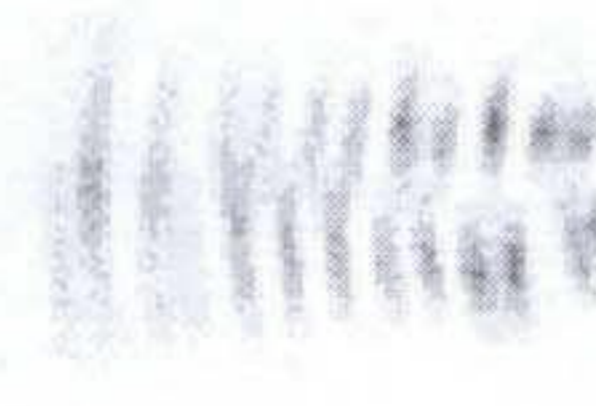




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Open bank an insult

By Larry Peterson

What a surprise and insult to find that one of our local banks, First Main Street Bank, decided to ignore the national holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. What could possibly be the reason behind this?

This bank was once owned locally and is now owned out of Longmont. Prior to this buyout, the bank observed the holiday, along with every other bank in Fort Collins. Business was not able to be completely processed at the bank, because all other federal offices in the country were closed.

What an insult to King and the community. It makes you wonder how one bank in so many can snub its nose at this holiday and still remain an active part of this community. You also wonder how Fort Collins residents are reacting to this insult.

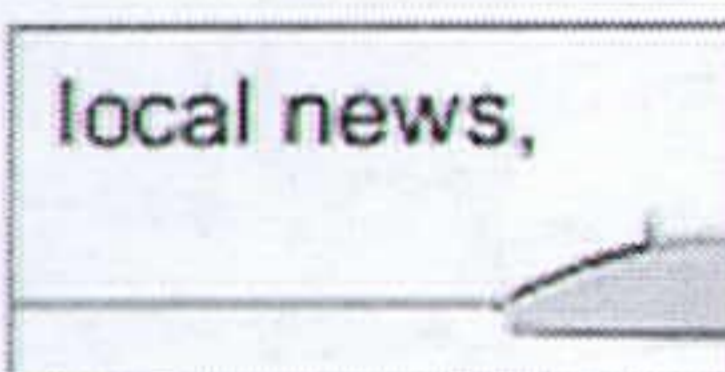
Fort Collins residents, let's tell them.

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