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BLACKHAWK STATE BANK WELCOMES NEW VICE PRESIDENTS
Christopher Heller, Senior VP and David L. Emerick, Jr. VP join Bank

Milan, IL- Blackhawk State Bank continues to grow its team of lending officers by hiring Senior Vice President Christopher Heller and Vice President David L. Emerick, Jr.

Christopher Heller joins Blackhawk State Bank as Senior Vice President with twenty-four years of banking experience. Mr. Heller comes to Blackhawk State Bank from his most recent position as Senior Vice President, Head of Lending at Metrobank in East Moline, IL. He has been a resident of the Quad Cities for over 40 years. Mr. Heller earned both his BA in finance and his MBA at St. Ambrose University and currently teaches finance and accounting classes at St. Ambrose. He is a member of the Moline Rotary and a past president of the Moline Exchange Club and was recently named Rock Island JC's Boss of the year. Mr. Heller currently lives in East Moline with his wife Susan and daughters Megan and Sydney.

David Emerick, Jr. has joined Blackhawk as a Vice President, bringing with him 22 years of banking experience. He began his banking career with First National Bank of the Quad Cities. A lifelong resident of the Quad Cities, Mr. Emerick is a graduate of Northern Illinois University and currently lives in Rock Island with his wife Lori and their daughter Jordan. Mr. Emerick has been actively involved in the Quad Cities community as a board member for Gilda's Club and the Girl Scouts of the Mississippi Valley, Inc., Co-Chairman of the Silvis Centennial steering committee and a member of the Silvis Economic Development Commission, the Silvis Optimist Club and the East Moline/Silvis Rotary Club. His community involvement has earned him the 2003 CCC Community Hero Award and a 2004 "Quad Cities Area Leaders Under 40" Award.

Please join us in welcoming Chris & Dave to our Blackhawk State Bank team of lenders.