Our Team!

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Welcome

Aubrey C. Wininger

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We're pleased to announce
the newest member of
our Springs Valley team.

*Welcome to the
team Aubrey!*



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Brooke Parks

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We're pleased to announce
the newest member of
our Springs Valley team.

*Welcome to the
team Brooke!*



Congrats on your years of service!

Celebrating
5 Years of Service!

Kasi Sanders



“Five years of growth, learning, and thriving under SVB&T! The visionary leadership has shaped my professional journeys. Thank you for the opportunities, support, and a workplace where innovation meets encouragement. When I started as an ITM Specialist, I was able to show my strengths and grow quickly. Here's to five remarkable years together!”

Kasi

Congrats Kasi!



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Renee Nord



“I joined Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company in 2019 as a Financial Advisory Group Operations Specialist and was promoted to my current Trust Compliance Specialist role in September 2022. What I love about working at Springs Valley Bank and my role is being part of a great team that plays an important role in the financial well-being of our clients. I enjoy the new challenges and growth opportunities each day.”

Renee

Congrats Renee!



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Megan Welp



“I joined Springs Valley Bank & Trust in 2019 as a System Analyst. I spent 3 years learning all the ins and outs of the bank from operations to loans to deposits. When the position became available in early 2022, I transferred to the accounting/finance department, and I am currently a financial analyst for the bank. I enjoy working with a group of individuals who support and encourage each other daily.”

Megan

Congrats Megan!



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Natalie Smith



“I have been a mortgage loan officer with Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company for five years now. I've enjoyed helping individuals and families achieve their dreams of homeownership. I look forward to many more years of working towards Springs Valley's mission of enhancing the financial quality of life in Daviess County!”

Natalie

Congrats Natalie!



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Leah Bledsoe retires after 21 years at Springs Valley

On March 31, 2024, after 21 years of service, Leah Bledsoe retired from Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company, leaving behind a familiar presence that will be missed by both customers and colleagues.



Leah graduated from Springs Valley High School in French Lick, Indiana. She began her career as a Teller on January 6, 2003, since then she had worked her way up to a Universal Banker position.

"I will miss seeing my friends and the customers every day!"

"Leah's attitude and dedication is a great example for all of us. My wish for Leah is that she has a happy, healthy, and relaxing retirement. Thank you, Leah, for all that you have done for Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company & for me personally," said Deanna Linne, Universal Banker. "We will miss you immensely. Enjoy your retirement, you've earned it!"

Leah and her husband David reside in French Lick. Leah and David have one (1) son, David James, and two (2) grandchildren. Leah is a certificate holder of the Orange County Community Leadership program. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, reading, and refinishing antiques.

"I have made many friends in the years I have worked here at Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company," said Leah. "I will miss seeing my friends and the customers every day!"

Tina Roach promoted to Banking Center Manager

Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company names Tina Roach Banking Center Manager of the Paoli Banking Center. Tina began her banking career with Springs Valley in 2016 as a Teller. In 2020, she accepted a Universal Banker position.

"I am proud to be employed at Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company. To work and live in the community that we serve is such a pleasure," said Tina. "I am grateful for this opportunity to continue my growth with Springs Valley, and I look forward in continuing to help our customers meet their financial needs."

Tina is a graduate of Orleans High School & lifelong resident of Orleans. She is a member of Orleans Tri Kappa & involved in community events. She loves spending time with her family, attending sporting events & concerts. Her happy place is next to the pool or at a baseball game.

"Tina's commitment to Springs Valley shines through with her dedication to putting the customer first always. With her hometown values and being locally known in the community, I know she

will excel on this exciting new career path," said Chelsey Bell, Assistant Vice President & Deposit Manager. "I look forward to working alongside her to build and develop existing and new relationships within and surrounding Orange County."



Tina can be reached at **812.936.5644** or **troach@svbt.bank**.

Deanna Linne promoted to Banking Center Manager

Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company names Deanna Linne Banking Center Manager of the Valley Banking Center. Deanna began her banking career with Springs Valley in 2020 as a Universal Banker.

