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## Jilek named to head bank's marketing department

John R. Jilek has been named vice president and director of marketing by Crystal Lake-based Home State Bank.

Jilek, a former Elgin Community College trustee, joined the bank in June in consumer lending sales and marketing. Prior to that, he owned his own consulting firm, Jilek & Associates.

He has extensive experience in financial services, having managed the Bank Administration Institute's benchmarking services. He is a former officer of West Suburban Bank, Continental Bank, Bank of America and a bank marketing consulting firm. His experience includes retail and private banking, capital markets and investments.

Jilek holds an MBA from the University of Chicago and a BA from the University of Illinois. He is a member of the Regional Advisory Board for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago and of the National Eagle Scout Association. He served on ECC's Board of Trustees for 12 years and as its chairman for two years.

Home State Bank is the largest independent bank in McHenry County, with assets of \$575 million and branch locations in Crystal Lake, McHenry, Woodstock, and Lake in the Hills.

Local financial advisor **Corwin S. Freeman Jr.** has been awarded professional designation as a Registered Financial Consultant. Freeman has been engaged in financial services since 1971 and is president of the firm of Valley Estate Planners Ltd. in Elgin.

RFC designation is presented to financial advisors who meet seven criteria: education, examination, experience, ethics, financial licensure, conduct and continuing professional education.

**Wilkison & Romano LLC**, an accounts receivable consulting and collections company in Aurora, recently opened for business.

**Dino R. Romano**, the firm's president, said the new company analyzes a business's A/R department functions and then recommends procedures and policy modifications to improve the business's cash flow. The firm also can provide an A/R training program and collection services, Romano said.

For more information, call Romano at (630) 820-0211.

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