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FDIC Director Thomas Hoenig (center) is greeted by BHCA leadership during the group's Oct. 5 Fall Seminar at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel in Bloomington, Minn. From left are: Managing Director Tom Bengtson; Vice President Douglas Farmer, Golden Oak Bancshares, Inc., Holman, Wis.; Hoenig; board member William Rosacker, United Bankers' Bank, Bloomington, Minn., and President Bruce Ferden, Frandsen Financial, Arden Hills, Minn.

Save The Dates!

The 2013 BHCA Spring and Fall Seminars are set for the Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel in Bloomington, Minn., on Monday and Tuesday, May 6-7, and on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 3-4.

2012 was an excellent year for BHCA, leadership in place to keep trend positive

As we near the close of 2012, I look back at the year with pride as I think about the Bank Holding Company Association. We had two very successful seminars, offered numerous educational webinars, co-sponsored an informative joint program with the Independent Community Bankers of Minnesota, and turned our membership newsletter into this magazine.

Perhaps you remember our Spring Seminar, when we heard from University of Minnesota Football Coach Jerry Kill, TV personality Joe Schmit and some of the leading industry consultants in the country. Our Fall Seminar was just as compelling with powerful presentations by Col. Steve Russell and FDIC Director Thomas Hoenig. The attendance at both meetings was high (more than 220 registrants per seminar) and support from our sponsors was also noticeably strong.

Our webinars clearly are meeting a need with more than a dozen organizations purchasing a pass to all four presented so far this year. With individual registrations, we averaged about 25 people on each webinar. A separate series of three webinars set for this month caters specifically to outside directors. We look forward to making webinars a key part of the value proposition to a BHCA membership.

Membership in the BHCA is up about 15 percent this year, with 192 members, associate members and reciprocal members recorded as of Nov. 26. Membership is rising and there is still hope that we will enter the new year with more than 200 members. All of our associate members are listed on page 2; please thank them for their support when you encounter any of these firms. Also, in this edition you will see the names of members who have joined the association within the last three months. Be sure to welcome them.

At the end of this year, two of our board members will be completing their service to the BHCA. Charles Robasse of Wabasso Bancshares in Wabasso, Minn., is completing his second three-year term. Chuck served as our treasurer for part of that term. Also leaving the board at the end of the year is Douglas Jilek of Prairie Bancshares in Lester Prairie, Minn. Douglas is our immediate past president. He provided outstanding leadership for us. I will miss working directly with both Chuck and Doug.

We are fortunate to have two excellent new board members joining us on January 1. Chad Bergan of Dacotah Banks, Inc., in Aberdeen, S.D., and Randy Newman of Alerus Financial Corporation in Grand Forks, N.D., will both begin three-year terms. I know that Chad and Randy will both make positive contributions to the BHCA board and I look forward to serving with them. Active volunteer participation is essential to the success of our organization.

My service as BHCA president concludes on Dec. 31. Beginning Jan. 1, your president will be Douglas Farmer of Golden Oak Bancshares of Holmen, Wis. He has a long history of service to the association and will do an excellent job. Bill Rosacker, president of United Bankers Bank in Bloomington, Minn., will be vice president in 2013. Bill has attended hundreds of programs during his career, and he has hosted numerous industry events through his own bank. That experience should prove very valuable in his BHCA leadership role. Finally, Larry Peterson of First Financial Services, Inc., Moose Lake, Minn., has agreed to serve another year as BHCA treasurer. I will continue to serve on the board as immediate past president. I am looking forward to working with this outstanding leadership team.

It is not too early for you to mark your calendars for the 2013 seminars, which will both take place at our usual meeting place, the Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel in Bloomington, Minn., across from the Mall of America. The Spring Seminar takes place Monday and Tuesday, May 6-7, and the Fall Seminar is set for Thursday and Friday, Oct. 3-4.

Thank you for your support. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a fantastic 2013. □



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Former FDIC Chairman shares many insights in worthwhile read

If you have time to read a dense, 365-page book, I encourage you to read Sheila Bair's "Bull by the Horns: Fighting to Save Main Street from Wall Street and Wall Street from Itself." Bair provides fascinating insight into the world of bank regulation during her tenure as FDIC Chairman, 2006-2011.

I was struck by her depiction of the U.S. Department of the Treasury and its leader Tim Geithner. According to Bair, his primary regulatory objective is to preserve Citigroup. While Bair writes that she worked to end bank bailouts, she suggests that Treasury likes bailouts because it gives the government the opportunity to pick winners (Citigroup) and losers (Lehman Brothers) among troubled institutions. Although she speaks highly of Ben Bernanke, she said the Fed often sided with Treasury to protect Citi from more aggressive efforts to force it to raise capital or improve its management.

She describes TARP as a bait and switch, where Congress authorized \$700 billion to be used for the purchase of troubled assets. But as soon as TARP became law, Treasury turned it into a capital injection program. Bair opens her book with a detailed description of the historic Oct. 12, 2008 meeting at the Treasury where then-Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson handed out capital to nine institutions, with Citi getting the biggest chunk at \$25 billion. Investment banks Merrill Lynch, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley each got \$10 billion. "My strong suspicion was that they were making those capital injections to provide cover for propping up the investment banks and Citi," Bair writes.

Tension between the FDIC and Treasury also manifests itself at the regulatory level in spats with both of Treasury's financial institution regulators, the Office of Thrift Supervision and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. She describes problems at Washington Mutual that went unaddressed by the OTS. Wachovia also had problems, which she traced back to its purchase of California thrift Golden West in 2006. Bair said the regulators refused to downgrade the troubled institutions. "It was clear to me that the OCC and OTS were reluctant to downgrade their larger institutions. Downgrading a bank was, to some extent, an acknowledgment of weakness in the examination program," Bair writes. Later she writes: Comptroller "John Dugan clearly did not want the embarrassment of a major national bank being closed on his watch." Bair adds this biting insight: "Indeed, months later, after massive bailouts were required to stabilize two of his largest charters, Citigroups and BofA, he would publicly criticize community bank failures for causing losses at the FDIC while boasting that none of his major banks had been closed."

Perhaps you, like me, remember listening to Dugan at the ICBA convention in Orlando in 2010 when he commented that only 33 of the 195 banks to fail since the financial crisis were national banks, accounting for a little less than 13 percent of the cost to the Deposit Insurance Fund. I remember thinking, "yeah, but what about the

money you used to prop up Citi?" Bair was also at that convention and apparently had a similar question.

Congress, of course, phased the OTS out of existence when it merged it into the OCC in the Dodd-Frank Act.

Bair also explains how the nation's largest banks were able to create structured investment vehicles off balance sheet, where they recorded many of their mortgage-backed securities. Bair is dismayed at the OCC and the Fed for allowing Citi and others to engage in this kind of accounting, which allowed them to present rosier call report data to the public and the FDIC. Bair said that had the FDIC known the true state of their balance sheets, it would have had the authority to charge them a higher deposit insurance premium. As it was, the FDIC did not have all the facts and undercharged the biggest banks, meaning that community banks proportionately paid too much.

There are many other interesting battles she describes in this book, including efforts in the Basel III debate to raise capital requirements for the world's largest banks, or the effort to encourage mortgage servicers to modify mortgages before moving so quickly to foreclosure, or the seeming incongruity between President Obama, who seemed genuinely interested in ending bank bailouts, and his Treasury Secretary, who embraced bailouts as a key policy tool.

Bair concludes her book with a series of interesting policy proposals, things such as assessing a tax on the largest financial institutions, keeping the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and eliminating the OCC. Policy experts on the staff of the various industry trade groups and on the banking committees in Congress, I am sure, are studying these.

But for me, the lasting concept to come out of Bair's writing is her discussion of TARP and that October meeting where Treasury handed out all the money. Her summary of the entire ordeal is significant: "Looking back," she writes on page 118, "I don't think the capital investments would have been necessary if the government had had the legal tools to wind down the truly sick institutions in an orderly fashion. Citi, Merrill and AIG (which was being bailed out in a separate effort run by Treasury and the Fed) were insolvent and should have been put into our bankruptcy-like resolution process, but we didn't have the legal authority at the time."

Dodd-Frank ultimately gave the FDIC that authority; if another crisis comes, it will be interesting to see how smoothly the agency is able to use it. □



By Tom Bengtson
BHCA Managing Director

In community banking circles, Basel III is anathema

Basel III emerged an easy target for bankers and industry experts who spoke to them at the BHCA Fall Seminar conducted Oct. 4-5 in Bloomington, Minn. Former FDIC regulator Scott Polakoff called Basel III the “worst piece of regulation to ever come out of Washington,” while consultant J. Michael Woody said its certain implementation was just one more example of how regulators have chipped away at the community banking franchise. Meanwhile, FDIC Director Thomas Hoenig, an outspoken critic of the complex capital requirements that could burden many community bankers right out of business,

laid out his vision for a simplified risk assessment structure that he said would reground the industry according to its original mission.

Hoenig’s concern over Basel III extends beyond its potential effect on community bankers. From a supervisory perspective, he said, capital’s purpose is to allow bankers a cushion: “You allocate it; that is your role.” With Basel III taking a standardizing approach with all commercial banks without regard to size, the process of allocating capital becomes “too complex” for bankers — and worse for regulators. “It’s a difficult document to understand,

making it difficult to enforce,” said Hoenig, who admitted to having read the entire 900-page regulation.

“I think it’s extremely important that we change the discussion of capital to something meaningful,” Hoenig said. “Not the formulas but the tangible meaning of capital.” Hoenig proposes a return to a tangible-equity-to-tangible-assets approach. He also said the industry needs to be restructured to remove investment banking and trading activities from the safety net.

