

American Bank Center Scholarship Endowment

Our Story

The American story begins with small, independent banks throughout North Dakota and Montana, considered pillars in the communities they served. These community banks now make up American as we know it today, each with its own unique story.

Formerly CountryBank, the American Bank Center in Devils Lake and Cando has a long history, dating back to 1967 when Towner County State Bank first opened its doors in Cando. At the time, it was the first new bank in Towner County in fifty years, not to mention the only home-owned bank in the county.

In 1998, the decision was made to expand into Devils Lake. Moving quickly, construction began in 1999. Since the bank would now be located in both Towner and Ramsey counties, a name change was in order. It would now be known as CountryBank USA. It was also at that time the Bob Ford Agency was purchased which is now known as American Insurance. CountryBank USA continued to do business under that name until it merged with the American family in October of 2011.

Today, the American family of companies employs over four hundred individuals at twenty-two locations. Despite exponential growth, we continue to operate as our founding banks did. We are simply a hometown bank with the success of our customers and the communities we serve at the heart of everything we do! •

