
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) January 1, 2019

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Ohio
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-38084
(Commission
File Number)

34-1469491
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

307 N. Defiance, Archbold, Ohio
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

43502
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code (419) 446-2501

N/A
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17-CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter)

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

In connection with the consummation of the mergers referenced in Item 8.01 below, effective January 1, 2019, Andrew J. Briggs, who had been the Chairman of Limberlost Bancshares, Inc. (“LBI”) and President of Bank of Geneva (“BOG”), has been appointed to the Boards of Directors for both Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) and The Farmers & Merchants State Bank, the Company’s wholly owned subsidiary bank (“F&M Bank”). The committees of the Boards of Directors on which Mr. Briggs will serve have not yet been determined. Mr. Briggs has no familial relationship with any other director or executive officer of the Company or F&M Bank and has not engaged in any transactions with such persons, the Company or F&M Bank, other than entering into an letter agreement that establishes an at will employment relationship with F&M Bank under which he will serve as the First Senior Vice President of Business Development, which is not deemed to be an executive officer position of F&M Bank.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) announced in a January 2, 2019 press release that on January 1, 2019 it completed the acquisition of Limberlost Bancshares, Inc. (“LBI”) and its subsidiary, Bank of Geneva (“BOG”), both of Geneva, Indiana as a result of the merger of LBI with and into the Company and the merger of BOG with and into The Farmers & Merchants State Bank, the Company’s wholly owned subsidiary bank. BOG reported balance sheet assets of approximately \$291 million at September 30, 2018. Following the acquisition, the assets of the Company total approximately \$1.5 billion.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are furnished herewith:

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Exhibit Description</u>
99	<u>Press release, dated January 2, 2019, announcing the consummation of the acquisition of Limberlost Bancshares, Inc. and Bank of Geneva</u>

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto authorized.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP, INC.
(Registrant)

Dated: January 2, 2019

/s/ Paul S. Siebenmorgen

Paul S. Siebenmorgen

President & Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Barbara J. Britenriker

Barbara J. Britenriker

Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer



NEWS RELEASE

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**Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc. Completes Merger
with Limberlost Bancshares, Inc.**

Andrew Briggs Appointed Director of Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc.

ARCHBOLD, OHIO, January 2, 2019. Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc. (“F&M”) (NASDAQ: FMAO), the holding company for The Farmers & Merchants State Bank (“F&M Bank”), announced today it has completed the merger of Limberlost Bancshares, Inc. (“Liberlost”), Geneva, Indiana, the holding company for Bank of Geneva (“BOG”), into F&M and the merger of BOG into F&M Bank. Simultaneous with the close of the transaction, Andrew Briggs, the former Chairman of Limberlost was added to F&M’s and F&M Bank’s Board of Directors.

The merger, which was previously announced on August 20, 2018, was approved by all appropriate regulatory agencies, as well as the shareholders of Limberlost. Under the terms of the agreement between the parties, Limberlost shareholders will receive 1,830 shares of F&M common stock plus \$8,465 in cash for each share of Limberlost common stock. Limberlost had 1,000 shares of common stock outstanding as of the closing.

Lars B. Eller, Chief Executive Officer and President of F&M Bank, stated, “This transaction significantly increases F&M’s presence in northeast Indiana. Customers in the Geneva, Berne, Monroe, Monroeville, Portland and Decatur markets will benefit from our expanded services, while providing the convenience of local decision makers throughout our office network. We are excited to welcome the customers, employees and shareholders of Limberlost to F&M.”

Andrew Briggs, the former Chairman of Limberlost, stated, “The combination of these two strong institutions, which have similar cultures and values, creates a compelling opportunity for future growth. We are very pleased to join the F&M family.”

The system conversion and BOG office signage will transition to F&M Bank on or about January 21, 2019.

As a result of the merger, F&M Bank will have a total of 30 full-service office locations, 20 in Ohio and 10 in Indiana, with total assets of approximately \$1.5 billion.

About Farmers & Merchants State Bank:

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank is a local independent community bank that has been serving Northwest Ohio and Northeast Indiana since 1897. The Farmers & Merchants State Bank provides commercial banking, retail banking and other financial services through its 30 offices. Our locations are in Fulton, Defiance, Hancock, Henry, Lucas, Williams, and Wood counties in Northwest Ohio. In Northeast Indiana, we have offices located in Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Jay and Steuben counties.

Safe harbor statement:

Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc. (“F&M”) wishes to take advantage of the Safe Harbor provisions included in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements by F&M, including management’s expectations and comments, may not be based on historical facts and are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21B of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Actual results could vary materially depending on risks and uncertainties inherent in general and local banking conditions, competitive factors specific to markets in which F&M and its subsidiaries operate, future interest rate levels, legislative and regulatory decisions or capital market conditions. F&M assumes no responsibility to update this information. For more details, please refer to F&M’s SEC filings, including its most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. Such filings can be viewed at the SEC’s website, www.sec.gov.