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Thoughts on CFPB, the U.S. Postal Service and data security

I am honored to have the opportunity during 2014 to serve as your Bank Holding Company Association president. Douglas Farmer did a great job last year, and I appreciate the heavy lifting he did to prepare the way for my service this year.

At United Bankers Bank, we find the BHCA to be a very useful membership and we look forward to supporting the organization in the coming year. I hope to see you at our seminars, which are scheduled for May 5-6 and Oct. 6-7. Both are set for the Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel in Bloomington, Minn.

There are three items in the industry news recently that I think deserve comment. The first has to do with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The numerous rules and regulations to come out of that agency are troubling enough, but what really caught my attention was the amount of money the agency is spending to remodel a downtown Washington, D.C. building to serve as its headquarters. The CFPB plans to move into the old OTS building near the FDIC and the White House. During a January hearing, U.S. Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-TX) asked Director Richard Cordray why the CFPB is spending \$483 per



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square foot to renovate the building. This compares to a typical renovation rate on a luxury commercial office building of about \$150 per square foot. Cordray said the renovation will prepare the building for many years of service.

The issue here is perception; spending that kind of money shows insensitivity to their surroundings. Most community bankers work hard to resist spending which puts them grossly out of step with their communities. I know many bankers who can afford to drive very nice cars but they choose to drive modest vehicles because they don't want to be insensitive to the people in their communities. At the CFPB, excessive spending is particularly repugnant given the insular way the bureau is funded. At least if the bureau's budget were approved by Congress, there could be a little more effective oversight. But with its funding coming directly from the Federal Reserve, the public doesn't really get any say in the matter. This is just one more example of why the CFPB needs additional oversight.

Another item that has got me shaking my head recently is the notion of the U.S. Postal Service getting into financial services. The idea has been suggested because it supposedly will generate income for a service that has been running in the red for years. Sen. Elizabeth Warren has called it a good idea and others are considering it. But let's be realistic. This is a terrible idea. This is just a backdoor way for the government to take further control of the country's financial system. The same way the government is taking over the health care system, it could take over the financial services system if we're not careful.

The U.S. Postal Service hasn't exactly demonstrated that they have cornered the market on good service. If they are having trouble delivering the mail profitably, I don't know why anyone thinks they will do better in financial services. The last thing we need is another government agency competing with banks. The taxes that bankers pay are already being used to fund the Farm Credit System and subsidize the credit union industry. Now they want to take those taxes to help create another competitor? That's a bad idea and we need to communicate that to our elected officials.

Finally, the security breach involving credit and debit cards from Target really shows the need for a new approach to sharing the responsibility on these kinds of things. The banking industry currently is shouldering most of the load, when clearly the retailers have a huge stake in this as well. The banking industry does a thorough job protecting and securing data; the less-regulated retailers should work to the same standards. And the cost of handling breaches when they occur should be fairly distributed among all the players. Interested parties should work with lawmakers to figure out a better approach. The retailers are getting off easy; the whole thing is falling on the banks.

There is not more to come, there is a lot more to come.

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Make plans to attend the Spring Seminar, May 5-6

The Bank Holding Company Association Spring Seminar is going to be a fantastic event, so please plan to attend. The theme is "Prosper to the Next Level." We have put together an event that will help you do just that. Mark your calendar for Monday and Tuesday, May 5-6, 2014 when the seminar will take place at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel in Bloomington, Minn., across from the Mall of America.

We will be presenting speakers who understand the issues community bank owners and holding company managers deal with every day. They have decades of experience and know how to share that experience in an informative and entertaining manner.

Sam Richter will open our seminar on Monday evening. Sam knows how to leverage the internet to get information that you can use to be more successful. He will share the secrets to making the most of LinkedIn, Google analytics, search tools and other web features. We've all heard a lot about the need to "mine our data" and Sam will show us that much of what we need is available at our fingertips from any computer terminal. I saw Sam's presentation a couple of years ago and was blown away by some of the things anyone can do on the internet – once someone shows you how!

Tuesday morning opens with Lynn David, president of Community Bank Consulting Services, Inc., of St. Louis. Lynn is a KPMG Peat Marwick alum who has worked in hundreds of community banks. Drawing on the best of his experience, Lynn will share practical ideas for increasing the actual franchise value of your banking organization. His strategies help banks improve performance, increase profitability, and plan for the future.

Tom Mecredy, senior vice president with Vining Sparks Community Banking Advisory Group, will describe the mergers and acquisitions environment. Tom has years of experience bringing buyers and sellers together, raising capital and working with investors in the community banking arena. He will summarize the latest trends, including mergers of equals, and share his thoughts on the best opportunities for bank owners looking to participate in the M&A marketplace.

Our luncheon speaker will be Dr. Dileep Rao who will draw on years of immersion in the world of entrepreneurship to describe a prosperous future for community bankers. He says "old school" bankers are in danger of becoming extinct and will provide a roadmap for succeeding in the 21st century. Based on interviews with highly successful, billion-dollar entrepreneurs, Dr. Rao has identified trends which have made companies like Apple and UnitedHealth industry leaders. These are trends which bankers can put to work for their own success. Dr. Rao addressed the Bank Holding Company Association several years ago and I have found him to be one of the most thoughtful speakers we have ever invited in.

Our seminar will close with an entertaining look at the sports world by WCCO television personality Mark Rosen. Drawing on decades of experience as a sports reporter, Rosen will share stories about leadership drawn from examples of both great leadership and poor leadership. After his presentation, we will give out free copies of Rosen's recently published memoir, "Best Seat in the House," to every full seminar registrant. If you are a sports fan, you will love this book. Rosen will stick around to sign your book, if you like.

As always, our seminar will include four break-out sessions on specialized topics. The breakout sessions are recorded so you can listen to them at your convenience when you get back to the office.

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can from the experts.



By Tom Bengtson BHCA Managing Director

sessions is the opportunity to network with your peers. We have built in ample time during the seminar for you to visit with your colleagues. We understand that you can learn as much from your associates as you

The seminar will conclude midafternoon, but if you are coming in from out of town, I very strongly encourage you to consider sticking around for our informal night out for dinner and a show at the Guthrie Theater in downtown Minneapolis. For the fourth year in a row, we will take a group of bankers and their guests for dinner at the fabulous Sea Change restaurant, which is located in the Guthrie Theater building. We'll get a backstage tour, which is amazingly interesting – even for someone who has done the tour several times! The show that evening is Crimes of the Heart. Imaginative and hilarious, unpredictable and moving, this play is a contemporary classic, honoring playwright Beth Henley with both a Pulitzer Prize and a New York Drama Critics Circle Award. Your separate fee covers the dinner, tour, show and transportation from the Marriott.

I want to take this opportunity in particular to thank our sponsors who make it possible for us to put together first rate seminars and keep the registration price at a reasonable level. Many of our Associate Members step up with very generous sponsorship support and we very much appreciate it!

In addition, I want to take this opportunity to thank you, our members, for making the Bank Holding Company Association what it is. For more than three decades community bank owners and holding company professionals from throughout the Upper Midwest have come together for networking and education; the industry is better off for your efforts over the years. As we move into 2014, I am pleased to report that nearly all of our members and Associate Members have renewed their memberships. This is significant as I understand there is no shortage of industry groups to join. You carefully consider how you spend every dollar and it is significant that you continue to invest in your Bank Holding Company Association membership. \square

Top 10 Best Practices to Maximize Board Performance

BOARD GOVERNANCE is more important than ever before with increasingly complex regulatory requirements, pressure on earnings, and the search for profitable growth. In an environment of both great challenges and great opportunities, the need for engaged and informed directors governing the financial institution is critical.

Below are the Top 10 best practices that will ensure your board provides the right leadership and governance for your institution:

- 1. Complete a robust strategic planning process with both board and senior management participating annually, followed up with focused execution and monitoring by the board throughout the year. The board and senior management should participate in a strategic planning process to ensure alignment with each other and to chart the course for your financial institution.
- 2. Conduct a board assessment. Has your board evaluated its performance in the areas critical for governance, including board policies, board culture, board practices, and board composition? Knowing where your board needs to enhance governance practices can be a first step in taking your governance to the next level and meeting the needs of your financial institution. A board assessment is also a valuable tool to demonstrate to the regulators and auditors the engagement and commitment of the board.
- 3. Ensure a thorough board succession planning process is in place. In planning for future board members, your board needs to consider the composition of the board in terms of the skills, expertise, and experience needed to contribute effectively to the

success of your institution. Thought should be given to specific competencies and/or experience needed that are specific to your financial institution, such as industry focus, technical areas of expertise, community relationships, market knowledge, etc. Knowing what you are looking for can also make the recruiting process easier and more focused.

