

Plaza North will get a new name and a facelift

SAGINAW TWP. — A five-story professional office building will have both a name change and its first major renovation in four decades.

Plaza North, which opened in 1972, will become 1st State Plaza, 4800 Fashion Square across from Fashion Square Mall.

Bank officials and investors marked the kick-off to a major renovation at the building Tuesday.

The plaza will become the bank's new corporate headquarters next spring and have a three-lane drive-thru for customers, said bank President Rick Goedert. The corporate headquarters will move from 4805 Towne Center.

The exterior of the building, with the exception of white columns, will have orange and brown horizontal bands similar to 1st State's branch locations, he said.

Inside, workers will completely renovate antiquated heating, air conditioning, electrical and mechanical systems, Goedert said. Glass will be installed in some areas and an elevator system will be refurbished. Workers will repave the parking lot and add landscaping, too.

"It's going full force right now," he said.

Bank offices will occupy the first two floors, while Covenant HealthCare will lease offices on the top floor, he said.

Insurance, law, a private foundation and other professional offices will fill the third and fourth floors, he said.

Most of the space is leased, Goedert said.

"It's going to be pretty full as it is," he said.

The cost of the renovation was not disclosed.

PN Investment Group, Wolgast Corp. and the bank are working together on the project.

Below are some photos of the event.