Commercial banking had been relatively stable in the period between the Great

Piegza expects fiscal cliff to have significant negative effect on U.S. economy

Austerity measures for the United States are almost a guarantee if the future unfolds according to **Lindsey Piegza’s** vision. Speaking to the Bank Holding Company Association the same day the U.S. government released a report showing a dip in the jobless rate to 7.8 percent for September — the first report revealing unemployment rates lower than 8 percent in more than three years — the FTN Financial economist said the employment picture remains disappointing. More troubling than stubborn unemployment, though, is the prospect of tumbling over the “fiscal cliff,” she said.

The Congressional Budget Office is downplaying the affect of the fiscal cliff, Piegza said, even though it admits the economy will surely fall into negative territory as a result of an expected 6 percent drop in growth. “The problem is the CBO is using a baseline of 6 percent GDP for Q1,” Piegza explained. “But we’re stuck at 2 percent growth and it’s very difficult to justify a [2013] starting point of 6 percent.

“Even if you start at a more reasonable point, say 2.5

percent, and apply 6 percent negative impact as a result of the fiscal cliff, you’re talking about a very clear negative first half with a loss of 4 percent growth,” Piegza said. The difference between the CBO’s projections and Piegza’s, in terms of lost jobs is significant — CBO says about 600,000 jobs could be lost while Piegza said the unemployment rate could spike to 15 percent with around 4 million jobs lost over a two- to three-year period, nearly half of those coming from the public sector. “There’s no monetary policy to compensate for the negative ramifications of the fiscal cliff.”

Although Congressional action to lessen the impact of the fiscal cliff seems likely, Piegza said compromise will still result in a drag on the economy. “Washington is between a rock and a hard place,” Piegza said. “They all want to put additional policies in place to stimulate the economy, yet they still want to cut the deficit, and while the American people have made jobs their No. 1 issue, they view reining in government spending to be a close second.”

Piegza ran through the numbers that account for a \$607 billion impact: \$399 billion in tax hikes coming from expiration of Bush-era tax cuts, expiration of payroll tax cuts, and expected increases due to implementation of parts of the Affordable Health Care Act. Automatic spending cuts will amount to \$208 billion, including automatic cuts to defense, Medicare and other programs.

“The Fed is essentially throwing up its hands at this point,” Piegza said. In light of the issue, monetary policy becomes moot. In a normal recovery, easing works, but it has not in this recovery, she explained. Easing has not translated into money or credit growth and Piegza called the FMOC “fractured.”

“All we’ve been doing is pushing on a string,” Piegza said. “Loan demand has not aligned with positive GDP growth and the vast majority of the loan growth we did see was to take advantage of the 100 percent accelerated depreciation and a good portion of that was for farm equipment.”

The fiscal cliff will be the

start of austerity measures in the United States, Piegza promised. Already, the negative effects are impacting growth as we approach the fourth quarter with businesses being cautious and consumers paying down debt and saving more. Piegza said to expect a different flavor of austerity measures in the United States compared to Europe. “I expect a one-time purge and then three to four quarters for recovery,” she explained.

Piegza added that she expects the Fed to continue easing; already it has extended its rate pledge from 2014 to mid-2015. The Fed’s action toward continued easing includes \$40 billion in mortgage backed securities purchases, \$45 billion in principal pre-pay reinvestment and extension of the U.S. Treasury portfolio. “The fed will have to unwind these programs slowly, probably over one to two years,” Piegza predicted. “It may be 2017 before we see a Fed in neutral stance.” ■





Depression and 1999, Hoenig explained, because deposit insurance neutralized the fear that can impact the markets. “The founders knew that we ought to keep this very narrow and so that is why we spun out activities such as investment banking, and the brokering and trading activities that are part of investment banking, outside of the safety net,” Hoenig explained. Even with the industry upheavals in the 1980s, the industry had remained relatively stable.

“In the late 1990s, because of this stability, the argument was made, ‘well everything can be brought into the safety net’ and of course, what you did was change the dynamics of the market very dramatically. If you are in the trading business without deposit insurance you can go into the market and go short, just like a hedge fund, and if the price goes up, you could make a margin call and they’d wipe you out in about a half a second. But as a commercial bank, with access to deposit insurance, you’re issued brokered deposits, your deposits are all insured, you go to the discount window and you discount various assets, you bring liquidity in to cover the margins and perhaps you double down. So you can see the risk mounting. And that is how JP Morgan found itself, because it had such access.”

Banking is designed as a vehicle to augment the payments system and for the intermediation process — not for investment banking or broker-dealer activities, Hoenig argued. “Prior to 1999, the United States had the most successful and innovative capital markets in the world,” Hoenig said. “So it doesn’t mean the end of it; I think that industry should operate outside the safety net.” Such separation would bring parity between community banks and the nation’s largest commercial banks, Hoenig insists.

When the crisis was emerging in 2007, risk-based assets to total assets was about

75 percent. “Total Tier 1 capital of the 10 largest banks was 11 percent and the tangible-equity-to-tangible-asset ratio was less than 3 percent,” Hoenig said. “In a crisis, no one cares about your future tax benefit and no one cares about your goodwill. They care about tangible equity,” Hoenig said. The result was a thin margin for error, a dangerous outcome, and a politically unpopular taxpayer bailout.

Now comes Basel III and Hoenig says it’s not the answer to avoiding the next crisis. “My concern with Basel III goes beyond its effect on you; my concern goes with the whole industry because it is not simple. The standardized approach is incredibly complicated, it’s not understandable and because of that it will be very difficult to enforce because you can go in and argue about every calculation,” Hoenig said. A return to tangible-equity-capital-to-assets is a better plan, he said, and it would open dialogue between the industry and its supervisory framework to settle two points. “I would start well above the current proposal of 3 percent,” he said. “I would start closer to 10 percent, which is close to where most community banks are.” The debate then needs to shift, he said, not just to find the right number but for the good of the industry, and to figure out a transition period adequate for banks to reach that level.

The thing that hurt growth the most in 2008 were capital ratios (tangible capital and tangible assets) at 3 percent or less, Hoenig said. “When you have a downturn in that environment your capital is gone immediately so there is no cushion and you have to implode your balance sheet to survive,” he said. “You have to have a longer term outlook in terms of capital.”

Facing the inevitable...

Hoenig’s common-sense approach to regulatory analysis, while refreshing, doesn’t guarantee bankers can expect equanimity from their field examiners. Polakoff, who spent 22 years with the FDIC before becoming a consultant for FinPro of Liberty Corner, N.J., pointed to two reports released in 2011, one by the Office of the Inspector General and the other by the General Accountability Office, that determined the “regulatory process had better outcomes when regulators took the most forceful action available.”

While Polakoff said his experience leads him to believe that is not a true statement, he admitted that examiners don’t take criticism well and they will succumb to this type of approach if they are getting beat up. “If you believe your examiner is behaving irrationally, or different from the last time they visited, this is why,” Polakoff said, adding that the problems of the post Dodd-Frank, Basel III era are exacerbated by the speed in which rules are issued or changed; he said regulators have a propensity to address financial markets with complexity. “Complexity is Basel III,” Polakoff said. “Simplicity is a better approach.”

Enterprise risk management, a single-model forward-looking CAMELS-plus approach to analyzing institutional and credit risk would be one way to help a regulator better understand your bank and neutralize potential conflicts during an exam, Polakoff explained. “We want you to self-examine your institution and from that create a storyline to give examiners,” he said. ERM allows two views of the institution: the regulator’s view and the owners’ view. “When you limit yourself to one view,” Polakoff said, “you miss opportunities to develop a solid risk management program.”

One of the problems bankers face before being able to implement ERM is getting the data they need out of loan files and into a database. Resolving this issue could be critical, Polakoff said. If Basel III becomes effective for community banks, he said, bankers will be scrambling and will immediately find themselves at “a competitive disadvantage.”

...and then what?

J. Michael Woody echoed the call for bankers to modify their business strategies in light of Basel III. “I’m not sure the community banking business model works anymore,” Woody said. “Are we serving the community, our shareholders, or the U.S. government?”

Speaking two weeks before the Oct. 22 comment period closed, Woody said he expected the capital standards in the proposed Basel III to become a “dictate written in blood” by



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the time examiners come into the bank. “Every banker in this room is searching for loan volume to turn around declining net interest margins,” Woody said. “When Basel III comes, you’ll probably have to put up 200 percent capital to make a construction loan!” Woody predicted many community bankers would eventually withdraw from commercial real estate, the market that built their franchises.

Woody encouraged bankers looking to survive Basel III to revisit the opportunities offered them through Gramm-Leach-Bliley. Insurance, brokerage and trust services offer bankers an opportunity to counter declines in fee income they suffer as a result of leveling mortgage originations and the political hot-potato — overdraft protection.

“We are missing a huge opportunity in wealth management,” Woody said of the growing demographic of elderly who are not only willing and able to pay for bank services, but would appreciate the contact from their local banker.

Woody encouraged bankers who revisit their wealth management strategy to consider putting the subsidiary company into the bank holding company. Doing so not only helps with issues of liability, Woody said, but the subsidiary’s earnings aren’t “as politically vulnerable to regulators,” and you can capitalize the subsidiary with outside investments.

Another growth strategy brought to the floor was mining credit files to pursue replacement lending opportunities. Woody believes bankers can grow their loan portfolio by 20 percent by approaching their top 100 borrowers and offering them

new deals. “Pour over those credit files and do replacement lending,” Woody preached. “Who’s got credit card debt? Who’s refinancing? Call them and offer them a lower rate. Twenty percent of your loan portfolio is begging to be picked up if you just aggressively attack those people,” Woody advised. And if customers decline these offers, Woody said bankers have still created value through making the contacts.

Large and regional banks want community banks’ depositors, Woody said, not because they need or want their deposits but so they can cross-sell the myriad of other products they offer. It’s in a community banker’s best interest to reach out to top customers then, even if in doing so you have to cut their loan rate, he said.

Assessing the franchise

Community banks tout their people as being the great differentiator between them and the nation’s largest banks. Citing FDIC data for banks with \$1 billion in assets or less, Woody noted that the industry today manages far greater assets with fewer employees than it did in 2001. Collectively about 350,000 employees manage \$1.4 trillion in assets now versus 467,000 employees managing \$1.3 trillion at the end of 2001.

