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TRIBUTE TO OUR LEADER: BUZZ BURICH



On March 27, 2024 we lost our long-time leader and boss, Thomas "Buzz" Burich. For the past 42 years, he was actively involved in the ownership and management of Citizens Bank and Trust Co. and he will be greatly missed by those of us who work at the Bank and by the community that he loved.

Buzz started his banking career as a teller at CB&T in 1965 before moving on to First National Bank of

Minneapolis. He then moved back to Hutchinson in 1982 as EVP and COO of Citizens Bank, working under the watchful eye of his father, Irvin J. Burich. In 1985, he became the President and Chief Administrative Officer, and in 2002 was selected as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Citizens Bank. He remained as the CEO through 2022 until his failing health forced him to step away.



Throughout his time at CB&T, Buzz was very involved in all aspects of the Bank and enjoyed sharing his experience and knowledge with the CB&T staff.

As mentioned above, Buzz loved Hutchinson and his involvement in and support of many organizations was paramount to their success. To name a few, he was a member of,



and took leadership roles in, the Hutchinson Community Development Corporation, Hutchinson Downtown Association, Dollars for Scholars, Hutchinson Center

for the Arts and the Public Arts Commission. He loved to support the Veterans, youth sports and activities, and anything "Arts".

Buzz was honored by the Hutchinson Area Chamber of Commerce as the 1990 "Boss of the Year", the 2001 "Business Person of the Year" and in 2014 was named "Mr. Hutchinson". He proudly traveled to area community festivals to represent Hutchinson! In 2015, Buzz was inducted into the Minnesota Bankers Pioneer Club, recognizing his 50 years in the banking industry.



Through the Bank, Burich Family Foundations and individually, Buzz's philanthropic donations supported way too many projects to list. The Burich Arena and many of the items in the McLeod County Veteran's Park are some of the larger projects, but his generosity can be found throughout Hutchinson. His legacy of community support will continue with the establishment of the Buzz Burich Family Foundation.

Buzz was a person who cared greatly about his employees. He treated everyone as family and we all benefitted from his kindness. The number of former and current CB&T staff who have worked here for 25+ years is a testament to the excellent conditions we have worked under.

Thank you, Buzz, you will be missed by all of us!



CB NEWS

WATER CARNIVAL AND BOAT PARADE



The 81st Annual Hutchinson Jaycee Water Carnival was a successful celebration that was enjoyed by many in our community. Citizens Bank & Trust Co. sponsored Lauren Laidlaw as our Queen Candidate and we thank her for representing us so well. Several CB employees volunteered at events throughout the week-long celebration. We participated in the boat parade Thursday evening and won 1st place with our float "FraudWatch" to promote more awareness in bank scams and "Banks Never Ask That".

Pictured: Mitch Girard, Mandy Baldry, Maddie McKee, Jodi DeMeyer, Erica Witte and Anthony Hanson at the Commodore's Dinner.



Nancy Witte and Ben Beckman volunteered to support our local Dairy Days Celebration

2024 FOUNDATION

The following grants were recently approved:

- **Prince of Peace** — education and music therapy programs
- **United Way of McLeod County** — Welcome Baby program
- **Jr. Achievement (ISD #423)** — kits for grades K-5
- **Gopher Campfire Sanctuary** — new fence for deer
- **Heart of MN Animal Shelter** — building to house dogs campaign

If your non-profit 501(c)(3) organization is interested in applying for a grant, please contact Connie Lambert at 320-234-0620.

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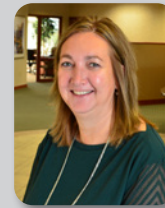
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