

Prairie Newsletter

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From the desk of our CEO, Steve Finzel



As we welcome 2026, we extend our heartfelt wishes for a year filled with good health, opportunity, and prosperity for you and your family.

Serving the Marengo, Union, Woodstock, and Elgin communities is a responsibility we value deeply. Your trust inspires us every day, and we are proud to stand alongside you—supporting your financial goals and investing in the communities we call home.

We invite you to enjoy this Prairie Newsletter, which highlights our ongoing commitment to our customers and our community outreach. As always, we encourage you to take advantage of our online banking services and visit PrairieCommunityBank.com throughout the year to explore new tools and solutions designed with you in mind.

Thank you for choosing Prairie Community Bank. We look forward to another year of growing stronger together.

From the desk of our President, Amy Thiede

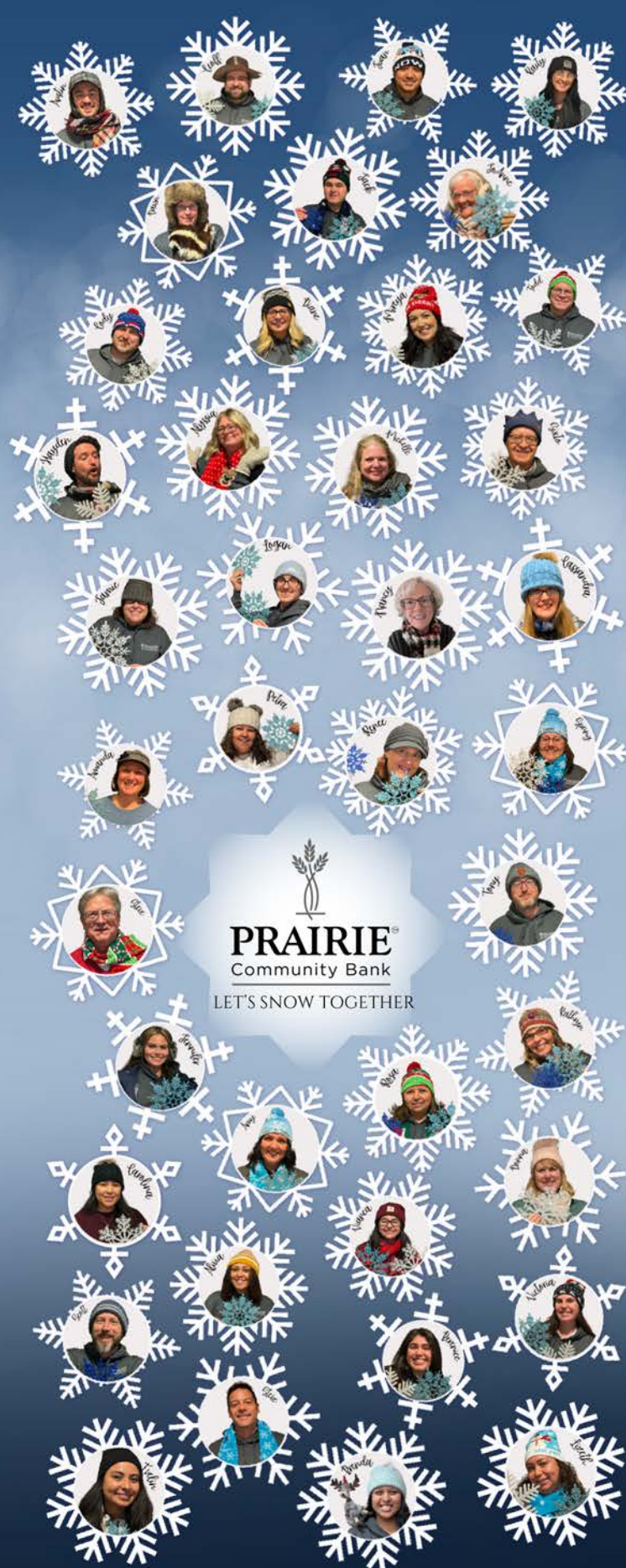


As we begin a new year, I am honored to step into the role of President of Prairie Community Bank after more than two decades of serving this bank and the communities we call home. While my title may be new, my time with Prairie has given me a deep appreciation for our clients and the trust you place in us every day.

