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Legence Bank Acquires, Opens Harrisburg and Galatia, IL Branches Mar. 21

Eldorado, IL— Legence Bank expands its branch network to seven, with the opening of the Harrisburg and Galatia, IL branches today. A wholly-owned subsidiary of the holding company First Eldorado Bancshares, Inc. in Eldorado, IL, Legence Bank acquired the two Southern Illinois bank branches from Marion, IL based MidCountry Bank. The branches have \$38 million in deposits, and bring Legence Bank's assets to approximately \$220 million.

"Today we realize an organizational dream and goal—expanding into the county seat of Saline County," said Kevin Beckemeyer, president and CEO of Legence Bank. "But, more important, we look forward to extending that same commitment to community and creating even more rewarding banking relationships while meeting financial needs. We are excited to add the people and businesses of Harrisburg and Galatia to the Legence family and are honored to serve them today and in the years to come."

The Legence Bank Galatia Branch is located at 100 East Main St. Lobby and drive through hours are 8 a.m.--4 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fri. and 8 a.m. to 12 noon Sat. The Harrisburg Branch is located at 502 N. Commercial St. Lobby and drive through hours are 7:30 a.m.--4:30 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 7:30 a.m.--6 p.m. Fri. and 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon Sat.

Legence Bank is independently owned and community focused, providing individuals, families, farmers and a premier financial institution and state of the art convenient financial products, services and solutions. Legence Bank owns five branches in Southern Illinois and two branches in the Evansville, Indiana area. Legence Bank also operates the wholly owned subsidiary American Farm Mortgage Company, Inc. (AFMC). Located in Louisville, KY, AFMC originates and services over \$250 million dollars in agricultural real estate loans nationwide. For more information, visit www.legencebank.com.

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PHOTO # 1, Harrisburg Branch Legence Bank sign:

Installers put the finishing touches on placing the sign for the new Legence Bank Harrisburg, IL branch. Legence Bank purchased the former MidCountry Branch, along with the Galatia, IL branch. Both branches reopened as Legence Bank on Mar. 21.



PHOTO #2, Legence Bank Galatia Branch sign:

Everything in its place. An installer aligns the Legence Bank sign at the bank's new branch in Galatia, IL. Legence Bank purchased the former MidCountry Branch, along with the Harrisburg, IL branch. Both branches reopened as Legence Bank on Mar. 21.

