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EVENT: Thursday, March 21

OPENING EVENT CONFIRMS ST. MARTIN PARISH BASED - FM BANK - EXPANSION INTO LAFAYETTE



Lafayette, La. – St. Martin Parish based, Farmers Merchants Bank & Trust Co. officially opens the doors of their new Lafayette facility, 1525 Ambassador Caffery Pkwy., with a Ribbon Cutting celebration Thursday, March 19 at 11:00 am. Parish President, Joey Durel and the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce officials are expected to attend the invitation only ceremony.

According to Fred H. Mills, Jr., FM Bank President, this new territory expansion initiative is part of the strategic plan FM Bank has embraced to build key locations in Lafayette Parish. “This new Ambassador Caffery facility,” said Mills, “and its operating team will give FM Bank the opportunity to accommodate its Lafayette based customers and share with the Lafayette community its 76 years of banking experience in Acadiana and surrounding areas.”

The FM Bank facility location, 1525 Ambassador Caffery, is central between North and South Lafayette business districts. Its corner site at Ambassador Caffery and Eraste Landry puts it in a growth area along the new Eraste Landry extension road between Lafayette and Scott business districts. The Lafayette FM Bank offers convenient banking and branch services to the people in the area as well as expanded commercial and private sector banking opportunities for customers. The Lafayette FM Bank branch is an added convenience for the St. Martin Parish residents who do business and work in Lafayette Parish.

FM Bank has assembled the following team of experienced, professional commercial and consumer bankers dedicated to providing true relationship banking to their clients. At the helm is president and CEO, Fred H. Mills, Jr.; along with executive vice

president and chief of commercial lending, John Benoit; long time Lafayette banking veteran, business development officer, Robert Tujague; and Karin Guilbeau, branch manager for the new facility. Also included in the team are assistant branch manager, Heather Mason; and customer service representatives, Timothy Wofford, Shannon Jeanbatiste, and Lisa Forestier. These commercial and consumer bankers bring over 100 years of experience and extensive knowledge of the Lafayette market to the bank.

FM Bank originated in 1932. It began as a community bank at the corner of Main and Bridge Streets in downtown Breaux Bridge, LA.. It is among the oldest such banks in the state.

Farmers Merchants Bank & Trust Co. is a FDIC Member and an Equal Housing Lender.

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