The start of a new year always brings a sense of possibility. It's a time to reflect on where we've been and to look ahead with optimism and purpose. At Prairie Community Bank, we are proud of our history and even more excited about what lies ahead. Our focus remains simple: to serve you with integrity, to support your goals, and to be a trusted financial partner through every stage of life.

What makes our bank truly special is YOU! Your loyalty, your stories, and your connection to our communities inspire the work we do every day. As we move into the year ahead, know that we are committed to earning your trust, exceeding your expectations, and continuing to grow—together.

On behalf of our entire team, thank you for choosing Prairie Community Bank. We wish you a new year filled with health, happiness, and opportunity!



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Giving Back to Our Community

Every month, employees at each of Prairie Community Bank's four branches wear jeans each Friday to raise funds to donate to different non-profit organizations serving our region. Below are just a sample of the many local groups that Prairie made donations to in 2025.

Turning Point



Turning Point provides programs and services for people impacted by domestic violence in McHenry County.

F.H.P.C.



Family Health Partnership Clinic provides high-quality health care services to uninsured adults of McHenry County.

Union Lions Club



Prairie is proud to donate to the Union Lions Club, which stands ready to jump in wherever there's a need in the community.

Food for Greater Elgin



Food for Greater Elgin offers a welcoming environment for guests while providing access to fresh, quality groceries to everyone.

Next Generation Playground



Next Generation Playground's goal is to create an inclusive, sensory-friendly playground for neurodivergent children.

M.O.R.E. Center



The M.O.R.E. Center provides individuals in need with basic life necessities like food, clothing, shelter, and other assistance.

Prairie is Now Serving You in Woodstock!

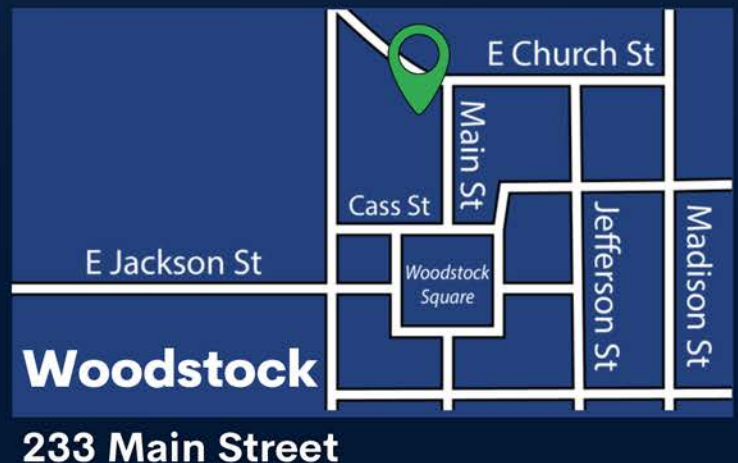


We celebrated the official Grand Opening of our newest location in Woodstock with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony attended by many guests and hosted by the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce in November 2025.

Locations

Main Office Phone:
815-568-4100

Visit [PrairieCommunityBank.com](https://www.PrairieCommunityBank.com) for a list of
ATMs, including locations in our **Allpoint** network.



Prairie Partner Recap 2025

Many of our customers work hard not only toward their own goals, but to also foster growth throughout the wider community. Their efforts inspired Prairie Partners – our initiative to highlight local businesses throughout the year and recognize their contributions. Thank you to all our 2025 Prairie Partners for teaming with us and for promoting excellence in our shared communities.



Santa (AND THE GRINCH) visit Prairie!

We had an amazing turnout for our annual holiday event, which is open to the full public. We served refreshments, enjoyed meeting attendees, and even hosted an ornament-making workshop.

We also handed out nearly 150 gifts to the many children who came to see Santa and his naughty green friend!



Santa and the
GRINCH are HERE!



A very special thanks to
our friends at **Schroeder
Asphalt Services Inc.**
for donating the toys for
our gift give-away!

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ASPHALT SERVICES, INC.



Connecting with our Community



FORE! They say the best place to do business is on a golf course. Our employees couldn't agree more.



Our Mardi Gras-themed float was the Queen of the Carnival at this year's Settlers' Days Parade.



Shred it! Our team braved a windy day to help customers during our annual Shred Day.

Off to the Races!
Our team hit the ground running for the Elgin Valley Fox Trot in June.

