northwestbank to host ground breaking ceremony at new loves park location

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On Wednesday, March 21st, 2018 at 1:30 PM, Northwest Bank will host a ground breaking ceremony for its new major banking facility at 4402 Peak Drive, on the corner of Perryville Road and Broadcast Parkway in Loves Park. This new facility marks another milestone for Northwest Bank as the largest locally-owned banking organization headquartered in Winnebago County and a member of Foresight Financial Group, Inc. "Breaking ground on this new banking facility signifies our commitment to, and investment in, the future of our community," said Tom Walsh, President and CEO of Northwest Bank. "This is an exciting time in the continued growth of Northwest Bank. We look forward to furthering our long-standing customer relationships with the personal care of community banking." The construction of the 12,000 square foot facility is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2018 and will offer more resources and greater convenience for the bank's customers. The new facility will house a full-service mortgage banking team, administrative staff, and a retail banking space including an ATM and two drive-up lanes.

The new banking facility is being constructed by Schmeling Construction Company and was designed by McClellan Blakemore Architects. Northwest Bank's current mortgage banking location at 6724 Commonwealth Drive in Loves Park will be relocating to the new facility once construction is complete. The new facility will provide room to expand the bank's mortgage operations and support the hiring for up to ten team members.

In addition to the new facility, the bank will continue to serve the community at its other branch locations:

- 125 Phelps Avenue in Rockford
- 1100 Ralston Road in Machesney Park
- 3106 North Rockton Avenue in Rockford
- 5305 North Second Street in Loves Park

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