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Hampshire First Bank Launches Nashua Student Art Contest for Best Check Design

Manchester, NH – Hampshire First Bank in partnership with four local Nashua Elementary Schools has launched a student art contest in search of four new check designs for the Bank’s Nashua branch. Elementary students from Amherst Street, Bicentennial, Broad Street and St. Christopher Schools are participating in the contest. Each participating school has been asked to focus the artwork on representing a Nashua landmark or fitting the theme of “What Nashua Means to Me”.

“We are excited to work with the Nashua area schools to bring this exciting contest to students,” said Jay Dinkel, Director of Community Banking and Lending. “We hope the concept of designing checks will further these students’ interest in financial responsibility. We look forward to offering the Nashua themed checks to our customers.”

Each child whose artwork is selected to be part of the final check designs will receive a \$50 savings bond, and have their artwork displayed at the Hampshire First Bank Nashua Office on 221 Main Street. In addition, Hampshire First Bank will also make an initial donation to the respective school when a customer orders this style of checks. Final designs will be chosen later this month, with the Nashua checks available to customers in mid April.

For more information visit: www.hampshirefirst.com.

About Hampshire First Bank:

Hampshire First Bank is a New Hampshire-chartered commercial bank that serves customers throughout Southern New Hampshire. The Bank operates its main banking office at 80 Canal Street, Manchester and with locations at 221 Main Street in Downtown Nashua and 391 West Street in Keene. The bank also provides state of the art electronic banking services, such as Online Account Origination and Remote Deposit Automation. The Bank’s common stock is traded on the OTC electronic bulletin board, under the symbol HFBN.

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