- 4. Have a CEO succession plan in place and hold the CEO accountable for succession planning for key management positions. A sound succession plan for the CEO is critical so there is a smooth transition when the current CEO retires or leaves. Many financial institutions are facing transitions with aging senior management teams and pending retirements, including the CEO position. Planning ahead for this transition is important to the future success of your financial institution. A well-thought-out succession plan should also lead to sound talent management. It is a key role for the board to ensure the right talent is in place to lead the institution in the future. In addition, there should always be an emergency succession plan in place for the CEO and key management positions.
- 5. Make sure your financial institution has a sound risk management structure in place. Given the heightened scrutiny of regulators on safety and soundness, the board needs to be confident adequate risk management processes are in place. Regulators evaluate the ability of the board and management to identify, measure, monitor, and control the risks to the financial institution from existing and planned activities. Note that a risk assessment of planned activities needs

to be included in risk management, such as new product or service introductions. Consideration also should be given to the adequacy of capital, stress tests, robust capital planning, liquidity planning, and heightened expectations regarding compliance. Are audit and internal control systems adequate? Are the management information and risk-monitoring systems appropriate for your institution's size, complexity, and risk profile?

- 6. Examine your committee structure, committee charters, and election of board officers and committee chairs. Make sure the board has an adequate committee structure with well-developed committee charters in place. It is equally important to be thoughtful about how the leadership structure of the board is created, how committee chairs and officers are selected, and how board members are assigned to committees.
- 7. Be intentional about developing the culture of your board. Do board members have sufficient in-depth discussions about strategic issues? Is information communicated to the board in advance of meetings and is it the right amount of information? Are board meetings too long, or too perfunctory? Are they covering the important challenges and opportunities facing your institution? If there are conflicts, are they managed appropriately? Is authority concentrated or is there a dominate influence?
- 8. Evaluate the performance of the CEO. The boards of well-run financial institutions typically conduct a written performance review of the CEO. This is an opportunity to discuss performance against measurable goals and

By Toby Aeilts

objectives accomplished during the year. In addition, it is a time to establish measurable goals and objectives for the coming year. A thorough performance review process is also a good time to discuss development opportunities and areas for improvement. Do you have a process for evaluating the performance of the CEO on an annual basis? Are there measurable goals and objectives tied to your financial institution's strategic plan? The performance review is typically conducted by the governance committee, executive committee, compensation committee, or by the board chair with input from the rest of the board.

- 9. Put in place an adequate board orientation and education program to support the developmental needs of board members. It is important to give board members adequate support and the opportunity to develop the necessary expertise to be an effective board member. It is the board member's responsibility to spend a sufficient amount of time each year staying current on financial industry trends, regulatory and compliance requirements, institution-specific information, and to come prepared to board meetings.
- **10.** Ensure your financial institution has an updated Code of Ethics policy in place and a process for reviewing compliance on an annual basis. A whistle blower policy should also be in place. ■

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Addressing Riski Rising Interest Rates

From May 2, 2013 to June 25, 2013, the 10-year Treasury jumped 96 basis points with a 34 basis point increase the week of June 17. This grabbed the attention of nearly every community banker nationwide as their unrealized gain or loss was adversely impacted. Attention to interest rate changes and the impact to earnings and equity has always garnered regulatory and industry attention, but as the economy slowly improves and interest rate increases are realized, attention to potential rate impacts is amplified. In this environment, there are some questions community bankers should be addressing: What risks does your institution face related to interest rates, and what interest rate risk administration functions are needed to ensure senior management and the board are prepared?

Yield curve risk gaining attention

Interest rate risk is comprised of four types of risk: basis, repricing, yield curve, and options risk. All risks are relevant to all institutions, but in recent years, yield curve risk is capturing the greatest attention from the FDIC. Yield curve risk involves the changes in relationship between interest rates on different maturities for the same index or market. In a 2009 edition of "Supervisory Insights," the FDIC referenced a general level of high yield curve risk exposure using a 40 percent trigger for long term assets to total assets. Recently, institutions found the farther out purchased assets were on the yield curve, the more volatility to rising interest rates could impact capital. This is not uncommon given the exceptionally low rate

environment and institutional need for returns as net interest margins tightened.

Board members play critical role

Equally important to the quantification of interest rate risk are the interest rate risk management functions of the board of directors and senior management. Fundamentally, proper policies and procedures need to be in place to effectively articulate and execute the board's risk tolerance to changing interest rates. Quantification of this risk comes from stress test modeling. It is critical for all board members and senior management to fully understand the interest rate implications. In the past, the primary focus was how earnings would be impacted, but given the potential impact to capital, economic or market value of equity modeling becomes abundantly relevant. Stress testing of earnings and capital in rate shock scenarios up to 400 basis points is the common practice. But, the quality of the results are only as good as the assumptions management builds into the model and how well report results are understood and utilized.

Good reasons to prepare

With the interest rate increases noted in May and June, and an additional 29 basis points since June 25, some speculate the momentum of increasing rates is just getting started. Another closely monitored rate index is U.S. Prime. This rate is currently at 3.25 percent – a level unprecedented

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Clarification on TDRs, IRS Simplifies OREO Deductions

Proper handling of troubled debt restructurings and accounting for other real estate owned have been clarified by recent separate developments with the regulatory agencies and the IRS.

On Oct. 24, 2013, the federal financial institution regulatory agencies jointly issued guidance (FIL 50-2013) stating the agencies generally will not challenge financial institutions for modifying problem loans if doing so is in the best interest of both the institution and the borrower. Carefully considered workout arrangements can lead to

should be evaluated for impairment using one of three methods: cash flow, collateral less costs to sell, or observable market value. GAAP broadly defines when to use each of the impairment methods. The interagency letter provides financial institutions with additional guidance on how TDR impairment should be evaluated from a regulatory reporting standpoint. Institutions will need to evaluate their current GAAP-based policies, procedures, and financial statement disclosures to make sure they are consistent with the regulatory accounting principles

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A TDR designation means the loan is impaired for accounting purposes but does not automatically result in an adverse classification for regulatory reporting purposes. Under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (ASC 310-10-35 Impairment Measurement), a TDR is always an impaired loan and

recently issued.

The new guidance also provides further clarification surrounding the definitions, measurement, and charge-off treatment of TDRs.

Collateral-dependent TDRs

TDRs are "collateral dependent" when repayment is expected to be provided solely by the underlying collateral. This includes repayment from the proceeds from a sale, cash flow from the continued operations of the collateral, or both. For instance, a non-owner occupied loan, where

the cash flow is expected to come solely from the rental income and there are no other available and reliable repayment sources, would be considered a collateral dependent loan.

Impairment is measured by determining the fair value of the collateral less costs to sell. If the repayment is dependent only on the operation of the collateral, the fair value would not be adjusted for estimated costs to sell.

The portion of the loan balance that exceeds the fair value (less costs to sell, when applicable) of the collateral should be charged off when it is deemed to be uncollectible. However, when the potential for loss may be mitigated by the outcomes of certain pending events (like a sale), or when the amount of loss cannot be reasonably determined, the institution may record a specific allowance against the loan.

TDRs that are not collateral dependent

If repayment is expected to be provided from anticipated cash flows from the borrower's ongoing business operations, the impairment should be measured using the present value of future cash flows.

Expected cash flows should be based on a best estimate of reasonable and supportable assumptions. Contractual payments required under the terms of the loan may not be the best estimate of future cash flows. Be sure to take into account other considerations such as payment default, prepayment assumptions, and other environmental factors that may impact the borrowers' ability to repay. You may also use the loan's observable market price; however, this information is not readily available to financial institutions.

In situations where a contractual balloon payment is required, uncertainty may exist about the borrower's ability to make the payment. When there are no sources of cash flow available to make the payment at maturity, an acceptable approach is to consider the fair value of the collateral at the time of maturity. If the fair value of the collateral is greater than the balloon payment, the balloon payment should be used in the impairment calculation. If the fair value of the collateral is less than the balloon payment, use that collateral value less the costs to sell.

Amounts should be charged-off when available information about future cash flow confirms that all or a portion of the loan is uncollectible.

OREO property

On Jan. 24, 2014, the IRS issued new rules to help banks that have been required to capitalize holding costs (e.g., taxes, maintenance, and legal fees) for non-income producing other real estate owned property.

In Revenue Procedure 2014-16, the IRS simplified the process for banks to change accounting methods for acquisition and holding costs on foreclosed real property.

"This new rule means that with their next tax return — which for most banks is the year that ended December 31, 2013 — banks no longer have to capitalize OREO holding costs, and can immediately deduct previously capitalized costs. For banks that have significant capitalized OREO costs, this will be extremely beneficial," says Rod MacLachlan, a financial institutions principal with CliftonLarsonAllen.

