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**First Northern Bank
Celebrates 40 Years in Winters**

Dixon, California – The Winters Branch of First Northern Bank opened for business 40 years ago, on August 7, 1970. Only 34 California banks have been around longer than the Winters Branch. To celebrate four decades of serving the Winters area, the Branch is providing complimentary birthday cake on Friday, August 6.



Historic Landmark Building

This is the centennial year for First Northern Bank, which opened its doors in a Dixon ice cream parlor on February 1, 1910. When the Bank decided to expand 60 years later, it chose 48 Main Street in downtown Winters as the location for its first branch location beyond Dixon.

This striking Classical Revival building – a historic landmark – was designed in 1912 for the Citizens Bank of Winters. The building

underwent a series of ownership changes starting in 1928 that included the Bank of Italy and Bank of America. Except for iron grillwork removed from the windows, the structure remains largely unchanged from its original days, including impressive mahogany woodwork and marble floors inside.

In 2009, this historic building “went solar,” when photovoltaic solar panels were installed on the roof to generate electricity. To date, the system has generated enough electricity to operate 271 computers for one year. To view the building’s electricity generation in “real time,” click [here](#).

A Passion for Serving the Community

Employee turnover in the Winters Branch is extremely low; on average, the employees have been with the Bank for nearly 13 years. Jessica Kilkenny, Vice President/Commercial Loan Manager, has been at the Bank for 34 years, and has worked in Winters for 25 years. She is passionate about serving her community.

Because Winters is a small town, employees are recognized wherever they go. Jessica is no exception. She routinely has deposits handed to her in the grocery store or while she's dining out with her husband, Dennis.

"My number's in the phone book, so I'm always accessible on evenings and weekends, when the Bank is closed. Just this weekend, a customer called while I was scrubbing the floor – his ATM card had been eaten by a machine. I was happy to find a solution for him." Jessica also makes house calls – she'll pick up deposits or notarize a document for her elderly and infirm customers. "We just try to make our customers' lives easier, when it comes to banking," she says.

Jessica and the other employees of the Winters Branch take pride in giving back to the community. The Branch is a long-time supporter of Winters Youth Day, Future Farmers of America, Communicare Health Centers, and Winters schools and sports teams. "Winters is a great town with lots of character," Jessica says. "The people who live here are the best!"

About First Northern Bank

First Northern Bank, an independent community bank headquartered in Solano County since 1910, serves Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, Placer and the west slope of El Dorado County. First Northern has 11 branches located in Dixon, Davis, West Sacramento, Fairfield, Vacaville (2), Winters, Woodland, Downtown Sacramento, Roseville, and Auburn, and has a full service Trust Department in Sacramento. First Northern Bank also offers 24/7 real estate mortgage loans, SBA Loans, and non-FDIC insured Investment and Brokerage Services at each branch location. Real Estate Mortgage Loan offices are located in Davis, Roseville and Folsom, and real estate loan representatives are available to meet customers at any of the Bank's branches by appointment. The Bank specializes in relationship banking and employs experts in the area of small business, commercial, agribusiness, and real estate lending, as well as wealth management. The Bank can be found on the Web at www.thatsmybank.com.

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Jessica Kilkenny. [Click here for a portrait of Jessica.](#)

Winters' Architectural Heritage, A Guide to the Historic Architecture of Winters, Calif.

Prepared by Historic Environment Consultants, 1983. The history of the Bank building appears on page 21. [Click here to view report.](#)

Winters Express. This image contains the entire top half of the front page of the Winters Express newspaper dated August 12, 1970. It features a photo and caption of Mrs. Van Phillips, a Winters resident, as the first customer of the Winters Branch of First Northern Bank, Mrs. Phillips is being served by Olin Timm, then-President of the Bank, and Wayne Sawyer, Manager of the Winters Branch. Mr. Timm was the son of the Bank's founder, Henry Timm. Used with permission. [Click here for the Express photo.](#)

First Winters Customer. This image is a crop from the Winters Express, above, containing only the photo and caption. [Click here for the customer photo.](#)

Dixon Tribune. This image contains the entire bottom half of the front page of the Dixon Tribune newspaper dated August 13, 1970. It features a photo and caption of the exterior of the Winters Branch, a historic building located in the center of Winters. Used with permission. [Click here for the Tribune photo.](#)

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Photo of Winters Branch. This is how the Winters Branch looks today. [Click here for the branch photo.](#)

New 100-Year Logo. [Click here](#) for the Bank's 100th Anniversary logo.

History of First Northern Bank. A history of the Bank is available [Click here for the history.](#)

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