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D.L. Evans Bank President & CEO John Evans, Jr. to Participate at 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 third annual nationwide community bank research and policy conference focused on the challenges and opportunities facing community banks. The "By Invitation Only" conference includes only two Idaho representatives: 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 Chair, Janet Yellen, CSBS President and CEO John Ryan, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis President James Bullard and Massachusetts Commissioner of Banks, David J. Cotney. The conference will be held on September 30-October 1, 2015, at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

"Community banks play a vital role and are integral members of the communities they serve. They not only provide loans and other vitally important financial services to grow and strengthen their communities, but also donate significant time and financial resources to improve the communities they work and live in." Gee said. Gee continued, "John Evans, Jr. is a terrific example of the finest qualities of a community banker. His many years as the CEO of D.L. Evans Bank have demonstrated his excellent leadership skills and many contributions to civic causes and the economic growth and quality of life in southern Idaho. Under his leadership, D.L. Evans Bank has grown in total assets to over \$1.2 billion with 27 full-service branches and seven mortgage lending offices across southern Idaho." Evans added, "I look forward to representing my community bank colleagues and addressing the vital role that community banks play in our economy while exploring the research and policy initiatives that are necessary to strengthen community banks now and in the future."

D.L. Evans Bank is the largest Idaho-based bank based on asset-size. For calendar year 2014, D.L. Evans Bank contributed over \$309,000 to nonprofit and community causes and its employees volunteered over 21,000 hours to charitable causes demonstrating the "community" in community banking.

The conference will begin on September 30, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Central time (1:00 p.m. Mountain time) and the live webcast can be accessed at: <u>https://www.communitybanking.org/2015-conference.html?tab=agenda</u>.

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