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FARMERS STATE BANK TO THROW OUT FIRST PITCH AT THE CARDINALS VS REDS GAME

July 1, 2022 (Harrisburg, Illinois.) – Farmers State Bank of Alto Pass was just invited to throw out the first pitch at the Cardinals vs. Reds baseball game on July 17th, 2022, at 1:15pm in recognition of being named the 2022 Extraordinary Bank of the Year, a national honor for exemplary performance in five areas of banking: philanthropy, customer service, thought leadership, workplace culture, and financial literacy education.

The media is invited to attend and cover the celebratory moment, along with the customers, employees, and Southern Illinois community of Farmers State Bank.

Charles Holland, CEO of Farmers State Bank, is very proud of the many accomplishments that have led to this moment. “Being named the 2022 Extraordinary Bank of the Year is quite the honor for a four – branch, family - owned bank like us,” said Holland. “To throw out the first pitch at a major league baseball game because of what our bank has achieved is just another cherry on top”.

Farmers State Bank is certainly innovative in their pursuit of being an extraordinary bank, especially in how they support their local small businesses and community. During the peak of COVID-19, They successfully processed loan applications from over 1,486 small businesses, amounting to approximately \$93 million that will help keep over 3,955 jobs in the Southern Illinois region. In 2022 alone, Farmers State Bank has donated over \$80,000 in charitable giving to their area and \$25,000 to the Unstoppable Foundation.

The support doesn’t stop at the money, in 2021, Farmers kicked-off their Small Business Successes Series where every month they brought in nationally known speakers to present on their area of business expertise. In 2022, they’ve stepped up their approaches to financial literacy and accessibility. Farmers State Bank teaches financial literacy and provides key resources to all the local high schools on a semester basis, leads an in-person, women’s only, financial mastermind class quarterly, and will soon teach over 100 Southern Illinois University football players how to tackle their finances.

“We do ongoing education with our customers and provide many financial resources to our community,” said Holland. “Our ongoing sensational customer service, healthy workplace culture, innovative financial literacy initiatives, and philanthropic efforts in our local areas are truly what have gotten us to this point”.

The owners and employees of Farmers State Bank hope you can make it out to this extraordinary ball game that represents a monumental moment in many lives.

Farmers State Bank of Alto Pass is a locally owned and operated community bank. With branches in Harrisburg, Alto Pass, Marion, and soon, Herrin, IL, Farmers State Bank spans across the southern Illinois region. As a full-service bank, Farmers has a variety of products and services to best suit customer needs. Farmers has grown from a bank with \$3,000,000 in assets in 1994 to over \$325,000,00 in total assets today.

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