Citing additional data culled from the FDIC in this same peer group, Woody said:

- Securities have increased to \$321 billion from \$300 billion in 2001, indicating reduced loan demand.

- Non-current loans and leases at \$24 billion have improved substantially in 18 months when they were at \$32 billion, but are three times higher than the \$8 billion they were at the end of 2001.

- Banks are showing that they are much more liquid today, with FHLB advances at \$48 billion compared



Col. Steve Russell (right) is greeted by BHCA President Bruce Ferden, Frandsen Financial, Arden Hills, Minn. During his after-dinner presentation, Russell described the capture of Saddam Hussein.

to \$71 billion at the end of 2001.

- Banks are much more careful now about extending lines of credit as current unused loan commitments stand at \$266 billion compared to the end of 2001, when unused loan commitments topped \$727 billion.

- 29 percent of assets held by banks now have a duration of five years or more, compared to 2001, when only 18 percent of assets had a duration of five years or more. Of this statistic, Woody said: “We as a group are taking on significantly more risk than we were 10 years ago.”

- Service charges on deposit accounts have decreased dramatically, from \$4.3 billion in 2001 to \$1.6 billion today. “That’s been our mother’s milk of non-interest operating income,” he said.

- Pre-tax net operating income has declined to \$6.7 billion from \$17.6 billion in 2001, a trend Woody called “troubling.”

Looking solely at banks under \$1 billion in Minnesota, other real estate owned has declined by 25 percent in the last 18 months. He also noted the trend toward increasing the duration of assets is especially pronounced in Minnesota. Also in the state, long-term assets held five years or more have increased to \$9.4 billion today from \$5.5 billion in 2001.

Finally, Woody noted the decline in interest income at Minnesota banks. Total interest income at Minnesota banks under \$1 billion as of 2010 was \$2.5 billion compared to total interest income of \$1 billion today. Over the same period, net interest income has declined from \$1.8 billion to \$863 million.

By Jackie Hilgert



From left: David Hibbs, ICBA, Urbandale, Iowa; Bob Perez, Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines; Roger Berglund, Dakota Western Bancshares, Bowman, N.D., and Joe Lempe, Ramsey Financial Corporation, Fargo, N.D.

From left are: Dennis Meyer, Northern Financial Corporation, Independence, Wis.; Greg Raymo, First Rushmore Bancorporation, Inc., Worthington, Minn., and Barb Raymo.



Regulators turn up the heat

Basing his comments on more than two decades of employment with the FDIC, **Scott Polakoff** cautioned bankers to avoid getting into regulatory cross-hairs during their next exam.

“Regulators have moved the needle on troubled bank status,” said Polakoff, a consultant with New Jersey-based FinPro. “We have clients that wouldn’t have been a problem bank 20 years ago but because they aren’t pristine now they end up being a problem bank.” Polakoff said bankers who want to avoid trouble should take a proactive approach to management by considering both their corporate structure and their charter choice.



Corporate Structure: Make sure the bank holding company structure adds value to the bank. In the pre-Dodd-Frank era it was easy to make a case for bank holding companies, said Polakoff, who called BHCs “spectacular vehicles.” Regulators, meanwhile, may ask you to articulate why the structure makes sense for you, he advised. “Be sure your strategies allow you to identify why a BHC makes sense so you can explain it,” he said.

Charter choice. “Can you explain why the expense of a national charter makes sense?” Polakoff asked. Acknowledging that the OCC is staffed with some remarkable examiners, Polakoff also said in the post-Dodd-Frank era, many of the benefits of being a national bank have been diluted. He advised bankers to perform their fiduciary duties to determine if the cost associated with annual OCC assessments was worth the benefit it provides them. “If you are a nationwide mortgage lender, it makes sense; if not, be sure the cost is worth the rewards.”

Polakoff admitted he likes state charters over national charters and he said the industry can expect to see more charter conversion activity. “We have had situations where state examiners take a realistic view, the federal regulators are more aggressive, and the compromise is somewhere in the middle,” Polakoff said. The OCC, meanwhile, will always pull problems back to Washington, D.C., he said.

Polakoff said he believes Congress and federal regulators are out of touch with community banking. “Here-in lies the danger,” he said. Because local examiners aren’t let into the discussions occurring on the national level, they don’t approach regulations as fluid documents. “They read the black and white and they implement the regulations,” Polakoff said. When an examiner looks at a new rule as if it’s written in blood, it could “turn your life upside down.” ■

From left are: Dirk Gasterland, Coulee Bancshares, LaCrosse, Wis.; William Rosacker, United Bankers’ Bank, Bloomington, Minn., and Roger Berglund, Dakota Western Bancshares, Bowman, N.D.



Scott Coleman (left) of the Minneapolis law firm Lindquist and Venum visits with Roger Monson of Bell State Bank & Trust, Fargo, N.D.



From left are: Sharon Lake, Grand Timber Bank, McGregor, Minn., and Clay Hestdalen and Dave Threlkeld, both with the FHLB of Des Moines, Iowa.



Ken Bezdicek (center), Anchor Bancorp., Inc., Arden Hills, Minn., visits with Joseph Ceithaml (left) of the law firm Barack Ferrazzano, and Tony Crea, Frandsen Financial, Arden Hills.



Fall Seminar breakout session speakers ask whether an SBIC

Small Business Investment Companies have been around for more than 50 years, yet they are often overlooked as an investment opportunity for community banks. Greg Larson and Cedric Long, both from Minneapolis-based Allison-Williams Company, an institutional investment firm, encouraged bankers to consider whether an SBIC might be appropriate for them. Larson and Long spoke during one of the breakout sessions at the BHCA Fall Seminar, Oct. 5. Allison-Williams Company is a BHCA associate member.

“SBICs represent a high return activity that can significantly increase earnings from a modest capital investment,” Larson told bankers. “Unleveraged SBIC averages return 8 to 12 percent. In the leveraged SBIC, the industry average returns are 12 to 16 percent.”

Long explained that SBIC funds are sanctioned by the Small Business Administration. “SBIC funds are basically private equity or mezzanine type funds. There are a lot of different funds with different strategies. It is not really venture capital. These are funds that typically invest in up-and-running, established companies with good revenue, earnings, and positive cash flow,” said Long, noting that the funds are intended to provide additional capital to help growing companies grow more.

The funds need to have at least \$5 million in private capital, with the government matching every dollar of private investment with \$2 to \$3. Most funds run \$50 million to \$150 million. Long explained that the SBA licenses the funds, conducting a significant review prior to licensing. “Then on an ongoing basis they do continuous examination to evaluate these funds for regulatory compliance. So that is a benefit to you as a limited

partner or investor in SBIC funds,” Long said. “You have that additional evaluation by the government on an ongoing basis which you wouldn’t have in a regular private equity event.”

Over the years SBICs have provided about \$60 billion to more than 100,000 companies. In 2011, the funds provided about \$2.8 billion to 1,400 companies. In 2010, SBIC investments helped companies create about 46,000 jobs, Long said. “There are many funds out there available. In the year 2010, there were about 300 SBICs operating in 43 states. There are a number in Minnesota, many in the Midwest. In 2010, twenty-three new funds were licensed with more than \$600 million in investible capital. At this time, there are approximately 50 new funds that are going through the process of application and approval.”

Banks can invest in SBIC funds. “This program is custom tailored for banks,” Long said. A bank can invest up to 5 percent of capital and surplus in an SBIC fund. “Capital consideration for banks is important. SBICs fall into the category of non-financial equity investments,” Long said. “They earn a 100 percent risk weight... There is a potential capital deduction if all non-financial equity investments — SBIC’s and other things — together would exceed 15 percent of a bank’s Tier 1 capital.”

Long and Larson also noted the strength of an SBIC investment in terms of fulfilling Community Reinvestment Act obligations. “Bank regulators presume that any loan or investment made by an SBIC fund promotes economic development by definition,” Long said, “therefore, they qualify for CRA.”

Even if the fund’s investment area doesn’t perfectly match your bank’s market, regulators may view SBIC investment as a posi-

Encouraging new level of engagement, Chapman shares leadership message

Bank owners and holding company managers can energize their organizations by taking steps to engage their employees beyond traditional levels, asserted Richard Chapman at a BHCA Fall Seminar breakout session. Chapman, the former president of Bank Compensation Strategies, is a consultant with the investment banking firm O’Meara/Ferguson. Chapman

frequently speaks on leadership and is currently writing a book on the topic to be called “True Line of Sight.”

Noting that as many as 70 percent of the people in the workforce regularly tell pollsters they don’t like their work, Chapman challenged his audience to engage those workers more fully. He said fully engaged employees are happier and more produc-

tive. Chapman said it is up to us to empower our employees so they feel engaged.

“People want to be around attractive people, so be an attractive person,” Chapman said. “What makes someone attractive? It’s the primary virtues you probably learned as a young person: wisdom, justice, temperance and fortitude. People who exhibit these qualities attract the

attention of those around them.”

Real leaders, he said, want their employees to succeed. “I love to be around people who want me to succeed, who are interested in my life and empower me to do things,” Chapman said. “Think about ways you can serve, give, equip and empower. Be an attractive person.”

Chapman explained that many people in the workforce have

fund may be a good fit for your organization

tive for CRA. The key, Long said, is that the investment footprint must include your bank's market area. "Federal regulators do not distinguish between direct and indirect investments and that's why SBICs qualify. You are not directly making loans, you are investing in a fund that makes loans or makes mezzanine loans and in some cases makes equity investments and that indirect investment will still qualify for CRA," Long explained.

Larson reminded bankers that an SBIC offers an investment, and the bank's principal is at risk. "You need to evaluate the risk and returns thoroughly, recognizing investment capital is a risk; it is not SBA guaranteed just because the SBA takes care of the program," Larson said. "The SBA is sponsoring this from an administrative standpoint and this is a long term program that they have operated, but there is no SBA guarantee."

