

Blackhawk Bank

After providing commercial and mortgage loans to the Janesville community for the past three years, Blackhawk Bank is ready to make the step and open a full-service branch in the community.

Bank officials are remodeling the inside and outside of an existing building on the corner of Holiday Drive and Milton Avenue where they will open the full-service branch. The new branch will offer Janesville residents and business owners a convenient local banking center, ATM, drive thru, mortgage services, trusted business advice, commercial cash management services and access to investment advisors.

“The community of Janesville has really provided us with this opportunity,” said Bank President Dave Adkins. “We initially approached our growth in a little more limited way and the Janesville community has really made this step possible.”

Blackhawk Bank originally opened its Janesville location at 200 West Milwaukee Street to offer loan services to home buyers and business owners in northern Rock County. About a year later, in response to demand, the branch added the ability to open deposit accounts and some personal banking services. Then, in May 2016, cash management services were added.

“We continued growing and this is really the next step for us,” said Phil Whitehead, senior vice president of business banking at the Janesville branch.

Whitehead has worked at the Janesville branch since 2015. He has 24 years of multi-faceted proficiency in developing commercial banking relationships aided not only by his years of experience in the industry but also by being licensed as

CPA and a Certified Financial Planner. He is involved in the City of Janesville Revolving Loan Committee, Kiwanis of Janesville, the Blackhawk Tech Foundation Board, and Downtown Janesville committee.

Terri Moldenhauer, who has been a mortgage planner in the Janesville branch, will take the role of Branch Manager for the new Janesville location. Moldenhauer joined Blackhawk Bank’s Mortgage Division in July 2015. With more than 27 years of experience in bank management, lending, financial planning, and relationship building, she has an excellent reputation for solid leadership skills and exceeding customer expectations. She is a Goodwill

Ambassador for Forward Janesville and an affiliate member of the Rock-Green Realtors Association.

“As a relationship-based bank, Blackhawk Bank is pleased to expand our services to meet the needs of residents and businesses in the Janesville area,” Moldenhauer said. “The investment Blackhawk Bank is making with this full service banking center is a gesture to the community of Janesville that we are truly a committed member of the Janesville community family. I am excited to be able to continue to do my mortgage lending that I so love and also to manage an exceptional team in Janesville.”

The bank’s Vice President of Cash Management Solutions, Kim Lantta, will also work out of the new Janesville branch. Lantta has over 16 years of experience at Blackhawk Bank in both business and consumer banking. As manager of the Cash

to open in late Fall. Stephanie Meier, vice president of marketing, said she anticipates hosting the Forward Janesville Business After Five on Dec. 7 at the new location. Grand opening activities are slated for January, she said.

“We take a lot of pride in this new location,” Meier said. “We are using an existing building and giving it some love, instead of building new.”

Blackhawk Bank has served individuals, families and business owners since 1881. In addition to the new full-service Janesville office, the bank operates seven full-service banking centers in Beloit and in Rockford, Belvidere, Machesney Park and Roscoe, Illinois.

After the Janesville branch is open, bank officials will take on another remodel project with the relocation of their Roscoe full-service banking center. The bank has purchased and will move into the former Tuscan



Management Solutions team, she is responsible for helping businesses understand and utilize the many cash management products and services the bank offers. Lantta currently volunteers with the YWCA of Rock County and she has been involved in the past with Janesville Kiwanis, Agrace Hospice, United Way of Rock County, the Arthritis Foundation and the Downtown Development Alliance.

“We’re embedding deeper roots into the Janesville community, which means dedicating more resources to the area, more jobs and more dollars into the community,” Whitehead said.

The new branch office at 2525 Milton Avenue is due

Italian Grill property at 5506 Clayton Circle in Roscoe. The new facility will be much larger than the current one, complete with an elevator to a finished lower level.

“Blackhawk Bank is a bedrock business for every community that we’re located in,” Adkins said. “These relocations further demonstrate our generations-old dedication to serving the financial needs of the people of Janesville, and the Roscoe and Rockton, Illinois region and beyond.”

Complete information about Blackhawk Bank and the services it provides can be found at www.blackhawkbank.com.