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## Texas First Bank opens new Beaumont location

Local Texas First Bank has opened a new, full-service banking center in Beaumont at 6363 Phelan Blvd., just east of Dowlen Road, and held a grand opening for the new business on Jan. 26. This is the 27th banking center in the family-owned and operated Texas First Bank network and its first location in Beaumont.

The banking center features a spacious lobby, two drive-through lanes, a night deposit and a 24-hour drive-up ATM at the recently renovated 5,700 square-foot facility. It is a true testament of Texas First Bank's commitment to the area, replacing a downtrodden eyesore that previously occupied the property with a brand-new façade.

"We couldn't be happier with how the renovation has turned out and can't wait for the community to see it. While we've been a part of the Golden Triangle for over 15 years now, this location will allow for us to fully serve the individuals, families, and businesses of Beaumont," stated John Morrell, Regional Loan President. "We love providing personal, one-



Chris, Matthew and Charles Doyle of Texas First Bank

on-one service with the convenience of a full suite of financial products to support whatever you may need and easy-to-use digital tools for when

you don't have time to stop by or give us a call."

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## Golden Triangle Business Roundtable kicks off new year

The Golden Triangle Business Roundtable (GTBR) kicked off the new year with a new event for the organization, a gathering where GTBR members and local businesses were able to enjoy delicious local fare, participate in fun activities, listen to music and network with colleagues in business and industry, along with U.S. Representative Randy Weber.

GTBR Executive Director Katie Celli organized the event, which she hopes will help grow the organization and facilitate communication among members. Celli is leading the organization following the retirement of former director Dennis Isaacs and GTBR's collaboration with the local Industrial Safety

Training Council (ISTC). The kickoff event was held at ISTC in Beaumont.

"We are really excited about all of the work that is ahead of us in Southeast Texas industry and, with so many companies building and expanding in the area, pretty soon there's not going to be a lot of time to do any celebratory events like this, because everybody's going to be so busy with turnarounds and with all the work that's going to be moving in the next few months," Celli said. "So, we wanted to kick off 2022 with a celebration, and just invite all of our members and subscribers to come celebrate, network and

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Vicki Derese (Chevron Phillips), Katie Celli (GTBR), Nakisha Burns (ExxonMobil)



Interior lobby



Conference room

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The Beaumont team is led by Morrell, Banking Center Manager Michelle Bowen and Regional Banking Center Manager Darla Barrow. Together they have over 60 years of banking experience.

“I would like to personally invite the citizens of Beaumont to visit our beautiful new location on Phelan Boulevard. John and his team have a wealth of knowledge, energy, and experience and are ready to serve you,” shared Chris Doyle, President and CEO of Texas First Bank. “As a true Texas community bank, we pride ourselves on making a difference in the financial lives of our customers, and we look forward to having the opportunity to prove that to you soon.”

Doyle was present for the ribbon cutting on Jan. 26, as was his father Charles, who is Board Chairman Emeritus, and uncle Matthew Doyle, Chairman of the Board for Texas First Bank. Charles Doyle said when he founded the business in the 1970s, he wanted to have a bank in every

city in Galveston County. Not only did he and his family accomplish that goal, he shared, but they reached even farther into Southeast Texas, with 27 banking centers in 7 counties, now including the newest one in the city of Beaumont.

“We grew inch by inch to what we are today,” Doyle said at the grand opening event, crediting that growth to the personal relationships bank leaders and personnel have with the communities they service. “We want to be personal; we want to be partners with the families and businesses we serve. That’s how we’ve been blessed to become what we are today. We’re ‘Helping Texans Build Texas.’”

Doyle said he believes Regional Loan President Morrell will help grow the business, just as the Doyle family has done.

“I’m really proud of John,” Doyle shared. “He has a great opportunity to do here what my family and I did in Galveston.”

Texas First Bank in Beaumont is open and serving customers. To learn more about Texas First Bank, visit [www.texasfirst.bank](http://www.texasfirst.bank).

— Sharon Brooks



Bishop David Toups and Regional Loan President John Morrell



Chris Doyle, John Morrell and Michelle Bowen