

PRESS RELEASE

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Jacksonville Employees Promoted

Jeff Austin, III, Vice Chairman of the Board, recently announced the promotion of three Jacksonville employees – Anita Snider, Assistant Vice President; Laverne Esco, Banking Officer; and Sheri Spraggins, Operation Officer.

The promotions were approved at the March 10, 2009 Board of Directors meeting in Jacksonville.

“Each of these employees is a true professional who is dedicated to giving our customers exceptional service,” said Austin. “We are proud to have them as members of the Austin Bank team.”

Anita Snider, who was promoted to Assistant Vice President, is a Customer Service Representative in the Jacksonville downtown location. Snider joined Austin Bank in January 1994. “During her 15 years at Austin Bank, Anita has willingly taken on new duties and doesn’t hesitate to learn and implement new procedures when asked to do so,” said Austin. “For example, Anita volunteers as a presenter at the bank’s monthly orientation for new employees and she has been instrumental in training other CSRs, not only from Austin Bank, but First State Bank Frankston as well.”

Snider has 29 years banking experience in Lending, Customer Service, Teller Supervisor, Marketing and Advertising. In 2007, she became a Certified Customer Service Representative through the Institute of Certified Bankers (ICB).

Snider is an advocate for the American Cancer Society and its Walk for Life. She also is a Board Member and volunteer for the Cherokee/Anderson County Crisis Center.

A resident of Jacksonville, Snider is married to Ed Snider and has one daughter, Brittany.



Anita Snider

Laverne Esco who supervises the downtown Jacksonville drive-thru facility was promoted to Banking Officer. She joined Austin Bank in May 2004 as a Floater Teller. Esco became a Teller at the Jacksonville Main location in September 2004 and three years later was promoted to Teller Operations Supervisor at the drive-thru.

After graduating from Jacksonville High School in 1999, Laverne earned an Associate’s Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Tyler Junior College in 2002. She also attended UT-Tyler from 2002-2004.

Laverne and her husband, Shun Esco, reside in Jacksonville.



Laverne Esco

Sheri Spraggins was named Operations Officer and works in the bank’s Accounting Department. She joined Austin Bank in April 2006 as an Accounts Payable Clerk and Staff Accountant. In the previous eight years, Spraggins worked as a Branch Supervisor for Kelly Tyler Credit Union and a Loan Processor at First National Bank in Sweetwater. Spraggins is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler and attended Tyler Junior College.

Spraggins is a member of the Lookout Valley Nazarene Church in Jacksonville and a church board member and Sunday School superintendent. She and her husband, Rock, have two sons, Stephen and Jesse.



Sheri Spraggins

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