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First Bank & Trust Awards Scholarships



Back row left to right: First Bank & Trust Company Board members A.B. "Benton" Chafin, Jr., David A. Leonard-Chairman, C.B. Yates, William H. Hayter-President & CEO, Ronald L. Barrett and William Mark Nelson. Front row left to right: Award recipients, Rachel J. Thayer, Ashley Damian Brown and Shaina M. Hall.

Lebanon, Virginia June 4, 2009. First Bank & Trust Company, a diversified financial services firm today announced the presentation of four prestigious awards.

David L. Leonard, Russell County resident and Chairman of the Board of Directors for First Bank & Trust Company, hosted an awards ceremony in honor of his former colleagues. The ceremony, held annually, awards scholarships to high school students, and is held in honor of former First Bank & Trust Company Board members.

Augustus Benton (A.B.) Chafin, Sr., was born in Russell County, Virginia. He was a founding board member, and later chairman, of the First Bank and Trust Company. William V. (Bill) Sutton was a fourth generation Russell County resident, and was actively involved in the Board of Directors for First Bank & Trust and its parent company, First Bancorp. William J. "Pappy" Dorton, Jr. was born in Lebanon, Virginia, and was a member of the Board of Directors for First Bancorp from 1986 until his death in 2004.

The recipient of the A.B. Chafin Award for 2008 was Rachel J. Thayer. Rachel is a resident of Russell County. She plans to attend King College to pursue a career in nursing. *A. Benton Chafin, Jr., First Bank & Trust Board member and secretary, and son of A.B. Chafin, Sr. presented the award with his mother, Helen Chafin.*

Ashley Damian Brown was the recipient of the William V. Sutton award. Ashley is also a resident of Russell County. She plans to attend Southwest Virginia Community College, and would like to pursue a career in social work. William H. Hayter, President and CEO of First Bank & Trust Company presented the award in honor of the late Bill Sutton.

The William J. "Pappy" Dorton award was presented to Shaina M. Hall. Shaina lives in Russell County and has been accepted at the University of Virginia at Wise. Shaina currently plans to specialize in dermatology. Robert L. Dorton, Manager of the First Bank & Trust office in Bristol, Virginia and Lorraine Dorton, resident of Lebanon, Virginia presented the award. They are son and wife of former board member, William J. Dorton, Jr.

In addition to the three scholarships, an annual gift will be presented in honor of former board member, Lamar Cox. Lamar Cox was one of the founding directors of First Bank & Trust Company. In his honor, First Bank & Trust will make a donation to the University of Appalachia College of Pharmacy.

Scholarships are awarded annually each spring. Interested candidates can apply for a scholarship by visiting either of the two Lebanon offices located at 359 W. Main Street and 2030 E. Main Street.

About First Bank & Trust Company

First Bank & Trust Company, one of the top community banks in the United States, is a diversified financial services firm with office locations in southwest Virginia, northeast Tennessee, and New River and Shenandoah Valleys. Financial objectives are addressed by offering free checking products for personal and business accounts, and assessing lending solutions managed by mortgage, agricultural and commercial lending divisions. Comprehensive financial solutions are available through trust and brokerage service representatives.

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