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JOHN LEWANDOWSKI JOINS BLACKHAWK STATE BANK

Milan, IL – Blackhawk State Bank is pleased to have John Lewandowski join the bank as a Vice President. Mr. Lewandowski has been a resident of the Quad Cities for over 21 years. He brings with him a wealth of experience in local banking and lending. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin- Madison School of Banking and the University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK- Commercial Lending School, Mr. Lewandowski got his start in banking in 1967 at Citizens National Bank in Warren, IL. He first came to the Quad Cities in 1984 when he was hired as Branch Manager of First Trust & Savings in Bettendorf, IA. Mr. Lewandowski is based in Milan and is concentrating his efforts on Commercial Lending. He is a resident of Bettendorf and is a member of the UFW, Eldridge, IA. He has served as volunteer Firefighter/First responder with Bettendorf Fire Rescue for 15 years and is a member of Bettendorf & Davenport Chambers, Rotary & Optimist clubs. Mr. Lewandowski has one daughter and one son. Please join us as we welcome John to Blackhawk State Bank.

BLACKHAWK STATE BANK VICE PRESIDENT EXCELS AT BANKING SCHOOL

Milan, IL – Blackhawk State Bank Vice President, Heidi C. Huiskamp is currently in her senior year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School of Banking. Ms. Huiskamp's classmates have elected her as President of her class for the 2005-2006 year. Ms. Huiskamp is ranked third in her class of 176 students. Please join Blackhawk State Bank in congratulating Ms. Huiskamp on her academic achievements.

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