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**Farmers State Bank**

## There's going to be a new bank in town

Big changes are coming to the intersection of North Montana Avenue and Last Chance Gulch here in Helena.

That corner will be the home of an all-new Farmers State Bank, tentatively scheduled to open in 2020. It is being touted as a "bank of the future;" a non-traditional space with a community vibe, designed by SMA Architects of Helena. Jackson Contractor Group has been retained to build the new facility. This full-service location will include drive-through banking, safe deposit boxes and ATM. A groundbreaking ceremony will take place at the site in late spring 2019.

FSB's vision is that their new location will not simply be a financial institution, but also become a gathering center for the community. The new structure will include ample open seating and tenant space for a coffee shop and taproom/dram shop.

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sight of their philosophy of  
putting the customer first.*

The Bank has already embraced a non-traditional approach at their Missoula location on North Reserve Street, which houses a coffee shop complete with free wi-fi, as well as indoor and outdoor seating, making for a much livelier space than a typical stand-alone branch bank.

Farmers State Bank opened a Helena

branch at 1040 Partridge Place in December of 2017, headed by Montana native Travis Brazill as Market President.

In addition to Brazil, the team includes Cheri Goosen, Customer Service Representative; Ricky Entenmann, Personal Lender/Customer Service Representative; Tamara McGlynn, AVP/Consumer Lender Officer; and Danyel Bauer, Loan Assistant.

Farmers State Bank has been Montana owned and locally operated since they opened their doors in Victor, Montana in 1907. Since that time they've continued to grow, never losing sight of their philosophy of putting the customer first. A Kalispell branch opened in the summer of 2018, bringing the total number of western Montana locations to nine. Farmers State Bank in Helena is open Monday through Friday at 1040 Partridge Place.

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## Odegaard Miller Law opens office in Helena

**By Maria Kirkpatrick**

Odegaard Miller Law provides legal counsel in cases of personal injury and workers compensation matters.

Made up of six attorneys and six staffers, the business has grown a great deal since it began in 2008 with Paul Odegaard at the helm of one office in Billings.

Odegaard, who has practiced law for 21 years, added the Helena office in 2017 in space located over Silver Star Steak Co. on Great Northern Boulevard.

“It was important (to move into Helena)”, Odegaard said. “We have a personal injury practice and a workers compensation practice. Both deal with people who have physical injuries on some level. One group happened to get their injury or occupational disease while they were working, whereas the other group is (injured) in some other context but at the negligence of others.”

Odegaard said having a base in Helena makes it easier to jump off to Great Falls or Missoula. It is important that he and his staff are located near the medical providers treating their clients.

It also is important to have a Helena office to easily work with Jay Dufrechou, a lawyer for more than 30 years who has worked with more than 600 work comp dispute mediations; and Lucas Wallace, who used to represent employers and insurance companies and had gone up against Odegaard and his colleague A.J. Miller. Both Dufrechou and Wallace are anchored in Helena so in order to bring them on board, Odegaard had to go to them.

“It’s not an overstatement to say that anybody in the work comp world in Montana knows who Jay is,” Odegaard said. “They know how smart he is, how good he is. He is universally recognized with respect and admiration. When we had the opportunity to expand and bring him under the tent, so to speak, it was a no-brainer.

“When we heard (Wallace) was relocating to Helena, it made sense to see if he wanted to fight for justice on the right side of the fight. To work with them is amazing.”

The firm has grown to be one of the largest in number of staff, as well as number of caseloads.

In February 2019, Odegaard made Miller partner and they formed Odegaard Miller Law.

Although he hails from Billings, Miller said he is very familiar with Helena. He plays bass in the band The Clintons and said Helena is one of the places they play most. Also, his fiancée is from Helena and her family still resides in town.

“I’ve gotten to know the community very well,” Miller said. “Now, I’ll be able to help in a bigger way.”

With offices in Billings and Helena, Odegaard Miller Law serves clients throughout all Montana, including Glasgow, Missoula, Butte, Miles City, Glendive and Sidney.

## D.A. Davidson celebrating 60 years of Helena history

**By D.A. Davidson**

When David Adams Davidson opened a brokerage and wealth advisory firm in 1935, his objective was singular. He believed that by focusing on strong client outcomes, he could build a successful firm from the unlikely setting of Montana, far from the financial center of Wall Street. After the addition of his son, Ian Davidson, in the 1950s, their combined dream began to take shape.

In the company’s early years, growth in Montana made sense. Ian Davidson, who previously taught at the University of Montana, hired a former student, James Howeth, to open the company’s first branch in 1959. Howeth became the sole financial advisor/manager when the office opened on Helena’s prestigious Power Block. With the new branch, D.A. Davidson had five employees.

Sixty years later, the Davidsons’ vision remains true. D.A. Davidson Companies has grown into a multifaceted financial company flourishing beyond David’s imagination, stretching from the southern coast of California to the skyscrapers of New York and consistently growing in the Midwest. Approximately 1,370 professionals work for D.A. Davidson Companies, serving clients from 92 offices. The company remains headquartered in Great Falls – just one of the 11 Montana cities where D.A. Davidson operates.