Historically, most banks deducted the holding costs of OREO property in their tax returns as they were incurred. Several years ago, however, the IRS decided that these costs should be capitalized, unless the OREO property was income producing, such as rental property.

Many banks and their tax advisors disagreed with this assertion, but the IRS position was written into its examination guide and IRS agents across the country were forcing banks to capitalize these holding costs under audit. As a result, many community banks have had significant deferred tax deductions associated with their OREO properties that were unavailable until the properties were sold.

In February 2013, the IRS issued a Legal Advice Memorandum which changed its position, and said that OREO holding costs could be expensed as incurred after all. This did not help many banks though, since by capitalizing those OREO costs the banks had adopted an accounting method which could not be changed without IRS approval. Getting such IRS approval is expensive and time consuming, so most banks did not pursue this.

Under the new rules, a bank can now receive free and automatic consent from the IRS to change its accounting method for capitalized OREO holding costs. To do this, the bank must attach Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method, to its next income tax return and send a copy of the application to the IRS at 1973 North Rulon White Blvd, Mail Stop 4917, Ogden, UT 84404.

The change will be automatically granted if the correct procedures are followed. ■

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before 2008. Since 1960, U.S. Prime fell below 5 percent four times. In the previous three instances when rates reversed, the increases were 400 basis points in less than four years, 525 basis points in 18 months, and 350 basis points in 17 months. Past performance does not indicate future results, but community banks have reasons to prepare for these potential interest rate risk impacts. ■

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Mark Rosen: The WCCO television sports broadcaster will share observations from the winners and losers he has covered over the last four decades. Full seminar registrants will get a copy of Rosen's 2012 book "The Best Seat in the House."





Dileep Rao, Ph.D.: Is traditional banking going the way of the dinosaur? Entrepreneur, college professor, and nationally acclaimed author Dr. Rao draws on years of first-hand experience to show community banking does not have to be teetering on the verge of extinction.

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Membership dues, if applicable			Amount	\$100 million: \$500
Annual dues for <u>new members only</u> :				For bank holding companies
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Basel III: Implications for Bank Holding Companies

By Daniel R. Hanger, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

In July 2013, the federal banking agencies approved revised regulatory capital rules to help ensure that banking organizations of all sizes and risk profiles maintain strong levels of high-quality capital. In addition to applying to banks and savings associations, the rules apply to bank holding companies that are not subject to the Federal Reserve's Small BHC policy statement (generally, bank holding companies with more than \$500 million in consolidated assets, i.e., those that are required to file quarterly consolidated financial statements). This article focuses on changes from existing capital rules that could be of particular relevance to bank holding companies covered by the new rules. Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank staff want to work with institutions to ensure full compliance with the new rules. We encourage companies with questions about how to new rules may affect them to contact us well in advance of the January 1, 2015, effective date.

New Ratio: The revised capital rule provides for a new minimum capital ratio — common equity tier 1 capital to total risk weighted assets of 4.5 percent. Subpart C, section_.20(b) of the revised rule defines common equity tier 1 capital which is primarily comprised of common stock and retained earnings minus applicable regulatory capital deductions (e.g., goodwill and other intangible assets except mortgage servicing rights). Under the new rules common stock instruments must meet 13 criteria to qualify as common equity tier 1 capital. Holding companies whose capital structures include multiple classes of stock or that are comprised of "non-traditional" elements should review the instruments to ensure they satisfy these criteria. The rule also reaffirms the long standing Federal Reserve System position that voting common equity should be the dominant element within common equity tier 1 capital.

Tier 1 Capital Definition: The revised capital rule also raises the minimum tier 1 capital to risk based capital ratio from 6.0 percent to 8.0 percent. Tier 1 capital includes common equity tier 1 capital, noncumulative perpetual preferred stock, and grandfathered nonqualifying instruments. (Securities issued to the U.S. Treasury under the Troubled Asset Relief Program and the Small Business Lending Fund are included in tier 1 capital.) Subpart C, section_.20(c) defines additional tier 1 capital elements which must meet 15 criteria described in the revised rule to qualify. Holding companies planning to issue noncumulative perpetual preferred stock should ensure that the terms of the new instrument meet these criteria.

Unless grandfathered as described below, cumulative preferred stock will no longer count as tier 1 capital. For holding companies with less than \$15 billion in total consolidated assets as of December 31, 2009, grandfathered instruments include capital instruments that were issued by these institutions prior to May 19, 2010, and that are currently included in tier 1 capital, such as trust preferred securities (TruPS) and cumulative perpetual preferred stock, subject to limits. One question that is not explicitly addressed in the rule concerns the status of TruPS issued by a holding company that is acquired by another bank holding company. If the TruPS were issued before May 19, 2010 and the buyer has less than \$15 billion in assets after the acquisition, the TruPS will continue to be counted as tier 1 capital.

Tier 2 Capital Elements: As under the existing rules, the principal elements of tier 2 capital under the revised rule include cumulative perpetual preferred stock, subordinated debt and the allowance for loan and lease losses (subject to limits). However, there are changes in the criteria for these instruments to qualify for inclusion in capital. Unlike, the grandfathered elements of tier 1 capital, existing tier 2 capital instruments must meet the requirements of the revised rule once the new rule becomes effective. Federal Reserve staff believes that most existing subordinated debt qualifying for tier 2 status under the current rule will also meet the requirements of the new rule. However, there are some differences between the current and new rules worth noting. For instance, the instrument must have a minimum original maturity of at least five years rather than a minimum average maturity of five years. Additionally, a holding company's ability to redeem subordinated debt prior to maturity is more restricted. Subpart C, section_.20 (d) defines tier 2 capital elements which must meet 10 criteria described in the revised rule to qualify as tier 2 capital. Companies with outstanding subordinated debt instruments should review the terms closely to ensure they comply with the new rules.

Holding Company Transaction Report

Here are selected recent bank holding company filings with the Federal Reserve Banks of Chicago, Minneapolis, Kansas City and St. Louis.

- Main Street Bancshares, Inc., Benton, III., authorized to become a bank holding company by acquiring Grand Rivers Community Bank, Grand Chain, III.
- ▷ The Ardath K. Solsrud 2012 Irrevocable Trust and The Glenn A. Solsrud 2012 Irrevocable Trust filed to each acquire 25 percent or more of Augusta Financial Corporation, Augusta, Wis., and thereby gain control of Unity Bank, Augusta, and Unity Bank North, Red Lake Falls, Minn.
- Inc., Eau Claire, Wis., filed to become a bank holding company by acquiring Citizens Community Federal N. A., Altoona, Wis. Citizens Community Federal intends to convert from a federal savings bank to a national charter and be renamed Citizens Community Federal National Association.
- Minnesota Community Bancshares, Inc., Minneapolis, filed to become a bank holding company by acquiring Hartland Bancshares, Inc., Hartland, Minn., which owns Farmers State Bank of Hartland.
- > Stearns Financial Services, Inc., ESOP, Saint Cloud, Minn., filed to retain and acquire additional stock and increase its ownership interest up to a maximum of 26 percent of Stearns Financial Services, Inc., Saint Cloud, and thereby increase its control of Stearns Bank N.A.,

Saint Cloud; Stearns Bank of Upsala, N.A., Upsala, Minn., and Stearns Bank of Holdingford, N.A., Holdingford, Minn.

- ESOP, Peoria, III., authorized to become a bank holding company by acquiring an interest in Mid Illinois Bancorp, Inc., Peoria, and thereby acquire control of South Side Trust and Savings Bank of Peoria and to engage in extending credit and servicing loans.
- Change in control notice filed by Robert Kruse, Saint Clair, Minn., and William Miller, Saint Peter, Minn., to each acquire control of 25 percent or more of Saint Clair Agency, Inc., Saint Clair, and thereby control Saint Clair State Bank.
- ESOP, Keosauqua, Iowa, authorized to increase its ownership of Van Buren Bancorporation, Keosauqua, and thereby increase its ownership of First Iowa State Bank, Albia, Iowa, and Community First Bank, Keosauqua.
- Baylake Bank, Sturgeon Bay, Wis., authorized to acquire a branch of Community Bank & Trust, Sheboygan, Wis.
- Change in control notice filed by Mary Kathryn Fleming, Shorewood, Wis., to acquire control of 10 percent or more of Headwaters Bancorp, Inc., Land O' Lakes, Wis., and thereby control Headwaters Bank, Land O' Lakes. Also Jerry L. Olk, Land O' Lakes, and others filed to acquire or retain shares of Headwaters Bancorp., Inc., and thereby become or remain members of the Olk family control group, which controls 25 percent or more of Headwaters Bancorp., Inc.
- Central Bancshares, Inc., Golden Valley, Minn., filed to acquire First Financial Holdings, Golden Valley, Minn., and thereby acquire First National Bank and Trust, Barron, Wis.
- Citizens National Corporation, Wisner, Neb., authorized to acquire Cass County State Company, Plattsmouth, Neb., and its subsidiary, Cass County Bank, Inc.
- > First Bancshares, Inc., Mountain Grove, Mo., authorized to become a bank holding company on conversion of its sub-

sidiary savings bank, First Home Savings Bank, Mountain Grove, to a state chartered bank.

