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## **VOLUNTEER STATE BANK OPENS SCHOOL BANK AT GUILD ELEMENTARY**

GALLATIN, Tenn. Sept. 4, 2007 – It is never too early to learn about saving money and how banking works. Volunteer State Bank is working with Guild Elementary School to teach this lesson home by setting up a bank in the school two days each month.

On the first and third Thursdays of each month, beginning Sept. 6, the bank will open for business between 7 and 7:30 a.m., accepting savings deposits from elementary students.

“The bank will be staffed by tellers from the fifth grade,” said Kelly Carter, a customer service specialist with the Gallatin branch of Volunteer State Bank. “They will take deposits, write receipts and give each customer a prize for being thrifty.”

Carter said that, in addition to receiving a small gift with each deposit, every customer is entered into a drawing for a larger prize.

“Every transaction will be verified on the site,” she said. “We want the students to understand the importance of saving money and how even small deposits can grow over time.”

Lance Taylor, principal of Guild Elementary said he believes this will be a great lesson for the students. He chose the fifth grade tellers from among his top students.

“Learning to save money is a valuable life lesson,” he said. “This may open a door for future bankers. It’s a way to apply their learning to a real world experience. They need to see that, even at this early age.”

Chartered in 1977 in Portland, Volunteer State Bank is a fast growing community bank in Middle Tennessee. The bank has seven locations in Portland, Gallatin, Hendersonville, Orlinda, Springfield and White House. Volunteer State continues to expand its products through its subsidiaries, Guaranty Trust Company and Middle Tennessee Insurance Agency.

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