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LEGENCE BANK NEW CORPORATE OFFICE

Open House/Ribbon Cutting/

Dedication of Burt H. Rowe, Jr. Board, Training and Meeting Room

5:30 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 4

Reception and building tours 4:30-7 p.m.

**Legence Bank Open House and Ribbon Cutting for New Corporate Office
in Eldorado Thurs., Dec. 4**

Eldorado, IL—Legence Bank is pleased to announce the Open House and ribbon cutting for its new Corporate Office in Eldorado, IL. The Open House will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 4, and the ribbon cutting, in conjunction with the Saline County Chamber of Commerce, will take place at 5:30 p.m. The new Corporate Office is located at the corner of US Highway 45 and Illinois Route 142. The address of the Legence Bank Corporate Office is 1200 US Highway 45 in Eldorado.

“We are delighted to celebrate the completion of the Legence Bank Corporate Office, to share our substantial investment in Eldorado, and to demonstrate our continued commitment to the Southern Illinois community,” said Martin B. Rowe, President and CEO of First Eldorado Bancshares, holding company of Legence Bank. “This beautiful new corporate facility builds on the over 100 year tradition of serving and caring for customers right here. We’ve seen that when we grow and are successful, our customers and the communities we serve also share in that success,” added Rowe.

New Corporate Office Project Partners include:

- ▶ Evan Lloyd Associates, Inc. Architects--designers
- ▶ H.E. Mitchell Construction of Harrisburg, IL--general contractor,
Pete Wooley--construction manager
- ▶ Local businesses completed portions of the subcontracting work

FACILITY FEATURES

- ▶ Approximately 14,000 square feet
- ▶ Lobby welcome area with complimentary coffee/beverage bar for customers
- ▶ The Burt H. Rowe, Jr. Board, Training and Meeting Room, overlooking the patio
- ▶ Two additional conference rooms
- ▶ Spacious patio and outdoor kitchen to accommodate customer and community events
- ▶ Installation of paintings/artwork throughout the facility and its offices, personalizing the corporate environment
- ▶ Executive offices and other cubicles

American Farm Mortgage & Financial Services, a subsidiary of Legence Bank with headquarters in Louisville, KY, also has executive, marketing and some business development personnel offices in the new corporate office.

Legence Bank President and CEO Kevin Beckemeyer said that growth, recent branch acquisitions and expansion of American Farm Mortgage & Financial Services operations resulted in the need to build. “You’ll still find our loan officers, customer service representatives and tellers at our Main Facility on 4th and Locust in Eldorado,” said Beckemeyer. “We already are realizing business efficiencies after moving our executive offices, IT, human resources, audit and compliance, loan and deposit back room operations, marketing, and e-branch functions into the new Corporate Office. This plan of action has resulted in freeing up more space for retail and customer service at several branch locations,” added Beckemeyer.

“We greatly appreciate the strong support we have received from Eldorado Mayor Rocky James, other local elected officials and neighboring businesses as we continue to grow right here where we live and work,” said Beckemeyer.

DEDICATION OF THE BURT H. ROWE, JR. BOARD, TRAINING and MEETING ROOM

Legence Bank also will concurrently dedicate its board and training room in memory of the bank’s former holding company president and owner, Burt H. Rowe, Jr., who passed away in 2004. Son Martin Rowe is the current president of the bank holding company.

“Many people in this area knew Burt for his positive impact and for his personal and business credo: “Be good to people,” which underscores how Legence does business. ‘Friends You Can Bank On’ is more than a tagline for us, and why our customers say that we go the extra mile for them,” said Rowe. “It is our honor to dedicate this beautiful working, meeting and learning place to his memory and to expand upon his vision for growth and success for the bank and for the communities we serve.”



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