NEWS RELEASE

State and Local Officials, Community Leaders and Old National Bank Executives Participate in Official Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for New Mt. Vernon License Branch

2005-12-19

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 19, 2005 (PRIMEZONE) -- On Tuesday, December 20, 2005, at 3:30 p.m., local and state government officials, business leaders, Old National Bank (NYSE:ONB) executives and community members will celebrate the grand opening of the new Mt. Vernon License Branch, located in the lower level of the Mt. Vernon Old National Bank Branch.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place in the main lobby of the bank facility located at 402 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Indiana. The following individuals will participate in the ceremony:

Honorable Larry E. Lutz,
Senator
Honorable Trent VanHaaften,
State Representative

Mayor Rosemary Knowles, Mt. Vernon
Scott Moye, President, County Commission
Councilman Bob Deig, President, County Council
Michele Hudson, Posey County, Chamber President

Bob Jones, Old National Bancorp
President & CEO

John Stanley, Old National Bank

Regional President

Deb Palmer, BMV District Representative

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**.

CONTACT:
Old National Bank
Kathy Schoettlin, Director of Public Relations
(812) 465-7269