

# A Minnesota Banker

**M**y name is Ashley Renollet and I work for United Community Bank as the Branch Manager and Loan Officer in their Frazee location. Growing up just outside of Frazee, Minnesota, I never imagined that I would continue on in my hometown having the opportunity to make a difference in my community. My career started with UCB as a dare and a challenge. As most people who know me would say, "Just dare Ashley... she'll try anything!" When I was 15 years old a friend that worked at the bank told me how hard it was to be a teller and that I wouldn't ever be able to do it. My immediate response was "how hard could it be to count money?" The dare was accepted and the rest is history. Throughout the rest of high school I continued to work as a student teller discovering that being a teller was so much more than "just counting money."

After graduation, I moved to Wisconsin to pursue my dream job of becoming a taxidermist. I know, taxidermist to banker, strange concept. Once returning from Wisconsin, I was offered a full time position as a teller.

After expressing an interest in becoming a more versatile member



of the team, I was introduced to personal banking and lending. That led into the assistant branch manager position and now the branch manager position that I hold now. The most rewarding part of working through the positions was truly growing with our customers and coworkers.

Outside of work, when I'm not volunteering in various community activities and projects, I can be found enjoying the outdoors. Growing up in lakes country has given me an appreciation for the outdoors all year round. I am an avid hunter, love fishing and spearing, snowshoeing, ice-skating, ATV riding, camping with family, and exploring backcountry roads and road trips in my Jeep. My passion for hunting began when I was 10 years old, grouse hunting on my parents' property.

Around this same time is when the dream for being a taxidermist came into play. Now, on that same property I'm continually creating and maintaining trails and food plots.

Because of my love for the outdoors, I swore I would never have a 9-5 desk job. As I'm sitting here, behind my desk typing, I couldn't even imagine how different my career path could have been, but thankful it led down this back road! ■