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## Press Release Katie Ashworth Named to ICBA Independent Banker's 40 Under 40: Emerging Community Bank Leaders List

**Carlinville, IL (June 1, 2021)**–<u>Independent Banker</u> magazine, the award-winning monthly publication of the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA), today unveiled its annual 40 Under 40: Emerging Community Bank Leaders list. The award recognizes the nation's up-and-coming community bank innovators and influencers who represent the future of the industry. **Katie Ashworth, CRM Officer / Training Coordinator** at **CNB Bank & Trust, N.A.** is named to the list.

"ICBA congratulates Katie on this well-deserved honor," ICBA President and CEO Rebeca Romero Rainey said. "Ashworth is part of a diverse and talented group of community bank professionals selected this year for their great resiliency and a willingness to do what it takes to meet the needs of their communities. We're pleased to recognize Katie her willingness to find opportunities to lead and whose actions demonstrate an adherence to the values of community banking."

The feature story in the June issue of Independent Banker highlights how the 40 Under 40 honorees have overcome challenges and answered calls for innovation while staying true to the guiding principles that make community banking special. Chosen from hundreds of entries, candidates were judged on the following criteria: character, leadership, community involvement, and innovation. Bank technology services provider FIS, of Jacksonville, Fla., sponsored this year's program.

"I'm honored to be in the company of such a distinguished group and to represent CNB Bank & Trust on ICBA Independent Banker's 40 Under 40: Emerging Community Bank Leaders list," Ashworth said. "I'm thankful to be part of this great industry and to work alongside my community bank colleagues to make a positive impact in the lives of our customers and our community here in Carlinville, IL and all of CNB's branch locations.

"We're so proud of Katie for being named to this impressive list of community banking leaders," Shawn Davis President & CEO of CNB. "Her hard work, dedication, and commitment to the bank's mission of service is commendable and has earned the admiration of her colleagues and the respect and trust of our customers. We are gratified that Katie is receiving the national recognition that she so richly deserves."



## About ICBA

The Independent Community Bankers of America creates and promotes an environment where community banks flourish. ICBA is dedicated exclusively to representing the interests of the community banking industry and its membership through effective advocacy, best-in-class education, and high-quality products and services.

With nearly 50,000 locations nationwide, community banks constitute 99 percent of all banks, employ more than 700,000 Americans and are the only physical banking presence in one in three U.S. counties. Holding more than \$5 trillion in assets, over \$4.4 trillion in deposits, and more than \$3.4 trillion in loans to consumers, small businesses and the agricultural community, community banks channel local deposits into the Main Streets and neighborhoods they serve, spurring job creation, fostering innovation, and fueling their customers' dreams in communities throughout America. For more information, visit ICBA's website at www.icba.org.

## About CNB

CNB Bank & Trust has 18 locations to better serve its customers: Alton; Brighton; Carlinville; Carrollton; Chapin; Clayton, MO; Edwardsville – Glen Carbon; Hillsboro; Jacksonville (2); Jerseyville; Litchfield; Oak Forest; Palos Heights; Pittsfield; Taylorville; Tinley Park; and Virden. In addition to a wide variety of traditional banking services, CNB also offers farm management, investment, and trust services. For more information about CNB and its unique communitycentered approach to banking, visit www.cnbil.com.