The firm is “considerably larger than I ever dreamed,” Ian Davidson said. “It went far beyond anything I would have anticipated.”

The Helena branch later moved to the Great Northern Town Center, and now has 18 employees working under the direction of Brent Rehm, Senior Vice President, Financial Advisor and Branch Manager. The business has changed considerably since its early years, Rehm said.

“We do so much more than sell stocks and bonds,” Rehm said. “Working as a financial advisor is much more complex than when James Howeth opened this office.”


“Today we take a holistic approach to our clients’ financial health,” he said. “We focus on financial planning, wealth management and individualized strategies that we tailor to each client, whether it’s an individual, family or business.”

The company broadened and deepened its service offerings and financial solutions. D.A. Davidson serves not only individual investors but also institutional clients, government entities and nonprofit organizations. With the other companies that are part of D.A. Davidson Companies, the firm offers services that include wealth management, trust services, investment management, equity and fixed income capital markets, investment banking and municipal investment management.

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## Two new providers added to practice to serve Helena

The Women's Health Care Center team is growing! We are proud and excited to welcome two new providers to our practice – Drew Malany, MD and Andraya Hitchner, CNM.

Each of these providers come with their own areas of expertise and we would like to introduce them to the community. Doctor Malany has been serving the Helena community for over 20 years. In February, he joined our team here at the Women's Health Care Center. He provides obstetric, gynecological, and urogynecology services – specializing in care and procedures to correct issues such as incontinence. Andraya Hitchner is a Certified Nurse Midwife who is new to the Helena area. She has an extensive background in women's healthcare including several years as a labor and delivery nurse and as a Certified Professional Midwife practicing in the home and birth center setting before attending Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. She was a student with our practice, and after graduating with her Master's degree in nursing and obtaining her Nurse Midwifery certification and licensure, she has joined our practice. Andraya provides obstetric and gynecological care. She hopes to bring her unique perspective on pregnancy, labor, and birth to the hospital setting – molding the care she provides for each unique woman and family.

You may be wondering what type of healthcare is provided at the Women's Health Care Center. We are here with your answer. Every woman throughout their lifetime needs specialized care. From yearly exams, to maternity care and menopause, the Women's Health Care Center has offered comprehensive women's healthcare for over 25 years. Holding ourselves to a gold standard, the healthcare providers at the Women's Health Care Center use evidence-based practice as the foundation to individualized woman-centered care. Services include family planning, annual exams, cervical cancer screening, colposcopy, incontinence care, STD testing and treatment, pregnancy care, gynecological exams and procedures, and menopause care. With a collaborative team of three Obstetrician-Gynecologists and two Certified Nurse Midwives, the Women's Health Care Center provides care for all women's healthcare needs and preferences.


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**By Maria Kirkpatrick**

The nation's leader in small assisted living has a place in Helena for retired folks who no longer are able to be or wish to be on their own.

BeeHive Homes offers living space for people that allows them to age in place with category A B and C facilities on the same campus. The residential setting is owned by Jeff Humphrey and his wife Dori, they purchased the business one and a half years ago when it was Aspen Gardens.

Under new ownership and operating under a new concept, there is space for 65 residents in a variety of arrangements. There is a fourplex of independent living space, assisted care apartments and a memory care facility.

There are numerous couples apartments and suites for people who wish to live together or room together to save on cost. And the categories of care, levels A B and C, allow people to age in place.

"We're not a nursing home," Humphrey said. "But this means they can stay through the end of their life."

A-level care means residents don't need much assistance while C-level care means they require much more assistance and memory care.

BeeHive is a home-like setting with more amenities than are available at home.

"We want it to feel like a home," Humphrey said. "Not a hospital and it's not institutional living. It's small for a purpose, we offer everything."

There is a staff dietician who prepares three meals a day, a full-time nurse, on-site beauty salon, transportation, organized outings and activities.

The owners are involved daily and interact and care about the residents. Humphrey takes the gentlemen out for what they have dubbed Romeo days. This stands for really old men eating out. His wife takes the ladies out for pie. There is something called a spotlight dinner, during which a resident is the guest of honor and their family and friends are invited over for a special meal and drinks. The highlight is a biographical story about that resident after dinner.

The owners are local and the residents are treated as neighbors. Humphrey is a physical therapist by trade. While he still practices on a limited basis, his focus is on BeeHive. Everyone is hands on and the staff ratio to residents is higher than at most residential care facilities. This is something of which he is most proud. He feels that in many cases seniors have given their time and care, probably changed a few diapers, and this is their time to get back some of what they have given over their lifetime.

"We know the residents by name and we want them to have great care," Humphreys said. "We did this because we feel seniors get the short end of the stick. So many people don't have time to take care of their mom or dad; we want people to come here and be recognized and treated well."

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