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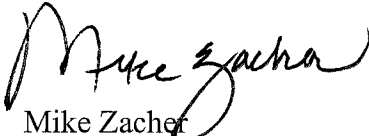
TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Brett Birdwell (Birdwell Builders Inc.). The Board of Directors for Basin State Bank hired Brett's firm to build our new branch building in Lewistown at 1710 W. Main Street, as well as to refurbish the drive-up facility at our bank in Stanford during 2002 and 2003.

Brett was very professional to work with, and stayed within the established bids on both projects. He worked very well with the architect and sub-contractors, and finished the projects according to the established timelines. His quality of work is excellent, and Brett always strives to please the customer. I would not hesitate to recommend Brett and his firm for subsequent jobs.

If you have any questions regarding the above, or need additional information regarding the projects that were completed for us, please do not hesitate to contact me at 406-566-2238.

Sincerely,



Mike Zacher  
President / CEO  
Basin State Bank

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