- > FSC Bancshares, Inc., Cameron, Mo., authorized to acquire St. Joseph Bancorp, Inc., St. Joseph, Mo., and its subsidiary, Midwest Federal Savings and Loan Association of St. Joseph, and thereby engage in operating a savings association.
- pany, Lake Forest, III., filed to purchase a branch in Lake Bluff, III., from Baytree National Bank & Trust Company, Lake Forest.
- > First Liberty Capital Corporation ESOP, Hugo, Colo., authorized to acquire additional shares of First Liberty Capital Corporation, Hugo, and its subsidiary, The First National Bank of Hugo.
- elected to become a financial holding company.
- ington, III., filed to acquire 25 percent or more of Blue Mound Bancshares, Inc., and thereby acquire control of The State Bank of Blue Mound, both of Blue Mound, III.
- Cornerstone Bank, York, Neb., filed to merge with The Bank of Marquette, Neb., and to establish a branch.
- ▶ Platte Valley Bank, Torrington, Wyo., authorized to merge with Tri-County Bank, Cheyenne, Wyo., and thereby establish two branches.
- DaPorte Bancorp, Inc., La Porte, Ind., has elected to become a financial holding company.
- gan, lowa, authorized to retain membership in the Federal Reserve System upon conversion to a state-chartered bank, Logan State Bank.
- Duke Financial Group, Inc., Minneapolis, filed to engage, de novo, in extending credit and servicing loans.
- > First State Bank Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb., filed to establish a mobile branch for Lancaster County and surrounding counties.
- Dawn Crane, Fosston, Minn.,

and Lorri Skeie-Campbell, Rio Rancho, N.M., filed to retain and acquire 25 percent or more of Financial Services of Winger, Inc., Winger, Minn., and thereby retain and acquire control of Ultima Bank Minnesota, Winger.

- Citizens National Corporation, Wisner, Neb., filed to acquire Cass County State Company, parent of Cass County Bank, Inc.
- ration Employee Stock Plan and Trust, Harrisburg, Neb., authorized to acquire additional shares of Banner County Ban Corporation, Harrisburg, and Banner Capital Bank.
- Inc., Grafton, N.D., authorized to acquire Great Plains National Bank, Belfield, N.D., and to acquire an interest in Great Plains National Insurance Agency, LLC, LaMoure, N.D.
- □ Geneva State Company, Geneva, Neb., authorized to acquire Riverdale Bancshares, Inc., Riverdale, Neb., and State Bank of Riverdale.
- Glenwood City, Wis., authorized to acquire Union Bank of Blair, Wis.
- Nebraska Bankshares, Inc., Farnam, Neb., authorized to acquire Stamford Banco, Inc., Stamford, Neb., and its subsidiary, Community Bank, Alma, Neb., and thereby engage in general insurance activities.
- □ Talmer Bancorp, Inc., Troy, Mich., filed to acquire Michigan Commerce Bank, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- Iowa, authorized to purchase seven branches of Liberty Bank, FSB, West Des Moines, Iowa.
- hoo, Neb., authorized to retain membership in the Federal Reserve System upon conversion from a national to a state charter.
- > Ameritas Mutual Holding Company, Lincoln, Neb.; authorized to deregister as a savings and loan holding company.

