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**BANTERRA HOLDS GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY
IN CELEBRATION OF NEW BRANCH IN METROPOLIS**

Metropolis, IL – Banterra Bank held a ground breaking ceremony on Monday, May 18th at 10 a.m. in celebration of **Banterra's** new branch facility being built at 521 Ferry Street in Metropolis, Illinois. The new facility will replace **Banterra's** current Metropolis location at 101 W. Eighth Street, which was donated to Massac County at an estimated value of \$3.5 million. The previous location will be utilized for government functions now housed in the Massac County Courthouse. The current branch will remain in operation until the new facility is completed, estimated Fall 2015 at which time Massac County will then take possession of the building.

“We are honored to have been able to donate a large facility that will serve Massac County’s needs, as well as invest in a new branch facility that will serve as a state-of-the-art, modern and efficient prototype for future **Banterra** branches and will better serve our customers” said Jeff May, President of **Banterra Bank**.

Banterra's almost 4,000-square-foot facility has three drive-thru lanes, ATM and features a design tailored to the industry latest known as “dialogue banking.” Teller transactions will no longer be behind a wall separating customers and employees, but at table-top pods, allowing stronger opportunities for conversation with customers. The pods are equipped with a vault, offering stronger security measures. Staffing is enhanced as well with addition of “Concierge Bankers” who are trained to fulfill multiple customer needs rather than passing the customer on to another bank employee. With these type of enhancements as well as **Banterra's** growth, job opportunities are currently available and can be viewed on the Career page at Banterra.com.

Jayson Farmer, Chairman of the Massac County Board of Directors, stated his appreciation to **Banterra Bank's** contribution to the community.

“**Banterra** generously provided a great solution to the repair needs we have with Massac County Courthouse, while also investing back into our area” said Farmer. “The new branch that they have planned will be a beautiful addition to downtown Metropolis and will serve our residents well in providing the latest design and function of contemporary banking centers.”

Banterra Bank began as a single bank in Ridgway, Illinois in July of 1975. Today, **Banterra** is one of the region’s largest financial institutions with \$1.3 billion in assets and 35 locations in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri. **Banterra** entered the Metropolis market in 2000. For more information, call 866-BANTERRA (226-8377) or go to www.banterra.com.

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