

## ACROSS THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

JOHN C. DICUS, CHAIRMAN



Capitol Federal Savings is honored with the recent announcement naming our late chairman, Henry A. Bubbs, as a 2004 Laureate for the Junior Achievement of Northeast Kansas Business Hall of Fame. For almost

63 years, Henry Bubbs served Capitol Federal Savings and its customers, 47 years as its president, then chairman. His leadership moved Capitol Federal beyond the Depression and World War II era to its years of growth and expansion, built on a foundation of strength and safety. From the time he was elected president of Capitol Federal in 1941 to his death in 1989, Bank assets grew from \$4.6 million to over \$3 billion.

Nationally recognized and respected in the financial business throughout Kansas and the nation, Henry devoted his energy to the business, strengthening it by offering his expertise to many organizations. His "Business Legacy" remains a major force in Capitol Federal's success, as we continue to grow, provide the best in customer service and assist in the development of our communities, all within our guiding policies of "safety, strength and stability".

How did a young man of 19 rise to become the leader of his company, his industry and his community? He would answer, "Success comes through 'Education'." Henry once said, "Opportunities for youth in this great country of ours have never been greater. All signs point toward opportunity in the future for those who prepare now...The major responsibility now for young people is to obtain the most education possible within their ability to absorb it." He understood that through education, the youth would become good, solid citizens, continuing to strengthen and build the community for future generations.

Today, Henry would be pleased to know that Capitol Federal Savings is continuing his "Legacy in Education". Through Capitol Federal Foundation, its philanthropic arm, Capitol Federal has been a strong contributor to higher education within its market areas. He would be proud of the many Capitol Federal employees who give of their time and talents, helping to prepare students for higher education.

Henry Bubbs's "Legacy in Education" continues. His belief in education is now a part of Capitol Federal's tradition and a part of those who work for the Bank today. To him, education is forever, never-ending. It is the core to life's success, and of all that he accomplished in his life, of this he would be most proud!

# True Blue

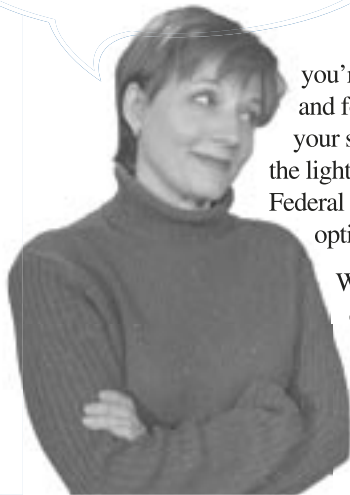
## R E V I E W

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### "WIN-WIN" with Capitol Federal

Spring is coming! Are your thoughts turning to those remodeling projects that have been on your mind – need more room with a new addition or just

**New Home!**



refurbishing?

Yet, your spouse is saying, "Let's just move!" While

you're going back and forth, hoping your spouse will see the light, look to Capitol Federal for all your options.

Whether you decide on a home improvement loan or a new home mortgage

loan, it's always a

"Win-Win" situation with Capitol Federal. It's always easy. Every step of the way, you are taken care of by a name you know and trust. Now, all you have to do is... choose.

When considering a home improvement loan, don't forget to study the advantages of Capitol Federal's Execuline home equity line of credit. No matter where you have your first mortgage, Capitol Federal offers a convenient, flexible home equity loan plan. Providing maximum convenience, this credit line remains open and available for use as long as payments are made on time and the owners continue to reside in the home.

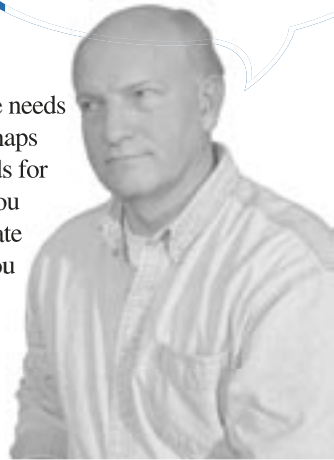
An excellent advantage gained from this line of credit is that the interest paid for an Execuline is often tax-deductible. (Consult your tax advisor regarding the deductibility of interest.) It's "Win-Win!"

Meet with a Capitol Federal loan representative to discuss the many mortgage lending programs Capitol Federal has developed to meet the needs of its customers. Perhaps you have limited funds for a down payment or you prefer an adjustable rate mortgage allowing you to pay at a lower rate for the first few years (even up to seven years) of your loan. Maybe you found the perfect home, but it needs repairs completed first. Capitol Federal can help – It's "Win-Win!"

Visit True Blue Lending at [capfed.com](http://capfed.com) to register for "Rate Watch", determine monthly payments or review application checklists. Through Capitol Federal's "at the desk" underwriting process or online application service, you'll receive a quick loan decision.

