

Taylorsville Savings Bank employees recognized at 2018 Annual Meeting

The Taylorsville Savings Bank's Board of Directors met for its Annual Meeting on August 13, 2018, at the main Taylorsville branch.

Chair Harold Adams presided over the meeting. The bank is in its 97th year of doing business. Secretary-Treasurer Ed Payne read the minutes of the previous meeting.

A number of positive trends with the bank were noted by president Tim Keever.

This year, TSB remodeled and put a new drive through at the Bethlehem office and installed a new ATM. TSB is now the only bank in Bethlehem.

Keever personally thanked all the employees for their hard work in keeping up with banking regulations, which seem to constantly change. The bank had two Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. exams, and both were good reports.

TSB's total assets surpassed \$100 million for the first time in 2017, and this year are \$101,244,000 as of June 30. Total loans are \$81,310,000. The loan loss reserves are \$1,340,000. TSB's total deposits are \$89,115,000 with a net income of \$524,000. Total

borrowings are zero. Total Capital is \$9,405,000 and Total Tier I Capital amounts to \$10,486,000.

Total risk based capital is \$11,326,000 with a total risk based capital ratio of 17.05%.

TSB's excess capital is \$4,693,121.13.



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR — The 2018 Taylorsville Savings Bank Employee of the Year is Lisa Mays, a 13 year veteran of the bank. Mays, above right, is shown receiving her award plaque Aug. 13 from bank president Tim Keever, left.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS — Taylorsville Savings Bank employees were recognized on Monday, August 13, 2018, at the Annual Meeting. Pictured above, left to right: Lydia Ammons, 5 years; Crysti Hubbard, 15 years; Kim Wilcox, 20 years; Tim Keever, 40 years; Pam Cook, 30 years; Sharon Bunton, 30 years; and Sherri Russell, 15 years.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS — Taylorsville Savings Bank Directors were also honored for their incremental years of service at the 2018 Annual Meeting. Pictured above, left to right: Ricky Brown, 15 years; Anna Ferguson, 10 years; Tim Keever, 35 years; Harold Adams, 40 years; and Gordon Hefner, 20 years.

Alex. Library debuts "Strong Women" art exhibit by Robbin Isenhour-Stewart

The Alexander County Library is proud to present the debut of an exciting new series of works by Alexander County artist and educator, Robbin Isenhour-Stewart. In "Strong Women," Isenhour-Stewart explores themes of diversity, empowerment, creative expression, and true strength of spirit. The series, which will continue to grow over time, features portraits accompanied by inspiring quotations from women in all walks of life. Patrons and visitors will find the free exhibit on display at the Main Library in Taylorsville during the months of September and October.

The public is invited to attend an Art After Hours reception honoring the artist on Friday, September 14, 2018 from 6pm - 7:30pm at the Main Library, which is located at 77 First Avenue SW in Taylorsville.

The reception is free, and all are welcome to attend. The event will include light refreshments and remarks from the artist.

Main Library Exhibiting Artists Series Curator, Miranda Burgin, views the exhibit as an invitation to honor the stories of women whose examples of strength are multigenerational and universal.

"Robbin has created an exhibit that is profoundly moving and visually stunning," said Burgin. "Her work is a reminder that diversity is our sacred strength and our common bond. Strong Women is a groundbreaking series, offering courage and compassion, wisdom and inspiration, for all people."

In creating the exhibit, Robbin Isenhour-Stewart asked the questions, "How do you respond to your daughter wanting to know if it's okay for girls to like dinosaurs? How do you respond to your students' questions on why there are more famous male artists than female? How do

you find your own validity as a female artist? How do you find comfort and peace with your place in this world?"

In her artist statement, Isenhour-Stewart went on to explain, "For the past few years, I've had this Strong Women series idea rolling around in my mind. Since I was an undergraduate student and discovered Artemisia Gentileschi, I have pondered the role of the female artist. When my daughter started to ask if it was okay to pursue interests that are generally associated with boys, I started to feel the desire to create powerful works that embody strong women and their words that fill me with hope and strength.

"When grappling with some dark times of my own, I made an artwork of a JK Rowling quote that I take comfort in. As I started the piece, I told myself not to over analyze the process and work freely. It sparked great conversation with my daughter and an urge to create more portraits of strong and inspiring women. I maintained my goal to work unfettered by self-doubt. The freedom of wisdom was empowering and liberating.

"I wanted to make a series that was diverse. I started with women that have a profound influence on me. I shared it with the strong women in my life, and they were very helpful offering other women and words of wisdom that influenced them. When I posted some of my paintings on social media, I heard back from more friends on the women who fill them with hope.

"I think this is the start of something. Unlike other series I have done, I am not ready for it to end. I feel like I need to continue creating pieces that inspire others. Please share with me your thoughts on which strong women you think

should be next, women whom you know personally or public figures. I'd love to hear which quotes inspire you. You can respond on the post-it board or via social media." Facebook Page: Art by Robbin Isenhour-Stewart; Instagram: @rtByRobbinIsenhourStewart; Twitter: @ArtByRobbinIS.

Artist Biography
Robbin Isenhour-Stewart grew up in Fort Mill, SC in a family that upheld education and expression through the arts. She graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne University with a degree in Art Education and a minor in the Visual Arts. She later completed her Masters in Art Education through East Carolina.

She teaches art at Alexander Central High School. She loves her job because she gets to spend her days encouraging and teaching students how to interpret the world and express their thoughts and emotions in visually.

She has won several awards for her artworks and teaching. One of her greatest achievements was being named ACHS's Teacher of the Year in 2012-2013. In March of 2015, she received an honorable mention for Budding Artist in the Hiddenite Center's Regional Artist Show. Her art business started to flourish upon receiving a grant from the United Arts Council of Catawba County to open an online Etsy store etsy.com/shop/ArtByRobbin.

She has an extremely supportive and dedicated partner. Her husband Isaac is her business manager and also a high school teacher. They have two wonderful, precocious and enthusiastic children. They also have two energetic and enthusiastic fur babies.

Visit www.alexanderlibrary.org for more information.

Youth karate program will be held at Alex YMCA

KICKS FOR KIDS, a Youth Karate program at the Alexander County Family YMCA, is coming in Fall 2018.

A karate class where kids can learn the basic moves and skills of karate. Children will learn kicks, punches, rolls, and many other skills. This 8 week program will teach children self discipline and how to control their bodies while learning a new and challenging skill.

The program is for ages 4 to 8. It will be on Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., October 4 - November 22. Cost is \$50 members / \$70 potential members.

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