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COMMUNITY BANKING WEEK IN ILLINOIS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 25, 2020 (Springfield, IL) . . . The Community Bankers Association of Illinois has scheduled its 30th Annual “Illinois Community Banking Week” for April 5-11, 2020, during National Community Banking Month. The purpose of Community Banking Week is to highlight the longstanding tradition of local hometown community banking. We urge consumers, entrepreneurs, farmers and legislators to learn more about community banks, their role in building stronger communities, and the quality products and services they provide – all with the relationship banking experience that customers can expect from a local financial institution.

“The theme this year is *Always Community-Focused*,” said **CBAI Chairman David Pirsein, president/CEO, First National Bank in Pinckneyville**. “The Community Bankers Association of Illinois members statewide believe that Community Banking Week is the ideal time to remind everyone that community banks remain open for business and we are working with our customers who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 virus. Community banks understand the hardships that many in our communities are facing and we are working to make accommodations to support our individual and business customers. That is the true spirit of community banking.”

CBAI is a professional trade association representing 300 Illinois commercial banks and thrifts, and their 880 Illinois bank branches. Its members have nearly \$80 billion in assets and employ approximately 17,000 individuals. CBAI, headquartered in Springfield, was founded in 1974 to exclusively represent and serve the community-banking profession. For more information, visit www.cbai.com.