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**BANTERRA BANK ANNOUNCES LOAN OFFICE LOCATION IN LADUE;
KEVIN PRUNTY JOINS STAFF AS SENIOR COMMERCIAL EXECUTIVE**

Marion, IL – Banterra Bank, with over \$1.2 billion in assets and locations throughout the Midwest, is pleased to announce their new loan production office located at 9900 Clayton Road, Suite E, in Ladue, Missouri. Leading the effort for this new market is Robert Sellers, with 20+ years in the banking industry, and recently joining Sellers is Kevin Prunty as Senior Commercial Executive.

“We are pleased to be a new addition to the Ladue neighborhood, and to have the expertise of Robert Sellers and Kevin Prunty as part of our St. Louis team,” said Jeff May, President of Banterra Bank. “Banterra has been a leader in the Southern Illinois market for years, and gaining momentum in regional markets in Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri. We believe that Banterra will be a strong financial player in the St. Louis area.”

Robert Sellers joined Banterra Bank as Market Executive in April of this year. He brings strong financial experience in the St. Louis market, with previous positions at BMO Harris Bank, Bank of America, and UMB Bank. He has now added Kevin Prunty with almost 15 years financial experience to his team.

I am very pleased to announce our new office in Ladue, as we build our team going forward,” said Sellers. “Equally exciting is the announcement of Kevin joining our team to help grow Banterra’s commercial portfolio and expand our brand into this new market.”

Prunty most recently served as Vice President of Commercial Lending at Parkside Financial Bank & Trust. As Senior Commercial Executive, Prunty brings with him a strong background in commercial and industrial lending, specifically in acquisition–related debt, real estate, equipment and operating working capital debt, among other financing arrangements.

“Banterra Bank has a strong commercial-lending division and has established considerable respect as a community bank in the Midwest region,” said Prunty. “I have previously had the privilege of working with Bob Sellers in my career and am honored to join his efforts again, and to join the Banterra team.”

A resident of Chesterfield, Prunty serves on the board of directors of the St. Louis chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the – John M. Olin School of Business in St. Louis at Washington University. He and his wife Kelly have four children ages six through 18 months.

Banterra Bank began as a single bank in Ridgway, Illinois in July of 1975. Today, Banterra has 30 branches throughout Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri, Southwest Indiana, and Western Kentucky. For more information, contact Robert Sellers at rwsellers@Banterra.com, by phone at 314.942.3090 x2614, or go to www.banterra.com.

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