The presenters explained a bank's SBIC investment should be consistent with the bank's financial condition, risk profile, risk tolerance and the industry sector's geography and investment types.

"Leverage can increase your term but also increases the risk and delays the return on capital; that is why there is a difference in the unleveraged fund versus the leveraged fund," Larson said. "The subsidy that the SBA offers to the fund in its two-thirds financing is substantial but it also creates substantial risk because the government is the first one out.

"Equity funds generally pose a greater risk than debt funds; some SBICs invest in pure equity, some invest in pure debt and there are some that invest in a combination. You need to take a look at the prospectus and talk with fund managers about what

that process is and what their investment policy is. Then you also need to understand the liquid nature of the investments," Larson said. "These aren't public companies, they are private companies. You typically lock up the capital for a 10-year period and it is very difficult to wiggle out of them."

Larson encouraged bankers to carefully consider an investment in an SBIC. "The way to buy an SBIC is not to just go out and look at a prospectus and then buy it and then reverse engineer it. That is like a crapshoot," he said. Due diligence is the first order of the day, Larson said. "Visit with other banks that have been involved with SBICs and develop a strategy so that the management team has an understanding of what an SBIC is, how it operates, how the accounting works, how the valuations work and those kind of questions and have those answered, present them to your board of directors. Make sure your directors understand what you are undertaking and then create a policy that puts limits on and puts oversight and governance for the directors so they can control the program," he said.

"It is very important to have your bank do some of its own due diligence and review the fund to insure it is a good fund and to insure it is the right fund for you and your bank given your parameters and risk tolerances," Long said. "Usually the fund partners or their investment banker will put together an overview presentation. That is really a great place to start to understand the people, the fund, the strategy, what type of fund is it, what type of investments is it going to make, track record of the people and from there you can determine if you want to look further. The private placement memorandum is really the key legal document for a fund such as this, like any other private equity fund." ■

insecurities or fears which make them defensive about their work. Often, their fears are unfounded, but they limit an employee's productivity because such employees work with one hand and protect their turf with the other. Managers who are able to eliminate that fear empower employees to work with both hands and office productivity doubles.

Chapman said the best way to eliminate fear is to communicate a clear sense of purpose. People

grow skeptical when they are unsure about their management's intentions. When a manager makes his or her intentions clear, employees generally respond positively. "Drive fear out of your organization by engaging your employees with a sense of mission or purpose," Chapman said.

Chapman cited survey information which noted about 80 percent of employees working at Fortune 500 companies could not articulate their purpose. "I

ask you, can you articulate the purpose of your organization, really?" Calling "character, mission and culture the strength of any organization," he said "mission is the sustainer of any organization." He said an organization's culture is "either working for you or against you," and he said managers who engage their employees with a sense of purpose are most likely to win the culture they need to succeed.

Closing his presentation with

a quote from European philosopher Albert Schweitzer, Chapman quoted: "Life's greatest tragedy is what dies inside of a man while he is still alive." Chapman said a leader's challenge is "helping people to grow, change and transform. It is about engaging that energy that is in their life that is dormant today; leadership's greatest challenge is to help your people come alive. Engage them in the life of your organization." ■

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Understand key concepts to make the most of your HC charter

By Dan Hanger

One of the primary reasons for having a bank holding company over a family owned institution is to assist ownership with estate planning. Often the mechanisms used for intergenerational ownership transfers require applications or notices to be filed with the Federal Reserve System. This article highlights some of the most common types of transactions and identifies the related regulatory filing.

Transfers to trusts

One mechanism for ownership transfers involves individuals who own shares of BHC stock transferring such shares to a trust. Since a trust is a separate entity, a transfer of BHC or bank shares to a trust can result in filing requirements under the Bank Holding Company Act and/or the Change in Bank Control Act depending upon the nature of the trust.

BHC Act considerations – If a trust is deemed to be a “company” under the BHC Act it may need to file an application to become a bank holding company depending upon the percentage of BHC or bank shares it owns. A trust will be considered to be a “company” under the BHC Act if the Federal Reserve finds that a trust is being operated as a business trust. To help determine if a trust is being operated as a business trust, the Federal Reserve reviews the nature and value of assets in the trust as well as whether the trust engages directly or indirectly in any business activities. Also, the absence of a clause requiring the trust to terminate within 21 years and 10 months after the death of grantors or beneficiaries of the trust living on the effective date of the trust or within 25 years will result in the trust being considered a “company.”

CIBC Act considerations – If a trust is not considered to be a “company” under the BHC Act, it is subject to the requirements of the CIBC Act. Any person (or persons acting in concert, a concept discussed later in this article) acquiring control of a BHC or state member bank must give prior notice to the Federal Reserve. This requirement also applies to trusts and their trustees. A notice under the CIBC Act is required when a person (or persons acting in concert) would own, control, or hold with power to vote 25 percent or more of the voting shares, or 10 percent or more of the voting shares and no other shareholder controls more shares.

In practice, the Federal Reserve Board exempts some transfers from individuals to living trusts from the notice requirements of the CIBC Act if the transfer meets certain criteria.

Because a trust’s status under the BHC Act and CIBC Act requires a close review of the trust instrument and its assets, we encourage individuals to contact staff of the Applications section prior to transferring shares to a trust. We can then decide if the circumstances warrant reviewing the trust to determine whether any issues are raised under either the BHC Act or the CIBC Act.

Acting in concert

One aspect of the CIBC Act that frequently raises questions relates to the application of the concept of “persons acting in concert.” The Federal Reserve Board has defined rebuttable presumptions of concerted action. As a practical matter, it is very difficult to rebut one of these presumptions successfully. The most applicable presumptions for estate planning are the following:

- An individual and the individual’s immediate family (“immediate family” is defined broadly in the regulation)
- A person and any trust for which the person serves as trustee
- A company and any controlling shareholder, partner, trustee, or management official of the company if both own voting securities of the banking organization
- A person joining a control group is subject to the CIBC Act and may be required to file a notice of change in control to join the control group.

Gifting

The Federal Reserve has received questions about filing or notification requirements when a BHC shareholder transfers shares via a gift. In general, the acquisition of voting securities as a bona fide gift is exempt from the prior notice requirements of the CIBC Act. Notice should be given to the Reserve

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Bank within 90 calendar days after the acquiring person has either acquired control of the banking organization or joined a group that controls the banking organization as a result of a gift. Depending on the facts of the specific situation, the Reserve Bank may request an after-the-fact notice of change in bank control or potentially no additional information.

Non-voting common stock

Finally, controlling shareholders sometimes use non-voting common stock as an estate planning tool. The Federal Reserve is aware of situations where this practice has resulted in non-voting common stock becoming the largest element of a BHC's equity capital. The Board's Capital Adequacy Guidelines provide that voting common stock should generally be the dominant element in Tier 1 capital; the guidelines further state that banking organizations should avoid over-reliance on non-voting elements in Tier 1 capital. These guidelines explicitly apply to BHCs with consolidated assets exceeding \$500 million and to smaller BHCs meeting certain criteria (such as significant nonbanking or off-balance-sheet activities). Small BHCs are strongly encouraged to maintain capital structures that are in compliance with the guidelines. BHCs seeking to expand will find that their acquisition proposals raise financial issues and may face processing delays if their capital structure relies overly on other elements besides voting common stock.

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

▷ Notice filed by the Job family and individually by Stuart L. Job and Susan Job Hollingshead, for approval to gain control of Duclark, Inc., Knoxville, Iowa, and thereby Iowa State Savings Bank, Knoxville.

▷ Greenwood Financial Group, Inc., Lake Mills, Wis., is seeking prior approval for the acquisition of up to 100 percent of Bank of Monticello, Wis.

▷ Cattail Bancshares, Inc., Atwater, Minn., filed to acquire Citizens State Bank of Waverly, Minn.

▷ Forstrom Bancorporation, Inc., Clara City, Minn., filed to acquire Murdock Bancor, Inc., Mendota Heights, Minn., and thereby acquire First State Bank of Murdock, Minn.

▷ Independent Bancshares, Inc., Clarkfield, Minn., filed to acquire Security State Bank of Fergus Falls, Minn.

▷ Voting Trust and David E. Kirschner, Springfield, Ill., filed to join the existing Kirschner Family Control Group through the acquisition of Town and Country Financial Corporation, Springfield, and thereby to acquire shares of Town and Country Bank, Springfield, and Logan County Bank, Lincoln, Ill.

▷ Centra Ventures, Inc., Foley, Minn., filed to acquire Richmond Bank Holding Company, Rich-

mond, Minn., and thereby acquire State Bank of Richmond.

▷ Heartland Financial USA, Inc., Dubuque, Iowa, filed to acquire Heritage Bank, NA., Phoenix, Ariz.

▷ BBJ Incorporated, Ord, Neb., filed to acquire City National Bancshares, Inc., Greeley, Neb., and CNB Community Bank and to engage in insurance activities through acquisition of the assets of McQuillan Insurance Agency, a division of City National Bancshares.

▷ Central State Bank, Elkader, Iowa, filed to merge with Farmers Savings Bank, Walford, Iowa.

▷ First State Bancorp of Monticello, ESOP, Monticello, Ill., filed to increase its ownership of First State Bancorp of Monticello, Inc., from 25.51 percent to 100 percent, and thereby increase its ownership of First State Bank, Monticello, and First State Bank of Bloomington, Ill.

▷ Notice by the Selken Family to gain control of Keystone Community Bancorporation, Keystone, Iowa, and thereby control Keystone Savings Bank, Keystone, Iowa.

▷ Notice of Change in Control filed by the Philip G. Amundson 2012 Irrevocable Grantor Trust, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Matt Amundson, trustee, Hendricks, Minn., Angie Mixner, trustee, Sioux Falls, and Blair Folkens, trustee, Brandon, S.D., to acquire 25 percent or more of Beulah Bancorporation, Inc., Sioux Falls, and thereby acquire First Security Bank - West, Beulah, N.D., and Valley Bank and Trust, Mapleton, Iowa.

