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Centennial BANK Welcomes New Additions to Fredericksburg Banking Center and Announces Promotion of Mortgage Officer

LUBBOCK, TX | May 16, 2018 –Chief Executive Officer, Gregg Appel, proudly announced the addition of new market leadership, additions to Centennial BANK’s board of directors and community advisory board, as well as the promotion of a well-deserving officer.

Carlin Friar has joined Centennial BANK as Fredericksburg Market President. Friar’s career spans 30 years as a top-level community bank leader. Prior to joining Centennial BANK, he most recently served as an executive for another well-respected community bank. Friar, who is a lifelong resident of the immediate Texas Hill Country, brings a wealth of talent in leadership and broad-ranging community bank experience to Centennial Bank. Carlin enjoys spending time with his wife and staying involved with his children’s numerous activities as well as in local civic and non-profit Organizations - including but not limited to multiple terms as an area school board member.

“I look forward to continuing Centennial’s momentum and high level of success delivering exceptional community banking to the Fredericksburg community,” Said Friar. “This is a thriving, dynamic town and I am excited for this opportunity and proud to be a part of Centennial BANK.”

Also joining the Centennial BANK team is a new member to the bank’s board of Directors, Chuck Alvarez. Alvarez is a well-known Fredericksburg resident and local leader in the business community. Originally from the Washington D.C. area, Alvarez has lived for years in Fredericksburg with his wife and three children. As President and CEO of the recruiting firm Cameron-Brooks, Alvarez is considered an expert in the recruiting industry. With a passion for helping both businesses and people succeed, Alvarez is a valuable addition to the Centennial BANK Board of Directors.

“Centennial BANK has been a dedicated community partner in Fredericksburg for years. The BANK’s commitment to over-delivering for their customers, and dedication to cultivating the entrepreneurial spirit across Texas are values that I endorse and embrace,” stated Alvarez. “I look forward to working with the talented men and women of the board.”

The Centennial BANK Board of Directors is a select group of individuals comprised of experienced bankers, local business owners from a variety of industries, civic leaders and Centennial BANK executives. The board determines and directs the strategic vision for the bank.

“It is truly an honor to have someone of Chuck’s caliber join the Centennial BANK Board of Directors. His knowledge of the human resources, marketing and business management, and enthusiasm for community involvement are the perfect fit for Centennial,” commented Gregg Appel, Centennial BANK Chief Executive Officer.



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Adding further strength in the advisory capacity, Stephen Harris has joined Centennial BANK to assist in the creation and management of Centennial BANK's Community Advisory Board. This board is comprised of business owners and leaders in Fredericksburg and throughout the bank's footprint across Texas. The Community Advisory Board will provide strategic advice and recommendations on local decisions to the leadership of Centennial BANK. The board will also create an active, consistent presence in the business and civic community in all of the bank's locations.

Harris owns and operates InSight Gallery on a full time basis with his wife, Elizabeth. Stephen, who had previously worked for Centennial BANK, is a well-known and highly successful business owner and community leader. An active member of the Fredericksburg community, Harris is past Chairman of the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce, where he served on the board for 6 years, and is current board member of the Fredericksburg Economic Development Commission and the Fredericksburg Convention and Visitors Bureau. Harris and family have resided in Fredericksburg since 2006.

"It's a privilege to have the opportunity to return to Centennial BANK to spearhead the creation of the Community Advisory Board," said Harris. "This is yet another demonstration of the bank's commitment to the Fredericksburg community."

In addition to the new members of the Centennial BANK team, the banks' leadership would like to recognize the promotion of dedicated employee, Kandice Bethke to Mortgage Lending Officer. Originally from Blanco, Kandice moved to Fredericksburg in 2002 where she began her career in banking at another well-respected community bank. Kandice has held a number of positions at Centennial BANK affording her valuable knowledge in all area of banking center operations. She is an invaluable member of the Centennial BANK team.

"I'm delighted that Centennial BANK provided me with the opportunity to continue to serve the Fredericksburg market at an even higher level by allowing me to use my strong background in residential lending in this new role," Bethke commented about her new role. "Centennial's rich legacy, dedication to their employees and drive to help customers succeed makes me feel incredibly grateful to be a part of this organization."

Chief Executive Officer Gregg Appel would like to encourage the public to stop by the Fredericksburg location and meet Carlin and the rest of the staff at the banking center located at 710 South Adams.

"I could not be more pleased with the group of bankers that are a part of the team in Fredericksburg," stated Appel. Each person brings their own personal skillset and personality to our bank, making this a diverse and dynamic organization. I look forwarding to seeing the positive impact that these bankers will leave on the Fredericksburg community."

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Centennial BANK brings over 80 years of banking expertise to customers across Texas including the Hill Country, Lubbock and the Panhandle/South Plains. The \$740 million community bank operates 14 locations statewide, including Austin, Lubbock (3), Plainview, Tulia, Hart, Post and Slaton with Hill Country locations in Kerrville (2), Fredericksburg, Boerne and New Braunfels.

