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## Embry retires, Gaynor gets promoted at Independence Bank in Hancock County

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Rick Embry retired as president of Independence Bank's Hancock County operations at the end of December.

And Wade Gaynor has been named to the post, the bank said in a news release Monday.

Embry had held the position for 18 years.

Chris Reid, Independence's CEO, said in a news release that the bank "has always credited its success to its people and Rick is no exception. Under his leadership, there has been immense growth in the Hancock County market. More importantly, Rick has been instrumental in creating an atmosphere of teamwork and volunteerism among the Independence Bank employees in Hancock County and cultivating a relationship between the bank and the community."

Embry, who has more than 45 years of banking experience, joined Independence in 2000.

During those years, Independence has grown from \$237 million in assets to \$2.3 billion.

In 2013, Embry helped revitalize the community's Sorghum Festival.

And he worked with Habitat for Humanity to build homes in Hancock County.

"All of my years with the bank have been happy ones and I will always have fond memories of the people and time I spent with Independence Bank." Embry said in the news release.

Gaynor joined Independence Bank in 2016.

He served as a loan officer in Hancock County before his appointment as president of that market.

Gaynor is a 2006 graduate of Hancock County High School.



He received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Western Kentucky University.

After college, Gaynor played baseball in the Detroit Tigers organization for seven years.

"I couldn't be more excited to take on a new role as president of Independence Bank in my hometown," he said in the news release. "The opportunity to serve the community that educated and helped raise me is a blessing that I don't take for granted."

Independence now has 25 locations in Calloway, Daviess, Franklin, Graves, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, Jefferson, McCracken, McLean, Warren and Webster counties.

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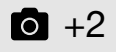
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