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TWO IDAHO COMMUNITY BANK CEO'S TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL COMMUNITY BANKING CONFERENCE

(Boise) -- "Community Banking in the 21st Century" sponsored by the Federal Reserve System and the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS) is the fourth annual nationwide community bank research and policy conference focused on the challenges and opportunities facing community banks. Three Idaho representatives will participate in the conference: Bruce Lowry, President and CEO of Ireland Bank, headquartered in Malad, ID, John Evans, Jr., President and CEO of D.L. Evans Bank, headquartered in Burley, ID, and Gavin Gee, Director, Idaho Department of Finance. Speakers at the conference will include Federal Reserve Board governor, Jerome H. Powell; Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, President and CEO, Charles Evans; Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis President James Bullard; and Texas Department of Banking, Commissioner, and Conference of State Bank Supervisors Chairman Charles G. Cooper. The conference will be held on September 28 & 29, 2016, at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

"Community banks play a vital role which goes beyond banking in the communities they serve. They not only provide loans and other important financial services to support and strengthen their communities, but also contribute significant time, community involvement, leadership and financial resources to improve the communities they work and live in." Gee said. Gee continued, "John Evans, Jr. and Bruce Lowry are great examples of the finest qualities of community bankers. They both have demonstrated excellent leadership skills and made many contributions to the economic growth and quality of life in southern Idaho. Under John's leadership, D.L. Evans Bank is the largest Idaho-based bank and has grown in total assets to over \$1.2 billion with 30 locations serving 17 Idaho cities across southern Idaho." D.L. Evans Bank, founded in 1904, was selected to be featured in a video presentation to be shown at the conference, including an interview with CEO Evans, demonstrating the significant contributions of a community bank to the success of many small and growing businesses. The video can be viewed at <https://www.communitybanking.org/2016-conference.html?tab=video>.

Ireland Bank, founded in 1892, is Idaho's oldest state-chartered bank, and will celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2017! Ireland Bank operates 14 branch offices in 13 southern Idaho communities. Ten of those communities have populations of less than 5,000, and in 4 of those communities, the population is 2,000 or less and Ireland Bank is the only bank.

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CEOs Evans and Lowry will join Gee in representing Idaho community banks at the conference. The conference also selected Gee for a video presentation to be shown at the conference, including an interview of Gee describing the significant role community banks play in the local, state, and national economies. That video can be viewed at <https://www.communitybanking.org/2016-conference.html?tab=video>.

The conference will begin on September 28, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Central time (8:00 a.m. Mountain time) and the live webcast can be accessed at: <https://www.communitybanking.org/2016-conference.html>.

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