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## FARMERS STATE BANK STRENGTHENS ITS MORTGAGE DIVISION WITH KEY HIRE

September 18, 2017 (Harrisburg, III.) – Farmers State Bank is reinforcing its position as number one in mortgage banking in southern Illinois with the appointment of John Streuter who joined the organization on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

John Streuter assumes the role of Executive Vice President and Chief Mortgage Officer. In this position, Streuter will manage a team of loan officers, mortgage originators, and loan processors that specialize in working with individuals to purchase or refinance homes. Streuter has more than 32 years of experience as a mortgage banking producer and manager. He attended SIU Carbondale, ILSI School of Banking, and has completed multiple seminars on consumer lending, real estate lending, appraisals and underwriting.

"I'm beyond excited to have John Streuter join our family as the leader of our mortgage department," said Tom Franks, chairman of the board. "John brings years of leadership, experience, and true professionalism. I'm convinced he's the top mortgage guy in the tri-state area."

The Farmers State Bank Mortgage is a team of specialists who possess experienced backgrounds in banking and have aquired various skill sets to assist and meet the needs of each customer. With over a combined 120 years in the industry, they have the ability to provide southern Illinois with the lending services it deserves. Farmers is now a one-stop-shop for mortgage services and offers a wide range of products including: first time home buyer loans and grants, conventional loans, FHA loans, VA loans, and USDA loans. The team is committed to providing a smooth, stress free home loan process to every customer. Whether one is ready to make a new purchase or to refinance a home, they can expect excellent service and great attention to detail from Farmers State Bank Mortgage.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to serve my customers in a new role. We have the full line of mortgage products with the atmosphere of a true community bank," states Streuter. "I always push to provide exceptional service to my customers, I'm proud to be part of an organization whose mantra is, *No One Serves You Better*."

Farmers State Bank of Alto Pass is a locally owned and operated community bank. With branches in Harrisburg, Alto Pass, and two branches in Marion, Farmers State Bank spans across Southern Illinois. As a full service bank, Farmers has a variety of products and services to best suit the customer's needs. Farmers has grown from a bank with \$3,000,000 in assets in 1994 to over \$205,000,000 in total assets today.

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