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HOLDING COMPANY, LOCATION Subsidiary Bank, Location	CONSOLIDATED ASSETS*	SUBSIDIARY ASSETS*	HOLDING COMPANY, LOCATION C Subsidiary Bank, Location	ONSOLIDATED ASSETS*	SUBSIDIA ASSETS
I.U.S. BANCORP, MINNEAPOLIS U.S. BANK, N.A. CINCINNATI, OH	364,021,000	360,478,278	23.VERMILLION BANCSHARES, INC., VERMILLION VERMILLION STATE BANK, VERMILLION	493,186	492,729
P.TCF FINANCIAL CORP., WAYZATA TCF NATIONAL BANK, SIOUX FALLS, SD BREMER FINANCIAL CORP. SAINT PAUL	18,402,494	18,396,839 8,650,905	24.WALKER BAN CO., WALKER FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WALKER, WALKER LAKES STATE BANK, PEQUOT LAKES	484,690	365,910 118,780
BREMER BANK, N.A., WILLMAR BREMER BANK, N.A., ALEXANDRIA BREMER BANK, N.A., BRAINERD		725,556 652,573 353,394	25.SECURITY BANCSHARES CO., GLENCOE SECURITY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF GLENCOE SECURITY BANK WACONIA,	455,809	274,180 178,247
BREMER BANK, N.A., MENOMONIE, WI BREMER BANK, N.A., SOUTH SAINT PAUL BREMER BANK, N.A., SAINT CLOUD		712,285 2,794,680 718,204	26.HIGHLAND BANCSHARES, INC., SAINT MICHAEL HIGHLAND BANK, SAINT MICHAEL	450,215	450,435
BREMER BANK, N.A., INTERNATIONAL FALLS BREMER BANK, N.A., GRAND FORKS, ND BREMER BANK, N.A., FARGO, ND		116,352 978,709 1,653,993	27.INDEPENDENT BANCSHARES, INC., CLARKFIELD F&M BANK MINNESOTA, CLARKFIELD GRANITE FALLS BANK	443,954	104,307 209,550
S.STEARNS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., ST. CLOUI STEARNS BANK OF HOLDINGFORD, N.A., HOLDINGFOR STEARNS BANK, N.A., SAINT CLOUD		115,576 1,481,962	SECURITY STATE BANK OF FERGUS FALLS 28.HERITAGE BANCSHARES GROUP, INC., WILLMAR HERITAGE BANK, N.A., SPICER	426,642	132,831 425,225
STEARNS BANK OF UPSALA, N.A., UPSALA FRANDSEN FINANCIAL CORP., ARDEN HILLS EDANDOEN BANK & TRUST LONGRALE	1,635,663	90,705	29.VENTURE BANCSHARES, INC., BLOOMINGTON VENTURE BANK, BLOOMINGTON	412,227	412,093
FRANDSEN BANK & TRUST, LONSDALE 5.KLEIN FINANCIAL, INC., CHASKA KLEINBANK, BIG LAKE	1,584,942	1,630,992	30.MCLEOD BANCSHARES, INC., SHOREWOOD FIRST MINNESOTA BANK, MINNETONKA	410,591	404,644
6.MINNWEST CORP., MINNETONKA MINNWEST BANK CENTRAL, MONTEVIDEO	1,545,304	302,139	31.FIDELITY HOLDING COMPANY, MINNETONKA FIDELITY BANK, EDINA 32.CITIZENS BANK GROUP, INC., SAINT JAMES	403,660 377,430	403,623
MINNWEST BANK LUVERNE MINNWEST BANK METRO, EAGAN MINNWEST BANK, M.V., REDWOOD FALLS		170,934 212,621 507,879	PIONEER BANK, MAPLETON 33.CROSSTOWN HOLDING COMPANY, BLAINE	370,503	376,995
MINNWEST BANK SIOUX FALLS, SD MINNWEST BANK SOUTH, TRACY ANCHOR BANCORP, INC., WAYZATA,	1,432,870	110,697 216,964	21ST CENTURY BANK, LORETTO 34.BORDER BANCSHARES, INC., GREENBUSH BORDER STATE BANK, GREENBUSH	360,725	358,425 358,777
ANCHOR BANK, N.A., SAINT PAUL MERCHANTS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., WINONA	1,366,017	1,431,964	35.METRO NORTH BANCSHARES, INC., ELK RIVER THE BANK OF ELK RIVER MIDWEST BANK GROUP, INC., DETROIT LAKES	357,813	355,437 354,292
MERCHANTS BANK, N.A., WINONA .MARQUETTE FIN'L. COMPANIES, MINNEAPOLIS MERIDIAN BANK, N.A., PHOENIX, AZ	1,162,078	701,231	MIDWEST BANK, DETROIT LAKES 36.NORTHEAST SECURITIES CORP., MINNEAPOLIS	347,092	343,790
MERIDIAN BANK TEXAS, FORT WORTH, TX 0.CENTRAL BANCSHARES, INC., GOLDEN VALLE CENTRAL BANK, GOLDEN VALLEY	Y 1,153,128	267,346 1,152,266	NORTHEAST BANK, MINNEAPOLIS 37.EXCELSIOR FIN'L. SERVICES, INC., SHOREWOOD BEACON BANK, SHOREWOOD	345,217	346,718 344,364
1.UNIV. FIN'L. CORP, INC. DBA SUNRISE BANKS, ST P SUNRISE BANKS, N.A., SAINT PAUL	AUL 849,617	847,415	38.N.A. CORPORATION, ROSEVILLE NORTH AMERICAN BANKING COMPANY, ROSEVILLE	344,501	342,135
2.UNITED BANKERS' BANCORP., INC., BLOOMING UNITED BANKERS BANK, BLOOMINGTON		714,933	39.CITIZENS BANCORP. OF NEW ULM, INC., NEW ULI CITIZENS BANK MINNESOTA, NEW ULM	·	344,353
3.EASTWOOD FINANCIAL CORP., ROCHESTER EASTWOOD BANK, ROCHESTER 4.215 HOLDING CO., MINNEAPOLIS	670,746	669,013	40.VFSC, INC., EDEN PRAIRIE VOYAGER BANK, EDEN PRAIRIE 41.PROFINIUM FINANCIAL HOLDINGS. INC., FAIRMOI	338,450 NT 315.829	336,941
FIRST FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK, LUV FIRST FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK, FAIF FIRST FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK OF GRAI	ERNE RMONT	165,187 95,214 48,971	PROFINIUM, INC., TRUMAN 42.AMERICAN BANCORP., MENDOTA HEIGHTS	314,627	315,578
FIRST FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK OF GRAI FIRST FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK, CANNON FALL:	SDALE	93,001 267,917	AMERICAN BANK OF SAINT PAUL, 43.STERLING FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., ROCHESTER STERLING STATE BANK, AUSTIN	310,088	312,984
5.MESABA BANCSHARES, INC., GRAND RAPIDS AMERICAN BANK OF THE NORTH, NASHWAUK THE LAKE BANK, TWO HARBORS	642,830	539,254 101,132	44.CENTRAL TRUST COMPANY, EDINA CENBANK, BUFFALO LAKE CENTRAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY, LANDER, WY	309,671	61,929 160,929
6.ALLIANCE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., SAINT P ALLIANCE BANK, LAKE CITY		597,895	GRAND MARAIS STATE BANK, GRAND MARAIS 45.REPUBLIC BANCSHARES, INC., DULUTH	306,185	81,243
7.FIRST BEMIDJI HOLDING COMPANY, BEMIDJI FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BEMIDJI B.BRIDGEWATER BANCSHARES, INC., BLOOMINGT	596,047 ON 576,266	596,047	REPUBLIC BANK, INC., DULUTH 46.LAKE ELMO BANCSHARES, INC., LAKE ELMO	305,419	306,185
BRIDGEWATER BANK, BLOOMINGTON 9.FARMERS STATE CORP., MANKATO	562,783	576,114	LAKE ELMO BANK, LAKE ELMO 47.FIRST NATIONAL FINL. SERVICES, INC., ELK RIVE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ELK RIVER, ELK RIVER	R 302,278	304,867
UNITED PRAIRIE BANK, MOUNTAIN LAKE D.FORSTROM BANCORP., INC., CLARA CITY	556,193	560,803	48.BAKKEN SECURITIES, INC., SAINT LOUIS PARK CITIZENS INDEPENDENT BANK, SAINT LOUIS PARK	300,243	299,070
CITIZENS ALLIANCE BANK, CLARA CITY FIRST BANK OF LINCOLN, LINCOLN, MT FIRST VALLEY BANK, SEELEY LAKE, MT		484,510 18,556 52,331	49.WASECA BANCSHARES, INC., WASECA ROUNDBANK, WASECA	298,946	298,904
1.FINLAYSON BANCSHARES, INC., FINLAYSON FIRST INDEPENDENT BANK, RUSSELL NORTHVIEW BANK SANDSTONE	532,868	289,997	50.GATO HOLDINGS, INC., THIEF RIVER FALLS NORTHERN STATE BANK OF THIEF RIVER FALLS 51.TYSAN CORP., MINNEAPOLIS	292,302	292,314
NORTHVIEW BANK, SANDSTONE 2.DUKE FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., MINNEAPOLIS FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SO. CALIFORNIA, RIVERSID	527,726	242,416	LAKE COMMUNITY BANK, LONG LAKE PINE COUNTRY BANK, LITTLE FALLS	200,007	113,509 166,116
PEOPLES BANK OF COMMERCE, CAMBRIDGE STATE BANK OF NEW PRAGUE		273,020 111,206	52.CHEROKEE BANCSHARES, INC., SAINT PAUL BANKCHEROKEE, SAINT PAUL	263,868	262,971

