

National Business Women's Week



Name: Melissa Bettendorf.

Company: North 65 Chamber of Commerce.

Years with company: 5.5 years.

Job duties: As Executive Director, I work with members, the board of directors, businesses and community stakeholders to further the mission of the chamber which is to promote business growth, provide resources, and enhance partnerships to support a thriving community.

Services offered: There are many benefits of chamber membership. For some, it's the credibility provided by being listed on our business directory, for others, it's the opportunity for involvement and increased visibility. Benefits include access to online and print business directory, referrals, job postings, members-only Facebook group, online chamber and community calendar, weekly email newsletters, monthly meetings, networking, ribbon cuttings, Chamber Bucks, Keep It Local program, monthly new resident mailing program, employee recognition program, community and business events that we host/co-host in partnership with our members including Wedding Fair, Senior Fair, Cambridge Day Out/Race the Rum, Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Days parade and kids' day, Chamber Cup Golf tournament, New Teacher Luncheon, Home for the Holidays, Customer Appreciation, Downtown initiatives, State of the City presentations, Candidate Forum and more. I encourage anyone interested in learning more to set up a one-on-one appointment to discuss their business and goals.

What do you enjoy most about your job? The people. I enjoy connecting people with each other and with resources. I enjoy working with the amazing business owners and leaders in our community. I enjoy working with Vanessa Hanzel, Assistant Director, to continue to grow the chamber and offer more value to our members and the community.

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Melissa Bettendorf

Name: Katie Christenson.

Company: CMK Financial Services LLC.

Years with company: Six.

Job duties: President, enrolled agent, tax preparer, business consultant.

Services offered: Business and individual income taxes, payroll, accounting, new business start up.

What do you enjoy most about your job? I love helping people start and success at businesses. Starting a new business can be scary but it's far less scary if you know all the initial steps to cover. Every client is different and has different priorities. I love problem solving and finding solutions to each client's unique circumstances.

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Katie Christenson

Name: Jo Ann Nelson - Dolezalek.

Company: Nelson Auto Sales, Inc.

Years with company: 35.

Job duties: Owner/manager

Services offered: We purchase used cars, vans, SUVs and trucks, perform mechanical checklist and repairs as needed, cleanup and detail, and offer for sale.

What do you enjoy most about your job? My father started this business 50 years ago. I grew up around cars and have been selling them since I was 15. He taught me to run the business with him, and after college I started buying into the business and continued running it with him. He passed away last year and I am running the business in the same manner. I enjoy continuing his legacy of helping customers with their transportation needs.

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Jo Ann Nelson-Dolezalek

Name: Angie Gerhardson.

Company: The Gerhardson Mortgage Team with LeaderOne Financial Corp.

Years with company: Five years with this company, but 22 years as a mortgage loan officer.

Job duties: Licensed mortgage loan officer.

Services offered: We specialize in mortgage financing for purchases and refinances, including conventional, FHA, VA and USDA loans.

What do you enjoy most about your job? I absolutely love what I do because I get to help people with the biggest financial decision of their lives. I enjoy helping people purchase their new homes and making the process fun, personable and easy for them. And I enjoy watching for just the right time to call them in the future to show them how they can refinance to put themselves into a better financial position by lowering payments or paying their loan off faster. It is especially a big part of what we're helping people do in this market with the low interest rates. And, I just love brainstorming with people and showing them how much money they can actually save with different options. I know ... I'm weird!

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Angie Gerhardson

Name: Angela Grafstrom.

Company: City Administrator, city of Braham.

Years with company: One year with the city. I have been involved in city government for over 15 years. I started as a member of a very active planning commission, was later hired as an administrative assistant, then previously worked as an administrator in another city.

Job duties: Primarily manage the human and financial resources of the city of Braham.

Services offered: Braham is a progressive, growing city offering opportunities for businesses and residents alike. We pride ourselves on great customer service and we are working on infrastructure and quality of life improvements. I encourage community involvement in city government and my door is always open to anyone with questions or concerns.

What do you enjoy most about your job? The diversity. Every day is different. I enjoy problem solving in a job where no two days are alike.

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Angela Grafstrom

Name: Jessica Harris.

Company: First Bank & Trust.

Years with company: Six months/14 years of banking.

Job duties: Retail Manager.

Services offered: Commercial and Consumer Checking, Savings, Loans, Mortgage Loans, Insurance and Cash Management.

What do you enjoy most about your job? Working for a financial institution that's committed to building lifelong relationships and is also dedicated to being involved in the local community.

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