Home improvement or home mortgage – whichever you choose – with the knowledgeable and experienced Capitol Federal staff working for you, you'll enjoy a smooth loan process. From application until your loan is paid off, Capitol Federal is here to serve you. "Win-Win!" It doesn't get any better than that!

**Remodel!**



**Prairie Village In-Store Office  
Opening Soon!**

Capitol Federal recently negotiated an agreement with the **Hen House** at 83rd and Mission in Prairie Village, Kansas, to open the bank's 36th office within the store. With the spring opening of this in-store office, Capitol Federal will provide customers with an excellent location for conducting after-hours transactions in the area near the 95th and Nall, 75th and State Line and 5251 Johnson Drive offices.

**Office hours will be:** Monday - Friday, 10am - 7pm; Saturday 10am - 6pm and Sunday Noon - 4pm, and an ATM will be available during store hours. Watch for further announcements on our website, [www.caped.com](http://www.caped.com).



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**ANNOUNCING . . .**

*Thompson elected Capitol Federal Director*



During its annual meeting held Tuesday, January 27, Capitol Federal announced the retirement of long time board member, Frederick P. Reynolds. Elected to fill the position left by Reynolds is Jeffrey R. "Jeff" Thompson, Chief Financial Officer of Salina Vortex Corporation, a Salina-based manufacturing company. A Certified Public Accountant, Thompson worked for Chrysler Capital Public Finance, Kansas City, Missouri, from 1986 to 1992. At that time, he joined Koch Industries, Inc. of Wichita, Kansas, serving in several capacities, including President of Koch Financial Services, Inc. from 1998 to 2001. During 2001 and 2002, he was Vice President, Supply Chain, for the Coleman Company of Wichita, a manufacturer and marketer of consumer products.

"His experience and excellent knowledge in finance," stated President John B. Dicus, "will help steer Capitol Federal as it moves forward through the 21st century. We welcome him to our Capitol Federal team."



Reynolds has served Capitol Federal Savings, and more recently Capitol Federal Financial, as a member of its board of directors since 1977. Chairman John C. Dicus reflected on Reynolds' years of service with Capitol Federal, "Mr. Reynolds has played a major role in the success of Capitol Federal through the years. His expertise and business knowledge has helped to guide us through the past 25 years. We wish Fred and his wife, Jeanne, the best in all their future endeavors. He will always be a part of Capitol Federal."

*Jackson receives Henry A. Bubb Award*



President John B. Dicus recently announced First Vice President-Community Development Officer Rick C. Jackson as the 2003 recipient of the Bank's highest recognition, the Henry A. Bubb Distinguished Service Award. The award, named in honor of Capitol Federal's longtime Chairman, is presented annually to an employee or officer who demonstrates the leadership qualities of the late Mr. Bubb.

better communities within its market areas. He represents Capitol Federal with unsurpassed pride and integrity. Rick's work with community groups, city and state officials and non-profit organizations helps determine housing and credit needs that open the doors to many new homeowners who otherwise would not be able to purchase a home.

President Dicus remarked, "Rick continues Mr. Bubb's legacy through the use of his leadership, not only to further Capitol Federal's mission, but to help build

"As a Trustee of Capitol Federal Foundation, his knowledge of the community, his strength of leadership and his understanding of people make him truly essential. Mr. Bubb would be proud that his legacy continues to live through such an excellent Capitol Federal employee as Rick Jackson."

*Capitol Federal Foundation contributes to HCCI*



Capitol Federal Foundation recently announced a contribution of \$45,000

to support Housing & Credit Counseling, Inc. (HCCI) community programs for 2004. Serving Northeast Kansas from offices in Emporia, Lawrence, Manhattan and Topeka, HCCI is a non-profit agency with over thirty years of experience, assisting the community by providing counseling and education on budgeting, credit, debt

repayment, tenant-landlord rights and responsibilities and homeownership opportunities.

"If our citizens do not have an opportunity to educate themselves on the processes involved in becoming homeowners and maintaining homeownership," stated First Vice President Rick C. Jackson, "the American Dream of Homeownership can quickly turn into a nightmare. At Capitol Federal, we not only are proud to help people obtain their homes, but we also are proud to help them keep their homes. Through the HCCI educational programs, we are doing just that!"

# Defining our "Greatest Generation!"

By Rick Slifer, CMIC Financial Services



There's no doubt that the World War II Generation is among the greatest generations of Americans. As the subject of Tom Brokaw's book, "The Greatest Generation," this group is described as the generation that built modern America, sharing a common purpose and responsibility for oneself.

