

# COMMUNITY

## Dickson recognized for 50+ years in banking



**Robert Dickson (pictured above at left) is presented the Legacy of Community Banking award by BankIn Minnesota President and CEO Jim Amundson. (Staff photo by Elizabeth Niebuhr)**

Robert Dickson of Fairfax was recognized on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and presented with the Legacy of Community Banking Award for his many years in the banking industry.

Jim Amundson, President and CEO of BankIn Minnesota, presented the award to Dickson at the First National Bank of Fairfax.

Joseph Robert "Bob" Dickson has been a community banker for more than 55 years and joined the First National Bank of Fairfax in 1971 with almost a decade of banking experience already under his belt. He has been the bank's owner for more than 50

years and has served as a Minneapolis Federal Reserve Director.

Bob lives in the city of Fairfax and has a genuine concern for the community and its people. When he built a new bank building to celebrate the bank's 100-year anniversary, Bob donated the old bank building to the city of Fairfax for use as city offices. The First National Bank of Fairfax also donated \$200,000 for a new library in the city.

Bob is known for his energy and wit. He rides his bike to work every day, weather permitting, and has said that, "One of the secrets of life is that the aches and pains start at 80."

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this year's meal was provided by Baune Catering out of Wabasso.

And, in addition to the meal and time to visit, there's also a short program. This year's program featured a video by Steve Hemmingson with a history of the City of Morgan and the school. They also had a visit and speech by Anni Johnsen from Norway who was the foreign exchange student with the class of 1961, a special recognition of Dick Forbrook and the Hall of Fame racing cars and lots of door prizes.

Jim Jensen and his wife Konnie, now of New Ulm, are two of the committee members that have taken responsibility for the event along with Bob and Bonnie Hansen of Redwood Falls and Ken and Marcie Guld of New Ulm.

"Classes gather to talk about memories and catch up with where things are