F&M Bank Announces Appointment of Shalini Singhal to Chief Information and Technology Officer

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ARCHBOLD, Ohio, April 21, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- F&M Bank ("F&M"), an Archbold, Ohio-based bank owned by Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc. (Nasdaq: FMAO), announces the appointment of Shalini Singhal to Chief Information and Technology Officer (CITO). The move reflects her leadership and supports the Bank's focus on advancing enterprise technology and innovation.

Shalini has been with F&M for nearly six years, most recently serving as Chief Information Officer. She has played a key role in building a strong IT team and developing a secure, reliable technology foundation that supports both operations and customer experience. Throughout her tenure at F&M, Shalini has led core IT functions including infrastructure, support, security, and internal banking systems, while improving efficiency and maintaining a disciplined cybersecurity posture.

"Shalini's appointment reflects her strong leadership, and the critical role technology plays in F&M's long-term strategy," said Lars Eller, President and CEO of F&M Bank. "Over the past six years, she has helped F&M build a resilient and secure technology platform.

As CITO, Shalini will collaborate across the enterprise to help guide F&M's shift toward a more strategic, forward-looking technology approach, aligning technology with business growth, advancing digital initiatives, and strengthening cybersecurity as a key business priority.

About F&M Bank

F&M Bank is a local independent community bank that has been serving its communities since 1897. F&M Bank provides commercial banking, retail banking and other financial services. Our locations are in Butler, Champaign, Fulton, Defiance, Hancock, Henry, Lucas, Shelby, Williams, and Wood counties in Ohio. In Northeast Indiana, we have offices located in Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Jay, Steuben and Wells counties. The Michigan footprint includes Oakland County, and we have Loan Production Offices Muncie, Indiana, and Perrysburg and Bryan, Ohio.

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