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Cornerstone opens Ooltewah branch

Cornerstone Community Bank is laying down the welcome mat today for Ooltewah residents with the opening of a branch on Old Lee Highway near Interstate 75 at Exit 11.

Doug Hightshue, vice president and relationship manager for the branch, said grand opening ceremonies this week will include activities and promotions each day, including a drawing Friday for a trip for four to Walt Disney World worth about \$3,000.

"We look forward to meeting our new neighbors," he said. Cornerstone is the fourth- largest independent bank in the Chattanooga market with assets of more than \$200 million and has other offices in Hixson, East Ridge, downtown Chattanooga and East Brainerd. In 2003, the bank earned more than \$1.8 million.