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### Prairie Celebrates Mothers

On Saturday, May 6th  
Prairie gave away  
carnations to honor  
moms in the community.

Caroline gives her mom,  
Denise Westmoreland, flowers  
for Mother's Day.



## Switch to Prairie FREE Checking!

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- No Monthly Service Fee
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Minimum balance to open account is \$50.00



Denise Swanson, Retail Specialist

# PRAIRIE LIVING

Spring/Summer 2011

A Newsletter for Shareholders, Customers and Friends of Prairie Community Bank

## Letter from the President

Prairie Community Bank remains the leader in deposit share in the Marengo and Union area. We are very proud of this accomplishment and we appreciate all of our customers who have made this possible. For those in our community who do not yet bank with us I would like to invite you to come in and experience Prairie Community Bank.



Please ask yourself this question "what does your bank do for you"? Can you call your bank and have an actual person answer your call? Has your bank ever offered you a free car wash compliments of the employees? As a small business owner can you advertise your business in the lobby of the bank? Can you have your business name on the bank's sign? These are just a few of the benefits we offer in our effort to provide our customers with unparalleled customer service.

A true community bank supports the community they serve through contributions, reinvesting in the community and the individual efforts of the employees. Prairie Community Bank contributes to over 20 local organizations, schools and events in any given year. We have 14 employees who are involved in nonprofit organizations, community events and public service positions. We are very excited to be a sponsor of the 1st Annual Gus Macker tournament in Marengo.

Prairie Community Bank has faced the challenges in this economic environment without sacrificing what a community bank contributes to the communities they serve. Our goal is to always be the best community bank in Marengo and Union. I invite you to experience true community banking at Prairie Community Bank whose dynamic team of employees is always ready to serve you.

Thank you for your support and all of us look forward to a successful year at Prairie Community Bank.



Dianna K. Torman  
President & CEO

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\*Fee charged for closing account within 90 days.  
\*No minimum balance required.



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## Helping the Community combat ID Theft

Prairie hosted a Free workshop to help people in the community learn about and prevent identity theft. Prairie brought in a Certified Identity Theft Risk Management Specialist from IDT Pros, as well as a detective from the Marengo Police Department to speak to over 20 attendees. Everyone left with resources to use to help avoid becoming a victim of ID Theft.



## Avoid Becoming a Victim of Fraud

There are many types of fraud and many scams that exist that try to gain your personal information, ultimately trying to get your money. These scams are on the rise and we would like to help you from becoming a victim. Keep the following warning signs in mind:



- Sounds too good to be true
- Pressures you to act "right away"
- Guarantees success
- Requires an up-front investment - even for a "free" prize
- Buyers want to overpay you for an item and have you wire them the difference back
- Something just doesn't feel right

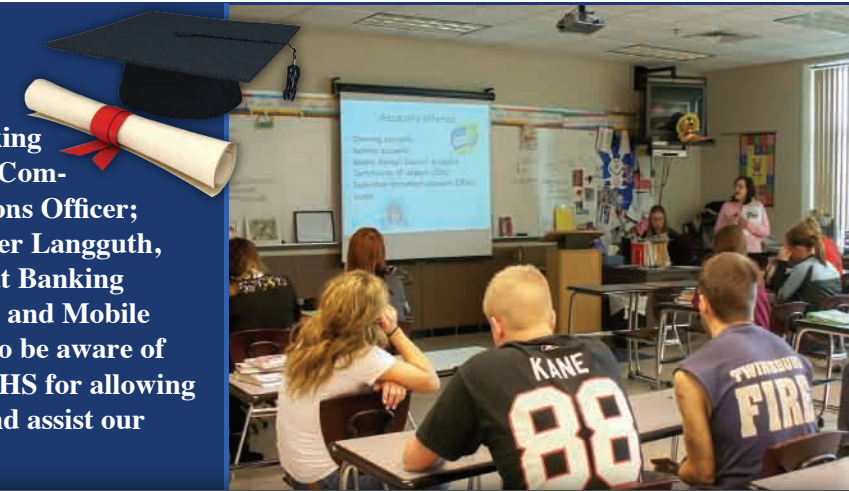


## Play it Safe

- Never click on a link inside an email to visit a website, instead type the address into your browser
- Retain receipts, statements and packing slips; review them for accuracy
- Shred confidential documents instead of throwing them away
- Do not open emails if you don't know the sender

## MCHS and Prairie Teach Together

Marengo Community High School invited Prairie Community Bank again to teach an overview of banking to seniors in this quarter's Resource Classes. Prairie Community Bank representatives Spring Ettner, Operations Officer; Amy Thiede, Consumer Development Officer; Jennifer Langguth, Retail Banking Manager covered various topics about Banking Basics, What is the Federal Reserve Bank, Electronic and Mobile Banking Options, Managing Your Money and what to be aware of with regards to frauds and scams. Thank you to MCHS for allowing us to share our knowledge of the banking industry and assist our next generation with their financial future.



## The Cornerstone Award presented to Prairie Community Bank

Prairie Community Bank was recognized as an outstanding company who has been an essential part of the Marengo Union Chamber of Commerce. Prairie represents the foundation on which the chamber has been constructed and continues to develop. Prairie is proud to support the communities they serve.

Dawn Wagner, Vice President Operations accepting the award on behalf of Prairie Community Bank.



## Kool Kids!

It was a cold winter's night when Prairie turned their training room into a movie theater, complete with pizza, cookies and beverages. Over 30 Kool Kid members and some of their families enjoyed watching "Despicable Me"



Call today about a Kool Kid account for the cool kids in your family!

## AMY THIEDE NAMED, "CAREER BANKER OF THE YEAR"

The Career Development Division (CDD), a division of the Community Bankers Association of Illinois (CBAI), named Amy Thiede, Consumer Development Officer at Prairie Community Bank, Marengo, as their "2011 Career Banker of the Year."

The award is based on participation in CBAI legislative, education, and public relations programs, involvement in CDD programs, community involvement in non-banking activities which enhance career and personal life, and an outstanding recognition or completion of educational programs. Thiede met all the criteria and is committed to success and growth within her community. She is involved in the local Chamber of Commerce and serves as the treasurer of the Marengo-Union Girls Softball Organization. Thiede is also very active in CBAI events and has maintained the Certified Community Lender designation offered by CBAI. Thiede was recognized in 2009 as a "Rising Star in Banking" by the North Western Financial Review.

One of Thiede's CDD peers said, "Amy is a true asset and leader for her community bank. She exhibits a true passion for the further development of her banking career and is devoted to helping her customers remain financially successful and achieve their dreams."



## Prairie Donates Trailer to McHenry County Fair

Following the building of Prairie's permanent facility in Union, a new home was needed for the temporary facility that had been used for bank locations. There were many inquiries, requests, and suggestions received for a new destination. Prairie eventually donated the modular trailer to the McHenry County Fair Association where it will be used for a long standing county event - The Fair.