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53.WINONA BANC HOLDING CO., WINONA WINONA NATIONAL BANK, WINONA	263,223	259,943	85.RUM RIVER BANCORP., INC., MILACA FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MILACA	181,705	181,704
54.SAINT JOSEPH BANCSHARES ACQUISITIONS, INC. SENTRY BANK, SAINT JOSEPH SHERBURNE STATE BANK, BECKER	262,512	180,989 81,523	86.FARIBAULT BANCSHARES, INC., FARIBAULT STATE BANK OF FARIBAULT FARMERS & MERCHANTS AGENCY, INC., PIERZ	177,041	175,941 175,384
55.TRADITION BANCSHARES, INC., EDINA TRADITION CAPITAL BANK, EDINA	261,655	258,577	FARMERS AND MERCHANTS STATE BANK OF PIERZ 87.PLAZA AGENCY, INC., WAITE PARK	174,939	175,379
56.FREEDOM BANCORP, INC., LINDSTROM LAKE AREA BANK, LINDSTROM	260,309	259,270	PLAZA PARK STATE BANK, WAITE PARK 88.HENNING BANCSHARES, INC., HENNING	173,096	174,939
57.DEERWOOD BANCSHARES, INC., DEERWOOD FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DEERWOOD	260,016	259,861	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BATTLE LAKE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF HENNING, OTTERTAIL	170,000	69,460 103,287
58.AMERICAN BANCORP. OF MINN., INC., BRAINERD AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK OF MINNESOTA, BAXTER	253,356	252,559	89.SAINT PETER AGENCY, INC., SAINT PETER NICOLLET COUNTY BANK OF SAINT PETER	172,647	172,615
59.PERHAM STATE BANCSHARES, INC., PERHAM UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, PERHAM	251,018	249,430	90.PLAINVIEW BANKSHARES, INC., PLAINVIEW FORESIGHT BANK, PLAINVIEW	169,149	159,659
60.CENTRA VENTURES, INC., FOLEY FALCON NATIONAL BANK, FOLEY	244,089	156,245	91.VILLAGE BANCSHARES, INC., SAINT FRANCIS VILLAGE BANK, SAINT FRANCIS	165,625	165,398
STATE BANK OF RICHMOND 61.WELLS FINANCIAL CORP., WELLS	243,801	86,936	92.PROGRESSIVE GROWTH CORP., GAYLORD PROGROWTH BANK, NICOLLET	160,994	159,591
WELLS FINANCIAL CURP., WELLS WELLS FEDERAL BANK, WELLS 62.SIGNATURE BANCSHARES, INC., MINNETONKA		243,660	93.PEOPLES BANKSHARES, INC., MORA PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK OF MORA	160,931	160,511
SIGNATURE BANK, MINNETONKA 63.AMERICAN HERITAGE HOLDING CO., ST. CLOUD	240,530	240,633	94.STONEBRIDGE BANCORP., MINNEAPOLIS STONEBRIDGE BANK, MINNEAPOLIS	157,663	157,638
AMERICAN HERITAGE HOLDING CO., ST. CEOUD AMERICAN HERITAGE NATIONAL BANK, LONG PRAIRIE 64.WILCOX BANCSHARES, INC., GRAND RAPIDS	237,503	238,646	95.COMMERCE BANCSHARES, INC., EDINA COMMERCE BANK, GENEVA	156,823	156,160
GRAND RAPIDS STATE BANK, GRAND RAPIDS 65.NORTH SHORE FINANCIAL CORP., DULUTH	236,094	236,568	96.COUNTRY BANKERS, INC., BLOOMING PRAIRIE CITIZENS STATE BANK OF HAYFIELD	155,896	82,813
NORTH SHORE BANK OF COMMERCE, DULUTH		236,094	FARMERS AND MERCHANTS STATE BANK OF BLOOMING 97.HEYWOOD BANCSHARES, INC., NORTHFIELD	9 PRAIRIE 152,983	72,824
66.NORTHFIELD BANCSHARES, INC., NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY RESOURCE BANK, NORTHFIELD	235,088	237,069	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NORTHFIELD		152,733
67.SAUK CENTRE FIN'L. SERVICES, INC. MINNESOTA NATIONAL BANK, SAUK CENTRE	231,470	231,410	98.WYOMING BANCSHARES, INC., WYOMING FIRST STATE BANK OF WYOMING	152,458	152,458
68.FIRST RUSHMORE BANCORP., INC., WORTHINGTON FIRST STATE BANK SOUTHWEST, PIPESTONE	228,464	228,244	99.FINANCIAL SERVICES OF WINGER, INC., WINGER ULTIMA BANK MINNESOTA, WINGER		147,147
69.ZUMBROTA AGENCY, INC., ZUMBROTA BANK OF ZUMBROTA, ZUMBROTA	226,488	146,258	100.KANDIYOHI BANCSHARES, INC., WILLMAR HOME STATE BANK, LITCHFIELD	144,100	143,410
PINE ISLAND BANK, PINE ISLAND 70.MIDWEST BANCORP., INC., EDEN PRAIRIE	222,527	77,726	101.WESTERN BANCORP., INC., DULUTH WESTERN NATIONAL BANK, DULUTH WESTERN NATIONAL BANK OF CASS LAKE	143,380	112,784 30,596
STAR BANK, MAPLE LAKE 71.UNIVERSAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., BAYPORT	214,899	222,321	102.FARIBAULT FSL BANCORP., INC. , FARIBAULT 1ST UNITED BANK, FARIBAULT	142,789	142,789
FIRST STATE BANK AND TRUST, BAYPORT 72.PARK RAPIDS BANCSHARES, INC., PARK RAPIDS	212,841	214,529	103.PRIVATE BANCORP., INC., MINNEAPOLIS PRIVATE BANK MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS	142,522	142,257
CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF PARK RAPIDS 73.VERNON CENTER BANCSHARES, INC.	212,165	212,862	104.MILLE LACS BANCORP., INC., ONAMIA WOODLANDS NATIONAL BANK, HINCKLEY	138,740	137,502
COMMUNITY BANK MANKATO, VERNON CENTER 74.NORLO, INC., PRIOR LAKE	208,425	211,553	105.ADAMS BANCSHARES, INC., ADAMS	137,381	
PRIOR LAKE STATE BANK, PRIOR LAKE 75.PIESCO, INC. , SPRINGFIELD	206,711	205,759	UNITED FARMERS STATE BANK, ADAMS FARMERS STATE BANK OF ELKTON	FIL 420.070	84,235 53,146
CITIZENS STATE BANK, NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK OF SPRINGFIELD		85,420 119,494	106.NORTHWESTERN BANCSHARES, INC., DILWOR' NORTHWESTERN BANK, N.A., DILWORTH		135,861
76.ROSEAU REALTY CO., INC., ROSEAU CITIZENS STATE BANK OF ROSEAU	206,407	204,120	107.LAKE CENTRAL FINANCIAL, INC., ANNANDALE ANNANDALE STATE BANK, ANNANDALE	132,504	132,504
77.FIRST MINNETONKA BANCORP., INC., MINNETONKA FIRST MINNETONKA CITY BANK, MINNETONKA	201,561	201,539	108.PLATINUM BANCORP, INC., OAKDALE PLATINUM BANK, OAKDALE	132,490	132,481
78.CATTAIL BANCSHARES, INC., ATWATER CITIZENS STATE BANK OF WAVERLY, INC.	196,609	62,876	109.CORNERSTONE BANCORP., INC., LE SUEUR CORNERSTONE STATE BANK, MONTGOMERY	130,683	130,185
HARVEST BANK, KIMBALL 79.CITIZENS BANCSHARES OF HUTCHINSON, INC.	193,927	133,535	110.SECURITY STATE BANCSHARES OF BEMIDJI, IN SECURITY BANK USA, BEMIDJI		123,430
CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY, HUTCHINSON 80.WRZ BANKSHARES, INC., PLAINVIEW	193,535	193,692	111.SECURITY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., HIBBING SECURITY STATE BANK OF HIBBING		123,833
PEOPLES STATE BANK OF PLAINVIEW 81.CNB FINANCIAL CORP., LITCHFIELD	191,781	191,049	112.WADENA BANKSHARES, INC., WADENA WADENA STATE BANK, WADENA	122,193	122,184
CENTER NATIONAL BANK, LITCHFIELD 82.CROWN BANKSHARES, INC., EDINA	191,293	191,781	113.EAGLE INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC., GLENWO EAGLE BANK, GLENWOOD	OD 121,888	119,694
CROWN BANK, EDINA 83.BANCOMMUNITY SERVICE CORP., SAINT PETER	188,790	190,898	114.BANKWEST FINANCIAL, INC., ROCKFORD BANKWEST, ROCKFORD	121,855	111,886
FIRST NATIONAL BANK MINNESOTA, SAINT PETER 84.FNB BANCSHARES, INC., BLUE EARTH	186,542	188,710	115.WABASHA HOLDING CO., WABASHA FIRST STATE BANK OF WABASHA	120,750	120,692
FIRST BANK BLUE EARTH	100,072	186,538	116.FRANKSON INVESTMENT CORP., WASECA FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WASECA	120,066	120,123

