

# Press Release

## **Dale Heinkel Joins Citizens State Bank's Freeport Office**

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**Citizens State Bank** is pleased to welcome **Dale Heinkel** to the bank's professional team of loan officers at its Freeport location.

Prior to joining Citizens State Bank, Dale worked as an Agricultural Lending Specialist for Mid-Wisconsin Bank, and as an Agricultural Loan Officer for the Bank of Augusta. Before that he was a consultant with Illinois Valley Farm Business Farm Management, where he provided farmers with financial advice and guidance for nearly 20 years. Dale also managed his own family farm in Stephenson County for nearly a decade. Dale earned his Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Dairy Science at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.

Dale is also very active in the community: he was a member of the Lena Lions, and served on the Lena-Winslow School Board for seven years (three as president). He was also very active at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena.

"Dale comes on board with a great deal of professional experience as well as vital personal experience from his farming background," said Bank President Fritz Kuhlmeier. "We're confident that he will become a great asset both to our lending team and our customers."

Citizens State Bank first opened its doors in Lena in the late 1800s, and opened its Stockton branch in 1998 and Freeport branch in 2008. Today Citizens State Bank maintains \$200 million in assets and \$140 million in loans and employs more than 50 full-time and part-time employees.