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**BANTERRA SELECTED AS THE EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTING BANK FOR  
THE INITIAL RELEASE OF THE SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST QUARTER  
SET FOR FEB. 4<sup>TH</sup> – EVENT AT 10 A.M., QUARTER RELEASE BEGINNING AT 12 P.M.**

**Harrisburg, IL-** Banterra is honored to be the exclusive bank selected as the distributor for the release of the Shawnee National Forest quarter at the Quarter Launch Presentation set for February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Southeastern Illinois College (Deaton Gymnasium, Harrisburg, IL). A coin exchange will follow the event launch with minimum of one-roll (\$10) and maximum of ten rolls (\$100) for each person. Coins are available for exchange at any of Banterra's Southern Illinois locations beginning at noon that day, with no minimums. The Shawnee National Forest quarter is part of the United States Mint America the Beautiful Quarters<sup>®</sup> Program and it will be the first of five quarters released for 2016 and the 31st quarter released in the series.

"Southern Illinois residents have known for years what a national treasure that Shawnee National Forest is," said Jeff May, president of Banterra Bank. "We are pleased to see this icon being recognized nationally through this opportunity and feel fortunate to have our 26 Southern Illinois locations as exclusive distributor points at the time of the coin launch."

The United States Mint America the Beautiful Quarters Program began in 2010 and will continue through 2021. It is a multi-year initiative to honor 56 national sites in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories—Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands. Under this program, five new reverse (tails side) designs will appear each year, sequentially in the order in which the featured site was first established.

The reverse design of the Shawnee National Forest quarter depicts a close view of Camel Rock with natural vegetation in the foreground and a red-tailed hawk soaring in the sky overhead. Inscriptions around the design are "SHAWNEE," "ILLINOIS," "2016" and "E PLURIBUS UNUM." The sites and designs were developed through a consultative process involving the governor or chief executive of each host jurisdiction, the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts and Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee, and Shawnee National Forest representatives with final approval by the Department of the Treasury. Sites and designs represent those places of the utmost natural and historical significance.

Shawnee National Forest is a U. S. National Forest located in the Ozark and Shawnee Hills of Southern Illinois. Administered by the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, it consists of approximately 280,000 acres of federally managed lands. In descending order of land area it is located in parts of Pope, Jackson, Union, Hardin, Alexander, Saline, Gallatin, Johnson, and Massac counties, with headquarters located in Harrisburg. Shawnee National Forest is the single largest publicly owned body of land in Illinois.

Banterra Bank began as a single bank in Ridgway, Illinois in July of 1975. Today, Banterra is the largest locally-owned bank in the region with more than \$1.3 billion in assets and 36 locations in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and Missouri. For more information, contact us at 866-BANTERRA (226-8377), or go to [www.banterra.com](http://www.banterra.com).

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