

## Interra Credit Union Opens Elkhart Office

The Elkhart office of Interra Credit Union, located at 1139 CR 17, is now open to serve members. It is the tenth credit union office, all of which are located in Elkhart County, and the first in the Elkhart market. The ribbon cutting ceremony took place on Tuesday, with credit union officials and board members, the general contractor and developer, Elkhart Mayor Dick Moore, Elkhart Chamber Ambassadors, and others participating.

“The new office is yet another testimony of our commitment to and confidence in the people and businesses of Elkhart County,” Sanford Miller, vice president, said. “We are excited to provide another convenient location to serve our existing members in this growth area and to develop new member relationships.”

The full-service office offers the complete range of loan, deposit and investment services for consumers and businesses from a facility that includes a lobby and office area, and four drive up lanes, including a night depository and ATM. Members may also use the CR 17 office for other services, such as savings bonds, amusement park tickets, gift cards and much more. Office hours are 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday. Mike Blosser has been named the



manager of the new office. He was previously the manager at Interra’s Peddlers Crossing office in Goshen.

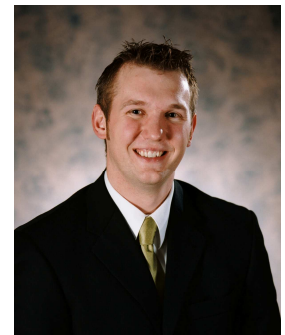
Formerly Farm Bureau Credit Union, the credit union was founded in Goshen more than 77 years ago, in 1932. The corporate office and three branch offices are located in Goshen, with additional offices in Middlebury, Millersburg, Nappanee, New Paris and Wakarusa. Interra participates in the Credit Union Service Centers in Osceola, Dunlap and South Bend, and is also a credit union outlet center, as part of the nationwide shared branch network.

With assets of almost \$475 million, Interra serves more than 44,000 members. As a financial cooperative, the credit union is owned by the members it serves, with the board of directors elected from and by the members. The capital position of more than 13 percent, exceeds peer averages, and is representative of the financial strength and stability of Interra Credit Union, Miller noted.

The newly constructed office is almost 3,500 sq. ft. DJ Construction Co., Inc., of Goshen, served as the general contractor. Working with the contractor, Interra incorporated several “green” elements into the new facility, including bio-retention areas for stormwater management with native plants, motion and daylight-sensing lights to conserve energy, highly reflective concrete in the parking lot for a heat island effect, and rain sensors to use a minimum of irrigation water.

Also working with DJ Construction, Interra Credit Union continued its practice of using as many member and local subcontractors as possible during the construction and furnishing phases.

Interra is planning a grand opening celebration at the new Elkhart office on May 1 and May 2 during regular business hours. The event will include giveaways, door prizes, refreshments and special offers.



Mike Blosser, branch manager