

Company: Iowa State Bank-Offices in: Algona, Corwith, Wesley and Ruthven

Owner: Locally home owned bank

This month I asked Brenda Schutjer to answer a few questions so we could get to know our local bank and manager! Here are her answers;

What made you decide to pursue this profession? Although I graduated with a degree that specifically trained me for a job as a medical secretary, I found myself drawn to the reputation of Iowa State Bank. My grandparents and parents had always banked at ISB and I knew the bank had a good, strong reputation.

What did you do before this? Before graduating from high school and college, I worked on the family farm where I walked beans, de-tasseled corn, baled hay, and helped with the livestock. The summer before college I worked at our local grocery store.

What is your favorite thing about working here? I consider myself a people person and I like to help people be successful.

Where do you think the company is headed in the next 5 years? Iowa State Bank is a financially strong-locally home owned bank-having been in business for 90 years. My goal is to help ISB continue to grow.

Can you tell me more about your day-to-day responsibilities of this job? My job duties include working with Ag. Commercial and consumer loan customers. Working in branch offices can include other job duties such as answering phone or working in the teller line.

What is your management style? I like working with people not above people. I promote and encourage team work. I don't ask others to do anything I'm not willing to do.

Does your company help the community where it is located? Absolutely- ISB supports the communities we serve and appreciate the business those communities bring to ISB. Our staff members are encouraged to be active in volunteering and supporting those communities.

Why do your customers select you over your competitor? Good reputation, strong commitment, good/friendly customer service and types of services offered.

Anything you would like to tell your customers? Iowa State Bank sincerely appreciates your continuing business! If you know of anyone looking for a financial institution, which cares about their customers and community, stop in to visit with us. We would appreciate the opportunity to be of service.

Thank you Brenda Schutjer for taking the time to talk about Iowa State Bank and Thank you Iowa State Bank for being a part of our amazing town and all you have done!