

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **MEDIA CONTACT:**

Elaina Kempin Assistant Vice President, Director of Marketing

Phone: (319) 846-2300

Email: elaina@thebankhere.com

## **Fairfax State Savings Bank Announces Opening of Bankhaus**

Bankhaus celebrates German heritage... and hand-crafted coffee.

**AMANA, Iowa – (September 19, 2016)** – Fairfax State Savings Bank announces the opening of its new office, Bankhaus, at 4304 – 220<sup>th</sup> Trail in Amana, Iowa. The bank houses an independently-owned coffee shop, Neuhaus Kaffee in addition to full banking services such as deposit accounts, mortgages, commercial and agricultural lending, drive through service and an ATM.

"We are proud to open as a bank of the future – and a bank you'll actually want to visit," states Patti Lopata, Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager of Bankhaus. "With the addition of Neuhaus Kaffee, we provide a more congenial atmosphere and could be used as a venue for community gatherings and roundtables."

"Although we have eight (8) ATM locations, and the original bank in Fairfax, the Amana Colonies is the first *physical* expansion of Fairfax State Savings Bank since 1924," states Patrick Slater, Executive Vice President. "Our strategy is to extend our presence into growing southwest Corridor towns such as Amana, Tiffin, Marengo, Oxford and Norway."

Bankhaus will features amenities such as an iPad, Wi-Fi, and environmentally-friendly features such as all LED lighting and paperless banking.

Amana-native and Vice President, Michael Shoup, will work in lending at Bankhaus. "German people are always very practical and straightforward, and that's the kind of service we want to provide," Shoup says. "We want to keep things as simple as possible."

## **About Fairfax State Savings Bank**

Since 1924, Fairfax State Savings Bank has been located in the heart of Fairfax, Iowa. The bank maintains a stable financial environment with assets of \$150 million and provides a comprehensive selection of banking and financial products and services. The company understands the little things that make communities special: strong personal connections, a sense of pride in local growth and support, welcoming hospitality and sincere friendliness.

As an independent community bank, Fairfax State Savings Bank provides the personal relationship customers deserve through commercial and consumer banking services, lending, agribusiness loans and wealth management. More information can be found at <a href="https://www.thebankhere.com">www.thebankhere.com</a> or via Facebook and Twitter. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender. Bankhaus is a Division of Fairfax State Savings Bank.