Today, we are seeing the offshoot of America's "Greatest Generation." According to a Cornell University study, over \$18 trillion will pass to the heirs of this generation during the next twenty years. That leaves many of us asking how we can minimize the tax burden on our heirs.

At CMIC Financial Services, we know these concerns are important to you. Many of our customers are exploring the benefits of wealth transfer. This concept can offer your beneficiaries a tax-free benefit. You also can have access to a portion of your money, minimum-interest rate guarantees and protection from market loss. In addition, wealth transfer products can be structured to avoid estate taxes.

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## Heritage Travel Club 2004

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### ■ Messiah-Lindsborg Tour

April 4 - 5 (Tour #04015) Enjoy Lindsborg and its Messiah Festival of Music and Art at Bethany College. \$199.00 per person double occupancy.

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### ■ England and Scotland Gardens & Countryside Tour

June 14 - 25 (Tour #04049) Tour some of nature's finest works of art, some enhanced by the touch of man and others with the mark of perfection all their own. \$4,369 per person/double occupancy \$5,269 per person/single occupancy

### ■ "Field of Dreams" Family Baseball Tour

July 28 - Aug. 1 (Tour #04086) Enjoy this family-oriented motorcoach trip to the "Field of Dreams" in the Iowa Cornfields. The trip also includes one major league game, two minor league games, 7 meals including lunch in the Amana Colonies, the Bob Feller Museum and much more. \$569 per person/double occupancy, \$479 per person/quad occupancy

### ■ New England Autumn Foliage

October 2 - 9 (Tour #04016) Eight meals, including lobsterbake. \$1,799 per person/double occupancy \$2,329 per person/single occupancy

### ■ New York Theatre Thanksgiving Tour

November 24 - 28 (Tour #04014) Sells out fast! \$1,795 per person/double occupancy

### ■ Branson Holidays

November 26 - 28 (Tour #04017) Shoji and more! \$459 per person/double occupancy

### ■ New Theatre & Plaza Lights

December 15 (Tour #04021) A favorite of our HTC members. Enjoy lunch, a show, shopping and the Plaza lights! \$79 per person

### ■ Tournament of Roses & Southern California

December 28, 2004 - January 2, 2005 (Tour #04018) Don't watch the parade on television! See it in person and enjoy southern California at the same time. \$1,799 per person/double occupancy \$2,129 per person/single occupancy

For more details, visit [travellers.vacation.com](http://travellers.vacation.com)

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## Nickels & Dimes

**Q:** I would like to contribute to an IRA but don't know which IRA, a Traditional or a Roth, would be more beneficial to me. What are some facts I should consider?

**A:** As you begin planning for retirement, it is wise to ask questions, so you will be more knowledgeable in making your decisions. Review the following information as you determine the type of IRA to request.

### TRADITIONAL IRA BENEFITS:

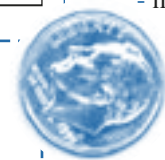
- Contributions often are 100% tax-deductible.
- Interest earnings grow tax-deferred regardless if the contribution was deductible or not.
- Distributions (including interest earnings) are generally taxable, but the IRS will not charge a 10% early distribution penalty if distributions are due to one of the following reasons:
  - reaching age 59 1/2
  - permanent disability
  - medical expenses exceeding 7.5% of AGI
  - to pay health insurance premiums if unemployed for more than 12 consecutive weeks
  - first time home purchase (\$10,000 lifetime limit per person)
  - taking equal periodic payments
  - death distributions to beneficiaries
  - IRS tax levy

• Required minimum distributions are mandatory when Traditional IRA holders reach age 70 1/2.

### ROTH IRA BENEFITS:

- Contributions are never tax-deductible.
- Interest earnings can grow tax-free.
- Contributions generally can be distributed tax-free at any time.
- Interest earnings can be distributed tax-free if the IRA holder first made a contribution at least five years ago and one of the following events occurs:
  - reaching age 59 1/2
  - distributions due to a disability
  - purchasing a first home
  - death distributions to beneficiaries
- Distributions are not required to be taken by Roth IRA holders at age 70 1/2.

Take control of your savings by making IRAs a part of your financial portfolio. Review your situation with a professional tax advisor when considering on a Traditional or Roth IRA.



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## Home Buyers Seminar

A low-cost Community Home Buyers Seminar is the perfect starting point if you're buying a home for the first time.

Capitol Federal, the Kansas City Regional Association of REALTORS® and Johnson County Community College (JCCC) are the major sponsors of a four-hour home buyer education program. The seminar meets all requirements for Capitol Federal's Home-At-Last program, FNMA, FHLMC and other state and local special programs.



*For seminar dates and reservations, please call 913-469-2323 (JCCC).*

