



United Community Bancorp, Inc.

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United Community Bancorp, Inc. Completes Acquisition of Liberty Bank

February 7, 2017 - United Community Bancorp, Inc. (UCB), Chatham, Illinois, today announced it has completed the acquisition of Liberty Bank, a full service community bank with four locations in the Madison County, Illinois communities of Alton, Godfrey, and Bethalto.

The addition of Liberty Bank, founded in 1994, adds \$321 million in assets to UCB, bringing the Company's total assets to more than \$2.5 billion; expands its footprint to include more than 45 banks in 32 communities throughout Central Illinois and northeast Missouri; and brings its total employees to more than 600.

UCB is now among the top 25 largest bank holding companies in the state of Illinois as measured by federally insured deposits. There are more than 750 bank holding companies operating in Illinois.

"While our growing size is an important part of operational strength, it never changes our philosophy," states Robert A. Narmont, Chairman and CEO of United Community Bancorp. "Our banks are community banks that are dedicated to meeting the individual needs of each community we serve with the collective strength and resources of our much larger company."

Liberty Bank is a strong community leader in its own right, states Todd Wise, President & CEO of United Community Bank, "and now, as a part of UCB, they will have additional opportunities to serve their current and prospective clients with our collective capabilities and resources."

"We are excited to join the UCB family," states Dale Blachford, President and CEO of Liberty Bank. "We look forward to the many benefits our new ownership will bring to our customers, our communities and our employees."

About United Community Bancorp, Inc.

United Community Bancorp, Inc., parent company of United Community Bank, is headquartered in Chatham, Illinois. It is an employee-owned regional bank holding company with roots dating back to 1907, when Farmer's State Bank was established in Greenfield, IL. In 1973, a local group invested in Farmer's State Bank with the goal of delivering the ultimate in customer service while continuing to welcome other banks in central, southern, and western Illinois into the United Community Bank family. For more information, visit ucbbank.com.

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