



*Friends you can bank on.*

Eldorado – Legence Bank customers and staff have worked together the past few weeks to donate school supplies to Gallatin County and Harrisburg schools.

Michelle Unthank, customer service representative at Legence Bank in Equality came up with the idea. She and Shannon Ewald, customer service representative in Harrisburg both set out boxes for customers to donate school supplies. Unthank, a mother of four, said there is a need for children in the community to start the school year fully supplied.

“We received a phone call from a customer asking if we knew of anyone accepting school supplies,” said Unthank. “Our employees talked about it and decided we could do that and take it to Gallatin County Schools. We want to give back to our community and giving to the children is so important to us.”

Unthank shared the idea with Ewald and the employees at the Harrisburg branch. It was soon decided the Harrisburg branch would also participate.

Over the past few weeks, customers and employees have dropped off much needed items to benefit the school children in the communities. The Harrisburg Legence Bank branch collected over \$80 worth of school supplies. Customers in Equality also made monetary donations and over \$130 was collected.

Unthank purchased many more supplies with the donated money.

“In this day and time, money is so tight for everyone and any way that we, along with others who can contribute, will make life a little easier for those who really need it,” Unthank said.

On the last Friday of the month, Legence Bank employees will pay \$5 to wear jeans for the day. That money, which is also matched by the bank, will be donated to local schools for extra school supplies.

Many employees request charities be featured for Jean Day. However, when a need occurs in the community, Legence Bank employees use a Jean Day to support that cause.

Legence Bank employees are encouraged to contribute their talents, time and support to charitable endeavors. To nominate a charity to receive Jean Day funds, please call 618-273-2271.

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Photo Caption: Legence Bank employees at the Equality branch donated school supplies to Gallatin County schools.



Pictured left to right: Marv Swan, Brooke Taylor, Michelle Unthank, and Kelly Lake.