"I look forward to this new challenge and enjoy helping others with their financial needs and goals. I pride myself in treating my customers with respect and keeping their best interest as my top priority," said Deanna. "I am grateful for Springs Valley Bank & Trust and the confidence they have shown in me to serve Orange County as Banking Center Manager."

Deanna graduated from the University of Phoenix with an associate degree in Healthcare Administration. She is the Treasurer at St John's Lutheran Church Dubois Crossroads. She enjoys spending time with her family and her puppies, hiking, and reading.

"I knew, after only a few months working with Deanna when she first started at Springs Valley in 2020, that she eventually would take over the position of the Valley Banking Center Manager. I have thoroughly enjoyed

training and working with Deanna on her journey from learning new accounts, to doing consumer loans, to now being on the management path" said Chelsey Bell, Assistant Vice President & Deposit Manager.

"From the start, Deanna has impressed me with her excellent customer service and her true compassion for helping people financially, professionally, and personally. This promotion is much deserved, and I look forward to working alongside Deanna as she excels in this new role."

Deanna can be reached at **812.936.5624** or **dlinne@svbt.bank**.



Kayla Dant promoted to Banking Center Manager

Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company names Kayla Dant Banking Center Manager of the Princeton Banking Center. Kayla began her banking career with Springs Valley in 2021 as a Personal Banker. In July of 2022 she was promoted to Universal Banker.

"I am beyond grateful for the opportunities, encouragement, and support I have received while growing my career at Springs Valley," said Kayla. "It is an honor to be promoted to Banking Center Manager and I cannot wait to see what the future holds."

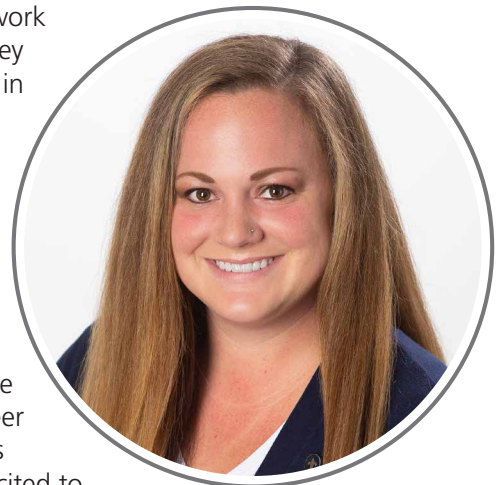
Kayla graduated from Loogootee Jr/Sr High School in 2010. She currently resides on the Pike/Gibson County line with her daughter Hannah and 2 dogs, Coco and Beau. She enjoys watching her daughter play softball and is excited for Hannah to begin her first year in 4-H. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, camping, and spending time with family and friends.

"Kayla has shown true initiative in taking on the role as Banking Center Manager of the Princeton Banking Center.

She values teamwork and has been a key driver and leader in the development of her team."

said Chelsey Bell, Assistant Vice President & Deposit Manager. "I look forward to working alongside Kayla on her career path with Springs Valley and am excited to see the growth and connections she develops in the Gibson County community."

Kayla can be reached at **812.635.5029** or **kdant@svbt.bank**.



Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company Named **IBA Five Star Member**

Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company has been honored as a Five Star Member of the Indiana Bankers Association (IBA). The award was presented on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, by Dax Denton, IBA Chief Policy Officer, in recognition of Springs Valley's Association involvement throughout 2023.

The Five Star Member designation recognizes those IBA-member banks which demonstrate outstanding commitment to the Association in five areas: political awareness, issues advocacy, life-long learning, IBA volunteerism, and Preferred Service Provider utilization.

The Indiana Bankers Association supports Indiana banking through issues analysis, professional education, and products and services that enhance member banks' ability to serve their communities.



Pictured from left: Ryan Heim (Springs Valley), SEVP & CFO, Dianna Land (Springs Valley), SEVP & HR & Marketing Manager, J. Craig Buse (Springs Valley), President, Jamie R. Shinabarger (Springs Valley), CEO, Marty Kaiser (Springs Valley), SEVP & Financial Advisory Group Manager, Dax Denton (IBA), Chief Policy Officer.



Ken Schnaus,
VP & Business
Banker


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