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Old National to Present at the 2005 Merrill Lynch Banking and Financial Services Conference

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EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 9, 2005 (PRIMEZONE) -- Old National Bancorp (NYSE:ONB) will be participating in the 2005 Merrill Lynch Banking and Financial Services Conference to be held November 15, 16 and 17, 2005, in New York City. Old National will broadcast its presentation from the conference on November 15 at 9:40 a.m. Eastern. The live audio webcast of the event, along with corresponding slides, will be available on the Shareholder Relations page at **www.oldnational.com**. Listeners should go to the website at least fifteen minutes before the event to download and install any necessary audio software. For those unable to attend the live broadcast, a replay will be available for 14 days. There is no charge to access this event.

With $8.5 billion in assets, Old National Bancorp is the largest financial services bank holding company headquartered in Indiana and ranks among the top 100 banking companies in the United States. Since its founding in Evansville in 1834, Old National has focused on community banking by building long-term, highly valued relationships with clients in its primary footprint of Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. Focused on exceeding client expectations, the Old National team of financial professionals provides a broad range of services including retail and commercial banking, wealth management, insurance, and brokerage. For more information and financial trend data, please visit the company's website at **www.oldnational.com**.

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