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ECKERT JOINS CENTRAL BANK ILLINOIS TRUST & ASSET MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Steven B. Eckert recently joined Central Bank Illinois as Trust Officer within the bank's Trust & Asset Management Division. With more than 25 years financial experience, Eckert was able to immediately begin contributing his expertise in the trust area.

John J. DuBois, President of Central Bank Illinois, said "We are pleased to welcome Steve to Central Bank. His previous experience as trust officer and financial advisor make him an extremely valuable addition to our Trust & Asset Management Division." DuBois continued "Besides the depth of experience Steve brings to the bank, he is also extremely involved in the local community and will continue to serve our community in many ways."

"Steve has worked in financial services for over 25 years." said Mike Kelly, Senior Trust Officer. "He understands the importance of putting the customer's needs first. We believe he is a perfect fit with our full-service community banking philosophy and we are pleased to have him working with us in the Trust & Asset Management Division."

Eckert is a graduate of St. Ambrose University, where he earned a B.A. in Accounting with minors in Business and Finance. He has also completed course work at Northern Illinois University School of Law and holds National Association of Security Dealers and Insurance Professional Licenses. Eckert holds FINRA Series 7, 63, and 65 Certifications and is a fully-licensed RIA, Registered Investment Advisor.

In addition to his experience and education, Eckert maintains a personal involvement in many community organizations, both in Moline and in Geneseo. His volunteer efforts

include coaching several sports teams and being an active member of many local community organizations.

Central Bank Illinois is headquartered in Geneseo, Illinois with full service branch locations in the Illinois communities of Andover, Ashton, Fulton, Geneseo, Oregon, Peru, Princeton and Rochelle, with a limited-purpose loan office in Prophetstown. Central Bank has grown to approximately \$900 million in bank assets, along with \$245 million in trust relationships since first opening in 1907. Central Bank is a full service commercial bank providing a complete line of banking and trust services to individuals and businesses.

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