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HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR OUR CUSTOMERS

SPRING 2009

Your Community Bank – MCS Bank

I don't know about you but we here at MCS Bank are sure glad that spring is just around the corner. The promise of sunny, warm days is lifting our spirits even now. The gloomy economic news with which we have all been bombarded over the past months is beginning to get a little wearying to say the least. One thing for certain; brighter days will come again, just like the tulips that push their way out of the ground after a long, cold winter.

To elaborate, for many months now, we Americans have been exposed to bad economic news heaped upon **more** bad economic news, with no apparent end in sight. It is certainly true that many large banks have made some extremely bad choices. Their failure to exercise good judgment in their lending and investment portfolios has ultimately led to either their demise or have created severe liquidity and capital problems. As a result, their ability to serve the borrowing needs of customers has been severely curtailed or restricted altogether. A bright spot in all of this is that the vast majority of community banks are **not guilty** of making these really bad decisions that were often times motivated by greed.

In fact, right here in our own back yards, we have many fine community banks that have maintained their core commitment to serve the needs of our local customers exceedingly well and thus have avoided the slowdown plaguing some of the "mega" banks. Unlike the reports you hear and read in the local and national media, local banks have not

curtailed their lending programs and remain ready, willing and able to meet the needs of our customers.

The unfortunate part of this whole mess is that well-run and respected community banks got pulled into the same reputational quagmire as the institutions who have made some really bad loan and investment decisions. You may have heard the recent series of radio advertisements, which MCS Bank launched in an effort to reach everyone in our listening area with some good news. The good news is really not anything new. We just want you to remind everyone that we are still here to serve our neighbors and friends—just as we have been since 1923. Eighty-five years of helping serve the financial needs of folks just like you.

While we certainly do not want to minimize the significant economic, and ultimately personal, challenges with which we are faced today, we also do not want you to believe all of the "doom and gloom" associated with the banking industry. MCS Bank, like many of our community banking friends, is stable and strong. As stated previously, we are ready, willing and able to assist you with any financial need you may be experiencing. At MCS Bank, local people who you know and trust will assist you. We are indeed—community bankers.

Have a wonderful spring and enjoyable summer and keep looking up! Despite any cloudy sky, the sun is still shining!

Ken Fisher, CEO



Meet the staff at our Belleville Office

Friendly and courteous says it all when describing the Staff at Belleville. As a group, the staff brings more than 25 years of experience to serve you. The full-service office is located at 4009 East Main Street in Belleville and includes a drive-up ATM for 24 hour banking convenience. Andrea Ritchey, Office Supervisor, and her staff are eager to help you with all your banking needs. Staff—L-R: Wendy Vogt, Andrea Ritchey, Tina Greenly, and Jenna Powell.



IRA Updates for the 2009 Tax Year

Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

In December of 2008 the *Worker, Retiree and Employer Recovery Act of 2008* was signed into law. This law contains a provision intended to provide relief to seniors with certain retirement accounts, including IRA's, 401(k)s and 403(b)s, who experienced significant losses as the result of the deterioration in the stock market; the provision applies equally to IRAs not invested in the stock market such as plans

invested in bank certificates of deposit.

Under the law, if you are an IRA holder who is age 70½ or older or a beneficiary of a deceased IRA holder, you are not required to take an RMD for the 2009 tax year. Any distributions that are taken from an IRA in 2009 will not be considered RMD payments.

Annual Contribution Limits

The total contribution limit for IRAs is not changing in 2009. Just like 2008, the

maximum you can contribute to your IRAs across both Traditional and Roth types is \$5,000. Keep in mind that this maximum applies to all types of IRA's, so if you're 49 years old and have already invested \$4,000 in a Roth IRA for 2009, you can only add \$1,000, whether the amount is invested in a Traditional IRA, Roth IRA, or split between the two.

Anyone who is or becomes 50 years old in 2009 has a higher maximum annual contribution of \$6,000.

Upcoming Events

Community Banking Week, April 20–24.

Customer Appreciation Day is Friday, April 24, 2009.

Special activities at all offices.

Saturday, April 25, 2009

Kid Connection in Lewistown from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Visit us outside the Loan Center for children's activities.

Saturday, June 27, 2008

Raft Regatta—Watch for our float on the river!

Hazard Insurance Policy

This is an annual reminder to all mortgagors regarding Fire/Extended Coverage and Flood* Insurance. Although we do not retain your insurance policy, it is required that you maintain Fire/Extended Coverage and Flood* Insurance coverage on your property. This policy MUST cover at least the amount of the outstanding balance of your loan with the Standard Mortgage Clause, making loss payable to MCS Bank as Mortgagee.

**if applicable*



Not quite ready to go it alone?

He's on training wheels, but you're looking farther down the road.

MCS Bank is here to help you with personal loans for those occasional or unexpected expenses and help you over the bumps along the way.

Just think of us as your financial training wheels.

Call or visit us at one of our four locations to learn how to create financial balance!

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Lewistown 717.248.5445	Mt. Union 814.542.4395

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