Subsidiary Bank, Location	ASSETS*	ASSETS*	Subsidiary Bank, Location	ASSETS*	SUBSIDIA ASSETS
7.LAKE CRYSTAL BANCORP., INC., LAKE CRYSTA MINNSTAR BANK, N.A., LAKE CRYSTAL	L 119,939	119,602	151.M.I.F. LIMITED, CHISHOLM FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHISHOLM	82,495	82,257
B.MIDWEST BANCSHARES, INC., CHANHASSEN AMERICANA COMMUNITY BANK, SLEEPY EYE	119,531	119,531	152.SAINT CLAIR AGENCY, INC., SAINT CLAIR SAINT CLAIR STATE BANK, INC., SAINT CLAIR	82,280	82,18
PRINSBANK, PRINSBURG	119,000	119,380	153.FIRST NAT'L. AGENCY OF BAGLEY, INC., FOSST FIRST NATIONAL BANK, BAGLEY	ON 80,591	79,940
D.GATEWAY BANCORP., INC., MENDOTA HEIGHTS GATEWAY BANK, MENDOTA HEIGHTS	115,772	115,289	154.PIONEER BANK SHARES, INC., DULUTH PIONEER NATIONAL BANK OF DULUTH	79,866	79,866
1.RIVERS RIDGE HOLDING CO., EDINA BANKVISTA, SARTELL	114,994	115,346	155.MAPLE BANC SHARES, INC., MAPLE PLAIN BANK OF MAPLE PLAIN	79,681	78,87
2.KENSINGTON BANCORP., INC., KENSINGTON KENSINGTON BANK, KENSINGTON	111,834	111,658	156.JAN-MAR CORP., COLERAINE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COLERAINE	77,665	77,66
B.MARINE BANCSHARES, INC., MARINE ON ST CRO SECURITY STATE BANK OF MARINE, MARINE ON SAINT	,	110,211	157.DELANO STATE AGENCY, INC., DELANO STATE BANK OF DELANO	75,567	75,56
4.NASB SHARES, INC., BELGRADE NORTH AMERICAN STATE BANK, BELGRADE	108,896	108,385	158.PLATO HOLDINGS, INC., SAINT PAUL DRAKE BANK, SAINT PAUL	75,267	75,26
5.KANDI BANCSHARES, INC., NEW LONDON LAKE REGION BANK, NEW LONDON	108,050	108,050	159.PROVINCIAL CORP., LAKEVILLE PROVINCIAL BANK, LAKEVILLE	74,679	74,60
6.AVON BANCSHARES, INC., AVON AVON STATE BANK, AVON	105,961	105,653	160.RELIANCE BANCORP., INC., FARIBAULT RELIANCE BANK, FARIBAULT	74,623	74,62
7.NORBANC GROUP, INC., PINE RIVER PINE RIVER STATE BANK, PINE RIVER	105,499	105,506	161.WANAMINGO BANCSHARES, INC., WANAMINGO SECURITY STATE BANK OF WANAMINGO	74,123	74,12
B.BELLE PLAINE BANCORP., INC., BELLE PLAINE	104,763		162.FIRST FINANCIAL SERVICES OF MOOSE LAKE,	NC. 74,017	73,91
STATE BANK OF BELLE PLAINE 9.WEB, INC., FAIRMONT	103,726	104,763	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MOOSE LAKE 163.NOBLE BANK HOLDING COMPANY, INC., RED W	ING 73,927	<u> </u>
STATE BANK OF FAIRMONT D.DUBOIS BANKSHARES, INC., SAUK CENTRE	103,590	103,726	FIRST STATE BANK OF RED WING 164.FSB HOLDING COMPANY, INC., TRIMONT	73,638	73,92
FIRST STATE BANK OF SAUK CENTRE 1.F & M FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., PRESTON	102,441	102,127	FARMERS STATE BANK OF TRIMONT 165.TRAVERSE CTY INVESTMENT CORP., WHEATON	73,620	72,72
F&M COMMUNITY BANK, N.A., PRESTON 2.HUBBARD BANCSHARES, INC., PARK RAPIDS	101,968	102,397	STATE BANK OF WHEATON 166.FIRST STATE AGENCY OF LE CENTER, INC.	73,036	72,72
STATE BANK OF PARK RAPIDS 3.SECURITY STATE AGENCY OF AITKIN, INC.	96,994	101,918	FIRST STATE BANK OF LE CENTER 167.THE FISCHER CORP., LEWISTON	71,976	70,96
SECURITY STATE BANK OF AITKIN 4.LAKE BANK SHARES, INC., ALBERT LEA	96,399	91,692	SECURITY STATE BANK OF LEWISTON 168.GREAT NORTHERN CORP., SAINT MICHAEL	71,230	65,39
SECURITY BANK MINNESOTA, ALBERT LEA 5.FREEPORT BANCSHARES, INC., FREEPORT	95,985	96,124	GREAT NORTHERN BANK, SAINT MICHAEL 169.ORONO FINANCIAL, INC., NAVARRE	69,889	71,23
FREEPORT STATE BANK, FREEPORT 6.COMMUNITY PRIDE BANK CORP., HAM LAKE	95,855	95,984	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF THE LAKES, NAVARRE 170.KERKHOVEN BANCSHARES, INC., KERKHOVEN	68,575	69,70
COMMUNITY PRIDE BANK, ISANTI 7.JOHNSON HOLDINGS, INC., ISANTI	95,477	95,855	FINANCIAL SECURITY BANK, KERKHOVEN 171.JOHNSON BANCSHARES, INC., CHATFIELD	68,309	68,5
LANDMARK COMMUNITY BANK, N.A., ISANTI B.BANKSHARES OF HAWLEY, HAWLEY	95,093	95,247	ROOT RIVER STATE BANK, CHATFIELD 172.REMER BANCORP., INC., GRAND RAPIDS	67,505	68,3
STATE BANK OF HAWLEY		95,068	WOODLAND BANK, DEER RIVER		67,2
9.NEW RICHLAND BANCSHARES, INC. STATE BANK OF NEW RICHLAND	94,827	93,876	173.FIRST ADVANTAGE BNCSHRS., INC., COON RPD FIRST ADVANTAGE BANK, COON RAPIDS	S 66,788	66,6
D.HARTLAND BANCSHARES, INC., HARTLAND FARMERS STATE BANK OF HARTLAND	94,815	94,735	174.HIGGINS BANCORP., INC., ROSEMOUNT FIRST STATE BANK OF ROSEMOUNT		66,754 66,6
1.FIRST BANCSHARES, INC. OF COLD SPRING GRANITE COMMUNITY BANK, COLD SPRING	92,063	91,404	175.FIRST LEROY BANCORP., INC., LE ROY FIRST STATE BANK MINNESOTA, LE ROY	66,366	66,2
2.FLAGSHIP FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. , EDEN PRA FLAGSHIP BANK MINNESOTA, WAYZATA	IRIE 91,651	90,636	176.DARWIN BANCSHARES, INC., DARWIN FARMERS AND MERCHANTS STATE BANK, PAYNESVILLE	66,024	26,8
3.EITZEN INDEPENDENTS, INC., EITZEN EITZEN STATE BANK, CALEDONIA	91,099	90,830	FARMERS STATE BANK OF DARWIN 177.BIGFORK BANCSHARES, INC., BIGFORK	65,565	39,1
4.WARROAD BANCSHARES, INC., WARROAD SECURITY STATE BANK OF WARROAD	90,805	90,806	FIRST STATE BANK OF BIGFORK 178.TAUNTON BANCSHARES, INC., TAUNTON	65,327	65,5
5.MARKET BANCORP., INC., ELKO NEW MARKET NEW MARKET BANK, ELKO NEW MARKET	90,582	89,468	STATE BANK OF TAUNTON 179. OSAKIS BANCSHARES, OSAKIS	64,621	65,3
6.FIRST SO.EASTERN BANC GROUP, INC., HARMO FIRST SOUTHEAST BANK, HARMONY	ONY 90,145	89,676	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OSAKIS 180.TRIMONT BANCORP., TRIMONT		64,5 63,809
7.MAHNOMEN BANCSHARES, INC., MAHNOMEN FIRST NATIONAL BANK MAHNOMEN TWIN VALLEY	88,108	88,105	TRIUMPH STATE BANK, TRIMONT 181. JANESVILLE HOLDING COMPANY, JANESVILLE	63,671	63,7
B.MENAHGA BANCSHARES, INC., MENAHGA	87,938		JANESVILLE STATE BANK, JANESVILLE		61,36
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MENAHGA & SEBEKA D.TRAXSHARES, INC., LE CENTER	87,538	87,936	182.CROOKSTON FIN'L. SERVICES, INC., CROOKSTO CROOKSTON NATIONAL BANK, CROOKSTON		62,8
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LE CENTER D.CRSB BANCORP, INC., DELANO CROW RIVER STATE BANK, DELANO	85,846	85,156 85,846	183.CURRIE BANCORP., INC., CURRIE CURRIE STATE BANK, CURRIE	61,584	61,5