▷ Robert B. Flood, Jr., Marquette, Mich., and Susan Flood-Dziubinski, Crystal Falls, Mich., each propose to acquire control of 25 percent or more of C.F.C. Bancorp, Inc., Crystal Falls, and thereby acquire First National Bank of Crystal Falls.

▷ Change in Control notice filed by Brooke L. Distad, Kasson, Minn., and Jeffrey C. Palmer, Mantorville, Minn., to acquire 25 percent or more of Palmer Bancshares, Inc., Kasson, and thereby gain control of Kasson State Bank, Kasson.

▷ Notice of Change in Control filed by Jill M. Frei Trust, Wagner, S.D., to acquire control of Commercial Holding Company, Wagner, and thereby acquire control of Commercial State Bank of Wagner.

▷ Change in Control Notice filed by Howard J. Rubin, Minneapolis, as trustee of the Jeanie Rae Thorson 2012 Generation Skipping Trust, the Kristi Jo Jacobsen 2012 Generation Skipping Trust, and the Barbara Kay Billings 2012 Generation Skipping Trust, Minneapolis, to acquire 25 percent or more of First LeRoy Bancorporation, Inc., LeRoy, Minn., and thereby acquire First State Bank Minnesota, LeRoy.

▷ Change in Control Notice filed by Paul Arnold Domke, Tulare, S.D.; Rodney Domke, Highmore, S.D.; Scott Allen Domke, Redfield, S.D.; and Naomi Ruth Reinhardt, Wessington, S.D., to acquire control of Wessington Bankshares, Inc., Wessington, and thereby acquire control of Heartland State Bank, Redfield.

▷ Otto Bremer Foundation, St. Paul, Minn., and Bremer Financial Corporation filed to acquire Paul Wagner Insurance Agency, Glenwood City, Wis.

▷ Central State Bank, Elkader, Iowa, filed to merge with Farmers Savings Bank, Walford, Iowa.

▷ Notice filed by Roger D. Underwood and Michael L. Underwood, both of Guthrie Center, Iowa, to gain control of Guthrie County Bancshares, Inc., Guthrie Center, Iowa and thereby Guthrie County State Bank, Panora, Iowa.

▷ The Miller Family 2012 Trust U/A Dated Dec. 21, 2012, St. Cloud, Minn., filed to become a savings and loan holding company through the acquisition of 31.14 percent of Liberty Financial Services of St. Cloud, Inc., a unitary savings and loan holding company that owns Liberty Savings Bank, FSB, St. Cloud.

▷ Notice filed by Kyle Burch, Parkville, Mo., and Michele Jones, Overland Park, Kan., to acquire control of Platte County Bancshares, Inc., Platte City, Mo., parent of Platte Valley Bank of Missouri, Platte City, Mo.

IOWA BANK HOLDING COMPANIES

HOLDING COMPANY, LOCATION Subsidiary Bank, Location	CONSOLIDATED ASSETS*	SUBSIDIARY ASSETS*	HOLDING COMPANY, LOCATION Subsidiary Bank, Location	CONSOLIDATED ASSETS*	SUBSIDIARY ASSETS*
1. HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA, INC., DUBUQUE	4,427,684		18. CENTRAL BANCSHARES, INC., MUSCATINE	740,985	
ARIZONA BANK & TRUST, PHOENIX, AZ		268,104	CENTRAL STATE BANK, MUSCATINE		335,166
DUBUQUE BANK & TRUST CO., DUBUQUE		1,385,410	FARMERS & MECHANICS BANK, GALESBURG, IL		280,091
GALENA STATE BANK & TRUST CO., GALENA, IL		309,515	FREEDOM SECURITY BANK, CORALVILLE		79,107
MINNESOTA BANK & TRUST, EDINA, MN		101,704	WEST CHESTER SAVINGS BANK, WASHINGTON		51,322
NEW MEXICO BANK & TRUST, ALBUQUERQUE, NM		998,024			
RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY BANK, ROCKFORD, IL		360,654	19. TWO RIVERS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., BURLINGTON 701,522		
ROCKY MOUNTAIN BANK, BILLINGS, MT		443,493	TWO RIVERS BANK & TRUST, BURLINGTON		678,687
SUMMIT BANK & TRUST, BROOMFIELD, CO		102,875			
WISCONSIN BANK & TRUST, MADISON, WI		497,372			
2. BTC FINANCIAL CORP., DES MOINES	3,098,097		20. FIDELITY CO., DUBUQUE	678,410	
BANKERS TRUST CO., DES MOINES		2,683,968	COMMUNITY STATE BANK, TIPTON		107,380
BANKERS TRUST CO., CEDAR RAPIDS		408,534	FIDELITY BANK & TRUST, DUBUQUE		565,957
3. HILLS BANCORP., HILLS	2,052,449		21. GOODENOW BANCORP., OKOBOJI	665,200	
HILLS BANK & TRUST CO., HILLS		2,052,729	BANK MIDWEST, SPIRIT LAKE		664,613
4. MIDWESTONE FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., IOWA CITY 1,707,394			22. NEIGHBOR INSURANCE AGENCY, INC., MARION	654,138	
MIDWESTONE BANK, IOWA CITY		1,690,759	FARMERS STATE BANK, MARION		654,037
5. NORTHWEST FINANCIAL CORP., ARNOLDS PARK 1,431,173			23. CARROLL COUNTY BANCSHARES, INC., CARROLL	631,787	
FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN CRESTON		210,495	CARROLL COUNTY STATE BANK, CARROLL		346,322
FIRST NATIONAL BANK, SIOUX CENTER		252,308	CITIZENS STATE BANK, FORT DODGE		134,317
NORTHWEST BANK, SPENCER		959,670	COMMUNITY BANK, NEVADA		150,426
6. WEST BANCORP., INC, WEST DES MOINES	1,350,019		24. LINCOLN BANCORP, REINBECK	605,149	
WEST BANK, WEST DES MOINES		1,338,039	LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK, CEDAR FALLS		590,779
7. STARK BANK GROUP, LTD., FORT DODGE	1,279,219		25. VOGEL BANCSHARES, INC., ORANGE CITY	481,040	
FIRST AMERICAN BANK, FORT DODGE		1,275,582	IOWA STATE BANK, REMSEN		130,669
8. ATBANCORP, DUBUQUE	1,259,254		IOWA STATE BANK, HULL		349,074
AMERICAN BANK & TRUST WISCONSIN, CUBA CITY, WI		132,660	26. FIDELITY BAN CORP, INDEPENDENCE	480,612	
AMERICAN TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, DUBUQUE		866,004	BANKIOWA, CEDAR RAPIDS		479,377
UNITED AMERICAN BANK, SAN MATEO, CA		261,230	27. LUANA BANCORP., LUANA	477,789	
9. IDA GROVE BANCSHARES, INC., IDA GROVE	1,173,321		LUANA SAVINGS BANK, LUANA		478,110
UNITED BANK OF IOWA, IDA GROVE		1,172,357	28. COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL CORP., STORM LAKE	467,691	
10. AMES NATIONAL CORP., AMES	1,157,724		CENTRAL BANK, STORM LAKE		458,113
BOONE BANK & TRUST CO., BOONE		120,662	29. DUNN INVESTMENT CO., MANCHESTER	465,384	
FIRST NATIONAL BANK AMES		578,862	FARMERS & MERCHANTS SAVINGS BANK, MANCHESTER		338,700
REL NCE STATE BANK, STORY CITY		209,415	SECURITY SAVINGS BANK, EAGLE GROVE		125,741
STATE BANK & TRUST CO., NEVADA		152,127	30. CEDAR VALLEY BANKSHARES, LTD., CHARLES CITY 432,110		
UNITED BANK & TRUST, N.A., MARSHALLTOWN		110,607	FIRST SECURITY BANK & TRUST CO., CHARLES CITY		431,819
11. FIRST CITIZENS FINANCIAL CORP., MASON CITY 1,146,351			31. IOWA FIRST BANCSHARES CORP., MUSCATINE	431,791	
FIRST CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, MASON CITY		996,169	FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN FAIRFIELD		131,761
KANABEC STATE BANK, MORA, MN		139,527	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MUSCATINE		298,941
12. BANK IOWA CORP., WEST DES MOINES	1,118,712		32. AMBANK HOLDINGS, INC., DAVENPORT	420,826	
BANK IOWA, WEST DES MOINES		1,108,548	AMERICAN BANK & TRUST CO., N.A., DAVENPORT		420,116
13. NATIONAL BANCSHARES, INC., BETTENDORF	1,018,800		33. HOW-WIN DEVELOPMENT CO., CRESCO	413,598	
NATIONAL BANK, MOLINE, IL		1,009,645	C US BANK, CRESCO		366,062
14. OHNWARD BANCSHARES, INC., MAQUOKETA	894,347		34. PEOPLES BANCORP., ROCK VALLEY	408,261	
FIRST CENTRAL STATE BANK, DE WITT		271,920	PEOPLES BANK, ROCK VALLEY		361,088
GATEWAY STATE BANK, CLINTON		123,372	35. OGDEN BANCSHARES, INC., BOONE	408,110	
MAQUOKETA STATE BANK, MAQUOKETA		307,736	VISIONBANK OF IOWA, AMES		406,046
OHNWARD BANK & TRUST, CASCADE		189,527	36. PILOT BANCORP, INC., PILOT GROVE	408,014	
15. VAN DIEST INVESTMENT CO., ANKENY	850,566		PILOT GROVE SAVINGS BANK, PILOT GROVE		408,014
COMMUNITY STATE BANK, N.A., ANKENY		553,806	37. FSB FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., WATERLOO	406,847	
FIRST STATE BANK, WEBSTER CITY		295,513	FARMERS STATE BANK, WATERLOO		402,139
16. AMBANK CO., INC., SIOUX CENTER	812,760		38. CORNERSTONE FIN'L SVCS GROUP, INC, OTTUMWA 404,062		
AMERICAN BANK, N.A., LE MARS		238,123	SOUTH OTTUMWA SAVINGS BANK, OTTUMWA		321,615
AMERICAN STATE BANK, CENTER		562,484	WEST LIBERTY STATE BANK, WEST LIBERTY		81,978
17. RIVER VALLEY BANCORP, INC., DAVENPORT	794,050				
FREEDOM BANK, STERLING, IL		76,239			
VALLEY BANK, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL		111,518			
VALLEY BANK, MOLINE, IL		602,805			

