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Centennial BANK Welcomes New Chief Operations Officer

LUBBOCK, TX | January 2, 2018 – The leadership of Centennial BANK is proud to announce the recent hiring of Wyatt Leavell as Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer. With extensive experience in banking operations, finance, and team leadership spanning nearly 15 years, he will oversee the bank’s daily operations, facilities and retail banking. Leavell will serve on the bank’s Board of Directors as well as the Executive Leadership Team. Leavell will office out of the bank’s headquarters in Lubbock, Texas.

“I am proud to welcome Wyatt to our executive team,” said Gregg Appel, President and Chief Executive Officer of Centennial BANK. “He brings valuable experience that will be vital for the BANK as we continue our pursuit of innovative banking solutions for our customers. He is highly involved in the Lubbock non-profit community and understands the importance of community banking in the towns that we serve.”

Leavell earned his Bachelor degree in finance from Texas Christian University and a Master’s in Business Administration from Texas Tech University. Since 2003, Leavell has an accomplished professional pedigree, with prior experience in finance, management, and leadership roles which include mortgage lender, loan officer, and operations. Aside from his time in the banking industry, he has experience in residential construction affording him an intimate knowledge of logistics and construction projects; skills that will prove to be invaluable in his new role at the BANK.

“I feel fortunate to be a part of Centennial BANK during such an exciting time in the bank’s history,” commented Leavell. “Centennial BANK has been a part of Texas community banking for over 80 years and it is an honor and a pleasure to join the executive team.”

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Leavell stays active in the Lubbock non-profit community. He currently serves as President and Secretary of the Helen Jones Volunteer Center Educational Endowment. In his free time, Wyatt enjoys spending time with his wife Claire, three children, and dog named Einstein.

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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 \$750 million community bank operates 15 locations statewide, including Austin, Lubbock (3), Plainview (2), Tulia, Hart, Post and Slaton with Hill Country locations in Kerrville (2), Fredericksburg, Boerne and New Braunfels.