	NSOLIDATED ASSETS*	SUBSIDIARY ASSETS*	HOLDING COMPANY, LOCATION C Subsidiary Bank, Location	ONSOLIDATED ASSETS*	SUBSIDIAI ASSETS
184.NEW YORK MILLS BANCSHARES, INC. FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK OF NEW YORK M	61,218 IILLS, INC.	57,600	218.ADRIAN BUILDING CORP., ADRIAN ADRIAN ST BANK, ADRIAN	42,413	43,343
185.PALMER BANCSHARES, INC., KASSON KASSON STATE BANK, KASSON	60,644	60,644	219.INVER GROVE BANCSHARES, INC. KEY COMMUNITY BANK, INVER GROVE HEIGHTS	41,890	41,889
186.WABASSO BANCSHARES, INC., WABASSO INTEGRITY BANK PLUS, WABASSO	60,410	60,410	220.FINANCIAL SERVICES OF LOWRY, INC. LOWRY STATE BANK, LOWRY	41,792	41,786
187.NORTH STATE BANCSHARES, INC., SHAKOPEE PRIME SECURITY BANK, KARLSTAD	60,376	60,235	221.ODIN BANCSHARES, INC., ODIN ODIN STATE BANK, ODIN	41,701	41,026
188.KES BANCSHARES, INC. , VIRGINIA	58,875		222.ELYSIAN, INC., ELYSIAN	41,071	<u> </u>
NORTHERN STATE BANK OF VIRGINIA 89.FNB ACQUISITION HOLDING CO., WADENA	57,716	58,775	ELYSIAN BANK, ELYSIAN 223.NEISEN BANCSHARES, INC., WATKINS	40,991	41,071
90.RUSHFORD STATE BANCORP, INC., RUSHFORD	57,588	56,538	FARMERS STATE BANK OF WATKINS 224.RIVERLAND BANCORP., JORDAN	39,120	40,712
RUSHFORD STATE BANK, INC., RUSHFORD 91.MATSON FINANCIAL, INC., BLOMKEST	55,103	57,588	RIVERLAND BANK, JORDAN 225.LAKE PARK BANCSHARES, INC., LAKE PARK	37,716	39,120
CONCORDE BANK, BLOMKEST 92.OLMSTED BANCORP., INC., BYRON	54,541	55,092	STATE BANK OF LAKE PARK 226.FERTILE BANCSHARES, INC., FERTIL	37,484	37,614
FIRST SECURITY BANK, BYRON 93.LAKEVIEW BANCORP., INC., LAKEVILLE	54,532	54,147	FIRST STATE BANK OF FERTILE 227.MILAN AGENCY, INC., MILAN	36,317	36,672
LAKEVIEW BANK, LAKEVILLE		54,529	PRAIRIE SUN BANK, MILAN		36,302
94.MAPLE FINANCIAL HOLDING CO., CHAMPLIN MAPLE BANK, CHAMPLIN	54,045	54,126	228.VISION BANCSHARES, INC., SAINT LOUIS PARK VISIONBANK, SAINT LOUIS PARK	35,824	35,784
95.PRAIRIE BANCSHARES, INC., LESTER PRAIRIE FIRST COMMUNITY BANK, LESTER PRAIRIE	53,838	53,589	229.RANDALL BANCORP, INC., PINE RIVER RANDALL STATE BANK, RANDALL	34,491	34,491
96.UNDERWOOD BANCSHARES, INC., UNDERWOO FARMERS STATE BANK OF UNDERWOOD	D 53,592	53,389	230.HERMAN BANCSHARES, INC., HERMAN FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF HERMAN	33,927	33,759
97.ARLCO, INC., ARLINGTON ARLINGTON STATE BANK, ARLINGTON	53,569	53,538	231.HOFFMAN BANCSHARES, INC., HOFFMAN FARMERS STATE BANK OF HOFFMAN	32,664	32,559
98.LINDELL BANCSHARES, INC., COLD SPRING STATE BANK OF COLD SPRING	53,356	53,332	232.PARK BANK CORP. OF DULUTH PARK STATE BANK, DULUTH	32,609	32,585
99.COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CORP., OWATONNA COMMUNITY BANK OWATONNA,	53,124	53,122	233.SO. MINNESOTA BANCSHARES, INC., WELLS PARAGON BANK, WELLS	32,346	32,346
00.ELLINGSON CORP., KENYON SECURITY STATE BANK OF KENYON	51,792	<u> </u>	234.ASHBY BANCSHARES, INC., ASHBY	32,102	· · ·
01.VERGAS BANCORP., INC., VERGAS	49,665	51,782	FIRST STATE BANK OF ASHBY 235.EDEN VALLEY BANCSHARES, INC., EDEN VALLEY	EY 30,687	31,938
VERGAS STATE BANK, VERGAS 02.OLMSTED HOLDING CORP., ROCHESTER	49,662	49,664	STATE BANK IN EDEN VALLEY 236.MORRISTOWN HOLDING CO., EXCELSIOR	29,888	30,685
OLMSTED NATIONAL BANK, ROCHESTER 03.MPS INVESTMENT COMPANY, APPLETON	49,356	49,538	LAKE COUNTRY COMMUNITY BANK, MORRISTOWN 237.SWANVILLE BANCSHARES, INC. , SWANVILLE	29,682	29,888
FARMERS AND MERCHANTS STATE BANK OF APPLETON 04.WEST 12 BANCORP., INC., BENSON	49,246	49,351	FIRST STATE BANK OF SWANVILLE 238.FIRST NATIONAL AGENCY AT SAINT JAMES, INC	C. 29,082	29,682
STATE BANK OF DANVERS, BENSON D5.DOUGLAS CTY. BANCSHARES, INC., ALEXANDR	RIA 48,637	49,246	FIRST NATIONAL BANK AT SAINT JAMES 239,PEOPLES EQUITY CORP., WELLS	28,930	29,082
NEIGHBORHOOD NATIONAL BANK, ALEXANDRIA		47,101	PEOPLES STATE BANK OF WELLS		28,930
06.LISMORE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., LISMORE STATE BANK OF LISMORE		48,308	240.FORT RIDGELY NAT'L. BANCORP., INC., FAIRFA. FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF FAIRFAX		28,620
07.SE MINNESOTA BANCSHARES, INC., ALTURA ALTURA STATE BANK, ALTURA	48,147	48,036	241.ORMSBY BANCSHARES, INC., ORMSBY ORMSBY STATE BANK, ORMSBY	28,200	28,179
08.EMPIRE BANCSHARES, INC., COTTONWOOD UNITED SOUTHWEST BANK, COTTONWOOD	47,896	47,896	242.CARLSON BANKSHARES, INC., NEW LONDON UNITED MINNESOTA BANK, NEW LONDON	27,603	27,716
09.EQUITY BANK HOLDING CO., INC., MINNETONKA EQUITY BANK, MINNETONKA	A 47,661	47,661	243.GIBBON BANCSHARES, INC., GIBBON STATE BANK OF GIBBON	26,792	26,538
10.WEST CONCORD BANCSHARES, INC., W. CONC FARMERS STATE BANK OF WEST CONCORD	ORD 47,522	47,522	244.POE INVESTMENT CO., EXCELSIOR FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK OF SACRED HEA	26,556 ART	26,082
11.RED RIVER FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., HALSTA RED RIVER STATE BANK, HALSTAD	AD 47,339		245.MEDR BANCSHARES, INC., ERSKINE AMERICAN STATE BANK OF ERSKINE	26,339	23,874
12.KNOFF BANCSHARES, INC., COKATO	45,570	47,171	246.CYRUS BANCSHARES, INC., CYRUS	25,558	<u> </u>
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COKATO 13.FIRST FIN'L. HOLDINGS, INC., GOLDEN VALLEY	45,413	45,569	HOMETOWN COMMUNITY BANK, CYRUS 247.WELCOME BANCSHARES, INC., WELCOME	25,539	25,749
FIRST NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST, BARRON 14.CITIZENS INVESTMENT CO., INC., GLENVILLE	44,396	45,209	248.GRYGLA FINANCIAL CORP., GRYGLA	24,753	25,407
CITIZENS STATE BANK OF GLENVILLE 15.CHANDLER BANCSHARES, INC., CHANDLER	44,036	43,371	AMERICAN STATE BANK OF GRYGLA 249.BROWNS VALLEY BANCSHARES, INC.	24,326	24,753
STATE BANK OF CHANDLER 16.MCGREGOR BANCO, INC., MCGREGOR	43,703	44,019	UNION STATE BANK OF BROWNS VALLEY 250.TIMBERLAND BANCORP., BAXTER	23,958	24,326
GRAND TIMBER BANK, MCGREGOR		40,107	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BUHL-MOUNTAIN IRON		23,958
17.KRAUSE FINANCIAL, INC., WINNEBAGO FIRST FINANCIAL BANK IN WINNEBAGO	43,099	43,115	251.VAN DEUSEN BANCORP, INC., MADISON LAKE PEOPLES STATE BANK OF MADISON LAKE	23,541	23,497

HOLDING COMPANY, LOCATION C Subsidiary Bank, Location	ONSOLIDATED ASSETS*	SUBSIDIARY ASSETS*	HOLDING COMPANY, LOCATION Subsidiary Bank, Location	CONSOLIDATED ASSETS*	SUBSIDIARY ASSETS*
252.WINTHROP BANCSHARES, INC., WINTHROP WINTHROP STATE BANK, WINTHROP	23,406	23,406	259.CITIZENS STATE AGENCY OF TYLER, INC. CITIZENS STATE BANK OF TYLER, INC.	19,686	19,708
253.J&B FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC., MINNEAPOLIS RED ROCK BANK, SANBORN	3 23,004	22,815	260.KIESTER INVESTMENTS, INC., KIESTER FIRST STATE BANK OF KIESTER	19,559	19,541
254.HAMBURG FINANCIAL, INC., EXCELSIOR STATE BANK OF HAMBURG	22,279	22,104	261.HARTMAN BANCSHARES, INC., OKABENA FIRST STATE BANK OF OKABENA (INC.)	18,063	18,063
255.FOLDEN FINANCIAL CORP., HENDRICKS FIRST SECURITY BANK - HENDRICKS	21,783	21,588	262.DAKOTA FINANCIAL, INC., MARIETTA STATE BANK OF MARIETTA	14,121	14,120
256.EAGLE COMM. BANCSHARES, INC., BRKLYN P EAGLE COMMUNITY BANK, MAPLE GROVE	ARK 21,756	20,638	263.CEYLON BANCORP., INC., CEYLON STATE BANK OF CEYLON	11,686	11,685
257.NORTHERN STAR FINANCIAL, INC., MANKATO NORTHERN STAR BANK, MANKATO	20,709	20,709	264.MINNDAK BANCSHARES, INC., KENT VANTAGE BANK, KENT	11,649	11,649
258.EASTON BANCSHARES, INC., EASTON STATE BANK OF EASTON	20,277	20,277			

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 Bill J. Gotch, Myrna F. Gotch, Jennifer L. Gotch, and Brett J. Gotch, all of South Sioux City, Neb., filed to acquire voting shares of Siouxland National Corporation, and thereby acquire voting shares of Siouxland National Bank, both in South Sioux City, Neb.

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field, Minn., authorized to acquire The Citizens State Bank of Olivia, Minn.

dale, III., authorized to purchase a branch in Elmhurst, Ill., from North Shore Community Bank & Trust Company, Wilmette,

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