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HOLDING COMPANY, LOCATION Subsidiary Bank, Location	CONSOLIDATED ASSETS*	SUBSIDIARY ASSETS*	HOLDING COMPANY, LOCATION Subsidiary Bank, Location	CONSOLIDATED ASSETS*	SUBSIDIARY ASSETS*
39. DENTEL BANCORP., VICTOR CORYDON STATE BANK, CORYDON FIRST STATE BANK, COLFAX MAXWELL STATE BANK, MAXWELL PANORA STATE BANK, PANORA POCAHONTAS STATE BANK, POCAHONTAS VICTOR STATE BANK, VICTOR	385,733	84,966 71,487 26,109 66,931 87,480 48,562	60. ARNESON BANCSHARES, INC., CLEAR LAKE CLEAR LAKE BANK & TRUST CO., CLEAR LAKE	255,229	254,600
40. W.J. YOUNG & CO., CLINTON CLINTON NATIONAL BANK, CLINTON	375,492	375,492	61. PREMIER FINANCIAL CORP., DUBUQUE PREMIER BANK, DUBUQUE	250,987	249,533
41. GNB BANCORP., GRUNDY CENTER ACKLEY STATE BANK, ACKLEY GNB BANK, GRUNDY CENTER	357,052	153,970 200,739	62. PREMIER HOLDINGS, LTD, ROCK VALLEY PREMIER BANK, ROCK VALLEY	250,174	250,160
42. GREENE INVESTMENT CO., JEFFERSON AUDUBON STATE BANK, AUDUBON HOME STATE BANK, JEFFERSON SOUTH STORY BANK & TRUST, SLATER	347,394	90,304 170,421 85,780	63. C-B-G, INC.², WEST LIBERTY COMMUNITY BANK & TRUST CO., MUSCATINE	248,620	244,248
43. RIGLER INVESTMENT CO., NEW HAMPTON STATE BANK & TRUST CO., NEW HAMPTON	345,491	344,112	64. PELLA FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., PELLA MARION COUNTY STATE BANK, PELLA	245,513	244,379
44. MIDSTATES BANCSHARES, INC., HARLAN MIDSTATES BANK, N.A., COUNCIL BLUFFS	340,933	336,121	65. GUARANTY BANKSHARES, LTD, CEDAR RAPIDS GUARANTY BANK & TRUST CO., CEDAR RAPIDS	244,979	239,519
45. SECURITY AGENCY, INC., DECORAH DECORAH BANK & TRUST CO., DECORAH	335,220	334,092	66. TREYNOR BANCSHARES, INC., TREYNOR TREYNOR STATE BANK, TREYNOR	244,865	241,758
46. GREEN BELT BANCORP., IOWA FALLS GREEN BELT BANK & TRUST, IOWA FALLS	332,901	331,950	67. ALBRECHT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., NORWALK CITY STATE BANK, NORWALK	244,348	243,238
47. PSB CORP., WELLSBURG DENVER SAVINGS BANK, DENVER FIRST STATE BANK, SUMNER PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK, WELLSBURG	332,716	132,060 106,081 94,171	68. GREEN CIRCLE INVESTMENTS, INC., CLIVE PEOPLES TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, CLIVE	243,845	243,705
48. HERKY HAWK FINANCIAL CORP., MONTICELLO CITIZENS STATE BANK, MONTICELLO	327,727	326,059	69. FNC, INC., STORM LAKE CITIZENS FIRST NATIONAL BANK, STORM LAKE	242,984	209,814
49. COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CORP., EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY SAVINGS BANK, EDGEWOOD	326,712	326,423	70. KERNDT BANK SERVICES, INC., LANSING KERNDT BROTHERS SAVINGS BANK, LANSING	240,070	240,070
50. IOWA STATE BANK HOLDING CO., DES MOINES IOWA STATE BANK, DES MOINES	323,297	322,842	71. COUNTRY BANCORP., CRAWFORDSVILLE CENTER POINT BANK & TRUST CO., CENTER POINT EXCHANGE STATE BANK, SPRINGVILLE HIAWATHA BANK & TRUST CO., HIAWATHA PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK, CRAWFORDSVILLE PEOPLES TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, RIVERSIDE WALKER STATE BANK, WALKER WHITE STATE BANK, SOUTH ENGLISH	239,082	31,535 41,416 37,281 29,748 25,038 43,655 33,054
51. PRIMEBANK, INC., LE MARS PRIMEBANK, LE MARS	317,390	317,388	72. LEROY C. DARBY, INC., ELKADER FREEDOMBANK, ELKADER	231,369	230,884
52. EASTER ENTERPRISES, INC., SPENCER FARMERS TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, SPENCER	311,605	311,518	73. ANITA BANCORP., ATLANTIC ROLLING HILLS BANK & TRUST, ATLANTIC	227,060	224,576
53. FIRST OF WAVERLY CORP., WAVERLY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, WAVERLY	299,307	297,440	74. INDEPENDENCE BANCSHARES, INC., INDE. NORTHEAST SECURITY BANK, SUMNER SECURITY STATE BANK, INDEPENDENCE	225,033	123,068 100,616
54. GRINNELL BANCSHARES, INC., GRINNELL GRINNELL STATE BANK, GRINNELL	294,717	260,209	75. CLARKEL, INC., KESLEY IOWA STATE BANK, CLARKSVILLE	223,573	219,526
55. LARCH BANCORP., INC., LARCHWOOD EXCHANGE STATE BANK, LUVERNE, MN SECURITY SAVINGS BANK, LARCHWOOD	291,230	134,755 155,933	76. W.S.B., INC., WASHINGTON WASHINGTON STATE BANK, WASHINGTON	222,492	222,442
56. MID-IOWA BANCSHARES CO., ALGONA IOWA STATE BANK, ALGONA	273,715	273,602	77. WFC, INC., WAUKON WAUKON STATE BANK, WAUKON	221,084	221,084
57. MBT CORP., FOREST CITY MANUFACTURERS BANK & TRUST CO., FOREST CITY	273,711	273,711	78. OAKLAND FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., OAKLAND ARBOR BANK, NEBRASKA CITY, NE	218,559	217,012
58. COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANCORP., WATERLOO COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK, WATERLOO COMMUNITY BANK ¹ , AUSTIN, MN	268,880	228,377 39,409	79. FIRST FONTANELLE BANCORP., FONTANELLE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, FONTANELLE	213,351	212,797
59. LIBERTY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., SIOUX CITY LIBERTY NATIONAL BANK, SIOUX CITY	259,607	256,589	80. KOSS-WINN BANCSHARES, INC., BUFFALO CENTER FARMERS TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, BUFFALO CENTER	210,350	210,218

1- Community Bank, Austin, Minn., merged into Community National Bank, Waterloo, Iowa, effective July 1, 2012.
2- C-B-G, Inc., also owns a minority interest in Washington Bancorp, Washington, Iowa.

