



PRESS RELEASE

For more information, contact:

First National Bank of Waterloo
Laura Mergelkamp
Director of Marketing
228 South Main Street
PO Box 507
Waterloo, IL 62298
 [\(618\) 939-6194 ext. 1115](tel:(618)939-6194)

**First National Bank of Waterloo Promotes Mark LaPlantz
to SVP & Chief Lending Officer**

(Waterloo, Ill. – February 16, 2021) First National Bank of Waterloo recently promoted Mark LaPlantz to Senior Vice President/Chief Lending Officer.

LaPlantz joined the bank in August 2011 and has consistently been one of the bank’s highest producing lenders, especially in developing commercial banking relationships.

“As with most banks, loans are our largest earning asset and Mark will oversee all areas of our lending function,” said Rick Parks, First National Bank of Waterloo President. “He is well-respected in the business community and has the skills to lead us forward. I am confident in his abilities and we are grateful to have him in this position.”

Prior to joining First National Bank of Waterloo, LaPlantz earned his B.S. in finance from St. Louis University and an MBA from SIUE. He also completed the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison as well as other IBA programs throughout his career.

First National Bank of Waterloo is a full-service community bank serving the financial needs of their customers since 1912. The bank is locally owned and dedicated to providing financial support in central and southern Illinois, building one-on-one relationships with their customers and committing time and leadership to local civic and charitable organizations.

First National Bank of Waterloo has over \$730 million in total assets and 13 banking centers in Central and Southern Illinois. Banking centers are located in Waterloo, Columbia, Millstadt, O’Fallon, Dupo, Smithton, Effingham, Stewardson, Collinsville and Maryville. For more information about First National Bank of Waterloo, please visit www.fnbwaterloo.bank or stop by any banking center.

###

Cutline: Photo of Mark LaPlantz, Senior Vice President/Chief Lending Officer.