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For Immediate Release:

United Community Bancorp, Inc. Acquires Brown County State Bank and Marine Bank and Trust

United Community Bancorp, Inc., the parent company of United Community Bank, headquartered in Chatham, IL., has finalized the acquisition of Brown County State Bank and Marine Bank and Trust from Mercantile Bancorp, Inc., based in Quincy, IL. Brown County State Bank has two facilities, one in Mt. Sterling and one in Golden. Marine Bank and Trust has a total of three facilities located in Carthage, Augusta and Hamilton.

United Community Bancorp, Inc. intends to retain the names and independent bank charters of both Brown County State Bank and Marine Bank and Trust. Each bank will continue to operate with their existing management, employees and Boards of Directors.

"We are excited to expand into West Central Illinois," said Robert Narmont, Chairman and CEO of United Community Bancorp, Inc. "We view our investment in these communities as a tremendous opportunity for UCB. We plan to maintain the integrity and personal commitment of true community banking already established by both Brown County State Bank and Marine Bank and Trust."

Recognized as "The Leader of Community Banking," United Community Bancorp, Inc. is 100% employee owned with an asset size now exceeding \$1.3 billion and a very strong history within the communities it serves. Established in 1907, United Community Bancorp currently has 21 locations throughout downstate Illinois. Banks are located in Bunker Hill, Gillespie, Greenfield, Divernon, Pawnee, Auburn, Loami, Chatham, Springfield, Carlinville, Carthage, Augusta, Hamilton, Mt. Sterling and Golden.

For more information on United Community Bank visit UCBbank.com or contact UCB President, Todd Wise at (217) 483-2491