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HOLDING COMPANY, LOCATION Subsidiary Bank, Location	CONSOLIDATED ASSETS*	SUBSIDIARY ASSETS*	HOLDING COMPANY, LOCATION Subsidiary Bank, Location	CONSOLIDATED ASSETS*	SUBSIDIARY ASSETS*
81. HTB, INC., OSAGE HOME TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, OSAGE	207,137	207,136	104. EMMETSBURG BANK SHARES, INC., EMMETSBURG 156,440 IOWA TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, EMMETSBURG		155,172
82. IOWA COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC., CRESTON IOWA STATE SAVINGS BANK, CRESTON	201,062	200,739	105. FARMERS STATE BANCSHARES, INC., MASON CITY 155,541 FARMERS STATE BANK, NORTHWOOD		155,464
83. FIRST COMMUNITY BANCSHARES CORP., ANAMOSA 199,697 CITIZENS SAVINGS BANK, ANAMOSA FIRST COMMUNITY BANK, MILTON, WI		120,007 79,690	106. COMMUNITY BANCSHARES CORP, INDIANOLA 154,546 COMMUNITY BANK, INDIANOLA		154,546
84. F&M BANCSHARES, INC., BURLINGTON 195,630 FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK & TRUST, BURLINGTON		194,904	107. AJJ BANCORP, ELKADER 153,751 CENTRAL STATE BANK, ELKADER		153,751
85. VILLAGE INVESTMENT CO., LIBERTYVILLE 195,410 LIBERTYVILLE SAVINGS BANK, FAIRFIELD		194,644	108. DIXON BANCSHARES, INC., ROLFE 152,457 CITIZENS STATE BANK, SHELDON ROLFE STATE BANK, ROLFE		108,040 43,659
86. GLENWOOD BANCORP., GLENWOOD 189,378 FRONTIER SAVINGS BANK, COUNCIL BLUFFS GLENWOOD STATE BANK, GLENWOOD		33,043 155,545	109. FREEDOM HOLDINGS CO., WEST DES MOINES 152,088 FREEDOM FINANCIAL BANK, WEST DES MOINES		151,542
87. PERRY INVESTMENT CO., PERRY 188,448 RACCOON VALLEY BANK, PERRY		188,448	110. VANDERBILT HOLDING CO., INC., FAIRFAX 151,774 FAIRFAX STATE SAVINGS BANK, FAIRFAX		151,658
88. MILFORD BANCORP., MILFORD 185,413 UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, MILFORD		185,038	111. KINGSLEY BANC CORP, KINGSLEY 151,202 KINGSLEY STATE BANK, KINGSLEY		151,202
89. FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP., WINTERSET 184,736 FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK, WINTERSET		184,633	112. FIRST IOWA STATE SHARES, INC., ALBIA 148,178 FIRST IOWA STATE BANK, ALBIA		148,178
90. LEE CAPITAL CORP., FORT MADISON 180,570 LEE COUNTY BANK & TRUST, N.A., FORT MADISON		161,607	113. PIONEER DEVELOPMENT CO., SERGEANT BLUFF 147,389 PIONEER BANK, SERGEANT BLUFF		146,461
91. STATE CENTER FINANCIAL, INC., STATE CENTER 178,358 CENTRAL STATE BANK, STATE CENTER		172,857	114. VAN BUREN BANCORP., KEOSAUQUA 146,779 COMMUNITY FIRST BANK, KEOSAUQUA		146,288
92. WHITNEY CORP. OF IOWA, ATLANTIC 175,726 FIRST WHITNEY BANK & TRUST, ATLANTIC		168,736	115. OSCEOLA BANCORP., OSCEOLA 145,405 AMERICAN STATE BANK, OSCEOLA		145,403
93. COMMUNITY GRAIN CO., CARROLL 172,938 IOWA SAVINGS BANK, CARROLL		172,507	116. FORT MADISON FINANCIAL CO., FORT MADISON 145,344 FORT MADISON BANK & TRUST CO., FORT MADISON		145,344
94. TALEN, INC., TRAEER 172,633 FARMERS SAVINGS BANK & TRUST, TRAEER		170,847	117. CITY STATE BANCORP, INC., CENTRAL CITY 144,460 CITY STATE BANK, CENTRAL CITY		144,460
95. WHITMORE CO., INC., CLARINDA 170,413 FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF CRESTON PAGE COUNTY STATE BANK, CLARINDA		72,416 97,022	118. CFB HOLDING CO., CLINTON 144,425 CITIZENS FIRST BANK, CLINTON		144,406
96. BRADLEY BANCORP, INC., CENTERVILLE 169,345 IOWA TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, CENTERVILLE		169,338	119. CENTRAL SOUTH BANCORP, INC., INDIANOLA 143,028 PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK, INDIANOLA		143,189
97. HARDIN COUNTY BANCORP., ELDORA 167,661 HARDIN COUNTY SAVINGS BANK, ELDORA		166,715	120. FIRST BELMOND BANCORP., BELMOND 141,072 COMMUNITY BANK OF OELWEIN FIRST STATE BANK, BELMOND		85,854 86,008
98. STORM LAKE SECURITY BANCORP., STORM LAKE 164,011 SECURITY TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, STORM LAKE		163,999	121. IOWA RIVER BANCORP, INC., MARSHALLTOWN 141,003 PINNACLE BANK, MARSHALLTOWN		141,765
99. MARJON BANCORP., INC., COLESBURG 162,750 FARMERS SAVINGS BANK, COLESBURG		162,709	122. J.E. COONLEY CO., HAMPTON 140,217 UNITED BANK & TRUST CO., HAMPTON		139,799
100. FAYETTE BANCORP., MARION 160,399 CITIZENS SAVINGS BANK, HAWKEYE MAYNARD SAVINGS BANK, MAYNARD SECURITY STATE BANK, WAVERLY		28,564 52,003 77,948	123. FTS FINANCIAL, INC., WILLIAMSBURG 138,530 FARMERS TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, WILLIAMSBURG		138,399
101. TITONKA BANCSHARES, INC., TITONKA 158,622 TITONKA SAVINGS BANK, TITONKA		159,010	124. CAPITAL BANCSHARES, INC., PRIMGHAR 137,399 SAVINGS BANK, PRIMGHAR		137,398
102. NORTHWOOD FIN'L. SVCS CORP., NORTHWOOD 157,464 NORTHWOODS STATE BANK, MASON CITY		157,463	125. LIBERTY BANCORP., DURANT 137,057 LIBERTY TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, DURANT		136,576
103. LOGAN INVESTMENT CORP., KEOKUK 157,179 STATE CENTRAL BANK, KEOKUK		157,177	126. FIRST STATE BANCSHARES, INC., IDA GROVE 136,242 FIRST STATE BANK, IDA GROVE		136,242
			127. COMMUNITY STATE BANCORP., SPENCER 135,443 COMMUNITY STATE BANK, SPENCER		133,447

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128. GARRETT BANCSHARES, LTD, BLOOMFIELD SUCCESS BANK, BLOOMFIELD	132,849	116,113	152. FOUNTAIN VIEW BANCORP, INC., SIGOURNEY KEOKUK COUNTY STATE BANK, SIGOURNEY	104,488	101,036
129. MEDIAPOLIS BANCORP., MEDIAPOLIS MEDIAPOLIS SAVINGS BANK, MEDIAPOLIS	131,685	131,642	153. WASHINGTON BANCORP., WASHINGTON FEDERATION BANK, WASHINGTON	104,289	104,289
130. WHEATLAND BANCORP., WHEATLAND FIRST TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, WHEATLAND	128,505	128,248	154. FIRST STATE BANK HOLDING CO., LYNNVILLE FIRST STATE BANK, LYNNVILLE	102,071	101,804
131. A M SAYLOR, INCORPORATED, HAMPTON FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF HAMPTON	126,793	126,565	155. MID AMERICA BANKS, INC., COLLINS EXCHANGE STATE BANK, COLLINS	100,540	99,891
132. JOHNSTON GROWTH CORP., JOHNSTON CHARTER BANK, JOHNSTON	126,255	126,200	156. TAMA COUNTY ABSTRACT CO., TOLEDO STATE BANK OF TOLEDO	99,500	98,631
133. DE WITT BANCORP. INC., DE WITT DE WITT BANK & TRUST CO., DE WITT	124,830	123,688	157. ST. ANSGAR BANCORP., SAINT ANSGAR ST. ANSGAR STATE BANK, SAINT ANSGAR	99,093	98,040
134. DANVILLE BANCSHARES, INC., DANVILLE DANVILLE STATE SAVINGS BANK, LONDON	121,558	121,546	158. J. CARLIAH. BANCORP, EARLING FARMERS TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, EARLING	98,774	90,433
135. FIRST STATE ASSOCIATES, INC., HAWARDEN FARMERS STATE BANK, MARION, SD FIRST STATE BANK, HAWARDEN	120,083	72,249 46,870	159. NEWELL BANCSHARES, INC., NEWELL FIRST COMMUNITY BANK, NEWELL	97,513	97,513
136. COMMERCIAL BAN CORP,CARROLL COMMERCIAL SAVINGS BANK, CARROLL	119,050	119,050	160. MOUNT VERNON BANCORP, MOUNT VERNON MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO., MOUNT VERNON	97,220	97,220
137. CHEBELLE CORP., BELLE PLAINE CHELSEA SAVINGS BANK, BELLE PLAINE	118,268	118,267	161. WEST BEND BANCORP., WEST BEND WEST IOWA BANK, WEST BEND	96,965	95,821
138. GUTHRIE CTY BANCSHARES, INC.,GUTHRIE CTR GUTHRIE COUNTY STATE BANK, PANORA	117,960	117,330	162. FSB BANCORP, WEVER FARMERS SAVINGS BANK, WEVER	95,364	95,364
139. BARLOW BANKING CORP., IOWA FALLS IOWA FALLS STATE BANK, IOWA FALLS	114,924	114,998	163. DUNLAP IOWA HOLDING CO., DUNLAP COMMUNITY BANK, DUNLAP	94,702	93,662
140. LONE TREE SERVICE CO., LONE TREE FARMERS & MERCHANTS SAVINGS BANK, IOWA CITY	114,700	114,443	164. SSB HOLDING CO., INC., WEST DES MOINES STATE SAVINGS BANK, WEST DES MOINES	94,075	94,076
141. FNB BANSHARES, INC., WEST UNION FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WEST UNION	113,840	113,501	165. FNB HOLDING CO., WEST DES MOINES FIRST BANK, WEST DES MOINES	94,010	93,986
142. KSB. LTD., KEOKUK KEOKUK SAVINGS BANK & TRUST CO.,KEOKUK	113,806	114,492	166. C.S.B. HOLDING CORP., WYOMING CITIZENS STATE BANK, WYOMING	92,212	92,212
143. BEAMAN BANCSHARES, INC., MARSHALLTOWN FARMERS SAVINGS BANK, MARSHALLTOWN	112,425	112,420	167. KEYSTONE COMMUNITY BANCORP., KEYSTONE KEYSTONE SAVINGS BANK, KEYSTONE	91,974	83,471
144. SAC CITY LIMITED, CARROLL IOWA STATE BANK, SAC CITY	109,911	109,535	168. PEOPLES TRI-COUNTY BANCORP., ALBIA PEOPLES STATE BANK, ALBIA	89,415	89,413
145. SOMERS BANCORP., SOMERS HEARTL& BANK, SOMERS	108,640	108,638	169. SOLON FINANCIAL, INC., SOLON SOLON STATE BANK, SOLON	89,317	89,309
146. IOWA STATE FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP., FAIRFIELD IOWA STATE BANK & TRUST CO., FAIRFIELD LINN COUNTY STATE BANK, COGON	108,481	80,383 28,625	170. BEDFORD BANCORP, INC., BEDFORD STATE SAVINGS BANK, CRESTON	87,722	87,722
147. DUCLARKEE, INC., KNOXVILLE IOWA STATE SAVINGS BANK, KNOXVILLE	108,459	106,916	171. BURT BANCSHARES, INC., BURT SECURITY STATE BANK, ALGONA	87,626	87,546
148. LEIGHTON INVESTMENT CO., PELLA LEIGHTON STATE BANK, PELLA	107,533	107,139	172. NORTHSTAR BANCSHARES, INC., ESTHERVILLE NORTHSTAR BANK, ESTHERVILLE	86,330	86,330
149. WHITTEMORE BANCSHARES, INC., WHITTEMORE FARMERS STATE BANK, ALGONA	106,762	98,622	173. OLD O'BRIEN BANC SHARES, INC.,SUTHERLAND SECURITY STATE BANK, SUTHERLAND	85,381	85,338
150. SECURITY FINANCIAL, INC., FARNHAMVILLE SECURITY SAVINGS BANK, GOWRIE	104,940	104,940	174. F.S. BANCOR, INC., MITCHELLVILLE LEGACY BANK,ALTOONA	85,288	82,876
151. IT&S OF IOWA, INC., OSKALOOSA FIRST NATIONAL BANK MIDWEST, OSKALOOSA	104,542	104,064	175. SWEA CITY BANCORP, INC., ESTHERVILLE BANK PLUS, ESTHERVILLE	82,700	82,365

