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BANTERRA BANK OPENS FIRST FULL-SERVICE BRANCH IN BOWLING GREEN, KY: GRAND OPENING SET FOR NOV. 3

Bowling Green, KY – Banterra Bank, one of the nation's top privately-owned banks, has opened its first branch in Bowling Green. Located at 760 Lovers Lane, the branch opened on Monday, Oct. 19 and will host a grand opening celebration on Tuesday, Nov. 3 from 1 to 4 pm, with a ribbon cutting at 2 pm. The event will include a live remote from Beaver 106.3, prizes, giveaways, food and beverages. Banterra has been serving the Bowling Green market with lending services since 2022.

"Over the past few years, we've had the opportunity to build strong relationships with local businesses, developers and community leaders throughout Bowling Green," said Jeff May, President and CEO of Banterra Bank. "We've seen firsthand the energy, growth and entrepreneurial spirit that make this such a dynamic market. Opening our first full-service branch is a natural next step in our commitment to this community. We're excited to provide local families and businesses with a relationship-driven banking experience backed by the resources, technology and lending capacity they need to achieve their financial goals."

Banterra's new facility is located within The Landing, a mixed-use development by Andy Shultz, Founder of Koin Real Estate. Banterra is the first tenant of a 6,395-sq.-ft. retail center, with space for two additional tenants including a food and beverage business. Banterra's new branch includes lobby service, drive-thru and ATM.

Chris Rutledge, Market Executive for Banterra's Indiana Region, has led the effort to add Bowling Green to Banterra's footprint.

"I grew up and live in Evansville, but all of my kids attended Western Kentucky University, so I made the short drive to Bowling Green often," said Rutledge. "I was so impressed with this market from the very beginning and I told our leadership team, 'We need to be a part of this community'. I think Bowling Green residents will discover, particularly business owners, that Banterra offers the lending capacity that they need from a large, national bank, combined with the personal service and accessibility you expect from a community bank. We also offer a suite of Treasury Management products and other digital conveniences, as well as very competitive deposit rates."

Rutledge assembled a leadership team that includes Senior Bankers Rob Bingham and Rodney Russell, Commercial Officer Julie Keith, and recently, Regional Manager Meghan White. Together, they have established a strong foundation of banking relationships throughout the Bowling Green market.

During the grand opening celebration, guests may register for prizes awarded every 30 minutes. Prize packages will feature local businesses and institutions, Banterra promotional items and Hucks gift cards. Guests may also enter for an opportunity to qualify for Beaver 106.3's Big Game Giveaway, featuring a grand prize trip to Inglewood, California for Super Bowl LXI, including game tickets, airfare and hotel accommodations. Community members are invited to meet Banterra's local team, tour the facility, and learn more about the bank's personal and business banking services.

ABOUT BANTERRA BANK

Banterra Bank began as a single bank in Ridgway, Illinois in July of 1975 and is headquartered in Southern Illinois (Eldorado). Today, Banterra has more than \$3.3 billion in assets and is ranked in the Top Eight Percent of U.S. Charter Banks and Top Five Percent for Illinois Charter Banks by asset size. Banterra has 40 locations in Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, and Utah. In addition to Commercial Real Estate, Business and Agribusiness Lending, Banterra offers specialty lending including Aircraft Finance, Machine Tool Finance, and RV and Marine Lending which serves customers nationwide. For more information, call 866-BANTERRA (226-8377) or go to www.banterra.bank.

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