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Oak Bank Celebrates April as Community Banking Month

Fitchburg- Governor Jim Doyle has proclaimed April as Community Banking Month. Oak Bank has been Fitchburg's Community Bank since 2000, established to meet the financial needs of individuals, families and professionals in the area *and* small to medium sized businesses located throughout Dane County.

Recognizing the role that Community Banks play in local development efforts, radio talk show hosts Jody Glynn Patrick and Joan Gillman of *In Business with Jody & Joan*, invited Oak Bank President Terry Taylor to join them for an open discussion that aired April 22nd on Madison 1670 am. A podcast of the interview is available at www.madison1670.com.

"I love talking about Community Banks and how they stimulate the local economy by financing new businesses and producing jobs," said Taylor. "The interview gave me an opportunity to share with people the differences between a community bank and a bank. Community banks are owned by people within the community. Community banks offer local decision making, so we look at the numbers, but we can also look at *all* the variables. And most importantly, community banks are all about building intimate, knowledgeable, lifelong relationships with our customers. We care about our customers and work closely with them to reach the goals they have set."

Oak Bank is located on the corner of County PD and Seminole Highway and was created with an inviting and unique atmosphere in mind. Oak Bank clients notice something different right away, no teller lines, a fireplace, big screen TV, and the smell of fresh baked cookies permeating the air. Oak Bank clients experience the difference that combines personalized attention (high touch) with all of the resources of a full-service bank (high tech).