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Premier Bank Looks Forward to the Completion of New Banking Center In Early 2007

Premier Bank's Edwardsville Banking Center recently celebrated its one year anniversary in November of last year. Kent Weber, president of the bank, says that "the past year was spent establishing Premier Bank as a known and trusted bank in the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon community; and now in 2007 we are focused on the construction and eventual opening of our new 5700 square foot banking center." The new facility will be the first commercial building located in a new development known as The Park at Plum Creek. Mr. Weber reports that "as of the middle of January, our vault is poured, the exterior walls are up, and the roof trusses are in place. If everything continues to go well we hope to have the new building completed in April and open for business in early May."

Mr. Weber added that over the past year the Edwardsville Banking Center has grown to be Premier Bank's second largest branch. He attributes much of this success to having competitive CD & loan rates, and for offering free checking accounts for consumers and non-for-profits. One of the most popular products offered is a nationwide FREE ATM network. This network is FREE to all Premier Bank checking customers, and it rivals any bank based ATM network in the county.

Premier Bank not only offers bank products and services to individuals, but small business owners as well. Mr. Weber stated that "the majority of our customers feel alienated by larger banking institutions. Given the market place, Premier Bank has tried to focus on this neglected niche by providing relationship banking to individuals and businesses that have lost touch or confidence in their bank or banker." Mr. Weber went on to say that the Premier Bank takes pride in offering friendly, 'hands-on' service regardless of a customer's financial status or financial sophistication. "We have to customize our approach to each customer, he emphasizes". No two customers are alike, so we should not have a cookie cutter approach to serving our customers."

With the success of this past year behind them and the prospect of a new branch opening in the spring of 2007, Mr. Weber said that he expects the size of his bank to more than double by this time next year. These are certainly BIG goals for the new small bank in Edwardsville.

Premier Bank's Edwardsville Banking Center is a branch of Premier Bank of Jacksonville. Premier Bank is an independent community bank that offers a full range of banking services such as free checking, money market savings, consumer loans, real estate loans, commercial loans and business checking accounts.

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