Six Mile bank to formally open May 1

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SIX MILE — Six Mile has been without a bank for a little more than a year, but that will no longer be the case early next month.

Our Bank, a division of Carolina Premier Bank, and the town of Six Mile will formally hold a grand opening celebration May 1 with an old-fashioned themed party in the bank's parking lot. The 5-8 p.m. event will include a bounce house, balloons, several giveaways for the kids and prizes given away, including a commemorative "Our Bank" vault.

"We are very excited to be celebrating our official grand opening in the fully refurbished bank building constructed in 1919 when the Bank of Six Mile was chartered," said John S. Kreighbaum, president and chief executive officer of the bank. "The community has had a bank in the same location for 94 years until it was closed last year by one of the major regional banks."

Kreighbaum said the bank, located at 115 North Main St., has been totally redesigned inside and will feature electronics and video access. Customers will be offered a full range of products, including full-service as well as drive-up and 24/7 drive-through ATM service. There will also be a community meeting table, refreshments, teller pods and a private office.

The past several months have been spent renovating the facility, including the placement of windows and flower boxes in each window, a new awning, a permanent sign to replace the banner that is on top of the building, a night drop box and extension of the parking lot to the rear of the building.

In addition, the building will contain a marble top from the original Bank of Six Mile, donated by the son of one of the founders, and a bronze plaque on the outside of the door entering the building that recognizes the original founders and organizers of the bank.

The highlight of the refurbished 1,000-square-foot building will be a vintage 1919 vault, built when the only option was to hand-mix concrete.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will begin at 6 p.m., along with special presentations.

"This will indeed be a history-making event for Six Mile and the surrounding community," Six Mile mayor Roy C. Stoddard said.