



Press Release

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Scott Wade, CEO of AimBank is proud to announce that "AimBank has been approved for the opening of a new de novo branch in Abilene, Texas which will be located at 3409 S. 14th Street, a great development in Abilene. We are very excited to be entering the Abilene market which is known all over West Texas as a progressive, business friendly and family oriented community".

"We have identified outstanding management to open, prosper and grow this market for AimBank," remarked Wade. He announced two new officer appointments, Gary Galbraith as the Abilene Market President and David Green as Abilene Market Commercial Lending Manager. Gary started his banking career in Abilene and has over 33 years of servicing customers in the community. Gary is an Abilene native, Cooper High School and Texas Tech University graduate. David is a west Texas native, and a graduate of ACU. He is a 32 year banking veteran, including the last 22 years in Abilene market. Both Gary and David are active volunteers serving in several civic organization in the community.

Gary Galbraith stated that "AimBank is recognized as one of the Nation's top community banks and ranked #37 among the Nation's top 100 Best-Performing Community Banks in 2014. Ratings were established by SNL Financial*, a leading independent data source, evaluating all banks with \$500M to \$5B in assets across the nation, and it is an honor to be with AimBank that is recognized as one of the Nation's top community banks, as it sets us apart as a leader in our local communities we serve."

David Green remarked, "We are excited to be a part of one of the nation's strongest community banks, one that is headquartered and has deep roots in West Texas. The size of AimBank will allow us to continue to serve our Abilene area friends and customers as we have in the past."

AimBank Abilene will provide full –service banking upon opening, expected to be the early part of November.

About AimBank

AimBank was originally chartered on September 19, 1925 as the First National Bank of Littlefield. Due to the perseverance on the part of its officers and staff, the bank withstood the Great Depression, a world war, and various booms and busts in the agriculture and energy markets. In 2003, the bank was converted to a state-chartered bank and ownership is now vested in AimBank employees and local investors. AimBank has continually grown and expanded our presence into several markets over the years, including Littlefield, Levelland, Lubbock, Midland, Miami, Odessa, Pampa, Plains, Shamrock, Snyder and Wolfforth with over \$800 million in assets.

*For this ranking, SNL evaluates all community banks each year with 60 locations or less. In addition, at least one-third of the banks' balance sheets must be compiled of loans with less than half of the loans attributed to credit cards. The banks have to be well-capitalized according to regulatory standards and cannot have a majority of revenue derived from nontraditional banking activities. SNL uses six core financial metrics focusing on profitability, asset quality and growth throughout 2014.

AimBank will maintain a strong tradition of offering quality banking services while keeping up with the latest technology for our ever-changing customer needs. The new banking locations combined with an ATM network with more than 500 Stripes Convenience Store locations in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma provides customers with new added conveniences and services.