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176. BELLEVUE BANCORP, INC., BELLEVUE BELLEVUE STATE BANK, BELLEVUE	81,551	81,544	200. BLUE GRASS BANCORP, INC., CORNING OKEY-VERNON FIRST NATIONAL BANK, CORNING	58,234	57,384
177. EVANS BANCSHARES, INC., EVANSDALE FIRST SECURITY STATE BANK, EVANSDALE	80,556	80,307	201. CJSB BANCORP., COLUMBUS JUNCTION COLUMBUS JUNCTION STATE BANK, COLUMBUS JUNCTION	57,329	57,329
178. MORNING SUN BANK CORP., MORNING SUN IOWA STATE BANK, WAPELLO	79,892	78,997	202. RAKE BANCORP, RAKE STATE SAVINGS BANK, RAKE	57,326	57,072
179. FOSTOR BANCSHARES, INC., FOSTOR FARMERS SAVINGS BANK, FOSTOR	79,839	79,839	203. BENZ HOLDING CO., MELVIN MELVIN SAVINGS BANK, MELVIN	56,448	56,448
180. CNB CORP., SHENANDOAH CITY NATIONAL BANK OF SHENANDOAH	79,465	81,256	204. KENNEDY BANCSHARES, INC., BANCROFT FARMERS & TRADERS SAVINGS BANK, BANCROFT	55,834	55,834
181. HEARTWAY BANCORP., WAYLAND WAYLAND STATE BANK, MOUNT PLEASANT MWA BANCORP., ESTHERVILLE EMMET COUNTY STATE BANK, ESTHERVILLE	78,617	78,616 77,568 77,734	205. D&D BANCSHARES, INC., LA PORTE CITY CEDAR VALLEY BANK & TRUST, LA PORTE CITY	54,327	54,127
182. PINNACLE BANCORP, INC., SIOUX CITY PINNACLE BANK SIOUX CITY	77,394	77,394	206. TWIN CEDARS BANCORP., BUSSEY STATE BANK OF BUSSEY	53,437	53,438
183. UNITED IOWA BANCSHARES, INC., NEWTON FIRST NEWTON NATIONAL BANK, NEWTON	77,204	77,128	207. SAN BANCORP, SANBORN SANBORN SAVINGS BANK, SANBORN	53,340	52,894
184. HAMPTON BANCO, INC., HAMPTON HAMPTON STATE BANK, HAMPTON	76,501	76,345	208. D.W. HEINEKING, INC., HUBBARD SECURITY STATE BANK, HUBBARD	53,091	52,956
185. MANNING FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., MANNING FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MANNING	75,676	74,033	209. GILMAN INVESTMENT CO, OSKALOOSA CITIZENS SAVINGS BANK, MARSHALLTOWN	52,620	52,471
186. EVERLY BANCORP., EVERLY STATE BANK, SPENCER	75,567	68,468	210. DRAKE HOLDING CO., RADCLIFFE SECURITY STATE BANK, RADCLIFFE	50,847	50,687
187. HALBUR BANCSHARES, INC., ESTSIDE WESTSIDE STATE BANK, WESTSIDE	73,839	73,665	211. SLOAN STATE CORP., SLOAN SLOAN STATE BANK, SLOAN	50,027	49,945
188. MADISON HOLDING CO., WINTERSET UNION STATE BANK, WINTERSET	73,365	72,738	212. TERRY BANCORP., WALFORD FARMERS SAVINGS BANK, WALFORD	46,182	45,984
189. MECHANICSVILLE BANCSHARES, INC. BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK, MOUNT VERNON	70,389	70,542	213. CITIZENS HOLDING CO., SAC CITY CITIZENS BANK, SAC CITY	45,671	45,790
190. LAURENS BANCORP, LTD, LAURENS LAURENS STATE BANK, LAURENS	67,336	67,336	214. SWISHER BANCSHARES, INC., SWISHER SWISHER TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, SWISHER	45,001	45,001
191. GREENFIELD BANCORP., LTD, GREENFIELD UNION STATE BANK, GREENFIELD	66,934	66,930	215. FT BANCSHARES, INC., AUREL FIRST TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, MARCUS	44,762	44,358
192. PRAIRIE VIEW BANCSHARES, INC., BRUNSVILLE IOWA PRAIRIE BANK, BRUNSVILLE	66,856	66,520	216. YALE BANCORP., YALE FARMERS STATE BANK, YALE	43,265	43,259
193. STATE BANCO, LTD, SPIRIT LAKE STATE BANK, SPIRIT LAKE	66,197	66,138	217. ALTON BANCORP., ALTON COMMUNITY BANK, ALTON	42,523	42,455
194. FMSB BANCORP, NEOLA FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK OF NEOLA	65,368	59,890	218. EXCHANGE FINANCIAL, INC., ADAIR EXCHANGE STATE BANK, ADAIR	42,318	42,256
195. MALVERN BANCSHARES, INC., MALVERN MALVERN TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, MALVERN	65,209	65,208	219. VAN FINANCIAL CORP., BREDA BREDA SAVINGS BANK, BREDA	42,106	42,099
196. WEST IOWA BANC CORP, MARCUS FARMERS STATE BANK, MARCUS	65,063 64,451		220. ROYAL BANCSHARES, INC., ROYAL HOME STATE BANK, ROYAL	41,934	41,899
197. MAXIMUM BANCSHARES, INC., WEST DES MOINES FIDELITY BANK, WEST DES MOINES	60,378	60,342	221. BLAIRSTOWN BANCORP, INC., BLAIRSTOWN BENTON COUNTY STATE BANK, BLAIRSTOWN	41,408	40,997
198. R&J FINANCIAL CORP., ELMA PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK, ELMA	60,101	59,887	222. PLEASANTVILLE BANCORP., PLEASANTVILLE PLEASANTVILLE STATE BANK, PLEASANTVILLE	41,379	41,006
199. GIBSON INVESTMENT CO., CLIVE PATRIOT BANK, BROOKLYN	59,821	59,821	223. FIRST NATIONAL BANCORP, FARRAGUT FIRST HERITAGE BANK, SHENANDOAH	40,170	40,170
			224. LITTLE SIOUX BANCSHARES, INC., SIOUX RAPIDS FIRST STATE BANK, SIOUX RAPIDS	39,787	35,203

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HOLDING COMPANY, LOCATION Subsidiary Bank, Location	CONSOLIDATED ASSETS*	SUBSIDIARY ASSETS*	HOLDING COMPANY, LOCATION Subsidiary Bank, Location	CONSOLIDATED ASSETS*	SUBSIDIARY ASSETS*
225. ROG-LEE INCORPORATED, MANSON MANSON STATE BANK, MANSON	39,620	39,598	236. JEMS, INC., LAKE VIEW FARMERS STATE BANK, LAKE VIEW	31,922	31,889
226. GARNAVILLO BANK CORP., GARNAVILLO GARNAVILLO SAVINGS BANK, GARNAVILLO	37,899	37,623	237. CENTURY BANCSHARES, INC., SCHALLER STATE BANK OF SCHALLER	30,073	29,971
227. LEDYARD BANCORP., INC., LEDYARD STATE BANK OF LEDYARD	37,811	37,814	238. LOGAN BANCORP., INC., LOGAN FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LOGAN	29,643	29,395
228. APM BANCORP, INC., BUFFALO BUFFALO SAVINGS BANK,	36,597	36,239	239. PEOPLES HOLDING CORP., WINFIELD PEOPLES STATE BANK, WINFIELD	27,963	27,900
229. DELHI BANCSHARES, INC., MARION HERITAGE BANK, MARION	36,335	36,037	240. UNION BANCORP., DEFIANCE DEFIANCE STATE BANK, DEFIANCE	26,570	26,555
230. FSB OF VICTOR, INC., VICTOR FARMERS SAVINGS BANK, VICTOR	36,030	36,013	241. HARTWICK BANCSHARES, INC., HARTWICK HARTWICK STATE BANK, HARTWICK	25,904	25,984
231. ARENDTS, INC., MONTEZUMA PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK, MONTEZUMA	34,712	34,460	242. MONROE BANCSHARES, LTD, MONROE MONROE STATE BANK, MONROE	23,620	23,618
232. WAPELLO BANCSHARES, INC., WAPELLO STATE BANK OF WAPELLO	34,273	34,272	243. KELLONTO BANCSHARES CORP., ELGIN ELGIN STATE BANK, ELGIN	22,279	22,278
233. MONONA BANCORP., ONAWA BLENCOE STATE BANK, ONAWA	34,040	34,021	244. FARMERS & TRADERS BANCORP., INC., DOUDS FARMERS & TRADERS SAVINGS BANK, DOUDS	21,651	19,579
234. LOWDEN BANCSHARES, INC., LOWDEN AMERICAN TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, LOWDEN	33,763	33,674	245. SHIELDS AGENCY, INC., ROWLEY ROWLEY SAVINGS BANK, ROWLEY	15,538	15,534
235. BANKERS EQUITY CORP., SLOAN PALO SAVINGS BANK, PALO	33,263	33,152	246. DYSART BANCSHARES, INC., DYSART DYSART STATE BANK, DYSART	13,909	13,909

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